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SUB-COMMITTEES for 1963

FINANCE :	Arthur Whyte, Bill Thompson, Rob. Taylor
WALKS :	Jim Hester, Fred Halls, Peter Van der Duys, Joan Skurrie
SOCIAL :	Doug. Pocock, Joan Skurrie, Ann Badger, Barbara Muir
EQUIPMENT:	Barry Short
NEWS :	Athol Schafer, Warren Olle, Fay Chesterfield
MAGAZINE :	Val. Goldsmith, Barbara Muir
WILKINSON:	Graham Errey
FEDERATION DELEGATES :	
Track Clearing	Robin Mitchell & Peter Van der Duys (observer)
Native Plants	Bruce Muir
General	Rob. Taylor & Val. Goldsmith (observer)
Search & Rescue	Bill Thompson & Fred Halls (observer)

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION YET ???

If not, the Treasurer (Arthur Whyte) will be pleased to hear from you.

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Change of Address:

BRACKSTONE, Joan - to 93 Eyre St., North Ward, Townsville, Queensland
DIXON, Mrs. Betty - to Station Road, Gembrook

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PROGRAM - DAY WALKS

- 12 May Kinglake-Mason's Falls (Nature Study Excursion) Easy - 8 miles
Van departs 8.55 a.m. Batman Avenue. Lindsay Crawford, the leader, will describe wogs found by members. Lindsay (B) WA.1487
- 19 May Sunbury-Emu Creek-Wildwood (Medium)
Train leaves Spencer Street Station 9 a.m. Ticket - 2nd Return Sunbury (6/-). Bring track notes printed in "Walk" 1961 and test your navigation abilities. Joan Skurrie
- 26 May Moorabool Falls-Champion Hill-Mt. Doran (Easy - 12 miles)
Van departs Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (18/-)
Map - Ballan 1" = 1 mile. Robert Steele

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SEARCH & RESCUE PRACTICE : 18th - 19th May, 1963

Kinglake Map 1 : 50,000 Ordinance Survey

Take the highway to Whittlesea then follow the Wallan Road passing through Glenvale. Turn off the main road to the left at Bruce's Creek Road (Sign-posted). The Field H.Q. is at the Police Scout Hut, grid ref. 134819. Starting time for practice is 10 a.m. at Field H.Q. Bring all equipment listed on S. & R. sheet. Be prepared for a dry camp on Saturday night as water is scarce in the immediate area. Bring enough cord to manufacture a stretcher. There will be an equipment check and a First Aid quiz on Sunday. The practice is due to finish Sunday afternoon in time to return home for tea.

N.B. A snake-bite kit could be an asset in some sections of this area.
Police and T.V. will be in attendance.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

Queen's Birthday Weekend - 7th to 10th June.

Malmsbury-Vaughan Springs-The Bluff-Lyonville (30 medium miles)
Hiker's ticket may be obtained at Tourist Bureau - 30/-. Train leaves Spencer Street at 8.20 a.m.

Queen's Birthday Weekend - 7th to 10th June

POSTPONEMENT of Lake Mournpoul-Lake Hattah walk until flooding of Murray River re-fills lake.

An alternative excursion to Lake Barmah is being investigated by the Walks Committee. A description of the area will be found in the August issue, Vol. 27 of "Walkabout" - Bound volumes may be inspected in clubroom. Fare - about 50/- return. Train booking opens 7th May.

ATTENTION

Members holding back copies of "WALK" for sale - please see that outstanding amounts for these copies are accounted for. Contact Miss Barbara Muir.

It has been suggested that the Club hold food stocks for sale at special low prices to members. If you are at all interested in the scheme, please give your ideas to the Secretary or Committee Members.

A steel filing cabinet has been bought and will be installed in the Clubroom. All interested people invited to 39 Allison Road, Box Hill North on Tuesday, 30th April at 8 a.m. for meeting to discuss maps generally. Bring your own cup and wear "sitting-on-the-floor" type clothes.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION - Wednesday, May 15

"ALONG THE TRACK"**THOMPSON RIVER - ABERFELDY**

Long Weekend 22-25 Feb.

In the middle of the night the walk started - four long miles down a dark road until a chorus of frogs croaked of a nearby watering place - campsite. The sun was quite a few axe handles high before the party of 28 got going again, & by lunchtime the road had lost itself in the cool caverns of jungle fernery where a respectable $\frac{1}{2}$ mile per hour was haltingly maintained, Indian file. When the afternoon cooled and the shadows lengthened some thought it better going downstream, in stream, so, needless to say, by nightfall the party was a mile long and bivouacked in all odd and curious sorts of places. That evening the sound of isolated groups calling each other could be heard up & down the river. Mid-morning next day the leader had found everybody and a track leading down to the Thompson River and a lunchsite - a pleasant respite after the morning's exertions. Then the tree fringed grassy flats of Stringers Selection pleased the eyes of all so much that there seemed no need to hurry, and Jordan & Jericho were forgotten. The river had to be forded and those with malicious humour cocked their cameras but in the end were thwarted for all crossed without mishap. Monday morning was a long pull out of the valley and up to the ridge hamlet of Aberfeldy, in time for news of the Royal progress, views of the Baw Baws and milk fresh from the cow, before hitting the 6 miles of road to meet the van in which, on the way home, Messrs. Bach & Hordern entertained with a fine rendering of "When the Suds go Down Across the Galway Bay" and other such ditties.

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POWER'S LOOKOUT - TYPO RANGE

Long Weekend 8-11 Mar.

