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Happy New Year!

Notice

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc
will be held on

Wednesday 25 February 1998 at 8.00 pm, in the Horticultural Hall, Victoria Street,
(enter from the Clubrooms, Mackenzie Street)

for tabling of Annual Reports and Election of Office Bearers.

All Welcome. Only Members can vote.

Agenda

1. Minutes from the Half Yearly General Meeting 1997
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Two motions on change of Constitution
(Details of motions in this edition of **News**)
4. Election of Committee and Office Bearers
5. General Business

Film Night

Oscar and Lucinda

- * Based on Peter Carey's acclaimed Booker Prize winning Novel
- * Directed by Gillian Armstrong
- * Starring Ralph Fiennes & Cate Blanchett

Cinema Como
Cnr Toorak Rd & Chapel St
South Yarra

Friday 6th February
7pm ish (Exact time to be confirmed)

\$11.00 per ticket or a book of 10 = \$7.00
Final numbers & payments by Wed Evening 4th Feb
Please see Marisa or phone

Walhalla Weekend

23-26th January 1998

Places still available.

Please make your bookings to Brian Crouch direct ,
by phone or fax. Phone anytime, within reason, on
(W) or (H)

EARLY WARNING ON FEDERATION WEEKEND

Mt Buffalo 27-29th March

We have already been allocated places for 12 people only at Lake Catani camping ground i.e. the only place to camp on the mountain. Should you wish to come and camp at Porepunka or Bright that could be OK but basically it'll be a first in job. Walks have been organised varying from 2 km to 25km so there's something for everyone. More later.

Sylvia Ford

From the President

It was great to see so many people at the Christmas party. Although I was unable to stay for long it was good to be able to catch up with friends and the venue worked well. Thanks to Marisa and helpers for organising this.

The holiday walks programme seems to have been successful with everyone enjoying good weather and incident-free walking and li-loing. We have some excellent weekend and day walks on the programme for the remainder of the summer but leaders may have to make changes to routes and even locations due to the bushfires. Watch out for notices of this.

We must be especially vigilant about fire hazard now as the bush is tinder dry. Weekend walkers must be particularly careful with fires and stoves and leaders must take care with routes.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in February. All of the Management Committee positions automatically become vacant and anyone wishing to stand should please let me or one of the committee members know. Several of the Committee will not be standing for re-election so we do need some new blood!

There is nothing to report on the position of the Clubrooms - decisions are still held awaiting Government approval.

Derrick Brown



Congratulations to Nigel & Lee Holmes who have had a son Alexander, 7lb 11oz born on 7/1/98

Best Wishes to Fred Halls who Doug Pocock visited recently at the Kingston Centre. Doug reports that Fred is progressing very well.

Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Gwynnyth Taylor who broke her pelvis in a recent fall. (Gwynnyth has had previous experience with breaks, see club history page 140)

Doug Pocock

Dennis Jacobs

The club received a card from Dennis saying that he is still thinking of all his friends at the Melbourne Bushwalkers and wishing them Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Please note that because of the current Fire situation in Victoria there may be changes to routes of walks.

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.

The NEWS is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly.

Edited by **Judy Gipps**.

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, letters or other contributions, where space, clarity or propriety dictate. and to maintain editorial consistency

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mailed to Judy Gipps,

or

faxed to me on

emailed to

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Closing Date for **FEBRUARY 98 News** is **28th January 1998**

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

Previews for February Day Walks

Sunday 1 February **Keppel Falls**
Easy & Easy/Medium **- The Beeches**

Leaders: Jean Woodger & Rosemary Cotter
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9 am
Area: Marysville
Expected time of return: 7.30 pm
Approximate length of walk: 14 & 16 km
Map Reference Marysville -Lake Mountain
Outdoor Leisure Map

We can't get a decent walk in this area now as the rangers have closed the only walking track that joins up Keppel falls and the Beeches, and the option of walking several kilometres along the dusty road is definitely a thumbs down. There's also a little matter of a bridge we can't take the bus across. So ! we'll explore some of the other attractive walks around Marysville.

We'll walk alongside the delightful Taggerty River to the site of the old Vic Oak Mill, passing an historic trestle bridge, and follow some ferny tracks before heading up to Dela Rue and Oxlee Lookouts, from whence we shall visit Steavenson Falls, the easy/medium walk will include a steep ascent of Red Hill, and a couple more lookouts. Should be a lovely day.

