



The NEWS

of the

MELBOURNE WALKERS INC.

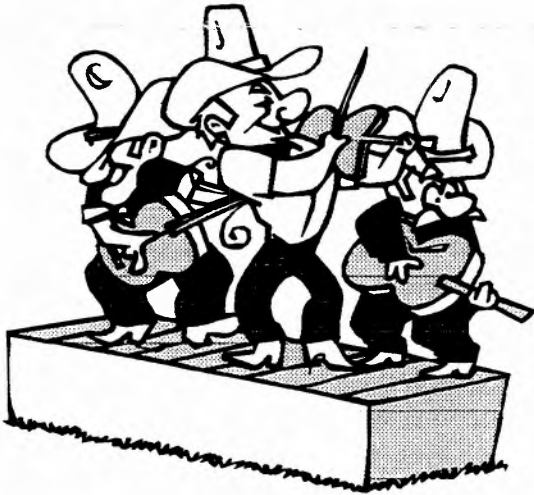
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100,000th Walker Celebrations



Spit Roast

Bushdance

Vegetarians Catered

Saturday 18 July

Place: St Michael's Community Hall
cnr MacPherson & McIlwraith Streets,
North Carlton
Melways Map 29 J12

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Wednesday 10 June
8pm in the clubrooms

Les Southwell will show a selection of slides of some
RECENT VICTORIAN ALPS TRIPS

Wednesday 17 June,
8pm in the clubrooms

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Be there - or ever after hear people talking about what
you missed.

More details in next month's News.

Offers from potential leaders gratefully considered.

Leader: Marilyn Wimpey

From the President

I'm just back from a few weeks in the UK where I've been walking in Scotland and on the Cotswold Way in England. How different it is to be walking among Iron-age forts, Roman remains and ancient churches! Stopping for lunch means something special when you call in at a pretty village pub. All very pleasant, and so completely different from our bushwalks where we see no-one else in several days.

Back in Melbourne, I now find myself wondering how I'm going to fit in all of the walks and ski-trips that I want to do. Our programme looks very attractive and we are maintaining a full or almost full bus each Sunday. The weekend events mostly have spare places and I urge you more experienced day walkers to try out something more demanding this Winter. The weather is often very suitable and we can make it easy for you to start by hiring you the necessary kit.

Don't miss the announcements about the forthcoming celebrations about our 100,000 walk, or person trip. Our researcher, Alan Clarke, has also established that we have achieved 5000 walks. These magnificent achievements are to be celebrated with a special party at which the 100,000 walker will be identified. This will be a fun evening, so don't miss it!

If you read this in time, please consider joining the protest at Falls Creek on Saturday 8 June regarding the excision of land from the National Park. The VNPA are organising this and the more supporters there the better.

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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Derrick Brown

From the Editor

I'm afraid there has been a technical 'Hitch' this month. Peter Havlicek gave me a disk last night with all the membership information on it and I cannot read it so that will have to be postponed until next month.

Judy Gipps

Letter to the Editor

Friday, I received my Bushie news and read sadly of the passing of Gwynnyth Taylor. Later, when I read "The Age", I noted her inspiring memorial in the obituary section. I am glad that the Bushies are donating \$5000 to VNPA in memory of Gwynnyth. However I also read both Graeme and Stephen articles, and I would like to say to each and every Bushie member "Put your mouth/feet/pen where your money is and support the club's conservation efforts, for your own sake, for the sake of those ankle biters who follow in our footsteps, and to continue Gwynnyth's outstanding track record".

PUT SOMETHING BACK INTO THE BUSH

BE AN ACTIVE CONSERVATIONIST

Barbara Weston

Wilkie Update

Great turn out for winter weeks and strong vibes being sent out for a terrific snow season. Also fully booked for Nov and early Dec weekends and some mid week but NOT Melbourne Cup Weekend yet. Introduction to Wilkie Weekend Nov 13th to 15th, write it in your diary now and come and sample Wilkie ambience. Maybe the purple Hovea will be at its best THAT weekend! Can promise lovely alpine flowers anyway, a cosy hut, and a wonderful restful environment, WELL worth the distance and travel up there

Sylvia Ford

Public Meeting

14 June at Tidal River

Subject:

Proposed Development at Wilsons Promontory

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St., Melbourne
 (rear of the Royal Horticultural Society building)
 on **WEDNESDAY** Evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

Visitors are always welcome.

