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NOTICE of

Annual General Meeting

of the **Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.**

Wednesday 28th February 1996 at 8.00 pm

in the **Horticultural Hall** (enter from the Clubrooms, Mackenzie Street)

Business to be transacted will be:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Half Yearly General Meeting held on 30 August 1995
2. Receive & consider the Committee's reports of the activities of the Association during the previous year, including the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement)
3. Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Members of the Committee for 1996
4. Determination of Annual Subscription.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Election of Auditors.
7. General Business.

All members are welcome and are urged to attend. Visitors may observe but cannot vote.

If you are unable to attend but would like to cast a vote, a **Proxy Form** appears on page 11

A **Nomination Form** for Office Bearers & positions on the Committee appears on page 16 (Mailer)

Janet Norman, President; Peter Chalkley, Secretary

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Talk and Slide Night Cape York

Wednesday, 13 March at 8.00 pm
The Wildernes Society will present a Talk and Slides on the Cape York Campaign, in the Clubrooms.

Notice

**Wilkinson Lodge
Winter Bookings Open on March 6th.**

See Page 12 for further details.

The First Committee meeting for the incoming Committee of Management will be on Monday 4th March, 1996.

Duty Roster for Wednesday Meetings:

| | |
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| Wed 14, Feb | Lloyd & Jean |
| Wed 21, Feb | Stephen & Pearson |
| Wed 28, Feb | Denise & Alan Miller |
| Wed 6, Mar | Janet & Peter Havlicek |

From the Editor

This is my last **NEWS**. It is with some sadness that I am handing over the reins to another. I have really enjoyed editing **The NEWS** for you all, and I hope my readers have likewise enjoyed my efforts.

Of course it is not just my **NEWS**. I relied heavily on my Contributors for articles, snippets of news, walk previews, walk reports, Committee notes, etc. Please continue to support your **NEWS** with contributions.

I believe an Editor has the right to bring an individuality to his/her production, while keeping to the main thrust and purpose of the Club's official newsletter. I look forward to seeing future editions, under the new editorship, and take this opportunity to give her/him my best wishes. I'll not be disappearing - I will still be around for consultation if required.

Also with this **NEWS** are the Annual Reports of the Club - where your Office Bearers account for their stewardship, and report on the current state of the Club. Please remember to bring your copy of **The NEWS** to the Annual General Meeting, when these reports will be tabled. I urge all members to attend, as is your right, to elect new office bearers, and to participate in the decision-making of your Club.

Finally, as this is my last Editorial, thanks again for all your support & encouragement, and best wishes to the new Editor and incoming Committee. I won't be at the AGM as Pam & I will be wandering around New Zealand.

Bob Steel

President's Prose

Another Club year is drawing to a close and you can read of all our activities and achievements in the reports by office bearers published in this newsletter. On behalf of you, the Members, I would like to extend our grateful thanks for all the time, thought and effort put into the smooth running of the Club by all the Committee Members. I would like to particularly thank several of our office bearers who are not standing for re-election this year.

Bill Metzthen - our Walks Secretary - has been in this position for 2 years and has ensured that our walks are interesting, varied and well run. The Walks Secretary's job is one of the crucial positions of the Club - and Bill's ideas, knowledge of walking areas and skill at twisting leaders' arms have created 2 years of wonderful and enticing walk programs.

Alan Miller is the inaugural Assistant Walks Secretary and has been responsible for the smooth running of Sunday Walks. Alan has always devised a varied and interesting program, as well as found, encouraged and assisted all those leaders required for Sunday walks - no mean feat, I can assure you!

Bob Steel, our **News** Editor for 2 years, has kept up our lines of communication wonderfully well; we have a most professional newsletter to keep us informed. Bob has been involved with the Club for many years (35 years, in fact!) and in many roles, including President. His knowledge and reliability has certainly been appreciated.

William Cone is retiring as Treasurer but I'm pleased to say remaining on the Committee. William has kept our finances well and offered sound advice on our monetary matters. I thank him for his commitment.

Denise Triffett, Stephen Rowlands and Nigel Holmes are not standing for the Committee this year so thanks to them for their time and commitment on the Committee.

Sunday walks are again very well attended, so the bus is becoming almost full on the first week of opening for bookings. So do get in early if you don't want to be disappointed. Mail bookings should be received on the first week of bookings - i.e. two Wednesdays before the walk to be sure of a place.

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:
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PO Box 1751Q, MELBOURNE 3001

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Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly. 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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Closing Date for **MARCH 1996 News** is

28th February 1996.

Previews for March Day Walks

Saturday 2 Historical Walk DIGHTS FALLS Easy -KEW BILLABONG

Leader: **Pearson Cresswell**
 Transport: **Private or Train - MEET at 1200**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **8 kms**
 Expected time of return: **1700**
 Approx length of walk: **15 kms**
 Map Reference: **Melways map 2D and 45**

Here's a great walk right in the heart of Melbourne. Meeting at Clifton Hill railway station (east side) at 1200, we will walk through the lanes of "historic" Clifton Hill to Dights Falls. Thence we follow the Yarra via Yarra Bend, Studley Park (including the panorama from the Beacon) to the Billabong at Kew, returning via Fairfield Park. Great views & lots of birds. Bring lunch and stay for a BBQ afterwards if you like. For anyone with unfulfilled democratic duties, a detour past the polling station can be organised.

Sunday 3 DAYLESFORD-HEPBURN SPRINGS Easy & Easy/medium (via Tipperary Track)

Leaders: **Peter Havlicek & Joy Shields**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **114 km**
 Expected time of return: **before 1930**
 Approx length of walks: **14 & 17 kms**
 Map Reference: **Eganstown & Daylesford 1:25 000**

Feeling angst over the Grand Prix thundering down on you? Or is it rage/elation/terminal boredom/a surfeit of chewed nails in your mouth over the election? Put it all away on this first 1996 autumn walk from Hepburn Springs to Daylesford Lake. On the easy walk there is a moderate climb from Hepburn Springs to Jacksons' Lookout, then the track winds through Heartbreak Gorge, Bryces Flat, the Blowhole and Tipperary Springs to finish at Daylesford Lake with its kiosk, its waterfowls and its bookshop. The easy-medium walk will do an extra bushbash from Kidds Flat to Argyle Spring. Bring along your stale bread to feed the water fowls and a spare bottle for the mineral water.

Sunday 10 QUEENSCLIFFE - POINT Easy & Easy/med. LONSDALE - BARWON HEADS

Leaders: **Dave Gibson & Ian Hoad (9553 4496)**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **100 kms**
 Expected time of return: **1900**

Approx length of walks: **15 & 19 kms**
 Map Reference: **Ocean Grove & Queenscliff 1:25 000 or Melway Maps 233, 234, 235, 236**

The longer walk will start near the mouth of the Barwon River, and the shorter from Ocean Grove. Both will go around Point Lonsdale to Queenscliff. Walking will mostly be on the sand, tides and dog poo permitting.

