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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDS 23 FEBRUARY 1994. 8.00 P.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.) will be held in the Horticultural Hall (entrance from the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St) on Wednesday 23 February at 8.00 p.m.

Business to be transacted will be:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Half-yearly General Meeting held on 25 August 1993.
2. Receive and consider the Committee's reports upon the transactions of the Association during the preceding year, including the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement).
3. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee for 1994.
4. Determination of Annual Subscription.
5. Election of Honorary members
6. Election of Auditors
7. General Business

**Jean Giese, President
Janet Norman, Secretary**

SOCIAL COLUMN

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

**BOTANIC GARDENS
8.30 P.M. TUES 15 FEB**

Hopefully summer will be with us in February.
The Gardens are magic at night and
the play is great fun.

BYO picnic supper and a thermarest
(or similar) to sit on.

Contact Marilyn Whimpey in the Clubrooms.

1994 SIDNEY MYER FREE CONCERTS

Free concerts are usually on Wednesday &
Saturday evenings in February at 7.00 p.m.

In the past, Bushies have been seen gathering in the
middle of the middle of the music bowl for these
occasions, bringing their rugs and their tea and
often nibbles to share.

Look out for us there.

Sylvia Wilson

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Meetings are held in the clubrooms, MacKenzie St Melbourne (rear of the Horticultural Society building) every Wednesday night 7.00-9.00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Please note that articles for "The News" may be faxed to the News Editor on

Closing date for the February edition is Wednesday 2 February 1994.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

A NEW YEAR

The Club year is nearing its close whilst, of course, we have already started a new calendar year. I hope 1994 is a better year for many of our members who have been out of work for some of 1993.

We had a happy Christmas party when more than 150 Bushies stayed for varying periods of time to yarn with old and new pals. Our thanks to **Betty Spencer** who once again arranged the party and to those who provided the prizes for the raffle, especially always-generous **Joyce Dunn**.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Notice is given in this "News" of our Annual General Meeting of February 23rd. We hope all members will seriously consider attending.

A new Committee of Management will be elected. Several members of this year's Committee are unable to stand for re-election.

We will be seeking a new **Treasurer**. Is there someone who has the skills, time and desire to take this important position? Alan will be pleased to ease you into the job.

We are also on the look-out for a new **Social Secretary**, a job that requires enthusiasm and drive.

The next issue of "News" will contain reports from the office bearers as to how they have discharged their duties on our behalf during 1993.

EXTENDED TRIPS

The extended trips during the Christmas break experienced widely different weather conditions.

Rain for the 14 Parker River base campers (though not as much as in Melbourne, I understand) - good for walking but swimming for the polar bears only.

Beautiful sunshine was enjoyed by the 12 on the Colo River Lilo trip and the start of the NSW bushfires was seen.

Rain and more rain kept "falling on the heads" of Doug's 5 in Tassie.

And a snowy beginning for my group of 8 in the Victorian Alps.

Detailed reports of these trips will be surfacing in "News" I'm sure.

BASE CAMPS

The Committee has decided to purchase a toilet tent and will request leaders of base camps to see a pit is dug where there are no existing toilet facilities.

BEST WISHES TO BOB

Bob, our cheery and obliging bus driver, is to undergo surgery this month. We trust all goes well and you are soon back in the drivers' seat, Bob.

Jean Giese, President

WILKINGSON LODGE - WINTER BOOKINGS 1994

Bookings will open on Wednesday March 2nd and will follow the system used in previous years.

1. As in previous years, one experience member shall be leader. It is the leader's responsibility to collect fees up front - **NO PAYMENT, NO BOOKING**. Leaders are also responsible for organising the food party so should consider collecting food kitty at the same time.
2. For two weeks (i.e. March 2nd and 9th) only members can book, bearing in mind that at least three weeks are put aside for outside groups. If you want to book please talk to the leader first.
3. After those two weeks then members' families and friends can fill vacancies up to the full group of eight.
4. The weeks run Saturday to Saturday and groups are expected to book for the entire week. If groups are not filled, the Lodge Manager may offer the extra places to visitors.