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

Sunday 5th July 1998	Werribee Gorge
Easy/Medium & Medium	

Leaders: Sturat Mann & David Laing
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Bacchus Marsh
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: 11 & 14 kms
Map Reference: Ingliston 7722-1-3 1:25,000

Depending upon weather conditions on the day, both walks are planned to enter the Gorge via descending the Western Bluff track. After crossing the Werribee river (see that sounds easy) the walks will circuit the Gorge, taking in all the fine views it has to offer, from heights ranging between 130m and 340m. After crossing the same river (still sounds easy), the Easy group will ascend out of the Gorge to Falcon's Lookout, then onto the awaiting warm bus.

The Easy/Medium group will cross the WERRIBEE RIVER ascending up a different (steeper) incline, back to Falcon's lookout. Then towards that cold bus, only to find that it has moved.

Saturday 11 July 1998	Beginners Ski Day
Easy	Lake Mountain

Leader: Pearson Creswell
Transport: Private
Area: Lake Mountain

If you like walking in the mountains in summer, you'll love skiing in winter. This is an opportunity for those who have not tried it (and those a bit rusty) to do some gentle cross-country skiing at Lake Mountain. Equipment can be hired quite cheaply. Talk to the leader in the clubrooms for more information. We also want a healthy turnout of experienced skiers to point the beginners in the right direction.

Sunday 12th July 1998	Big Pats Creek - Mt Bride
Easy/Med & Med	La La Falls (Warburton)

Leaders: Rod Novak & Fiona Gallery
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Warburton
Expected time of return: 7.00pm
Approximate length of walk: 13 & 15 kms
Map Reference: Gladysdale 1:25,000

This is a pleasant, peaceful walk through heavily timbered country. Both walks include a challenging climb early on to get the heart and lungs going - but it is worth it for the lovely views through the Mountain Ash. On the preview we were frequently serenaded by lyrebirds and we were able to get very close to them. The Medium walk starts near Scotsman Creek, off Warburton Hwy, taking Backstairs Track to Old Warburton Rd and onto LaLa Falls. The Easy/Medium walk will start from Old Warburton Rd not far from

LaLa Falls. Both walks then head up to Mount Bride Road, taking in Mount Bride, Groom Hill and down Big Pats Track to Big Pats Creek Picnic ground. We will be doing a second preview after this goes to press so some variation might occur.

It will be quite muddy if wet - bring a change of cloths to leave on the bus along with your thermos of tea/coffee if desired.

Wed 15th July 1998	Yarra Bend - Kew -
Easy	10th Anniversary Walk

Leaders: Jean Giese
Transport: Private
Area: Kew-Clifton Hill
Expected time of return: 4.30pm
Approximate length of walk: 12-14 Kms
Map Reference: Melways 44

It's ten years since we started these Wednesday walks. Because I was the "organiser" back then, we thought it appropriate that we have a little celebration on the walk I am leading in July.

So - meet at 9.30 am near the corner of Walmer and Young Sts Kew (Melway 44 H7) and we'll proceed upstream on a rough track beside the Yarra, reaching Studley Park by lunch time. There we will have lunch together at the Boathouse Cafe (range \$8 to \$14), enjoy a house wine or beer, then go on our way rejoicing over Kane's Bridge, on around the river and up Merri Creek for a bit. There are only a couple of "originals" still doing the Wednesday walks but we invite all comers to join the celebration.

Sunday 19th July 1998	East Moorabool River -
Easy & Easy/Medium	Bostock Reservoir

Leaders: Jean Woodger & Teck Chin
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Ballan
Expected time of return: 7.00pm
Approximate length of walk: 15 & 18 Kms
Map Reference: Lal Lal, Yaloak, Clever Hill 1:25,000

Less well known than Dayleford, there is a small mineral spring at Ballan. This is the starting point of our walk, and we'll follow the course of a small branch of the Moorabool River East to the Bostock Reservoir, which is surrounded by pine Plantations. Beyond there is the dry and open forest of "The Whipstick Scrub". Walking mostly on tracks in this area, the easy group will then make their way through Blackfellows Flat back to the mineral springs.

The easy/medium group will follow the Moorabool River East back to the spillway, sometimes at river level, or clambering up to look down over rocks and gorges. No really big hills to climb, but a few ups and downs for the easy/medium walkers along the river.

