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THIS FRIDAY NIGHT . . . 15th February +

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Clubroom, Room 110, R.R.I., Flinders St., City. Starts 8.15 pm. sharp.

BUSINESS: Election of Office-bearers for 1963. - Annual Reports - General Business.

Note that Annual Reports are supplement to this issue of 'News', thus allowing members to read and consider them before their presentation at the A.G.M.

TUPPERWARE SOCIAL EVENING

At Clubroom on Friday, 1st March, 1963, at 8.30 pm.

Be on time for the friendly party guaranteed to put all and sundry in the right frame of mind to buy some of these well-finished, soft plastic containers, completely airtight, and therefore recommended for bushwalking equipment. There will also be regular kitchen items on sale so you may invite your friends and relations as well. The club is promised a percentage of the takings.

MOOMBA WALK-ABOUT

The Day Walk of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs. Led this year by the Youth Hostels Association. Sunday, 3rd March. TRAIN leaves Spencer St. station 9 am. Returns city 3.50 pm. TICKET: 2nd return, Sunday Excursion Castlemaine (16/3). Walk will commence at Paradise.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

HOGG, David McColl - 292 Mitcham Rd., Mitcham--(P) 87 1630

ALLISON, Donald - 10 Derrnan St., Brunswick, N.10 (P) 36 3221
(B) 63 0311 EX. 1738
1091

MOUNTAIN TRAMPING COURSE AT LAKE DOBSON, MT. FIELD NATIONAL PARK, TASMANIA will be held over the Easter holidays. Apr. 12-16. As guest host will be Tenzing Norgay the famous Sherpa Guide who will lead walks in the area and lecture at night. Open to men and women 16 - 30 years of age. Details from Robert Taylor.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

COLOUR SLIDES 2"x2" of Wildflowers or native plants of Victoria, taken preferably in their natural habitat. A maximum of 5 slides may be entered. Money prizes. Entry forms are now available at Clubroom or from Miss B.C. Terrell, 24 Seymour Av., Armadale, S.E.3. Entries close 25th February. Results mailed by 16th March. Public screenings of acceptances at Scots Church Hall, Russell St., City on 21st and 22nd March at 8 pm. Organised by the Native Plants Preservation Society of Victoria.

NOTE regarding public transport to Wilkinson Lodge.

There is no bus from Wangaratta to Mt. Beauty on weekends. However, a bus leaves from Wodonga station on Wednesdays. The King passengers are warned that there is no indicator on this vehicle which is a Kombi-bus and may be hard to recognise as such.

In case of emergency telephones have been sited at 1 mile intervals along the road between Mt. Beauty and Rocky Valley.

Long weekend at Wilkinson Lodge: 8 - 11 MARCH. Details from the Lodge Manager.

PROGRAM = DAY WALKS

- 17 FEBRUARY = Blackberrying Walk: BERTICK = = - LISTERFIELD HILLS- (EASY) Now led by Neil Ham. TRAIN leaves Flinders St. station 9.05 am. TICKET return Berwick(6/-) Bring billy for barries - water for lunch. Return city 7 am.
- 24 FEBRUARY - HEALLESVILLE = DONNELLY'S WEIR = MAROONDAH (10 miles - easy) TRAIN leaves Flinders St. Station 9.15 am., returns city 8.20 pm. Ticket: Return Healesville 910/-) Map: Broadbents card No. 176. A description of this walk may be found in the Melbourne Walker Vol, 28 pg 73. Led by Ray O'Donnell (p) 50 2532.
- 3 MARCH - MOOMBA WALK (see page 1)
- 10 MARCH - MACTDON = MCGREGOR'S TRACK = CADEL'S HUMP = WOODEND (12 miles -medium) TRAIN leaves Spencers St. station 9 am, returns city 8.50 pm. Ticket: 2nd excursion ticket Woodend (14/-) Map: Broadbents card no. 179.- Military 1"=1 ml. 'Lancefield'. Pine forests and deciduous trees in early autumn conditions. Note change of leader - Now Ray O'Donnell (p) 50 2532.
- 17 MARCH - HURSTBRIDGE = PHILLIPS HILL = COTTRELL'S BRIDGE = HURSTBRIDGE (10 miles - easy) TRAIN leaves Princes Bridge Station 8.53. Return city about 6.45 pm. Map: Military 1"=1 ml. 'Yan Yean'. Led by Anne Dodds XJ 4167.
- 24 MARCH - WARBURTON : LAL LAL FALLS = MT. LITTLE JOE = WARBURTON (10 miles - medium) TRAIN leaves Flinders St. station 9.15 am. JOHN BACH 98 3352
- 31 MARCH - VIEW HILL - BOYD'S CREEK = KILMORE (12 miles -medium) VAN leaves Batman Av. 8.55 am. (14/-) Robert Stool 47 3743.
- 7 APRIL - FORESTRY EXCURSION (easy) Conducted by Peter Van der Duys.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 22-25 FEBRUARY - BASALT HILL = JORDAN RIVER = RED JACKET = JERICHO (25 miles medium) Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 Friday night. (50/-) Map: Matlock 1"=1 ml. Lnds. Following the Thompson River by old mining towns, past Walhalla. This is the Queens visit weekend. Led by Felix Harding 53 -3851
- 8 -11 MARCH = GENTLE ANNIE GAP = TYPO RANGE = BENNIES = POWER'S LOCKOUT (25 miles -medium) Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 Friday night (60/-) This long weekend walk is in the 'nearer north-east' zone - views of the Buffalo plateau and King River valley - the Kelly country. Ian Phillips 83 2665.
- 8-11 MARCH - CRADLE MOUNTAIN WALKING TOUR (Tasmania) Details from Tasmanian Govt. Tourist Bureau, 254 Collins St., City. Phone 63 6851
- 29-31 MARCH - SEVEN CREEKS GORGE = MT. WOMBAT (15 miles - easy) VAN leaves Batman Av. 6.30 pm. Friday night. (40/-) More Kelly country. Betty Enslie, leader.
- 11-15 APRIL - EASTER - TALI KARN - Three parties -easy, medium and hard!