The lookout is reached by wooden ladders leading up to a high crag overlooking the scattered farms and forests of the Upper King River Valley. There we arrived, the 10 of us, late on the Friday night (after a journey of about 200 miles from Melbourne) and made use of the nearby camping facilities. Eating breakfast we could see the wooded tablelands away to the east - the scene of our operations for the next few days. By late afternoon we had crossed the King, climbed the opposite scarp, the leader carrying an outsize cardboard cylinder containing an aerial photograph of the area. With this aid we were able to wander aimlessly around for a few miles before darkness compelled camping. The conflict - Man v. Insect - was dramatically brought home when a campfire was abandoned after a heavy onslaught of ants. The morning's track led down to an old mining site nestling in a pleasant & secluded spot. An hour or so later arguments were raging on the way to climb the next obstacle - a high, razor-backed ridge, but soon every puff of breath was used in the climb - all controversy forgotten in the scramble in the bramble until all sides were finally compensated by fine tree-framed views of Mts. Cobbler & Buffalo. A comfortable campsite was found - near a deserted orchard of apples. Again the ants attacked and a tent had to be evacuated. Last morning a track which Mr. Bennie had mentioned was followed up to the Typo Range where masses of red conglomerate have weathered into rugged battlements & towers affording glorious views of the whole area, & there we lingered a little before dropping down to the road and the VW bus. Back home amazed to learn that we'd had the better weather - the advantage of walking North of the Divide!

ATTENTION

SOCIAL : May 17th - Tasmanian Reserve Slides, 8.30 p.m. Please label and give slides to Social Secretary (Doug Pocock) by Friday, May 10th.

PERSONAL: **Made Official** : Engagements of Charlie Weiling and Anne Dodds, Bill Thompson and Margaret Vahland, Peter Ingram and Margaret Manley.

Visitors to Betty Dixon have been admiring her daughter Linda Joy. Married recently was Alf Rendell, back from N. Z. & with us again. Bill Hordern now interstate with National Mapping.

We wish the above members all the best in their various enterprises.

PUBLICATION REVIEWS

A book we received from the Technical Book & Magazine Co. Pty. Ltd., Swanston St., should prove of interest to members who also climb. According to the blurb on the dust cover - "Artificial Aids in Mountaineering" is the first book on modern methods in mountaineering, describing and illustrating all types of gadgets and equipment. Modern techniques & procedures are also described. Published by Nicholas Kaye, London - price 14/3d. + 1/3d. postage and packing.

Three Booklets on Mt. Buffalo

Although these have been obtainable for some time, new editions have been printed by the Victorian Railways and are obtainable at the Govt. Tourist Bureau:-

1. "The Romance of Mt. Buffalo" (9d.) is its history as given by the late Dr. J. F. Wilkinson at the Chalet, 1929. It seems that the doctor was the original secretary of the Alpine Club and was largely instrumental in cutting the tracks. But the story goes back to the really early days of the fifties. The first chalet was built of paper!
2. "Flower & Feather at Mt. Buffalo National Park" (1/-) should prove a helpful guide for those seeking the attractions of the park.
3. "The Buffalo Mountains - A Geological Survey" (2/-) is a re-publication of the report first made by the late Mr. E. J. Dunn, F.G.S. for the Dept. of Mines and is illustrated by map and 20 large photos of the tors & views.

DON'T FORGET --- The Barn Dance is on 4th & 5th May at Toolern Vale Mechanics Institute Hall. Van leaves Batman Avenue on the 4th at 1.30 p.m. and will drop everyone off a short distance from the hall. This will give you a short walk (without packs) to the hall. Bring normal bushwalking gear - provide your own meals. If you have no tent there is plenty of room in the hall. For those with tents there is plenty of space around the hall to put them up.

Van fare - 14/-

Donation for dance - Gentlemen 6/-

*Ladies - a plate of eats.

There will be a short walk on the Sunday without packs, returning for lunch. The van should arrive back at the city fairly early.

For more details see Social Secretary (Doug Pocock - 544.1686) or any of the Social Committee (Anne Badger, Joan Skurrie or Barbara Muir).

* Could all girls please speak to Joan before finally deciding on what to bring for supper as this will help her to prevent us being deluged by 24 dozen triple layered cream sponges with chocolate icing, and little else.

NOTE : NO BOOTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE HALL so bring your own shoes.

OF GENERAL INTERESTFilm Night

A series of interesting Antarctic films will be shown at Nicholas Hall, 148 Lonsdale St., Melbourne on Friday night, 3rd May at 8 p.m. Introduction & commentary by Dr. Phillip Law, Director, Antarctic Division. Program includes Oates Land; Macquarie Island 1959; The Home-Made Car (B.P. Film); Helicopters; and Expedition South. Visitors are welcome. Donation : 2/- adults, 1/- children.

Australian Folk Festival

The Federation has received a notification from the Victorian Bush Music Clubs & the Folklore Society that there is to be held an Australian Folk Festival on May 11th to 18th. Items to be included are : A concert of Australian Folk Songs (a big public "Singabout") in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday, May 18th; All Day Seminar conducted by the CAE on May 11th; Luncheon with author Alan Marshall organised by the CAE on Wednesday, May 15th; Films - Nicholas Hall, 8 p.m., Tuesday, 7th May; Films (Australian) Balwyn Theatre, Wednesday, May 15th - 8 p.m. Details will appear in the daily press or ring Mr. Robin Bailey - JX.1180 (after hours)