

of
THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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OFFICIAL CLUB NOTICES

1. New Walks Secretary. As a result of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 30th September, to elect a new Walks Secretary, Jock Low was elected unopposed and will hold office until the Annual General Meeting in March. Congratulations Jock!
2. Club Contact. The telephone number of our No. 1 contacts, Norm and Edna Richards, has been changed to WJ9524. Will all members, especially those leading walks make a careful note of their new number. - WJ9524.
3. Obituary. Members will be sorry to hear that Bill Burston, of the Melbourne Walking Club, passed away on 11th October. Bill will be remembered by most of our older members as a past President of the Melbourne Walking Club, as the man who drew up the first Jamboree Hike map, and as a keen and energetic member of the walking fraternity. I am sure members of our club would like to take this opportunity of offering their condolences to his family and to the Melbourne Walking Club.
4. Dates to be remembered.
 - (a) Walks for coming month - see page 2 for November programme and previews of coming walks.
 - (b) Bi-monthly meeting, 28th October. This will be the last general meeting before the New Year.
 - (c) President's Weekend - 5th/6th November - see announcement page 1 -below
 - (d) Lecture night, 25th November. This will be given over to talks, illustrated with slides, about this year's Christmas Walks and will be given by the leaders of these walks.
 - (e) Bushwalkers' Annual Dance at Jerram Hall, Thursday, 8th December. Be sure to set aside this date and come along. Tickets will soon be available from our Social Secretary, Lorraine Richey.
 - (f) Christmas trips - see page 1-2
5. BATHING BOX. The Club has hired the bathing box at Sandringham again this year and it will be available to members under the same conditions as last year, viz.
5/- for seasonal use (married couples 7/6)
1/- for daily use (married couples 1/6)
A deposit of 2/6 will be required for the key in the case of a seasonal ticket.
For the benefit of new members, the bathing box is at Sandringham Beach about opposite the corner of Southey and Bay Sts., and has been available for the use of club members during the summer months for several years.
6. CHRISTMAS CARDS. Club Christmas cards are now available in convenient time for overseas mailing. This year's cards feature a photo of the Wonnangatta River taken by Gordon Coutts and are on display at present on the Club noticeboard.
7. LOST & FOUND. A dark green lady's sweater and a small aluminium water bottle are found in one of Gronow's vans after a recent club outing. They are now in the clubroom and may be collected by their owner any club night.
8. PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND. 5/6 Nov. This will be held at McCrae's Creek this year and all members are cordially invited to be present. We have put in a special petition for good weather this year and we understand same is being treated favourably by those concerned. It's a pleasant spot, and with good weather assured, we can all hope to have a very enjoyable weekend. Incidentally, since you are coming, bring along a little item for the campfire - campfires are wonderful things in themselves, but they are even better if you really take part in them. Booking lists are on the noticeboard for morning and afternoon vans for all those who can write. If you can't, Bill or Jock will oblige for you. See you on Sat. 5th.
9. CHRISTMAS TRIPS.
 - (a) Peter Becker: MANSFIELD - FRY'S - JAMIESON VALLEY - GREAT DIVIDE (between McDonald & Knobs) - CROSSCUT SAW - returning via BULLER or HOWQUA VALLEY - 15 days (6th Dec. (Tues.) to 20th Dec.(Tues.)).

This should be a most enjoyable trip in some of Victoria's best walking country, with the extra advantage that those going will be able to spend Christmas and the New Year at home with the family. So how about coming along?

(b) Heinz Wolff: YARRANGOBILLY CAVES - TUMUT PONDS - MT. JAGUNGAL - MT.KOSCIUSKO. KHANCOBAN - (17 or 19 days). - 23rd Dec., to 7th or 9th Jan.

As this trip requires the use of interstate train transport, railway bookings must be made two months before Christmas, so if you are interested and have not been in touch with Heinz you had better do so immediately or you will miss out.

(c) Bob Bittner: LICOLA - LAKE TARLI KARNG - MT. WELLINGTON - SNOWY PLAINS - MT. HOWITT - HOWQUA RIVER - MANSFIELD.

In last month's news it was erroneously announced that this would be a 15 day trip. The actual duration is 10 days and the party will return to Melbourne

on Tuesday, 3rd January. It is possible, however, that the party may divide on Howitt and some members take an extra 2 or 3 days to return by a longer route. This is still open for a few more starters, but if you are interested contact Bob immediately as the party will be limited to 12.