5. Fees will be the same as last year - \$42.00 per week for members and \$84.00 for visitors. Note that children under 16 take their parents' status, 16 and over are visitors unless they are members or have applied for membership. Refunds will only be for exceptional circumstances; apply to the Committee via the Lodge Manager.

6. In the event of disputes the Lodge Manager will make a decision based on group members' brownie points gained through work parties, committee positions, bribes etc.

March 2nd is still about six weeks off but start thinking now about if you want to go in to Wilky this winter and who you would like to go in with.

And start saving, **NO PAYMENT- NO BOOKING!!!!**

Doug Pocock
Wilky Lodge Manager

AUTUMN WALKS PROGRAMME

The Autumn Programme is being worked on now and we are still looking for ideas and leaders.

The weekend walks planned for March are:

4-6 Cathedral Range

Mark & Kate Thompson

This is a beautiful area close to Melbourne; a good trip for those new to weekend walks.

11-14 Mt Wellington - Tarli Karng - Croll Gorge Keith Langham
Labour Day W/E)

This trip will have good campsites, steering clear of overcrowded camping sites at Tarli Karng.

11-14 Snowy River Lilo Trip

Peter Chalkley

We haven't visited this gorge for a long time - a trip for water babies in a remote area.

18-20 Eagles Peaks - The Bluff - Mt Buller -
Mt Timbertop

Peter Day

A tough trip not for the faint-hearted. We might arrange for a less challenging trip in addition if there is enough demand.

25-27 Bogong High Plains Work Party

Doug Pocock

This is our way of putting something back into an area where we do a lot of walking and skiing.

The four Sunday walks will include Federation Day, this year being organised by the Melbourne Walking Club (Mens Club) celebrating their 100th anniversary. For Labour Day Athol Schafer will lead a walk in the Merri Creek Valley.

Max Casley, Walks Secretary

DAY WALKS - FEBRUARY 1994**SUN 6 FEB 94 LILO DERBY - MOORABOOL RIVER EASY & E/MEDIUM**

LEADERS : ALAN MILLER & DERRICK BROWN
 AREA : NORTH OF GEELONG
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : LETHBRIDGE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 5-10 KM

The two walks last year were graded D/E and F/E (disgustingly easy and fairly easy) and we see no reason to change that. There will be short walks up the Moorabool River to a deep long waterhole where the Lilo Derby will be held.

Bring your bathers and lilo (both optional!). We will park the bus on a property above the river so you won't need to carry the lilo with you on the walk. The 'disgusting' relates to the habits of the koalas. One year we were disturbed by the grunts and squeals of a pair of koalas copulating beside our track. I have not failed to find at least one koala on this trip.

WED 9 FEB 94 UPPER YARRA GOLDFIELDS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : TONY STAPLEY
 AREA : NEAR WARBURTON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : O'SHANNASSY 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 9 OR 15 KM

When Trevor and Rosemary Thomson led this walk in September 1992 the Yarra was in flood, tracks were cut off, diversions had to be made, and we paddled through a foot of water for an hour. However the Walks Secretary has promised dry conditions this time. During my preview in November the footbridge at Big Peninsula had been washed away and the Yarra was too deep and swift to wade. Once again I paddled through a foot of water for an hour, between Big Bill's Creek and The Conduit. The walk is all in trees with one steep climb of 220 m and several lesser climbs.

Relics of gold mining include tunnels, shafts, an aqueduct and open cuts. Blackberries could be a problem by February - please bring secateurs.

SUN 13 FEB 94 LAKE MOUNTAIN AREA EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : MARGARET BORDEN & JOHN KITTSON
 AREA : LAKE MOUNTAIN
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 8.30 A.M. **** NOTE EARLY START ****
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MARYSVILLE - LAKE MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR LEISURE
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 & 20 KM

It should be pleasantly cool in the mountains for a summer walk - there will be some remaining alpine flowers and beautiful mountain views. Both walks will be circuits from the Snowy Hill car park up to the ski trails (approx 250 m climb) and down to Gerratys car park, stopping at several lookouts on the way. Then up to the peak of the actual Lake Mountain (no lake anywhere) and back to the start with 3 or 4 more lookouts over superb mountain scenery.

