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PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

18-20 November 1994

Hughes Creek near Seymour

The President invites all members to join her for either the whole or part of this weekend.
Sunday walkers (bus as usual) will combine with the weekenders.

Features:

- Choice of three lovely walks on Saturday and three on Sunday - easy, medium & medium/hard
 - 3 km walk-in BASE CAMP beside Hughes Creek, arriving Friday evening before dark, or Saturday morning. Saturday walks leave from campsite at 10.00 am
 - Pre-dinner nibbles and drinks provided by President on Saturday evening plus fruit salad for supper. BYO everything else.
 - Bush concert on Saturday night. Bring instruments, songs, party pieces etc
 - Swimming in Hughes Creek
 - Afternoon tea provided at conclusion of Sunday walks at picnic spot near Hughes Creek, where there is parking for bus and cars. BYO mug.
 - Happy Time - - Celebration - - Meet Old and New Bushies
- Map reference: Mt Stewart and Mt Bernard 1:25 000. (Location map available from Jean)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL for Catering and Planning

Movie Night

Thursday 13 October 1994
at 7.30 pm

GETTYSBURG

Starring Martin Sheen, Tom Berenger & others

This is what the critics have said about this film:
"It is an achievement of magnitude...Gettysburg is a film that historians and all lovers of film should make every effort to catch" *Movie magazine*

"Gettysburg is fascinating viewing for Australiansa stirring indictment of the sheer insanity of war"
Sun-Herald

At the **ASTOR THEATRE**
Corner Chapel Street & Dandenong Rd, St Kilda
See the beautiful architecture of this historic theatre
Please book **EARLY** with George.

SPANISH FLAMENCO NIGHT

Saturday 5 November 1994 at 8.30 pm
at

CARMEN RESTAURANT
74-76 Johnston Street, Fitzroy

After our last successful visit there in May this year, I have had numerous requests to organise a night there again.

See and hear live **Flamenco Dancing & Music** by professional dancers. Enjoy the richness and vitality of this energetic dance form.

A Spanish Tapas Bar/Eatery offering Melbourne's largest choice of traditional tapas and other main courses of typical Spanish cuisine.

Big main meals from \$12. No entry charge

This should be a very exciting and fun night.
Please book early with George in the Clubrooms so we know how many places to book.

PREVIEWS for NOVEMBER - DAY WALKS

Sun 6 November Easy/Med & Medium	ELPHINSTONE-TUNNEL- FRYERSTOWN
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Leaders: **Dave Gibson & Les Southwell**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **105 kms**
 Expected time of return: **c.1900**
 Area: **South east of Castlemaine**
 Approx length of walks: **14 & 17 kms**
 Map Reference: **1:25 000 - Chewton, Castlemaine, Guildford & Drummond**

An interesting walk through dry forest rich in relics of gold mining in the 19th century. The walks, partly on tracks & partly off, will finish in historic Fryerstown, with its many buildings that have survived from the mining era.

Sunday 13 E/Med., & M/Hard	KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK - ACROSS THE GRAIN
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Leaders: **Geoff Mattingley & Janet Norman**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **65 kms**
 Expected time of return: **approx 1830**
 Area: **Kinglake area**
 Approx length of walks: **Both walks about 15 kms**
 Map Reference: **Vicmap: Strathewon 1:25 000, or Outdoor Leisure Map - Kinglake National Park**

Kinglake National Park, despite being close to Melbourne, offers interesting walking in relatively undisturbed bush once one gets away from the picnic grounds. At this time of year, there should be wildflowers, including orchids. The Park has a resident population of lyrebirds, which are more easily heard than seen.

We will start and finish this walk at the Steels Creek Picnic Ground, with the easy/medium walk staying on tracks all day. Although there will be some climbing, most grades will be relatively easy.

The medium/hard will be considerably more challenging, spending as little time on tracks as possible, and with several steep climbs and descents. Despite this, the bush is mostly fairly open, and quite pleasant to walk in.

