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Saturday 27 October

***Early Evening Session
(Around 7.00 pm)***

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COMBINED SUNDAY BUS WALK, TRAINING DAY & BBQ

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

This will be a fun day in the Olinda State Forest including a Free BBQ at the Silvan Reservoir picnic area! This is a beautiful forest area in the Dandenong Ranges with some great views across Silvan Reservoir.

The choices on the day will be an Easy Walk or to take part in some group Navigation exercises & Leadership Training. Either way everyone will enjoy the free barbeque!

For those doing the Training there will be an Info. Night on Wednesday 7 November in the clubrooms. Contact Brian Crouch & Paul Beers for more details.

**BRIAN CROUCH
TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR**

We are Back in our "Old"
(or is it "New"?)
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***Sunday 28 October
From 1.00 pm***

***Lot 1, South Maddingly Road,
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(Depending on Edition)***

***No Need to Telephone
but do so if Lost!***

***Ph.:
(Quentin will be Overseas until 14 Oct.)***



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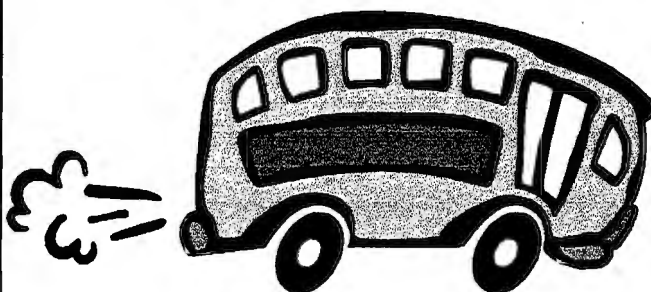
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LONG TRIP ON OUR BUS

As done successfully some years ago we are planning a Long Weekend Trip to South-West Victoria for the next long weekend which will be March 8 - 11, 2002. The plan is to cater for members wanting to do Pack Carry Walks, Day Walks & Canoeing with all those involved camping either in Base Camps or over-nighting on the track or river bank.

This will be a top weekend and gives the opportunity for Sunday walkers to move a little out of their "comfort zones" and to mix with weekend walkers. The bus will be driven by Bob, our regular and popular driver, and will leave Melbourne late Friday afternoon and return late Monday evening. The all up cost will be around \$100 per person which will cover bus hire and fuel costs.

This needs a lot of organizing, that's why we are looking for an early commitment from those serious about sharing in this experience. Act Now if you want to be part of it as numbers will be limited to 40 - talk to me or any other Committee Member and put it in your diary now!



BRIAN CROUCH

FOUND: BLUE TOP

*One Blue Thermal Top
in a White Plastic Bag.*

*Left on the Bus after
Sugarloaf - Masons Falls (Kinglake) Walk
on Sunday 9 September.*

*Contact Me in the Clubrooms
for More Details.*

Rod Novak

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER DAY WALKS, ETC.



Cycle Trip: Williamstown by Ferry

DATE Saturday 13 October
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 45 km (same as others)
LEADER(S) Jan Palich
TRANSPORT Public
RETURN TIME Approx 4.00 pm
AREA Port Melb./Williamstown/Altona

If you have come along on any of Jan's bike rides before, you will know that they are meanders along bike paths with lots of coffee stops. Don't let the distance put you off, with coffee stops in between, 45 km is not that great a distance.

We will meet at the bike hire place at Yarra Bank, beside Princes Bridge, Melbourne. (Departure Time will be advised when booking). If you need to hire a bike, costs for 24 hours are around \$25 - \$30.

Take a picnic lunch, money for coffee & ice-cream & then enjoy the fresh air & exercise in a most delightful way.

We will proceed west to Port Melbourne (Station Pier) and then to the punt near the Westgate Bridge. The punt takes us across the river so that we can continue to Williamstown for our first well earned coffee stop. Allow \$5 for a return ticket on the punt.

Following the coastal path and roads around Williamstown we will head for the new bike path which takes us towards Altona where we will enjoy a picnic lunch (no shops nearby).

Then onto the return journey along the beach from Altona to Williamstown where there is another coffee (or ice-cream stop) before continuing back to Melbourne.