Previews for July Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks

3-5 July 1998
Easy/Medium

Bogong High Plains
Start of Ski Season

Leader: Stephen Rowlands
Transport: Private
Area: Bogong High Plains (Falls Creek)
Expected time of return: Sunday Evening
Approximate length of walk: N/A

A lot will depend on how much snow is around, but hopefully we can ski somewhere and camp (not all day) and then spend Saturday and Sunday exploring without packs. Saturday night camp will most likely be on snow, so snow camping gear will be needed along with casual skiing gear. For more information ring Stephen Rowlands.

10-12 July 1998
Easy/Medium

Mt Langi Ghiran

Leaders: Mary Leonard
Transport: Private
Area: Ararat

Langi Ghiran State Forest is about 20 km on the Melbourne side of Ararat. The walk will be a pack carry. A previous walk here went along the north Ghiran Track to the reservoir then south along Easter Track and to Mt Ghiran. We will probably repeat this walk with a side trip to Mt Gorrin. There should be good views along the way, hopefully of the Grampians and Mt Buangor. The distance will be short but it should be a good weekend!

We may be able to visit a winery over the weekend.

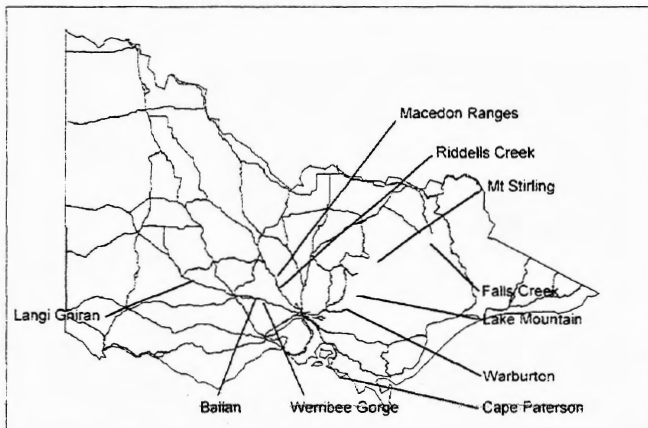
24-26 July 1998
Easy

Cape Paterson
Bunurong Coastal Reserve

Leaders: Cameron McMillan
Transport: Private
Area: Gippland - south of Wonthaggi
Expected time of return: early Sunday evening
Approximate length of walk: 15 to 20 km
Map Reference: Vic Maps
Cape Paterson & Inverloch 1:25,000

8 km south of Wonthaggi where the State Black Coal Mine operated between the years 1909 to 1968 lies the seaside point of Cape Paterson. On Saturday we will walk northwest along the beach for as long as people want. On Sunday we will do the same heading east towards Inverloch. Base camp will be in the middle of three caravan parks under tress near the beach. There is drinking water on tap and a toilet/shower block nearby. It will cost a person \$3 per night to stay in the park. Since this area is a short drive from Melbourne people can drive down either Friday night or Saturday morning.

Note. On the preview cold winds blew all weekend off the sea, so a woolly hat, gloves, raincoat & overtrousers should be carried.



21st-23 Aug 1998
Easy

Kamerooka
Pack Carry

Leader: Jean Giese

Please note that this is a pack carry (not a base camp). The standard is EASY and would be suitable for beginners. It will be cold but we will have a campfire

The Walker's Guidelines Card

With this issue of News we are circulating a card summarising the guidelines for walking with the Club. This is designed to remind all of us, visitors, new members and seasoned walkers, of the basic rules for walking together in the bush and being kind to the environment. Please take particular note of the items under the heading "What to do if ...". We are very concerned to reduce the incidence of walkers becoming separated from their parties as this is a major cause of delays on walks.

Please keep your card and carry it with you when you walk. Spare copies will be available for visitors, friends and anyone else who needs one.

EAGLESPEAK

It's Saturday morning at 8 Mile Gap and the start of Pearson's walk to the Eagles' Peaks and The Governors - a series of not particularly high bumps along the ridge separating the Howqua and Jamieson rivers. I wondered why they were such a perennial bushwalking venue and what we were going to do with the rest of the day after strolling the 4 kilometres to our planned camp.