Wednesday 16 November Easy/medium	SUNDAY CREEK
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Leader: **Jean Giese 890 2189**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **65 kms**
 Expected time of return: **1730**
 Area: **SW corner of Broadford State Forest**
 Approx length of walk: **15 kms**
 Map Reference: **Wandong & Reedy Creek 1:25 000**

Ring leader for pooled transport arrangements OR **MEET** at corner of Ryans Rd and Broadford-Epping Road (or Broadford-Wallan Rd on some maps.) Map 61 B6, in Vicroads Country Directory. Leave Hume Freeway at Sunday Creek/Clonbinane exit, 8 kms N of Wandong.

I haven't explored this area near Sunday Creek Reservoir before and if you haven't either, come and join me and walk on quiet forestry roads & walking tracks. There are some climbs (first one - 300m) and steep descents but there are rewarding views, plus forests and flowers to be enjoyed.

Sun 20 November Easy & E/Medium.	HUGHES CREEK Presidents Weekend
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Leaders: **Sylvia Wilson & Alan Miller**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne:
 Expected time of return:
 Area: **NE of Seymour**
 Approx length of walks:
 Map Reference: **Mt Stewart & Mt Bernard 1:25 000**

See notes on front page for full details of the President's Weekend. The Bus will go up on Sunday morning and the day walkers will join the campers on a choice of three walks in the area, with afternoon tea at the conclusion of the walks. So if you can't come for the weekend, you can still participate in this annual event.

PREVIEWS for NOVEMBER - WEEKEND and PACK-CARRY WALKS**4-6 November
Easy/Medium****BICYCLE TRIP**

Leader: **Ed Little 379 7007 (home)**
 Transport: **Private & Bicycle**
 Approx. Distance: **156 kms**
 from Melbourne:
 Expected time of return: **Sunday 1800-1900**
 (if no meal stop)
 Area: **In & around Bendigo**
 Approx length of ride: **90 kms**
 Map Reference: **Bendigo, Huntly, Lockwood & Raywood 1:50 000 and/or Bendigo 1.100 000**

All the cycling will be done in the Bendigo area. **First day:** will be mainly on "off road tracks" with a reasonable surface, with a couple of climbs, but generally moderate gradient. These tracks were originally used during the Gold Rush digging days & have recently been developed & upgraded to encourage cycling & tourist trade. (We may also visit Balgownie Winery if time permits)

Second day: mainly riding around city & suburbs, sightseeing, with (time permitting) a ride out to the famous Bendigo Pottery

Camping/accommodation: I have contacted Orana Caravan Park, Marnie Road (4 km E of Bendigo, off Eppalock Rd - 054 433061). There are tent sites and on-site vans available

Getting there: Vicrail travel to Bendigo with bikes couldn't be guaranteed with any certainty, hence private transport! Take lunch on first day, you can buy lunch if preferred on Sunday. Counter tea on Saturday night. Rides start at 9.00 am, possibly from Orana park (this will be confirmed when I know how many starters).

I would like to know who is coming as early as possible (at least 1 week prior to trip) to avoid problems with bookings (travel, camping & counter tea).

**11-13 November Mt BULLER - Mt TIMBERTOP
Medium**

Leader: **Mary Leonard**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance: **235 kms**
 from Melbourne:
 Expected time of return: **Sunday evening**
 Approx length of walk: **21 km**
 Map Reference: **Buller South 1:25 000**

This walk is on the easier side of medium, involving about 11 kms per day & only 1 000 metres of climbs for the weekend.

A longish car shuffle will be needed before the walk begins from Howqua Gap. We start with a nice climb through snow gums to the top of Corn Hill and then a descent before climbing once more. The traverse of the Buller village is a "low" point of the trip, unless of course one takes advantage of the refreshments which should be available. Then from the summit of Buller most of the higher points of the Victoria Alps can be seen.

