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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Bi-Monthly Meeting : 28th June - 8.30 p.m. sharp

Walks Reports

Leaders are requested to furnish Walk Reports promptly to Walks Secretary in order that up-to-date records can be kept of (a) all visitors attending walks; (b) Track Notes for Club reference, and (c) to facilitate the keeping of financial records.

Hiring of Equipment

Very shortly the Club intends to buy some new equipment for hire to new and intending members. It has therefore been decided to charge a DEPOSIT OF £1 PER HEAD on future hirings, the deposit to be refundable on return of the equipment.

Please note also - future hire charges for rucksacks will be -
Unframed - 1/6 for first day plus 6d. each
additional day
Framed - Double above rates.

Vans on Boggy Roads

Leaders of van trips during wet weather please note :

Do not ask the driver to take the van onto roads which are likely to be boggy. There have been three occasions lately of vans being bogged, so please try to prevent this happening on future trips by planning dropping and pick-up points on good roads.

Auction

An auction of secondhand equipment will be held after General Meeting on Friday, June 28th. Packs, tents and other gear.

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5th July - Slides - 8.30 p.m.

"Easter and After" - Please see that slides are named, numbered and labelled. Hand to Social Secretary by next week (28th June).

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Lyrebird Weekend - Alteration

Please note - Buy a Single Ticket to TECOMA, not Belgrave as on programme. (22nd - 23rd June) Leader: Joan Skurrie (B) MU.4435

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PERSONAL NOTICESNew Member :

TAYLOR, Susan 66 Twyford St., Williamstown (P) ML.6029

Changes of Address :

BAKER, Frank Flat 4, 37 Belgrave Rd., E. Malvern (B) 60.077 Ext. 296
 BURT, Frank C/o Chief Post Office, Auckland, N. Zealand
 CHENNEL, John Flat 2, 2 St. Georges Court, Ashburton
 FILSON, Rex 63 Park Street, South Melbourne
 PRESSBURGER, Isaac 9 Fulham Avenue, South Yarra
 RICHEY, Lorraine 230 St. Georges Road, Northcote

Change of Name :

DODDS, Anne Now Mrs. Charles Weiling
 VAHLAND, Margaret Now Mrs. Bill Thompson

Alterations to Honorary Members' List :

Transfer to Financial Members' List -

CHESTERFIELD, Fay 6 Gough St., Gardenvale (P) 96.4160 (B) 62.0171
 FILSON, Rex 63 Park Street, South Melbourne
 SCHAFER, Geoff 20 Mernda Avenue, Glenhuntly
 RICHEY, Lorraine 230 St. Georges Road, Northcote

Add to Honorary Members' List -

SCOTT, Mervyn & Mrs. Mary, 56 Queen Victoria St., Motueka, N.Z.
 WEYBURY, Muriel - 106 Johnston Street, Newport
 WORSLEY, Don

News About Members :

Felix Harding is touring Queensland and has taken his mother. He will be visiting some of the walking clubs along the coast.
 Again a daughter to Muriel and Lorton Fox - all doing well.
 Snook off and married - Bill Thompson and Margaret.

SOCIAL CUTING

Are you interested in a theatre night for Union Theatre Repertory Co's. "And the Big Men Fly" ("Outrageously funny" - Age) at the Russell Street Theatre? If so, have a word in Doug (Soc. Sec.) Pocock's shell pink - NOW

ARTICLES & PHOTOS. WANTED FOR "WALK" MAGAZINE

At the last General Meeting it was decided to print and publish "Walk" for 1964. Miss Val Goldsmith is now collecting material for the new issue. Now is the time to start writing that article..... don't put it off!

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DAY WALKS PROGRAMME

- 30 June Bald Spur - Strathewan - Sugarloaf (10 medium miles)
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-) Map: Yan Yean
 Military 1" = 1 mile. Leader Ann Guthrie (P) JW 6739.
- 7 July Yea Rock - Black Range - Gypsy Lane (12 medium miles)
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (14/-) Robert Steele JU 3743
- 14 July View Hill - Mt. William - Moranding (11 medium miles)
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. Maps - "Lancefield" and
 "Pyalong" military 1" = 1 mile. (14/-) Ann Badger WM.9362
- 21 July Darley Ford - Old River (10 tough miles) Selected Party.
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-) John Siseman.
- 21 July Darley Ford - Knock-em-Down Gully - Goodman's Creek
 (10 medium to hard miles) Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m.
 (12/-). Fred Halls XU 3724. Map: "Ballan" military 1" = 1 mile.
- 28 July Silvia Creek - Victoria Range - Katy's Creek (12 medium miles)
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (14/-) Arthur Whyte LW 4277

