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PRESIDENTS WEEKEND

October 18.19 and 20th

You are all invited to this weekend.
Come for all the weekend or just part of it.
It will be held in the Upper Loddon State Forest and at Fryerstown.

Lots of walking, bike riding, a cocktail party, Chin wagging, Arvo tea and more.

Hope to see you there

SPECIAL EVENT

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at

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Great Songs, Great Fun,
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Friday October 25th, 8 pm

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So let's have a group booking and
enjoy a night on the town.

Contact Marisa Rizzuto on 9529 8026
Tickets have to be paid for by 19th September

Wilkinson Lodge Spring Clean

Work Party

October 26-27th

Things to be done include general cleaning, cutting and stacking wood, re installing electric fence, installing new cupboard and bench in store room etc

Film Night

An American Blockbuster !!!!

Independence Day

at

Jam Factory Cinemas
Chapel St, Prahran

Friday 20th September at 7 pm

Cost \$6.50

See Marisa Rizzuto or phone 9529 8026
Tickets to be paid for by the 18th September

Slide Night

Wednesday 30th October 8pm
clubrooms

Doug Pocock & Jan Llewelyn
will show their slides of their Willis's Walkabout in
Kakadu

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From the Editor

If anyone would like to send their contributions to News by email please send them to

Also a few weeks ago on a Sunday walk preview I lost my glasses. The problem with these glasses is that going down hills they distort so much I have a habit of taking them off and putting them in my pocket. Well they must have fallen out as when we got back to the car they were missing and it was rather late in the day. We knew of their approximate location to about one kilometre. But on the walk last Sunday they were found, in pristine condition by the whip Stan Chiekchi who I would like to thank. I suppose it was unlikely than many others would have walked down that track in the intervening weeks.

Judy Gipps

From the President

The Half Yearly General Meeting was held on the 21st August and a few items of interest to you all were passed.

The second item of business was to decide on whether to take up the offer of Personal Insurance from the Federation. The offer was accepted by the Meeting and as the Club is in such good financial shape at the moment there will most likely not be an increase in Subs in 1997 to cover the \$2.70 per year charge.

Finally a motion was passed that the Melbourne Bushies would support an increase of up to \$5 for Membership to the Federation. At the moment the fee is \$5.00 plus 60c for Public Liability and this would possibly bring the fee up to \$10.60. There was some discussion about the importance of supporting more vigorously the Federation. The Federation

is our representation of bushwalkers in Victoria and has an important role to play in representing our concerns in such areas as Conservation, Search and Rescue, Track Maintenance, etc.

In November the interest, about \$1800, accrued from the \$20,000 fund earmarked for conservation causes will be due. The committee is interested in any ideas as to how we use this money this year. Last year we supported the Victorian Conservation Trust, the Alpine Heritage trust and the VNPA. So give it some thought and let us know your ideas.

Janet Norman

Personality Slide Night

It seems to be ages since we had our last Personality Slide Night. The idea is that everybody brings in those old, peculiar or embarrassing (but not too embarrassing) slides of Club members.

These can be a lot of fun for everyone...

We would probably have such a slide night in late October or November.

Look through your slides now and let Marisa know that you have some slides to show.

If when looking for personality slides you find that you have some slides of your last trip to Afghanistan (or whatever) which you think other members would like to see then please let Marisa know about that too.

Contact Marisa Rizzuto on

The NEWS is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly.
Edited by **Judy Gipps**.

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Visitors are always welcome.

General correspondence should be directed to:
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PO Box 1751Q. MELBOURNE 3001

Previews for October Day Walks and some for September

Sunday 22 September 1996 **Angahook State Park**
Easy/Medium & Medium

Leaders: Margaret Borden and Chin Teck
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Angahook State Park

Please note the change of leaders. Margaret Borden (9818 8641) and Chin Teck. Other details as in the August Newsletter.