Sunday 17 FRIENDS OF BAW BAW Survey Medium

Leader: **Peter Chalkley**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **186 kms**
 Area: **Baw Baw National Park**
 Map Reference: **Mount Baw Baw 1:25 000**

Small groups of 4-5 will be searching an area of c. 2 square kms. of the Baw Baw National Park, for feral cattle. The search will be a "feature type" as with the Search & Rescue practice. Come along and do your bit for the environment, and have a bit of fun, too. Please let the leader know if you are coming, by February 21st. See also under Weekend Walks

Sunday 17 RICHARDS TRAMLIN - Easy & Easy/medium BIG PATSCREEK

Leaders: **Alan Miller & Clare Lonergan**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 80 kms**
 Expected time of return: **1900**
 Area: **Warburton**
 Approx length of walks: **14 & 18 kms**
 Map Reference: **Ada River 1:25 000**

Somebody has cleared Richard's Tramline! Both walks will start out along the old tramline, crossing Faith, Hope & Charity Creeks. They are all easy creek crossings. Just past Charity Creek, the easy walk will leave the tramline for a return along a dirt road once used to carry timber to the mills. There will be a short section of bush-bashing for the easy-medium walk as we make our way to Smyth Creek Road and on to the Upper Yarra Walking Track, which is another old tramline. Good views from Richard's Tramline. Total climb on the easy walk is about 350m over c. 7 km, so that is very gradual. Total climb for the e/m walk is about 520m over 8 kms.

Previews for March Day Walks continued

Wednesday 20
Easy/medium

DONNA BUANG -
CEMENT CREEK

Leader: **Margaret Borden**
 Transport: **Private see below**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **96 kms**
 Expected time of return: **c. 1830**
 Area: **near Warburton**
 Approx length of walk: **15 kms**
 Map Reference: **Juliet South 1:25 000**

MEET at 9 Albert Crescent, Surrey Hills at 8.30 am
OR at Cement Creek car park at c. 1015.

The walk will start from the Cement Creek Reserve car park up the Acheron Way & then head NW up to 320m to Boobyalla Saddle with its beautiful mountain ash, beech trees, ferns & grassy areas for a lunch break. We will then come back a short distance & head up the Boobyalla track for a further 260m climb to Mt Donna Buang, on a lovely walking track. From there a modest descent on another attractive walking track to Mt Victoria through more beautiful timbered areas & a final stretch on the road to Ten Mile Turntable. There will be a morning car shuffle. For those who don't fancy the trip to Mt Victoria there will be the option of cutting off approx. 3k & taking a more direct route to Ten Mile Turntable.

Sunday 24 **ARTHURS SEAT-GREEN'S BUSH**
Easy & Easy/medium **BUSHRANGERS BAY**

Leaders: **Peter McGrath & Joan Haigh**
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 70 kms**
 Expected time of return: **1900**
 Area: **Mornington Peninsula**
 Approx length of walks: **13 & 18 kms**
 Map Reference: **Dromana & Cape Schanck 1:25 000**
Melway 159, 171, 258, 259, 260

This **Easy/medium** walk is very scenic, and will commence at the bottom of Arthurs Seat, climbing to the top, with splendid sea & coastal views, followed by a visit to *Seawinds*. After taking in Kings Waterfall, the easy/medium walk will take the bus down to Baldry Crossing.

The **Easy** group will commence at Baldry Crossing and walk through Greens Bush. This is a lovely stretch of coastal forest.

Both Walks will then follow the Main Creek walking track and the Bushrangers Bay walking track down to Cape Schanck. These walks should be very pleasant, offering a little slice of what the Peninsula has to offer.

Saturday 30
Easy

Dandenongs Explorer
JOHNS HILL - MONBULK

Leader: **Michael Humphrey**
 Transport: **Private or Train**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **47 kms**
 Expected time of return: **1600**
 Approx length of walk: **14 kms**
 Map Reference: **Melways 124 & 125**

Helene Hunt will not now be leading this walk, and due to the short notice, I have not been able to prepare a preview. Please refer to next month's **NEWS** for full details of this walk.

Saturday 30 **FEDERATION S&R SEMINAR**
Easy

Leader: **Stephen Down**
 Transport: **Private**

Due to planning and organisational delays, this Seminar has been postponed 'til later in the year.

Sunday 31 **FEDERATION DAY WALK**
Easy & Medium **MARYSVILLE**

NOTE - Early Start

Leaders: **Dave Gibson**
 Transport: **Bus at 8.30 am from South Bank Boulevard**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **97 kms**
 Expected time of return: **c. 1800**
 Approx length of walks: **from 4 to 18 kms**
 Map Reference: **Outdoor Leisure Map**
Marysville-Lake Mountain

A selection of walks along popular tracks will be hosted by Maroondah Bushwalking Club in the forested hills of the Great Dividing Range. Features of the area are mountain lookouts, waterfalls, & relics of the timber industry. The walks, which will be easy, medium and hard, will start and finish in Marysville where afternoon tea will be provided (BYO cup!).

Take thi opportunity to walk with members from other Clubs, and make new friends.

See page for the list of walks as provided by the Maroondah Bushwalkers.

Previews for March Long Weekend Bus Trip - Lower Glenelg

Labour Day Weekend, March 8 to 11

Here is some further information on this trip:

Similarly to previous trips, the bus will pick up passengers from Surrey Hills at 6:00 pm on Friday. It is possible that the Grand Prix may upset our planned pick-up from Southbank Boulevard in the City at 6:45 pm. Check the next NEWS for any announcements regarding this.

We will camp at Pritchard's campsite (about 20 km from Nelson) on Friday night. On Saturday morning the bus will take everyone to Moleside where the trips will start. On Monday afternoon, the bus will progressively pick up the parties, starting with the canoe group at about 2 pm, with the intention of leaving for Melbourne before 3:30 pm.

The bus cost for all trips is the same, \$55 per person. Your place on the bus is not assured until you have paid your \$55 deposit. All deposits should be paid to Clare Lonergan.

Clare has received a healthy number of bookings already so to ensure your place you will need to book and pay soon. Also, recall that the trip may be cancelled if there are not enough bookings by the 28th of February.

Deposits are non-refundable (unless you break a leg) after 28th Feb. In addition, fees are payable for the Friday night campsite and by everyone except the pack carry group on the other nights.

To simplify the arrangements, the Club will subsidise the camping costs. The canoeists and base campers will pay \$5 per person total for camping fees. The pack carriers will pay nothing.

