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### **SPECIAL**

#### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND BY BUS**

June 10 to 13, 1994

We have ordered BEAUTIFUL WEATHER and decided to HIRE A BUS and head off to the SOUTH WEST VOLCANIC PARKS and COAST. We hope to cater for EVERYONE and have LOTS of FUN!

A PACK-CARRY Walk, led by Sylvia Wilson, along the best of the Great South West Walk.

BASE CAMPS and DAY WALKS, led by Jean Giese, in Mt Eccles, Mt Napier and Mt Richmond National Parks. Also coast walking around Cape Duquesne, Cape Bridgewater and Cape Nelson.

Plus Tower Hill on the way home on Monday.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP, DON'T MISS THIS TRIP!

☛ SEE PAGE 5 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

### **Social Events**

Concert on Friday 13 May, last minute reminder. Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University. See George A.S.A.P. if you want to go. See April NEWS for details.

Welcome to New Members & Visitors Night In Clubrooms on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm Information, slides, supper. Come and meet one another, new members & visitors, and hear how our club works. *George Zamora & Sylvia Wilson Social C'tee*

Slides of Christmas Trips in Clubrooms on Wednesday 25 May, arranged by Doug Pocock

And DON'T FORGET the SPANISH FLAMENCO DINNER & DANCING NIGHT on SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 1994

See and Hear live Flamenco Dancing and enjoy Fine Spanish Food

See April NEWS, and George for more details

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### From the Editor

I hope you liked my first issue of The NEWS. I enjoyed the novel experience of producing it. It's amazing what you can do on a PC! I would welcome feed-back about my first issue, as well as suggestions, news, etc from you.

Winter is approaching, so it is time to get out your skis (Nordic, of course) and check the bindings, boots, etc in preparation for the snow season. Last year was the worst snow season for a long time, so we hope for a better cover this year. There will be a few ski trips on the program this winter, including for beginners, so if you haven't tried cross-country skiing - here's your chance to try. We also have a ski lodge- "Wilky" -on the Bogong High Plains, and I understand there are still some vacancies on a couple of weeks.

Did you see the advertisement in "EG" in *The Age* on Friday 15 April? The committee decided it would be a good idea to take the opportunity to advertise in the special section called "Try Something New". Our club contact, Margaret Borden, reports an increase of enquiries after the ad appeared.

We have some authors in our club! Darrell Rolfe writes a bushwalking article about twice a month in the *Herald Sun*. John Siseman also has a regular bushwalk in "EG" in *The Age*. John and Marion Siseman run Pindari Publications and they have a number of books out, including on the *Alpine Track*, *Bogong National Park*, *Melbourne's Mountains* etc. Fred Halls, one of our life members, has published a couple of books in the past, and former member and Walks Secretary Tyrone Thomas has published *120 Walks in Victoria*, *50 Walks in the Grampians*, and others.

This is your LAST NEWS if you don't pay your subs this month! See Subscription Renewal Slip on page 13.

*Bob Steel*

Edited on behalf of the Melbourne Bushwalkers by Bob Steel. Articles, walk reports, poems, snippets of news, reports of new gear, book reviews, etc are always welcome.

Please note that articles for **The NEWS** may be put in the **Red Box** in the clubrooms or mailed to me.  
Bob Steel,

Closing Date for JUNE 1994 News is 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 1994.

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St., Melbourne (rear of the Royal Horticultural Society building) on WEDNESDAY Evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

*Visitors are always welcome.*

### From the President

#### Vale Ann Granat

On April 20<sup>th</sup> a short illness, Ann passed away. She had only been a member of our club for a year but ad thoroughly enjoyed belonging, as witness the nice article she wrote about our club last year for the magazine *Single Life*. She had her first taste of camping in January at our Parker River Base camp. She told me afterwards how much she appreciated the help and encouragement offered by members on that occasion and what a great experience it had been for her. Ann was on the Lerderberg Sunday walk late in February, was diagnosed shortly thereafter to be suffering from a very virulent form of lung cancer ( she was a non-smoker) and died, sadly, on 20 April. Our membership secretary, Peter Havlicek, represented us at the funeral on the Sunday of the long weekend.

