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Clubrooms,**

SLIDE NIGHT and TALK

Trevor Coon from the East Gippsland Alliance

**Wednesday 30 November 1994, at 7.45 pm
in the Clubrooms**

See and hear about the controversy surrounding
Public Land Resource Management in East
Gippsland, the environmental hot-spot of the 90's.

These slides celebrate the pristine, unique and
irreplaceable future of the East Gippsland Forests,
such as rain forests, endangered species, rivers,
waterfalls, wilderness values, etc.

Also the threat to this area from large scale export
wood chipping will be discussed.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS PARTY in the CLUBROOMS

**Wednesday 21 December from c. 7.00 to
9.00pm**

Bring a plate of supper, (drinks supplied) and join
with the President and Committee members in
celebrating a great year for the Melbourne Bushies.
Catch up with people you may not have seen for a
while.

From the Editor

Pam & I had a good holiday in New South Wales & Canberra. We did some walking, some swimming, eating, sight-seeing etc. We even went to see *The Pearl Fishers* at the Sydney Opera House. We also caught up with friends.

We called on Alec Proudfoot, a past President and now living at Paynesville with his wife Jean. He is now rather frail & has slowed down a bit. He is still as bright as a button with a twinkle in his eye. He sends his regards to members.

Jan and John Sparksman have a lovely place right on the lake at Tuross Head and are enjoying their retirement. John is a past Walks Secretary and Jan (nee Abbott) joined the club about 1960. They send best wishes to the Club.

Ralph & Barbara Bryan have a nice house in Pymble, a northern Sydney suburb, and have quite settled in. Barbara is getting very much involved with her photography, being secretary of her local Camera Club, and winning competitions. Ralph was Treasurer of the Bushies in the 70's. They too send their regards to those who remember them.

The Christmas trips this year look very interesting and have something for everyone. I hope to see some of you on my base camp at Cape Otway.

If you haven't been to Wilky before, Doug is running an introduction weekend on 9-11 December. See page 7 for more details.

Thanks to this month's contributors. Keep those articles & news items coming in.

Bob Steel

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Members Ads - FREE

Closing Date for December News is

30th NOVEMBER 1994.

From the President

Bushies in All Directions

We had our walkers scattered over three states during the Cup Day weekend (lucky people who had the Monday off). Some were in the Flinders Ranges (SA), ski-toureres in the Kosciusko National Park (NSW), a group on Wabonga Plateau (near Whitfield, Vic) and another in the Grampians. Then the Saturday walkers were exploring the Dandenongs, as is their wont on the last Saturday of each month, and there was a full bus-load of Sunday walkers around the Murrumbidgee River.

President's Weekend & Sunday 18-20 November

There is still time to book for the whole or part of this weekend or just Sunday. Sylvia has arranged 4 walks for each day from dead easy to hard, with a happy band of leaders ready to take you up hill & down dale around Hughes Creek. Michael Bauer (885 6454) is in charge of the Bus transport. See last month's NEWS for details.

Financial Accounts for 1994

There has been somewhat of a delay in the auditing of our annual accounts, which were presented and accepted at the AGM in February. We now have the Auditor's certification of these accounts, which are available in the General Meetings minute book.

Personal

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Elizabeth Cameron who broke her ankle at work - you are safer with us in the bush, Elizabeth!

Good to have Tracy Guest down south briefly from Darwin to join the ski-tourers at Kosciusko, where there was plenty if snow, by all accounts. A real contrast to Darwin's heat!

Jean Giese

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.

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

PREVIEWS for DECEMBER - DAY WALKS

Mail Bookings for Sunday Walks:

It is a good idea to send mail bookings early - ie. at least two Wednesdays before the walk. Often the mail is delayed and the cheques don't arrive until after the walk. This can mean embarrassment and disappointment for people who think they have booked on a walk and turn up on Sunday to find there is no room on the bus.