Base Camp - Easy/medium

Leader: Jean Giese
Approx length of walk: c. 30-35 kms
Map Reference: Great South West Walk maps

Jean Giese has generously volunteered to lead the base camp part of the trip. From Moleside, the base campers will walk along the river back to their tents at Pritchards. On Sunday, the base campers will visit another part of the river, the information displays in Nelson, and the ocean beach near Nelson. On Monday, they will visit the Princess Margaret Rose Caves.

Canoe Trip - Easy/medium

Leader: Doug Pocock
Approx length of paddle: 43 kms
Map Reference: National Parks Service - Glenelg R.

This is filling fast so contact me before you put your name down.

We will go from Moleside Creek to Donovans - these are not long days and should give some time for exploring. We may even fit in a visit to the Princess Margeret Rose Caves.

I want everyone to have had some canoeing experience, this can be arranged easily enough & everyone must contact me regarding equipment & clothing (ie, not too much or not too little of each!)

Pack Carry - Medium

Leader: Sylvia Wilson
Approx length of walk: 41.5 kms
Map Reference: Great SW Walk maps 3 & 4

This looks like fun! Herewith a bit of the delightful Glenelg River, from the bank. Our first day takes us from near Moleside Camp to Post-&-Rail Camp, a bit of a stroll at 12.5 k. Next day we stretch it a bit to Patterons Canoe Camp which is 17 k. Our final pick up point at Donovans Landing is about 12k where we'll meet the bus. Along the way we view magnificent limestone cliffs an a gorge; the topography varies along the way - believe it or not - & hence the vegetation. If we can get to the Princess Margaret Rose Caves, we will; I believe they're smashing.

TREKKING, SIKKIM, HIMALAYA



Starting 5th April 1996; a 21 day trip including 12-13 days of trekking.

*\$1950 land cost ex Calcutta.

*Small, private group.

*Bookings close end February, 1996

☞ For information contact

☞ Darren Miller ph/fax

Please note re above advertisement: This is NOT an official Club trip, therefore participants would not be covered by the Club's general liability insurance. Anyone intending participating would need to arrange their own accident insurance. The ad. is accepted as a service to Members only.

Previews for March Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks Continued

15-17 March BAW BAW CAMP & SURVEY Medium

Leader: **Peter Chalkley**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **186 kms**
 Expected time of return: **Sunday evening**
 Area: **Baw Baw National Parks**
 Approx length of walk: **?**
 Map Reference: **Mount Baw Baw 1:25 000**

This weekend will encompass a day walk on the Saturday and a Feral Cattle survey on the Sunday. The Feral Cattle survey is being organised by the 'Friends of Baw Baw' group and is being run in conjunction with the Federation (of Victorian Walking Clubs) and the National Parks Service.

This is a great chance to participate in a worthy conservation effort and to 'show the flag' for the Melbourne Bushies. Please let the leader know by 21st February, so that organisers can be informed. (See also preview under Day Walks on page 3.)

22-24 March BOGONG NATIONAL PARK Easy/medium WORK PARTY

Leader: **Alan Clarke**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **380 kms**
 Expected time of return: **Sunday evening**
 Map Reference: **Outdoor Leisure Map Bogong Alpine Area**

Another chance to contribute to the environment and demonstrate Bushies willingness to help preserve our important walking areas. Details of the work to be done have not been finalised - it depends on what projects the Rangers have in hand. We will be staying at Wilky, but at **no cost**, as we will be helping the National Park. See Alan for details of activities and any special tools or equipment that might be required.

22-24 March Mt TAWONGA BASE CAMP Easy/medium

Leader: **Janet Norman**
 Transport: **Private**

This walk has been postponed to a later date - see next **NEWS** for more details.

29-31 March Mt ARBUCKLE - Easy/medium BREAKFAST CREEK

Leader: **Mary Leonard**
 Transport: **Private**
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **307 kms**
 Expected time of return: **late Sunday**
 Area: **North of Licola**
 Approx length of walk: **c. 22 kms**
 Map Reference: **VMTc Snowy Plains or Tamboritha-Moroka 1:50 000**

Having camped at Breakfast Creek on Friday night, we will drive up on Saturday morning to Tamboritha Saddle & on to Arbuckle Junction, to start the walk. We climb Mt Arbuckle then down to Shaws Creek, passing Kellys, McMichaels & Higgins huts. We will camp somewhere along McMillans track.

On Sunday we will probably continue along McMillans track, visiting Mt Tamboritha & Little Tamboritha, and make our way down to Breakfast Creek.

Notice re Booking on Walks

Booking Lists for walks are put on booking board **TWO WEEKS** prior to the walk. The Committee has decided that preference will be given to people attending in person to book on walks, ahead of any pending mail bookings. Pending means any mail bookings not yet entered on the booking list.

The Bushies Good Food Guide

Contributions from readers most welcome. You must have some favourite eating places. Let us all know about them.

Gateway Cafe - Bairnsdale

A good place to stop for a cup of coffee and tea etc. Good and friendly service from staff. To tempt your salivation, they also serve bigger than normal carrot cake.

The shop is located in a square opposite Mc Donalds. Travelling from Melbourne, it is on the left side of the main street, you can't miss it. The cafe is also the local information centre. There's heaps of parking in the square..

They are open from 7am to 5pm weekdays; 7am to 4:30 pm weekends.
Sak

A CAUTIONARY TALE FOR COMPASSHEADS

I have several epic navigational blunders to my name, and enough "friends" in the club eager to tell you about them, that you shouldn't have any trouble at all in catching up with the gory details if you wish. I nevertheless remain firmly committed to the "topographic" school of navigation. My experience over the years, both with the club and elsewhere, has been such that I would much rather follow a leader who doesn't appear to own a compass, and who doesn't even seem to look at the map all that often, rather than someone who is forever and always fiddling with a compass, who seems to make you march uphill and down dale in straight lines all day, and who seems forever unsure of where exactly the party is.

The compass-fiddler is thinking only one move ahead, if that, and constantly has new situations presenting themselves. The topographic navigator has studied the entire route, the entire block of country through which the route passes, and the relationship between the two, before the walk even begins. How many saddle points do we pass through before we leave the main ridge? Should the high end of the valley on the left be ahead of us or behind us? What about the valley on the right? Should the next stream we cross be flowing left to right or right to left? There is a level of necessity about these things which far transcends the detail of the precise direction a crooked creek happens to be flowing at the point where you happen to meet it.

Finally, where is the wall? One of the best leaders the club ever had (he refused to admit even to owning a compass, but I will not identify him to any greater extent than to say that he has made a commercial success of publishing track notes) always used to give the game away by telling people at the start of the walk what to do if they got separated from the party. "Keep walking downhill, and you have to come to such and such a road", or suchlike. I prefer to keep the party together and not tell them such things, but if the various members of the six or eight parties I have led across the Tasmanian central plateau over the years were to put their heads together, it would certainly come to light that we frequently seem to go by way of Three Arm Lake or the Lang Tarns, and quite often both. These stretch for miles, so it doesn't really matter where you hit them. If you go round the correct (right or left, as the case may be) end, you cannot help but know, even after wandering around in the fog for days, exactly where you are. I do claim that most of my blunders have arisen from "cultural" distractions, where roads and engineering works take your eye off the country.