Sunday 8 February **Angahook**
Easy/Medium & Medium

Leaders: David Laing & Deborah Henry
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9 am
Area: Angahook State Park
Expected time of return: 7 pm

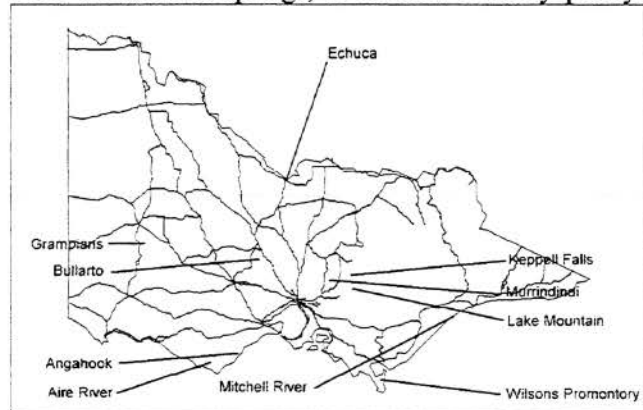
Judging from previous trip numbers, this day walk to the Lorne area has proven a favourite for walkers. By all accounts there are some spectacular ocean views to enjoy. Route details are yet to be finalised, so those wishing to partake of a pleasant Sunday stroll with specy vistas should see Debb and David in the club Room.

Sunday 15 February **Upper Loddon River**
Easy & Easy/Medium **Bullarto Reservoir**

Leaders: Trevor Thomson & Max Casley
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9 am
Area: Daylesford
Expected time of return: 7 pm
Approximate length of walk: 18 km
Map Reference Daylesford, Coliban, Bullarto 1:25,000

The main difference between these two walks within the Wombat State Forest (in home territory for Trevor) is that the medium group will walk close to the infant Loddon River, through gorges and steep

sided gullies, following wombat tracks where possible, while the easy/medium group will stay on tracks above the river. From Lyonville Springs, we will climb up and over volcanic Babbington Hill (views to Mt Maacedon, Mt Alexander etc) and descend to picturesque Bullarto Reservoir in the valley of Kangaroo Creek. The only water, drinkable without boiling, which can be obtained en-route is from the mineral springs, so be sure to carry plenty.



Wednesday 18 February **Murrindindi -**
Easy/Medium **Wilhelmina Falls**

Leader: Max Casley
Transport: Private
Area: Glenburn, north of Yarra Glen,
 Vicroads map 62 88
Expected time of return: 5.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: 14 km
Map Reference Taggerty South 1:25,000

Meet at 9 Albert Crescent, Surrey Hills 3127 at 8.30 am. Telephone Max 9527 3111 for more details. This is a walk among tall trees to shelter us from the summer sun and with creeks of cool water to cool our feet. Although with the dry weather Wilhelmina Falls may be a mere trickle. My present plan is to follow Sandra Bardwells suggestion. This has a climb to Garlicks Track, walking through Grey Gum and Blackwood Wattle, crossing Falls Creek through Coast Tea Tree. Then through tall Peppermint to the falls and back to Murrindindi River. However I will check the route out further.

For Sale

Walk 5 for \$2

For those new to the club **Walk** magazine was published by the club from 1968 to 1987 and is in a small magazine format and has valuable descriptions of walks and is well worth reading. Various surplus copies are available. Ask in the clubrooms.

Sunday 22 February	Lake Mountain
Easy/Medium & Medium	8.30 start

Leaders: John Kittson & Stuart Mann
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 8.30 am
Area: near Marysville
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: 16 & 20 km
Map Marysville & Lake Mountain
 Outdoor Leisure Map

The medium group will start at the Snowy Hill playground car park GR005474 and head out along the Upper Taggerty Road. We will then climb up onto the Boundary East Trail, via the Gould's No 2 track making the lunch stop at The Keppel Hut, GR992 532. After lunch, via the Ski Trails we will head back to Gerraty's Car Park, Gr006493, and then up over the Summit of Lake Mountain, taking in the views of the surrounding countryside, ending back at the Snowy Hill playground car park.

