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Visit CERES, then stroll along Merri Creek, to EFES Turkish Kitchen.

CERES - Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Studies - is a community centre, staffed by volunteers, on a "recycled" landfill site, that has a number of interesting displays on concepts and ideas that could be useful in decreasing the burden on the environment if they were more widely practiced. Some displays include: farm animals, wind mills, water wheels, composters, and solar panels - most include either some "hands-on" activity or accompanying written explanations. (There are more activities, but they are closed late Saturday afternoon; nevertheless, I think you will find that a walk through the area is interesting and informative.)

Where is it? 8 Lee St., East Brunswick, near Number 96 tram, Melway 30 B 7

Arrive mid-afternoon, leave around 5:00 PM (CERES closes at 5:00 pm)

THEN Meet at the end of Lee St. nr. Merri Creek Bicycle Path at 5:00 pm. Walk, ride your bicycle, run, or jog along the Merri Creek. (or drive) to a

TURKISH DINNER

at EFES Turkish Kitchen, about 6:30 pm.

233 Sydney Road, COBURG. Corner of Reynard St., Melway 29 H 2, Number 19 tram, stop 31.

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Belly dancers usually provide evening entertainment.

Contact Nancy on

(phone /fax /answering machine) or see me in the club room if you are interested in attending either or all of these three things: CERES, Merri Creek

Amble &/or

Turkish Dinner.

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From the Editor

Daylight Saving has ended, the nights are drawing in, and the first snows have already fallen (if briefly). Time to think of misty Autumn walks, with colour on the deciduous European trees. Also time to look forward to the ski season. Wilky has been solidly booked for this winter. If you are going in, you had best get your food in by early May or risk being caught by early snow falls, as Rod Mattingley and party did some years ago. They had to leave their cars and come back a week later when the snow plough had got in to the cars!

In my write-up of the Book Launch in last month's NEWS, I am afraid that in briefly summarising the speeches, I misrepresented Barbara Weiss in her comments about her editorship of the book. She wanted to emphasise that she didn't have difficulty with editing the contributions from the authors. I guess I meant the whole job of coordinating all the stages of the book's production was a much bigger task than at first envisioned. Full credit to Derrick and his team for a job well done.

You may have noticed in the Press that, as a result of the inquiry into the Alpine Resorts Commission that followed the public outcry over proposed development of Mt Stirling, all the commissioners have been sacked. Actually, they were told that they would not be reappointed when their terms expired at the end of March. So hopefully that will be an end to plans to develop Mt Stirling. But we cannot afford to be complacent. The powers of darkness still plot to turn the best of our alpine country into commercial ski fields. We must be ever vigilant.

Bob Steel

The NEWS is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly. Edited by Bob Steel. Articles, walk reports, poems, snippets of news, reports of new gear, book reviews, letters "to the Editor", advertisements, etc are always welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles, contributions, letters etc submitted for publication, where space, clarity, propriety, etc dictates. and to maintain editorial consistency

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or faxed to me on

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Closing Date for **MAY 1995 News** is

Wednesday 26th April 1995.

From the President

All the members of your new committee have swung into action and as well as the elected positions printed in the last NEWS, other responsibilities have been taken up by Committee members and others.

Jean Woodger and Nigel Holmes are managing Equipment, so enquiries regarding hiring of tents, sleeping bags, packs etc can be fielded to them.

Stephen Rowlands is chairing the Conservation Subcommittee and is keen to have your ideas and involvement (see Notice on page 6). Remember if there is no bush left, we'll all be street walkers! Stephen has also taken on the role of Track Clearing Co-ordinator.

Lloyd Young has taken charge of the maps. The map collection is in a process of updating and cataloguing so if you have any geographical questions, see Lloyd.

Denise Triffett with the help of Bernie Webster is in charge of our Library. We have an interesting collection of books and magazines on walking and related subjects, that can be borrowed.

Athol Schafer and Alan Clarke (neither on the Committee) are our reps on the Federation (of Victorian Walking Clubs). We are entitled to three representatives, so any Club members interested in taking on the third position, please let me know. The Federation meets on the first Tuesday in the month.