Walking will be mainly on foot tracks and ski trails with no trail bikes or other nasties, only bird songs. The E/medium group will cover approximately 4 km more and climb up Gould Track to Keppel Hut and back, to follow the same route as the easier group. We are sure you will enjoy the day.

SUN 20 FEB 94 BLACKWOOD - O'BRIEN'S CROSSING E/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS : NIGEL HOLMES & SALLY BOUVIER
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : TRENTHAM 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 17 & 20 KM

Both walks begin and end near Blackwood township. The easy/medium walk is mostly on shady tracks following the river downstream to O'Briens Crossing before returning via Tunnel Point. The medium walk will explore off-track areas around Byers Back Track as well as the north side of the river.

There will be a chance to swim, weather permitting.

SAT 26 FEB 94 DANDENONG EXPLORER: LYSTERFIELD LAKE PARK EASY

LEADER : MICHAEL HUMPHREY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAPS 108, 83, 82
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 KM

Come along and join me on the first Dandenongs Walk for the year. Access to the park is via the entrance and ticket office in Horswood Road (Melway Map 108 D2, off the Belgrave-Hallam Rd). There is a nominal entrance fee per car.

We will have lunch before commencing the walk. If you would like to have lunch we will meet at 12.00 noon in the southern car park (i.e. near the dam wall) and will commence the walk at 1.00 p.m. sharp.

We should arrive back at the cars around 5.30 p.m. where I would like to invite you all to have a barbeque with me (BYO everything). The picnic area that we will be using is located next to the only swimming beach in the park, so bring your bathers if the weather is warm. Please note that the park closes at approx. 8.00 p.m., but this should give us plenty of time to have a leisurely dinner. What better way to end a walk! Of course if the weather is hot you may choose not to do the walk and instead just soak up the sun by the lake or you may like to meet us at the picnic area at approx. 5.30 p.m. for the barbeque only.

If you can't come by private transport, please ring me at home on: after 7.30 p.m. and we will try to organise something.

SUN 27 FEB 94 WALHALLA - MORMONTOWN TRACK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADER : JOHN KITTSON & JEAN WOODGER
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 8.30 A.M. **** NOTE EARLY START ****
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : WALHALLA 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 11 & 14 KM

The medium walk will start at the Platina Station on the old disused railway line, which back in 1910 ran between Moe, Erica and the now ghost town of Walhalla. The easy group will begin further down the line at the old Thompson River Junction Station, and after a short climb will reach and begin to traverse the Alpine Walking Track. This path will then be used by both the easy and medium groups for the rest of the walk, with tall mountain timber and fern gullies to be part of the scenery back into Walhalla.

Then if anyone is interested a guided tour can be arranged for a couple of dollars per head to go down into the famous long tunnel mine where tonnes of gold was mined last century. For all who are interested, let me know on booking night and for those not wanting to go down the mine, a stroll through the old town can be quite pleasant. Maybe a look see in the town's famous cemetery would be of interest. Anyway there is a lot to see in the old ghost mining township of Walhalla, so join the group and be in it.

P.S. Bring your camera as strange things can appear on film, especially in old ghost towns.

WEEKEND WALKS - FEBRUARY 1994**4-6 FEB 94 RUINED CASTLE - BOGONG VILLAGE MEDIUM**

LEADER : JANET NORMAN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

For details of this walk please see the leader in the Club rooms.

11-13 FEB 94 ROYSTON & RUBICON VALLEYS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : KEITH LANGHAM (PH: 397 5171)
 AREA : 160 KM N.E MELBOURNE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVEINING
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KM

The walk will explore the hills and valleys of the Royston Range, enjoying the abundant birdlife and beautiful views from the hardwood forests. Amongst these hills are many remnants of saw mills and tramways.

Victoria's earliest hydro scheme still operates within the Royston Rubicon catchment although by today's standards is minute and almost quaint. En route we shall see the aqueducts which divert the water from the valleys for the scheme.

18-20 FEB 94 KIEWA VALLEY BASE CAMP EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : PAUL STRIPEIKIS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

For details of this walk please see the leader in the Club rooms.