The descent from the summit of Mt Buller along the narrow West Ridge is the "high" point of the walk. Some sections here are quite steep and rocky and require some care. This part of the walk represents one of the finest stretches of walking in the State. We should reach our campsite near Round Hill with plenty of time to fetch water.

Much of the walk on the second day will be on old roads which will take us towards Mt Timbertop. Our route takes us over Mt Timbertop and then there is a steep descent to the cars at Timbertop Saddle.

18-20 November**PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND**

Leader: **Jean Giese**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance: **c. 120 kms**
 from Melbourne:
 Area: **NE of Seymour**
 Map Reference: **Mt Stewart & Mt Bernard 1:25 00**

>>>>See details on front page of this NEWS**25-27 November
Medium****OTWAYS NATIONAL PARK**

Leader: **Stephen Rowlands**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance: **217 kms**
 from Melbourne:
 Expected time of return: **Sunday evening**
 Area: **Cape Otway**
 Approx length of walk: **24 kms**
 Map Reference: **Outdoor Leisure Map The Otways & Shipwreck Coast**

This walk will take in the coast line between Castle Cove and Blanket Bay. The terrain will consist of sandy beaches, rock hopping, a river crossing and some bush bashing. If time allows we should be able to look around the Lighthouse and grave yard at Cape Otway.

On First Travelling with Happy Walker Tours

I had asked for the Happy Walker brochure to be mailed to me more out of curiosity than any fixed intention to travel. Having spent three weeks in New Zealand in February, *another* holiday was not in my plans, but there in the program was that magic word "Pilbara"!

I had been to the Hammersley Ranges briefly with another tour company three years ago and loved the area so much that I was determined to return and see more of it. Here was my opportunity, so without considering pros & cons I rang to say my deposit was in the mail. It appears, however, that as this would be longest and most remote camping trip that Jenny and Jopie had ever conducted, they wanted to ensure that there would be peace and harmony amongst the group who would be together for a whole month. Therefore they wanted to talk to applicants first. Fortunately I passed muster and was accepted into possibly the only group ever to explore the Karajini Gorges with Happy Walker Tours

What a talented bunch they were too! Mostly from Victoria, with a sprinkling from NSW & Qld., they had all been on Happy Walker tours before except for two of us. Every night after dinner we were entertained with music (produced on combs and toilet paper) songs lauding the mental and physical qualities of all members, poetry describing the magnificent country we were passing through, doggerel recounting the humorous events of our days, which had us weak with laughter, and works of art in the form of water-colours of the gorges. There is now a very considerable collection of the writings of the group, and these will be printed and circulated to those who were there. They will prompt great memories of the time we spent travelling together.

The tour started in Darwin, travelling south to Katherine, then west to Kununurra, a side trip to Wyndham, then into Purnululu (the Bungle Bungles). we continued down Highway 1 to Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing, then to Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge. We went up the Gibb River road as far as Mt Barnett station, visiting gorges along the way, then down to Derby and Broome. We continued along the Eighty Mile Beach to Karajini National Park and finished in Port Hedland. The scenery was stunningly beautiful, the colour, climate and clear light making this a photographers paradise.

Our days were long, often starting before dawn and finishing after dark but none of us wanted to miss any of this spectacular part of our country.

During this holiday I experienced li-loing with my (day)pack for the first time, and this part of the trip was probably the most memorable for me. Most of the group tried Lennard Gorge, where the walls are sometimes very close and sometimes wide apart so the sun reflecting from the green rocks below gives the water a luminous glow. The colour in the walls ranges from pure white to deep ochre and the flood water in the wet season has sculpted the rock into niches, huge amphitheatres, rock platforms and hanging gardens. Because carrying packs and li-los down the steep paths and routes (sometimes almost sheer rock walls!) to the floor of the gorge was not easy, we met no-one else down there.