I've noticed recently that the bus is often booked out for Sunday walks, so to avoid disappointment book early! If you book after Wednesday night or just front up on Sunday morning there is a \$2 late booking fee!

Sunday Bus trips: Credits for cancellations are only given for illness or other unavoidable circumstances so please try to let the leader know **before the walk** so if there is a waiting list, your seat on the bus can be given to someone else. If you want to claim a credit, you must apply in writing to the Walks Secretary or Assistant Walks Secretary, stating the reason you were unable to attend. (See note on page 10 regarding amendment to the Clubs By-law no 5.6).

Cheers.

Janet Norman

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 April & May Day Walks

Sunday 16 April
Easy/medium & Medium

CAMELS HUMP
Mt CHARLIE

Leaders: **John Kittson & Denise Triffett**
Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 60 kms**
Expected time of return: **1830**
Area: **near Mt Macedon**
Approx length of walks: **16 km and 20 km**
Map Reference: **Riddells Creek 1:25 000; ESMa pp 596 & 597**

The medium walkers will climb onto the Macedon Range near the Camels Hump and make their way SE towards the Mt Charlie State Forest going through the old township of Cherokee, then up & over Mt Charlie.

The easy/medium walk starts near Heskett and covers similar ground. All on tracks for this walk, but with a short steep pinch onto Mt Charlie, but it's not too daunting. The duration of this climb is about 15 minutes, and if it is a cold day it will just warm you up.

We will have lovely views of the local countryside, with Melbourne off in the distance.

Saturday 29 April **DANDENONG EXPLORER-SHERBROOKE FOREST**
Easy

Leader **Mike Clode**

Please Note: The walk will leave from Grants Picnic Ground at 1430 (2.30 pm)

Train leaves Flinders Street at 1249 and gets to Belgrave at 1403. Phone Mike on _____ if you need a lift from Belgrave Station

Sun 30 April
Easy/Med & Medium

GLEN NAYOOK - NOOJEE

Leaders: **Peter Havlicek & Ralph Blake**
Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 115 kms**
Expected time of return: **1900**
Area: **Neerim - Noojee area**
Approx length of walks: **13 km and 17 km**
Map Reference: **Neerim 1:25 000**

The walk follows for the main part the course of the disused Noojee-Warragul railway. The first part is

through regrowth sub alpine rain forest, the later part of the walk is over paddocks with good views of the Baw Baw plateau and the valley of the La Trobe River.

Sights on the walk also include the noted Noojee Trestle Bridge (20m+ high), an Emu farm and the Glen Nayook Nature Reserve - a beautiful deep treefern-filled gorge. Caution: barbed wire and electrified wire fences have to be negotiated!

Sunday 7 May
Easy/medium & Medium

YEA SPUR

Leaders: **John Kittson & Jean Woodger**
Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 100 kms**
Expected time of return: **1930**
Area: **Near Yea (via the Hume Hwy & Seymour & along the Goulburn Valley Hwy)**
Approx length of walks: **12 kms and 18 kms**
Map Reference: **Flowerdale & Homewood 1:25 000**

This is a walk in open farmland with wonderful views of rolling hills off in the distance.

Both walks involve an initial fairly steep climb of about 150 metres up on to the ridge. The medium group will start near Mt Marianne and the easy/medium group, a few kms further on. The two walks will follow the Spur along to Junction Hill. The whole area is fairly exposed so it would be advisable to bring warm clothing and your coat just in case, but I guarantee no leeches and no trail bikes (trust me).

Saturday 13 May
Easy

CANTERBURY - DEEPDENE Historical Walk

Leader: **Athol Schafer**
Transport: **Train - Meet under the clocks at Flinders St. Station at 1315**
Expected time of return: **1430**
Approx length of walk: **60 kms**
Map Reference: **Melways map 45 & 46**

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Previews for May Day Walks continued

Saturday 15 May Historical Walk continued

The walk takes in the best section of the Outer Circle Railway - now known as the Anniversary Trail. Being late Autumn the deciduous trees, for which the area is noted, should be turning into full colour.

The Walk starts at Canterbury railway station and finishes at Whitehorse Road. Afternoon tea at one of the local eateries.