#### Minor Injuries.

It seems our new members don't do too well with ankles and knees. Waiting for improvement in their joints are 1993 new members Betsy Dunn & Mary Marshall. Years of experience in hard walking didn't stop Marilyn Whimpey from banging her nose on a rock at Easter and turning up in the Clubrooms with a technicolour face. Cameron upset his achilles tendon on his Easter trip. I hear day walker Maureen plunged her face into Sailors Creek on a recent Sunday walk, spoiling her beauty, and also losing her glasses. We hope your insurance covers lost spectacles, Maureen. It's not only on the track that we do ourselves in. When last seen, Mark Tischler was wearing a neck brace after having a box of Omo fall on his head! Not really funny, Mark, (forgive me?) and we hope you are coming good by now.

#### Committee Vacancy

We are still looking for that young, vital, energetic female member to fill the vacancy on your hard-working Committee of Management. Come join the team (and you don't really have to be young but you do have to be female - the rules require it - and energetic).

*Jean Giese*

General correspondence should be directed to:  
The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.  
PO Box 1751Q, MELBOURNE 3001

When you are lost, it is more important to find out where you are going, than where you have been.

*P.K. Shaw*

## DAY WALKS - JUNE 1994

### Late update for Wednesday walk, 18 May Lysterfield State Park, led by Max Casley

**Transport:** Private **Map Reference:** Melway maps 83, 84 & 108. **Approx. Distance:** 17km  
**MEET** at 9.00 am at Birds Land Reserve, Belgrave Heights. Melways ref map 84, C2.

We will start & finish at this Reserve, which is a retarding basin for the Monbulk Creek. Then we go on to Lysterfield Lake Park. Plenty of bird life - herons, ducks, rosellas, wrens & hordes of bellbirds, and the occasional fox. Telephone me for transport arrangements.

### Sunday 5 June BARWON HEADS to QUEENSCLIFF Easy & E/Medium

**Leaders:** Max Casley & Mary Leonard

**Transport:** Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard

**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** 104 km **Expected time of return:** 1900

**Area:** Ballarine Peninsula **Approx length of walks:** 12 and 16 kms

**Map Reference:** Melways maps 233, 234 & 235

What could be better than a bracing winter walk along the beach on a Sunday to blow away the cobwebs and leave you fresh for the next week. We will start near Barwon Heads and end at Queenscliff. Walking on sand, maybe some rocks and some coastal heath land.

### Sunday 12 June ISLAND CREEK -ANDREW HILL - NORTH KINGLAKE Easy & E/Medium

**Leaders:** Margaret Borden and Alan Miller

**Transport:** Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard

**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** c. 70 km **Expected time of return:** 1830

**Area:** Kinglake **Approx length of walks:** 11.5, 16, & 19 kms

**Map Reference:** Kinglake National Park Outdoor Leisure Map

Both walks will be circuits & start from Island Creek Picnic Ground on Eucalyptus Road. The easy and optional E/M group will head easterly along Stringybark Track & climb c. 250 metres over 2 km, up to Andrew Hill, then down to "The Gums". There will be an option to then return 2 km back to the coach or do a 4.5km return including a climb up the transmission reserve with lovely views back over the range. There, lyrebirds should be in full voice.

The other group will head westerly along Island Creek Track & maybe to Wombelano Falls, then back along Captain Creek Road to the transmission reserve and so back to the coach. This is an area not far from Melbourne and hopefully the weather will be fine, making it a good winter walk.,

### Monday 13 June MALVERN LAKES Easy

**Leader:** Athol Schafer

**Transport:** Train: Meet under the Clocks at Flinders Street Station at 10.00 am

**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** c. 12 kms **Expected time of return:** 1700

**Area:** Malvern/Burwood/Ashburton area **Approx length of walks:** 8 kms

**Map Reference:** Melways maps 59, 60, 61.

Landscaped parklands, wetlands along Gardiners Creek, the Back Creek recreation track and the Anniversary Trail are all covered in this Queen's Birthday walk, starting at Burwood and finishing at Alamein

**Walk with a Difference around Kew,  
 Collecting for the Salvation Army  
 Red Shield Appeal  
 on Sunday May 22, 1994**

Meet outside Hall 3, Kew Town Hall in Charles Street  
 (off Cotham Road) at 10 00 am.