On this trip I watched people who were afraid of cold deep water, swim in freezing, bottomless pools; people who are claustrophobic, climb into small black holes to see caves formed by underground rivers; and people who were afraid of heights stand on narrow ledges many metres above the ground and forgot where they were standing because of the sheer beauty of the location.

It was inspiring for us all to watch Jenny and Jopie exploring this area which they love and their enthusiasm was infectious.

Some of us were even inspired to poetry. Here are two verses from Joy:

*Jenny feeds us far too well
So Life's one glorious party.
What tastes the best is hard to tell.
P'raps rye bread and havarti.*

*Wittenoom Gorge is a piece of cake,
Chocolate layers rich and enticing.
Grandier than any human can make.
And topped with spinifex icing.*

Pam Rosso

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Additional Film Night

To See the Acclaimed Australian Movie
"Muriel's Wedding"
 at the Nova Cinema, in Carlton
 on
 Tuesday, 25 October, 1994
 Please Note - Film starts at 7.15 pm

Contact Sylvia Wilson in the Clubrooms

A Broken Nose on the Prom!

I had never been to the northern end of the Prom so I accepted one of those invitations you can't refuse, to lead a trip there on the weekend of 5-7 August. It was a weekend Mary Leonard has good cause to remember.

We stayed overnight at the Foster caravan park and set off from Port Welshpool just after 8.00 am on the *Elizabeth*, a small boat operated by a local fisherman, Frank Roberts, with his son and grandson. The weather was blowing up a bit and after a two hour trip, Frank was able to drop anchor at Johnny Souey Cove. Just before we went ashore in the dinghy we saw an emu sauntering along the beach. We waded ashore and made camp at a pleasant area in the trees. Some of us even had a sea view.

We climbed up the Johnny Souey track as the sun broke through the clouds, giving us fine views of Five Mile Beach down to Sealers Cove and to the Yanakie Isthmus to the West. We continued on to St Kilda Junction and Five Mile Beach where we lunched and laid around in mild sunshine. We then walked back to camp along the coast, past the Five Mile Beach camping area and around Monkey Point headland. This is a rocky all the way and is difficult in parts. It was while she was negotiating some slippery rocks that Mary Fell. Her face looked like a split tomato, but it improved after the blood was wiped away. Mary was a bit shaken, but was able to continue. With a fast-closing eye and a bruised face, she looked like she'd been in a good scrap. It took more than three hours to traverse the rocks back to camp, and at one point we were not sure that we would be able to get back to camp in daylight. The two fastest walkers were sent on ahead to collect all the torches, but in the event we got back with time to spare.

We enjoyed a good meal around a cosy fire (after some confusion, it was established that fires are allowed in the northern section) although the wind was increasing. We had some rain during the night, but the morning dawned bright and blustery. A search and rescue boat and a helicopter came by, searching, so we found out later, for a missing fishing boat. (The boat and occupants were found, all safe, after an unplanned night out)

Mary's eye was by now a shiner, but she was otherwise OK. We set off up the coast past Three Mile Point, initially over more rocks, then miles of beach. We took an early lunch at Lighthouse Point (just a beacon) where Julia was inspired by the ions or vibes to run and dance in the surf. Then it was up through the mud of Mount

Margaret track and Tin Mine track to Chinaman's Long Beach, on the western side, in intermittent rain. We arrived at Tin Mine Cove in time to light a fire and boil the billy before the boat came into view. The wind had changed in the night and the surf was fairly heavy, so the boat anchored off and let out the dinghy on a rope. We waded out to it and were then hauled back to the boat. Two such trips and we were on our way. An hour later and we were ashore, heading for tea and cakes. Mary's nose turned out to be broken but I'm pleased to report that it has made a full recovery!

Party: Bill Metzenthien, Marilyn Whimpey, Jerry Grandage, Gina Hopkins, Alan Clarke, Peter Chalkley, Mary Leonard, Michael Saxton, Julia Haywood, Pam Kirkham and scribe Derrick Brown

Stops on Sunday Bus Trips

At its September meeting, the Committee looked at the question of stops en route to and from Sunday walks. The guidelines agreed to at the December 1991 meeting (and published in the January 1992 NEWS) were confirmed.

