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( for men and women walkers.)

Our motto is :-

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

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Open every Friday  
7.30p.m. to 11. p.m.

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Third Floor, Victorian Railways Institute,  
Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Have you noticed Ken Grant's worried brow? You know we are going to lead the next day trip of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs in October, we are very anxious to make it a great success and Ken would appreciate it very much if you would let him have your suggestions as early as possible.

The track clearing weekend to Mt. Donna Buang arranged by the Federation of Victorian Walking clubs had 8 members of the M.B.W. present. Work on the track was started from Cement Creek to the top of Mt. Donna Buang, but we didn't hear if there was an official meeting in the middle. Our members availed themselves of shelter in the Men's Club Hut. Wonder how the Kruschen Salts that was so closely guarded by the Trampers fared? Ahem !!!!!

With the disappearance of a walker in the Promontory Reserve, a call went out to walkers who knew the area so well, to volunteer as searchers. A party of 12 left Melbourne on Friday night and slept the night at Toora in the lock-up, the over-flow slept in the barn at the police station. We were up at 4.a.m. on Saturday morning and after partaking of toast and tea provided by Mrs Hopkins and daughter we left for Port Welshpool with Mr. Hopkins. We boarded the ketch Janet Iles and left at 5.10.a.m. for Sealers Cove arriving at 9.05 a.m., after a somewhat pleasant and novel trip as none of us had ever dreamed that we would "walk" to Sealers Cove this way.

The sun-rise was picturesque and never to be forgotten as we sailed down the rugged coastline of the Promontory.

On shore we met the party that were there which included Const. Ossie Fliescher and Mr Don Lester two very pleasant and obliging gentlemen. After "brunch" we set off to search the dividing land between Sealers and Refuge Coves and arrived back at camp near dusk without any clues. After a fire-side chat we went to bed very tired and weary.

Sunday we split up into 3 parties.

One party consisting of 8 walkers, searched the Fernery keeping in line within calling distance of the next person who, although could not at most times be seen, was only a few feet away. A second party searched the track and surrounding gullies between the Fernery and the Saddle whilst the third party searched between the Saddle and to where Mr Howie was last seen.

Not one clue to Mr Howie's movements were found by any of the parties.

On Monday morning 9 of the Federation members left by Ketch for Port Welshpool on what proved to be a very enjoyable trip, whilst the remaining three of us (members of this Club) went overland with Ossie, Don and the two "lads" who were the last to see Mr. Howie.

The "lads" gave Ossie and Don a lift to Darby and then Ossie came back and picked the 3 of us up and with Don drove us to his home in Foster where his wife had a delicious 3 course meal ready for us. From here Don drove us to Leongatha in his car where we picked up the bus, also the others of the party.

Although the trip was a failure in regards to finding Mr Howie we are sure that the trip was a success in regards to co-operation with the police. We went down as a self-contained unit, the police only had to provide us with the transport from Toora to Sealers Cove, we had our own food and camping gear and this the police admitted was of great assistance to them.

We worked in complete harmony with the police taking our instructions from them after consultation with them.

This we hope is the start for a Search and Rescue Organisation of the Victorian Federation of Walking Clubs.

30 day walkers, joined the 37 afternoon strollers at our annual "cream hunt" at Bush's, and all enjoyed their Devonshire Tea very much, A special feature this year was the great number of mothers and children who came along and as it was one of the coldest May days on record we did not play our "usual games". Shall we have another cream hunt at the end of November to make up for it?

After some strenuous research it has been established beyond doubt that the first walk of our Club was conducted to Mt. Morton in the Autumn of 1940. Have you any idea how we should celebrate our tenth anniversary which will be early next year?

Horst Eisfelder is arranging a Xmas trip to Tasmania including the Scenic Reserve. The trip will last about 18 days, and as arrangements for buses etc., have to be made, Horst would like to have applications as early as possible.

The Winter Walks Programme is now available, with 21 interesting walks. Walks for the Spring programme must be handed in to Ken Grant or Ted Kirk before 22nd July. Have YOU thought of leading a walk? Discuss it with Ken or Ted they may have some suggestions to help you.

If you are not at the Clubrooms by 8 sharp on the monthly meeting nights (last Friday in the Month) you might miss out on something really interesting.

The May general meeting was well attended but as only routine business was on the agenda, we finished rather early. Here is an advance notice, the well known writer Alan Marshall will speak on his wanderings through Arnhem Land at the July meeting. Please be on time. On 24th June Mr. H. Phillpot will speak on Weather Forecasting in Australia.

Marie Gillespie has been organising a number of theatre evenings. I only mention Rusty Bugles, which was attended by more than 30 members and was a great success. Some more events are being organised and if you want to spend a happy evening amongst your friends ask Marie for further details.

Join us at our next monthly meeting when we will present the Fenwicks with their wedding gift from the Club.

Speaking of Xmas, keep the 7th December free, we are having a Xmas Dance at Jerram Hall, and Making it a real Xmas party too.

Marie is keeping some "hot" news up her sleeve for the July issue.

Gwen Cato received a very long letter from Sylvia Samuel telling (her

of the good time she is having in North Queensland, Sylvia wishes to be remembered to all bushwalkers.

"Radio Australia" has enlisted one of our members, Heinz Marcuse, to give talks over short wave on Bushwalking in Australia. Letters ( shall we say 'fan Mail ') received from Europe request further information and Heinz in a recent broadcast on a "sunday in Australia" pointed out that bushwalking was one of the most enjoyable ways of spending a week-end in Australia.

Congratulations are extended to Tom Lees on his recent admission to the Victorian Bar.

Do you know of any recently published books of interest to Bushwalkers? Your Executive intends augmenting the Library, so it's up to you to think about the books you have read, which you'd like other members to have an opportunity to read.

Back number of periodicals we subscribe to, can be obtained on loan from Bill Horton.

Interesting News: Whether you believe it or not "WALK", our club magazine is being printed and you will soon be able to buy your copy for which you have waited so long. Norm says you will like "WALK" very much but Emil says that he will like you if the 1,500 copies are sold out quickly

Have you seen our new advertisements? Please patronise our advertisers, also let us know of anyone else who might be interested in advertising in the "news".

A publication which is always of interest of lovers of the outdoors "Wild Life" inserts a list of our walks in every issue. Have you noticed it?

~~Membership applications have been accepted from:~~

Don Paterson,	Heather White,	Betty Booth.
Tom Lees	Don Smellie	Alfred Sternberg.
Patricia Holmes	Egon Mitler	Alice Spierer.
Alfred and Rosa Shoenfeld.		

For Sale: Hedi Kraus has one pair of Gents ski boots Size 8. one pair of Ladies ski boots size 4 and ladies hiking boots size 5. she wishes to dispose of. The boots are made in Vienna and are in first class order. Have a look at them in the Clubroom.

Our sympathy is extended to one of our new members, Don Smellie, in his recent sad bereavement.

Suggestions for any improvements that you think could be incorporated in the "news" are always welcome.

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