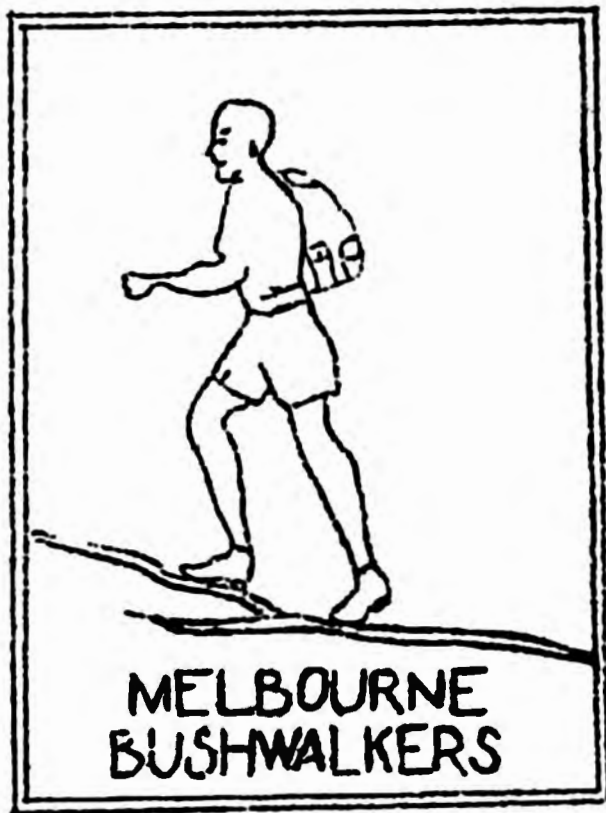


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" To bring together those who
esteem Bushwalking and Mountain Climbing."

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to Dance Hall), Third
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION

OF OFFICE BEARERS

Date: Friday, 25th February.
Time: 8 p.m., sharp.
Place: Clubroom.

The present office-bearers are President: Norm Richards, Vice-Presidents: Fay Pitt and Egon Donath, Secretary: Frank Pitt, Walks Secretary: Ken Grant, Treasurer: Emil Slade, Social Secretary: Gwen Cato, Committee Members: Helen Ross, Nancy Morgan, Joy Scott, Jack Widmer, Bob Exener, and Fred Heilpern, and Delegate to the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs; Joy Scott.

The following members have been appointed by the Committee: Fred Heilpern (Librarian)
Warren Oile (Equipment Officer) and Alax Patching (Food for Britain Organiser).

Exercise your right as a member of a democratically ruled club and see to it that only suitable candidates will be elected. As you know the way the club's activities are conducted depends to a large extent on the composition of the committee. Be sure to come along and help to elect the best possible team.

XMAS TRIPS.

All Xmas trips were very successful and more members and guests participated in them than last year - which is one of the many pleasant signs of the continuous growing of our Club.

Camp at Wilson's Promontory. 33 members and their friends enjoyed the fickle weather at one of Victoria's most attractive spots. The usual trips to Little Oberon, Lilly Pilly Gully, Mt. Bishop. Mt. Oberon, Whisky Creek and to Light House were very much enjoyed. There was some excitement and lot of talk about the trip to Sealer's Cove, with usual

outcome of some people acquiring more walking experience. In view of the fact that more than half of the people had never camped before, the fortnight was a great success. We had one visitor from Hobart Walking Club, and one from the "New Guinea Wilds" who gave us the benefit of his long experiences by answering questions for nearly two hours one evening. Another evening we had a general discussion on walking, one evening a member of the "Ramblers" gave a talk in Astronomy and two evenings we had a sing-song. Just imagine the crowd in the 2 little kitchens. Some of Ernie's sketches will soon be on exhibition in the clubroom. A frying grid and a woman's jumper were found and if not soon claimed will be auctioned.

Lake Tarli Karng-Mt. Wellington Mt. Howitt -

Wonnangatta Valley.

In spite of $4\frac{1}{2}$ days of continuous bad weather most of our hopes were more than realised. 8 club members participated, 3 of whom were unable to complete the full trip owing to the call of work. A hot, exhausting trip up the Riggall's Spur was rewarded by a sudden, rather breathtaking view of the lake nestling among the spurs of Mt. Wellington. After the final climb to the Wellington Plateau we reached Miller's Hut. The result of heavy rain, was no views and $2\frac{1}{2}$ days stay at Kelly's Hut waiting for the weather to clear. 3 days behind schedule we set off for Mr. Howitt, the view from which was really spectacular. The next day brought us to the Wonnangatta River and the 85 year old homestead which is now used as a base for cattle men. The way out over the Wombat Spur proved to be one of the most picturesque parts of the whole trip, which took us finally to Glen Lee.

Iicola To Mansfield Via The Great Divide.