INVITATION TO AN EASY LONG WEEKEND = 23-25 February.

An easy time down at Wye River near Lorne is the intention of Bruce Draper. Swimming, exploring, and fishing can be the interests for all who care to come along on this private jaunt to the fringe of the Otways.

Transport:- Ansett Bus from Swanston Street, City. Seats may be booked at this terminal. Bruce Draper.

C.A.E. COURSES COMMENCING

Council of Adult Education classes start soon and here are a few which may be of special interest to our members. Details from 114 Flinders St. Phone 63 2331, 63 4104

- GEOLOGY - Wednesdays 7.45 pm. 10 lectures plus 5 field excursions. Begins March 20
- MARINE BIOLOGY. Thursdays 7.45 pm. Miss J. Hope Macpherson, M.Sc. Begins March 14.
- WILD LIFE IN AUSTRALIA.- Fridays 6.15-7.30 pm. The lecturer is Mr. Jack Hyett, author of 'A Bushman's Year' and 'A Bushman's Harvest'. Begins March 15.
- NATURAL HISTORY OF NEW ZEALAND - Fridays 6.15 - 7.30 pm. 10 weeks. Begins June 14.
- A Syllabus is available for inspection at the Clubroom.

NEW LIGHT WEIGHT AIR MATTRESS now available from Clark Rubber. Weighs only a few ounces. Size 12"x18" This is just large enough to fit under the back of the average size person and could make all the difference between a hard and comfortable bed. Can also be rolled up into a pillow shape. Price 5/6.

Report of Club activities to the Annual General Meeting15th February 1963.

The reports of the several sub-committees are as follows:-

Walks Report

Jim Hester

Jim Hester was Walks Secretary, strongly supported by Fred Halls, John Siseman and Jenny Milner. Barry Short was Equipment Officer, having Joan Skurrie as assistant. Then Robert Steel was assistant to Joan when Barry's work took him interstate for part of the year.

PROGRAMMES.

It has been the policy to introduce at least two new leaders on each of the four programmes throughout the year and also to spread the leadership as much as possible amongst the members, with no one person leading two walks of a similar nature on the one programme. To this end 42 members led walks during the year, this included 10 members who led their first walk, 6 who graduated to leading their first weekend and 3 who led an extended walk for the first time. Our sincere thanks to all leaders, old and new, for upholding the reputation for good leadership of walks this club enjoys.

Walk reports have generally speaking been returned promptly and this has been a big help in keeping records up to date. However, one application for membership had to be referred one month because reports for the walks nominated on the application had not been received, so there is still room for improvement on this aspect of a leader's duties.

MAP READING.

Two exercises were held during the year, the first as a weekend and day exercise, the later as a day exercise only. Considerable knowledge was gained from these exercises, by both the participants and organizers, and it is felt that a continuation of the exercises in the future will enable the club to maintain its high standard of leadership.