Which brings me to the weather. If at 8.00 am on the Saturday morning, the weather is looking very dodgy and decidedly wet, please ring me to see if the ride is still on.

Anyway, this is set to be another great ride. To register your interest, call me on: by the Thursday before the ride and let me know you are interested. (Min. no. required or the ride will be cancelled).



Sunday Bus: Labertouche - Boronia Reserve

DATE Sunday 28 October
STANDARD Easy & Easy Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 13 & 18 km
LEADER(S) Peter Havlicek & Mary de Salis
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am
RETURN TIME Approx. 6.30 pm
AREA Bunyip State Forest, Labertouche
MAP REFERENCE Spion Kopje 1:25000 8022-2-3

The walk is in the Wildflower Reserve off Forest Road in the Bunyip State Forest. The walk is circular, starting at the Brighton Grammar School camp. The medium walk takes in a longer route along Bullock Link Track to South Hells Gate before following the easy walk route.

The easy walk climbs up a ridge to Quartz Creek Road, then down to a very pretty and interesting Nature Walk along Lawson Creek, then up Discovery Track and completing the circuit along Tea Tree Road. There is a great variety of bush flowers including: Gudenias, Dusty Millers, Banksias, Grevilleas and Boronias along Discovery Track. Wallabies, lyrebirds and land yabbies are amongst the fauna observed on past visits.



Sunday Bus: Mt. William - Mollison's Creek

DATE Sunday 4 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 15 & 17 km
LEADER(S) John Kittson & Jean Woodger
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am
RETURN TIME Approx. 7.30 pm
AREA Pyalong (Northern Highway)
MAP REFERENCE Goldie Nth 7823-1-3 1:25000

Both walks are across rolling open countryside, with wonderful views from grassy peaks strewn with huge granite boulders. Often wedge-tailed eagles are seen soaring above. The Medium group will climb to the trig point on Mt. William (Alt. 807) before heading north to follow Mollison's Creek & Mollison's Gorge. The Easy/Medium group will take a more gently undulating route to arrive at Mollison's Creek.

Don't forget that change of shoes to be on the bus for the end of the walk.



Historical: Nine Parks, Various Architectural Styles, etc.

DATE Tuesday 6 November
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
LEADER(S) Nigel Holmes
TRANSPORT Public
RETURN TIME Approx. 3.00 pm (Ormond station)
AREA South-east inner Melbourne
MAP REFERENCE Melway p.43, 44, 58 & 68

Meet "under the clocks" at Flinders St station for a 10.00 am start. At 10 o'clock we will walk from Flinders St. through nine Melbourne parks starting with Queen Victoria gardens and then generally south-east through parks linked with footpaths, lanes, devious short cuts and short tram ride. As well as the gardens and parks, pockets of period architecture make interesting viewing. The last part of the walk includes some of the route of the ill-fated Ross railway line.

Phone Nigel Holmes anytime on:



Sunday Bus: Olinda + Training Exercise + Free BBQ

DATE Sunday 11 November
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
LEADER(S) Brian Crouch & Paul Beers
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am

Please refer to front page of this *News* or phone Brian Crouch on:



Sunday Bus: Stewart Creek - Mt. Helen

DATE Sunday 18 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE 15 & 18 km
LEADER(S) Alan Miller & Lance Mobbs
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 8.30 am
RETURN TIME Approx. 7.00 pm
AREA East of Seymour (Hughes Creek)
MAP REFERENCE Mt. Bernard, Tarcombe, Mt. Stewart & Dropmore 1:25000

Both walks start and finish at Bungle Boori homestead which is immediately south of Hughes Creek. Most of both walks is on this property, and we have been given permission subject to us skirting around the homestead on the south side.

We start with a climb of about 250m to Mickey's Hill, then the rest of the day is spent on the ridge top until the descent to the homestead at the end. Only the medium walk will climb mighty Mt. Helen, which is at 550m. or not much higher than the surrounding country. There are very few trees left on these hills, so bring plenty of sun-screen if a hot day is forecast.

Both walks are entirely on private properties, and very little of either walk is on tracks. There are extensive views of the valleys to the north and east for much of the day.

N.B.: Early start.