Two kilometres/one hour of huffing and puffing later our little group was standing on top of the narrow, craggy top of Eagles' Peak wondering no more. The weather was warm and calm, such that the excited sounds of far off deer-hunting dogs, their masters and their gunshots could be clearly heard. All around us was a grand panorama of deep valleys filled with mists and small wafting clouds, while along the skyline were some of Victoria's most craggy peaks. All this and only two more kilometres to camp. I like Pearson's walks. We pressed on for Lickhole Gap making a nose-dive of a descent along a narrow ridge. A large rocky outcrop straddling the ridge required particular care. A gendarme our leader called it - as it guards the mountain. (Back in 1961 an MBW trip recorded by Fred Halls came up against this same obstacle and couldn't scale it. Most of the 30 people in that group had to nervously edge their way around it on "airy ledges", some even turned back). Since then maybe

five thousand or more walkers have passed along that route turning an unknown challenge into a fairly predictable, well worn, but still tricky route.

Anyway we eventually got to camp around 4pm amongst tall snow gums on Mt Darling, an inconspicuous, scrubby hill nestled between the Eagles' Peaks and the Governors. How it earned the title "mount" is a mystery, but then last century a relatively busy pack horse route passed over it from the Howqua to the Upper Jamieson and goodness knows what went on there back then.

Les was up well before dawn on Sunday to climb the Governors for a spot of sunrise worship. We heathens turned up hours later to perform other mountaintop rituals, like rattling off the names of surrounding peaks and cooeeing over vast distances in the calm conditions.

After lunch back at camp, we packed up and descended to Lickhole Ck on the old packhorse track. Along the way we: fed the leeches, had a little navigational crisis that had us contemplating heading off in quite the wrong direction, and delighted in the remote, wild feel of this hidden valley. Sheepyard Flat and the cars were reached just as darkness fell. Thanks Pearson for a very pleasant walk.

Ken McMahon

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GWYNNYTH TAYLOR - A VERY SPECIAL PERSON - 1915-1998

Just as the last newsletter went to press we learned of the death, on April 21, of an important and much loved member of this club who was active in the 50's and 60's. As Doug Pocock said in his Newsletter tribute to her, it was Gwynnyth's efforts that helped our Club to acquire Wilkinson Lodge. She had seen its potential value to club members in 1957 and when the Club decided not to buy it she was one of 30 or so members who put in the money to buy the Lodge from the Ski Club of Victoria in 1961 and donate it to the Club.

Thus so many members over the last 37 years have enjoyed in comfort in the warmth of summer and the snows of winter the glorious High Plains that Gwynnyth loved. For the alpine areas were her special love and she delighted in its plants and its moods. A week spent at Wilky was always to her a time of great happiness.

But her generosity to mankind and nature was far more than this and it is her work for conservation which was so unstinted and important. She was president of the Victorian National Parks Association from 1967-1971 and in the forefront of the political fight to save the Little Desert from subdivision and settlement and the creation of a National Park there. Through her efforts the Conservation Council of Victoria was established so that conservation groups could speak with one voice. She was also active in the Lake Pedder campaign and with the Wilderness Society in the fight to save the Franklin. Many are the wild places that she helped to save.



She had a lifelong interest and expertise in botany, working as a landscape gardener in the 1930's with the famous Edna Walling, and living in her village at Bickleigh Vale in Mooroolbark in the 1940's. It was native plants that she loved and the homes she lived in were surrounded always by her bush gardens full of birds and interesting corners inspired by the delightful plantscapes she had experienced in the bush.

Tireless was her work for the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society, the Montrose Environment Group, and the Maroondah Group of the Society for Growing Australian Plants. Nothing was too great or too menial for her, from baking biscuits for fundraising, advising on plants or chairing a public meeting of hundreds of people.

Her quiet strength, warmth, friendliness and ability to see the best in people endeared people to her.

Several members of the Club attended her memorial service on 3rd May at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Sue Forrester and Bill Molyneux, and some had a time of remembrance in the bush on that day. Her ties with the Club are still here as Sue is a Club member and her influence is still with those of us who knew her warmth and creativity.

It is fitting that the club has decided to donate \$5000 from the Wilkinson Lodge account in Gwynnyth's memory to the V.N.P.A for conservation issues. Others will be able to continue the neverending work to save those wild places so important to Gwynnyth's vision and understanding of the world.

Marion Siseman

Dear Derrick and Committee, Members of MBW

Please accept my deepest thanks for the message of sympathy published in the News. It is a very wonderful and appropriate gesture of acknowledgment to make the donation of \$5000 to the VNPA. Gwynnyth's passion for the wild places of this earth never diminished, and her influence was both deep and far reaching. We shall scatter her ashes this

coming summer on the Bogong High Plains, truly the centre of her spirit. It was a source of great joy to her that the club so values Wilky and that it is regarded by all the members, past and present, with such love and pride. I have received many messages of sympathy from Club members, and I thank you all.