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 6-7 July Mt. Margaret Gap-Blue Range-Cathedral Lane (20 hard miles)
 Map: Broadbent's No. 231. The leader has also produced two
 special maps for the walk. These will be on sale during the walk.
 Leader - Robin Mitchell XF 6082. Van leaves Batman Avenue
 8.30 a.m. Saturday (26/-).
 The leader says: "The walk will start at the playground turnoff below
 Lake Mountain. After climbing Lake Mtn. the party will leave Echo
 Flat for Keppel's hut via a new jeep track along the timbered ridge
 divide between the Federation and Blue ranges via a 4,800' "bump".
 From Keppel's hut the party will traverse the Southern end of the
 Blue Range for about 4 miles then down to Sugarloaf Saddle via
 Mt. Margaret spur. From here the party will climb sugarloaf then
 out to the road via the "Super Direct" track (DOWN this).
 This walk has been marked hard because it will probably be a snow
 walk. However anyone with a solid weekend walk 'under their belt'
 should be able to cope with it.
 WARNING: Bring plenty of warm clothes. (Even if it doesn't snow,
 it will be cold). Oiled or completely waterproof jackets are a MUST,
 as is a primus, mittens, socks (and of course boots).
- 2-4 Aug. SNOW TRIP (Selected Party). See notice board.
 Leader: Robert Taylor

NEW MAP ISSUES

Military Survey replaces the old Ringwood map - (a) "Ringwood"
 (b) "Monbulk"

Both maps are on metric scale ($1\frac{1}{4}" = 1$ mile). The Monbulk map covers the
 Dandenongs area (5/- each). Information correct to 1960.

Snippets:S & R Balloon

Reported in "The Age" 27/4/63 of a Bendigo invention. A rubber balloon,
 valve, cartridge of gas and nylon line fitting into a matchbox. When lost
 simply inflate balloon and let it drift above treetops until seen by searchers.

Four-Legged Bushwalkers

Some friends of ours going over Mt. Speculation encountered a party of walkers
 including a dog and a cat! This incident brings to mind that it is against Club
 policy to bring dogs along on walks. Note that dogs are prohibited in National
 Parks.

"ALONG THE TRACK"**BARMAH STATE FOREST**

Long Weekend 7 - 10 Jun.
Led by Peter van der Duys

An important walk, being a first for the Club - a visit to the largest Red Gum forest on the banks of the Murray River, north-east of Echuca.

Friday night : The van is rolling across the vast plains, past Shepparton, just long sheets of water after the nine days of neverstopping rain - on into the Groomboolian darkness to find shelter in cattle stalls and a beer pavillion at the Nathalian oval.

Saturday : The skies clear, but Gronows sinks deep into a watery rut and an hour is spent digging out. A string of brumbies charge off, the first animals and wildlife seen during the short walk to the fixed camp at Thistlebed - where there are comfortable FCV huts on the shores of Dat Old Man Ribber.

A mild night makes for a pleasing campfire singabout, though it is early to bed to be up early. As the first flush of dawn spreads high over the timbered banks of the river, the air becomes alive with the cries of many birds while down in the swamps, 'roos are spotted feeding. Only other people in area - out-of-season sportsmen - bang! bang! and a shot swan drifts past our camp.

The rest of the day is ambled away along the river in a visit to another hut situate in a most picturesque riverbend, and there is much mushrooming en route. Sweep out the huts before leaving on Monday morning for the nine miles south through swampland teeming with birdlife and Red Gums of all sizes, shapes and colour where the warmth of the sun lures out a Daddy of a Black Swamp Snake from his hibernation in a hollow tree stump.

Again wheels spin griplessly in the mire. Muddy but unbowed, the party do their best digging and shoving but without results until a local farmer - none other than Max Corry's father - and tractor appears. We burst into song "The Bushie and the Farmer should be Friends" as the little machine tugs the monstrous van out of the slimy ruts.

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THE BARN DANCE

Toolern Vale - 4-5 May, 1963

Highlights were:-

The large crowd (approximately 70); + The Decorations - thanks to Anne Guthrie and others. + The bat flying around the back room + Anne Badger's entry in evening gown complete with sleeping bag stole + A king-size conga around the hall while supper was made ready + A beaut supper, thanks to Joan Skurrie and other girls + The band playing till about 1.00 in the morn. + Roy's last number - "When the Saints" + Just about everyone K.O'd. by their strenuous dancing.

FEDERATION REPORT (Cont'd.)**Bon Accord Track :**

Following reports at Council meetings that this track was overgrown some members of Y.H.A. inspected it and decided to do some work clearing it. Two week-ends were so spent and the major part of the track (except for a small section around Bon Accord Hill) is now in fair to excellent order. Bright Shire Council, having intimated that it was not prepared to spend funds on the clearing of the track, but would do the work if the cost was defrayed, has now been asked if it would clear the black-berries from the river crossing. No reply has been received to this request as yet. The Harrierville Progress Association has also asked for funds from the T.D.A. to clear the track, but the Association has stated it would only make money available for new work (on a £4 for £1 basis).

New Knowledge for Weather Prophets :

It has been found that heavy rain is more likely during the 1st and 3rd weeks of a lunar month. Analysing 50 years of records taken at more than 1500 weather stations, U.S. meteorologists found that the wettest days tended to fall on dates between "new moon" & "1st quarter" and between "full moon" & "3rd quarter" rather than in the remainder of the month. The same observations have been found to be true in the southern hemisphere.