Sunday 16 May Easy & E/medium	COLIBAN FALLS- GRANITE CREEK FALLS
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Leaders: **Denise Triffett & Nigel Holmes**
Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**

Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 100 kms**
Area: **near Malmsbury**

Note: there is an entrance fee, but this includes Devonshire Tea.

See leaders in clubrooms.

Wednesday 17 May Easy/medium	TANGLEFOOT TRACK - MT ST LEONARD
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Leader: **Alan Miller**
Transport: **Private**
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c.90 kms**
Expected time of return: **c. 1630 to Picnic Ground**
Area: **North of Healesville**
Approx length of walk: **16.6 kms**
Map Reference: **Juliet North 1:25 000**
(Upper left hand of map)

Meet at Mt Tanglefoot Picnic Area at 1000

The route is down myrtle Creek walking track and up Quarry Rd. to Mt St Leonard (9.3 km) returning via Tanglefoot track (7.3 km). We start at 800m asl, drop to 620m, then climb to 1 027m at Mt St Leonard. for those who want an easier walk the 3 km return trip from the Monda Rd. to Mt St Leonard can be skipped.

The walk offers a wide variety of bird life (several lyrebirds were seen while previewing) and a wide variety of trees and shrubs including beeches, mint bushes (*Prostanthera*), mountain ash and other eucalypts, *Correa*, wattles and blackberries (two varieties). Someone has recently done some track clearing on the Myrtle Creek track, which is much appreciated.

PS - The leader's real phone number is

Sunday 21 May Easy & E/medium	YOU YANGS - WALK & NAVIGATION DAY
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Leaders: **Rob Ayre (Navigation) & Cheryl Cooksey (Walk)**

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

Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **55 kms**

Expected time of return: **1900**

Area: **near Lara, off Geelong Road**

Approx length of walks: **13 kms**

Map Reference: **You Yangs 1:25 00 (See below)**

For those who would like to learn to find their way about in the bush, here is an opportunity to learn the basics of navigation with map and compass. For those who would like to come on a normal walk, we are offering a walk in the area as well.

The You Yangs are quite close to Melbourne, off the Geelong Road, and are a cluster of granite peaks that rise abruptly from the plains. Vegetation is a series of contrasts, with old growth areas of open forest on the poor granitic soils of the plains, thick regrowth from the 1985 fires, and the remnants of experimental (native) plantations dating from the turn of the century.

Participants on the navigation course will find their way around a course of about 13 kms in small groups. Both the walking and the navigation are fairly easy, and of course can be shortened or lengthened to suit each group's skills.

For those who would like some initial training, we will run a class in the Horticultural Hall, behind the Clubrooms, on the Thursday evening before the walk, on 18 May, from about 1930 to about 2130. We will run through the basics of map and compass use. Please advise me (Rob Ayre) if you will be attending. It is optional, and a help if you've no prior experience, but it's *not* a prerequisite for coming on the exercise.

For the navigation walk, and for the class, you will need a map, a compass, & a pencil. To save a lot of running around, I will be getting in a number of copies of the map for sale. The Club has a few compasses for hire, or if you want to buy one, we may be able to arrange a group purchase. If you are buying one, I'd recommend something like the Silva® type 3NL or its equivalent; the smaller ones are more difficult to use with a map.

May Day walks and Weekend Walks Continued

Saturday 27 May	EMERALD - GEMBROOK
Easy	Area (Dandenong Explorer)

Leader: Helene Hunt
Transport: Private or Train to Belgrave
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: c. 65 kms
Expected time of return: 1630
Approx length of walk: ±12 kms
Map Reference: Melways map 189

We will meet at Gembrook Park (Melways 189-H11 - entrance via Redwood Road) at 1030 am sharp! From there we will drive to Emerald Lake car park (Melway 127-K4) and walk through Wrights Reserve to Cockatoo and our lunch stop. After lunch we continue to Gembrook Park. Although graded easy, it does offer good scenery and a bit of variety. At the time of writing, the entire walk had not been previewed, but I believe that it will be very enjoyable. We can even visit one of the quaint coffee lounges in the area afterwards.