With kind regards, Sue Forrester

Conservation Forum

Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations

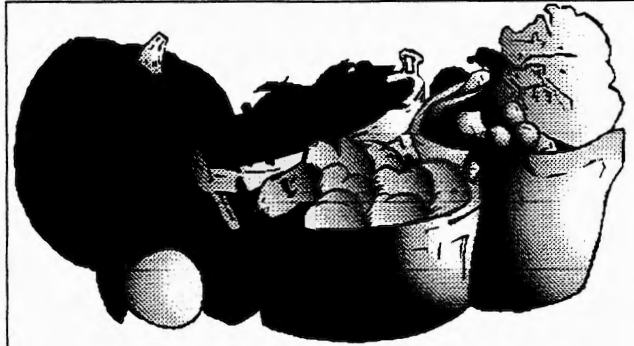
More advice from Mark Stone, Executive Director, Parks, Flora and Fauna, Natural Resources and Environment, about the Regulations. Not a lot has changed, and there is scant information that assists. He makes a number of points, but is unable to guarantee very much but he does say

'A person in transit through a resort .. ie, not stopping within the resort and availing themselves of the services therein, will not be required to obtain an entry permit.' So people on a bus do not need to pay? Or walkers? Or bushwalkers in summer stopping at Diamantina Hut? No services there! Do you use the resort toilets for a dollar or go bush in the National Park?

Of the 30 submissions, a number of ski clubs, councils and other bodies were concerned about work parties paying in summer. The Liberal Party Bright Branch was concerned about off-season fees, the limited need for infrastructure for off-season users, and off-season workers paying entry fees. The Victorian Association of 4WD clubs opposes off-season fees. Doug and Joan Humphries oppose off-season fees, mentioning that in 1996 season tickets went from \$70 to \$100, and the number of tickets issued declined by 72%! Mt Buller Lifts were cited as saying 'Resort fees are like charging someone to visit your shop.' Off-season fees have an impact on tourism. Tony Plowman, Liberal member for Benambra, said that 'Putting an entrance fee on the high country would be like putting an entrance fee on our beaches.' Sadly, he supports increased XC fees. Jeff Leaney opposes all-year fees, and states that summer visitor numbers were declining anyway, before off-season fees.

One way to make them wake up is to write. A good start is Neil Tappe, Resort Manager, Alpine Resorts Commission, Falls Creek, PO Box 50, Falls Creek Vic 3699. Ask him where the free routes are, can people with overnight packs be exempt from track fees and if people in summer can stop and use the toilets or take a picture in the resort without paying. Please bear in mind that the problem is not of his making.

Stephen Lake 26 May 1998



Vegetarian Dinner

Friday 26 June

The Vegie Bar (BYO)
380 Brunswick St
Fitzroy

Phone Marisa -
by 23 June if you would like to attend

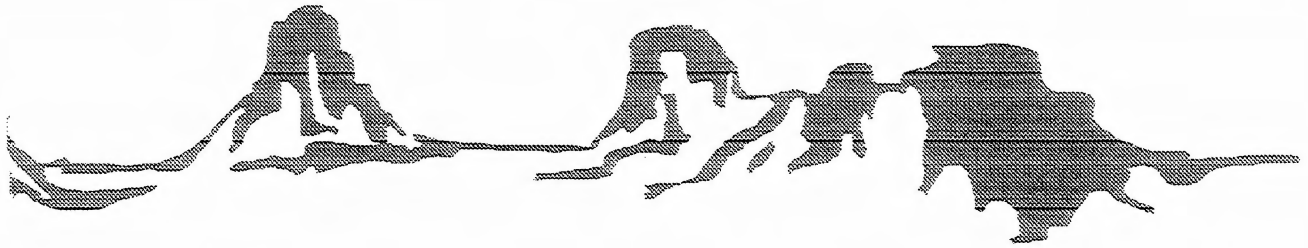
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Black and purple
rear plastic support from heel to lower calf
leather upper
approx size mens 10 to 11
Triple N bindings included

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Contact Stephen Rowlands
No later than 10pm



The Sierra Club and Bushwalking Around Reno Nevada

I arranged to spend part of my current sabbatical leave from the University of Nevada at the University of Melbourne. Thus, I find that I am happily spending some five months in Victoria.