Wednesday Walk: Barwon Heads - Queenscliff Beach Walk

DATE Wednesday 21 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 18 km
LEADER(S) Sandra Mutimer
TRANSPORT Private
RETURN TIME 5.00 pm (to the cars)
AREA Bellarine Peninsula
MAP REFERENCE Melway p.233 - 236

Meeting Time & Place: 10.00 am at Shortlands Bluff Car Park in Queenscliff, near Queenscliff Lighthouse. Follow the Bellarine Highway and its continuation along Flinders, Bethune and King Sts until you reach Hesse St. Turn right onto this, travelling alongside the side of Fort Queenscliff to reach the Lookout and Car Park. A car shuttle will be necessary for us to reach the starting point of our walk in Barwon Heads.

Could you please let me if you have room available in your car or if you will be requiring a lift, if it is possible to make this arrangement. Other people might consider coming across on the Queenscliff - Sorrento ferry [5258 3244].

This walk is an oldie but a goodie with lots of interest along the way and at our destination of Queenscliff and has a touch of "Sea Change" meets William Buckley about it. It was Buckley who escaped from Sorrento Convict Settlement and walked around Port Phillip Bay and found shelter in a cave at what is now Port Lonsdale. He befriended the local Wathaurung people and lived among them for the next 32 years.

Despite the distance this is a relatively easy walk along beaches and foreshores, past rock pools and along cliff top walkways. Depending on how flexible we can be with our transport arrangements it may be possible to organise "a bail out" arrangement at Point Lonsdale. There may be the opportunity for a swim along the way depending on the pace we will be travelling at but I'm making no promises.

We will start the walk at Bluff Lookout at Barwon Heads and pass "Laura's House" and "Diver Dan's Boatshed", which is now a restaurant. [This is "Sea Change" talk for those who can't make sense of it!] From here we will cross the bridge, travel through Ocean Grove, pass Buckley's Cave and the lighthouse at Point Lonsdale. Near here, we will have a good view of The Rip, 1200 metres across from here to Point Nepean and perhaps see a ship passing through this entrance into Port Phillip Heads. It is not difficult to see how this combined with the rocks and reefs in this area to cause of several shipwrecks, particularly during sailing days. After passing the Marconi Monument, the site of the first overseas wireless messages from Australia, we will continue on to Shortlands Bluff and the Queenscliff Lighthouse and then finish our walk nearby at the Black Lighthouse, made out of bluestone.



Dandenongs Explorer: Kalorama

DATE Saturday 24 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 13 km
LEADER(S) Fiona Gallery
TRANSPORT Private
RETURN TIME Approx. 4.00 pm
AREA Dandenongs Ranges Nat. Park

We will meet at Fiveways, Kalorama where there is a view over the Silvan Dam to occupy our time whilst we wait for everyone to arrive (Melway p.52 J.9). We will aim to leave at 10.30 am so if you are earlier you could join me for a coffee at the Fiveways Tea Room.

We will be walking along tracks to the Channel 10 tower, then onto Doongalla Homestead site & returning to Kalorama to revisit the tearooms.



Mt. Jerusalem - Mt. Beggary (Kinglake)

DATE Sunday 25 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE 14 & 17 km
LEADER(S) Tracey Jamieson & Fiona Gallery
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am
MAP REFERENCE Kinglake Nat. Park 1:25000

This is a pleasant circular walk on mainly well-defined & easy to follow tracks. Both groups begin the walk with a gradual ascent to Mt. Beggary, then there are ups & downs for a while, & then descend down Mt. Jerusalem.

The Medium group will do a side trip (about 3 km) to Jehosaphat Gully picnic ground where, on the day of the preview, there were a number of lyre birds wondering around.

OCT./NOV. WEEKEND & EXTENDED WALKS, ETC.