While the easy/mediums will leave the Snowy Hill car park and head onto the Summit of Lake Mountain, GR011485, alt 1420m and down to Gerraty's car park and out along the Royston Gap Road for lunch and then down the Grace Darling Track and back to the Snowy Hill car park, via the Upper Taggerty Road. This area at this time of the year with its mountain air and wild flowers is by far, hard to beat.

Saturday 28 February	Dandenongs Explorer
Easy	

Leaders: Michael Humphrey
Transport: Private
Area: Dandenongs
 A preview for this walk will be in the February edition of the **News**.

FOR SALE:

We have been offered copies of a new publication 'Sub-alpine flora of the Baw-Baws' at a cost of \$12 for a min order of 5 copies (rrp \$20)

This is an A5 publication covering 145 species found on the Baw-Baw plateau including some which are either endemic to the area or only found in that area of Victoria. It is not a complete list but would be very useful to anyone keen on plants. I have a copy if anyone is interested and I am prepared to organise an order.

Doug Pocock

Northern Grampians

There's a composting toilet at Stapylton Camp
 A matter of interest to all
 Buildings so neat
 Where the dunnies smell sweet
 And surprise! There are no flies at all.

We added our peelings to help things along
 As suggested by Rangers, you know
 Chopped neat and small
 Not too far to fall
 We felt proud as we let them all go.

The maintenance man came one day we were there
 Now my frankness you really must pardon
 With rubber gloves on
 He cleaned out the john
 And said "This can go on your garden"

Jean Woodger



From the Christmas Party



Previews for February Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks and a couple for January

23-26 January Medium	Moroka Gorge Walk in Base camp
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Leaders:	Jopie Bodegraven
Transport:	Private
Map reference:	Tamboritha-Moroka 1:50,000
Approximate time of return:	6 pm Tuesday (late Monday is possible)

Some vital details for this trip described in the December News are incorrect.

1. The trip is a **walk in base camp**. The walk in is 6km of which 4km is off track over some rough ground including a steep 680m descent, all with full packs. The walk out involves a correspondingly steep 680metre climb.
2. The grading is **Medium**. The day walks along the river are in virgin country with no tracks and with lots of rock hopping. Anyone not reasonably competent on rocks and boulders should not come.

Everything else is correct, especially the bits about how wonderful and spectacular the area is.

23-26 January Easy/Medium	Mt Reynard - Tamboritha
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Leaders:	Contact Pearson Cresswell ()
Transport:	Private

If this walk proceeds it will be lead by Pearson but he is currently away and will be back on the 20th January. The area may need to be changed because of recent fires.

Contact Pearson or enquire in the clubrooms.

23-26 January Easy/Medium & Medium	Walhalla Lodge Weekend
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Leaders:	Brian Crouch
Transport:	Private
Map Reference:	Walhalla 8127-2-2 1:25,000
Area:	Gippsland
Expected Time of return:	Late Monday 26/1
Approx Distance of walks:	Various

The Walhalla Base Camp in on again and this year Australia Day (26/1) conveniently falls on a Monday. The format will be similar to previous years with walks on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

However, due to many requests, we will spend all day Sunday in the Baw Baw Alpine Area, exploring the High Plains. Saturday and Monday will involve walks in and around Walhalla. Accommodation will mainly be in Monbulk Secondary College Tisdall Camp, which provides comfortable dormitory accommodation for 32 people. Bring your own

sleeping bag, pillows and food, all cooking utensils and crockery are supplied.

I would like to thank my associate Ian Richardson for his assistance in leading walks last year and his continuing support in providing extra accommodation. for 2-3 couples at his house.

Walhalla is located in a beautiful remote area of Gippsland about 2.5 hours drive from Melbourne. The area has steep terrain, is heavily treed and rich in historical gold mining sites. I will be there from 2pm onwards on Friday 23rd January.

Brian will be at the Clubrooms on Wed 14/4 and 21/1 but please call him soon to book your place on (W) or (H).

23-26 January Easy	Barmah Forest Canoeing Murray River
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Leaders:	George Zamorah
Transport:	Private
Map Reference:	River Murray Charts - Maureen Wright
Area:	Barmah Forest Park
Approx Distance from Melbourne:	250 km

Come and explore the most beautiful scenery that the Barmah Forest has to offer.