So... the cautionary tale? I was in New Zealand in January, and decided to walk the Atene Skyline Track near Wanganui. This is where the Whanganui River has broken through a former meander, leaving Puketapu ("Holy Hill"), on what was formerly its true right bank, cut off from the end of the ridge it formerly terminated. The Skyline Walk follows a higher ridge (which was formerly immediately above the river's true left bank) around this in an almost complete circle. The entire route was described as being 18 km long, and taking 6-8 hrs. The only map I had was on a very small scale, with no detail except for some shading

giving a vague indication of the ridgelines, and showing the route of the track itself. Taken together with the description, however, I felt quite confident about the logic of the whole thing. I WAS breaking Rule 1, though - I was walking by myself. Well... it happens.

The upstream terminus of the track, where I began, was only 2 km away from the other, downstream, end. I left the car there and walked along the road to the start. I was doing the circuit in a clockwise direction, and Puketapu should have been on my right for the entire duration of the walk. A complication, which I had assessed before I began, was that during what might be loosely described as the third quarter of the walk, it was fairly clear that the track must get onto some higher ridges out of sight of Puketapu, over in the back right hand corner of the loop as seen when looking into it from the start. The only other information I had was that there was no water (it was a very sharp ridge - we were definitely in NZ not OZ) except at a shed built expressly at the halfway point to collect rainwater. The country was far too steep for there to be any negotiable way out except by either end of the track. As I got onto the ridge, and got my first good view of Puketapu (the bush was very thick, and the number of places where you could see correspondingly limited), I noticed that its highest point was at the left-hand end - in other words farthest away from where the river had broken through on its new course.

I duly reached the water tank at the half-way point. The whole day was heavily overcast, but from the map I was now north of Puketapu, and on my left I could see the watershed of a minor tributary of the Whanganui sloping upwards parallel to the track, which continued eastwards, climbing steadily towards the highest point of the circuit. Before long, as expected, Puketapu was hidden behind an intervening ridge. At long last I reached the highest point. In a small grassy green clearing in dense bush with no view of the surroundings I came upon a T-shaped wooden signpost with some shortish Maori name Trig on it. The track entered and left this little knoll at odd angles. The track continued with a lot more ups and downs in more or less the same direction until less-steep drop-off on the left told me we were joining the main ridge running around the head of the watershed previously on the left. It then seemed to swing more right, as it should have done. I was getting rather tired by now, and walking in a real Pacific steambath, so I took frequent rests. At long last the track began to descend - but not nearly as fast as I felt it should have, and with intervening stretches where it went up again. I began to wonder how much longer it would be before we really began to lose height in a serious way. There was one place I didn't like at all, where there had been big recent landslips, and the track suddenly disappeared over a 300 ft drop. A new track had been nonchalantly trampled into the undergrowth not five feet away from the edge. There was another drop on the other side, so that was about as far in as the new track could go. I watched very carefully where I was putting my clumsy feet.

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A CAUTIONARY TALE FOR COMPASSHEADS

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There was a promising drop, but then a steady climb onto another top. In a small grassy green clearing in dense bush with no view of the surroundings I came upon a T-shaped wooden signpost with some shortish Maori name Trig on it. The track entered and left this little knoll at odd angles.

Here I was, back at the trig! I couldn't believe it! I couldn't remember the name - I have a dreadful time with these Kiwi names, which seem to consist of endless small variations on only about four different names, but it certainly was T-something short Trig. All the other details fitted exactly. The only possible explanation was that after one of my rests I must have got up and started walking the wrong way! I hardly ever use a compass, but I certainly always have one with me - it lives in my parka pocket. Shaking, I got it out. I checked the map. The magnetic declination was a whopping 22.5 degrees east. I set it. If north is to the right, you HAVE got up and started walking the wrong way... you are back at the trig, and you are walking anticlockwise around the circuit.

North was to the right. I was in dead trouble.

I had to accept the verdict of the compass. Is this how senility sets in? Unbelievably, I reversed my direction. A few yards got me out of the thickest part of the bush and I was able to see a bit of my surroundings. There was Puketapu. In the last few hundred yards, when I had been preoccupied with the landslips and with looking up at the top of the knoll, I had moved far enough to bring it out from behind the ridge. Its higher end was on the RIGHT! This could mean only one thing: I had completed almost the whole of the circuit, and was in fact at almost the same point on the track as, before my big shock, I had imagined myself to be. What that meant was, impossible though it seemed, there were TWO trig points of almost identical appearance with almost identical names. I did not need what only now occurs to me was the clincher - the fact that my new direction put Puketapu on the left, and was therefore incorrectly anticlockwise. The aspect of Puketapu was enough to tell me exactly where I was, and have me revert to my original direction, trig or no trig. Of course if this second trig were on the southern limb of the rather oval-shaped track, then from it north on the right meant clockwise, and was therefore correct. I went back over the knoll, immediately beyond which, at long last, the track began a precipitous descent which brought me back to the car within twenty minutes.

In Wanganui next day I went round to the DOC to buy the 1:50 000 map. It had spot heights for the two trigs, but no names. I finally got these from a pamphlet they had on the walk. Taumata Trig, 523 metres, and, at close to the same height, Taupiri Trig, 489 metres. My dictionary leads me to suspect that anyone with a knowledge of Maori would pick a very meaningful difference between the two names, but to me at the time they seemed like exactly the same name. So I saw a ranger and told him my silly story. Maybe, for the benefit of visiting dumb Australians they will paint one of the name posts bright purple, so we'll KNOW it's a different place. As it is, they seem to have made efforts to make them

look similar that are almost puckish. The compass is always correct, but the inferences which can be drawn from what it seems to say, in the absence of complete information, can sometimes be dead wrong!

Graham Wills-Johnson.

New members

Myriam Galea Richard Michael Gintel

Dennis Jacobs Julie Marshall

Michael James Rapson Ilsa Schuller

Dean Shears Frank Shew

Altered Address/Phone

Nancy Belya Julie Box

Janty Taylor William Cone

Judith & Peter Gipps Chris Cheah

Single memberships 352; Honorary Members 10;
Life Members 11; Family memberships 96 (= 2x 48)
Total membership 469

Walks for December 1995

Day Walks - 3, ave of 37¹/₃ (cf. 33 in Dec 1994)

Weekend Walks - 4, ave of 9¹/₂ (cf. 10)

Base Camps - 2, ave 18¹/₂ (cf. 16¹/₂)

Wednesday & Historical Walks - 2, ave 8¹/₂.