Meryl Whippey, Secretary

Sunday 4 Dec.	DONNA BUANG - Mt.
E/med. & Med.	VICTORIA -Mt. BOOBYALLA

Leaders: Margaret Borden
& John Kittson

Transport: Bus at 9.00 am from South
Bank Boulevard
c. 90 kms

Approx. Distance from Melbourne:

Expected time of return: 1900

Area: near Warburton

Approx length of walks: 10 kms for both walks

Map Reference: Juliet South 1:25 000

The medium group will start in Warburton at the suspension bridge over the Yarra and follow a walking track for a long, fairly steep climb to the Donna Buang Road. From the road, there will be a further climb on a walking track to Mount Victoria & Mount Donna Buang, all through lovely mountain ash country. At Mt Donna Buang there are quite excellent views from the fire lookout tower, which is 1 250m above sea level. The group will then go down the road to the Melbourne Walking Club Hut, hidden in the dense forest, & from there down to the Ten Mile Turntable.

The easy/medium group will start at the Cement Creek turntable and continue on the Acheron Way for approx. 2 kms and then climb to the Boobyalla Saddle with fern groves, magnificent mountain ash & myrtle beech. We will then turn south on the Boobyalla walking track to Mt Donna Buang, through more lovely forest areas. There will be time to climb the fire lookout tower before travelling down the Mount Victoria track to the Ten Mile Turntable.

This is mountain country so expect some climbing, but it will all be worth while to see the fantastic mountain ash, myrtle beech & fern groves and to listen to the lyrebirds without the intrusion of trail bikes.

Saturday 10 Dec.	HISTORICAL WALK
Easy	EAST MALVERN

Leader: Athol Shafer

Transport: MEET under the clocks at
Flinders Street Station at 1315

Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 10 kms

Expected time of return: 1700

Approx length of walk: 6 kms

Map Reference: Melways maps 59 & 68

Once covered by the rolling greens and fairways of the 18 hole Royal Melbourne Golf Course, this area is noted for its well-maintained late Victorian and Federation streetscapes. Central Park and Hedgeley Dene Gardens, remnants of the course, are on the route of the walk which starts and finishes at Caulfield Railway Station. Bring a picnic afternoon tea.

Sunday 11 Dec.	BRISBANE RANGES
Easy & Medium	NORTHERN END

Leaders: David Gibson and ?

Transport: Bus at 9.00 am from South
Bank Boulevard

Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 105 kms

Expected time of return: 1900

Area: between Bacchus Marsh &
Geelong

Approx length of walks: 13 and 17 kms

Map References: Brisbane Ranges N.P. (VMTC)
Staughton Vale & Ingleston
1:25 000

Both walks will be virtually all on tracks, in that part of the National Park to the east of Mt Wallace. I haven't been to this part of the Park yet but Sylvia describes the area as FANTASTIC with heaps of SMASHING flowers.

We will enter the Park on the Mount Wallace-Bacchus Marsh Road and leave the bus at the junction with Thompson's Road. From there we will walk to the north and east and rejoin the bus at the starting point

**Wednesday 14 Dec. SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR
Easy/medium CHRISTMAS HILLS**

Leader: Jean Giese
 Transport: Private. See below for details
 Approx. Distance: 50 kms
 from Melbourne:
 Expected time: 1730
 of return:
 Area: Christmas Hills
 Approx length of: 18 kms
 walk:
 Map Reference: Park Pamphlet or
 Christmas Hills 1:25 000

MEET at Saddle Dam picnic area (Melways 273 D8) at 0930. Access is via Simpson Road from the Eltham-Yarra Glen Road. Alternatively, phone the leader (890 2189) for shared transport arrangements.

Sugarloaf is an off-stream Melbourne water storage reservoir. There is a walking track right round the perimeter which can be used by groups through prior arrangement with the Ranger. There are wonderful views from the hilltops of the City, Yarra Glen and the distant mountains, and mobs of kangaroos graze on the grasslands. The track also wanders through sections of dry, open forest where, on the preview, I saw an echidna and two pairs of wedge-tailed eagles.

**Sunday 18 Dec.
Easy, E/med & Hard**
**WIRILDA TRACK
(TYERS RIVER)**

Leaders: Jean Giese & Janet Norman
 Transport: Bus at 0830 am from South
 Bank Boulevard
 179 kms
 Approx. Distance:
 from Melbourne:
 Expected time: 1930
 of return:
 Area: Tyers River
 Approx length of: 12, 16 & 20 kms
 walks:
 Map Reference: Rintoul Creek & Morwell
 1:25 000

Tyers Park, in the foothills to the north of the Latrobe Valley, was proclaimed in 1986 and encompasses the fine scenery of the Tyers Gorge, where the Tyers River winds between steep forested slopes.

