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NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION:

Following the recent formation of a Victorian National Parks Association, our Club has joined as a corporate member, and we now await the formal public launching of the Association and the introduction into Parliament of the Government's promised National Parks Bill. It is to be hoped that the present political situation does not cause this to be delayed.

The Council of the new association is at present drawing up a constitution, and much interest centres on the type of membership and voting rights to be extended to the different types of organisations joining it (e.g. our own Club or perhaps educational establishments, industrial concerns) as distinct from individual members. Horn Richards, who is a member of the Council, would be glad to hear of any ideas you may have on this matter. Incidentally, individual membership is open to all those interested - why not show your enthusiasm and active interest in this new association by joining it? Individual membership is 5/- per annum.

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND 1-2nd November

Formerly known as Field weekend, and commonly referred to as the Barbecue, this is an annual affair that has always been most popular in the history of the Club. The actual location has not yet been decided upon, although it is almost certain to be in the Flowerdale area. The main thing is to keep this weekend free and to start thinking up items for the campfire concert, which is the highlight of the weekend. The traditional sheep (or sheeps) will be bought, caught, slaughtered and roasted, so there will be plenty to eat for all. In addition there will be a walk arranged on Sunday and probably a short, informal talk on a topic of general interest as well. Bring your friends, family and relations, and help to make this year's President's Weekend a memorable occasion. Full details about place, transport, etc. will be given later on.

FEDERATION DAY WALK:- 21st September

Federation Day Walk, led by the Melbourne Walking Club, drew a total of 92 enthusiasts from 8 different clubs, the Bushwalkers being represented by 17 members and 4 visitors. The fine weather and easy walking over Mt. Morton made it a most enjoyable day. During an informal talk after lunch, Mr. Buchanan, President of the Federation, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many clubs well represented. An occasion like this gives walkers an opportunity to meet people outside their own club with interests similar to their own, and deserves to be well supported by the Bushwalkers. The party were met on Mt. Morton by Andy Broad and his family, who had called to renew an old acquaintance. After a short spell at Mt. Morton the party proceeded by easy stages to Belgrave, and from there by bus to Ferntree Gully.

"WALK"

Everyone will be pleased to hear that "WALK" No. 4 will be definitely published before the end of the year. Most copy has been sent to the printers early this week, and the magazine should be out in about 7 weeks. It promises to be up to the standard of last year's issue, and should sell even better with a planned follow-up campaign to push Christmas sales. Members are urged to try their salesmanship outside the Club, as well as to buy their own copy.

Some of the newer members are unaware that the Club produces an annual magazine of particular interest to walkers and of general interest to all. Copies of the current issue (No. 3) and back issues of "WALK" can be obtained from Bill Horton in the club room on any Friday evening.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are you anxious to avoid the Christmas rush ? Then buy your Christmas cards tonight from Frank Pitt. With a fine photo by Geoff Christensen on the front, they are well worth it at the price of 6d. each.

### SOCIAL NEWS

This month's theatre night at "South Pacific" was enjoyed by 30 members and friends on October 8th. The next show will be the "Kiwis" at the Condey Theatre on November 19th - please see the Social Secretary, Marie Gillespie, and book your tickets early. Price is 6/6 a ticket.

A musical evening is to be held at Judy Shepheard's home on Monday, 20th October. See the list on the notice board or consult Ada Schulz if you are interested.

At the last general meeting Miss Stella Rosengrave showed us colour slides of New Zealand, which gave us some idea of the magnificent scenery she must have seen in her travels. Apart from some interruptions from the back Miss Rosengrave had an appreciative audience.

Five Bushwalkers attended a film slide evening at the invitation of the Women's walking Club on the 9th October. The slides covered various trips through England, Wales, United States and Canada. The highlight of the show was a series of slides on the Banff National Park and Lake Louise in Canada, and a warm vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Wright for showing them.

Bill Horton will show his slides in the club after the next General Meeting on the 31st October.

Hosts and hostesses for the coming month are:-

October 24th ...Judy Shepheard; October 31st,...Ada Schulz;  
November 7th...Lloyd Reynolds; November 14th...Ken Grant;  
November 21st... John Ball.

### CRIME CORNER

Reported missing:- One Yan Yean map, brand new, left by Frank Pitt in the club room on Friday, 3rd October. If you know of its whereabouts, or if you have seen a suspicious-looking map answering to this description, please report to Frank immediately.

### PERSONAL ITEMS

Around this time of the year there seems to be quite a crop of paper anniversaries. Brought to our notice was Keith and Paddy Murray's wedding anniversary on the 29th October, and also Fred and Bobby Soutter who celebrated theirs recently on the 15th September.

We will not be seeing very much of Jo and Don Sellar, who have moved to Portland, Vic.

Warren and Betty Olle are enjoying three weeks holidays around Canberra and the Grampians. They are due back on the 25th October.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Heather and Bill Thackray, who have lost their baby recently.

Mona Clarke and Neil Webb are getting married tomorrow - 18th October. Heartiest congratulations.

We also heard that Lorrie Brown was married in Scotland

Another Bushwalker to get married is Martin Moore - to Eleanor Simon (Y.H.A.) on the 23rd October.

Some of the older clubmembers will regret the death of Bill Scott, a prominent personality in the early Hostel movement.

