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- THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS -

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Address: Room 110, 3rd floor, Victorian Railways Institute,
Flinders Street, Melbourne

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this meeting, which replaces the usual General Meeting on the last Friday of the month. So that we could obtain the large room, we were obliged to hold the meeting on the second last Friday. Business will include the election of two Committee members to replace Paddy and Keith Murray.
DATE: Friday, 22nd August. TIME: 8 p.m. sharp.
PLACE: ROOM 56, 2nd floor, V R.I. Building.

FEDERATION DAY WALK

The Annual Federation Day Walk will take place on September 21st. It will be led this year by the Melbourne Walking Club. It is hoped that there will be a large representation from our club. Watch the Notice Board for details of the walk.

CORRESPONDENCE

We have received notice of resignation from Ursula Rice, who now lives in the country and is unable to join in club activities. Details may be obtained from Heinz Wolff. We hope that Ursula will come and see us whenever she is down in Melbourne.

Keith and Paddy Murray have resigned from the Committee and Keith also as our representative on the Search and Rescue Organisation. We sincerely thank them for all their past efforts on behalf of the Club, and assure them that we will miss their presence on the Committee.

Mr J. Ros Garnett, Secretary of the National Parks and National Monuments Standing Committee wrote to advise us that a conference of delegates from interested organisations will be held late in August. The main purpose of the conference is to consider (1) legislation (National Parks) which is about to be presented to Parliament, and (2) the constitution of the conference and its Standing Committee. At our last general meeting the club elected Norm Richards as our delegate to this conference.

One of the resolutions to be put before the conference allows for interested individuals to become associate members of what it is hoped will be known as the Victorian National Parks Association, on the payment of 5/- per annum subscription. We therefore hope that all who wish to help in the preservation of our national parks, (and as Bushwalkers we should all have an interest in this matter), will start saving now to become associate members.

MORE FINANCE

At our last Committee meeting it was decided to increase the room Collection on Friday nights from 6d to 1/-. When the Collection was originated, it was designed to cover the cost of renting our meeting room, together with supper. For a considerable time the amount asked has remained at a low figure, while the rent charged has steadily risen, being further increased only this month, so that the Collection of late has barely covered three quarters of the rent, and on some occasions forms only half the cost of the rent.

When we consider that, as far as I know, no other Walking Club in Melbourne asks less than 1/- as Collection, and at least one club with a large weekly attendance asks 2/- each meeting, most of us will feel that such a good night's entertainment can be considered to be worth considerably more than the 1/- asked. Where else indeed can we obtain an evening's entertainment with supper for 1/-?

Please don't forget the "Honesty Box" on the door if you are obliged to leave before the Collection is taken up at 9 p.m., or if somehow you are missed by the person collecting.

NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome the following new member, accepted by the Committee at its last meeting:

BRYAN WILCHER 115 Kooyong Rd., Caulfield S.E.7. (b)MW1321.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS -

to add to your list.

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APOLOGY

We wish to apologise to Werner Graff for an error in his advertisement in the last issue of the "News". His rooms are on the second floor of 80 Swanston Street, not the first floor.

CHRISTMAS WALKS

The lecturette last month took the form of a discussion on Christmas walks for 1952, during which a rough plan was evolved. There is now a chart on the Notice Board indicating the areas in which most interest was shown. Members are asked to put their names down as soon as possible for any walk they are interested in, even though they may not be quite sure yet whether they can go. They may include their names on more than one list. The following are the areas at present most popular:

1. Buller - St Bernard - Licola - Wellington
2. Kosciusko area
3. Bogong area
4. Tasmania
5. Canberra - Tumut- Yarrongobilly Caves area

The greatest interest to date seems to be in the fourth and first named. Meetings will shortly be held for those interested in a particular area to go into greater details, and to elect leaders.

Of two walks suggested in the number 1 area,

- (a) Licola - Mt McDonald - Howitt - Cobbler - Buller, and
- (b) Castleburn - Mt Kent - Moroka Track - Snowy Plains - Speculation - Selwyn - St Bernard,

Norm Richards has expressed his willingness to lead the second, and Edna Richards would be willing to lead a walk in the Kosciusko area.