The 0809 train from Flinders Street station will bring you to Belgrave Station at 0923. Please phone me on (after hours) or (B.H.) if you need a lift from Belgrave station, or if you want to discuss the walk.

Sunday 28 May	Mt ALEXANDER - HARCOURT
Easy & Easy/medium	

Leaders: Max Casley & Bernice Webster
Transport: Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: c. 125 kms
Expected time of return: 1900
Area: Calder Hwy, north of Kyneton
Approx length of walks: 13 & 16 kms
Map Reference: Chewton & Barker 1:25 000

We will walk alongside a water channel (assuming permission is granted) under the shelter of a corridor of tall trees. Then into farmland past large boulders and on into the forest on the slopes of Mt Alexander, where there are good views to Lake Eppalock and Bendigo. Then we scramble down and pass through a pine forest and finish at a picnic ground among oak trees. Next month's **NEWS** may have an update on this preview.

Weekend Walks

5-7 May	TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND
Easy OTWAY NATIONAL PARK

At this stage I don't know which track or area we will be working in but hopefully we will be camping at Blanket Bay camping area. The transport costs will be met by the Club. I will know more about the weekend after I am contacted by the Ranger about one week before the weekend.

12-14 May	GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP
Easy/medium	

Leader: Lloyd Young
Transport: Private
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 335 kms (via Dunkeld)
Expected time of return: Sunday evening
Map Reference: Outdoor Leisure Maps - Grampians North and South

The area is varied with everything from waterfalls to caves. Camp is at Buandik, on the west side of the Victoria Range (access from the Henty Hwy at Glenisla). The creek water is drinkable and cars can be parked next to the tents, so you can bring whatever you like. I will be leading day walks on both Saturday and Sunday. The standard will be easy/medium, however if there are enough hard walkers, there will be a tougher trip also.

19-21 May	TAMBORITHA - THE CRINOLINE - BRUNIS KNOB
Medium	

Leader: Peter Chalkley
Transport: Private
Approx. Distance from Melbourne: 297 kms (via Rosedale & Heyfield)
Expected time of return: late Sunday evening
Area: north of Licola, Gippsland
Approx length of walk: c. 30 kms
Map Reference: Tamboritha-Moroka & Licola-Wellington 1:50 000

One of the last chances for a good weekend walk before the snows come (with any luck). This walk will be to some of the rocky and rugged peaks of the Tamboritha area, including The Crinoline (Mt Ligar) with its lines of cliffs.

Weekend Walks continued

27-28 May SEARCH and RESCUE Easy? PRACTICE - GILWELL PARK

Leader: **Stephen Rowlands**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 80 kms**
 Expected time of return: **Sunday afternoon**
 Area: **near Gembrook**
 Map Reference: **Melway map 410 - S4**

This weekend will be a workshop format that is open to anyone who is interested in joining the Search and Rescue squad and not forgetting people who are already members. The weekend will start with our party (MBW) joining up with the rest of the Federation and finish at 1530 on Sunday. There will be three levels of workshop: 1- Beginners group & for people who have not been on a search & rescue trip before; 2- for people who have been on a rescue; and 3- for Group Leaders. The workshops will cover radio handling, stretcher making etc. I should have more information after Easter about the weekend. So I hope to hear from as many members as possible about this weekend.

Bushrangers Bay

Bushrangers' Bay near Cape Schanck was where two dangerous convicts landed on 19th September 1853. Patrick O'Connor and Henry Bradley, both serving life sentences, escaped from Van Diemen's Land by tricking the captain of a small schooner, then forcing the crew to take them across Bass Strait. Once ashore, they set off to Brighton where they shot a ploughman for his horses. Over the next two weeks they left a trail of robbery and violence, shooting a number of people, including a cadet policeman. Before the end of September, and after a final shootout, they were captured near Kilmore, taken to Melbourne, tried and sentenced to hang. The execution took place one week later, before a large crowd.

This is the gist of one of the many accounts of the murder and assaults of Victorian Police from 1837 to 1988, recorded in a recent book *In the Performance of Duty*, by Gavin Brown, Gary Presland & Ralph Stavelly.

