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EDITORIAL FOREWORD

Bathing Box. Now that we should get some warm weather (at least according to the calendar) we would like to remind members again of the facilities provided on Sandringham beach. The bathing box is situated between Sandringham & the Red Bluff, about seven minutes walk from Sandringham station, on a particularly nice part of the beach. The charges are 5/- for a seasonal ticket (plus 2/6 deposit for the key) and 1/- for daily use. All those interested please contact Karl Bing, telephone BY3708 (p).

COMING EVENTS

- a) Christmas Social Evening, 7th December - see below.
- b) Lecture night, 25th November. This month the lecture night will be given over to the leaders of the long Christmas trips, Heinz Wolff, Bob Bittner and Peter Becker, who will give short talks and show slides about the areas in which their trips will take place.
- c) Short Christmas Walk - see below.
- d) Peter Becker's long December walk - altered itinerary - see page 1.
- e) Previews of December walks - see page

Correction - Christmas Social Evening - Wednesday, 7th December. First and foremost please note the date - Wednesday, 7th, not the 8th as announced in the News last month. The place is Jerram Hall, on the corner of Spring St. and Flinders Lane. We hope all will come along and make this dance the success it has been in the past. Tickets will be available from Lorraine Richey.

Club Christmas Cards. Club Christmas cards are now available from Frank Pitt. This year they feature a photo of the Wonnangatta River. The price - 9d ea. or 4/- for $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Frank will take phone or mail orders for the cards and any purchase of over 2/- will be sent to you post free. Frank's address is 51 Birdwood St., Box Hill and his phone number WX6554. Or, of course, if you wish to get them in the clubroom, Frank will be around any Friday night between now and Christmas to sell them.

Informal showing of slides. A small screen is available in the clubroom for the informal showing of slides during ordinary club nights, to enable members to show a few slides to their friends. A projector can also be provided and may be obtained any night by arrangement, in advance, with Lorraine Richey.

Short Christmas walk. - approx. 25th-31st Dec. Frank Pitt is interested to hear from anyone with or without a car, who would like to take part in a short trip (4 days) at Christmas. The walk will be Mt. St. Bernard - Mt. Selwyn - Guy's Hut - Wonnangatta R. - Larkey's Plain, driving home across the Dargo High Plains. The date of the trip will be approximately 25th-31st Dec., depending on the wishes of the party, and the numbers will be limited by the number of cars going - at present only one.

Peter Becker's December walk - approx. 8th-13th Dec. The itinerary of this trip has been changed and its duration shortened. It will now cover the area Mansfield - Howqua R. - the Bluff. A fixed camp will be made in the Mt. Lovick area and day walks will be made from this point. The exact date will depend on the wishes of the party but will be approximately 8th-13th Dec. This should be an ideal trip for people who would like to do a Christmas walk but do not feel sufficiently experienced to carry a pack for 10 or 14 days.

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General.

Freddy and Bobby Souter will be moving to Townsville, where Freddy has been transferred, on 9th December. We would like to wish them all the best in their new home.

Our good wishes are also due to Geoff Christensen who will be marrying Ruth Steel on 3rd December. All the best to you both!

New Members. This month we have two new members to welcome to our numbers. The

Merle Piggott, Queen Victoria Hospital, 172 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.
and Bruce Draper, 13 Farm St., Newport, W.15. tel. (b) ML6317, ext.11.

Change of Telephone Nos. And while you are adding these two members to your list here are three corrections to make.

Lloyd Reynolds - private telephone number has been changed to UY3436.
Emeric Binet - can now be contacted at home by ringing LF4668. His business no. is still FJO484, ext. 416.
& Bill Horton - can no longer be contacted at MKY130, his previous business telephone no.

WALKS PREVIEWS.

MALMSBURY - Vaughan Springs - Castlemaine. (approx. 20 miles) E. Slade. 3/4th D
This should be a walk with a difference; for those who prefer easier types of country will get it and those who will want to get into trim for Xmas will get the training too. The early "luncher" shall be satisfied and those who want to work up an appetite combined with dry lunch will get their fill later. The walk will lead through hilly, lightly timbered country and past old gold mines (no scrub). There is always a possibility of stumbling across a gold nugget. So roll up "en masse". P.S. How Emil will manage he doesn't know yet himself, don't blame him, blame yourself for coming, if you are not satisfied.

FERN HILL - Coliban Res. - Kyneton Horst Eisfelder. 4th DEC.
This is an area not often visited by the club so if you want a reasonably easy walk in ~~the~~ country not often visited, how about trying this? When we last heard from leader he was not quite certain exactly where he would be leading the party so was unable to give any preview track notes, but you can be sure it will be a pleasant day - not too tough.