25-27 FEB 94 WILKINSON LODGE WORK PARTY ROD MATTINGLEY

This is an important work party (but then they all are for the smooth running of Wilky) to install a new stove, install the gas bottles in the wood shed rather than in the kitchen, and maybe reposition the lounge heater. We will hve the services of a professional plumber, however we will require willing workers. So how about it!!

The last request met with a resounding silence - remember this is *your* lodge and we don't want all th work to be done by just a few same people. Rod Mattingley is the chief organiser - he has some volunteers already but contact him in case he needs you.

We also require the use of a trailer to take the stove up - please contact Rod if you can help.

25-27 FEB 94 AROUND WILSONS PROM IN A DAY HARD

LEADER : STEPHEN ROWLANDS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : WILSONS PROMONTORY OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP
 APPROX DISTANCE : SATURDAY 42 KM , SUNDAY ?

On Saturday there will be a 7.30 a.m. start form the store at Tidal River. The circuit will then be the classic round trip of Tidal River, Sealers and Refuge Cove, Waterloo, Oberon and Norman Bays, and then back to Tidal River. Swimming at all the main beaches. (Danger - nude swimmers may be seen.)

Sunday will depend on the weather and how everyone feels.

25-27 FEB 94 WILSONS PROM - LITTLE WATERLOO BAY**EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADER : ROSEMARY COTTER
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : WILSONS PROMONTORY OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP
 APPROX DISTANCE : 26 KM

Rather than the walk listed on the Summer Programme, I have decided to make the destination Little Waterloo Bay. We will leave the cars at Mt Oberon Car Park and take the Lighthouse Track until the Waterloo Bay turn off.

After setting up camp there will be an optional walk to Kersop Peak, affording views of the lighthouse and conical Rodendo Island, with day packs. The return trip will be via Oberon Bay.

Remember stoves are required for cooking.

ADVANCE PREVIEW**JUL/AUG 94 LORD HOWE ISLAND****E/MEDIUM**

LEADER : DAVID VINCENT
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

I'm planning a Club trip to Lord Howe Island for one week some time during July or August 1993 - probably during the school holidays, but the dates are flexible. We would depart Melbourne in a twin engine aircraft on a Saturday morning, refuel at Port Macquarie and arrive at Lord Howe about midday. We would return the following Saturday or Sunday. No camping is permitted on the island so we could rent a self-contained lodge for one week. The standard of bushwalks on the island ranges from easy to hard so individuals can be selective based on their ability.

For a group of 7 to 8 an indicative cost share would be about \$500 each for the private aircraft hire and about \$250 each for the accommodation. At this stage I'm attempting to gauge the level of interest in order to make the trip viable. If you have further questions or would like to book a place on this walk, please ring me at home on

KAKADU: BAROALBA CREEK

Baroalba Creek drains a large, irregularly shaped sandstone massif which sits 200 metres above the surrounding floodplains. The steep, rugged sides offer magnificent views of the nearby Arnhem escarpment and protect a central basin containing lush valleys, pockets of rainforest, creeks and waterholes - a place where numerous rock shelters and art sites in a wide variety of styles tell the story of its original inhabitants.



Experience the magical qualities of this secluded wilderness. Picture yourself relaxing in a rock shelter, watching one of the brief, spectacular green season storms, just as the local aboriginal people have done for thousands of years.

Note. Because of its archaeological importance, bushwalking groups in the Baroalba area are limited to a maximum of seven people.



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SNOWY PLAINS WATERFALLS 26-28 NOV 1993

There were 12 in the party for this weekend walk (with a difference) through the south western part of the Wonnangatta - Moroka National Park.

Four of us (Pearson, Jean, Wendy and I) were able to leave Melbourne on Friday morning for a leisurely drive via Traralgon, Heyfield and Licola. As I had not been north of Traralgon before I really appreciated the superb views experienced along the way. We camped at The Gorge (off the Mt Howitt Road) and had a pre-dinner stroll to Kellys Hut. Max, Rod, Masa, Janet, Keith and Janet joined us at The Gorge later that evening.

Now I did say that the weekend walk was somewhat different, but more of that later. Saturday started as quite an ordinary day in the bush. We packed up camp in the morning at a reasonable hour and drove to the Snowy Ridge airfield to meet Derrick and Gina. The walk started just south of the airfield across the plains with good views of the Carey Creek Valley and the Watchtower. It was a leisurely start with everyone appreciating the views and identifying the variety of wildflowers and birds. The Snowy Plains were just a mass of different colours.