VISITORS ON WALKS

During the year 145 visitors joined us for a total of 301 visitor/walk outings, 30 of these people becoming members after completing the required qualifying walks. Visitors now pay 1/- per day of a walk, revenue thus gained to be used for purchasing new equipment for hiring.

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

A new system for the hiring out of equipment was introduced during the year and it is now operating quite satisfactorily.

Penalty rates for the non-prompt return of equipment are being enforced and breaches of this by-law are lessening.

A quarterly stocktake and valuation will enable the committee to keep a check on all equipment and so retain on the hiring list only gear that is worthy of this club hiring to visitors.

MAPS.

A lockup filing cabinet is to be bought in the immediate future. When this purchase is made and installed in the club room all maps will be kept there. A map custodian will be appointed and his duty will be to issue and re-file any maps that members wish to use in the club room.

Year	Day			Weekend			Overall		
	No.	Total	Aver.	No.	Total	Aver.	No.	Total	Aver.
1959/60	50	774	16	17	268	16	72	1120	16
1960/61	43	878	20	11	184	18	62	1167	19
1961/62	44	887	20	20	316	16	73	1360	19
1962/63	45	754	17	24	392	16	76	1219	16

Year	Extended		
	No.	Total	Aver.
1959/60	5	78	16
1960/61	8	95	12
1961/62	9	157	18
1962/63	7	73	10

1962/63 Social Weekends (President's- Barn Dance) 80

No. of Walks.

TYPE	VAN	OTHER TRANSPORT	TOTAL
Day	24	21	45
Weekend	16	8	24
Extended	2	5	7
Total	42	34	76

The Barn Dance was held at Main Ridge on May 12-13 and was a great success. The work put into the decorating was well worth the effort and Roy Taylor and his band played well into the morning everyone a whale of a time. The Christmas Dance was likewise well supported by Roy and his band at the V.A.C.S. Hall in East Melbourne. A highlight of this evening was a small item presented by some club members.

Several profitable theatre nights were held during the year "Search For Paradise", Windjammer, and Orpheus In the Underworld".

Speakers in the clubroom were Bill Thompson - "Central Australia", Dick Thompson - "Overland From London", Mr. H.T. Reeves - a lecture on nature photography illustrated with slides of Fungi, Graham Manders - "Touring the U.S.S.R." and Bruce Muir - a lecturette preview of his wildflower walk. Two film nights were held; Mr. J. Dowling showed us his award winning film on Lyrebirds, "Songs and Tails" and Ron Weeks showed us some of his films taken on walks.

Slide nights were held during the year when members displayed their photographs. The most acclaimed slide show was the one in which not scenery, but club personalities were the subject of the photographers and the cause of much laughter.

Christmas walks preview night was in the form of a display each leader attempting to entice people along on their walks.

The Presidents Weekend was held up Emerald way. Much rain fell but fortunately John Chennell saved the day by allowing the 25 odd "bushies" into his house for an indoor barbecue and revelries.

This year a respectable profit was made on social functions including the Christmas Dance and theatre nights. However, a loss was made on the Barn Dance but a generous donation by a non-member mitigated this.

The Social sub-committee consisting of Joan Skurrie, Jenny Milner, Margaret Vahlund and Doug Pocock wish members who have become engaged, married and/or parents during the year all the best and thank all members of the club for their support.

News Report.

Athol Schafer

This year the "News" was printed and published as usual, Athol Schafer being the editor and printer, and Dora Hills in charge of distribution.

MAGAZINE REPORT.

Allen Bennett

"Walk" No. 13 (1962)

Cost of printing 1500 copies

£160- 0- 0

Sales: Gordon and Gotch (580)

£40- 5- 6

Members and sundry retailers

70-13- 1

110-18- 7

Advertising

81-12- 0

Total receipts

£192-16- 7

Profit.

32-16- 7

"WALK" No. 14 (1963).

Cost of printing 1600 Copies

£188- 5- 0

Less advertising receipts (estimated)

94- 10- 0

£93-15- 0

Sales; Gordon & Gotch have taken 1,000 copies, 204 have been sold to retailers and 267 to or by members of which £21-9-0 has been received

There has been a steady demand for back numbers, largely for the sake of the walks sections. The treasurer reports that during November he has frequent requests for back numbers as walkers start to plan their Xmas outings. The treasurer suggests that a book of walks such as that published recently by the Gechi Club would command a steady market. This idea has much to commend it, practically as the bulk of the information is already on hand in back issues of "Walk", and in walks reports.

