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OUR CHRISTMAS DING



DECEMBER 19TH 1964

V.A.C.S. HALL 2 NAPIER ST. FITZROY

8 P.M.

ROY TAYLOR AND BOYS WILL BE PLAYING FOR US AGAIN THIS YEAR, AND YOU
WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY MEMBERS OF THE VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB.

ADMISSION

BOYS: TICKETS 6/-

BIRDS: BRING A PLATE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE CLUB ROOM NOW, SEE BARBARA ALDRIDGE,
MARGARET BROOKS, REX FILSON. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 19TH.

MAP LIST
ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Please Note:- Some scales, although not shown, are not inch to mile. For correct scales apply map custodian.

Corrections

- (1) 6/920 should read 6/929
- (2) Under 7/823 Dargo second map now reads: Dargo (Cadastral Base map) L
it should read:
Dargo 62 - G/214 F.C.V.

Additions

- (1) Between sections 6/906 Beaufort and 6/929 Port Fairy insert:
6/920 LISMORE
Lismore A
- (2) To the maps under 7/805 JACOBS RIVER add:
Mt. Pinnibar - Buenbar Hut (sketch) $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- (3) Between sections 7/809 NAGAMBIE and 7/811 WHITFIELD insert:
7/810 STRATHBOGIE
Strathbogie Forest 62 - 6/223 F.C.V. 2"
- (4) To the maps under 7/812 BUFFALO add:
Buffalo C (Photo Map) L 2"
- (5) To the maps under 7/850 GEMBROOK add:
Mt. Bride Area B.S.A.
Part of Gembrook C B.S.A.
- (6) Between sections 7/863 SALE and 7/865 COLAC insert:-
7/864 STOCKYARD
Stockyard A
- (7) To the maps under MAPS OF VICTORIA add:
Road Map (State Accident Insurance Office) 1/26"
Soil Map of Victoria 1/32"
- (8) To the ABBREVIATIONS add:
RAOU Royal Australian Ornithological Union
BSA Boy Scouts Association

Deletion

Under 7/813 FEATHERTOP after map Bogong High Plains (Bogong Ski Club) delete SCV

All members are reminded that if they wish to see a map or if they have any queries, they should see the map custodian.

If anyone has any map not in the file, please let those interested know.

SPOILER !

Who was it with these lolly wraps
This track they did bestrew?
Who tossed aside their lunchtime scraps -
Let's hope it wasn't you.

Who had dropped these empty bottles?
And spoilt a pleasant view
Of tall gum trees and golden wattles -
Let's hope it wasn't you.

Who left behind these tins and peel
Lying in grass and dew ?
Not clearing up after their meal -
Let's hope it wasn't you.

If unthinking, slovenly swine
Untidy ways pursue -
They should be chastised till they whine -
Let's hope it's never you!

-- A.S.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARRY, Mrs. N. 12 Murphy Street, Blaxland, N.S.W.
CLEARY, Colin Flat 5, 23 Thames St. Balmain, N.S.W.
CORRY, Max 56 Henderson Road, Tullamarine

BI MONTHLY MEETING

Notice was received that Val Goldsmith has resigned as Vice President for "raisons d'heart". Speakers at the meeting testified to the valuable support Val has given the Club over the past few years. At Ian Philips', members and friends wished all the best for the years ahead to her and Peter Elder, who, before moving on to the fresh folds of the A.C.T. will wed. It may be happily added that Val is now fully recovered from a rather unpleasant road accident.

£10 was voted to repair of Feather Top Hut. This will be passed to the Federation Sub-Committee.

OBIT:-

The Club tenders its sympathy to Lorton Fox and his parents on the recent sad loss of his younger brother.

URGENT TELEGRAM received from Lock Wilson, now in New Guinea with National Mapping, asking for a pair of commando boots - Seems local natives appropriated the pair he was wearing.

"WALK" 1965 will be available to all and sundry at the Clubroom from Friday 13th November.

Please note:- "Walk" 1964 almost sold out.

Also available - "The Melbourne Walker" 1965.

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

- 29th Nov. Old Gherang Camp - Wensleydale Station - Forestry Tower.
(10 easy miles). Led by Nicholas Cole. (p) 26 4907
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (18/-)
- 6th Dec. Rye - Ocean Reserve - London Bridge (medium 10 miles)
Led by John Bach (p) 98 3352 Map: Sorrento Military
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (16.-)
- 13th Dec. Cerebus Creek - Mine Creek - Keppel's Hill
(9 medium miles) Led by Darrell Sullivan (p) 93 5713
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (14/-)
A nice little walk in the Cathedral Ranges.
- 20th Dec. Trentham - Newbury - Blue Mountain - Trentham
(10 easy miles) Led by: See Walks Secretary
Map: Castlemain military Ticket: 2nd Excursion Trentham
(18/-) Train departs Spencer Street station (not Flinders
Street as was shown incorrectly on Spring Program) at
9.30 a.m. The late start may be an inducement for the
dancers to make it in time. A good view warranted from
Blue Mountain. Carry water for lunch.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 27-29 Nov. Otway Ranges: Benwerrin - Erskine Falls (20 medium miles)
Led by Felix Harding. Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m.
Friday night (34/-) The Otway Ranges and the falls are
described in an article published in "Walk" Vol. 9.
- 12-13 Dec. Cathedral Ranges (hard 18 miles) Led by Barry Short
(p) 98 3352. Van leaves Batman Ave. Saturday morning
8.30 a.m. (26/-)
Last weekend walk for the year, and last chance for
Christmas walkers to get some training.