The chart will appear on the Notice Board for two more Friday nights only. As well as for particular areas, provision is made for members to indicate on the chart for what period they will be available over Christmas.

Although it may seem early in the year, experience has shown that details should be finalised as early as possible, and members who are interested should try to make an early decision as to what walk they will choose for Christmas.

We should remind intending Christmas walkers to start stocking up well in advance, and making all gear, including first aid kit, complete and in good repair. They should allow for taking away with them ample extra pocket money in case, as sometimes happens, extra expense is incurred through getting lost or returning late, as, according to the indemnity clause in the Constitution, members are themselves responsible for any such extra expense.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year Frank Pitt will be handling the production and sales of Christmas cards. It is hoped to have them on sale by the end of September, so that those who wish to do so will have ample time to post cards overseas. This year's card will feature a photo, the block being taken from one of the issues of "Walk".

HONORARY MEMBERS

In the last "News" we mentioned that certain club members overseas would be granted honorary membership until their return to Australia. The following were included and have now returned:

Pam Abbott, Bill Horton, Kitty Mitchell, Mary Nash, Ruth Hood.

Those still overseas who are now honorary members until their return are: Mr Fred and Mrs Jill Heilporn (nee Jill Butcher), Gisela Heilporn, Geoff Christensen, Valerie Darcy, Betna Dryden, and Betty Kyte.

SPRING WALKS PROGRAM

is now available from Ada Schulz.

MAGAZINES

Dont forget all the interesting magazines we have in our library! See librarian Alf Cole if you wish to borrow one. We have early issues of the National Geographic Magazine, Wild Life, Walkabout, and many booklets on Australia, New Zealand etc. Wild Life is now called "Wild Life and Outdoors", and is printed in pocket size. Items of interest for Bushwalkers in the August 1952 issue include "Along The Track", "Australia's Snowfields in Pictures", "Cross is your compass" (steering by the stars), a section on Australian Wildflowers and the Lyre Bird, and walks conducted by various walking clubs.

SOCIAL COLUMN

The Federation Annual Ball is being held tonight at the "Bambalina", Malvern. Marie Gillespie is Ticket Secretary. We hope to have a full report of this big annual "do" for the next issue of the "News".

There will be no lecture at the General Meeting this month, it being the Half-Yearly General Meeting. The next lecture will be on September 26th. Stella Rosengrave of the Melbourne Women's Walking Club will present some very interesting films of a New Zealand tour.

Last month the General Meeting was followed by a talk on colour photography by Mr Ron Cowen, a professional photographer, which interested the keen photographers present. Mr Cowen showed us some carefully prepared charts illustrating various colour processes, and showed us some examples of colour prints produced by different means.

A theatre night for "South Pacific" will shortly be arranged. Anyone who wishes to join the party should see Marie Gillespie as soon as possible.

Ten people enjoyed a musical evening at the home of Joan Stephens last Monday, 11th August.

Lorraine Richey is now assisting the Social Secretary, Marie Gillespie, to arrange hosts and hostesses. If you are willing to help as a host or hostess, please see Lorraine. The duties are simply to spot a visitor or prospective new member when he enters the door, to meet him and make him feel at home, to tell him about club activities, and to introduce him to committee members and club members. We are desperately short of volunteers for this valuable job. If every member could spare just one night in the year to take it on, we would have more than enough names for the list. Hosts and hostesses for August are: 1st: Felix Harding 8th: John Low 15th: Ada Schulz 22nd: Les Scott 29th: Joan Stephens

PERSONAL

xx We welcome back from their wanderings several former members: Ted Rotherham, Bill Horton, Ruth Hood, and Mary Nash.

