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An opportunity for new members to try equipment

The Club has replaced much of its old equipment with a representative range of gear available commercially. This will allow newcomers to try for themselves before buying expensive equipment.

NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held Monday, 23rd September at 8.00 p.m. on the 5th Floor, Federation House, 342 Flinders Street, City. Parking should be available in nearby Queen Street.

ARE U A MEMBER ? If not, see Val. Goldsmith. Annual Sub.: 5/-

INFORMAL SLIDE SHOWINGS

Members are invited to make use of the small screen, which is kept in the cupboard, to show their slides during Club nights when there is no formal fixture.

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Val and Betna will tell us about their jaunt to S.E. Asia last Christmas holidays. Come to Clubroom October 4th - 8.15 p.m. sharp.

Social Secretary - Doug Pocock - will welcome ideas for the coming social program. Any brainwaves? Then see him NOW.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

DAX, Justins Terrence Frederick - 52 George Street, East Melbourne
 (p) JA 4859 (B) JA1121
 O'CONNELL, Eileen - 3 Tennyson Street, Kew (p) WM 9110
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Change of Address :

VAN DER DUYS, Peter - 31 Elgin Street, Hawthorn (p) 86 6454

SOCIAL ROUND-UP

On the 6th September last, Room 110 was crowded with members & friends who enjoyed an entertaining talk by Rex Filson and John Freeman on their Antarctic experiences. Rex has come back convinced that the ranges of the ice-cap are marvellous places to go walking. This was illustrated by their collection of slides shown to full glory and breadth on our new wide-screen arrangement - the latest innovation in the Clubroom.

Looking fit and tanned is Felix Harding back from his north Queensland holiday.

Tom Burk left on 28th August for Lae, but will be back for Christmas.

Received - a testimonial letter from the Ranger at Wilson's Prom. warmly appreciating our club maps. Most thanks to Robin.

Still unattached is Bruce Draper despite the fair charmers of the YHA party which recently visited the Centre for 3 weeks. Geoff Schafer was another of our members on the tour, but continued on to West Australia where he has been out with a Perth walking club.

FEDERATION NEWS

A sub-committee has been appointed to look into the possibility of publishing a book of walks. In the meantime, Robert Taylor will welcome suggestions from members.

FEDERATION

The track to be cleared on the Federation Track Clearing Weekend, 21 - 22 September, is the Stronach's Mill - Mt. Whitelaw track.

WILKINSON LODGE

A month ago Allan Bennett, our first member to do so, skied in and found the premises snug and dry. More recently a party of 11 members and friends spent an enjoyable winter's week there.

PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH**Wilkinson Memorial Lodge**

This Club owns a building on the Bogong High Plains known as Wilkinson Memorial Lodge. Named after Mr. R. W. Wilkinson, it is ideally situated in the centre of the plains area and is an excellent base from which to explore this alpine region. Situated within easy days walking distance are Mount Cope (6,026 ft.) and Mr. Mackay (6,045 ft.) while Basalt Hill, immediately to the north of the Lodge, is 5,497 ft. high.

The Lodge is a solidly built timber house with a galvanised iron roof and is painted a bright orange. It has a main room with table, chairs and a large fireplace, two bunkrooms, kitchen, bathroom and pantry. From the windows of the main room one has a fine panorama of the slopes down to Shannan Vale and ranges of mountains behind stretching away to the Snowies.

The whole area is strictly controlled by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria as their Kiewa works area. It is by them that we are granted permissive occupancy. In other words, they own all the land over which we are permitted to travel to reach our own Lodge. They have some rules which are simple, reasonable and not at all onerous, and the wholehearted co-operation of members and their visitors is requested to uphold them.

In our own Club activities at the Lodge are controlled by a Sub-committee headed by Graham Errey as Lodge Manager. Members desiring to visit the Lodge must book in with Graham and obtain the keys from him.

We are not the only ones in the area, but we are given the privilege of using certain of the Commission's roads which are chained off to the public. These chains have a number of locks (in series) including our own and it is important that they be re-locked immediately your car has passed through. Of course, cars must not be driven off the roads on to the vegetation and we have been requested to park them at Wallace's Hut. Co-operation in adhering to the Commission's requirements will be repaid by their increasing trust in us.

W. I. Thompson
(President)

EXHIBITION OF WILDFLOWERS - On display at Hall's Gap.
Friday, October 4th to 13th.

PROGRAM DAY WALKS**22 September** Hurstbridge - Panton Hill - Watson's Creek (11 easy miles)

Train leaves Princes Bridge station 8.45 a.m. Stops all stations

Ticket : Return Hurstbridge (4/-). Returning city 6.15 p.m.

Map : Yan Yean Military 1" = 1 mile. Athol Schafer (b) MU 4445.

29 September Bullarto - Bullarto Reservoir - Trentham Falls (10 miles)
easy

Train leaves Spencer Street 9.30 a.m. Ticket : 2nd Return

BULLARTO (15/6d.) Warren Olle. Map : Daylesford Military.