Given that the main reason for the Club's existence is to go walking in the Bush, these guidelines are that we:

- aim to get to & from the bush as quickly as possible, leaving the maximum time for enjoying just being out there;
- leave Southbank Blvd promptly at 9.00 am;
- limit pick-up and set-down points;
- have a toilet stop on the outward journey but none on the way home, it being assumed walkers can attend to this before boarding the bus, whereas in the morning they have already travelled from home to the city and there are no toilets (or bush!) near Southbank Blvd.

Visitors are invited (& members already know) to bring a change of clothes & refreshments (if desired) to leave on the bus to be available at the end of the walk. If a stop for refreshments is made on the way home when up to 40 people are to be served, it can waste a lot of time which might have been spent enjoying the bush. Also, often one group has returned to the bus earlier than the other party, and may already have had a long wait. Of course, there are times when a walk is cut short or delayed, because of bad weather or mishap, when a refreshment stop may be appropriate. This is the leader's decision, possibly after consultation with the walkers.

Committee

Meeting Report - Mt Stirling USA Meeting 12 Sept. 1994

In March this year the Victorian Government announced that Mt Stirling would be developed by the Grollo Group as a resort with downhill ski-lifts. Public opposition caused the Government to suspend signing the agreement to proceed, and instituted a review of the ARC (now complete, but results have not been made public), and promised an 18-month study (EES) before a decision is made.

On the evening of 12 September 1994, the VSA held a meeting, with around 80 attendees, at La Chateau (Melbourne) as an information meeting about future plans for Mt Stirling development. The meeting included presentations by two VSA officials (Andrew Ramsay and Mike Coldham) and Mike Larson (USA ski-field developer), followed by questions from the floor. The VSA presentations were clearly favouring downhill ski-lifts, Mike Larson's position was fairly neutral, but most of the questioners from the floor were anti-ski-lifts. Whilst the anti-ski-lifts people were not given opportunity of a presentation, they were satisfied that they were at least given a fair go in asking their questions. The meeting was well conducted, rational and without aggression, which was surprising given the polarisation of the issue.

The VSA presentations showed the 1991 proposals of downhill ski-lifts on the southern slopes of Mt Stirling, including Stanley Bowl. The proposal included retaining the northern slopes (mostly lower and softer snow) for cross-country skiing. There was little or no apparent audience interest in the proposed improved XC facilities (race-track etc) for the northern parts of Mt Stirling (perhaps there were no racers or track skiers present). The EES was explained as a study which would consider all options (no change, XC skiing only, downhill skiing etc) for Mt Stirling. The EES is not just "environmental" in the sense of flora, fauna, water etc, but would include everything (financial viability, local community impact etc). The VSA is "trying very hard to give an even-handed approach, ... wants to be inclusive rather than exclusive, and is happy to have members involved in the process". (My comment: this seems in stark contrast to past statements and actions of the VSA, with reports of behind-the-scenes pressure.)

Mike Larson is the Director of Resort Development at the resorts of Vale, Beaver Creek (an \$800m development), and Arrowhead Mountain in the USA. The resorts combine a mix of downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and summer activities, and Mike said that he has planning experience in all these activities. Mike was in Victoria doing consulting work for the ARC and BSLL related to the Buller resort, and it was felt opportune by the ARC to call on Mike's expertise in relation to the ARC's VSA's and BSLL's submissions to the forthcoming EES. Mike stated that downhill skiing in Australia was amongst the highest priced and lowest quality in the world, that small ski resorts (eg. day-skiing only resorts) were dying world-wide, and that the only way of making Nordic skiing viable in Australia would be using snow-making (I interpret this to mean track skiing and skating). Two awkward questions were whether M.