Phone Sylvia Wilson if you are interested in  
 assisting.

### Wanted

**One Baby/Child-carrying pack**

Contact Merryn or Stephen on

Wednesday 15 June

GELLIBRAND HILL and PARK

Easy/medium

**Leader:** Margaret Borden**Transport:** Private Meet at 10 am at Picnic area off Somerton Road (Melways 178 C6), or ring me for other arrangements**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** c. 30 km **Expected time of return:** 1700**Area:** Oaklands Junction, near Tullamarine **Approx length of walks:** 14-15 kms**Map Reference:** Gellibrand Hill Regional Park leaflet or Melways maps 5 and 178

This will be a circuit walk starting from the picnic area & heading SE to Gellibrand Hill with good views of Melbourne and surrounds. It is not much of a hill, but does produce good views, & the ruins of Dundonald homestead are close by. Then we go west through the "Back paddock" with views of Tullamarine Airport, Cumberland Homestead ruins & lots of kangaroos. The historic "Woodlands" Homestead, built in the 1840's, will be open for view until 4.00 pm, so we should have time for a look. We then head back to the picnic ground via a pretty Nature Walk with magnificent river Red Gums, other Eucalypts and grasses. There is a lot of Aboriginal history attached to this area and we will see a number of scarred trees. This area is quite close to Melbourne so is eminently suitable for the shortest days of the year.

Saturday 18 June 6 HOUR WINTER ROGAIN

Hard

**Leader:** See the keen Rogainers in the club if you are interested in this masochistic "sport"**Transport:** Private. See Alan Clarke, or G.T.**Area:** Approx length of walk: As far as you can run/walk in 6 hours!

Sunday 19 June THE HUMP - Mt MACEDON - BRAEMAR TRACK

Easy &amp; Medium

**Leaders:** John Kittson and Fay Pratt**Transport:** Bus at 9.00 am SHARP from South Bank Boulevard**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** 60 kms **Expected time of return:** 1830**Area:** Macedon **Approx length of walks:** 15 kms and 18 kms**Map Reference:** Macedon and Woodend 1:25 000, also Macedon Forest Park Map

Mt Macedon is an area with excellent views, tall trees and cool fern gullies...and what's more... it isn't far from Melbourne. The medium walk has a slight climb at the start. This, plus the extra 3 kms, separates it from the easy walk. Both walks start near the township of Mt Macedon and make their way up onto the Camels Hump. From there you can see the famous Hanging Rock off in the distance.

A short while later, at the summit of Mt Macedon, the views are spectacular, firstly looking down on the townships of Mt Macedon and Macedon, and then off in the distance, the "Big Smoke" can be seen. The best part is the quietness; no trailbikes, trams or cars can annoy you on this summit.

Both groups will be making their way down the Braemar track to the famous Braemar College, and it was here that some of the scenes from the film "Picnic at Hanging Rock" were shot. If you keep an eye out, you may see the lost girls! Any way, it's just 1 km down the track to the bus, which I know you will see. May I suggest you bring fresh drinking water and, yes, some sandwiches for the "Picnic".

Saturday 25 June CARDINIA RESERVOIR and PARK

Easy

**Leader** Pam Rosso**Transport:** Private MEET at car park at Aura Vale Lake, Wellington Road. Ref Melways 126, D6  
If you need to be picked up from Belgrave Station, please let the leader know!**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** c. 40km **Expected time of return:** c. 1630**Area:** Belgrave/Emerald **Approx length of walks:** 12 kms**Map Reference:** Melway maps 126, 127, 210, 211.