The Club has not walked in this area before so we will try to accommodate everyone by having 3 grades of walk. All will commence at the Moondarra Reservoir picnic area. The hardest group will walk the full length of the Wirilda walking track. The easy and medium groups will go so far along the track and then return the same way (no hardship as it is a lovely walk). We will then take the bus around to the southern end of the track and walk in to meet the "toughs".

Please note the earlier than usual start, at 8.30 am.

ISDELL RIVER EXPEDITION

KIMBERLEY EXPLORATION: MAY 7-23 1995

This trip is an exploration of one of Australia's least known wilderness areas, suitable only for experienced bushwalkers of above average physical fitness. The map shows gorges and waterfalls. We expect to find Aboriginal art. We cannot be sure. None of us has been there. None of us knows anyone who has.

We begin with a flight from Kununurra to Mt Hart Station. We end with a float plane flight from Walcott Inlet back to where we began. In between, we expect to walk somewhere between 80 and 120 kilometres, sometimes with full packs, sometimes without.

Join us and become one of the few non-Aboriginal people ever to have explored this part of the Kimberley. Get in early and ensure yourself both a place and a discount.

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PREVIEWS for DECEMBER - WEEKEND and PACK-CARRY WALKS

**2-4 Dec. SNOWY PLAINS - CALEDONIA
Easy/med. RIVER -Mt. REYNARD**

Leader: Rod Mattingley
Transport: Private
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 325 kms
Expected time of return: late Sunday
Area: north of Licola
Approx length of walk: 25 kms
Map Reference: Tamboritha-Moroka 1:50 000

About this time last year we had a enjoyable weekend wandering about the Snowy Plains, except for the descent into the East Caledonia over endless fallen trees. This time we will stay on top for two days of pleasant alpine peregrinations, lots of wildflowers, waterfalls, alpine glades & secluded Saturday night campsite, a t 300m from the cars. After a short car trip from our Friday night's campsite at The Gorge, we'll visit Cave Gate Creek falls & then look for the falls on the tributary creek running SW into the East Caledonia. If we arrive back at the cars early enough, a short blatt down to the Mount Lookout Creek falls will be an option before tea. Sunday will be a stroll from Mt Lookout south down the Snowy Plains to Mt Reynard.

Although this weekend is not really a base camp as there is a walk of c. 300m to Saturday night's campsite, you only have to carry a day pack each day.

9-11 December INTRODUCTION TO WILKY

Leader: Doug Pocock
Transport: Private
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 386 kms
Expected time of return: c. 1900 on Sunday
Area: NE Alps, above Falls Creek
Approx length of walk: short
Map Reference: Vicmap Bogong Alpine Area

See article on page 7 for details.

Members Free Ad.

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Men's MERRELL *Air Cushion Boots* Size 8½ Wide.
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Margaret Borden

**16-18 December McMILLANS TRACK-Mt.
E/med. ARBUCKLE-BREAKFAST CREEK**

Leader: Derrick Brown
Transport: Private
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 300 kms
Expected time of return: 2100 on Sunday
Area: north of Licola
Approx length of walk: 37 kms
Map Reference: Licola-Wellington and Tamboritha-Moroka 1:50 000

We will camp on Friday night at Breakfast Creek, then drive on Saturday morning to the start of the walk at Lost Plain. We'll be on tracks, going up to Mt Arbuckle & down on to Shaws Creek, where we will camp. On Sunday we will climb Mt Tamboritha, then follow McMillans Track back to the cars. The track at the end is steep (downhill).

Some scrub, mostly tracks, a few hills but nothing too tough. It could be hot so we will need to carry a reasonable supply of water.

CHRISTMAS WALKS

**23 December to 1 or 2 January Easy/medium
BOGONG HIGH PLAINS TOUR**

Leader: Jean Giese
Transport: Private
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 386 kms
Area: Alpine National Park
Approx length of walk: yet to be determined
Map Reference: Outdoor Leisure Map - Bogong Alpine Area 1:50 000

There are some who want to celebrate Xmas hidden away at a lovely camping spot in the mountains so this is what we plan. However we will make arrangements to meet any who want to join us on Boxing Day.