Larson had expertise regarding possible Greenhouse impacts (his answer: no) and whether, if it were M. Larson's money, he would invest it in Mt Stirling ski-lifts. He hesitated for a long time, and finally answered that he felt it would be a reasonable investment if the resorts were run as a combined resort, but not if they were run separately.

Invitations to the meeting were a bone of contention. The MSDTF claims that they were advised by a senior VSA official that the meeting was public. The MSDTF therefore sent invitations to their supporters, only to have the VSA later phone back, stating that the ARC wanted it to be a meeting of VSA members and affiliated clubs only, as the ARC did not want M. Larson subjected to a hostile audience. VSA officials were heard declining door-entry to non-VSA members, causing some ill-feeling. MSDTF wondered why the VSA appeared to be at the beck-and-call of the ARC, with the ARC dictating who could attend a VSA meeting.

The audience was clearly polarised, with downhillers wanting ski-lifts, and others opposing. Around 6 MSDTF members from Mansfield attended the meeting.

I believe the meeting achieved:

- demonstration that it is possible to have a meeting of the polarised parties, and still have a rational and non-inflammatory discussion;
- the enabling of better understanding of each other's viewpoint, rather than knee-jerk abuse reactions of the past;

I would summarise the arguments in favour of downhill ski-lifts:

- they would increase the skiable areas for intermediate downhill skiers - this is Buller's biggest problem as the large number of skiers per unit area "wears-out" the snow;
- track and racing XC skiers might be attracted to the promise of improved facilities (some are not too sure about this, describing it as a "bribe" of XC skiers, in a location of suspect snow quality and duration of season)

I would summarise the arguments against downhill ski-lifts:

- They would spoil the aesthetic beauty of the mountain, especially the summit; ie. detract from one of the main reasons for its current visitors;
- their financial viability (return on investment, future downhill lift ticket prices) is very suspect. It is difficult to see evidence of market demand;
- the greenhouse effect may mean that both mountains become unsuitable for skiing, potentially leaving both mountains spoiled of their natural beauty and hence potential attraction to tourists;
- non-ski-season activities are important, and are often forgotten by VSA and ARC;

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A Wilky Adventure

We left Wilky at 4.50 am. There was a bright moon to guide us as we skied across to Basalt Hill and down to Langford Gap. The snow was like glazed concrete. I hurtled down to Langford Gap, my skis making a high-pitched whistle. We drew breath there, and looked at the snow glistening in the moonlight. There were just four of us - GT, Max Casley, Rod Mattingley and myself. It was cold but we didn't feel it. In the distance we saw a light, as a track grading machine prepared the track for Saturdays Hoppit race. We moved off, heading to the west of Marm Point and Mt Nelse. The sky lightened as we climbed so that by the time we had reached the Heathy Spur track it was almost light. We stopped to check a well-made igloo (unoccupied) before continuing our climb. An orange glow on the horizon heralded the appearance of the tip of the sun's disc, casting a pink tinge on the snow. The snow was still very fast as we approached Edmondson Hut, by now in the full light of a marvellous morning.

The two occupants of the hut were somewhat surprised to be woken up by us and even more surprised when we took from our packs a billy, frypan and firewood. "Travelling light?" said one, watching from the depths of his sleeping bag. We soon had the billy boiling and bacon frying in the pan. The bacon pita bread sandwiches and tea went down quickly, and then we were off again, towards our destination - Spion Kopje. A steep climb brought us to the Spion Kopje Spur, and then we hooted along to Spion Kopje itself. At 10am we were there, having morning tea while we enjoyed the brilliant views in all directions. We set up the camera to take a picture of the four of us, holding up an appropriate notice as to the time and place. Our next destination was tims Lookout, where we had lunch. Our two friends from Edmondsons were there, expecting us to cook a three-course meal! I sat back in the sunshine, enjoying last night's leftovers curry in pitta bread, while I surveyed Mount Bogong.