I did this walk about 3 years ago on a very cold & wet day and enjoyed it in spite of the weather. We will start the walk in Aura Vale Lake Park, circle the Lake, then walk beside Wellington Road on a bridle track, to Cardinia Reserve Park, where Melbourne Parks & Waterways have cleared some new walking tracks. There are over 150 species of birds in this reserve and c. 200 Eastern Grey kangaroos.

Day Walks Continued on page 6



## WEEKEND and PACK CARRY WALKS

10-13 June

### SOUTH WEST COAST BUS TRIP

**Mt. Eccles & Southwest Coast: Base Camp**

**Easy & Medium**

**Great South West Walk: Swan Lake-Bridgewater Bay**

**Medium**

**LEADERS:** Jean Giese and Sylvia Wilson,  
plus others

Cape Duquesne, Cape Bridgewater and Cape Nelson.  
Then we will visit Tower Hill on the way home on  
Monday afternoon.

**COST:** Bus Fare (subsidised) \$45  
Base Camp Fees \$4  
Pack Carry Fees \$2

**Non-Campers:** You will be able to stay at a local pub  
or B&B farm with Bob, our coach driver. (meet own  
costs, but I (Jean) will attend to bookings.

**PICK-UP (& FINISH) POINTS:**

☛ South side of Surrey Hills Railway  
Station (Windsor Cres.)

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.45 pm**

☛ Southbank Boulevard at 6.30 pm

**Approx. Dist. from Melbourne:** 370km

**Expected time of return:** to points as above:  
Between 7 & 8 pm Monday

**GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK:** Welcome to the  
world of the Great South West Walking Track,  
Bridgewater Bay section. If you haven't been here  
before, don't miss out; if you have you'll probably kill to  
be included.

**Day 1:** Dropped off at the summit of Mt. Richmond,  
extinct volcano, with smashing views of the area we  
shall be walking to and back along Discovery Bay. We  
will follow tracks via Tarragal, with caves and  
freshwater lakes, briefly onto Discovery Bay, then up  
the cliff-line to the Springs Camp (c. 18 km)

**Day 2:** From the Springs camp to Cape Bridgewater via  
a truly amazing fossilised forest and later, if we're lucky,  
see seals playing below us. Brief stop at fisherman's  
Cove kiosk for a cup of tea. Ah! Bliss...

On to Trewalla camp. (c. 15 kms)

**Day 3:** Trewalla camp to Cape Nelson via ancient &  
rusting mining works and more spectacular views. (14  
kms). Rejoin base-campers and take in Tower hill on  
the way home.

**NOTE:** an easier alternative will also be available if  
sufficient starters.

Instead of alternating between Hattah Lakes and  
Wyperfeld on the June long weekend, we have ordered  
beautiful weather and decided to HIRE A BUS and head  
off to the South West Volcanic parks and Coast. We  
hope to cater for everyone and have lots of fun.

**PACK CARRY Walk:** The best three days of  
the Great South West Walk - grade medium.  
58 km, led by Sylvia. Plus if required, an  
easy-medium version at a slower pace & being  
picked up earlier by the bus. Leader required.

**BASE CAMP:** Two nights at Mt Eccles  
National Park and one night at Bridgewater  
Bay (at the old school house)

#### BASE CAMPERS

Lovely Day Walks - easy & medium - in Mt Eccles,  
Mt. Napier and Mt. Richmond National Parks,  
then on parts of the Great South West Walk, including

**11-13 June MOOTWINGEE NATIONAL PARK**

**Easy/Medium**

**Leaders:** David Vincent

**Transport:** Light aircraft.

**Approx. Dist. from Melb.:** c. 780 kms by air

**Expected time of return:** 7 pm Monday eve.

Scattered in the Caves and overhangs are galleries of  
Aboriginal paintings & engravings illustrating the  
significance of the place to many tribes of Aborigines  
who came to Mootwingee for major ceremonies. These  
sites are not only rich in cultural relics, but are  
spiritually significant to Aboriginal people.