A further point has been re-emphasized, this year by the delay in receiving "Walk" from the printers. I am convinced that we lose many sales by not having the magazine on sale by the beginning of November at the latest. I realise that this results from our practice of deciding our policy at the June General meeting, after taking account of sales of the previous issue. As the last two or three issues have shown a fairly regular and healthy pattern, I suggest that it may be worth our while to take a decision on whether or not to publish earlier in the year, to ensure early release to resellers.

WILKINSON LODGE REPORT

John Chennell

The Club has now received the agreement of Sale from the S.C.V. so that the Lodge is now legally ours. Further improvements have been carried out at the Lodge. The most noteworthy has been the reinstallation of running water in the kitchen and bathroom. A special tap enables drainage of the pipes in the Lodge when left, so that burst pipes will not result during the winter.

The Common Room has been fully painted and curtains made for the windows. A new woodstove has been installed and a Tilley Lamp and two small gas burners purchased, for the greater convenience and comfort of those staying there.

The Sub-Committee has met three times to discuss improvements but shortage of funds has curtailed many ideas. Club members were approached during the year for further donations to the Lodge, the response was weak with but few exceptions. Likewise a circular sent to past and present members failed to receive any response. While this is disappointing, the Committee is confident that the Lodge is greatly appreciated by those visiting there, and we look forward to greater interest by other members during the coming year.

Our thanks are due to all who have contributed toward the improvements noted above.

FEDERATION REPORT.

General Council

Delegate Rob. Taylor.
Observer John Sisman.

At the Annual General Meeting in May, R. Lingard of the V.M.T.C. was elected President and E. Quinlan of the Y.E.A. Honorary Secretary.

Last year was the Melbourne Bushwalkers' turn to lead the Moomba walk and about 130 much assorted walkers attended a most successful days outing in the Macedon area. The Moomba Nature Show was however not such an unqualified success, mainly due to the lack of co-operation from the Town Hall staff. It has been suggested at the Council the the F.V.W.C. quietly withdraw from the Moomba Nature Show.

Many items of general and specific interest to walkers have been discussed at the Council Meetings, and club delegates have been asked to gather such items from club members and pass them on to other club delegates' at Council meetings. Such items can then be relayed back to the various clubs by the club delegate.

It has been suggested by one club that we revive the Federation Weekends and member Clubs have been asked to consider the matter.

Probably the most important event of the year (as far as the Federation is concerned) has been the completion and printing of the Federation Map Index. This lengthy (64 pages) document will be on sale in the near future.

TRACK CLEARING

Delegate John Siseman

At the track clearing committee meeting in August 1962 the following points were discussed. It was decided that the Ada Valley bridges should not be destroyed as had been suggested, but to be left in their present condition; but that good tracks be cut around them to avoid the necessity of crossing the bridges.

Respective clubs will supply their own equipment and no one is too keen on lending of equipment from one club to another.

It has also been suggested to revive the combined Federation track clearing W/E but the decision to do this depends upon the opinion of the member clubs.

All tracks cut by the Federation should now be cleared and well marked and should not need any work for a couple of years. The policy of the committee is now toward better track marking rather than clearing.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Delegate Bill Thompson

Once again we have had another quiet year free from actual searches.

The annual practice search was held in the Djerri warrah Creek area just east of Bacchus Marsh and was attended by a total of 46 members of all clubs with our 12 members being the largest single representation. The entire Police SAR squad was present with their vehicle and members of this squad were allocated along with members of the Federation to the various search teams. Everyone present benefitted by the exercise.

One or two minor alerts were sounded during the year and in October a full search was called to locate four boys lost in the Mt. Juliet - Watt River area but they were found before anyone actually left the city.

With the changing population of Club membership this club's S and R lists are becoming somewhat depleted and we still require volunteers for this humanitarian work. As well as myself as delegate the M.B.W. was represented by Fred Halls as No. 5. on the Field Officers List.

SECRETARY'S Report.

Rob. Taylor.

Once again the Club has functioned smoothly, the President being ably supported by an excellent committee.

The increasing youthfulness of the Club is reflected by the many young faces on the committee and among established leaders. Their zest and enthusiasm has been well tempered by the sound advice of more experienced members resulting in an active and virile Club.