Sunday 29 September 1996 **Werribee Gorge**
Easy & Easy/Medium

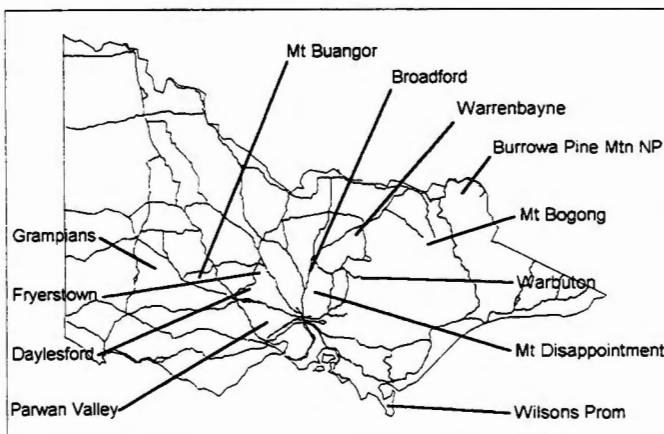
Leaders: Peter McGrath & William Cone
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Bacchus Marsh
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: 11.5 & 14 km
Map Reference: Ingliston 1:25000

The route for this walk has changed since the August "News"

The Easy walk will follow the lovely Ironbark Gorge before ascending via Falcon's Lookout. The group will tour Ingliston Gorge taking in the fine views of the Gorge and the attractive riverbed. No water crossings will be required for this group. Walkers are advised to protect themselves from the stinging nettles in Ironbark Gorge (long pants are suggested)

The Easy/Medium Group will walk down Western Bluff Track into the Gorge, cross the river, view the Gorge from the top of the other side, descend once more to the river, cross it and then ascend via Falcon's Lookout to the top. The river crossings are up to the top of the legs in height and walkers are advised to keep boots on and to place watches and other valuables inside waterproof bags in their packs. The crossings are not too bad but require bushwalking experience and a basic level of fitness.

Distance of both walks have been reduced to allow extra time for walking along river beds and river crossings.



Sunday 6 October 1996 **Daylesford Area**
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leaders: Allan Kitchener (9888 3986) and Patricia Ronchini
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Daylesford, Hepburn Springs, Mt Franklin
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm

These two walks will go north from Daylesford, to Hepburn Springs, taking in Hepburn Reservoir and Breakneck Gorge. The return to Daylesford will be via the Tipperary Walking Track which has a fair bit of water races, dry stone walls and other left overs from the gold rush days.

The country is generally open, dry forest. It is the watershed between southerly flowing rivers (Werribee River) and the creeks which run north in the Goulbourn-Murray system. This will be a nice spring walk and good weather will be enjoyed by all who come on these walks. Allan Kitchener will lead the easy walk (because he turned 50 years of age in February) and Patricia Ronchini will lead the harder walk as she will have just returned from holidays.

Sunday 13 October 1996 **Broadford to Yea**
Tough

Leaders: John Roseman
Transport: Private Minibus
Area: Yea
Approximate length of walk: 50 km
Expected time of return: 8.00 pm
Map Reference: Yea 1:1000,000

Cost: \$35

I am planning two groups to ensure a full mini-bus. A running group and a walking group. The walking group will have exclusive use of the mini bus throughout the day. For more information you can contact me on the above telephone number.

John Roseman's telephone number

Wednesday 16 October 1996 **Richards Tramline**
Easy/Medium

Leaders: Max Casley
Transport: Private (see below)
Area: Warburton
Expected time of return: 6.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: 17 km
Map Reference: Ada River 1:25000

This will be in the Yarra State Forest along Richard's Tramline from which there are good views. There are a few creek crossings which are fairly easy. The walk is along quiet roads and tracks which were fairly well cleared when the club walked there in March.

Meet at Jean Giese' home at 8.30 am or telephone Max Casley () for other transport arrangements.