Temperature in mid-Summer often exceed 40° C.  
However, winter typically has mild, sunny days and cold  
nights with occasional frosts

We will depart Melbourne on Saturday morning. For a  
group of six, including myself, the estimated cost of  
private aircraft hire is \$170 each. For further details  
and to book a place on this walk, contact me, David  
Vincent, at home on

Within the scenic Bynguano Ranges, 130 kms NE of  
Broken Hill, lies Mootwingee National Park. The  
secluded gorges & tranquil rockholes in the rugged  
sandstones ranges attract an abundance of wildlife, from  
the soaring wedge tailed eagle to a bounding euro or a  
basking painted dragon. Narrow gorges lined with river  
red gums; brown rock expanses that glow in the late  
afternoon sun; twisted mulga trees and cypress pines  
that cling tenaciously to bare rock; Aboriginal painting  
galleries and rock engravings; finches, budgerigars &  
noisy corellas; and in certain moments, the majestic  
silence - such is the magic of Mootwingee National  
Park.

**PACK CARRY WALKS** Continued**24-26 June BARMAH STATE FOREST  
Easy/Medium**

**Leader:** Gina Hopkins  
**Transport:** Private  
**Approx. Dist. from Melb:**  
**Expected time of return:** Sunday evening  
**Area:** Near Echuca **Approx length:** 30 kms  
**Map Reference:** Barmah State Park & State Forest - Dept of C & E.

Barmah State Forest is an extensive river red gum forest on the Murray River, 30 km north-east of Echuca. It periodically floods from the Murray River in the late winter or spring. The red gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) need this seasonal flooding in their life cycle. The walk will be mostly in the eastern end of the forest, much of it along the river. We may see emus and kangaroos & many different species of birds. We will mainly be on tracks & the terrain entirely flat. Camp is planned at a pleasant grassy area alongside the river.

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**Day Walks** Continued from page 4**Sunday KIRTH KILN - GILWELL PARK  
26 June Easy & E/Medium**

**Leaders:** Sally Bouvier & Jean Woodger  
**Transport:** Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard  
**Approx. Dist. from Melbourne:** c. 60kms  
**Expected time of return:** 1830  
**Area:** Near Gembrook  
**Approx length of walks:** 13 km and 19 km  
**Map Reference:** Gilwell and Beenak 1:25 000

The easy walk will start first, from Ship Rock near Beenak on the Gembrook/Launching Place Road. The easy/medium group about 1 km further north. The e/medium walk climbs steadily to excellent views towards Mt Donna Buang, back through attractive country to follow the same route as the easy group, first viewing Ship Rock and the nearby Falls. We follow tracks south to visit Kurth Kiln, then down to Gilwell Park for lunch. We leave here via a nature trail across the creek, generally walking north to skirt a dam, and wind eastwards to Tim's Corner & up to the bus. The walks are mostly on pleasant bush tracks & minor roads, with possibly some bush bashing for the e/m group. There is abundant bird life throughout this area. On the preview we saw & heard bellbirds, yellow breasted robins, tree creepers, scrub wrens grey shrike thrushes and yellow-tailed black cockatoos.

**The Bogong High Plains over Easter**

For four days over Easter we - ie Wendy, Jean (our leader & organiser), Dave & Sylvia, Cameron, Ralph, John K., Mike Clode, Doreen (from Tassie), Sac, and nurses Pam & Jacquie - walked around Bogong (*around* being the operative word at one time). Joe was going to make it, too, but....well he did try, but the mist was too thick for him to see us.

Friday saw us in the rain. From Howmans Gap we walked down to a fast flowing creek which Dave gallantly helped us to cross, then 500 metres up through scrub to take a break along a disused 4WD track. Up on Spion Kopje we saw nothing and I was regretting leaving my plastic overpants behind. Searching for elusive trees on a plain below Spion Kopje, we pitched tents just as the weather clamped down on us. One tent was blown over, another proved not to be up to it and collapsed, Mike bedded down in the wet, and Sac bedded down with the girls. I shared Doreen's Microlite for dinner and were cosy inside while winds and rain howled. Jean agreed to shut the fly for Wendy.