Athol Schafer

Found

On Sunday 26 February, a pair of **bi-focal glasses** was found at the foot of the Bears Head Range, Lerderderg Gorge. Contact Nick Van Ewijk on

Attention All Map Borrowers!

Please return any outstanding maps not currently in use, as we are about to update the map collection. We don't want to buy double copies, if we already have the map, and someone has simply forgotten to return it. So check your map collections to see if you have (inadvertently) kept one of the Club's maps.

Also, if borrowing maps, make sure you sign them out, so we can keep track of them!

Lloyd Young Custodian

Conservation

Stephen Rowlands, our Conservation Convener, would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in writing letters to politicians and/or the newspapers on conservation matters and issues as they arise. Stephen can supply information about the issues if you are not sure what to write. You just have to be interested in Conservation and the Environment.

Stephen can be contacted on
or you can see him in the Clubrooms.

"The Melbourne Bushies - Fifty years along the track"

Have you bought a copy? Have you seen a copy? Reports from readers (*and see letters to the Editor*) indicate that it is a very good read - interesting, enlightening, entertaining, and inspiring.

The Book Committee and especially the Authors and the Editor, Barbara Weiss, have done a great job.

You can get your copy for **\$18**, in the Clubrooms any Wednesday evening, or you can order it from Trish Elmore, c/o the Club (PO Box 1751Q, Melbourne 3001). It will cost you \$23.50 to order the Book by mail.

James Stirling - Man of the Mountain

With the controversy on the future use of Mt. Stirling still unresolved, people may be interested in the life of James Stirling, the man after whom the mountain was named.

James Stirling made many contributions to the development of Victoria in the late nineteenth century. Largely self-educated, he was a geologist for most of his professional life, becoming the Victorian Government Geologist in 1897. As a geologist he spent a great deal of time in the Australian Alps and became an expert on their botany, geology, and meteorology, publishing many articles on these topics.

James Stirling made was born in Geelong in 1852, the eldest son of seven children. Due to his father's death he left school at 14. He had a variety of jobs, including station hand, mail rider and architectural draughtsman, before becoming a surveyor with the Lands Department in 1873. This position took Stirling to Omeo in 1875, where he met and married his first wife, Elizabeth Reid. He stayed in Omeo for 12 years, raising a family and becoming a popular and prominent member of the community.

While in Omeo, Stirling also joined the Mines Department's geological field staff which enabled him to research the geology and botany of the area. He and his wife collected the local flora and sent specimens to Baron von Mueller, the famous Victorian Government Botanist. Elizabeth Stirling painted superb watercolour drawings of the plants, for which she won a prize at a Colonial Exhibition in London. James Stirling took many photographs of the Australian Alps which he used in the public lectures he gave on his research findings. some of his glass lantern slides are held in the La Trobe Library.

James Stirling was so enthusiastic about the Australian Alps that he named one of his sons Australix Alpinae (he was known as Alvie). Another son was called Kosciusko Omeo as he was born after Stirling had returned from a trip to Mt. Kosciusko. Other evidence of his enthusiasm was his purchase of a microscope to help with his scientific research. The microscope cost him almost a years salary. Fortunately his enthusiasm and skill as a lecturer earned him the admiration and support of the local shopkeepers, who seldom bothered to send him bills.

James Stirling was a progressive thinker who had humane and enlightened views on equality of women,

education, religion and Aborigines. He encouraged his daughters to believe that the sexes were equal and that girls could do anything boys could do. He supported Darwin's ideas on the evolution of species and debated with members of the clergy on evolution. He was friendly with, and well respected by, the Aborigines of Gippsland, having lived with them for some time to learn their customs and language. He once left his son Victor, then about 8 years old, with an Aboriginal tribe near Lakes Entrance while he went to Melbourne. Unfortunately he forgot to pick Victor up on his way back to Omeo. The coach he returned on was the last one to reach Omeo before the winter snow cut of the town, so Victor had to spend the winter with the Aborigines. he was well cared for and apparently thrived on the experience.