On Friday night we will camp at Morgans Beach at the start of the Barmah Forest. On Saturday we start our paddle downstream to the Barmah Township. The next two nights we will camp along the river, wherever we see a nice beach (and there are plenty on this trip.) We should arrive at Barmah Town on Monday afternoon after smooth water paddling all the way.

For those people who have been on previous canoeing trips, this area is completely different to other parts of the Murray River. The river has lower banks, hence no big walls but plenty of beautiful white sandy beaches.

You will see magnificent River Red Gum trees (the park contains the largest natural River Red Gum forest in the world), Grey Kangaroos, and many types of birds (more than 200 bird species inhabit the Park), but you will not see people. The chance to catch a fish, beautiful camp sites will provide a trip to remember. It will be an easy trip with lots of swim stops, plus lunch and afternoon breaks.

Warning: It will be hot - old pyjamas and plenty of 15+ and a hat!

We will hire canoes at Barmah. The two person Canadian canoes are supplied with - life jackets, waterproof barrels, detailed maps, bird ID book, fact

sheets and compasses. A deposit of \$10 will be required.

A great adventure and a photographer's dream.

This trip is a must

Book at the club rooms or ring AH and BH

30 Jan - 1 February Medium	Helicopter Spur Howitt Spur
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Leaders: Trish Elmore
Transport: Private
Map Reference: Howitt-Selwyn 1:25,000
Expected Time of return: 8.00 pm
Area: Mansfield

Please see the leader about this walk in the clubrooms.

6-8 February Easy/Medium	Aire River Base Camp
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Leaders: Sylvia Ford
Transport: Private
Map Reference: Otways Coast
Expected Time of return: 8.00 pm
Area: Otways

Have yet to preview this at time of writing so will let you know the lowdown asap. However hoping to find the elusive Aire River Falls this time, and maybe go to some new areas.

13-15 February Easy	Mitchell River Lilo Trip
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Leaders: Lloyd Young
Transport: Private

Please see the leader in the clubrooms about this walk.(lilo)

20 - 22 February Various	Grampians (Buandik) Base Camp
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Leaders: Carol Tidey
Transport: Private
Area: Southern Grampians
Approximate distance Less than 10 km per day, can be adjusted to suit
Expected Time of return: 8 pm
Map Reference: Outdoor Leisure series Southern Grampians

We are staying at a non-formal camping spot, so there are no camping fees or facilities.

On Saturday we will be going up to the Fortress. Although getting there is all uphill, the walk is on tracks with some good views at the top. If there is enough interest, there will be a harder walk, off track,

up Deep Creek.

On Sunday, we will check out some of the Aboriginal shelters in the area. If it is hot, we may go swimming in remote gorges. Be prepared for early starts if the forecast is for hot weather.

Bookings close on the 11th February,

27 February - 1 March Easy	Wilsons Prom
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Leaders: Chin Teck
Transport: Private
Area: Wilsons Prom

A preview of this walk will be in the February News.

27 February - 1 March Hard	Wilsons Prom in a Day
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Leaders: TBA
Transport: Private
Map Reference: Wilsons Prom Outdoor Leisure Map)
Distance: 40km
Area: Wilsons Prom

This traditional gallop takes in Sealers Cove, Refuge Cove, Waterloo Bay, Oberon Bay and back to Tidal River - all in one day. It is strictly for the fast walkers, but expect to have a few swims along the way.

27 February - 1 March Easy	Echuca - Barnham Canoe trip
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Leaders: George Zamorah
Transport: Private
Map Reference: River Murray Charts - Maureen Wright
Area: Echuca
Approx Distance from Melbourne: 250 km

A preview of this walk will be in the February News.

Buffalo Base Camp

28-30 November 1997

Saturday dawned with bright sunshine, but a promise of rain later in the day. We walked around the lake and continued on the track, passing some spectacular lookout points. We lunched at Mansfields lookout, then returned via the Monolith. Thus was very interesting to climb, involving metal ladders and steps. Battling the high wind made it very interesting too. The rain started just as we reached the road on the return journey. Dinner was made in the day shelter, and we met a number of other parties also sheltering from the rain. Sunday was again bright and sunny, the atmosphere clearer. we undertook the Mt Dunn circuit, visiting Mt Dunn with some more ladders and stairs, but less wind. Og and Magog were also visited.