From

Primrose (Riggall's) Gap we climbed up onto the Great Divide near Spring Hill, then after travelling

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through stately woollybutts we climbed Mt. Shillinglaw then onto Mt. Skene from where extensive views of some of Victoria's mountain peaks such as the Saw Baw's, Lake Mountain, Torbreck, Buller, Howitt etc. were had. Just after leaving Skene it started to rain and a mist closed in for 4½ days lifting only occasionally for short periods. After traversing a very narrow rocky section of the Divide we spent a somewhat uncomfortable night on a rocky ledge on Mt. McDonald. (The leader always manages to have a night such as this on all his long trips). The next night we camped near Mt. Clear and believe it or not Clear lived up to its name, as the following morn the mist lifted, and this day will live long in our memories. The panoramic views from Mt. Clear Mt. Lovick and especially No. 1. Divide was splendid. The distant peaks were visible against a magnificent cloud formation.

As time was getting short we journeyed from the head of the 16 Mile Creek to Mansfield, a distance of 42 miles in 24 hours, from where we travelled to the "Big Smoke" per train.

And so ended another Xmas walk.

TASMANIA. Having flown to Wynyard 8 Bushwalkers proceeded then to Waldheim Chalet and spent 6 glorious days in going through the Cradle Mountains - Lake St. Clair Reserve. We recommend strongly the climb up Mt. Rufus from where we had breathtaking and extensive views. The beauty of Hobart was revealed to us from Mt. Wellington and other vantage points.

The Committee has accepted membership applications from: Pat Williams and Dianne Lemaire. We extend a hearty welcome to you and hope you will contribute to the happiness in our Club.

With a membership of about 160 we have grown by at least one third in the last year. We would like to ask the "old" members to see the new members feel "at Home" with using the clubroom, on walks,

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at the beach and other club functions.

Hire of Equipment. Members desiring to hire equipment should have a talk with Warren Olie. Return equipment as you would like to hire it.

Library. We are trying to build up a library and Fred Heilpern would appreciate donations of books, maps and magazines. Have you made use of our small library ?

Have you read—Mountain of Memory (Arnold Lunn), The Lore Of The Lyrebird (Ambrose Pratt), Let's See Tasmania (Kev Sherrott), On The Wallaby (Charles Barrett), Run O'Waters (John Fairfax), or I Camp Here (Eather Roland) ?

Third Bushwalkers Dance on Wednesday, 6th April. Keep the date free if you want to have an enjoyable evening. Gwen Gato in charge.

The Rething Box in Sandringham has been very popular. Do you know that you can use it also in weekdays ? It has been painted and the number 799, and the name of the Club are clearly visible now.

Do you wear your Club Badge? Several members have knitted the Club Badge very attractively from Mira Slade's pattern. Copies are available. What about you?

Have you read Norm's well-illustrated article on camping, in the Xmas number of Woman's Day. I wonder what he is going to tell us after his trip to the wilds of Arnhem Land.

A well illustrated article on our trip to Tasmania at Xmas 1945/46 written by Paul Lederer appeared in " Der Naturfreund " which has a circulation of over 50,000. It is the official organ of the second largest walking club in Austria. Good work Paul. Writers and photographers among our members are

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reminded that the Editors of " Air Travel and Holiday " (copies of which are in the Club library) have invited contributions on bushwalking subjects at standard journalistic rates.

Did you admire Wendy Law's and Shirley Duncans photo in the daily press on Jan. 28th when they returned to Melbourne after a round-Australia cycling tour which lasted nearly three years. They covered about, 11,000 miles and rode on camels in Central Australia, helped with cattle mustering in the Northern Territory and rode turtles on the Barrier Reef, not to speak about all the other rides they got.

Sylvia Samuel has returned from her long trip across Australia. Are we going to see an exhibition of paintings and photos ? I understand that you have to make an appointment if you want to have a talk with Sylvia.

Happy News. Bobby Exener and Hanna Kola, Florence Pope and Jack Fenwick became engaged. Among the many comments I have heard : Are we a walking club ?

Volunteer typists are needed to prepare manuscripts for printing the Club Magazine. See Norm who also should like to hear of a printing firm.

Monthly meeting

in January. In spite of the heat-wave 40 members listened to the usual reports of the office-bearers. Among other interesting items the Secretary referred to a letter from the Department of Immigration, in which they expressed their satisfaction that our Club would welcome newcomers to Australia. A Notice to this effect will be published in the new booklet which is to be given to every immigrant

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Keep your eye on the Notice Board for additional walks and announcements ! Emil Slade is arranging a trip to the Blue Mountains for the fortnight before Easter.

Have you noticed on the Walks Programme the Moonlight walk, the trips to Portsea, Cathedral Range, Arthur's Seat, and into the Cumberland Valley.

It is with great regret that we have learned of the death of Ted Kaldor.

Please tell us of any lecturers whom we could invite for our Friday evenings.

Patronise our advertisements. Could you help us to find some more advertisements?

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