Ski Trip: Koscisuszko National Park

DATE Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 November
STANDARD Medium/Hard
LEADER(S) Ralph Blake
TRANSPORT Private

Please see Ralph Blake in the clubrooms about this ski trip or phone him on:



Pack Carry: Wellington Plains

DATE Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 November
STANDARD Easy Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 40 km
LEADER(S) Ian Langford
TRANSPORT Private
RETURN TIME 6 November Evening
AREA Licola Wellington
MAP REFERENCE Moroka Sth 8223-2-5
 & Tali Karng 8222-4-1/8222-1-4

Lake Tali Karng is a natural lake set in the mountain forests of North Gippsland at 840 metres elevation. Above the lake are lookouts such as Spion Kopje, Picture Point, Gable End and the Sentinels, all about 1600 metres high. The area is a favourite haunt of Melbourne Bushies. However, they often leave wishing for more time to explore. This four day trip is an opportunity for a good look around with plenty of time for socialising at our campsite on Nigothoruk Creek.

The meeting point is on Friday night at our camp at Licola General Store and Caravan Park, 5 Jamieson Street, Licola, 253 km from Melbourne (Cost: Non-drivers: \$50.00). I will need to pre-book your site, so will need to know if you intend to stay at this camping ground. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Saturday we drive 58.5 km to MacFarlane Saddle and walk in to the campsite via the Wellington Plains. This will be our base for day trips on Sunday and Monday, to the Lake and to Wellington Plateau and its two high points, Gable End and the Sentinels. On Tuesday we strike camp, return to the cars and drive back to Melbourne.

Bookings at the Clubrooms on the two Wednesdays prior to the trip or contact Ian Langford on _____ or _____



Pack Carry: Croajingalong National Park

DATE Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 November
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 55 km
LEADER(S) Jopie Bodegraven
TRANSPORT Private
MAP REFERENCE Mallacoota Outdoor Leisure 1:50,000
 Wilderness Coast Walk (Nat Parks)

This is a section of coast which I believe to be excellent but I've never walked it so I'm keen to go there. It promises wild coastline with rocky headlands, inlets and some long beaches. To avoid a long car shuffle we will be leaving our cars at Mallacoota airport and paying Tony Gray of Croajingalong & Nadgee Backpacker's Shuttle Service \$180 to transport us all to our starting point at Thurra River. The National Parks Service will only let us have up to 8 in a group but Tony's Toyota will only take 7 of us so get in quick. If there are more we could possibly organise a second group to go in the opposite direction, leaving cars at Thurra River and being driven to Mallacoota by Tony on his return trip.

As there is a quota of 25 total on this section of coast and I have no idea which other groups might be planning a trip and we have to pay \$15 each in advance for 3 night's wilderness camping it is essential that if you want to come you contact me ASAP and forward \$45 for the camp and shuttle fees so I can make the bookings.

The walk is mainly on tracks or beaches with some possible but optional rock hopping sections. There is one interesting river crossing. Wangan Inlet outlet could be anything from thigh to neck deep so I'm told! We'll time it for low tide of course but a plastic pack liner could be a good idea!

It's about 450 km to our Friday night campsite at Cann River. Total car travel should be about 1050 km making \$84 at 8c/km. Get in quick for this great 4 day coastal walk!



Base Camp: Wyperfeld National Park

DATE Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER(S) Rod Novak
TRANSPORT Private
RETURN TIME 9.00 pm Tuesday Evening
AREA North-West Victoria

Come along to this base camp in a wonderful mallee park!

Due to the travel distance we will drive up to the park on Saturday and return home on the Tuesday. For this long weekend we will have options for day walks at Wyperfeld and also a look at nearby Lake Abalcutya.

The days will be warm so you need a good hat with a wide brim, 2 water bottles, sun cream and sunglasses as well as your usual day walk equipment. You will need your base camp equipment plus water and firewood. Each evening we will have a group entrée and a sun downer. Lots of great sunsets, wildlife and hopefully some Spring wildflowers. Bring your binoculars, bird and plant identification guidebooks. See the leader at Club night for more information.

Costs: Allow \$80 per person for petrol money and \$20 per person for camp fees. Also, money for Saturday lunch and Tuesday dinner en route.



Wilkinson Lodge: Alpine Day Walks

DATE Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 November
STANDARD Medium
LEADER(S) Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT Private
MAP REFERENCE Bogong Alpine Area
 Outdoor Leisure Series

Wilkinson Lodge is the rather grand name for our hut on the Bogong High Plains. Wilky was donated to the club some 40 years ago and has been much loved for all that time. It is situated 10 km from Falls Creek and is an excellent base for some wonderful walks.

