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of
--- THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS ---

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The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, correspondence and Annual General Report were duly presented followed by some remarks by the President in which he outlined the various duties of the committee members over the past year. He also expressed regret at the general attitude which seemed to be growing in Club members towards their club. That enthusiasm and spirit which should be the essence of a walking club were lacking and this lack was being felt in various ways. One he mentioned was the lack of candidates for the position of Social Secretary which became vacant at the half year, and then when a committee member took over this job, her position could not be filled.

Badges were presented to new members Brien Hyams and Bill Kirkpatrick, and then the main evenings work of electing the new office bearers and committee began. These finally resolved themselves into the following :

Bill Horton.
Norm Richards
Betna Dryden.
Heinz Wolff.
win Bennet.
Jock Low.
Position still open.
Mary Nash.
Margaret Edwards.
Position still open.
Alf Cole.
Horst Eisfelder.
Frank Pitt.

Ian Bennet.
Ted Kirk.

(Edna Richards retiring)
Lloyd Reynolds.

Various people had some views to air in general business. That jack in the box, the bathing box, popped up again with a report that vandals had wrecked the joint by carrying off the door. With something akin to a sigh of relief, it was left to Karl Bing, it's manager, who was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, to report on the existing state of affairs.

In a discussion on walks reports it was pointed out that track notes of areas such as the Dandenongs were particularly valuable as the face of the country is changing from day to day and leaders should try to give detailed track notes on their reports.

During the evening wedding presents in the form of butterishes, with the club's badge on them, were presented to recent withdrawals from the field of eligibles. Win. and Max Downes, Margaret and Jock, Daphne and Nick Geroe and Joyce and David Barclay received theirs. Unfortunately Tess and Bob Fraser were not able to be present to receive theirs.

The Meeting was not closed, but adjourned until such time as the President has received nominations and acceptances for the unfilled positions, so don't leave it too long to give him these otherwise there might not be any coffee and biscuits on Friday nights and that would never do, would it?

The President wishes to express his thanks to all committee members, for their help and co-operation and all club members who assisted in club activities during the last year.

The first meeting of the new Committee was held last Friday, the main business being the arranging of the sub-committees. You will find these listed further on in this issue and we ask you to note the people responsible for the various tasks, and when you have need to contact a member of the Committee, to contact the correct and appropriate one.

It was decided that the continuation of the Annual General Meeting be deferred in the meantime, whilst awaiting further nominations to fill the vacant positions.

The Bathing Box position is being reviewed. It was found that although the door was broken down in December, the Box is now in good condition should any-one wish to make use of the building.

Sub-Committees :

The Walks Sub-committee.

Jock Low, Alf Cole and Horst Eisfelder. They wish to remind you that Easter is drawing near. Have you put your name down on one of the lists on the notice board ?

The Social Sub-committee.

Mary Nash and Betna Dryden shall carry on with organizing the social side of the clubs activities while awaiting a Social Secretary to be elected.

The News Sub-committee.

Margaret Edwards and Horst Eisfelder shall do their best to produce as interesting a "News" as previous years.

"Walk"

The Editorial Sub-committee this year consists of Norm Richards, Frank Pitt and Betna Dryden. What about giving them a big help along the way by contributing an article for the next issue and helping sell the present and previous ones ?

Also, at the meeting the following representatives were appointed

Federation Delegate.	Bill Horton.
Search and Rescue Representative.	Bill Horton.
Mapping.	Gordon Coutts.
Equipment.	John Gerrin.
Librarian.	Frank Pitt.

Library.

Frank intends to re-organize the library and so bring about a greater use of the excellent books we have, and a greater appreciation of them. Watch for further news on this subject!!

ATTENTION, INTENDING TARA VALLEY WALKERS-- it has been advised that you take along some Mosquito Repellent as these insects are reported to be very ferocious in that area.

Lost Property.

There is quite a collection of articles which have been in the club room on different nights, taking up some of our whicked cupboard space. A book, "Great Australian Loneliness" has been there some time, also a pair of sunglasses. Have you lost anything? If so, may be it is among the things in the cupboard, would you have a look through and see?

Department of the Treasury

A brief reminder that subscriptions are again due,---- yes, time flies doesn't it? Heinz, our Treasurer, tells us that subscriptions this year are the same as last, that is---

Single member. 19 years and under.----- 12/6.
" " 20 years and over.-----£1/--/-.
Married couples. -----£1/10/-.

If you have not already paid, could you do so as soon as possible please?

1st Aid Classes for Women.

Classes shall be starting shortly and should prove very interesting and most helpful. There has been a disappointing number of applicants so far, so what about it girls? Give, or send your names to the President or Secretary.

Federation Weekend. 27th, 28th March.

Site-- near Yarra Junction, on Little Yarra Creek. Car drivers see notice board for more details.

Trains-- Saturday morning walkers, get the 8.25 a.m. Warburton train and alight at Woori Yallock. The walk to the camp site shall be led by the Catholic Walking Club.