Sunday 13 October 1996 **Parwan Valley**
Easy & Medium

Leaders: Alan Miller and Clare Lonergan
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: SW of Bacchus Marsh
Approximate length of walk: 12 & 17 km
Map Reference: Ingliston 1:25000

The Parwon Valley has not been on the programme since May 1991. On that occasion both walks were quite hard and started at the northern end of the Brisbane Ranges. Only the harder of the two walks went near the Parwon Gorge and waterfall. Both of our walks will start on Ironbark Road and will follow round the edge of the Gorge. The easy walk will end at Ironbark Road while the medium walk will continue into Werribee Gorge. Sorry, there are no leeches, but there are some ferns and the chance of a koala, particularly on the medium walk.

Sunday 20 October 1996 **Fryerstown**
Easy & Easy/Medium & Medium **Taradale**

Leaders: Past Presidents
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 8.30 am
Area: Taradale
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: Various
Map Reference: Drummond 1:25000

Please note there is an early start at 8.30 am

There will be three walks in the Fryerstown area, Easy, Easy/Medium and Medium. As this is part of the Presidents' weekend the walks will be led by some of our Past Presidents. For more information read about the Presidents weekend in the Weekend Walks section of this Newsletter.

Don't forget to BYO for Arvo Tea after the Walk as we will boil a billy.

Hope to see you all there for some or all the weekend.

Saturday 26 October 1996 **Dandenongs Explorer**
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leaders: Michael Humphrey
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: 4.30 pm
Approximate length of walk: 12 km

This walk was done last year for the first time (as part of the Dandenong's Explorer walks schedule) by Deborah Gomm and I was so impressed that I thought that we should do it again this year.

We will meet at Gembrook Park which is just off Redwood Road (Melway Map 189 H11) at 10.45 am where we will take enough cars to get everyone to the beginning of the walk - Kirth Kiln Picnic Ground.

The terrain in this area is quite different from to the terrain one normally associates with the Dandenongs. This walk

encompasses dense forest which occasionally overlooks open fields and from memory has some great views. Lunch will be at the very picturesque and idyllic setting of Fairy Dell Falls or as is some times known, Shiprock Falls.

Do come along and join me - I know you will thoroughly enjoy yourself !!!

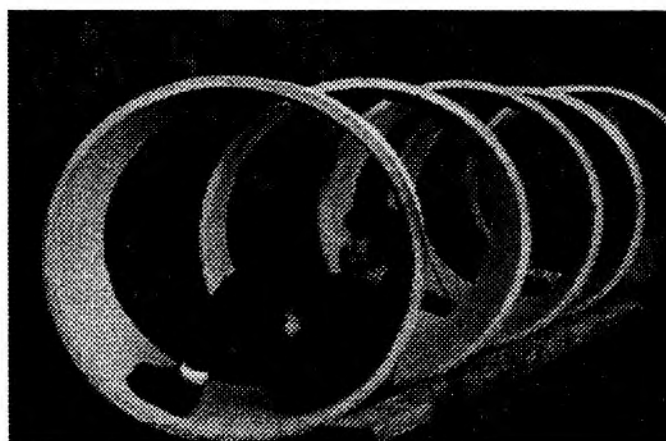
If you are coming by Public Transport, the train arrives at Belgrave station at 10.02 am. Please ring me at home on and advise me and I will meet you at the station.

Sunday 6 October 1996 **Mt Disappointment**
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leaders: John Kittson & ??
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am

Expected time of return: 7.00 pm

A lovely area but details will have to wait until the October issue of News.



These abandoned rings (yet to be assembled) are mute evidence of Snake Island's failed attempt to secure the 2004 Olympic Games.

Previews for October Weekend, Pack-Carry & Extended Walks

13 -15 Sept 1996

Easy

**Mt Buangor
Mt Cole Base Camp**

Leaders: Sak Hong Wan
Transport: Private
Area: Mt Buangor State Forest

Contact numbers (W) (H)

Mt Buangor State Forest is about 3½ hours away from Melbourne (on Ballarat way).

