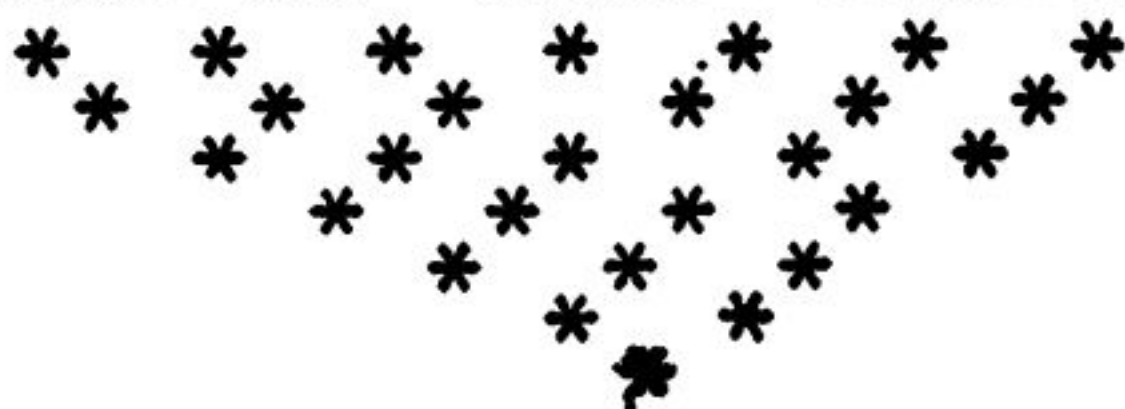


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Christmas Walkers ... Your Attention Please!

See that those at home have the following Contacts' phone numbers. While you are away enquiries should be made through these people:-

Up to 1st January: Athol Schafer 211 2649
After 1st January: Norm and Edna Richards 85 3726

Correction in Programme

Norm and Edna Richards 85 3726
Fred and Merle Halls 97 3724
Win and Ian Bennet 43 1921

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Club wishes to extend a welcome to all new members listed below.

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CHRISTMAS WALKERS ---

Have you got your Black and White Film yet ?

Don't forget the Photo Competition in the New Year !

SCENIC - BUSHWALKING ACTIVITIES

Watch for more details in the New Year - Don't leave it till the last moment.

A TRIP TO FLINDERS ISLAND DURING EASTER If you are at all interested, please contact Rex Filson. Deposits of £10 will be called for at the A.G.M.

A PLUVIAL YEAR There is no reason to suppose that the above normal rains should not continue into the New Year, so it may be advisable to carry that extra sheet of plastic and the fire lighting tablets, and before leaving home see your tent is waterproof !

"SAFETY IN THE BUSH" . . . These books are available from Eric Quinlan. 2/6 plus postage. They are also available at room 110 on club nights.

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

- 17th Jan. Wesburn - Mt. Tugwell - Brittania Falls - Little Yarra River (10 medium miles) Led by Darrell Sullivan 93 5713. Train departs 9.15 a.m. Flinders Street Station. Ticket: Return Excursion Wesburn (15/-)
- 24th Jan. Lerdergerg Gorge (Easy 6 miles - swimming) Led by Darrell Sullivan 93 5713. Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (10/-)
- 7th Feb. Blackberrying walk (easy 10 miles) Led by Lorraine Richey. Train departs 9 a.m. Flinders Street Station Ticket: Return Belgrave (5/-) Map: "Monbulk" military.

OVERNIGHT WALKS PROGRAM

- 23-24 Jan. Lerdergerg Gorge (Easy 6 miles - Swimming) Led By Barbara Aldridge 91 2087. Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.30 a.m. Saturday (16/-)
- 29 Jan-1 Feb. Australia Day Long Weekend. Whitelaw Bluff - Mustering Flat - Mt. Baw Baw - Mt. Erica (25 medium miles) Led by Fred Halls 97 3724. Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Friday Map: V.M.T.C. Baw Baw Plateau (available Auski's)

SOCIAL ROUND-UP

A crowded room 110 on 4th December listened to Mr. J. Ross Garnett hon.sec. of the V.N.P.A., give a talk on the need for National Parks which he illustrated with a showing of fine colour slides. The people of Victoria have had a stingy deal in the past regarding parks - about $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1% of the state's 88,000 sq. miles have been zoned as such (This figure does not include reserves administered by State Forests and other departments), and compares very unfavourably with other countries, e.g. Canada can boast of parks of over 2,000 sq. miles, while we have just two going over 100 sq. miles. So it is up to us, as individuals and groups to jog the powers that be into some quick action. One way you can help is to join the Victorian National Parks Association which meets quarterly, arranges lectures, excursions etc. and keeps you up-to-date with a bi-monthly news letter. Application forms available clubroom. (10/- per annum).

ABOUT MEMBERS:

One way to beat the heat, and escape the flies and females in summer is to go down south, and three members have done so: Weather observer Doug Pocock to Macquarrie Island, surveyor Max Corry, and Don Allison to the icy continent at Mawson. Aerogramme from London tells that Tom Stoodley is coming back home to Melbourne town.