Although James Stirling's work as a geologist was directed at the development of the mining industry, he was very aware of the need for conservation. in his lectures he warned that depletion of the forests would lead to soli erosion and advocated a program of replanting forests to replace cut trees. I am sure that he would prefer the mountain that bears his name to be left in its natural state.

The main reference for this article was *Memories of an Australian Childhood - 1880-1900* by Amie Stirling. (Edited by Linda Harrison; Schwartz, 1980)

Peter Hogan

Vale Fay Pitt

After a long illness, Fay passed away on the 9th March this year.

In 1952-53, Fay Pitt was the Club's first lady president. Fay was on Bill Horton's 10 day (1954-55) walk from Mt Buller to Cross Cut Saw and down to Licola. I remember Frank seeing us off on Christmas Eve from Spencer Street station - he was staying home to mind the new baby!

Fay kept up her interest in the Club, and, although confined to a wheel chair in recent years, joined a few of my programmed rambles, thanks to Christine (aided at times by Club members)

Fay was present at our 50th Birthday Bash at Gilwell Park in 1991.

On behalf of the Club, expressions of sympathy are extended to Frank and family in their loss.

Athol Schaffer

Wilkinson Lodge

1. All the winter weeks are booked, but there are still some vacancies on a couple of the Club weeks. It is suggested that parties get their food in as soon as possible.
2. It has come to my attention that some people have had trouble with the water system at Wilky. It must be realised that the critical step is closing the hot water drain valve when turning on the water supply. If this is not done, the dam will get drained. Conversely, this hot water drain valve must be opened (along with the main drain valve) when turning the water supply off. If this is not done, the water left in the stove and tank could freeze, resulting in damage to the stove. Please follow the printed instructions at the taps exactly!
3. I notice that some people are still using the black knob on the Tilley lamps to turn off the lamps. This must never be done. Please follow the instructions for lighting the lamps, and only extinguish the lamps by releasing the pressure by unscrewing the knurled nut at the pump.
4. There have been a lot of cinders thrown out with the ash (from the stove and heater). Not only is this a waste of money but also a waste of space. There is now a sieve in the woodshed so please use this when disposing of ash into the drums, and return any unpassed material back to the fire(s).

Doug Pocock, Wilky Manager

Members Free Ad

For Sale

Backpack - **Macpac Torré** - 75 litre capacity Canvas, with two detachable side pockets, and camera pocket on top.

Very good condition. Would suit a taller person.
\$95.

Contact Ken McMahon on (home)

Letters to the Editor

From Will Roland

On the Moroka Gorge and Tarli Karng weekend walk (10-13 March) suggestions were offered, facetious and otherwise, for the meaning of Tarli Karng. On consulting "Placenames of Victoria" by Les Blake (Rigby 1977) I read Lake Tarli Karng: at the headwaters of Wellington River, Co. of Wonnangatta; Aboriginal *talli*, twilight, and *karn*, snake.

Has anyone any help with the origin of the name *Estoppey Spur* (Licola-Wellington, Survey & Mapping, Victoria - DU962 452)? Camberwell Reference Library suggests it is a geographical term - perhaps a dam on a watercourse, from the French for cork, plug or stopper.

Postcard from Ed Little dated Friday 10th March 1995

Having a great time in New Zealand. So far have walked the Kepler and Routeburn tracks & tomorrow start a 4-day Rees-Dart track, last day canoeing down-river. Until today, the sun shone, but today the sky's opened up. Can't get on Milford Track as booked out for all of March.

Best regards

Ed Little

The Melbourne Bushies: fifty years along the track.

From Barbara Weiss, (the Book's Editor)

I write in connection with your editorial comment in the March NEWS on the launch of our book *The Melbourne Bushies* on Friday evening (a great night) and your summary report that I "related the difficulties in editing contributions from the fifteen authors". I made a particular point, in my speech, of not focussing on the difficulties of the editing process and of thanking and praising all those involved in making this book, drawing special attention to the enormous amount of work each contributor has given.

I appreciate your editorials and the great job you are doing as NEWS editor, but I feel in this instance I have been misrepresented.