Carol Tidey

The Victorian Alps

1st - 4th November 1997

The Victorian High Country is some of the most beautiful in Australia, and many bushwalkers have enjoyed what this area has to offer. Eleven more set out to do so this weekend. We were a mixed lot - all ages, many occupations, several origins, and one main purpose.

We drove up through driving rain on Friday night, the wipers beating out a rhythm as they swept the water from the windscreen. A break in the deluge occurred as we arrived at the camp site, and lasted just long enough for us to get tents up. Then the skies opened again and we climbed into sleeping bags to the sound of heavy pattering on the roofs of domes and tunnels, wondering what the next day would bring. By morning the rain had eased, and when we commenced walking it turned to drizzle, which then lifted.

We started along a gently inclined road, but before long turned onto a very steep track, and the real work began. Half way up a vehicle came up behind us, but got stuck and was not seen again. Legs beat wheels again!

Climbing up onto the ridge just below the small pyramids of the Nobs, we stopped for lunch, after which we climbed the first Nob. From this lofty point we saw lots of..... cloud! For a tantalising moment a break to the south revealed the other Nob a few hundred metres away, before it just as quickly disappeared.

We continued on, following the Alpine Track, before making camp at a good site short of High Cone. We found water in several places - in ponds beside the campsite for the observant, in wombat holes for the plucky, in a nearby gully for the persistent, and way down the valley for the unlucky. Wood was in good supply and we learned about the process of flocculation around a welcome campfire on a cool evening

The next day dawned brighter, and a short, brisk walk after breakfast brought us to the top of High Cone only to find it still covered in cloud. The next peak, Square Top, was by-passed, but Mt Clear lived up to its name, as by the time we reached the summit the clouds had lifted. We lunched as features one by one slowly appeared, the clouds continuing to rise, although some peaks still clung to their fluffy accoutrements like racegoers to hats.

Still following the Alpine Track we joined a four-wheel drive road, to find that the combination of rain and vehicles had recently wrought a great deal of damage. Areas that had recently been bright green grass were now mud, and the road was punctuated by large water-filled holes. As we watched, three four-

wheel drive vehicles approached one such hole nearby.

The first paused while the driver surveyed the scene. After a few moments he entered the pool, and driving steadily, forged his way to the other side, throwing out a small tidal wave. The second stopped, and entered the pool at a poorer angle so that half way through, traction was momentarily lost. Wheels spun, motor revved, and then he clambered out the other side. The third looked for a few moments and then went around the pool, thus contributing to the start of a new one.

'Bastards!' spat Les, and I agreed.

Camp that evening was on a wide, grassy saddle, with views of The Bluff and Eadley Stoney, and water within easy reach for everyone. The slowly rising barometer and thermometer augured well for the next day. Jean fetched something for Graham while she was up! The sun went down in a burst of colour.

The climb to King Billy No 2 the next morning was met with more cloud, but by the time we reached No 1 the cloud had almost totally gone and Mounts Magdala and Howitt were coming out for a peek. White-browed Woodswallows soared around us like fighter pilots at the Battle of Britain.

We soon left the Alpine Track and passed Lovick's Hut and Mt Lovick before pausing at Bluff Hut. There were lots of old Snowgums in this area, with their twisted, gnarled, squat grey trunks and limbs creating varied shapes as they nestled on grassy saddles and slopes. One particular specimen was almost horizontal. Flowers were also in abundance - purples, yellows, and whites were splashed around the hillsides like sprays flung from a paint brush. Fan-tailed Cuckoos trilled at us as we walked by.

We pushed on, hoping to reach the Bluff for camp. By the time we reached Mt Eadley Stoney we had all-round views and could see Buller, Stirling (both very close) Cobbler, Buffalo, Koonika, Speculation, and the Crosscut Saw. An ideal campsite was found amongst snowgums near the top of a spur. That evening a mist came in and as the sun sank behind the wall of the Bluff a pale aura shone around it as it disappeared behind some clouds

Early on the last morning we climbed the Bluff and drank in the view. Thousands of square kilometres of high country sprawled below and around us. Soft white clouds lay like a huge cotton wool blanket over the valleys to the south. Some of them escaped to fall in cascades through saddles, and then drifted ever so slowly hundreds of metres down tree-covered hillsides before evaporating in the warming air.

