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 NEWS: Athol Schafer, Margaret Greenall, Kaye Murphy.

DELEGATES:- FEDERATION- Robt. Taylor; Loch Wilson (observer)
 SEARCH & RESCUE- Fred Halls; Barry Short (observer)
 TRACK CLEARING- Robt. Taylor; Daryl Sullivan (observer)

NATIVE PLANTS PRESERVATION (deferred)
 NATIONAL PARKS Val Goldsmith.

EDITORIAL FOREWORD:-

As shown above the Annual General Meeting held on the 28th February brought in quite a few changes in the composition of the executive.

Having elected the new officers it is up to us all to support them in ensuring that the coming year's activities are made a success.

As for the night of the AGM, well, if you weren't there, it was packed. Standing room only for the late-comers! Bill Thompson, who has been president for the last few years, made a final presentation of badges to new members (Marg. Brooks, Robyn Anderson, Kon Sharpo), and a crested spoon to newly married Jim Brooks and Margaret, and a passing-down-the gavel speech. His successor is Alan Bennett whom you will remember as the first Lodge Manager back in '61. Talking about Wilky, £20 was allocated to that institution by general resolution. That "Walk" 1965 should be published was unanimously passed. Contributions wanted-accepted NOW!

THIS IS THE MONTH to RENEW your annual subscription

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Member (over 21)	30/-
Junior Member (16 to 21) ..	15/-
Husband and Wife	40/-

The Treasurer is Robert Steel, 10 Queen Street, Regent
 Phono(private) 47 3743

Robin Mitchell wants to know if there are any draughtsmen who could help him letter some new maps. Robin (p) 93 6082

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

- 5 April Lyonville - Blue Mountain - Trentham 12 medium miles. This walk leads up to one of the best views in Western Victoria. Look it up on your "Daylesford" map. 1" = 1 mile military. Train departs Spencer Street station 9.30 am. (that should give you good time to catch it). Ticket: 2nd excursion rtn. Lyonville (16/-). Led by John Siseman. (The new Walks Sec.)
- 12 April Yellowdind River - Kalatha. 11 medium miles. Couldn't tell you just where this is, but will be going by VAN. Leaving Batman Avenue 8 55 am (14/-) Led by the new treasurer, Robert Stool (p) 47 3743
- 19 April Seville - Warramato Hills - Killara 10 medium miles. TRAIN departs No. 1 platform. Flinders Street station 9.15 a.m. Ticket: Killara return 9/-. Sue has been over the track and she says it's OK. However, bring a waterbottle and pack in something for tea. Sue Errey (p) 88 4385
- 26 April Ballark - Borhoney Ghurk Common - Lal Lal Falls. - easy 12 miles. VAN leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 am. (16/-) Investigate these interesting place names on the spot with Margaret Thompson (p) 89 8240. Map: Ballan Military.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 11 -12 April Wilholmina Falls - Niagaroon Creek - Mt. Despair - Murrindini River. 23 miles. Grand timber country on the northern edge of the Kinglake Plateau. Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.30 Saturday morning. (26/-) Led by a veteran. Felix Harding (p) 53 3851

SEARCH & RESCUE PRACTICE

- 18-19 April
.. .. see S & R delegate Fred Halls.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS:-

Margaret Groomall (b) 64 2511 ex.16
Alan and Joy Bennett. Home phone - 98 1057
Gwynnyth Taylor (b) 67 2954
Barry Short (b) 67 8001 ex. 220

WEDDED - Julie Bett and Ren Millson, i.e. to each other. Actually, things are getting a bit out of hand with reports of goings overboard coming in from all directions. As soon as we get things straightened out we'll put you in the picture. Ren Weeks has become engaged. More details later.

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Paddy Pallin has produced a new light-weight H-Frame Pack, slightly smaller than existing models. Cheaper too, at £11.10.0d.
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VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 25th March at 8 pm.

All are invited to this evening to be held at the Museum Theatre.
(Entrance through archway in Little Lonsdale Street)

It is proposed to hold such General Meetings at quarterly intervals with the object of bringing members and friends together on a more social or less formal basis than is possible at the AGM. The first of these meetings will take the form of an illustrated address by the Secretary of the Association, Mr. J. Ros Garnot, who has entitled his talk:

"The role of the National Park in the Preservation of
Scenery and the Protection of Nature."

Plenty of time will be left for discussion and questions and it is expected that arrangements will be made for supper to be available for a small charge in the foyer at the conclusion of the meeting.



