

Issued Monthly by the Melbourne Bushwalkers  
( for men and women walkers ).

To bring together those who esteem Bushwalking  
and Mountain Climbing.

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Flinders Street, MELBOURNE.  
Open every Friday 7.30 to 11 p.m.

OFFICIAL :

"WALK" is out. Knew you thought it was a hoax and that it would never get on its feet. However, you will admit that the first step has been a good effort, and Norm will be glad to hear your honest opinion, which may help to bring out an even better No 2. Volume of "WALK". As you have had enough time to complete your lessons in salesmanship, it will not be necessary for you to receive any further pep talks on the question of disposing of all copies of "WALK".

Our last monthly meeting was very well attended and Mr. Walker's films were much appreciated.

Dr. D.E. Thomas, Chief Government Geologist, will be the guest speaker at our next monthly meeting on Friday, 28th October, at 8.0'clock sharp. He will speak about Victoria's old mining tracks.

Amendments to the Constitution :

NOTICE OF MOTION: That the Constitution be amended to provide for Non-Active members, as follows :-

"A" person who is or has been a member and whose application showing good reason why he cannot take part in Club walks is accepted by the Committee may become a Non-active member.

All provision of the Constitution except Clause 5 (b). shall apply to Non-active members, and the following provisions shall also apply :

(1) Non-active members shall not have the right to vote or to become Committee members.

(11) A Non-active member shall not take part in more than two day walks in a Club year.

A Non-active member may by notifying the Committee of his intention again become an active member and shall then be bound by all provisions of the Constitution.

Moved: Egon Donath  
Seconded : Fay Pitt.

An extraordinary General meeting prior to the General meeting on 28th October will be held to deal with this amendment.

The Committee at its last meeting discussed the sale of tickets in our Clubrooms for outside organisations, and would ask those members to refrain without first consulting the Social Secretary, as a point of etiquette.

New Members accepted are :-

Rhonda Maude	Betty Campbell	Betna Dryden
Win Dryden	Harold Soutter	Lorrie Brown
Jill Butcher.		

We welcome you all into the growing fraternity of Bushwalkers, and trust that you come to know and love the bush as much as we do.

If you bring visitors into the Clubrooms (and visitors are always welcome) introduce them to the President or Secretary, and thus afford them an opportunity of signing the Visitors Book.

A great number of new walkers have joined our Club recently, so this is an appeal to "old" members to pass on the friendliness they had shown to them when they first joined.

#### WALKING NOTES :

As mentioned in your last "NEWS" Norm instituted a class for new members to become versed in bushcraft, but he says he is disappointed at the response from new members. Don't be shy.

"BAA-A-A----!" That was the last bleat of the sheep we are going to roast over the campfire at the Barbecue.

Yes, a real sheep for supper, songs with some brand new verses and a visit to Mc Crae's Falls are just a few of the attractions arranged for our Annual Field Week-end, so remember :

Nov. 5-6th FIELD WEEK-END and BARBECUE ;

At. Mc CRAE'S CREEK, out of Gembrook;

Organiser, NORM RICHARDS;

VANS WILL LEAVE BATMAN Ave. Saturday Nov. 5th. 9.0a.m. & 2.0p.m.

( If sufficient demand ) Sunday Nov. 6th 9.0a.m.

FARE , approx. 8/6.

MAKE SURE OF BEING IN IT by paying your deposit of 5/- to NORM RICHARDS NOW.

#### FEDERATION DAY WALK, OCTOBER 23rd.

Route ; Eltham - Kangaroo Ground - Diamond Ck.

Train ; 8.53a.m. from Prince's Bridge to Eltham.

Ticket; Diamond Ck. 2nd. return. You are requested to buy your tickets during the preceding week, at the Tourist Bureau.

Distance; 10 miles, easy

Leaders; Melbourne Bushwalkers.

#### CONTACTS.

Oct. 15-16 Frank Pitt XB 5736

Oct. 30. See Walks Sec. Kan Grant.