From Sue & Graham Errey

Graham and I would like to thank the MBW Committee and 'The Book' committee very much for such a good weekend recently. We really enjoyed the launch on Friday evening. It was great to meet 'old' friends again and also newer members, and to hear all about the 'birth of the book'. We do appreciate the effort that must have gone into such a publication and we will certainly have hours of enjoyment reading it. Saturday was a great day too. Thanks again.

From Rosemary Cotter

Congratulations to all involved with the production of *The Melbourne Bushies: fifty years along the track*. It is a splendid publication and makes one feel proud to be part of the Bushies tradition.

It really captures the essence of so many walks and adventures. It also brought to life and evoked memories of my own on extended and day trips, and the real camaraderie, support, friendship and experience which abounds amongst the Club's many members. Each contributor encapsulates a particular viewpoint, yet there is that common thread running through all.

From one who is 'hooked' (p. 184) - well done!

New Members

ELISABETH GAUDET

MARY RUTLEDGE

ROBYN CHAPMAN

EDWINA DARK

PAUL LAMPRECHT

JOANNE MURRAY

TANYA RICHARDS

WENDY TRUSCOTT

MAGGIE McNAMEE

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(Altered Address/Phone)

JOHN G DOERING

ROBERT MOTTA

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When renewing, please let Membership Secretary know of changes to your surname?, address, home & work numbers. Also if you change your mind about (not) letting these details be known to the general membership.

See renewal slip on Page 10

Track Clearing

I hope to be running a Track Clearing Day on the Spring Program so if any members know of a track or an area that needs work, could you please contact me on 689 1637.

Stephen Rowlands

Federation Search & Rescue Section

Annual Practice
 at Gilwell Park Scout Camp
 near Gembrook
 on 27 - 28 May 1995

(see Walk Previews for more details)
 This will be in a workshop format.

Any member who is interested in joining the Search and Rescue section of the FVWC is welcome to come along, to see how the Federation S & R section works.

Bookings with Stephen Rowlands on before Thursday 18 May, please.

Committee Notes:

Treasurer: Financial Report for March 1995.

Opening Balance	\$55 167.20
Month's Receipts	\$ 7 715.62
Month's Payments	\$ 6 507.29
Closing Balance	\$56 375.53

Bank Balances:

Current Account	\$13 759.93
Term Deposit A/c	\$20 000.00
Reserves Account	\$23 000.00
Total	\$56 759.93

Walks Secretary - February Walks:

Sunday walks x 4: ave. 41¼ people (cf 33½ in Feb. 1994)
 W/end walks x 2: ave. 6½.
 W/end base camps x 2: ave. 10½.
 1 Wednesday, 1 Saturday Historical & 1 Dandenongs walk: ave. 7⅔.

Membership Secretary:

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	11
Single members	327*
Couples	106§
TOTALS	454
NEWS subscribers	11
Complimentary list	26

* includes 32 concessional.
 § = 53, including 1 concessional.

NOTE: ALL Melbourne phone numbers will change from 8 May 1995. They will all have an additional "9" at the front - ie. 871 1836 will become 9871 1836.

You will still be able to dial the old number for a few months but eventually you will only be able to get through by dialling the extra 9. Amend your list of phone numbers.

Duty Roster:

April 12 -	Nancye & Jean
April 19 -	Denise & Derrick
April 26 -	Stephen & Janet
May 3 -	Alan & Nigel

Sneak preview of June walks

This is the current state of the draft program for the first month of the 1995 Winter Programme. Use this as a good indication of the **June walks**; some changes may be made before the Programme is finalized. The main feature is another **Queens Birthday Bus Weekend**. Our trip last year to the Southwest coast was a great success so this year we are offering a trip to the northwest. Our current idea is to have two pack-carry walks in the Little Desert National Park and a base camp visiting the Little Desert and Wyperfeld National Parks. Mark this one in your diaries folks!