We have been glad to see most of them back in the clubroom again. We hear Bill Horton is now engaged, and likewise Ruth Hood. Congratulations!

xx Another engagement of interest to some of our Club members is that of Bill Bowsher, of the University Mountaineering Club.

xx We were glad to have a brief visit recently from Doris (Pat) Patterson, now in Warrnambool for a while, and Keith and Paddy Murray down from the bush. We hope to see them as often as they can get back to Melbourne.

xx We may be seeing a little less of our President, Fay Pitt, from now on. She and Frank are expecting an extra-special Christmas present this year, but we don't know yet whether it will be tied up with blue or pink ribbon. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes!

xx We are sorry to hear from our fairly new member Maria Bakker that she will be leaving Melbourne in October.

xx We are very sorry indeed to hear that Gwen and Fred Soutter have lost their baby, and offer our deepest sympathy. We are pleased however to hear that Gwen is making a good recovery.

xx We offer sincere condolences to Heather Thackray on the death of her father.

"WALK" NO. 4

The Editor, Norm Richards, says there is still time to submit articles, photos and stories for this issue of "Walk". There is a shortage of good photos, especially a high class one for the cover. We are sure there must be some club members who are capable of making the effort and submitting material, so that the high standard we have attained in the past may be equalled, if not surpassed, for this issue.

SUGGESTIONS?

If you have any brief item of general interest to club members, please don't keep it under your hat. Hand it in for inclusion in the "News". We would also welcome suggestions as to things you would like to see included in the "News".

"News" Sub-Committee: Fay Pitt, Rex Benn, Ada Schulz.

A BUNCH OF DATES TO CHEW OVER

- AUGUST 15th.....Federation Annual Ball.
- " 22nd.....HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING, V.R.I. ROOM 56, 8 p.m.
- " 22nd.....Book for You Yangs Van Trip.
- SEPTEMBER 12th.....Book for Tarrawarra Van Trip.
- " 21st.....FEDERATION DAY WALK.
- " 26th.....GENERAL MEETING; Talk by Stella Rosengrave.
- " 26th.....Book for Glenburn Van Trip.

ALONG THE TRACK

WALLAN - MT DISAPPOINTMENT - TOMMY'S HUT - JACK SMITH - 19/20th July.

Thirteen walkers turned out in perfect weather, only marred by the herring carried by Les Scott. By the end of the walk it was decided to call Tommy's Hut "Dead Fish Hut". Edna Richards celebrated her birthday on Mt Disappointment. We wonder whether the fish was to give atmosphere. Going was fairly easy, and a variety of fairly heavily timbered hills was climbed. We waited for some time for Felix's party, but eventually decided to head for home without them and notify the contact that they had not appeared.

MASON'S FALLS AREA - TOMMY'S HUT - FELIX HARDING - 20th July.

There were eighteen on this walk. From Howatt's Lookout we had a beautifully clear view of the Yan Yean Reservoir. Two New Zealand visitors saw some wild wallabies for the first time, as we headed towards Sugarloaf. We had lunch at the bottom of Mason's Gorge (and what a gorge we had), then climbed the steep side. Nicky Geroe took the Kiwis for a trip to Sugarloaf while the rest plodded on to the Falls. There was plenty of water coming over, and the sight was worth seeing. It was becoming dusk as we started out to follow the over-grown timber-track to Tommy's Hut. Somewhere along this track we lost ourselves. We later estimated that at 6 p.m. we were only 1 1/4 miles from the main road and the van. We decided to steer directly for Tommy's Hut by compass, and plunged through dense undergrowth. We took two hours to reach the road. When we reached Tommy's Hut at about 8 p.m., we found the van had gone, so chartered a local bus back to Melbourne, arriving back in Melbourne each with 12/- less than we had anticipated.

RESERVOIR - AQUEDUCT - GREENSBOROUGH - TOM STOODLEY - 27th July.

The last walk for the Winter Walks Program was held in lovely weather. Seventeen attended. We followed the road from Reservoir to the Aqueduct, then followed the course of the Aqueduct, stopping for lunch just after crossing the Plenty Road. Lunch was followed by a good bask in the sun. We then crossed a bridge and passed some beehives (no one being stung), and arrived in Greensborough in leisurely fashion, ahead of schedule.

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