

- THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS -

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FEDERATION NOTES:

Warren Oile has been elected the convenor of the sub-committee for Archives and History.

There will be a Search and Rescue Practice Weekend on August 8 and 9. All Search and Rescue members and other Club members, particularly interested in this weekend are requested to attend if possible, and to inform Bill Horton in advance.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 23 - National Parks Association Inaugural Meeting in the Lower Town Hall. There will be colour films of Victorian and Queensland National Parks and a display of photographs. This will be your opportunity to join this organisation.
- July 31 - Monthly Meeting at which Mr. N. Wakefield, a schoolteacher and naturalist, will speak about the country in the region of the Snowy River.
- Aug. 21 - Federation Ball, at Tudor Court, Caulfield. See Win Dryden for tickets.

28 Aug. - HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Heinz Wolff has notified his intention of proposing the following amendment "that the word "quarterly" be substituted for the word "monthly", and that the words "May" and "November" be substituted for the words "each month" in Clause 10(c).

This amendment should be fully discussed by all members before being adopted, so come along on the 28th and add your views on this matter.

LEADERS PLEASE NOTE:

Since the Club requires the permission of the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works in order to walk along aqueducts, leaders of such walks are asked to advise the secretary (Helen Horton) well in advance of trips, giving time and place of arrival and departure from the aqueduct. This information is required so that the Engineer in charge of aqueducts can be notified and a local caretaker may be sent along to accompany the party while they are on the aqueduct. Leaders should realise that the aqueducts supply Melbourne with its water and while on walks should ensure that this supply is not spoiled.

NEW MEMBERS: We are happy to welcome the following new members accepted by the Committee at its last meeting.

Brendon O'Connell, 20 Edwards Street, Westgarth. Tel. JW.5716.
George Bentley, 405 Waverley Road, East Malvern. " UL.6530.
David Barkley, 21 Elgin Avenue, Armadale, " U.3383.
Jeannette Aspland, C/- Y.C.A., Melbourne.

and also
Helen Whitton, 4 Tashinny Road, Toorak. SE.2
Emeric Binet, 6 Bonanza Road, Beaumaris, S.10. Tel. XF.3661.

Unfortunately Helen and Emeric were omitted from the list in last month's issue.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Robert Les, 22 Thomas Street, West Perth, W.A.
Mark Wilenski, Flat 3, 341 Heidelberg Road, Northcote, N.16.
Kitty Mitchell, 40 Alma Road, St. Kilda, (p) LA.3633, (b)MXYL30 X.235
Joan Dillaway, (p) WX.3426 (not WA, as shown in Address List)
Claire Hilsberg, 93 Princess Street, Kew, E.4.
Lesley Kurth, (b) MBO33 Ext. 532.

"ON THE TRACK" (Cont'd)

party seemed somewhat annoyed. It seems they were expecting a very late (and dry) lunch, all amongst the wiregrass. Lunchtime was marred by a slight drizzle again, which had us impatiently stamping feet and 'rarin' go go', much to the leader's astonishment. After lunch there was a joyous "scrub-bash" down to Separation Creek. Then a three-hour rockhop and much pool-sloshing brought us to the Lorne Road and after a short road-bash to Wye we met the van. On the way home, an enjoyable meal was taken at Anglesea.

GLENROY-BROADMEADOWS-MT. GELLIBRAND-SOMERTON. - Nick Geroe (14th June).

Most of the time the leader went by "compass" in a straight line and managed to reach the various landmarks. Lunch was had at the Moonce Pond's Creek (very salty) after which we reached Mt. Gellibrand (so low that "Gellibrand Mound" would be more appropriate. But wide views were obtained of the surrounding country which was very flat). Aided by his "compass", Nicky unerringly guided the party to Broadmeadows in the late afternoon.

FLINDERS PEAK-MT. ANAKIE-BRISBANE RANGES-BACCHUS MARSH. - Ron Abbott (20-21st June).

Friday evening found 16 walkers travelling in a van proceeding in a drunken fashion on a newly graded road. It took 3/4 hour to restore the van to a sober condition and to continue to the camp about 1 mile away in Branding Yard Gully on the eastern slope of Flinders Peak. Despite a predawn shower, about half the party managed to see the sunrise across the bay and to inspect the bronze plaque at the top of Flinder's Peak commemorating the "surveying of the bay by Matthew Flinders in 1802 for the National Parks Association." Crossing the You Yangs after breakfast, the route lay through pleasantly timbered country to a large dam from which there was an excellent view of the You Yangs, Flinders Peak being mirrored on the surface of the water.

After about five miles of flat volcanic plain over which a strong westerly wind blew, the Anakie hills were reached. Most were surprised at the abundance of rabbits (and mushrooms) in this area, indicating that myxomatosis has not been completely effective. At the top of Mt. Anakie, "Agitator" Alf delivered an inflammatory address advocating "Anakism" and all were duly elected "Anakists". The camp for Saturday night was located at the entrance to the gorge of the Stony Creek, down which the wind could be heard howling in the early hours of the morning.

Sunday morning was spent in following up and down creek gorges which involved such a lot of rock-hopping that progress was very slow. Being sunny, the narrow valleys with their mossy steep sides, and the brown-flecked rocks of the dry creek-beds, were a charming sight. Lunch was taken in a pleasantly sheltered spot on a tributary of the Little River. In the afternoon the plateau was gained, the way being through lightly timbered Yacca scrub. One good view of the bay and the nearer plain was seen down one of the creek valleys. Having "mis-laid" the van for a while at the Bacchus Marsh police station, the party enjoyed an unscheduled moonlight walk along high, rolling country, from where the twinkling lights of both Geelong and Bacchus Marsh could be seen. The van at last picked up some weary people, who then returned quickly to Melbourne, to spend the rest of the week recovering.

DIAMOND CREEK-KEON PARK. - Willie Baxter. (21st June)

This walk was mostly along the Maroondah Aqueduct against a biting, cold wind. "Mushroomologist" Karl Bing provided a delicious snack for all ten members of the party, to supplement our billy tea.

WESBURN-MT. LITTLE JOE-WARBURTON. - Louise Paine (5th July)

Under sunny skies 15 Bushwalkers were led by Louise Paine on this enjoyable trip. An easy walk took the party to Britannia Falls for lunch. Then up and into the woods - via an old firebreak, very much overgrown and the scrub dripping wet with dew, - towards Mt. Little Joe.

With time running short we could not quite make the top but some good views were had before descending along Backstairs Creek into Warburton. Louise reports, that she was ably supported in her task by 14 deputy leaders.

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