Afternoon walkers get the 1.35 p.m. Warburton train and alight at Yarra Junction. A short walk to the campsite shall be led by our club.

Tickets-- Ordinary Return Ticket to Wesburn. Late comers make own arrangements by Whights Bus Service, or 6.10 p.m. train.

Campfire-- Items are needed for the Campfire Concert. See what you can think up! The President shall be pleased to hear about any item, big or small.

The Womens Wlking Club will lead the Sunday afternoon walk to Wesburn so, come along, join in the fun, meet fellow walkers, and have a good weekend.

New Members.

We have two male members to welcome this month, and we hope they have many happy walking days with us. They are--

Schefer
20 Mornda Avenue,
Glenhuntly. S.E.9.

Geoffrey Philip.

Gottlieb
Poppin Street,
Camberwell.

Irwin Bernard.

Phone. (P) WF3736 (B) WA1199
Add their names and addresses to your address list now, keep it up to date.

Lost !!

Autumn Walks Programme, 1945. Norm Richards has mislaid his copy and thinks perhaps he loaned it to someone who has forgotten to return it. He is most anxious to recover it and so keep his collection intact. Could everyone check through their "walking" literature and see if it is there? Thank you.

Addresses and Phone No's.

Omission from Address List.

Louise Paine,
2710 Thackeray Place,
Seattle,
Washington. U/S/A.

Change of Address.

BINET Emeric.
Flat 4, 17 Joyce Street,
Elwood. S.3. Phone. (B) F.J. 0484, exts.,
416, 327, or 258.
(P) L.F. 4668.

COLES Lawrence.
"Sunny Bank", High Point Crescent,
Eltham Phone. (B) M.Y. 240 ext. 210.

Change of Phone Number

DILLAWAY Joan. (B) F.J. 1262.
KRAUS Hedl. (P) L.A. 2915.
SLADE Emil. (P) J.X. 4894.

Dates to Remember

March 21st. Yering Gorge. Bill Horton. M.X. 4130
ext. 6062.

March 24th. "La Traviata"

March 24th. 8 P.M.

"Bushland Flowers of Victoria"

J. Willis, of the National Herbarium will show Kodachrome studies of Australian wildflowers, including a number from the Mallee. Everyone is welcome, the address is-- School Hall. M.C.E.G.G.S., Anderson Street, South Yarra.

March 26th. Kodachrome Slides. Laurie Raynor.

March 27th-28th Federation Weekend.

April 3rd-4th Whittlesea- Mt. Disappointment- Monumental Hill

Imore East. Mary Cook. X.M. 2724.

April 4th. Mt. Sugarloaf- Howatt's Lookout.
Emil Slade. J.X. 4894.

Don't be disappointed ! This is a van trip and names must be entered on the list on the notice board. This promises to be a very enjoyable trip, why not come along ?

April 11th. Mt. Macedon - Mt. Towrong.

Helen Whitten.

The train leaves from Spencer Street, don't be waiting "under the clocks"

April 16th-19th. Easter Walks. see notice board.

Attention , members!!

Easter Walk-- Grampians Area. Fixed Camp.

The leader, Athol Schaefer, particularly asks would all members interested in this walk please write their names on the list on the notice board soon as possible, or contact Athol direct at M.U. 4445 (B).

"Walk" Contributions for the next issue of this worthy magazine would be welcomed. See what you can do ! Contributions may be handed to Norm Richards, Frank Pitt or Betna Dryden.

Kodachrome Slides.

Laurie Raynor, well known to Bushwalkers, has again kindly consented to show us more of his wonderful slides-- this time on Friday 26th March. He tells us that the ones he will be showing are of his mountaineering experiences in New Guinea, but, a different series to those shown at Emil's social evening earlier in the year. Do try to be early and so avoid unnecessary interruption to others, please.

Campfire Cookery.

Did anyone try last months recipe whilst "batching in the bu lately, and did they survive to attempt another ? If so, here i which is easily prepared, tasty, filling, and a change from stew dehyds.

"Macaroni Cheese"

Spaghetti or Vermicelli are good substitutes for ma

1. Boil macaroni in salted water until soft. Drain off excess water.

2. Thinly slice cheese (Kraft, for preference) and stir hot macaroni. Add extra salt to taste.

Do hand a copy of your favourite, tested recipe to either Margar or Horst, so it may be put in the "News" too. Remember, our aim to promote "bigger and better" meals for our weekenders.

Personal Notes

We were glad to see Peter Becker in club a couple of Fridays ago, and to hear he is enjoying life at Rocky Valley so much. Pete has been exploring the High Plains thoroughly, and he tells us they have already had their first snow fall for the year, in early February !

Peter Salmon, who was able to come into club as his ship was i port, tells us life at sea as an Engineer Officer is pretty good. He saw Tine Koetisier and Frank Burt whilst in Sydney. They are bot very well and wish to be remembered to club members.

What's this we hear about one of our "Campfire Cookery" recipe triers, hinting tht "Indigestion Cure" recipes be printed also ?

We hear Jean outclimbed all other rivals, male and female, in the attempt to conquer a fire watching tower recently. What's this men ?