The drop off the front of the Bluff is steep and not for the faint-hearted. Climbing carefully down we took

advantage of every foot and hand-hold on a route cut by previous walkers and eroded by weather. A steady walk along Rocky Ridge followed lunch and before long we were back in Mansfield enjoying a hearty dinner.

Party: Max (thank you for leading) Jean, Graham, Les, Peter, Judy, Jerry, Alan, Debbie, Lynne, Alex.

Alan Clarke

Situations Vacant

Lodge Manager

A vacancy has arisen within the Club for Wilkinson Lodge manager. Salary can be negotiated but the committee will probably approve a 50% rise on last year. Fringe benefits are committee meetings once a month and a roster for club-room duty.

QUALIFACTIONS

1. A thick skin to put up with constant annoyances and silly suggestions from people who have no intention of doing any work themselves.
2. Ready availability to provide keys to people at the drop of a hat. To be contactable at all hours.
3. Preparedness to chase people for their fees and to return keys. To ensure people do not pass keys onto friends thus losing track of where they are.
4. A good knowledge of the workings of Wilky so that when someone claims something is not working you can tell them what they have done wrong.
5. Enough cash to run up fairly large claims unless you can get to the treasurer on a regular basis.

For further information contact DOUG POCOCK

THE MURRINDINDI WALK

Sunday 11th November 1997

Both groups proceeded from the tumbling cascades through a labyrinth of ash and ferny glades; the senses heightened by fresh mountain air and beauty to be 'inhaled' almost everywhere.

As we followed the Murrindindi downstream, white water smiled with a sparkling gleam; sometimes a babble and sometimes a rush, over rocks always moving and never a hush.

There were black cockatoos and kookaburras, and lizards and leeches came out to greet us; but no-one sighted a single snake, except Ros whose 'long lizard' was surely a mistake!

One of our walkers experienced a fall, which should be a reminder to us all; that branches and twigs and stones on the track can cause all sorts of sprains and even a crack.

Thanks to Sue, Peter, Julie and ultimately Bob, (and a four-wheel drive who helped on the job), word travelled fast through our bush telegraph That one swollen ankle needed one ice-cube bath!

We medium walkers pushed upward ahead while the others stayed close to the river instead; from the top we could see Wilhelmina Falls tumbling 'forever' down sheer stony walls.

T'was there that we savoured a soujourn sublime, before tackling the inevitable downhill climb; the sign to the base of the Falls was ominous, for the 'strenuous descent' was somewhat dangerous.

There's no point denying or even pretending That those magnificent side views to be had while descending, were fixed on the position of foot and hand in relation to where either could safely land!

Back to the river and that familiar sound, then finally the Swinging Bridge camping ground; t'was a longer day perhaps than anticipated, especially for Tully who had long awaited our return!

Jill Dawson

Form of nomination of Officers and Members of the Committee of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

Nomination for.....

Enter President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Walks Secretary, Assistant Walk Secretary, Social Secretary, "News" Editor, Wilkinson Lodge Manager, General Committee, as appropriate.

Name of Nominee

Proposed by

Seconded by

Acceptance of Nomination. I agree to stand for this position

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Signature of Nominee

Date

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

(This was written especially for the 'Bushies' by the members of the EMU CREEK SINGERS who performed at the Xmas Party)

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me an emu up a gum tree.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me seven snakes a hissing, six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me eight skinnies dipping, seven snakes a hissing, six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me nine leeches clinging, eight skinnies dipping, seven snakes a hissing, six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me ten roos a humping, nine leeches clinging, eight skinnies dipping, seven snakes a hissing, six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me eleven blisters bursting ten roos a humping, nine leeches clinging, eight skinnies dipping, seven snakes a hissing, six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me twelve eagles soaring, eleven blisters bursting, ten roos a humping, nine leeches clinging, eight skinnies dipping, seven snakes a hissing, six possums pissing, five golden dawns, four rivers running, three mozzies mauling, two billies brewing and an emu up a gum tree.

Brian Crouch

Proposed Motions for the AGM in February 1998

The following motions are proposed to be voted on at the AGM with the following statements of support from Peter McGrath, Treasurer.