Sunday Private Transport trip (31 Dec. 95) - 14

Treasurers Report for December 1995

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance: | \$54 855.10 |
| Month's receipt | \$2 450.75 |
| Month's Payments | \$4 267.72 |
| Closing Balance | \$53 038.13 |

Treasurers Report for January 1996

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance: | \$53 038.13 |
| Month's receipt | \$5 184.94 |
| Month's Payments | \$5 457.46 |
| Closing Balance | \$52 765.61 |

Walks Secretary's Report

| Yearly attendance totals for the 5 years 1991-1995 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|---------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Year | Total | Day | Weekend | | Members | Visitors | Nr of trips |
| | | | total | pack carry | | | |
| 1995 | 2993 | 2402 | 591 | 323 | 2256 | 737 | 146 |
| 1994 | 2719 | 2189 | 530 | 304 | 2058 | 661 | 139 |
| 1993 | 2651 | 2127 | 524 | 287 | 2035 | 616 | 138 |
| 1992 | 2630 | 2106 | 524 | 236 | 2090 | 540 | 134 |
| 1991 | 2993 | 2389 | 604 | 285 | 2317 | 676 | 140 |

| Jan-Dec 1995 Statistics (1994 in ()) | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Walk type | Nr of trips | Av. attendance | |
| Sunday bus | 50 (50) | 39.1 | (36.5) |
| Pack carry | 36 (36) | 9.0 | (8.4) |
| Base camp | 15 (17) | 11.3 | (12) |
| Lodge | 5 (3) | 19.4 | (7) |
| Wednesday | 12 (11) | 10.1 | (10.6) |
| Dandenongs | 10 (9) | 11.6 | (11.3) |
| Historical | 10 (8) | 12.9 | (12.4) |
| Ski day, etc. | 8 (5) | 10.1 | (8.6) |

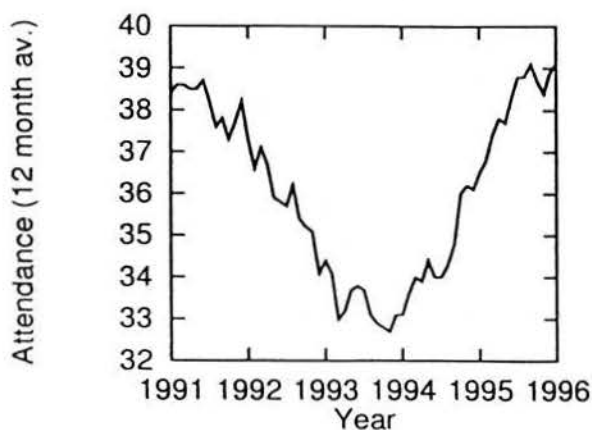
1995 was another good bushwalking year for the club. Once again, we had a very successful Queen's Birthday weekend bus trip. Similar to 1994, the ski season was more or less average.

More trips were successfully run in 1995 than 1994. This is primarily due to fewer trips being cancelled (7, compared with 13 in 1994).

The average proportion of visitors on our trips was about a quarter, the highest proportion since 1990.

The increase in attendance on lodge-based trips was mostly due to a very successful Rawson weekend with 43 participants.

The trend noted in last year's report of an increase in the average attendances on our Sunday bus trips continued in 1995, as the following graph shows:



Each point on the graph gives the average attendance for the preceding twelve months. As noted last year, the decline and improvement in attendance was probably due to several factors. The improved numbers has resulted in an increased number of walks being booked out. The committee has considered this trend and decided to take no action in 1995.

The financial situation for the bus is complicated by the fact that we have visitors (who pay a visitor's fee) and concession fares on most trips. It is further complicated by the fact that a few bus trips have been run with some walkers using private transport. If we did not have these complications, a typical Sunday bus trip would require 39 participants (including leaders) using the bus on a trip for us to avoid making a loss.

A disturbing trend in the last year has been the increased problems in finding suitable and willing leaders. The problem areas are day walks and easier overnight trips.

The Walks Programme is primarily the result of the efforts of the walks sub-committee. This year we have had the benefit of the involvement of Alan Miller (Assistant Walks Secretary), Jean Giese, Max Casley, Janet Norman, Keith White, Sylvia Wilson, Pearson Cresswell and Marilyn Whimpey. In addition, supplementary parts of the programme were contributed by Margaret Borden (Wednesday walks), Michael Humphrey (Dandenongs), and Athol Schafer (Historical and Urban). To these (apologies to anyone I have forgotten), and those members who give up some of their time and accept the responsibilities involved in leading a successful trip: thank you.

Bill Metzenthien
Walks Secretary 1995

Annual Reports for 1995

Presidents Report

1995 has proven to be another successful & satisfying year for the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. This is due no doubt to the enthusiasm and contributions made by so many Members to our activities. Members assisted by serving on the Committee, as leaders & sub-leaders of walks, answering enquiries by new members & visitors, newsletter posting etc., etc., and this active involvement makes for a very efficient, friendly and successful Club.

All our walking activities are well supported and enjoyed by Members and visitors alike, and 1995 has seen our Sunday walks very well attended with the bus often booked out.

A Leaders' Day was held in Spring to add to the experience and knowledge of our leaders. It was well attended and valuable information and ideas were shared.

The long-awaited book *Melbourne Bushies - Fifty Years Along the Track* - was launched to great acclaim in March 1995. Congratulations again to all involved.

The Club's commitment to conservation of the environment has continued this year and several donations to help preserve & protect our walking environment were made. \$500 was donated to the Victorian National Parks Association, \$1 650 to the Victorian Conservation Trust and \$200 to the Alpine World Heritage Area campaign.

We began the year with a very enthusiastic and friendly Social Secretary - Nancy Belyea - who organised some wonderful repasts and events. We were all sorry to see her return to Canada. Sylvia Wilson has organised several social events since Nancy's departure, so thanks are due to Sylvia.

In conclusion I am pleased to present the report of a happy and successful year for the Melbourne Bushwalkers.

Janet Norman

Membership Secretary' Report 1995

The Membership Secretary's regular duties include:

- the maintenance of the register of members' particulars (address,
- phone, subscription status)
- the collection of subscriptions
- giving advice about membership to potential or new members
- assisting in the preparation of mailing and membership lists
- mailing out the **The NEWS**

As at the beginning of 1996, the membership of the Club was 469 (last year 433) including 11 Life and 10 Honorary members.

The number of members increased markedly during 1995 due to a large number of new members joining and the usual attrition of old members leaving. During calendar 1995, there were only 67 (1994: 50) members who let their membership lapse and 103 (1994: 90) new members joined.