We then headed west to find the East Caledonia River and falls for a lunch stop. This involved quite a bit of bush bashing through thick forest - up hill and down dale. One brown snake was spotted but with five (nearly qualified) first aiders and one nurse I think the group was quite safe from any impending disasters. We had two walkers (Jean and Gina) experience minor choking fits over the weekend but, with our newly acquired skills, the first aiders reassured the "casualties" then sat back and enjoyed the show. I think Jean was looking for a good old slap on the back!

On a few occasions I thought I heard a new bird call but after a second listen I identified it as a "cooee". The group had lost sight of one another from time to time due to the dense terrain and the enthusiasm of some trying to identify the many species of wildflowers. Now this is where the walk became different. We are all familiar with such sporting delights as hang-gliding, para-sailing and bungy jumping. Well Rod thought it was time that the Melbourne Bushies became adventurous - he introduced us to "tree-walking". Yes, folks, bush-walking with a difference. The forest was just a mass of fallen trees which meant that, with steady nerves and good balance, we made our way through the terrain by walking along the fallen trees. (Tarzan, eat your heart out!) We eventually reached the river for a well-deserved lunch stop. Jean and Derrick wasted no time at all and jumped

in the freezing cold water. Most of us were just satisfied with a foot bath.

Rod planned to walk down river but this was impossible due to fallen trees and branches blocking the way. Rod then said that the walk was going to become "very interesting" as he gazed across the river and upwards. To my way of thinking the walk had already proved to be "interesting" enough but I soon found myself walking across the river with the rest of the troops. The climb up was very strenuous and we used anything to hand to pull ourselves up and up and up. I began to realise how Sir Edmund Hillary must have felt when he was climbing Mt Everest!!!

There was more "tree-walking", climbing and "tree-walking" again. Many thanks to Derrick and Max for their help along the way. There was one minor incident before we reached the cars. My hand found a nest of huge ants which gave me a mighty sting. Derrick yelled "R.I.C.E." and I thought isn't that the stuff you either eat or throw at weddings? Then I realised Derrick was reciting first aid - Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation. I declined the offer, thankful that if I felt pain I was still alive!

We set up camp about 7-7.30 p.m., pleased that the campsite was only about a 0.5 km walk with packs, off the road. Talk around the campfire that night was a little subdued after our escapades during the day, however we all enjoyed dinner and a little "free flowing" wine. It was an early night.

By the sound of the snores echoing through camp during the night, most people slept well. The night was quite chilly, ice had settled on the tents by morning and Jean exclaimed that her shoes were frozen. Sunday was a more relaxing day. We did a circuit walk across the Snowy Plains to Mt Reynard where we had lunch. The colours of the wildflowers were again superb and we were able to appreciate the fabulous views of the mountain ranges in the distance. A group of horse riders interrupted our quiet lunch. One rider asked Gina where the airstrip and plane was not wanting to believe that we had walked!

We arrived back at the cars about 2.30 p.m. quite happy to return to Melbourne after a remarkable weekend - all of us that is except Derrick and Gina who took off in search of a waterfall. Did you find it?

Denise Triffett

No, not exactly. After another tiring descent, we'd had enough and turned back. Ed.

THE HIGH PLAINS GRAND TOUR MODIFIED 27 DEC 93 - 3 JAN 94

The extended Christmas trip in the Victorian high country had its fair share of the unexpected and New Year surprises, not to mention an abundance of magnificent flowers. (I lost count after 40 species.)

The party of seven were due to meet at 8.30 a.m. on 27/12 but we couldn't even get up the mountain on Boxing Day, being turned back due to heavy driving snow at 5.30 p.m. A convoy of cars descended to Harrierville where 4 of us managed to secure overnight accommodation at Hoys Bon Accord Backpackers where we were joined by a number of people 'snowed out' of lodges at Mt Hotham!