Along the Track

"MOONLIGHT WALK" 22-23 March

Certainly, old Hughie was upset for this weekend. To start things off, we had water in the distributor. Have you ever tried distributing when you are full of water? Or beer? Or food? It's tough. The van thought so, too, so went on strike and wouldn't budge. Out into the driving rain went the non-driving males. Then the big push. At last the engine started again and off we went again at a marvellous rate measured in knots. A Falcon tried to overtake us but was stopped abruptly by a falling branch. That will teach it to kill all those chickens.

At Shoroham plans 1, 2 and 3 were discarded, so plan 4 was devised, seeking shelter at the YMCA camp. This failed (not wanting to share the place with Theological students - religious prejudice, you know). So down to the camping ground we went where most of the party put up tents and retired for the night, this about 4 pm. With the scungy weather continuing all evening everyone was in bed early.

Next morning was just as scungy, so in view of the previous day's exertions, a rest morning was called. Overheard from a little girl walking past - "The one in the beard looks awful!" Couldn't work out what she meant, could you Bob?

After lunch and a swim, by two of the tougher ones? we set off between squalls to Flinders - 3 miles!! ????? At Flinders two more swam while the others sheltered and added more clothes. Leaving the pier we went into the township to await the van.

While in the milkbar, one member noticed two tins of tobacco side by side. They were "The Parson's Pleasure" and "The Three Nuns".

Piled into the van with a fish (dead), assorted daywalkers, a penguin (also dead - for dissection the proud owner informed us), and off we buzzed tired out from a vast mileage and a fantastic speed of walking the loader (who had led rearwards) forced upon the party.

-----Doug

"ALONG THE TRACK"

Long weekend 7-9 March

MT. COLE STATE FOREST

Surviving a chilly en route stop at blustery Ballarat, seventeen walkers arrived at the southern boundary of the Mt. Cole State Forest about eleven o'clock on the Friday night. As the moon was well waned, it was a pretty dark campsite and members had to wait till dawn to see just where they had dosed down. An old bullock track led upwards into the wooded hills and long ridges where large, rounded tors offered some distant views of the Grampian ranges. The promised lake was found dry disappointing the would be fishermen, however, the afternoon was short cut, and it was early camp at Victoria Mill reserve.

The first part of the morning was spent investigating the Messmate-stringybark stand, straight, clean boles up to 100 feet before the first branches. After straightening out the cricks in the neck we visited the 502' T.V. tower, a dominating landmark. As the party descended into the trees below the summit, the many magnified strains of a piano concerto followed them down hill. But deep in the forest a cosy campsite was found early, so that by next morning all were feeling fit for the last miles of forest and track over Mt. Cole. Blue skies and perfect weather made much for a pleasant weekend of walking.

NATIONAL PARKS IN QUEENSLAND

The development of national parks in Queensland is being accelerated. In the last financial year 13 new parks were proclaimed.

At present the State's national parks cover a total of 948,423 acres, an increase of 111,951 acres in the last six years.

Queensland, with its many unique native plants and animals, is a State where the preservation of wildlife and scenic beauty in a national park is especially warranted.

The largest national park established since 1941 covers 73,000 acres north-west of Mossman, in the Far North of the State. It includes scenic features of the Upper Daintree and Adeline Creek Gorges and associated waterfalls.

Mr. Romeo Lahey, founder and for many years president of the Qld. National Parks Association, has initiated this particular project, and the Government is considering the addition of another substantial area which could make this national park the largest in Queensland with all the characteristics of a true "wilderness area."

At present there is a proposal before Parliament for relocation of three different national parks -- two inland areas and Lamington, in the southern border ranges.

Preservation of the natural beauty of the forest is one of the basic aims in the national park development programme. Employees of the Forestry Department engaged in this work are dedicated men whose prime consideration is to avoid, wherever possible, disturbing the natural state of an area.

They often carry bags of cement and other materials on their backs for miles to inaccessible spots so that they may build a new walking track or lookout without any detriment to the beauty of nature. (Not like some other States where a road has to be bulldozed through first -Ed.)

Today there are approximately two hundred and fiftyseven miles of walking tracks in Queensland's seventy-two national parks.

It reflects great credit on the State Forestry Department officers concerned with this work that standard of walking tracks in Queensland's national parks is the best in Australia.

This has been confirmed by many inter-state and overseas visitors who have also commented favourably on the service provided to tourists, including information signs and neat picnic spots with shelter, benches, and fireplaces.

National parks are widely distributed in Queensland. Most coastal islands are also declared scenic areas.

(From Qld. Govt. "News Bulletin". Quoted in North-Australian Monthly.)

WANTED : Items for "News". Information about tracks, book & publication reviews, short anecdotes, verse, new maps & equipment notices etc.

LEADERS please see that some member of your party makes a record of your walk for "Along the Track". Hand in contributions to committee members.