Elizabeth Sanderson and Clive Bray are now engaged, and to these members we extend best wishes.

BUSH ODESSY

What has happened to those walkers who used to be so keen?
 Those fellows who would never miss a trip;
 It's as though they've gone to limbo; they're hardly ever seen,
 How come that they have given us the slip?

O often have I heard that question bandied round about,
 And many tires have sought some kind of answer;
 But now the air is clear of doubt, the truth has since come out
 And you may take it I'm no romancer.

Not again will they come back, for their fancy's neatly caught
 By a girl walking in those lonely mountains,
 Walking in that beauty which the springtime sun has wrought
 When water falls on rock in gushing fountains.

One, we knew so well, espied her once, sunlight in her hair;
 She was stepping forth with such a lithesome grace,
 And he heard her singing blithely, pleasure filled the air;
 Enchanted, followed he with quickened pace.

Tho' swift was he, he lost her on that shaded, leafy hill;
 The echoes of her laughter died away
 Among the rocks and treefern - where he searches for her still -
 That's wh we have not seen him to this day.

And many others like him have seen that perfect vision
 When they have chanced to rove by vales and peaks;
 Or have heard her singing sweetly in a beauteous precision
 Distinct above the tinkling of the creeks.

Having seen her once to search they're goaded, come what may ever;
 But always when they reach there, she'll have flown;
 And I've a certain theory, that to meet them she would never,
 Until she lures the one she'll call her own.

Yes, I too, have seen her smiling under summer skies, beguiling,
 In regions where the big hills upward soar;
 Now tired of all this waiting -- gear into my pack I'm piling --
 I'll chase that winsome bush-girl -- evermore.

-- A.S.

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In about 1900 young ladies were advised to take on a walking tour;
 "Two cotton dresses, one cashmere dress, one ulster, one alpaca dust
 coat, one parasol, one umbrella, one walking stick, one pair of shoes,
 one pair of button boots, six pairs of stockings, two straw hats, one
 green veil, and a small flask of brandy in case of faintness."

THE OTWAY RANGES

27/29th Nov.

Seventeen Bushwalkers left Melbourne on Friday evening 27th November. We reached Big Hill Creek about six miles this side of Lorne after an uneventful trip and spent the night sharing our tents with countless tiny insects.

On Saturday we climbed up on to a ridge above the campsite. From here we had a magnificent view of the surrounding coast. As we continued along a jeep track on the fairly steep ridge our merciless leader insisted on giving us five seconds' warning before the end of each of our well-earned rests.

After lunch on the ridge, our group was split into two parties - hard and easy. We arranged to meet later in the afternoon at Stony Falls. The "toughies" were not very fortunate. At one stage they covered a quarter of a mile in an hour and had to end up by making their way to the road. The "not so tough" party reached the falls after an easy-going and enjoyable trip. During the afternoon an extra member was added to the easy party. He was a poor, innocent blue-tongue lizard who was bound for photographic fame in Melbourne, we were told.

At night our camp was on a former timber tramway. As the light faded we became aware of a number of glowworms on a rocky bank near our tents. We left at 8 a.m. on Sunday. After a few miles of track and road, we had a scrub bash which took us to the top of the Erskine Falls.

From here we had a steep climb down to the base of the falls where we had lunch. The falls were possibly at their best for the year as they were carrying a considerable volume of water.

After lunch we followed the Erskine River for five miles to Lorne where, we found that a number of tourists were obviously over-awed at our disparate appearance. A few of our more vigorous members went for a surf much to the amazement of the above-mentioned tourists. We left by van at about 4.30 after a fairly solid, yet most memorable walk.

-- H.W.

BREAK O' DAY - GLENBURN

8th Nov.

Our walk started about a mile and a half north-east of Break O' Day. Twenty pairs of feet were eager to start walking, after our rather long and round-about van trip, along a well defined and fairly open ridge from which we had a good view of the surrounding hills and valleys. We had quite a bit of fence hopping on the way as the whole trip was on private property.

During the afternoon we left the main ridge and crossed over Middle Station Creek. From the ridge on the other side we could see Glenburn and a number of peaks of the distant ranges. It was here that Sandra, much to her surprise found her footwear "growing" in a shoe tree. We descended a wide gully and made our way to the "Glenburn" property through which we continued to the road. We then had about a mile and a half road bash to the Glenburn road junction to our awaiting van.

-- H.W.

"WALK MORE, LIVE LONGER" . . . was a headline in 'The Sun' 14-11-64 reporting Dr. Paul Dudley White, renowned heart specialist and medical adviser to ex-President Eisenhower. According to him the more you walk the longer you live. To avoid heart attacks gain no weight after the age of 22 and never stop vigorous exercise, chiefly walking. "The leg muscles are more important than the arm muscles", Dr. White said.