Day 1 Monday: Early next day Keith L tracked us down and we set off to the Kiewa Valley for a 24 hour deviation (having left messages for the remaining two of our party - who went to Bright). We camped on the banks of the flooded Kiewa River and in the afternoon walked up the Redbank Track. The clouds were low and darkly threatening but there was no serious rain. We were rewarded with sights of rainbow bee-eaters and firetails.

Day 2 Tuesday: Made it up the mountain but at Diamantina Hut the visibility along The Razorback was so poor that we decided to amend the route and descend from Mt Loch Car Park to Dibbins rather than keep to high ground. We braved the freezing wind whipping round our knees, re-dressed appropriately for the snow walk down to Derrick Hut (reviving morning tea), further down the track (pole 126) stopped off to visit the Quintet Mine Huts, and thence down steeply to Dibbins Hut (a welcome sight), not losing snow underfoot until after pole number 150. Whilst eating lunch Ken Baird and Rob popped into the Hut and 3 of the group returned with them to the Red Robin Battery. That night there was much conversation about the possibility of meeting up with the others and returning to the original plan.

Day 3 Wednesday: Left early and enjoyed the walk up the track to Cobungra Gap and Basalt Temple, stopped for a brief stop near Fletchers Yards and continued up the pole line to number 300, then cut across to the track down to Weston Hut where we had been scheduled to meet Sylvia W. We were just packing up our lunches when who should come recognisably over the horizon after waiting for us all morning - Sylvia! (No, she was not talking/singing.) After lunch we walked to the saddle above Tawonga Huts and, after wandering around in the thick mist, established a campsite. Soon voices in the mist heralded the arrival of Keith who had found Bill and Merylyn at Weston Hut - the party of 8 united at last on Day 3!

Day 4 Thursday: Set out for the Niggerheads and the Fainters although two of the party were suffering upset tums (suspect water at Dibbins?), and one turned back for camp accompanied by Sylvia who managed to use the time profitably to indulge in some sketching. A couple of the group later wandered down to Tawonga Huts where there were quite a few people camped. Campfire discussions encompassed observed and necessary attributes for Club Presidents - in lighthearted vein (more than an element of truth...).

Day 5 Friday: Walked over to Mt Jim where we saw lots of bushwalkers and a lone horse rider. On to the campsite adjacent to High Plains Creek below the aqueduct. Whilst setting up camp in strolled 'old bushie' Max Corey. We made the most of the sun's warmth and experienced the delights of a crisp mountain-fed waterfall and deep pool in a sheltered creek surrounded by warm rocks - bliss! Flame robins, daisies and skinks completed the charming surroundings. Sylvia and Kim left us here to return to Wilky for New Year festivities.

Day 6 Saturday: Crossed the creek and climbed onto the High Plains and across to Youngs Spur, visiting the well-maintained Youngs Hut. Descended the Paling Spur, emerging from the trees onto an idyllic spot at the junction of Swindlers Creek and Cobungra River. Again we had a lovely clear pool but the water was even colder than previously. Spent the afternoon reading and otherwise relaxing. The moon shone brilliantly all night.

Day 7 Sunday: The intended track followed close by the river and because of the raised level it was decided to climb the spur opposite the campsite. I was rather sick so the rest of the party divvied up my pack and carried the heavier items. The route continued uphill for most of the day and through low prickly scrub. Progress was slow. We rejoined the track just below the Quintet Mine Huts and were soon passed by the last stragglers of the Bogong - Hotham Marathon Run (60 km). Camp was set up near Derrick Hut. Here Keith L left us to return to the culinary delights of civilisation.... and then there were 5.

Day 8 Monday: There was no rain as had been anticipated but awoke to the clouds scudding by. Breakfast was eaten in bed or under the fly due to the brisk air movement around the lower limbs! Walked out to the Mt Loch Car Park, some taking in Mt Loch en route. The views back over the country that we had so recently trod were superb.

The final drama occurred when the leader's car of 3 weeks wouldn't start. Jean (in shorts, scarf, clutching her car owner's manual) flagged down a car, and despite comments about mugging, managed to get a short ride. After Bill had diagnosed the problem, jumper leads were applied. Voila! we were off once more on the final leg of our trip.