Wilky is available for all club members who have been suitably introduced into the running of the place. It is an ideal place to take friends or family for an alpine holiday.

This weekend is an opportunity for members who have not yet visited our lodge to get to know Wilky and the area. As the kitchen is rather small we will have group meals in the evenings, a time to offer to show your culinary skills. See me to discuss what you will need to take up. Fees are \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for visitors.



Canoe Trip: Corowa - Bundalong

DATE Sat. 3 - Mon. 5 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER(S) Joy Carver
TRANSPORT Private

For information about this canoe trip please refer to August News.



Wilkinson Lodge: Spring Clean Work Party

DATE Friday 9 - Sunday 11 November
STANDARD Extremely Hard Work!
LEADER(S) Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT Private

This weekend is an opportunity for those who enjoy using Wilky to "put a bit back". This is a work weekend to give the lodge a good clean up, chop wood, clean the dam, re-install the electric fence, chop wood, general maintenance, paint, clean the chimneys and chop and stack wood.

We will organize a group meal in the evening. As this is an official work party there are no fees.



Pack Carry: Northern Wilsons Prom. Nat. Park

DATE Fri. 16 - Sun. 18 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER(S) David Arnold
TRANSPORT Private Car & Boat
RETURN TIME Approx. 9.00 pm Sunday
MAP REFERENCE Mount Singapore 1: 25000

The northern part of the Prom is much less often visited than the southern destinations of Tidal River, Sealers Cove etc. and is even designated as a wilderness zone. The party size is limited to six by Park management, so get in quick if you are interested in visiting this part of the Prom!

Since the points of interest are 20-30 km from the nearest car park (and we would have to return to the cars again the following day), we will access the Prom instead by boat from Port Welshpool, landing at Tin Mine Cove in the sheltered waters of Corner Inlet. The round trip in the boat will cost about \$25 per person.

Friday night we will camp at Foster, Saturday night at Tin Mine Cove. Using Tin Mine Cove as a base, we will do walks to Mt. Margaret, Lighthouse Point (on the east coast - not the usual Prom lighthouse at the southern tip of the Park), and other locations which are within the realm of a weekend visit.

Please call me if you are interested, on:



Pack Carry: Mt. Feathertop by North-West Spur

DATE Friday 23 - Sunday 25 November
STANDARD Medium
LEADER(S) Deb Henry
TRANSPORT Private

This will be a spring ascent of the North-West Spur. We will camp outside Smoko on Friday night & drive to the Trout Farm on Saturday morning.

Following the Ovens River to the start of the North-West Spur, we will climb steeply until we reach MUMC hut, where we will stay the night.

An ascent of Mt. Feathertop can be made on either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, whichever you choose.

On Sunday we will head around to Federation Hut & down the Bungalow Spur. If the weather is good we may take a slight detour down the Spur line.

This is a Medium standard walk suitable for experienced bush walkers. Saturday will be a steep walk, while Sunday will be an easier route.

This is a good time to ascend Feathertop as the wild-flowers are out & the air is becoming mild. Hope to see you there!

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Advance Notice: Tasmanian Triple Treat

3 - 24 January 2002



Jan. 3 - 8: A circuit on the north end of the Central Plateau - Western Tiers. It is intended to visit Western Bluff, Nells Bluff, Clumner Bluff and Deception Point, then Fisher Bluff and Devils Gullet.



Jan. 10 - 16: A circuit in the Cheyne Range, Lake Petrarch, Mount Rufus. This area featured in an article by Graham Wills - Johnson in 'WALK' 1980. However, we will avoid the Lake Undine section described by Graham and will go via Mt Gell as suggested to me by the Ranger at Lake St. Clair.



Jan. 18 - 22: A visit to the Tyndall Range. Many years ago we met a Tasmanian bush walker who told us about the Tyndall Range, he said it "was like the Labrynth only bigger and better!"

We have booked our van onto the Ferry leaving on Jan 2nd, we can take three passengers either traveling on the Ferry or flying over on the 3rd. There is a chance that our two Tasmanian members may be interested in some of this so they may have some transport space. Anyone interested in the second or third sections can use public transport quite easily, the second section starts near Derwent Bridge & the third section starts near Queenstown.

