

Issued Monthly by the Melbourne Bushwalkers

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Open Every Friday: 7.30 - 10.30 pm.

Xmas is coming - the geese are getting fat, and the Bushwalkers are going to enjoy them at Cape Patterson, Mt. Cobbler, Bogong High Plains, Mt. Buffalo, or at 799. Happy Xmas to you wherever you will be!

"WALK" is doing very well. About 500 copies have been sold so far. Have you done your share? See Fred Soutter who is in charge of the sale. Have you seen the new Summer Walks Program? There are 4 new leaders on it! What about YOU leading a walk in Autumn? Discuss it with Ken Grant, Ted Kirk, Ken Middleton or Gordon Coutts who are trying to bring out an extra good autumn program for our jubilee year.

Make a note! Our Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers will NOT be on the last Friday in February as usual but on February 17th. Come along and exercise your rights if you are financial. Our last monthly meeting was again very well attended and after the usual business transactions Ken Hewitt's and Athol Beswick's films were enjoyed very much. Have you joined the happy crowd at 799 Sandringham yet? The key to the Bathing Box is available at 2 Southey Street (Mrs. Abbott) at any time, during the week also.

The 4th Bushwalker Dance was well attended and keen observers noticed that a good time was had by all. Thank you, Marie!

At all times! Prevent bush fires! Put out your fire with water!

Congratulations to our President who was again elected a Vice-President of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs at the recent Annual Meeting. The Club Room will be open as usual every Friday in December and January. Keep your eye on the notice board for additional walks during the holidays. Patronise our advertiser!

There are a few club badges again available. See Norm.

Well, here we are again with our congratulations for a club member who has taken the deep plunge. Never mind Henry, you are not the first and according to latest intelligence you will not be the last.

More than 50 club members enjoyed "The Gondoliers". Marie has tickets for "Pinnafore" (18th January) and "Mikado" (1st February). These theatre nights have been very popular -- so book in good time.

Still the list of new members grows. Douglas Webster, Nan Robinson, John Ball, Leonard Barr, Betty Kyte, and Bill Binzer were added to our membership roll. Welcome to you and we hope that you will contribute to keeping up our Club's tradition of friendliness and good fellowship. Remember that visitors are always welcome on our walks and at all other club functions. A request to our "old" members - please see that visitors and new members feel at home with us in the Clubroom, on walks, at the bathing box, and at other club functions. Do you remember how shy you were the first time you joined our happy throng?

A snakebite outfit, if carried in a small bag slung around the neck, will always be ready for instant use.

Have you had a look at our Visitors' book? Club Album: Suitable photos, prints or negatives, are always welcomed by Bill Horton.

Have you read the interesting article on the "Stone Age in Arnhem Land" in the September issue of the National Geographical Magazine, or "Strange Mount Olga" (by J. Bechervaise) in the December issue of "Walkabout", or Horst Eisfelder's photos in "Holiday and Travel"? These magazines and many others are available from the club librarian. The club subscribes to them, why do you not borrow them?

Gordon Coutts would appreciate if members, and especially leaders would hand in track notes, sketch maps, etc., so that our Club Information can be built up and kept up to date. Thank you!

Our Sympathy is extended to Heather White in her recent bereavement. Any suggestions for the celebration of our Club's 10th birthday coming April would be very welcome.

Do not be backward in coming forward with suggestions for improving the "NEWS" and all other club activities. It is your club - so help us to make the club as perfect as possible.

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