(d) FOUR DAY Christmas Walk. Will any members interested in a 4 day walk over Christmas get in touch with our Walks Secretary, Jock Low, as soon as possible. If there are sufficient takers, a trip will be arranged.

10. NEW MEMBERS. This month we welcome two new members to the Club. They are:

Ellen Doris Baxter, 32 Tyne St., Box Hill, E.10. (p) WX4886.

Robert Comport, 1 William St., Brighton, S.5. (p) WB5567.

11. CHANGE OF ADDRESS. While you have your list of members handy, here are two alterations of address to make:

Marie Gillespie, C/- St. Peter's College, ADELAIDE.

Geoff. Christenson, 4 Wallace Rd., Burwood.

12. GENERAL. This month we have much pleasure in offering our congratulations to no less than four of our members on the birth of sons - yes, all sons. These members are:

Graeme and Mary Rae, who have called their son Robert Alan,

Mrs. Keith McDonald (nee "Pat" Patterson), who has chosen the names Ian Alexander, and

Mrs. Kitty Lear (nee Mitchell) whose son is to be named David Gra

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13. COMING EVENTS. This month we are publishing the entire walks programme 1 November to tide you over until the Summer Walks Programme is available.

Nov.		Transport	Time	Lea.
1.	Pyalong - Tooboorae <i>See notice</i>	2nd Ret. Tooboorae	9.8 am	
5,6	President's Weekend - annual barbecue			
6.	Walk in conjunction with above.			
12-13	Daylesford - Ballarat Area.	2nd Ret. Castlemaine	12.20 pm	Athc Scha b.MU.
13.	Mt. Charlie - Mt. Eliza - Brock's Monument	Van	8.55 am	Lorr. Riche

Nov.				
19-20	Warburton - Mt. Vinegar- Narbethong	2nd Single Warburton	8.25 am	Graeme McKinney LF5761.
20.	Fernshaw - Morley's Track- Garter's Gap	Van	8.55 am	Emeric Binet FO484, ex.416
20.	Mt. Dom Dom - Narbethong	Van	8.55 am	Alf Sternberg.
26-27	Tallarook - Mill Cr. - Mt. Hickey	2nd Single Tallarook	7.25 am Spencer St.	John Brownlie LF9356
27	Tyaak - Dabyminga Cr. -Mt. Hickey	Van	8.55 am	Lloyd Reynolds, UY9356

14. WALKS PREVIEWS

Drouin - Tarrago - Picnic Point - Longwarry - 30th Oct., Frank Burt.
Frank would like to let everyone know that this walk will not be as long as the programme indicates, so don't be put off it on the grounds it is too long for you.

PYALONG - TOOBOORAC - 1st Nov., (Cup Day)
This walk will be over open country with plenty of easy rolling hills. The area is made attractive by the large number of granite tors scattered over the hills. There may be some walking through open forest but definitely no scrub bashing.

DAYLESFORD - BALLARAT AREA. 12-13th Nov. - Athol Schafer.
An easy, short weekend walk for those trying to fit in some pre-Christmas tour preparation. The train leaves Spencer St. at 12.30 p.m., but don't be shocked by the new fares when you purchase your Castlemaine end return ticket. Cheer up, mushrooms are sprouting abundantly in the area - see "Age" 10/11/54. Terrain - some forest, mostly cleared - gently rolling hills, giving distant views of western volcanic plains.

MT. CHARLIE - MT. ELIZA - BROCK'S MONUMENT - 13th Nov., Lorraine Richey.
This walk will be through fairly open forest country in the Macedon area with not more than the usual amount of hill climbing. If time allows the party may visit a bird and animal sanctuary during the afternoon.

WARBURTON - MT. VINEGAR - NARBETHONG - 19-20 Nov. - Graeme McKinney.
This walk will follow the track cleared by Federation on the last two track clearing weekends, so come along and enjoy the track you have helped to clear. Note the transport arrangements, a 2nd SINGLE ticket to Warburton. The return trip will be by the same van as the day walkers.

MT. DOM DOM - NARBETHONG - Alf Sternberg
FERNSHAW - MORLEY'S TRACK - CARTER'S GAP - Emeric Binet } 20th Nov.
Yes, this is quite correct. TWO Sunday walks and BOTH VAN trips. The two walks will be in the same area (and in the same area as the weekend walk). One, that from Mt. Dom Dom to Narbethong will be an easy walk, consisting of a steep pull up to Dom Dom in the early part and the rest downhill or flat. The other from Fernshaw Carter's Gap, will be tougher, but those taking part will enjoy a walk through a forest at its best.