The Walks sub-committee has been particularly active in regard to equipment hire, the general question of maps and mapping and choosing of members for trips on which a restriction is placed either with respect to numbers or to standard, and the full committee has given much consideration to their schemes for improving these matters. Many proposals, such as the new scheme of equipment hire have been adopted and at the April General Meeting the By-Laws Section 2 were amended to prevent small groups of club members from monopolising trips, usually tough, upon which a limit in numbers is placed.

Membership of the club stands at 140 financial, 3 life, 4 News subscribers and 14 honorary members, and subscriptions were received from 27 new members.

Secretarial work was largely uneventful. Many enquiries were received in the club room, by post and via our telephone book entries and information about maps, walks and membership was passed on to these inquirers.

Programmes were exchanged with many clubs, both local and interstate and were also distributed to many other organizations. Magazines, programmes, newsletters and pamphlets were received from many walking clubs and associated organizations and were sold or displayed in the club room.

We were active in Federation affairs and are giving our full support to the Wilson's Promontory Protection Committee in its fight to save the Promontory from Commercial exploitation. One of our members is actively engaged in the work of this committee.

During the year we received samples of various types of waterproof cloth and we were able to buy cut lengths and sell them to club members at very reasonable prices. This service is still available to members who wish to use it.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those people both on and off the committee who, by their co-operation and enthusiasm helped to make my task a more pleasant one.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

My thanks also go to the Secretary, the committee and all who have given generously of their time and efforts to keep the club running.

W.I. Thompson.

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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1963

Supplement to "THE NEWS" of the Melbourne Bushwalkers, February 1963

1962	1963	1962	1963
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		<u>Current Assets</u>	
£ 93. 4. 0 Sundry Creditors £102. 6. 0		£144.10. 4 Bank - General Account £261.13.	
2.15. 0 Subscriptions in Advance 1.10. 0	£103.16. 0	42. 8. 5 - Wilkinson Lodge A/C 54.16.	
		78.15. 0 Advertising Debtors 103. 1.	
£ 25.19. 0		- Sundry Debtors 2.10.	
<u>Members' Funds</u>		50. 8. 0 Stock "Walk" No. 14-1963 72. 6.	
12.17. 7 Wilkinson Memorial Lodge 130. 9. 3		16. 1. 3 Metal Badges 10. 6.	
2.17. 3 Balance 31.1.1962 2. 7. 9		6. 0. 2 Cloth Badges 5. 0.	
3.18. 0 Bank Interest 41. 6. 0		0.18. 6 Books for Rescue -	
1. 1. 0 Accommodation Charges 2. 8. 0		£339. 1. 8	£509.14. 1
£154.13.10		<u>Fixed Assets (at Cost)</u>	
4. 4. 7 Less Depreciation		8.18. 2 Equipment 3. 0.	
		7.10. 0 Duplicator 5. 0.	
£130. 9. 3		2. 0. 6 Tilley Lamp 1. 7.	
		3. 1. 2 Track Clearing Equipment 2. 0.	
<u>Accumulated General Funds</u>		Wilkinson Lodge & Equip. Cost £125.19. 3	
179. 0. 2 Balance 31.1.1962 232. 4. 1		Less Provision 16.19. 3	109. 0. 1
£2. 3.11 Surplus transferred from Profit & Loss A/C 128.11. 8		for Depreciation	
		£88. 0.10	£120. 7. 0
£232. 4. 1		£109.10. 8	
£362.13. 4	£526. 5. 1		
£448.12. 4	£630. 1. 1		£630. 1. 1

We have examined the above Balance Sheet of the Melbourne Bushwalkers as at 31st January 1963 and the attached Statement of Profit & Loss for the year ended 31st January 1963 and compared it with the books and records of the club. In our opinion it shows correctly the financial position of the club as at that date and the results of its financial activities for the year.

R. G. BITTNER IAN R. PHILLIPS
31.1.1963
(Hon. Auditors)

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 31st January, 1963

The Club's activities for the year have been quite satisfactory and have resulted in a profit of £128.11.8d., a considerable increase over that of the previous year.

This has been due to several factors, those of note being mentioned below:-

The success of "Walk" Magazine for 1962, which has realised a profit of £32.16. 7d., the best result to date.

The continued popularity of van trips, which showed a profit of £76.17.6d., although this can be mainly attributed to the Easter and Australia Day week-end walks.

Social events proved to be very successful, and yielded £10.8.6d. towards Club funds.

Good use was made of the Club's equipment and hire charges brought in £16. 2. 0d.

Generally, 1962 has been a successful year and the Club's financial position is quite good. We can look forward to 1963 with confidence.

(Arthur Whyte)
Hon. Treasurer