In parallel with the activity of Margaret Borden, who responds to enquiries received on the Club's 'phone number, the Membership Secretary responded to postal enquiries, some 20-30 over the year, by mailing walks programmes and other information about the Club.

In conclusion, members would help very much if they could let the Secretary know as soon as practicable when their address, home or work 'phone have changed. It has happened that quite suddenly, the **NEWS's** have started returning with a "Not at this address" stamp. Also, prompt payment of 1996 subs within the subscription period (within 3 months after the AGM) would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Havlicek

Wilkinson Lodge Report 1995/96

Lodge usage for the twelve months was 759 visitor-nights which includes 429 non-member nights. Non-members include members' families and groups from other clubs. These figures are down on last year (822 & 474 respectively)

The Lodge was booked for 13 weeks over winter, being 7 MBVW groups (some of which included visitors) 6 other club groups. The other club groups tended to be better patronized than MBW groups. Non-winter use has been lower this year.

Works carried out this year have included replacing lounge, kitchen and storeroom windows, repairing the ceiling trim in the lounge, erection of an electric fence around the water supply and of course, ongoing cleaning, painting & general repairs etc. Many thanks to Maroondah Bushwalkers for their usual sterling job in carting, splitting up and stacking the wood supply. Last year (1995) an early fall of snow greatly complicated the task. Despite only four people turning up for the National Park work party a great job was done marking the track to Mt. Cope

Members are reminded that merit points gained through work parties etc are taken into account if disputes arise over bookings. Work parties are advertised in **The NEWS** and I find it hard to accept when people complain that they couldn't go on work parties because they didn't know when they were on! I would like to thank all those members, and non-members, who have worked and supported Wilky this year.

It has been noted that some people are still having trouble turning on the water correctly, and some are still lighting the Tilley lamps incorrectly. If the instructions for these operations are followed (and they are in plain English) then there should be no problems.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that prompt return of keys, fees, and report forms helps in the smooth running of the Lodge.

Doug Pocock

TREASURER'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 January 96

In accordance with the Club's Statement of Purposes and Rules the financial records for the year 1995/96 have been passed to the auditors for confirmation. The following statement of the Club's financial position as at 31 January 1996 may change once the books have been audited. A detailed statement will be available at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th February 1996.

All receipts and payments have been classified into sub-accounts. During the year \$10,000 of the Club's reserves were invested in a term deposit for one year. In the November, the Special sub-account received interest. This year the committee decided to donate this interest to the Victorian Conservation Trust and the ALPS World Heritage campaign.

The year's performance and end of year balances for all the sub-accounts follow (losses in brackets). The profit and loss figures exclude a \$4,000 transfer from the Club sub-account to the publication sub-account during the year.

| Sub-account | Year's Profit (losses in brackets) \$ | Year End Balances \$ |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| Club | (466.08) | 7,956.16 |
| Wilky | 2,598.04 | 13,652.55 |
| Walks | 1,044.90 | 10,194.62 |
| Special | 0.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Publication | (5,660.89) | 962.28 |

Overall the Club made an operating loss of \$1,551.87 . The Club's equity stands at \$61,042.51, an increase of \$394.12 over the previous year.

On the basis of the Club's results, I recommend no change to the annual subscriptions or Walk fees. The Wilky sub-account shows a substantial profit, and I agree with the Committee's recommendation to reduce Wilky fees for the coming year.

William Cone
4th February 1996

50 Year Publication Melbourne Bushies - Fifty Years Along the Track

The book of our 50 year history was published a year ago. We have sold c. 230 copies and we have about 370 copies left (we ordered 500 but received 600 from the printer).

Income to date from sales is \$4 205.00. The Expenses were \$9 866.00, so currently the Club is subsidising sales to the tune of \$5 660.00, or \$24.60 per book sold.

We must expect sales now to be rather slow, and we will continue to sell the book at the original price of \$18.

Derrick Brown

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I of
..... being a member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Incorporated, hereby appoint
..... of

being a member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Incorporated, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the

- * Annual General Meeting
- * Half Yearly General Meeting
- * Extraordinary General Meeting

to be held on the day of 19..... and at any adjournment of that meeting.

† My proxy is authorised to vote * In Favour of /* Against the following resolution(s):

- * Delete as appropriate
- † Delete if not applicable

Signed
Dated

Report on Walhalla Lodge weekend - Australia Day Weekend

The three-day base camp was very successful and enjoyable. This was partly due to three days of beautiful weather but also because of the spirit of cooperation and participation shown by everyone. It made for a fun weekend and certainly made my job as leader easy and enjoyable.

There was lots of socialising as well as sight-seeing and a high level of involvement in walks.

People began arriving at Walhalla on Thursday afternoon and were greeted by Ian and a fine sunny day. More people continued to arrive throughout Thursday night and the early hours of Friday morning. Thursday night was spent getting to know each other and planning our activities for the days ahead.

The group assembled at 10.00 am on Friday and broke into 2 parties to set off on day walks. Ian and I led an excursion with two 4WD vehicles and 7 people which involved driving north of Walhalla to the Donnelley's Creek area and then doing a short but tough walk into the Morning Star mine waterwheel. This area is very rugged and it was slow going, but we eventually reached the waterwheel with Ian's guidance. This walk, along with several stops to look at other interesting sites, took most of the day, but everyone found it enjoyable.

Whilst the "excursion" was taking place, Ross Berner led a group of 15 walkers on a 16 km scenic walk to Poverty point bridge, traveling via the Alpine Walking Track which starts at Walhalla. This group had a train ride in the afternoon, and finished their walk by walking along the railway line & road to Walhalla.

By Friday night the rest of the group had arrived from Melbourne and many people joined in cooking and eating (& drinking) together. Later that night we adjourned to a campfire for some socialising and dancing under clear starry skies. Some people were able to do a night walk through the streets of Walhalla.

Saturday was again clear and sunny, and so I led some of the newer arrivals on a walk to Poverty Point whilst Ian Richardson led a group of 13 on a walk along the Coronation Track to view other parts of Walhalla. Both groups had enjoyable walks followed by counter meals at the Walhalla pub. Later in the night we returned to a campfire at the hostel, and a very entertaining "Red Faces" concert. The 'winners' gave a good rendition of *New York, New York!*, however the judge had difficulty in making a decision due to the high standard of the acts!!!

On Sunday morning everyone pitched in to clean the Hostel and pack up for our return to Melbourne. Some

people opted to spend a leisurely Sunday looking around the town, whilst others wanted to do a half-day walk before heading for home. A group of 19 people drove to Mt. St. Gwinear car park, where we had lunch and admired the wildflowers & beautiful clear skies. The group walked to Mt. St. Gwinear summit, where good visibility gave us some superb views of the mountains to the north. Some of the group then returned to Melbourne, whilst others walked on to Mt. St. Phillack before leaving for Melbourne.