Nov 5-6 " " "

Nov. 12. 13 " " "

#### PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION WEEK-END, OCTOBER 1-2.

Only ten members came on this walk, four of them among the most experienced in the Club ( they came to help the many we expected would need instruction, so we conclude with pleasure and surprise that there are only six members in the Club who consider themselves inexperienced

The party divided on several occasions, each section going by map and compass to a pre-arranged point. Help in pitching tents and many other points in successful camping-out was given. There was a very happy camp in a delightful gully.

Rain fell during a good deal of Sunday, but with the aid of good equipment and cheerful encouragement, the party arrived happily at Lilydale in good time.

THE WALKS SUB - COMMITTEE has co-opted Gordon Coutts to take over the position of Information Officer from Ken Middleton, whose studies now prevent him from continuing this work. Gordon's main task will be the

the co-ordinating of tracks notes, so to make this scheme workable, leaders are urged to make notes describing and commenting on the routes followed, especially the not-so-well-known walks, and to include these notes on walks reports.

INFORMATION ; GORDON COUTTS, WX 3910

THE SUMMER PROGRAMME is not nearly full, and walks must be handed in, posted or telephoned to reach Ken Grant or Ted Kirk not later than 7 p.m. on Wednesday October 19. This programme will extend from December 1949 to Easter 1950.

Phone Nos : Ken Grant XB 5736 (Private ) LF 1399 ( Bus )  
Ted Kirk Win. 1232 ( Private )

#### FEDERATION NOTES:

The Federation Walk on Sunday 23rd October.

The Federation Annual meeting will be held on 9th November, at 161 Flinders Lane, 8p.m. A speaker will address the meeting after the business formalities have been completed. Bushwalkers look to your laurels and see that you attend this meeting.

#### SOCIAL

Marie Gillespie says that the Federation Ball was an unqualified success, 181 members of the various clubs and their friends turning up to Tudor Court, 52 of whom were members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers. ( Topped the score did we Marie ? ).

There will be a Women's Sports Parade later this month and an invitation has been extended to non-competitive sports to participate. Marie has some tickets for disposal for this Parade.

Several more Theatre nights are contemplated in the near future so keep a "weather eye" on the notice board.

Kath Batten came into the Clubroom last Friday night, with a nice ring on the appropriate finger, given to her by Ramsay Craigen. The best of luck to you both. It's to be hoped that our jeweller has a plentiful stock of the Club's present for our newly wedded members.

Out membership grows in little ways. Our best wishes go to Maureen and Stefan Baker, who have a son.

Freddie Heilpern is enjoying the scenery along the North Coast of N.S.W. What! no snakes ?

Ian Pearson, should, perhaps stick to shanks' pony and not a two legged steed, accidents will happen you know. Anyway we are pleased to see that you are about again.

Dance at Jerram Hall on 7th December is a rendezvous for all Bushwalkers.

#### GENERAL

There is no charge, you know, for looking at the Club Photograph Album Bill Horton will tell you where you can find it.

What about snake bite ? Are you conversant with the drill to be adopted in such an emergency ? When a snake bites, there is no time to be lost.

Any suggestions for the celebration of the Club's 10th Birthday would be welcome.

Have you seen the change in advertisements in the "News" lately ?

You might be missing something extra good one of these days, dont say I didn't warn you.

We've got a perfectly good record of all those who bought a Club badge but if you don't wear it, how does the other fellow know you are a member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers ?

We appreciate the suggestions for the improvement of the " News " that have been given to the Editors, any others that you might care to jot down and hand in will be considered too.

Eric Stephenson will have an exhibition of paintings at Tye's Gallery on 2nd to 11th November, among them about 30 of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair. These should be interesting to members who have visited these parts in Tasmania.

We all read with interest Fay Pitt's book review, which proved very instructive. Are there any other members who have read interesting books lately that they would like to share with the rest of the club ?

Bathing box at Sandringham No 799 is available to members.

Our sympathy is extended to Felix Harding in his recent bereavement.

MODERN BALLET AT THE

Assembly Hall

Presentation by the Studio  
of Creating Dancing

(Direction - Daish Pirnitzer,  
Hanny Kohn/Exner)

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 1949.

8.p.m.

Tickets 6/6d and 4/6d.

(Special booking arrangements for  
Club members at the Studio=  
177 Collins St., Melbourne  
each Monday and Thursday 6-8p.m.)

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