Bill Metzenth Walks Secretary

4	Lost Children's Track - Daylesford	Easy & E/Medium	Peter Havlicek
11	Masons Falls - Kinglake	Easy & E/Medium	John Kittson
12	Historical - Lower Yarra Valley	Easy	Athol Schafer
9-12	Queen's Birthday North-West Bus Trip		Doug Pocock
10-12	Gammon Ranges and Arkaroola (South Aust.)	Easy/Medium	David Vincent
18	Tree Fern Track - Gembrook	Easy & Medium	Peter MacGrath
21	Cape Schanck - Bushranger Bay	Easy/Medium	Joan Haigh
24	Olinda State Forest	Easy	Pam Rosso
25	Mt Macedon - Zig Zag & Braemar Tracks	Easy/M & Medium	John Kittson & Fay Pratt
23-25	Strathbogies-Mt Samaria Barjarg Bunkhouse	Easy	Sylvia Wilson

Spring Walks Programme

Astute readers will have noticed that I announced incorrectly that the Summer Programme would be the first produced to an advanced time-table when of course I should have said the Spring Programme. The Walks sub-committee will be meeting in early May to prepare the Spring Programme. As always, we need {lem your} ideas. Is there an area you would like to visit? A type of walk you would like to have more of? Are our walks too easy? Too hard? Keep those ideas coming!

Bill Metzenth Walks Secretary

Change to Club By-laws

At the April Committee meeting, the C'tee decided to amend By-law number 5.6, under **Walk Fees**, by deleting reference to the Treasurer and substituting **Assistant Walks Secretary**; and also inserting the words "in writing".....as follows (changes in bold):

"If a person pays a Walks Fee or a Visitors Fee and does not participate in the trip, a refund will only be made if he/she can satisfy, **in writing**, the **Walks Secretary** or the **Assistant Walks Secretary** that his/her non participation was due to **illness** or other unavoidable circumstances, and that he/she notified, or made reasonable efforts to notify the Leader. Subject to the preceding, payments may be transferred from one trip to another".



Renewal of Membership Please complete details.

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Is this a Change of Address? Yes No

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Couples	\$36
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The Bushies Good Food Guide

This column has been resurrected a couple of times and I think it is time it had another go. The general idea is that members find good eating places on their way to and from Melbourne, and can share the knowledge more formally with others. These columns are to be printed on the inside back page of **The NEWS** so the page can be ripped off and stuffed in the glove box, to be pulled out next time you are passing through Bairnsdale or Ballarat, and find you are starving. Ah! but what's the criteria for a good food guide? Bushies would have different priorities. Yes, I quite agree, but mainly it has to be value for money and be served in a reasonable time. Everything else like fresh ingredients/gourmet/white table cloths/pleasant music/el cheapo/etc etc will of course be optional extras.

Although I've got a list of places up my sleeve, don't let me write this on my own. **Do contribute, please.....** Right, lets make a start:

YARRAGON (between Warragul and Moe)

Cocos, 115 princes Hwy. Open weekends 1000-1900; fresh everything, excellent cooking. top eating place, this. Escape for \$10. Coffee is 10 out of 10.

Mt BEAUTY

...**The Bakery** in main shopping street (Hollonds Street). Can be busy; mostly foccacia-type food, a bit expensive. Coffee and chocolate terrific, cakes divine, great breads and rolls.

...A few doors down from the Bakery is a **take-away food cafe** - hamburgers 8½; coffee fairly bad.

TAWONGA

...**Mario's Pizza** (next to Pyles Garage) Don't bother! (thank you Alan Clarke)

MYRTLEFORD

...**Carlo's Pizza & Pasta** - on main drag just past the loos & opposite the war memorial. Closes approx 2200. We had a small pizza & a pasta each and thought both were excellent. Basically take-away but table in shop. Quick service, cheap, but coffee ordinary.


Well that's all for this time. Your contributions most welcome.
Sylvia Wilson

THE GREEN CENTRE


Central Australia's heavy rains early this year have insured an above average supply of both water and wildflowers. 1995 is shaping up to be an excellent year to visit the region.

Our West Macdonnells walks will include portions of the Larapinta Trail as well as some magnificent areas which lie well away from the marked route. Each section lasts about a week. Our East Macdonnells, Finke Gorge and Watarrka walks take you even further off the beaten track.

We no longer have space available on our March-April trips, but welcome bookings on our June-July (pleasantly warm days and cold nights) and September-October (warmer days and cool nights) trips. Ask for our trip notes.



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