We will base camp on the Friday night in the Fern Tree Picnic and Camping area.

Day 1 will start with a climb from 500m along the Freemans Link track to an excellent viewing point at 951 m. We will proceed to Mugwump Camping area and then to Mt Buangor at 987m. There is a hang gliding launching pad nearby, coupled with the cliff face. It should give us excellent views.

The afternoon will be consumed with further exploration in the Wallaby Caves and nearby granite rock outcrops. We should be back in camp site by 4-5 pm, giving us enough time to prepare dinner.

Day 2 will be another climb on the Freemans Link Track. This time we will head west to Sugarloaf lookout at 934m and then south along the Upper Level Walking Track. If time permits, we will explore "The Cave" before heading back to base.

As we will be walking mostly on high ground, we should be rewarded with good views along the track. Day 1 distance is approx 17 km and Day 2 is about 12 km. Day 2 is more challenging as certain parts of the track will be steep.

Come and join me, it will be a fun weekend.

Sat Sept 21st - Sat Oct 5th

Easy

**NE NSW & SE Qld
Extended Trip**

Leaders: Sylvia Wilson
Transport: Private
Area: NE NSW & SE Qld

Base camping and mediumish day walks in numerous National Parks. The Granite Country, Semi Tropical Rainforest and Volcanic areas. Spring flowers, smashing views and more waterfalls than you can poke a stick at.

Contact Sylvia on AH. This is an organised club trip put into the walks program at short notice.

4 - 6 October 1996

Medium/Hard

Mt Bogong Ski Trip

Leaders: Ralph Blake
Transport: Private
Area: Mount Beauty (NE Victoria)
Expected time of return: Late Sunday night
Approximate length of walk: 20 km
Map Reference: Bogong Alpine Area - Outdoor Leisure Map

On Saturday morning we will ascend steeply to Mt Bogong via the Staircase Spur.

Depending on the weather, we will make camp somewhere near Caston Outcrop.

Hopefully we will be able to spend Saturday afternoon and most of Sunday gully skiing and going out to West Peak.

We will descend back down the Staircase late Sunday afternoon.

5 - 6 October 1996

Easy

**Warrenbayne
Land Care Visit**

Leaders: Pearson Cresswell
Transport: Private
Area: South of Benalla
Expected time of return: Sunday night

The Warrenbayne Boho land Protection Group run a Landcare project south of Benalla. They are keen to introduce us urban folk to the problems they face, the solutions they use and to give us the opportunity for a good bushwalk. We will make a Saturday Morning start and camp Saturday at a farm. There is an option to have a BBQ dinner with the locals. Activities will include plenty of walking, learning about the country and perhaps an opportunity to become part of the solution (plant a tree or two).

11-13 October 1996

Easy

**Grampians
Base Camp**

Leaders: Trish Elmore
Transport: Private
Area: Grampians
Expected time of return: Sunday night

A weekend in the Grampians to look at the spring flowers. Details of this Base Camp will be in the October Newsletter

18-20 October 1996

Easy, Easy/Med & Medium

**Presidents' Weekend
Fryerstown Base Camp**

Leaders: Janet Norman
Transport: Private
Area: Daylesford
Expected time of return: Sunday night
Map Reference: Guilford 1-25000

The Presidents' Weekend will be a base Camp on Tarilta Creek at a secret spot (because the President isn't absolutely sure of the exact location as this goes to press). Tarilta Creek is in the Upper Loddon State Forest near Daylesford. On the Saturday Presidents will lead two walks of varying standards possibly as part of "The Dry Diggings Track" a 55 km walk through historic relics from Castlemaine to Daylesford.

If you would prefer to cycle on Saturday, Pearson has offered to lead a cycling trip around the area - great cycling country not TOO hilly and very interesting, Pearson knows the area well.