I have been active for many years in the local Sierra Club group in Reno, Nevada. This group is the Great Basin Group of the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club. Since bushwalking is an important part of my life, I thought it might be a fine idea to contact a Melbourne bushwalking club to see what they had to offer. Rather randomly I chose to contact the Bushies, which, as it turns out, was an excellent choice. I have really enjoyed the excellent bushwalks and camaraderie experienced on the Bushies' walks and backpacks. Further, I have seen beautiful parts of Victoria that I otherwise may not have seen.

Although the names and faces are different, it is amazing how alike are many of my Sierra Club friends in Reno and people in the Bushies. I believe that any of you would feel quite at home on a Great Basin group bushwalk. With this thought in mind, I will describe a few things about both the Sierra club and the Reno area.

Firstly, the Sierra Club is an enormous environmental and outdoors organisation with about 500,000 members. It is broken down into chapters in both the United States and Canada. The chapters are then broken down further into groups based on geography as with the Great Basin Group or, in some of the larger chapters, according to type of activity or particular group of people. The Toiyabe chapter is a relatively small chapter and has about 3,000 members of whom about 1,500 are in the Great Basin Group. The National Sierra Club takes positions on and is an advocate for many national and international environmental issues. It also runs many national outings such as backpacks, base camps, etc. These are usually for at least a week in length. In addition, there are international trips to all parts of the world. The Great Basin Group has bushwalks, backpacks, camp outs, ski tours, snowshoe tours that are basically the same as what the Bushies have. The numbers on the various trips are also

comparable. In addition to week end trips, during daylight saving, we will have late afternoon trips of just a few hours' duration starting, perhaps, at 5:45 or 6:00 p.m.

The Sierra Club is a grass roots organization. Thus, the local groups will support the National on various national and international issues. Also, in a more direct way, we take on local environmental issues. These are mostly in Nevada, but also some are in nearby Eastern California. For example, at the moment we are working on and promoting the creation of new, formally designated, wilderness areas in Nevada. Most of these areas are in lands that are administered by the Bureau of Land Management. However, some are in lands administered by the United States Forest Service, the National Park Service and the National Fish and Wildlife Bureau. Nationally designated wilderness areas are open to the public, although sometimes an entry permit is required in areas of high use. However, entries of motorised vehicles, construction of permanent structures, and development of the areas are prohibited. Unfortunately, grazing is permitted in all areas except in most of the areas administered by the National Park Service and the National Fish and Wildlife Bureau. These areas are small in extent compared to the National Forest areas. Wilderness areas are created by an act of the United States Congress. Unlike, Australia, all of these national federal lands are administered by the United States government, not by the States. Thus, the States have no direct say in the running of the National Parks, the National Forests and other federally held areas. Of course, in addition to the national public lands, there are also state lands and parks that are administered by the states. These, however, are usually fewer in number and smaller than the federal lands although there are some rather large and significant California State Parks.

Reno, Nevada is located in the Great Basin high desert at about 1,400 - 1,500 mesas in elevation. To the west and south, mostly in California with only a very small portion in Nevada, are the Sierra Nevada mountains. They receive a huge snowfall. That is why Reno is dry.

The mountain range is about 800 km in length and, perhaps, averages 150 km in width. The highest point visible from Reno is Mt. Rose, about 3,250 meters in elevation. To the south in California the mountains rise to over 4,420 meters at Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the lower 48 states. From Southern Yosemite southward there is a contiguous roadless area some 1,000,000 hectares in extent. Between Reno and this area there are a number of smaller roadless areas. Obviously, the opportunities for bushwalking and ski touring are almost limitless. Some are right out of Reno and some require a drive of 4-5 hours.

To the East of Reno is the Great Basin with alternating desert valleys and high mountains. Many of the mountains are very beautiful and are wonderful places that are usually seldom visited. Again there are many opportunities for bushwalking, although the distance to most of these places is greater than those in the Sierra Nevada. In addition, there are desert walks nearby in Nevada and walks in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. These walks can be done at any time of the year. Not very far away are the Central California coastal mountains and their large wilderness areas. For example, the Ventana wilderness in Monterey county on the Big Sur coast is one of my favourite places and can be walked all year long. Other areas within about a 5 hour drive from Reno are the spectacular Trinity Alps and Marble Mountains of northwestern California. There are yet other places.