(Please note change of route from Lyonville to Bullarto).

6 October You Yangs (10 medium miles)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-) Map: "Meredith"

Military 1" = 1 mile. Bring water for lunch. Led by Neil Ham.

13 October Olinda, its creek, falls and forest (10 easy miles)

Train departs No. 3 platform, Flinders Street station 8.56 a.m.

Ticket : Return Belgrave (4/- + bus) Map : Monbulk Military

1½" = 1 mile. Led by Sue Errey - 88 4385

20 October Kalatha Creek - Break O' Day Creek (11 medium miles)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (14/-) Map: Glenburn Military

1½" = 1 mile. Led by Jim Brooks.

27 October Estcourt's Track - Egg Rock - Beenak Junction (11 miles)
medium

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-)

Map: M.B.W. Warburton-Powelltown area. Led by Betty Emslie.

3 November View Hill - Mt. William - Moranding (11 medium miles)

Van (14/-) Maps : Lancefield & Pyalong Military.

Led by Anne Badger WM 9362.

5 November (CUP DAY) Ingram's Road - Steel's Hill - Seville (11 miles)
easy

Train leaves Princes Bridge Station 8.25 a.m. Hiker's Ticket :

Coldstream-Seville (8/-) from Tourist Bureau. Fay Chesterfield

(p) XM 4160 (b) 62 0171

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OVERNIGHT WALKS**25 - 29 September** Wilson's Promontory (includes Show Day)

For all enquiries see leader - Barry Short (p) 50 4843

5 - 6 October Little River-Reilly's Creek-Nelson's Lookout(Botany weekend and introduction to Weekending). Van leaves
Batman Avenue at 8.30 a.m. Saturday morning (22/-)A short north-south walk in the Brisbane Ranges, combining
instruction to our new members in the art of week-end camping
and time off to study the native Flora. Rex Filson will be on hand
to assist your botanising and answer queries. A good camp site
on the Little River and a journey back with the day walkers should
make a very pleasant weekend. Leader: Bill Thompson 89 8240**26-27 October** Powelltown - Seven Acre Rocks - Tomahawk Valley21 medium miles. Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.30 Saturday
morning (22/-). Maps: M.B.W. Warburton - Powelltown area.

Fred Halls XU 3724

CLUB MAPS AVAILABLE AT AUSKI's :

- (1) Feathertop - Hotham. 2" = 1 mile
- (2) Wilson's Promontory. 1" = 1 mile

ALONG THE TRACKMuckleford South - Mt. Tarrangower - Porcupine Flat

August 16 - 18

Friday night the van disgorged its contents of 12-boys and 1 brave, lone girl at Muckleford South and camp was pitched wherever a site was found.

Next morning the party moved off through light timber brightened with splashes of golden wattle and through the site of by-gone mining operations. At the "Golden Age" reef mine the party spent an hour wandering around its extensive environs, now deserted, where Dougo found (and subsequently lost) a small speck of gold. Passing a pair of very old houses made of mud and straw bricks, the party spent a lazy afternoon, arriving at campsite just off the Maldon road at 3.15 p.m. Sawn blocks of wood made convenient camp-fire seats.

Sunday morning the Tarrangower Creek was crossed and the route then continued through a more heavily mined area, and an occasional halt was called to inspect large mullock heaps and old houses. The ruins of a large processing plant was believed to belong to North British, and included batteries, smelters, settling tanks and a vast tailings ground. Some time was spent here before the climb up Mt. Tarrangower's summit where only a short time was spent because of the cold wind. In contrast, down the other side lunch was taken in a delightfully warm valley, after which came more climbing along a series of hills. As the price for a lazy morning there was a 5-mile road bash against the clock to the van, a race which was lost by an hour!

C.A.E. SPRING SCHOOL - MT. BEAUTY . . . 19 - 26 October

Lectures and practical studies include Geology, Botany, Birdlife, Bushcraft, Folklore, Practical Painting and Sketching.

Information available from Council of Adult Education, 4th Floor, 256 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Phone 63 4231

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ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Notice has been received that the Society now occupies commodious offices at 19 Queen Street, City where is housed its large library of Australiana, and there are facilities for research, study or just browsing. Public meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in the theatre of the Royal Society of Victoria at the north end of Exhibition Street. Saturday afternoon excursions are also held bi-monthly. For enquiries 'phone 62 7052.

HEARD ON THE GRAPE-VINE

Since it happened a program or two ago this can now be told with sufficient anonymity: On coming through the barrier to join the party waiting under the clocks, a certain young lady smartly about-turned on glimpsing the leader and headed back home. Young lady thought leader too tough a walker for her gait. Funny .. we always thought leader was one of the most gentle walkers of her sex !

When the President & Secretary went to the Youth Council Dinner, the former enjoyed it much more than the latter. He didn't have to pay !