Saturday evening there will be a Cocktail Party, strictly Black Tie of course (to maintain the high standard of dress found on all Bushies trips) and after Dinner BYO where may be some light entertainment.

On Sunday we will pack up and head up to Fryerstown to meet the Sunday Bus and more Presidents will lead walks of Easy, Easy-Medium and Medium standards in that area.

Before we head home the billy will be boiled and there will be some Arvo Tea so BYO mug.

Hope to see you all there for some or all the weekend.

26-27 October 1996 Easy	Waterloo Bay Wilson's Prom
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Leaders:	Bernice Webster
Transport:	Private

This will be another of Bernie's walks to Wilson's Prom. This time to Waterloo Bay. Details will be in the October Newsletter.

26-27 October 1996	Wilkinson Lodge Spring Clean/Work Party
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Leaders:	Doug Pocock
Transport:	Private

Things to be done include general cleaning, cutting and stacking wood, reinstalling electric fence, installing new cupboard and bench in store room etc

1 - 5 November 1996 Easy/Medium or Medium	Burrowa Pine Mountain Base Camp
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Leaders:	Jopie Bodegraven
Transport:	Private
Area:	Near Corryong in NE Victoria
Expected time of return:	7.00 pm
Approximate distance from Melbourne:	430 km
Map Reference:	Corryong 1:1000,000

This delightful area in the far north east of the state combines two contrasting mountains, a waterfall, a day canoeing in the scenic Upper Murray and a lovely creekside campsite where we can have a campfire. The 5 to 5½ hour drive, all on bitumen, will be well rewarded.

Pine Mountain is granite with bare slabs, impressive rock formations and superb views over the Murray Valley and beyond. It should have wonderful wildflowers in early November. Mt Burrowa is of volcanic rhyolite and is an unknown quantity for me than I am keen to explore. It has a marked route which is said to be steep and rough in parts. Pictures I have seen of the summit area show cliffs and great views. There should be good flowers there too.

My source tells me that canoeing the Upper Murray from Tintalra to Walwa is easy and great fun with a good current to help us along. The cost of this will be between \$18 and \$28 per person depending on numbers.

If you drive up on Friday night or at least arrive at the campsite by 8.30 am on Saturday you can do the medium walk up My Burrowa. If you prefer an easier start, drive up at leisure and in daylight on Saturday; have a poke

around the Cudgewa Blugg Falls and join us for the easier rest of the weekend.

On Sunday we will climb Pine Mountain and Monday will be our canoeing day. Tuesday will be a half day walk to the Falls and on to Ross Lookout before a civilised early return to Melbourne.

I should be at the clubnight on 16 October and the 30th but unfortunately not on the 23rd. You can ring me on . Come and join me for a great weekend.



Snake Island in July. Now try Waterloo Bay in October.

A Tale of Search and Rescue on Mt Hotham

I've been a Search and Rescue volunteer for a few years now and have been on a few S&R practices but I had never been on a real search.

My telephone rang at about 3:30 am on Monday, 5th August. There was a snowboarder missing on Mt Hotham. They needed skiers to help search for him. The police bus was leaving for Mt Hotham at 7 am. Would I go?

This was unexpected. I don't keep a kit ready so that I can quickly respond to a call-out. I am on the second priority list. I never expected to be part of a first call-out. I needed time to wake up and collect my thoughts - I'll call back in a few minutes. Now, was my gear in good shape? I had just returned from a week at Wilky; was everything clean and dry yet? Did I have enough suitable food to pack to last for a couple of nights in an unsupported search group? What should take priority: the urgent jobs I had to do, my contribution to the Bushies Committee meeting tonight and the Federation Council meeting tomorrow night, or my usefulness in trying to save a life?

It was less than two days since our Wilky group had forced its way out to Falls Creek in blizzard conditions. I was not looking forward to returning to that. Time to make a decision: yes, I'll go.