BOOKING OFFICER ROSTER

13th November	Nicholas Cole, Felix Harding
20th November	John Bach
27th November	Darrel Sullivan, Barry Short
4th December	

PHOTOFLORA 1965 Advice has been received that the Native Plants Preservation Society of Vic. will again hold their competition for the best color slides of Victorian Wildflowers. (Bushwalkers have an advantage of travelling to places where the flora may be seen in its natural settings.) Entry forms available later at Clubroom or Tourist Bureau, Competition closes February.

JOHN MANIFOLD'S Australian Penguin Songbook is now available at bookshops and should prove popular with our members. (Price 12/6)

Talking about folk songs, the next singabout of the Bush Music Club will be held on Saturday 12th December, at 8 p.m. at the Armadale Scout Hall, next to Toorak Station. Bushwalkers particularly welcomed. (4/-)

YOUR YOUNG BROTHER may be interested in the TRACKERS' CLUB, a specialist boys' club which helps boys (12½ years and older) the "joys, interests and freedoms of an outdoor life, as well as being trained in the rules and techniques of such a life". Membership will not interfere with a boy's other commitments. Details on noticeboard, Room 110.

WAIT - A TICK !

TICKS should be removed as soon as they are detected. Dab a little kerosene on affected area and extract the tick with tweezers, making sure the head is not left embedded.

If a tick is not removed for some time it may become difficult to remove, in which case medical help should be sought.

One method recently devised to dislodge a rather deeply embedded tick, was to heat the pointed end of a duralium tent peg until it was red hot. The peg was held in a gardening glove. Taking care not to burn the surrounding skin, the point was brought close to where the tick was buried, just for a second or two, and this was done a few times until, under the action of the infra-red heat, the tick dehydrated and was then easily removed.

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TRIED THIS ?

Those empty soup packets make handy-sized cooking foils. When emptying the contents, do so by making a slit along the top thus leaving a neat envelope. Slip in a slice of luncheon beef, sausage etc. and then place on hot coals. Meat should be done when the printing on outside of packet is burnt off. Any remaining powder in the packet adds flavour to the dish

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DID YOU KNOW ?

That there are 630,000 acres of softwood plantations in Australia, and by the turn of the century should increase to 3 million acres. (Australian 22/8/64).

WILDFLOWER WALK --- TARADALE TO FRYERSTOWN

A ramble more accurately describes this walk as the 2 - 3 hours before lunch were spent wandering across the hills between Taradale and the Fryerstown fire-tower looking at and photographing wildflowers. We found many varieties including several orchids. Part of the way lay along the old coach road from Taradale to Fryerstown and a couple of the original bridges (little more than culverts really) can still be seen.

We lunched on the lush grass of a valley below the fire-tower and the greenness was a welcome change from the brown of the dry, scrubby hills. A short climb brought us to the fire-tower where we had some good views over the surrounding countryside. There were many flowers in bloom here too.

Following first the telegraph line, then a road, we descended to cleared land near Fryerstown to find relics of the gold days. Remains of a wattle-and-daub hut aroused our curiosity. On closer examination though, it proved to be more recent than the 1850's. An old water-race made a pleasant walking track around the hill-sides above farm clearings, and presently, after a short road walk, we found a pleasant resting spot on a grassy slope near an old open well flanked by almond trees.

A search for the remains of the battery of the New Era mine in the vicinity of Crocodile Reservoir was fruitless, but we did find a tiny stone hut which has, until very recently, been inhabited by an old man called Hibbett. Most spectacular of the ruins was that of the Duke mine at Fryerstown. Its tall chimney is an excellent landmark. Two openings in the bottom of it enabled some inspired (?) members of the party to try a chimney-fitting contest, and presently, after muffled instructions of "move up" and "mind my feet", eight members emerged liberally sprinkled with dirt and old cement. Perhaps this was a practice for the squeeze which was shortly to come when 30 people packed themselves into the van.

History and nature together combined to make this an interesting and enjoyable day.

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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.

Need a new pack? Then call in at AUSKI'S and inspect his range which includes models of the celebrated Bergen Rucksack imported from Europe.

AT LAST - Freeze-Dried Meat Available at AUSKI

CALL AND INSPECT See LOUIS, TONI, JOHN and CHARLES
at AUSKI HOUSE, HARDWARE STREET - CITY (Near Bourke Street)

WATHE FOREST A new wildlife reserve of 15,000 acres has been established in Victoria near Gama, a small town on the Henty Highway between Hopetoun and Ouyen. Known as the Wathe Forest, this newly proclaimed area is a fine example of natural, unspoiled mallee containing some interesting and unusual species of plant life. It has been reserved primarily as a Mallee Fowl sanctuary.

LOWER GLENELG AREA The proposed national park in this area is in danger of being abandoned in favour of pine plantations. The Victorian National Parks Association, together with various Field Naturalists' Clubs, are doing their best to convince the Government that the Lower Glenelg is too good to lose as a national park, and it is still possible that about 60 square miles of the originally planned 125 square miles may be saved.