MOTION: *That the following be added to the club's constitution:*

The assets and income of the association shall be applied exclusively to the promotion of its objects and no portion shall be paid directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as bona fide remuneration for services rendered or incurred on behalf of the association

Statement of Support: The Income Tax Assessment Act (1936) exempts from income tax the income of a society, association or club which is not carried on for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members and is established for the encouragement of a game or sport.

The Tax Office appears to be making a bit of a song and dance about this at the moment with the publication of a recent tax ruling 97/22 and a booklet entitled The Club Pack: A Taxation Guide for Clubs, Societies and Associations.

The law can be complex. It would seem desirable for the club to protect itself by making its Statement of Purposes very clearly not for profit. We can do this by inserting a not for profit clause in the Statement of Purposes.

A winding up clause already exists in the Statement of Purposes preventing the distribution of the assets of the club to the members upon its winding up or cancellation (Clause 25). What this clause fails to do is prevent the distribution of the assets or income of the club to the members while it is still alive.

I propose that the following clause, modelled on a clause suggested by the Tax Office, be inserted into the Statement of Purposes:

"Not for Profit: The assets and income of the association shall be applied exclusively to the promotion of its purposes and no portion shall be

paid or distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as bona fide remuneration for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation."

Peter McGrath

MOTION: *That the club's financial year be changed from 1 Jan to 31 Dec.*

Statement of Support: Presently, the club's financial year is from the 1st of February each year till the end of January (Clause 21(3)). The Annual General Meeting (AGM) must be held between the 14th and 28th days of February (Clause 4(1)). Two auditors are to be appointed and report to the AGM (Clause 21(4)).

The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month. There is therefore very little time between the end of the financial year (31 January) and the committee meeting in February for the committee to consider the annual financial report. The financial report should be reviewed by the committee to consider any changes to fees and subscriptions.

It is therefore recommended that Clause 21(3) of the Statement of Purposes be amended to read as follows:

"The Association's financial year shall be from the first of January to the 31st of December each year."

Acceptance of this change will allow sufficient time for the annual report to be prepared, audited and considered by the committee before the Annual General Meeting.



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Altered Address/Phone

JORDY CUTHBERTSON

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ROSA GENTILE

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Accounts for December 1997

Opening Balance	\$60,666.30
Receipts	\$1,477.45
Payments	\$2,470.55
Closing Balance	\$59,673.20

Membership:

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	10
Single Memberships	377
Family Memberships (2x 44=)	88
Total membership	486

Duty Roster

14 th January	Bernie & Lloyd
21 st January	Derrick & Judy
28 th January	Doug & Bill
4 th February	Jean & Peter C

Next committee meeting 2th February, 1998

Form of Appointment of Proxy

I.....of.....
being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc), hereby appoint

.....of.....
being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc), as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the annual general meeting to be held on Wednesday 25th February, 1998 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

+ My proxy is authorised to vote (in favour of / against)* the following resolution(s):

.....
.....
Signed:.....Date:.....

+ Delete if not applicable * Delete as appropriate

Walks in January/February 1998

Date	Location		Standard	Leader
16-18 Jan	Valencia Ck (Maffra)	Private	Easy	Gina Hopkins
18	Pt Leo-Somers	Bus	E & E/M	William Cone & Joan Haigh
21 Wed	Fraser National Park	Private	E/M	Jean Giese
Australia Day Weekend				
23-26	Mt Reynard - Tamboritha	Private	E/M	Pearson Cresswell
23-26	Walhalla Lodge Weekend	Private	Various	Brian Crouch
23-27	Moroka Gorge (Walk in Base Camp)	Private	Medium	Jopie Bodegraven
23-26	Barmah Forest Canoe Trip	Private	Easy	George Zamora
25 Sun	Mt Worth (8.30am start)	Bus	E & E/M	Pater Havlicek & Margaret Borden
30-1 Feb	Helicopter Spur - Howitt Spur	Private	Medium	Trish Elmore
1 Feb Sun	Keppel Falls -The Beeches	Bus	E & E/M	Jean Woodger & Rosemary Cotter
6-8	Aire River (Otways)	Private	E/M	Sylvia Ford
8 Sun	Angahook	Bus	E/M & M	David Laing & Deborah Henry

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