Congratulations to Heather and Bill Thackray on the birth of their son, on the 19th February.

"On the Track"

Nyora- Bass River - Andersons Hill - Loch. February 7th.
Graeme McKinney.

The weather was kind, but the lovely sunny morning found the leader exhausted in his effort to drive his party along to the lunch spot---- the blackberries along the way were far too good to pass When his efforts were eventually rewarded the party found the promised lunching spot very nice, but the water supply poor. Nct long on the track again and one very startled male member of the party leapt into the air when a large snake slithered right across his boot ! The snake escaped with his life, but the rest of the afternoon found the party "stepping high". After an otherwise uneventful but pleasant afternoon the walk finished up at the Loch Inn. Unfortunately though, no meals were available, so onto the milk bar where many milk-shakes were consumed before catching the train home.

Clematis - John's Hill - Belgrave. February 14th
Jock Low.

A small party of seven members set off from Clematis to obtain some views of the bays, usually afforded from the top of John's Hill. They were out of luck, for the lovely hot sunny weather disappeared after lunch.

After climbing up through blackberries and over fences (or under them according to ones stature!) to reach the top they found the "weather man" had deserted them and a heavy mist had rolled in and spoiled their view.

The sky became overcast, a few spots of rain helped them to decide on a quick dash to Kallista for the bus, and just in time too, they just made shelter when the rain came.

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So, it was bus to Ferntree Gully and home. An excellent day spite the weather.

Kallista - Monbulk - Emerald Lake. . February 21st.
Ted Kirk.

In brilliant sunshine but cool wind 11 walkers started out to the "wilds" of the Dandenongs to make the trek from Kallista to Emerald. From Kallista to the "cement bridge" near Monbulk the track through some of our prettiest bush. Don't hope to do any black-crying on this track on future days as the bushes have been sprayed. Fortunately after lunch we had to leave the track and take to the road till we reached Emerald, there is one consolation--- no fences.

Here after, malted milks etc., and as the day was now very hot continued on to the Lake and had a very welcome swim.

Darnum - Old Melbourne Road - Moe. February 27th- 28th.
Alf Cole.
Changed to- Yarragon-Allambee-Trafalgar

Whether it was simply by a matter of circumstance, an burst of antagonism to civilization or the workings of that partiality to the bush which impishly manipulates the time we allot our other lives, three of us were drawn to the hills of upland, the bracken, the Blackwoods, and the blackberries.

The weekend was pleasant and complete. We began by ascending a hill by way of a piggery and the perimeter of a bull paddock. There were alternating interludes of tracks, scrub, and open cleared hills. A sudden decision brought a pleasant, secluded campsite complete with ready made hip-holes or impromptu ditches.

A short track-- a bash-- a long track-- a short bash, some blackberries and so on. By such devious ways, without asserting a strong influence on local political, social, religious or economic (with the exception of buying a few pies) history we spent a pleasant weekend.

In other words, nothing of a spectacular, intriguing, or otherwise wonderfully scandalous nature occurred to justify the unfortunate reader wasting his time.

Bushranger's Bay - Cape Schanck. February 28th.
Horst Eisfelder.

There was some disappointment when the van stopped under overcast skies amidst some, now bleak looking, scenery on the Mornington Peninsular. However, when after a short walk the sun broke through the clouds, spirits rose, and saw the 27 Bush-walkers make for the beach at Bushrangers Bay. Here two hours were enjoyably spent surfing and exploring the rocky foreshore with about half the party climbing Elephant Rock. This rock rises steeply out of the sea for about a hundred feet but is accessible at low tide.

After lunch and a stiff climb, the walk took us along the top of the cliffs which here drop away for a sheer 300' into the sea, to the Cape Schanck lighthouse. Another hour was spent talking about the Cape which is some distance from the lighthouse.

When, after some delay, the long journey home began, we felt that the days outing had been quite a worthwhile one.

Werramate Hills March 7th.
Fay Pitt.

A party of nine commenced their walk from Killara under a rain threatening sky. Luckily though, the clouds cleared and the rest of the day was fine though a slight mist spoilt otherwise excellent views. The blackberries enjoyed just prior to lunch must have been the biggest, juiciest and blackest of all this season!

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The high tower on Steeles Hill remained un-scaled owing to it's height and the fact that the ladder up it was almost vertical. No mountaineers on this trip ! So, no one knows what the view from the top was like.

To while away the long wait for the train home from Killara Station, a fire was lit by the Station and a feast of bread butter and cheese bought locally and washed down by milk from an adjoining farm was enjoyed by all.

Blackberrying walk.

March 8th.

Eric Sculthorpe.

Twelve bushwalkers decided to try their luck blackberrying in the Clematis area. The result----- many scratches and few blackberries ! The day was very hot, so, after eating some of the lucious fruit and collecting some in various containers for "afterwards", a swim was enjoyed by the majority of the party.

A race to catch the bus back to Ferntree Gully proved to be a "waste of haste" as the bus wasn't due for another hour !

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