We have allowed generous time for each trip & also between each trip to allow for stocking up, drying out & cleaning up. We have also allowed time at the end to travel up the new West Coast road from Corinna to Arthur River.

The grading for this trip will have to be hard as conditions could be lousy, however the walking should only be medium at the most - trust me, I'm a bush walker! Any member intending to come will need to be an experienced pack carrier & will be able to back me up with navigation.

This advance notice gives people time to talk to me & consider if this trip is of interest to them & therefore plenty of time to book transport. Numbers will be limited. Van transport with me will be about \$100 Devonport to Devonport.

Doug Pocock & Jan Llewelyn

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sunday Bus Fare Reduction for the Spring Walks Program: Effective from the 1st September, the Sunday Bus walk fees will reduce to \$17 per member and \$11 per concession member (proof of concession required when booking). Visitor's fee remains at \$5.

For members who have not booked and paid for their seat by the Wednesday prior to the walk, they will have to pay an additional late fee of \$3. This means \$20 for the last minute 'walk ups' on Sunday.

Helpful Hints – to help you & our volunteer leaders:
Sunday Bus walkers: Please remember – NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS FOR THE SUNDAY BUS. If you need to ring the leader to advise of cancellation, then please ring at a reasonable hour.

Need a Credit for the Sunday Bus? Here's how to go about it...

1. You must ring the Walk Leader to advise of your cancellation (please telephone at a reasonable hour) and the Walk Leader will note your cancellation on their Walk Report.
2. Then you need to apply in writing for the Credit stating your name, address, telephone number and the walk destination, leader and date of the activity with the reason.
3. Forward your application letter to the Walks Secretary [Rod Novak in 2001] in the Clubrooms most Wednesday evenings (but not all!) or alternatively by mail to the Club's address.
4. The Walks Secretary then checks the walk report and will organise a credit note for you.
5. Give the Credit Note to the Walk Leader when you book your next Sunday Bus trip.
6. Please Note: Only reasonable requests will be granted eg illness, work commitments. 'Sleeping in' or 'hung-over from the big night out' do not count!

Weekend Trips: Important guideline: Please assist the leader to organise the trip by attending a briefing/meeting in the Clubrooms at 8 pm on the Wednesday prior to the trip, eg directions where to meet, equipment required, checking maps, car pooling and transport etc.

Dandenong Explorer and Wednesday Walks: Please ring the leader for details.

WALKS PROGRAM CHANGES

1 – 20 October – Sandra Mutimer's trip to Western Australia has unfortunately been cancelled.

2 - 6 November - Wellington Plains & Lake Tarli Karng long weekend trip. Please note Ian's surname is incorrect on the Spring Walks Program. Contact Ian Langford for more information about this great trip. Telephone Ian on

3 – 6 November – the Canoe trip on the Murray from Corowa to Bundalong. Bookings to Rod Novak in the Clubrooms as the leader will be away in October.

AUGUST WALK STATISTICS

August '01	Trips	People	Average	August '00
Sunday Bus	4	99	24.75	30.75
Other Day - Wed 16 - Dand 22	2	38	19	8
Pack Carry	Nil	-	-	6
Ski Lodge	1	15	15	15
Cancelled	5	-	-	2
Total	12	152		269

N.B.: The 5 cancelled trips include the Kamerooka Base camp (no interest), and 4 ski trips due to poor snow and/or no interest.

ROD NOVAK
WALKS SECRETARY

LEVEL 2 FIRST AID TRAINING

Following on from previous successful courses, the Club is planning to run another course this year to be conducted over 2 weekends.

When it comes to learning new skills, there is nothing like first hand experience in the bush as well as classroom. This course has plenty of both, with particular emphasis on remote area first aid, including bush exercises and is invaluable in the skills it provides for both Day Walkers and Weekend Walkers.

The cost for 20 hours of training is approximately \$120 with a possible subsidy from the Club to assist people develop their First Aid skills.

It is important that we have as many people as possible with the skills to assist Leaders, if the need arises.

I have some definite "starters" and a number of others "thinking" about it so ACT NOW if you want to be part of it as numbers are limited to 12.