I didn't record exact numbers, but our 45 seat bus left Brunswick less than half full, including the two police drivers. As we drove towards Bairnsdale, our organizer formed us into search groups and then the group leaders began to prepare their groups for likely tasks. It was then

that a problem was discovered: a few of the searchers could not ski...

The Melbourne Bushwalkers were represented by Mark Walters and myself.

We sat in the bus viewing the Gippsland countryside bathed in sunshine. Even at Dinner Plain the weather was pleasant. As we approached Hotham the weather became worse with increasing cloud and wind, but not enough to prevent the police helicopters from flying at the eastern end of the resort area. The weather in the resort area got worse later.

It was about 2pm when we arrived at the visitor shelter, which had been turned into a search headquarters. The mobile kitchen was there and we were soon served a late lunch. Meanwhile, the search tasks for the afternoon were planned and organized. We were given available information about the lost snowboarder and his known movements.

My group, of five skiers, was transported to the Loch car park and we skied out along the Loch ridge in strong winds and poor visibility. It was about 4:45 pm when we got to our search area at the head of Swindlers Creek. Our task was to do a sweep of the eastern slopes and return to the downhill skiing area along the creek. It was going to be dark soon so we could search for just a few minutes before we had to set off on our return journey. We descended to the creek where to our great embarrassment we found that we had lost our leader. Fortunately, he was found later.

We had a nightmare journey along the creek in the darkness. We had to ski some ten or twenty metres above the creek on slopes which were steep and icy. The creek was mostly uncovered by snow.

Back at the search headquarters, we were served dinner and then retired to some flats for the night.

No sign of the snowboarder had been found.

The next day saw my group transported on skidoos to a point on the Loch spur near the Derrick cairn. After some difficulty in the blizzard conditions, we found our assigned gully which leads down to the Diamantina River. We searched the gully all of the way to the river and then after lunch in the snow by the river, we returned to the ridge top via another gully. Rather than wait in the freezing blizzard for transportation, we skied back to the search headquarters.

No group had found any signs of the lost man. Given the conditions, it was now unlikely that anything would be found until the snow-melt in spring. A debriefing session was held, thanks given, we were given an early dinner and by 6 pm we were sitting in the bus waiting for a convoy to set off for Harrierville behind a snow plough.

We often go to the high country forgetting about the life threatening conditions which can occur. People in snow resorts are often blissfully unaware of the unforgiving conditions. As I write this, it is little over 24 hours since a Club trip I was on was forced to be overdue by a day when extreme conditions confined us to the shelter of a hut in the Kosciusko National Park. We finally struggled away from the hut into extremely strong winds and very poor visibility.

About an hour and a half later we found that the groomed slopes at Thredbo had virtually no wind! Skiers in the latest fashionable clothing had no idea of the peril they could face if they ventured just a short distance from their protected slopes.

Bill Metzenth

A recipe for Sylvia

(and anyone else who would like to try it)

Chocolate Oat/Nut Squares

Ingredients:

- ½ cup of melted butter or margarine
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 heaped teaspoon Cocoa
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla
- 2 cups Rolled Oats
- ½ cup Chopped Walnuts
- 1 cup Coconut

Topping:

- 225g (8 oz) of Dark Chocolate
- 2 teaspoons Butter

Method:

Place butter, sugar and cocoa into saucepan and cook on low heat until sugar dissolves. Add beaten egg and vanilla, stirring quickly. Remove from heat and add oats, coconut and walnuts. Mix well, spread in a greased slice tin and chill.

Melt chocolate and mix in butter. Spread on top of chilled slice. Cut into squares.

Pam Rosso

Conservation

My apologies for the lack of a conservation column in last month's News. I had one almost prepared but then I was called out for the Search and Rescue of a snow-boarder on Mt Hotham.