If any one of you is in the United States in the reasonable future and ends up in the vicinity of Reno you should contact me. I should be able to set you up with a bushwalk, ski tour or snowshoe outing.

In Reno, I can be contacted at

My email address is:

I will return to the States at the end of June.

Ross Smith

LAST CALL FOR THE FLINDERS RANGES

19 September - 2 October - ie school holidays

A get-together meeting at 8 pm on Friday 12 June at 799 High St, East Kew

Pack carrying and day walking

Routes will depend on water availability but the northern part is the aim, the Gammon Ranges in particular.

4WDs - some hired so need to know final numbers as soon as possible.

Sylvia Ford

New members

Altered Address/Phone

Due to a technical hitch New Members and Altered Address/Phone are not available this month but will appear in the July issue.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Accounts for May 1998

Opening Balance	\$61,019.21
Receipts	\$5,646.00
Payments	\$5,670.88
Closing Balance	\$60,994.33

Walks Secretary: Attendances for April 98

	Trips	No	Av	1997
Sunday Bus	4	150	37.5	42
Pack Carry	4	29	6.8	6
Base camp	1	12	12	22.5
Wed,Hist, Dandenong	4	50	12.5	19
Cancelled	1			
<u>Total</u>	14	241		

Duty Roster

10 June	Alan Miller & Fiona Gallery
17 June	Jan Palich & Marisa Rizzuto
24 June	Jean Woodger & Derrick Brown
1 July	Peter Gipps & Judy Gipps
8 July	Sylvia Ford & Peter Havlicek

Next committee meeting 6 July 1998

Bushies Good Food Guide

LAKE EILDON/BONNIE DOON

Lake Side Hotel - over the bridge from Bonnie Doon. Good Cheap pub food, fast service, admittedly it was mostly empty. Huge open fire, plonk by the glass. Alas coffee wasn't so good and chocy moose only just O.K.

BRIGHT

Cosy Kangaroo. On main drag. I had a Caesar Salad which was great but you wouldn't need to be hungry for one of these, my companions had pasta which they said was fine. It was chockers when we arrived however we explained we were in a burry and they were most efficient.

DARUM PUB, GIPPSLAND (on way to Baw Baw Ski Fields) An Old favourite of G.T.'s this. After a downward turn I have it on good authority it has improved out of sight !

ARARAT, THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Very ordinary meal; this rated at 5.5 at the time but went down to 4 next morning. Ask Rod Novak why. Didn't chance the coffee.

DUNKELD - ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

Heard on a bushwalk the coffee and cake were excellent here and as we couldn't raise anyone from the tea shop opposite we gave it a go. Recently revamped the interior was interesting and pleacsant and view of Mt Sturgeon smashing. Service was slow but worth waiting for.

HALLS GAP, GRAMPIANS

Coffee shop alongside creek. Everyone was happy with what they got (all 13 of us) but service was muddy, so it got 8/10.

Walks in June/July 1998

Date	Location	Stand	Leader
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND			
5-8	LITTLE DESERT -PACK CARRY	Private E/M	Pearson Cresswell
5-8	LITTLE DESERT - BASE CAMP	Private E	Rosemary Cotter
7 Sun	ANDERSONS PICNIC GROUND	Bus E & E/M	Peter Havlicek & Alan Miller
14 Sun	TRACK CLEARING - YARRA RANGES NP	Private E/M	Anne Wilkins
14 Sun	TI TREE CK- DUNNS HILL	Bus E/M & M	Brian Crouch & Max Casley
17 Wed	LYSTERFIELD STATE PARK	Private E	Alistaire Rowe
19-21	WILSONS PROM-TIDAL R BASE CAMP	Private E & E/M	Rod Novak
21 Sun	GELLIBRAND HILL PARK	Bus E & E/M	John Kittson & Maureen Hurley
27 Sat	DANDENONGS EXPLORER	Private E	Michael Humphrey
28 Sun	RYE BEACH - CAPE SCHANK	Bus E & E/M	Glen Berry & Joan Haigh
3-5	BOGONG HIGH PLAINS START SKI SEASON	Private E/M	Stephen Rowlands
4 Sat	MACEDON RANGES WALKING TRACK	Private M	John Kittson
5 Sun	WERRIBEE GORGE	Bus E/M & M	Stuart Mann & David Laing

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