TALLAROOK - MILL CR. - MT. HICKEY -26th/7th Nov., John Brownlie
TALLAROOK - DABYMINGA CR. - MT. HICKEY -27th Nov., Lloyd Reynolds.
This weekend again the weekend walk and the day walk are to be held in the same area, so those going on the weekend walk should note that they only require a 2nd SINGLE rail ticket to Tallarook, as they will return to Melbourne on the van with day walkers. Both these walks will be in open eucalypt forest, over easy hills. An excellent view should be obtained, weather permitting, from the watch tower on Mt. Hickey.

WALKS PREVIEWS. - To those leaders who may be in doubt about what exactly is required for a walks preview, Joan Hobden has some sample previews taken from the monthly news of an interstate club.

ON THE TRACK

DORI YALLOCK - YELLINGBO - SEVILLE. Sept. 11th, '55. Heinz Wolff.

On this day the weather man was in his very best mood for the sun shone, the air was mild, the sky was blue and the grass was a wonderful green. In fact, spring had sprung, the wattle was out and 27 Melbourne Bushwalkers sallied forth from Woori

Yallock station to enjoy the walking, the talking, the views and the sunshine.

During the introductory ceremony the leader told us some sad but true stories of people who had ventured into the bush without a compass or a map and it says much for the confidence we all had in his ability to get his party safely through that no one remained behind in the comparative security of Woori Yallock station.

The walk had a little bit of everything to offer, a mild scrub bash, open countryside with wonderful panoramic views of Donna Buang, St. Leonard and the Baw Baws, lots of practice in the art of climbing fences (should we be called the Fencing Club?), a log crossing over the Woori Yallock Creek, a pleasant stroll down some disused country roads and some just lying in the sun.

We reached Seville in time to boil our billies and talk over a cuppa and as a fitting end to a lovely day some members of the party were lucky enough to see a kangaroo rat as they were walking back to the station.

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After an exciting journey through the waters of the Yarra at Yarra Glen and another holdup on the Glenburn Rd., where the party helped to pull a car on to the road, 20 fresh and happy walkers left the Flowerdale road past Glenburn and headed straight for the bush. Keeping along a spur in pleasant walking country we encountered very little wild life, but came to an old gold mine, where we had lunch. Seeing that no gold was lying around, we left the place soon and went up Mt. Robertson which was rather unspectacular but a wombat was seen by some members of the party. Keeping across country, we climbed up and down little spurs and ridges which seemed to come up in the most unexpected places - unexpected at least by the leader - and we finally reached the King Parrot Ck. Valley where the van was picked and brought us home safely.

YAN YEAN - HOWATT'S LOOKOUT - WHITTLESEA - Show Day. Win Bennet.

A small (but select) party enjoyed the perfect walking weather of Show Day to make an assault on Howatt's Lookout. The first part of the trip was more straightforward than had been intended as it was not possible to cut through the Yan Yeand Reserve. However, the salt of conversation helped to give flavour to the semi road bash, though the views of the Reservoir and the hills behind took away in practice from the theoretical drawbacks of the situation as shown on the map.

After Lunch at Deep Creek (which at this point is a misnomer - or it may be this season) things became more interesting as we headed across paddocks and began to climb towards Lobb's Hill. The climb is very gradual so there was no call for extreme exertion, and a pleasant stroll along the wooded ridge was rewarded by view across Yan Yeand and the plains. By this time the sun's warmth indicated a rest and a halt was called among the periwinkles on the site of an old homestead to give strength for the run home - all downhill in any case. A few fences to give good measure and Whittlesea was reached in time to permit adequate refreshment before catching the 7.15 train back to the city.

FEDERATION DAY WALK - 9th Oct. About 68 members attended, led by the M.B.W. of whom there were 21. The day was overcast but cleared a little in the afternoon. The route led from Trentham Railway Station via Stony Ck. to Coliban River and thence to Trentham Falls, which, due to recent rain, put on quite a show. After lunch here we followed upstream mainly through scrub and then left the creek for more open farmland and Lyonville Springs on the Loddon River. Here we stopped for a snack and a few people partook of the urky waters before we roadbashed a couple of miles into Lyonville for the 6.50 train back to Melbourne. - Quite a pleasant day altogether.

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