BRIAN CROUCH
TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR

REFLECTIONS OF A NEW MEMBER

MARTIN POINT - LITTLE YARRA RIVER - THE BUMP (SUN. 15 JULY) & LOST CHILDREN'S TRACK (SUN. 29 JULY)

I recently decided that I would like to get a little more trekking fitness, so I signed up for a walk with the Melbourne Bushies. Bushies sounded good as it conjured up this image of a bunch of demented lunatics wandering around the bush smoking eucalyptus leaves in gumnut pipes - right up my alley I thought.

My first walk was at Powelltown (15 July) and I wasn't sure what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised as it was pouring with rain and the track had a couple of fun sections to fall down. The only down side was that it was too dark and wet to get any good photos of bushies sliding down the path on their bottoms. I did manage to get a photo of some bushies negotiating a very slippery log, but much to my disappointment they refused to fall off it.

After due reflection, I think the highlight of the trip had to be the leeches. They were only tiny - but never be deceived by size. I remember someone mentioning that they could be nasty if you got an allergic reaction, or got an infection from one. I poo-pooed that idea because I had been bitten by tropical leeches that would eat these guys for breakfast. Again, I was in for a surprise. By Sunday evening all my bites (4 of them) had swollen up into lumps that seemed to give me muscles where I had never had muscles before, and by Wednesday I was on antibiotics for cellulitis.

Being so impressed by my first walk, I quickly booked on another, this time the "Lost Children's Track" (Daylesford). That sounded to have some potential, but, as fate would have it, it was quite uneventful. The weather was beautiful and the path had no fun things to fall down, or off, or get bitten by. We didn't even lose anyone. Almost like a walk in the park really. Still, this bushie thing obviously has some potential so I think I'll persist.

In my photograph below from the Daylesford walk there is a waterfall in the background (cleverly hidden behind a tree) but you can't see much of it.

STEVE AXFORD



CONSERVATION FORUM

A special "Thank you" to Anne Wilkins for organizing the very successful Tree Planting weekend at Lurg (near Benalla) on the 8 - 9th September. The lecture and slide show in the clubrooms by Ray Thomas encouraged 19 Melbourne Bushies to attend this weekend and helping to plant over 6000 trees and shrubs. Thank you to all that participated. We will have more of these successful weekends.

Here are some notes from the *VicWalk* Conservation Committee August meeting:

Bunyip State Park – this park has large numbers of 4 wheel drives and trail bikes on the tracks and this motorised activity conflicts with walkers. There will be a lobby to encourage park authorities to make more tracks available as 'walkers only' tracks. Also, in recent weeks the vehicular barriers to the walker's only tracks have been vandalised.

Otways - The Otway Ranges Walking Track Association has changed position and will now oppose all logging, as a result of DNRE opposing all proposals for the Trans Otway Walking Track.

The land near Sabine Falls was sold without public consultation to Midway Corporation. Repeated requests for a survey to determine boundaries have all been ignored by DNRE. The final report of the consultants Connell Wagner has never been publicly released. An area near Lake Elizabeth is on the National Heritage List and DNRE propose to log it. Otway Ranges Environmental Network are going to commence opposition to the proposed logging.

Box – Ironbark Rally - On the 6-7th October. This weekend features many scientists and ecological experts sharing their knowledge on the Box-Ironbark forests. The Sunday walk takes in Billy Button Hills, aboriginal wells, and an old gold stamper.

Alpine - Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board requested VicWalk support in seeking funding to improve the existing infra-structure and building a new day centre. VicWalk sent a letter of support for the proposal.

Mount Stirling - Most of the August User Group's meeting was taken up with discussing procedures. Craig Jones, a commercial operator reported on the Park charging entrance fees while there were no ski patrols and no grooming of the tracks. He had had to rescue some injured school children and to use his own bus to evacuate one lot. Craig Jones was elected to the steering committee.