I haven't decided on the exact route yet but anticipate some days will be without packs. We will start from somewhere along the Bogong High Plains road.

PREVIEWS for DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS TRIPS continued

26 - 31 December	Medium
SHOALHAVEN LILO TRIP	

Leader: **Stephen Rowlands**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **725 kms**
 Expected time of return: **Sunday 1st January 1995**
 Area: **near Goulburn, NSW**
 Approx length of walk: **60 kms**
 Map Reference: **Nerriga, Touga, Caoura 1:25 000 (CMA NSW)**

Please note: This trip will be cancelled from the Club programme if Insurance cannot be confirmed prior to the trip.

Our group will leave Bungonia on Tuesday 27 Dec. to spend 4-5 days travelling downstream from Sewell Point to Bungonia. Lots of swimming, sunbaking, climbing, whitewater, flies, rapids, and sandy river-front campsites.

Please note that under Club By-law 6.4 all participants are required to use buoyancy vests and helmets.

26-31 December	Medium
AVON RIVER VALLEY	

Leader: **Jerry Grandage**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **260 kms**
 Expected time of return: **Late evening on 31 December**
 Area: **north of Heyfield**
 Approx length of walk: **60 kms**
 Map Reference: **Maffra 1:100 000**

This is a walk for those who enjoy rock-hopping and splashing along rivers. If you don't like walking off tracks with continually wet feet, this is not for you!

Starting in the Green Hill area (NE of Lake Glenmaggie) we will follow the Avon River for several days and have a good look at the Avon Wilderness area. There should be plenty of time for swimming.

26 December - 1 January	Easy
Walk-In BASE CAMP - PARKER RIVER	

Leader: **Bob Steel**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **227 kms**
 Area: **Cape Otway**
 Approx length of walks: **20-30 kms**
 Map Reference: **Outdoor Leisure Map The Otways & Shipwreck Coast**

I will be running this traditional base camp from Boxing Day. At this stage I'm uncertain whether I will be there right thru to the New Year as I may have to work. However people can come down whenever they like. I will have a sketch map available prior to Xmas.

I plan a fairly laid-back camp with swimming, walking, rock-hopping, visit to the Lighthouse & old cemetery, eating, reading & general laying about. We will not be able to camp by the cars this year as the National Parks service has closed the track down to Parker River and provided a walk-in campsite with pit toilet & water tank. It is only about 1.5 km to walk in to the campsite. You can camp by your car at the car park if you really want to. Limited supplies can be obtained at nearby Bimbi Park, or you can drive into Apollo Bay.

SNEAK PREVIEW of WALHALLA BASE CAMP January 20-22nd 1995

This will be a fun weekend at Walhalla, an old gold mining town buried deep in the mountains of Gippsland. There is lots to see and do in this charming town and surrounding area, such as:

- Day walks of easy to hard grading inc. some of the Alpine Walking Track & possibly discovering the Morning Star water-wheel
- Dormitory accommodation in the centre of Walhalla township
- Swimming in nearby creeks/rivers
- Exploring historic Walhalla township and Long Tunnel Mine
- Ride across the recently restored Railway bridge over the Thompson River

Mark the dates in your diary now! Leader Brian Crouch, Co-leaders welcome.

A Rush of Adrenalin

I'd read about it but I'd never had to use it before - the self-arrest. Nothing to do with police or crime, I learned, but a technique to stop you when you are sliding down an icy slope. The other weekend I was quite pleased that I knew about it.

We were on the Razor Back, a fairly sharp ridge that runs out from Diamantina Hut at Mt Hotham to Mt Feathertop. Mt Feathertop is actually part of the ridge, which continues its way northwards. We skied along the ridge until the snow ran out, then we took off our skies and walked. Then we put them on again ...then took them off. In this way we reached our camp site, a convenient saddle on the ridge with sheltering trees. The snow was sparse here so we were able to camp on grass, much to Max's relief. (He hasn't yet had to pitch tent on snow!) We continued on with lighter packs to the foot of Feathertop. Time was running out so we had to abandon the plan to go to the summit. Instead we played around in the gullies around Molly Hill and the memorial cross then returned to the comparative warmth of our tents for a hot dinner. Fires have been forbidden in this area, so we had to make do with choofers. We spent a long night tucked up.