- **Mt Stirling:** The Club has sent two submissions to the review panel, one dealing with economic issues, the other dealing with the effects upon bushwalking, cross country skiing, etc. It is very pleasing to see that many members also sent in their own private submissions.
- The **Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service** is reviewing the Management Plan for the World Heritage Area (WHA). The WHA includes most of the areas of interest to us, such as: the Western Arthurs, Frenchmans Cap, the Cradle Mountain - Lake Sinclair National Park, and the Walls of Jerusalem National Park. Areas outside the WHA include Mt Field and Freycinet. The Club has responded to the review with extensive comments.
- The Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service has also announced a proposed permit system for the WHA. If you have access to the Internet you can get more

detailed information from
<http://www.delim.tas.gov.au/psr/permits.html>

Some key points of the proposals are:

- * A permit would be required for every party undertaking an overnight trip in the WHA.
- * A permit would be required for all overnight trips in the WHA from 1 November to 30 April.
- * Permit reservation requests would be made by phone, mail, fax, or email.
- * Advance bookings would be accepted commencing 6 months before, until 24 hours before the walk start date. On-the-day issue permits would also be available.
- * The cost of permits is not yet decided. A permit fee of \$5 per person per night would be required to fund the permit system. A fee of \$35 per person per night would be required to fund the Tracks Strategy in its entirety.
- * Permits would be collected at any Field Centre on the day before the walk, or by 10 am on the day of the walk.
- * Maximum party size depends upon area, route, etc and varies between 4 and 13 people.
- * Comments are being invited until 30th September 1996.

The Club will be making a submission asking for a modification to the arrangements for interstate visitors. Let me know if you have any points which you would like to see made in our submission.

- The Department of Natural Resources and Environment has recently issued a number of Approved Management Plans for Victorian parks. These include: Steiglitz Historic Park, Kooyoora State Park, and Kamarooka and Whipstick State Parks.

Bill Metzenth

No Camp Fires

Most members will no doubt be aware by now that Mt Bogong and Mt Feathertop are **fuel stove only** areas. The **Baw Baw Plateau** has now joined the list of fuel stove only areas.

Bill Metzenth

Tread Softly

The bushwalkers' minimum impact code....

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Bob (the Busdriver's) Good Food Guide

Wing Lock Restaurant
 8 Thompson Ave
 Cowes 3922 Phillip Island 059 522722

New members

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Committee Reports

Treasurer:	Accounts for August 1996
Opening Balance	\$59,293.21
Receipts	\$3,585.00
Payments	\$4,653.08
Closing Balance	\$58,225.13


Walks Secretary:	Attendances for July		
	Trips	Av	1995
Sunday Bus	4	35.8	38.6
Pack Carry	2	9.5	8.7
Wed, Dandenong	2	10.5	12.5
Base Camp	1	9	10
Ski Trip	1	9	

Membership:

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	11
Single Memberships	332
Family Memberships (2x 44 =)	88
Total membership	442

Duty Roster

18th Sept	Judy & Janet
25th Sept	Doug & Bill
2nd Oct	Jenny & ????
Next committee meeting 7th October.	



Trek the tropical summer.

Enjoy Kakadu and the Kimberley at their lush, green, magnificent best. Feast your senses on the flowing creeks, swollen rivers, thundering waterfalls, carpets of flowers, spec-tacular storms, cozy rock shelters and the warm rains that make bushwalking in the tropical summer such a delight.



Join us on an 18-day expedition deep into the wild heart of the park and enjoy the incredible views of Jim Jim and Twin Falls at their monsoonal best.


If that sounds too strenuous, join us on a series of short 3-5 day walks, highlighting beautiful areas that will remain forever unknown to the average tourist.

Be a part of our first wet season expedition to the Mitchell Plateau, two strenuous weeks of pure magic.

If you don't want to carry two weeks' food, try our new Mt Hart - Isdell River trip, two walks separated by a night in homestead accommodation.

Perhaps you'd like a variety of destinations. Our Green Kimberley trip lets you canoe the Ord, helicopter into and out of Keep River National Park, fly to the Cockburn Range, take a boat across lake Argyle and walk through the almost unknown southern range of the Carr Boyds.



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