Portland Wind Energy Project - Proposed positioning of the turbines with; 10 turbine towers at Bridgewater Lakes, 22 at the Blowholes/Petrified Forest, 7 at Cape Bridgewater (the highest sea cliff in Victoria), 39 at Cape Nelson and 17 at Cape William Grant. The majority of these turbines will be within close proximity of the Great South West Walk and the 120 metre plus towers will be a "visual distraction" along the coastline. The Environmental Effects Statement will be advertised in September with public submissions invited. An article on the Project has been sent to *VicWalk News* to inform Clubs/individuals. The Committee resolved to wait for the Environmental Effects Statement and decide what action we should take when we have seen it.

State Forest Track Survey - Still Progressing. More walking routes/trip notes required. Contact VicWalk Office for survey forms.

Mullum Mullum Festival - will start on October 7th at Yarran Dherin Reserve Guided walks on Saturday 13th October. A Concert and walks at 1300 on Sunday 14th October. Copies of the programme are available from: PO Box 173, Mitcham, 3132 or 0500 802 804.

ROD NOVAK
CLUB DELEGATE
VICWALK CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

JULY ACCOUNTS

	\$
Opening Balance	50,055.58
Income	4,771.19
Expenditure	3,631.84
Closing Balance	51,194.93

AUGUST ACCOUNTS

	\$
Opening Balance	51,194.93
Income	2,942.00
Expenditure	4,871.63
Closing Balance	49,265.30

JAN PALICH
TREASURER

NEW MEMBERS

JANET CROWE

ADD TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

NICHOLAS DOW

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Life Members 11
Honorary Members 10
Single memberships 323
Family memberships 104 (=2x52)
Total membership 449
This time last year 428

PETER HAVLICEK
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

CLUBROOMS DUTY ROSTER

Wednesday 10 October - Amanda & Marika
Wednesday 17 October - Doug & Pearson
Wednesday 24 October - Trish & Tracey
Wednesday 31 October - Brian & Debbie

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 29 October at 7.00 pm

Baroalba – Hill 420 Circle

This walk takes place in the most ruggedly spectacular landscape which is open to the public in Kakadu.

March 17-30 2002

The area includes such an incredible wealth of Aboriginal art and occupation sites that walking parties are restricted to a maximum of seven people. Part of the walk takes you through one of the few places of the Kakadu never disturbed by buffalo. **The best time to visit** this area is during or immediately after the green season when every creek is flowing and the waterholes are all full.

The trip includes a climb to the top of Hill 420, the highest point on the entire Arnhem escarpment.

The views are magnificent.

Worried about the Wet? This area has more rock shelters than any similar sized area in Kakadu.

Our first booking arrived in May. We can only take five more plus the guide.

Get in soon!

Want more information? Go to our website, click on the tour list, then click on the trip and find a special feature!



Thylacine rock art, Baroalba Creek

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OCTOBER 2001

Sun 14	Indented Head – Portarlington (Winery)	BUS	E & E/M	Clare Lonergan & Fay Pratt	#
Wed 17	Brisbane Ranges	Private	E/M	Trevor Thomson	
19 – 21	Pack Carry: Tamboritha - Crinoline	Private	Medium	Max Casley	
Sun 21	Greens Bush – Cape Schank	BUS	E/M & M	John Kittson & Art Terry	#
26 – 28	Base Camp: Howqua River	Private	E/M	Roger Wyett	
Sat 27	Dandenongs Explorer: One Tree Hill	Private	Easy	Alister Rowe	
Sun 28	Labertouche – Boronia Reserve	BUS	E & M	Peter Havlicek & Mary de Salis	#

NOVEMBER 2001

2 – 6	Ski Trip: Kosciususko National Park	Private	Med/Hard	Ralph Blake	
2 – 6	Pack Carry: Wellington Plains	Private	E/M	Ian Langford	
2 – 6	Pack Carry: Croajingalong Nat. Park	Private	Medium	Jopie Bodegraven	
2 – 6	Base Camp: Wyperfeld Nat. Park	Private	E/M	Rod Novak	
2 – 6	Wilkinson Lodge: Alpine Day Walks	Private	Easy	Doug Pocock	
3 – 6	Canoe Trip: Corowa – Bundalong	Private	E/M	Joy Carver	*
Sun 4	Mt. William – Mollisons Creek	BUS	E/M & M	John Kittson & Jean Woodger	#
Tues 6	Historical Walk	public	Easy	Nigel Holmes	

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