### NEW MEMBERS

The Committee at its last meeting accepted the following new members, whom we welcome to the Club: -

JOAN DILLAWAY...12 William St., Box Hill, (p.) WX 3426 (b.) FL 8621  
ext. 52

DEIRDRE ROBINS... Stirling Rd., Croydon, (p.) 1069 Croydon

ROBERT DARBY ... 26 Haines St., Glenferrie, E.2 (p) WJ 6123

JAMES BLACKLEY... 26 Haines St., Glenferrie, E.2 (p.) WJ 6123

EILEEN REARDON... 31 Florence St., Mentone, S.11 (b.) FJ 9177

The following new member was missed out in the last "NEWS" :-

ATHOL SCHLEIFER... 20 Mernda Av., Glenhuntly, SE.9 (b.) MU 4445

CHANGES OF ADDRESS - to keep your list up to date:-

Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN ROBINS... Stirling Rd., Croydon  
FRANK BURT ... 72 Park St., Parkville, N.2

VOTE OF APPRECIATION TO:

Mr. E.J. Cooke for his donation of £ 2/-/- to club funds, which will go towards the binding of the magazines in our library.

Horst Lisfelder for the excellent work he has done in helping Frank Pitt with the Walks programme.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

Overheard in the Club a few weeks back, Lana Richards trying to entice some members of the fairer sex to lead Christmas trips. How about it girls - here is a unique opportunity to show who wears the trousers in the Bushwalkers!

COMING EVENTS

- October 20th - Musical evening at Judy Shephard's place. See list on the board.
- October 31st - Monthly general meeting, followed by the presentation of a wedding present to Ken Middleton, and slides by Bill Horton.
- November 1-2nd- President's Weekend - Remember that items for the campfire concert are urgently needed.
- November 19th - Theatre night - "KIWIS" at the Comcoy.

ALONG THE TRACK

HEALESVILLE-BADGER'S CREEK- HEALESVILLE- REX BERN- 25th September (Show Day)

" In perfect spring weather fourteen members took the train to Healesville. After passing the various milk-bars in the main street, we followed the Don road straight to Badger's Creek. Just past the creek we turned left and followed the road leading to Badger's Weir. Near the weir we stopped for lunch in a pleasant spot beside the crystal-clear Badger's creek. Then we returned westwards to the Colin Mackenzie Wild Life Sanctuary, where we spent the afternoon and saw the platypus fed at 3.30pm. At 5 pm. we returned to Healesville and had our tea, then caught the train home."

WARRANDYTE-BLAND OF ISLANDS- YARRA GLEN -FRANK PITT- 27/28th September

A party of eight set out on Frank Pitt's map reading weekend, and applied themselves so well that they all came back! The procedure was as follows: After leaving Kangaroo Ground Road, two members were sent off ahead to a predetermined spot, and one of the remaining victims was appointed leader of the party until the first two were net up with again. When the group was reunited, two more would go ahead, compass and map in hand, and so on.

Sunday the party split in two groups, and only met about an hour before lunch, after which a detour was made to see the Yering Gorge.. On a suitable spot along the ridge road a demonstration in position finding from 2 bearings was given by Frank. The party then descended to lower levels via a gravel pit and followed the road back to Yarra Glen. They were joined an hour later by the day walk party, led by Ted Kirk.

All those who participated agreed that the trip had fully achieved its object. Frank Pitt mentioned that he would like to plan another walk on similar lines at some future date, probably in the same area.

TARRAWARRA- FINNAGILLS- YARRA GLEN - TED KIRK(for Emil Slade) - 28th September

Varied country, perfect weather, and hardly any road-bashing combined to make this walk a complete success. Refusing to be intimidated by its name, some thirty people climbed Highbrow Hill after an early lunch, and were well rewarded by a really exten-

sive view from the top. The complete route was visible at a glance, and after a short spell we dropped down gradually in a northerly direction and reached the Pinnacles, passing through some pleasant glades and lightly timbered scrub. On the way back to Yarra Glen, most of the party avoided at least part of the road by walking parallel to it for some miles without striking too many fences. We were impatiently awaited at Yarra Glen by Frank Pitt's weekend party, and joined them in the van for home.

NUNAWADING & TYNDALL'S ROAD WILDFLOWER SANCTUARIES- WARRANDYTE- TESS MADDISON- 5th October

Some extra mileage was put in by the twenty-one starters on Tess Maddison's trip, as the train went express to Ringwood, which meant the party had to walk back to Nunawading. After a further mishap on private property when the leader encountered a ferocious cow (chained), one sanctuary was eventually reached, but the other one must have got mislaid en route. However, the party arrived at warrandyte in good spirits, having called in at Paul Lederer's place on the way.

LILLYDALE- STRINGYBARK CREEK- LILLYDALE- FELIX HARDING-12th October

Eight members and a faithful hound accompanied Felix to Stringybark Creek. The party made a precarious log-crossing, only to discover a bridge just around a bend in the creek. One snake was seen, but escaped, much to Felix's disgust- he had been looking forward to snake steak for lunch !

GLENBURN-ISLAND CREEK-KINGLAKE- BILL HORTON(for Rex Benn) 11-12 October

This trip off the beaten track in the Kinglake area drew ten members, but unfortunately the walk was somewhat spoiled by continued bad weather. An early camp was made on a branch of Captain's Creek, and as the rain still came down steadily, it took some hours to get a cooking fire. One member gave up the unequal struggle and retired to his tent at 5 o'clock to hibernate for 16 hours, only emerging at 9 o'clock the next morning. Another member showed red tendencies around the campfire, but was firmly sat upon - the odds were after all 10 to 1.

Sunday the weather slightly improved, and the leader induced the party to see the wombelana Falls. After more scrub pushing the power line was reached, which we followed SW to the Kinglake Road. Rain clouds again spoiled our view from Bald Spur Lookout, and we were glad to reach the friendly verandah of Kinglake Hotel to change into dry clothes whilst awaiting the van. However, this is definitely a trip worth doing again in better weather.

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