Thank you to Jean for a well-thought out trip which could accommodate last minute changes of plan due to bad weather (we learnt that it had been the wettest Boxing Day since 1924). Also my sincere thanks to Sylvia, Wendy, Keith, Bill, Marilyn and Jean who provided very real assistance when needed by me.

Rosemary Cotter

BOOTS FOR SALE

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BOOTS FOR SALE

Blundstone size 9 (43).

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Phone Sylvia Wilson

1994 AND NOW THE BAD NEWS

On Jan 2nd I was in the Jumbuck Café in Euroa with my Gold Pass, only to be told it had expired 2 days ago - no replacement. The food was just as good as ever, though are the prices creeping up?

(Gold Passes used to give a 10% discount in all Euroa eateries.)

Sylvia Wilson

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Kuninori Shinbo

Lyn Fletcher

Maureen Vaughan

Mary Marshall

Brian Crouch

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Jordy Cuthbertson

John Stanshall

Alexander Farkas

Dorrie Warton

Robert Ayre

Gina Hopkins

NO END TO WALKING

A HUNDRED YEARS OF WALKING BY THE MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB

Throughout a combination of long experience as a bushwalker, a keen observation and the ability to write, Alan Budge has produced a work of considerable significance.

For over fifty years Alan wrote about bushwalking. His work as Editor of the magazine 'The Melbourne Walker' (later 'The Walker') shows a depth of considered judgment across a broad panorama of bushwalking. Alan was for fifteen years Editor and before that he served as Chairman of the Walking Club's magazine committee, with R.W.Mann, who had edited 'The Melbourne Walker' for twenty-eight years. Under Alan's editorship, the magazine reached a point where the annual number of copies sold was about ten times the Club's membership, indicative of general reader acceptance.

In a very real sense he built the magazine to house a fascinating record of the ethos, achievements and experiences of Walking Club members as part of the widely established recreation of bushwalking. It became a valuable repository of advice, anecdote, bushlore, maps and photos - a heritage of factual information and expert commentary.

With the approach of the Club's Centenary Year (1994), Alan was invited to write a History of the Club, a task for which he was eminently qualified, and willingly undertook as a labour of love. Alan completed his task in 1992 and after a short illness, he died a few months later.

Alan's manuscript, unabridged and with the addition of 113 historic photographs was published in 1993. The publishing group, consisting of Alan's long-time bushwalking friends was determined that the book, a memorial to Alan's service to bushwalking, should be of the highest standard and be available to all. To this end they subsidised the cost by several thousand dollars to enable the selling price to be well below the cost of production. Pre-publication sales were highly successful, and the remaining books are now available direct from the publisher.

Brief specifications are as under:

Title: NO END TO WALKING - A hundred years of walking by the Melbourne Walking Club.

Size: 240mm x 180mm. Pages: 256 including 100 illustrations.

Paper: White Offset gsm 110. Illustrations: White Art gsm 115.

Binding: Thread sewn with hard covers (fully bound).

Covers: Printed in three colours.

PROFITS from the sale of 'No End to Walking' will be donated by Mr Trevor Budge to the ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

This book, a strictly limited edition, will become a collector's item and will not be reprinted.

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COMMITTEE NOTES - 10 JANUARY 1994**TREASURER'S REPORT AT 31 DEC 1993:**

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DECEMBER RECEIPTS:	1,380	
DECEMBER PAYMENTS:	3,039	
BALANCE:		
Current Account	5,582	
Reserves Account	52,000	
Postage float	<u>500</u>	<u>58,082</u>

WALKS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
236	207	29	186	50	\$1987
Sunday Bus + Track Clearing	4	152	average 38 (last year average 32.2)		
Pack Carry	1	15			
Base Camp	2	14			
Urban/Historical	1	18			
Wednesday	1	9			
Dandenongs	1	8			
Leaders Day	1	20			
TOTAL	11	236			

Leaders and more ideas required for the Autumn Walks Programme.

EQUIPMENT

Merilyn has purchased metho stove for hiring out to members.
Toilet tent to be purchased for base camps.

GENERAL BUSINESS:**DUTY ROSTER:**

Jan	19	Peter D & Doug
Jan	26	Liz & Peter H
Feb	2	Gina & Derrick
Feb	9	Merilyn & Keith

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 7 February 1994 at 7.00pm

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