Saturday morning was brilliant! What a place to wake up to. We looked out over the flat to blue mountain ranges. The trees we had been looking for were a short distance to the right. We packed up leisurely and decided to retrace our steps, to see the views we missed yesterday. It was worth the climb back up Spion Kopje. We said farewell to Mike and John who decided to call it quits. Mike's gear was in need of an update, and John's pack was in need of weight reduction. After climbing Tims Lookout in the afternoon we walked back down to Roper's hut where Sylvia & Dave had boiled the billy for us, and pitched our tents.

Sunday was again fine and warm. We headed out to Mt Nelse North & then Mt. Nelse, payed a visit to Johnston's Hut (which looks as inviting as ever) and lunched at Edmondson's. By 4.00 pm, thanks to the knowledge of one of the club members, we delightfully camped on Heathy Spur in the afternoon sunshine.

Monday.. Cameron bagged the coals from last night's fire, & placed grass over the fire site. In the morning sunshine we wandered down to Rocky Valley Dam & met up with Mike & John, who had (from all accounts) spent a luxurious night in Falls Creeks. We walked up behind the ski tows to Frying Pan Spur. Here I received expert attention for a twisted ankle (always walk with nurses if you can!). Coming down Frying Pan Spur was a bit tricky, but turned out OK and we were soon at the bottom with a short walk back to the cars.

A good walk with some great mountain views, and which tested the shoulders. Thanks to Jean

*Helen Price*

**New Members**

Jacqueline ALLEN  
June FOSTER  
Oscar LAGO  
Vanessa MECKES

Shilpa AGRAWAL

Nancy BELYEA

William CONE

Iffe EVAGOROU

Suzana TSILFIDIS

David PETRIE

**Changes to Members Information.**

Jenny AYRE

Pearl CHAMPION & Ted MAGEN

Cheryl COOKSEY

Geoff CRAPPER

Mary CURTIN

Bob & Lynne DOUGLAS

Pauline ELVINS

**Changes to Information cont.**

Tracy GUEST

John KITTSON

Peter McGRATH

Stan MACKOWIAK

Roger Oxenbold should be  
OXENBOULD

Marian ROSS

Tony & Penny STAPLEY

Bob STEEL

Alex & Margaret STIRKUL

Linda WALLER

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**CONSERVATION ISSUES**

Proposed Mt Stirling Development. There is to be a Review of the operations of the Alpine Resorts Commission (ARC). The review is an unprecedented opportunity to achieve better all round management of our Alpine Resorts and overhaul the poorly performing ARC. Contributions from interested groups or individuals are urgently needed to increase the chances of a positive outcome. The deadline for submissions is 27 June, 1994, but later submissions may be received. The address for submissions is:  
**Executive Officer,  
Review of Alpine Resorts  
Commission,  
Level 9, 240 Victoria Pde.,  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002**

**SLIDE NIGHTS in CLUBROOMS**

**TREKKING and EXPEDITION CLIMBING IN THE HIMILAYA**

Whet your appetite for adventure. See the worlds highest & arguably most spectacular mountain region.

**Wednesday 15 June at 7.30 pm**

Don't miss this SLIDE presentation by JOHN SISEMAN, Author of Bushwalking guide books and trek leader, and

TERRY TREMBLE, Member of the 1988 Australian Bi-Centennial Everest Expedition

Supper provided

**Advanced Notice**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, at 8.00 pm

**EAST GIPPSLAND SPECTACULAR!**

Featuring ancient forests saved last Summer from clear-felling. All most welcome to experience the stunning beauty of some of the states most precious and threatened forests. See 250 year old forest giants & lush rainforest gullies. Hear about the forest activists who campaigned to try and save the old growth forests of East Gippsland

Presented by Calvin Hall, from The Wilderness Society.