The snow was much slower on the return journey - or were we just tired? We were back in Wilky by 4 pm, drinking tea. We left Wilky in the morning, returning to Falls Creek where the Hoppit was in full swing. Pearson Cresswell, nursing an injured head from an accident on Thursday, got fixed up by the Red Cross staff. Diane, less fortunate, went out on a skidoo with a broken leg. A memorable week!

Derrick Brown

Sneak preview of December Walks

This is the current state of the draft program for the first month of the Summer Program. Use this as a good indication of the December walks; some changes may be made before the program is finalised. In particular, I have been told that our insurance does not cover Li-lo trips; if we cannot arrange alternative insurance for Li-lo trips then the Christmas Li-lo trip will be removed from the program. Note that any Li-lo trips will require participants to use buoyancy vests and helmets.

2-4	Snowy Palms-Caledonia River Base Camp	E/M	Rod Mattingley
4	Donna Buang - Mt Victoria - Mt Boobyalla	E/M & M	Margaret Borden & John Kittson
9-11	Introduction to Wilky	E	Doug Pocock
10	Historical Walk - East Malvern	E	Athol Schafer
11	Brisbane Rangers Northern End	E & M	David Gibson
14	Sugarloaf Reservoir - Christmas Hills	E/M	Jacn Giese
16-18	Mc Millans Track - My Arbuckle - Breakfast Creek	E/M	Derick Brown
18	Wirida Track (Tyers River)	E & E/M	Leader required
Xmas	Base camp, possibly walk-in	E	Bob Steel
23-31	Bogong High Plains tour	M	Jean Giese
26-31	Shoalhaven Lilo Trip	M	Stephen Rowlands
26-31	Avon River Valley	M	Jerry Grandage

10-21 January 1995 - There will be trip to the Tarkine Wilderness in Tasmania, led by Doug Pocock.

Bill Metzner

New Members:

Catherine ROUSE

Stan CHIECHI

Stuart MANN

Martine ELLIOTT

Andrew BUCKLAND

Tony CROOKS

Margaret and Rhett WALKER

Changes to Members Details:

Add to Membership List:
Gail HASSETT

Change to Phone Numbers:
Debbie GOMM

COMMITTEE NOTES**WALKS for August:**

- 4 Sunday walks, average of 33.25 attendees, (cf 28.4 in August 1993);
- 1 Pack-carry walk with 11 people;
- 1 Search & Rescue practice with 1 person attending (Bill Metzenthén);
- 1 Base Camp with 14 people (Rawson);
- 2 Ski day trips with total of 27 participants;
- 1 Dandenong Explorer & 1 Historical Walk;
- 2 trips were cancelled;

Committee passed a resolution that it is Club policy that: "Participants on all Club li-lo, rafting and canoe trips are required to use buoyancy vests and helmets"

MEMBERSHIP:

- Life Members 11
- Honorary Members 12
- Single Members 287, of which 280 have paid (31 concession).
- Couples 96 individuals = 48 subs (1 concession).
- Total members a/a end September 406
- NEWS subscribers 11

WILKY:

Winter season Report. There were twelve weeks available; 6 were taken up by members & 6 by Visitors (ie. other clubs; VMTC x 2, Maroondah, Monash, Bayside & Winter Group).

There was a total of 567 'person/nights', comprising 246 member/nights and 321 visitor nights. This compares with 534 nights in 1993.

WILKY**Please Note - Winter parties:**

You **MUST** have cleared out your lockers of winter food by 31 December or you forfeit the food to general supplies.

CONSERVATION:

.....see notes elsewhere in NEWS.

INVESTMENT:

The committee has resolved to invest \$20 000 in a suitable secure investment, the annual interest to be allocated to conservation or other appropriate causes at the discretion of the Committee. A sub-committee has been established to investigate the best investment prospect and make appropriate arrangements.

DUTY ROSTER

12 October	Nigel and Derrick
19 October	Doug and Nancy
26 October	Peter and Marilyn
2 November	Alan Clarke and Janet
9 November	Bernie and Nancy

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