The sky was clear and blue on Sunday morning, beckoning us out of our sleeping bags. As the skiing was rather poor we decided to return along the Razor Back and investigate other areas of Hotham. Reaching the big hump of the Rollercoaster several of the party went over the top, while others went around. I went around. The others were wiser. It was still only 9.30 or thereabouts, so the sun hadn't been out for long. The snow was ice-hard. The route took us along a traverse on a steep slope with a long drop below and nothing in the way. I fell and began to slide, the weight of my pack giving me extra momentum. There was no way that I could stop, the ice offering no resistance. I had been thinking, I suppose, of the self-arrest, so I abandoned one ski pole and dug the point of the other into the ice with both hands and all my weight. After what seemed an age I stopped. Getting slowly to my feet, I side-stepped carefully up the slope with my one pole. I slipped again and repeated the exercise

before I regained the second pole and my original route.

The rest of the journey back was tame! We went on to Mt Loch car park and to Mt Loch where the skiing was much better.

A good weekend, and one that has taught me a lesson. On a traverse, I will ensure that my pole straps are not around my wrists. A self-arrest would have been much more difficult if I had needed to get out of the straps first! It was luck - not forethought - that mine were not in use.

The party - Bill Metzenthon, Marilyn Whimpey, Max Casley, Grahame Thornton, Pearson Cresswell, Ralph Blake, Gina Hopkins, Derrick Brown.

INTRODUCTION to WILKINSON LODGE 9-11 December

Wilkinson Lodge is a hut on the Bogong High Plains owned and operated by the Melbourne Bushwalkers since 1961. Wilky is 10 km from Falls Creek and approx 386 kms from Melbourne, 5 or so hours drive. In summer it is possible to drive to within about 1 km, but in winter it is necessary to ski the 10 kms from Falls Creek. The Lodge has a toilet & shower, hot water being provided by the kitchen slow-combustion stove. All cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils are provided by Wilky. Sleeping arrangements are in the gable loft (attic), and foam rubber mattresses are provided

The Lodge can accommodate up to 8 people and is open to all members, family and friends providing that at least one person has previously been introduced to Wilky, so as to fully understand the workings of the place such as the water supply and the lamps, and to know how to find it at night or in bad weather. All that is needed is food and bedding (bring a pillow slip)

This weekend is an opportunity for those members who haven't been to Wilky to visit & get to know the place. We will have a communal meal on Saturday night. Give me a ring if you are interested.

Doug Pocock

There is no place so fair in heaven or paradise.
Lingers there comely lasses and lads,
Gazing fair o'er sunny elysian fields.
Feasting merrily and quaffing nectar on starry eyes
And playing Scrabble after dinner.

Shakespeare 1604
(unpublished fragment)

Philosophy Corner

A new member joined the Melbourne Bushies a few years ago. Terry (not his real name) was introduced by a good friend, and was a frequent walker, mainly on the easy walks. He came to the Bushies looking for an escape from the stresses and materialism of the so-called real world. He was searching for something deeper, more meaningful. He was seeking some universal truth, which he thought he might find if he got closer to nature.

Terry quickly progressed to easy/medium walks, then to medium and hard walks. He hoped that he might find truth if he took on some more difficult walks. He went on base camps, pack-carry weekends, and even tried overnight cross-country snow touring. Terry could see he was getting closer to the truth he sought, but could see that he would have to give it his full attention.

He discussed his search with his wife and family, and they agreed that he should take a year off and spend his time looking for truth. Using the skills he had acquired with the Bushies he set off walking alone, along storm-tossed coast lines, among tall timbers in hilly country and climbing rocky outcrops in the highest alps. Still truth eluded him.

One day while walking deep into a dark valley in mountainous country he came across a simple mud-brick cottage set near the top of a craggy ridge. In the cottage he found an old lady. She had broken & blackened teeth, skin that was parched dry and stretched taut over her gaunt features, and wispy grey hair. But she radiated a form of energy that Terry immediately recognised as the truth he was seeking. He asked Lady Truth, as he called her, if he could stay and learn from her the mysteries of life. She agreed that he could stay for six months or so. During this period Terry was to find his inspiration.