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and many were sad that it had come to an end. Ian Richardson's involvement was greatly appreciated - his local knowledge made the walking highly informative. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and support, it made my job a lot easier.

On behalf of the whole group I would like to thank Ian Richardson, a workmate of mine who owns a house at Walhalla, for his hospitality in playing host to two couples at his house, and in leading 2 very interesting walks. I would also like to thank Ross Berner leading a walk and Chris Cheah for providing his stereo system.

My only regret is that the 'wet weather' alternative activities I had planned, such as Massage and Teaching the Didgeridoo will now have to wait until next time.

Brain Crouch

Wilky to Bogong Village - 25-28 January, 1996

Fifteen of us set out on Thursday for a weekend in the Hiugh Country with Jean Giese. The party comprised Pam, Marisa, Jean, Joan, David, Sylvia, Tony, Anne, Sak, Marijke, Chin, Audrey(?), Dianne, Mike and myself.

The trip commenced with an evening at Everton camping ground accompanied by two car-loads of hoodlums bereft of intelligence and complete with loud music. After Jean intervened around 12.30 p.m., the party eventually quietened down and we all had a good night's sleep.

The walk began in earnest the next day at Wilky. The weather was cold and windy. Due to the wind, we changed camping spots and stayed overnight at Tawonga Huts.

The next day we set off for the Niggerheads and the Fainters. We enjoyed fine views from Fainter South is my favourite.

We camped overnight at Bogong Jack's Saddle. The next day we walked down to Bogong Village enjoying fine views along the way. The highlight of the trip was Sylvia fainting (not when she saw the Fainters!)

Many thanks to Jean for being a good leader.

Peter McGrath

VICTORIAN SUNRISE and SUNSET TIMES FOR 1996

The following information is provided for your walks planning.

| Saturday | Sunrise | Sunset | Saturday | Sunrise | Sunset |
|-------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|
| JANUARY 6 | 05.05 | 19.46 | JULY 6 | 07.36 | 17.14 |
| JANUARY 13 | 05.12 | 19.45 | JULY 13 | 07.34 | 17.18 |
| JANUARY 20 | 05.19 | 19.42 | JULY 20 | 07.30 | 17.23 |
| JANUARY 27 | 05.27 | 19.38 | JULY 27 | 07.25 | 17.29 |
| FEBRUARY 3 | 05.35 | 19.32 | AUGUST 3 | 07.19 | 17.34 |
| FEBRUARY 10 | 05.43 | 19.25 | AUGUST 10 | 07.11 | 17.40 |
| FEBRUARY 17 | 05.51 | 19.17 | AUGUST 17 | 07.03 | 17.46 |
| FEBRUARY 24 | 05.58 | 19.08 | AUGUST 24 | 06.53 | 17.52 |
| MARCH 2 | 06.05 | 18.59 | AUGUST 31 | 06.43 | 17.58 |
| MARCH 9 | 06.12 | 18.48 | SEPTEMBER 7 | 06.33 | 18.04 |
| MARCH 16 | 06.19 | 18.38 | SEPTEMBER 14 | 06.22 | 18.10 |
| MARCH 23 | 06.26 | 18.27 | SEPTEMBER 21 | 06.11 | 18.16 |
| MARCH 30 | 06.32 | 18.17 | SEPTEMBER 28 | 06.01 | 18.22 |
| APRIL 6 | 06.38 | 18.06 | OCTOBER 5 | 05.50 | 18.28 |
| APRIL 13 | 06.45 | 17.56 | OCTOBER 12 | 05.39 | 18.34 |
| APRIL 20 | 06.51 | 17.46 | OCTOBER 19 | 05.30 | 18.41 |
| APRIL 27 | 06.57 | 17.38 | OCTOBER 26 | 05.20 | 18.48 |
| MAY 4 | 07.04 | 17.30 | NOVEMBER 2 | 05.12 | 18.56 |
| MAY 11 | 07.10 | 17.23 | NOVEMBER 9 | 05.05 | 19.03 |
| MAY 18 | 07.16 | 17.17 | NOVEMBER 16 | 04.59 | 19.11 |
| MAY 25 | 07.21 | 17.12 | NOVEMBER 23 | 04.55 | 19.19 |
| JUNE 1 | 07.26 | 17.09 | NOVEMBER 30 | 04.52 | 19.26 |
| JUNE 8 | 07.31 | 17.07 | DECEMBER 7 | 04.51 | 19.32 |
| JUNE 15 | 07.34 | 17.07 | DECEMBER 14 | 04.52 | 19.38 |
| JUNE 22 | 07.36 | 17.08 | DECEMBER 21 | 04.54 | 19.42 |
| JUNE 29 | 07.37 | 17.11 | DECEMBER 28 | 04.58 | 19.45 |

NOTES: Permission to reproduce the above kindly granted by the Melbourne Planetarium, Museum of Victoria.

All times are Australian Eastern Standards Time, ie. allow for daylight saving.

Allow for additional variation from west or east, which can be up to 15 minutes.

THE RED CENTRE

The West Macdonnells. Climb the mountains and relax in cool, secluded gorges.

The East Macdonnells. Cross pink sands and camp near a small oasis. Wander through the nearby hills.

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Willis's Walkabouts

12 Carrington Street, Millner NT 0810
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Wilkinson Lodge - Winter Bookings 1996

Bookings will open on Wednesday March 6th and will follow the system used in previous years.

1. As in previous years one experienced member shall be leader. It is the leader's responsibility to collect fees up front - NO PAYMENT, NO BOOKING! Leaders are also responsible for organising the food party so should consider collecting for the food kitty at the same time
 2. For two weeks (i.e. March 6th & 13th.) only members can book, bearing in mind that at least three weeks are put aside for outside groups. If you want to book please talk to the leader first.
 3. After those two weeks then members' families and friends can fill vacancies up to the full group of eight. Note this is the maximum number for a group.
 4. The weeks run Saturday to Saturday and groups are expected to book for the entire week. If groups are not filled, the Manager may offer the extra places to visitors or to those wanting part week only.
 5. Fees will be the same as last year - \$42.00 per week for members and \$84.00 for visitors. Note that children under 16 take their parents status, 16 and over are visitors unless they are members or have applied for membership. Refunds will only be for exceptional circumstances, apply to Committee via the Lodge-Manager.
Remember, No Payment - No Booking!!!!!!
 6. In the event of disputes the Manager will make a decision based on group members brownie points gained through work parties, committee positions, bribes, etc.
- March 6th is only a few weeks off so start thinking now about if you want to go in to Wilky this winter and who you would like to go in with. **If you have not been to Wilky before but would like to then talk to me and I may be able to suggest a group for you.**

Doug Pocock

Rare Finds in the Bush

A recent press report noted that in 1987 an observant bushwalker picked up a holey dollar on the banks of the Shoalhaven River. At auction last november it brought \$15 000!