**Gear Demonstration**

by Michael Whitty from Mountain Designs in Hawthorn on Wednesday 29 June. He is offering 15% discount to Club members until 9 July (except on sale items)

**Film Night**

*In the Name of the Father*  
Coming up soon on a Monday night  
Please see Club notice board (White Board) for date and details.

*Sylvia Wilson*



# DON'T FORGET DINNER DANCE

at POTTER'S COTTAGE in  
WARRANTYTE  
321 Jumping Creek Road  
(Melway 35 J2)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1994  
7.30 pm to Midnight. BYO  
Cost max. \$30. Deposit of \$5 due  
by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We haven't been here  
for four years and it's certainly one  
of our all time favourite venues.

Very nice food, good music,  
smashing ambience. One of the best  
nights out. (Partners and ability to  
dance not important at all).

See Sylvia Wilson for  
more details and booking

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## BEGINNERS SKIING INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1994

Prior to our Lake Mountain Ski Trip  
on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Come and hear about skis,  
boots, bindings etc, where to  
get them, what to take and trip  
details.



## Gore-tex - Is It Waterproof?

I am frequently involved in  
discussions on this subject,  
particularly on wet weekend walks.  
There are those that swear that  
Gore-tex jackets are the tops, others  
who say that they leak, and that you  
are better off in other materials. A  
few weeks ago I was able to carry  
out an objective experiment with my  
Gore-tex jacket, and I shall share the  
results with you.

I was liloing down the Snowy River  
and the weather was inclement. Not  
to put too fine a point on it, it was

cold and the rain was hissing down.  
Sitting on my lilo in a puddle of  
water, I wore my Gore-tex jacket  
over a shirt and thermal vest. I was  
wondering why I was doing this  
when I could have been home in the  
dry. I discovered the reason. I hit  
some rapids and the lilo reared about  
like a bucking bronco. The  
adrenalin raced, and I found that I  
was enjoying myself as I whizzed  
down the river, using my paddles to  
steer expertly between the rocks.  
I'm not sure what exactly happened  
next, but I think that a rock sneaked  
up on me whilst my attention was  
diverted. I found myself in the river,  
minus lilo, pack and paddle. When I  
got myself back together, I was wet  
through. I can definitely assure  
you, Gore-tex does not keep out the  
water!

*Derrick Brown*

## Notes from May Committee Meeting

Correspondence to and from The  
Hon. Barry Pullen, MLC, Shadow  
Minister for Conservation and  
Resource Management re the proposed  
Mt Stirling downhill ski development.

He thanked us for our concern and  
assured us that the Labour opposition  
would be trying to prevent the  
destruction of the Mt Stirling  
environment. He also alerted us to the  
proposal of issuing 99 year grazing  
leases over environmentally sensitive  
areas of Victoria.

### March Walks:

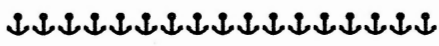
4 bus trips (Sunday walks), 2 pack-  
carry trips, 1 Wednesday walk, 1  
historical walk, 1 Dandenongs walk &  
1 Wilky work party. 2 trips were  
cancelled. (Cathedrals & Eagles Peaks  
w/end walks) The ave on day walks  
was 33.25 people and on the pack-  
carries - 7.5 people.

### Membership

As at beginning of May we have 421  
members but only 140 have  
renewed! (Above figure includes 23  
Honorary & Life members).

Committee Duty Roster  
11 May Jean and Stephen  
18 May Bernie and Bob  
25 may Merilyn and Alan Miller  
1 June Nigel and Doug

Next C'tee Meeting - 6 June 1994



Letter from

Graham and Marijke Mascas,  
who now live on their yacht  
*Myvanwy* and spend their days  
sailing the Queensland coast.  
Graham is a past President of the  
Melbourne Bushies and led many  
trips in the 70's and early 80's..

Greetings from sunny Queensland.  
We are still travelling around on our  
yacht *Myvanwy*, but continue our  
membership. As this is our 25<sup>th</sup>  
membership payment the ties with  
the club are still too strong to sever  
yet (if ever).