Finally he felt he was prepared to rejoin his family and society at large. Terry prepared to leave lady Truth, and he asked her if there was anything he could do for her in reward for what she had done for him. Lady Truth thought for a while then said "If you decide to tell anyone about meeting me, please tell them I am young and beautiful"

Howard Kinns

Book Review

Trees of Victoria and Adjoining Areas
by Leon Costermans (Costermans Publishing, 1994,
RRP \$10)

Leon Costermans first published this little book (as *Trees of Victoria*) in 1966, for Scouts, Bushwalkers & others. That book was invaluable as a simple guide to the identification of common Eucalypts ("Gum trees") and a few other trees. It covered about 90 species. The book is now in its fifth edition, is still small enough to fit in the pack or even a pocket, and now lists about 250 species of trees and tall shrubs, virtually all that are native to Victoria, southern NSW, and SA as far as Adelaide..

Costermans describes the main vegetation zones (eg *Mountain Forests & Moist Gullies*) with distribution maps, then follows with detailed descriptions of the genera & species, where it can be found, the bark, leaves fruit, etc, accompanied by his excellent, clear drawings of appearance, leaves, buds, fruits etc, and a distribution map. There is also a chapter on getting to know the bush, a short glossary, a list of further reading & an index. Genera covered included the Eucalypt, Acacia, Allocasuarina, Angophora, Banksia, Callitris, Casuarina, Hakea, Leptospermum, Melaleuca, Nothofagus, etc.

To help you, he has included colour photos of the main types of Eucalypts (the 'gums', 'boxes', 'peppermints', 'stringybarks', 'mallees', 'rough-barked gums', etc, and also the main groups of Acacias (Wattles).

This book is quite reasonably priced and is highly recommended for anyone interested in knowing more about the forests and bush through which we walk.

Pasquale

OVERHEARD on the Yea Spur bushwalk earlier this year, at lunch time when it was particularly windy.

Walker 1: "Did you hear about the recent investigation about the different behaviour of men & women in windy conditions? Apparently the majority of women turn their backs to the wind, while most men turn to face the wind".

Walker 2: "Oh, I don't know about that. If it's windy I turn my back to the wind".

Walker 1: (After a pause) "I've always wondered about you, John".

The 1995 Autumn Walks Programme

At the start of December, the Walks sub-committee will be preparing the Autumn 1995 walks programme. We need to know now about walks which you would like to see on the programme.

Please give me your ideas before the end of November

Bill Metzenth Walks Secretary

'50 Years Along the Track'

At long last I am able to report some welcome news of the production of the Club's history. For those who do not know, we have been writing and producing a book to mark our fifty years of existence. The writing was completed by a team of some twenty authors - the subsequent editing and preparation process has taken much longer. The book, in the form of a computer disc, is now in the hands of our professional designer, who will lay out the pages, format the headings, and place the photographs, illustrations & captions. We will have to check the results, and check the changes. Then it goes to the printer!

We are printing just 500 copies. A leaflet describing the book is enclosed with this newsletter, together with an order form. Orders are being taken now. You are advised to put in your orders to ensure that you reserve your copy, as there will be no chance of a reprint! Anyone who has already ordered - please send your money!

Derrick Brown

Committee Notes

Financial

For	September	October
Opening balance	\$55 561.84	53 893.96
Month's receipts	\$ 2 540 76	2 486.72
Month's payments	\$ 4 208.64	2 707.75
Closing balance	\$53 893.96	53 672.93

Committee decided to invest \$20 000 with the ANZ Bank, in a 4 year Term Deposit, attracting 9% pa interest, paid annually.

Membership

Life members	11
Honorary members	12
Single members	297 (of which 282 paid, 15 concessional)
Couples	96 (=48 couples, all paid)
Total members	416
NEWS subscribers	11
Complimentary list	26

Walks: September - average of 43 on Sunday walks; 4 pack-carries, average 6; 1 base camp with only 3 people!; Broadford to Yea run had 7 runners; 1 Wednesday & 1 Dandenongs walk, average 7½ walkers.

FVWC: There were 250 people at the Federation weekend in the Grampians, a very enjoyable weekend.

DUTY ROSTER

16/11	Stephen & Nancy	23/11	Jean & Nigel
30/11	Bernie & Bob	7/12	Peter & Janet

NEW MEMBERS

Beverley MACINTOSH Janyce McNEILL

Dianne McLEAN

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Linda ROYNIC

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Add to membership list:

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