BARWON DOWNS - Cumberland Cr. Lorne. - 6.30 p.m. Friday, van from Batman Av.
Map - Colac military 4m-lin., Beech Forest Lands Dept. 1m-lin.

Ron Abbott 10/11th DEC
For most of the first day the route lies along bulldozed tracks climbing along the spurs of the Barwon watershed and on the main range of the Otways. Most of the area has been milled in the past and the remains of old tramways will be seen. On Sunday areas of wiregrass made the use of long trousers desirable. The Cumberland Creek will be followed to the coast and opportunities for trout or eel fishing may be found. N.B. As this walk includes election day, all intending starters should make arrangements for voting in advance.

BELLBRAE - Pt. Addis - Anglesea Tim Kottek. 11th DEC
This should be a pleasant walk, following up a creek valley as far as Pt. Addis where a dip in the surf should ensure that everyone will eat their lunch. It may be an idea to bring sandals as the walk will continue along the beach with the promise of yet another swim before Anglesea and tea. - Don't forget trunks, sandals and two meals and come on a good walk.

WOODLEIGH - Wattle Cr. Glen Forbes Bob Mullice. 18th DEC
The train leaves Flinders St. at 9.30 am, and you will require a second return to Glen Forbes. As the return train does not leave until 7.05 p.m., it will be necessary to bring along some tea too. It will not be possible to buy anything at Glen Forbes, but coffee, pies, etc. will be obtainable on the train trip. Don't forget this will be your last chance to finish off your Christmas training as the next weekend will be Christmas. It should be a pleasant trip, as the country is hilly but not steep and quite attractive, although you may run into a bit of scrub. As compensation for the scrub, Bob offers some wallabies which may be around the

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FRANKSTON - Canadian Bay

Emeric Binet.

26th DEC.

This area needs no introduction, but here is your chance to renew your acquaintance with the club's most popular swimming walk. This is guaranteed to be a "bludgo" walk, ideal for recovering from the excesses of Christmas Day. Don't forget your bathers though. The time of departure of the train will be announced later in the ~~at~~ club, or may be found from the leader by ringing LF4668.

IN THE TRACK.

BRISBANE RAS.

23rd Oct.

Geoff Christensen

The combination of an area little visited on day walks and the promise of ~~xxxx~~ seeing a good display of wild flowers, in the company of the club's expert, resulted in a van loaded to capacity. The walk began with a climb up Mt. Anakie which we suspected was introduced by the leader, solely to show us that even if he is a botanist, he is still tough. However, on reaching the top we found it was actually in order that we might survey the surrounding country, of which we had an excellent view, while the leader told us something of the geology of the area. Then we climbed down and set out into open eucalypt forest where there was excellent scope for viewing a great variety of wild flowers, growing in profusion. As usual, interest focussed mainly on orchids and a number of different species were found. The lunch site was at an old reservoir, an ideal site with gum and various flowers growing right down to the water's edge. The water was just going over the spillway, which made the last stages of the approach, from downstream, to the reservoir very attractive; but there was not enough to stop several of the keener types crossing to the opposite bank by way of the spillway. In the afternoon we continued upstream a short way, then left the reservoir and went through similar country to that of the morning, until right at the end of the day we picked up a little creek bed and followed it back to the van, impressed by the different flora in the little valley from that on the ridges.

GARFIELD - MT. CANNIBAL - GEMBROOK

29th/30th Oct.

Bill Horton.

Five enthusiasts had the energy to be up in time to catch the 7.25 a.m. train from Melbourne on Sat. 29th and it was still only breakfast time when we disturbed a shopkeeper at Garfield for the usual milkshake, bits of fruit, etc. Heading out along the dirt road towards Mt. Cannibal the weather gave a sample of one of the many variations that were in store for us, in the form of a very strong headwind that brought scattered showers for the rest of the day. The short climb of Mt. Cannibal was rewarded with very fine views from large rock outcrops on the S and NW sides, covering the whole country to the S. of Cannibal, including Westernport Bay. From Cannibal we kept to the ridge and headed N.W. to the lunch spot, beyond North Garfield at the Bunyip River water channel. After lunch we kept N. up the side of a steep ridge to the trig point on Mt. Towt where the views over the mountains towards Neerim, etc. were spoiled by low cloud and passing rain. Picking up an old timber track we followed it and then others along the ridge NW for several miles, eventually finishing up on quite a good track that followed the ridge down into the Diamond Creek Valley, finally meeting up with the Gembrook Tynong road and then N. to the Gembrook Tonimbuc road at the old Audas Mill site. As it was raining fairly consistently we decided to make camp early in an empty Forestry hut and a couple of the party then proceeded to while away the spare hour and the rest of the evening steadily eating.