The holey dollar dates back to an early shortage of coin in NSW. Spanish dollars had the centre punched out to form a 'dump' worth fifteen pence. The dollar (the ring) circulated as five shillings from 1813 to 1823.

Also found in the bush was an old buckle which turned out to be off a belt belonging to an all-Aboriginal cricket team of 1868. It sold for \$2 200.

So, keep your yeys open!

Athol Schafer

The Restless Shades of Burke and Wills!

Take this story told to me last year by the Secretary of the Royal Society for what it is worth.

The historic building requires extensive renovations and a government official came recently during normal hours to inspect the place. Wondering why the man was taking so long, the secretary entered the meeting room to see if everything was ok. He found the visitor 'frozen to the spot', unable to move forward or back. "What happened here?" he gasped. "You are standing on the spot where Burke & Wills lay" answered the Secretary.

(Note: after the remains of the explorers were brought back from Coopers Creek, they were put on view in the vestibule from 31 Dec. 1862 to 21 Jan 1863 for Melbournians to pay their last respects. On the last day the coffins were placed in a monstrously tall catafalque for the funeral procession).

Athol Schafer

Cloth Badges

Have you seen the beaut cloth badges we have for sale?

Ideal for attaching to your pack or clothing.

Features our Club Logo
Measuring 74 mm x 55 mm, they are in light & dark blue, with white walker, text and edging.



Cost is only \$3 per badge, or two for \$5.

If you can't come into the Clubrooms, you can order them by mail.

Fires in National Parks and State Forest & Reserves

A pamphlet produced by Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources (available from Information Victoria) has highlighted the evolving position regarding camp fires. It appears that in National Parks, fires are only permitted in fireplaces provided to reduce the damage to the environment. Try using fuel stoves as they are cleaner, cook faster and don't scar the landscape.

In State Forests (& presumably Reserves), use a constructed fireplace where provided or a previous campfire site. Otherwise light your campfire in a trench 30 cm deep to prevent embers flying out.

There are other tips & suggestions in the pamphlet about firewood, using stoves in tents & the bush, etc.

The Federation is following up this directive to ascertain the ramifications & extent of this directive.

**1996 FEDERATION DAY WALK - MARYSVILLE
SUNDAY MARCH 31, 1996**

HOSTS: MAROONDAH BUSHWALKING CLUB

REGISTRATION VENUE: RSL and SCOUT HALLS which are next door to each other in Pack Road, Marysville 3rd street on right after entering from Narbethong. Halls are at the top end on the left. Signs will show the way with members directing participants to parking.

The Scout Hall will be used for booking on walks, while the RSL Hall will be used for serving light refreshments during the day. The venue will open at 7.45 am with the first walk away by 8.15 am and all walks due to be finished, with participants returning to Marysville, by 4.00 pm. Close of shop will be approximately 5.30 pm.

Walkers should book on a walk either at the Scout Hall on the day or directly with the leader by phone. However, after booking by phone you must register your attendance at least 10 minutes before walk departure or you will be crossed off the list. A booklet detailing the walks will be available on the day.

All walkers must carry water and lunch.

Afternoon tea will be provided (BYO cup)

WALKS PROGRAMME

| DEPART | RETURN | LEADER | PHONE | WALK | DISTANCE | GRADE |
|----------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|---|----------|-------|
| 8 15 am | 4 00 pm | Klaus Pelzer | 9842 4588 | Cathedral Range. Sugarloaf Peak - Neds Gully | 12 km | H/A |
| 8 30 am | 3 45 pm | Kelvin Kellett | 9548 2428 | Cement Creek - Acheron Gap | 17 km | M-H/A |
| 8 30 am | 2 30 pm | Adrienne Allen | 9877 1645 | Maroondah Highway to Woods Lookout | 16 km | M/A |
| 8 45 am | 2 30 pm | Alan Rowe | 9726 0095 | Wilks Creek - Mt. Strickland | 18 km | M/A |
| 8 45 am | 2 45 pm | Vern Routley | 9898 6130 | Mt. Strickland, Mt. Kitchener, & Mt. Edgar | 18 km | H/A |
| 9 00 am | 3 30 pm | Ken McInnes | 9870 2541 | Lake Mountain - Cumberland Reserve | 12 km | M/A |
| 9 00 am | 3 20 pm | Gerry Tracey | 9803 5091 | The Beeches - Mt. Margaret | 18 km | M/A |
| 9 15 am | 2 45 pm | Ros McCandless | 9870 6687 | Stevenson Falls, De La Rue, Oxlee & Keppells Lookouts | 14 km | M/A |
| 9 15 am | 3 15 pm | Belinda Gibson | 9872 4365 | Lake Mountain, Keppel Hut | 16 km | M/A |
| 9 15 am | 3 45 pm | Paul Chamings | 9879 1482 | Cathedral Range, North Jawbone Peak | 14 km | M/A |
| 9 30 am | 12 00 noon | Alan Bartlett | 9890 6501 | Cumberland Scenic Reserve | 4 km | E/F |
| 9 30 am | 4 00 pm | Nola Neuparth | 9870 0264 | Buxton - Lake Mountain | 16 km | M/A |
| 9 45 am | 2 45 pm | Robyn Grossman Gerald Cornish | 9878 2063 | Man O War Track, Keppel Lookout | 12 km | E-M/A |
| 9 45 am | 3 15 pm | Phil & Elly Grieve | 9870 0350 | Acheron Road - Mt. Strickland | 14 km | M/A |
| 10 00 am | 3 00 pm | Elfrieda Kirsopp | 9877 7614 | Mt. Grant - Mt. Stinton | 14 km | E-M/A |
| 10 00 am | 3 00 pm | Andrew Hillier | 9482 3597 | Marysville, Woods Lookout | 15 km | M/A |
| 10 15 am | 3 45 pm | John Terry | 9534 3397 | Marysville, Sunds Road, Phantom Falls | 16 km | M/A |
| 10 15 am | 3 45 pm | Anne & Michael Clarke | 9723 7228 | Lake Mountain Forests | 15 km | M/A |
| 10 30 am | 2 30 pm | Alison & Geoff Reid | 059 671912 | Phantom Falls & Keppel Falls | 9 km | E/F |
| 10 45 am | 2 45 pm | Pauline Werstak | 9870 8661 | Marysville, Trestle Track | 10 km | E-M/A |
| 11 00 am | 12 30 pm | Gwen Owen | 9870 0483 | Stevensons Falls | 4 km | E/F |
| 1 00 pm | 3 30 pm | Alan Bartlett | 9890 6501 | Cumberland Scenic Reserve | 4 km | E/F |
| 1 30 pm | 3 00 pm | Gwen Owen | 9870 0483 | Stevensons Falls | 4 km | E/F |

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