Please say hello to Jean, Bob,  
Sylvia, Doug, Jan, Rodney, and all  
our other friends in the club

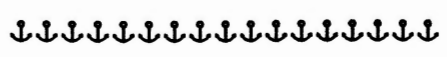
At the moment we are here in  
Gladstone as Marijke had a major  
operation, but come June we should  
be off on another years cruise.

Should anyone in the club be  
holidaying on the Queensland coast,  
they can find our whereabouts by  
ringing our daughter, Kim Smith, on  
or our son Gavin Mascas  
on and we will endeavour  
to meet up with them, and even take  
them for a sail.

Earlier this year we bumped into  
Phil Taylor and Winifred de Sousa  
in a market in Brisbane, talk about a  
coincidence! It was great chatting to  
them.

Happy walking and Best wishes,

*Marijke and Graham Mascas*



# AN EASTER WEEKEND TO REMEMBER - LEANING ROCK FALLS

"There will be a lot of rock scrambling and some scrub". So said the preview, and Marilyn was not wrong. As I slipped and scrambled over the wet rocks, waded through the creek, and fought the scrub as we slowly climbed up Windy Creek in the driving rain on Friday morning I wondered whether these conditions would continue all weekend. They didn't. The weather improved and we got out of the creek on Saturday evening.

We were in Kosciusko National Park for the easter weekend. we had started from the Geehi Reservoir and within minutes we were in Windy Creek which we were to follow to it's source. By lunchtime we were wet through, and had sustained a few falls as we tried to remain upright on the slippery rocks. Bill found us a convenient rock overhang where we had lunch, wrung out our shirts and donned thermals. The rain eased as we approached the foot of Leaning Rock Falls (but as yet out of sight of them). We left the creek to climb up the steep side of the valley to skirt around the falls. After some exploration we found a route up a steep cleft. The route was blocked with thick scrub through which we had to climb but eventually, there we were, on the top, with the falls in sight. We had to look quickly as they vanished into the swirling mist. By now we were looking for a campsite so we regained the creek, following it once more, crossing and re-crossing it until we reached a more or less suitable campsite. We quickly disappeared into the tents to tear off our wet clothes and get some hot food. Later we lay snug and warm in our sleeping bags whilst the rain beat a tattoo on the tents and the thunder rolled and lightning flashed.

Saturday started overcast but the day improved. We continued up the creek, sometimes in the scrub and sometimes in the creek. Our rock-hopping improved as the rocks dried out. By lunchtime we could lay in the

sun. Upon inspection, Marilyn won the competition for the most bruised legs, Amanda won the prize for the most cuts and scratches. By 3 pm we had reached a lovely spot for afternoon tea. It was so lovely that we thought it would be a nice place to camp. So we did. After making camp some of us walked up to Mt Tate (just over 2 000 metres) from where we had wonderful views. For the first time in the weekend, we walked downhill back to camp.

Next morning we awoke to a thick white covering of frost, boots frozen to bricks, socks frozen to lumps of wood. It was time for breakfast in bed. We watched the sun come down the valley side, turning white to green. At last it reached our tent and the ice melted. Only then did I venture out. It was Sunday, and a bludge day. In warm sunshine we climbed Dicky Cooper Bogong, where we had a long leisurely lunch. Returning the same way, I was looking forward to dinner of rice, vegies and meat sauce, another gourmet meal from our newly-acquired drying machine. As we ate, the temperature dropped quickly so it wasn't long before we were in the sack.

After another frosty night we walked down Tate West Ridge, following it back to the Geehi Reservoir. We somehow missed the correct spur at the end, but no matter, we were only a kilometre or two from the reservoir and the cars.

Good tucker at 'The Blazing Stump' completed a most enjoyable and memorable weekend. Thanks to leader Marilyn Whimpey, navigator Bill Metzenthon, and the party for your company: Marianne Driver and Geoff Kelly, Jopie Bödegraven, max Casley, Peter Day, Amanda Smith and Gina Hopkins.

*Derrick Brown*



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