Sunday morning was bright and sunny and we headed off down the road for about two miles towards Tonimbuc and the end of the Black Snake Range, leaving the road and heading up into the ridge via an old track just past the first sign of habitation. The track to the ridge and along the top to the W. was relatively clear up to the saddle leading to the Black Snake Ridge proper, when the scrub and undergrowth became so thick and unpleasant and progress so slow that it was decided to head back down to the road and easier going. Lunch on the road was followed by a bash into Gembrook to catch the 5 p.m. bus to the Gully and home.

HURSTBRIDGE - ARTHUR'S CR. - YAN YEAN

1st Nov. (Cup Day) Betna Dryden.

The unexpectedly large number of 17 starters at Hurstbridge station was ample evidence of the confidence which everyone had in Betna's competence as a leader. Needless to say that she fully justified that confidence by leading a most enjoyable walk, usually against the freely given advice of 16 would-be deputy leaders. From Hurstbridge she led us over a timbered ridge with many interesting wild flowers to Arthur's Creek which we reached just in time to shelter from a heavy hail storm. Lunch, on the bank of Running Creek, was ideally arranged as we had it on the only clear watercourse in an area which is well known for its muddy creeks, and it was perfectly timed to coincide with an hour's unbroken sunshine between two heavy showers. After lunch, we found out to our surprise that even a road bash of two hours can be enjoyable as we walked on little used country roads to Yan Yean. These roads led us through undulating grassy country and during the afternoon showers alternated with periods of sunshine which gave us beautiful cloud and light effects, culminating in two good rainbows just before we reached Yan Yean station.

On this particular weekend, 27 members of the club and their friends and families, experienced an unique occasion, the President's weekend minus the President. Unfortunately, Bill was stricken with the flu at the eleventh hour, so his absence was greatly regretted and we sympathise with him for having missed such an ideal weekend.

The camp site at McCrae's Creek was everything to be wished for and the weather man did his best for us this year. With visions of a meatless barbecue, the outlook was slightly gloomy on Saturday afternoon, but luckily Frank and Fay Pitt saved the day by arriving with all the doings, outside and inside their car, including Miss Christine Pitt and friends. Under Emil's supervision the meat slowly cooked to perfection and after tea we gathered around the campfire where the younger fry staged a fireworks display with rockets, which travelled horizontally instead of vertically to the surprise of a small group lingering over a late tea, who found themselves in the path of the same.

After a couple of hours singing, and items rendered by budding young bushwalkers, the meat was handed around, having been watched over by many, then cocoa and biscuits were served by the social committee who have since received a complaint that the cocoa may have been the cause of a certin bod's subsequent illness, but as further inquiries revealed that he consumed 8 cups of it, the dregs have not been sent to the Government analyst.

Sunday morning found a few lazing around enjoying the sun, while the more energetic set off on an 8 mile walk and were picked up in Gembrook on the way home.

We were alos sorry to hear that two other well known members of the club were confined to their beds with unpleasant ailments, Jock Low and Ian Bennet, so we hope they are both fully recovered.

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LOST PROPERTY: A WHITE CAP lost on the Presideny's week-end is being held.

By the way, no one 'has put in an appearance' for the cap left in the CLUB and advertised a couple of issues ago. Both these articles are being held and are awaiting claimants.

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ART, AND RUMOURS THEREOF, Leslie Kurth is keen to pass on to Club members the good tidings that there are on exhibition at the Art Gallery for a short period some paintings by one of Australia's foremost artists, Mr. McGubbins. This is truly a stop press insertion, and I'll blatontly forestall any 'What-the-hells' by admitting that I'M not too sure of the place or even the name. Anyway, those with a little more art appreciation will know what I mean, OR CAN SEE LESLIE.

ADVERTISERS: Christmas is right at the front-porch, so to speak, so please don't forget our ADVERTISERS when making your Christmas purchases --remember this is a give-and-take game we're mixed up in .. the Club, I mean.... A do-unto-others- .. They have stood by us for a long time now. AUSKI needs no introduction, because all 'Potentials' and oldtimers call at some time to get walking gear there.

Now, both ALICE SPIERER, and WERNER GRAFF have been members -Mr. Graff is still a member, and Miss Spierer was an active member of long standing. All three have advertised in this issue, so just have a glance at the advertisements, and, if you require glasses, dressmaking, or walking gear, you will know where to go