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of the Melbourne Bushwalkers

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SOCIAL MEETINGS On the evening of 5th February, the clubroom was crowded with approximately 120 members and friends assembled for John Brownlie's excellent illustrated lecture on his Nepal trip. John informed us that there are now few restrictions for walking tours in that colourful and mountainous land.

Went out to Gembrook the other day and found that Betty Dixon had just presented Gary with a new daughter. The club was fairly devastated by this pairing business during the past year, nor has the Committee escaped the little Elks' shafts. Latest victim is Walks Sec. John Siseman who with Marion Houston have pledged their troth. While congratulating these couples, a plea goes out to the rank and file of the membership to help close the gaps. An opportunity to do this will arise at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday, 26th Feb. at 8.15 pm. when nominations for candidates for Officers and Committee will be called. If you'd care to stand, or know someone who would, and cannot attend the night, nomination forms are available from the Secretary beforehand.

MOOMBA WALKABOUT**MCCMBA WALKABOUT****MOOMBA WALKABOUT**

Sunday, 28th February, 1965

This is the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs Annual Day Walk. The area of the walk will be found on the Nagambie Military Map - vicinity of Avenel and Mt. Rose. Twelve miles of easy walking will afford ample opportunity to meet other members of the State's walking community.

Transport: Take 9.am. train from Spencer Street Station to Avenel. Train leaves from No.3 platform. Special carriages at rear of train.
Return 7.23 pm. from Avenel arriving Spencer St., approx. 9.15 pm.

Tickets: Buy a Sunday Excursion to Avenel (Fare 18/6)*.
The Railways have requested that as many tickets as possible be purchased before the day of the walk. Tickets will be available to Clubs as from 15th February.

Refreshments: Tea will be provided at lunch and tea spots! If it is a day of acute fire-danger cordials will be supplied instead.

Organisers: Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Club.
For further information contact Frank Feltham, Tel. No. 83 3351.

A reduced fare for children (aged under 16 years) is available the day of the walk.

LATEST MEMBERS

KEITH, Roy - 17 Auburn Grove, Hawthorn East, E.3. (b) 81 0271
KNIGHT, Peter - 14 Power St., Balwyn, E.8. (b) 64 0331 ext. 8142-552-512.
McCARTHY, Rita - 121 Simpson St., East Melbourne. (p) 41 5774 (b) 42 3111.
PHILLIPS, Sandra - 161 Balcombe Road, Mentone (p) 93 3628.
THOMAS, Tyrone - 2A Tyne St., Box Hill North. (p) 89 5197. (b) 60 0781 ext. 239.

BOOKING OFFICER ROSTER

26 Feb. Graham Errey

5 March John Siseman, Peter Van Der Dags.

12 March Walks Sub. Comm.

19 March John Brownlie,
Marion Houston

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

Sunday, 7th March. Trentham - Babbington's Hill - Leitch's Creek Spring - 11 miles
 Led by Alan Bennett (p) 98 1057 Map: Daylesford Military 1"=1 mile.
 TRAIN leaves SPENCER St. Station, 9.30 am. Ticket: 2nd Excursion Daylesford (18/6)
 Route: From Trentham to Coliban River, thence an old track to Lyonville Mineral
 Springs where we will lunch. A compass course over Babbington's Hill and down to
 the Bullarto Reservoir to follow the pipe track to the State Forest road near Arny's
 Hill, then to Leitch's Creek Spring. From the spring along the road to Bullarto.
 Take water for lunch if you want tea.

Sunday, 14th March. Harcourt - Lawson's Lookout - Golden Point Race - 10 miles
 Led by Graham Errey. (p) 88 4385 Map: Castlemaine Military 1"=1 mile
 TRAIN leaves SPENCER St. Station, 9.00 am. Ticket 2nd Excursion Castlemaine (19/-)

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

5 - 8 March Bruni's Knob - Crinoline - Mt. Tamboritha - Bennison Plains (20 medium miles)
 Led by Bill Thompson (p) 89 8240 Map: MacGillister Watershed.
 VAN leaves Batman Avenue Friday evening 5.30. (60/-) As this walk is up on the
 high ridges, please carry water for lunches.

EASTER - Flinders Island: Deposits (£10) will be collected on night of AGM. If party
 is oversubscribed, then the provisions of Section D of the By-laws will apply.

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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'S

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

SALE OF EQUIPMENT

The following items were left at the club for sale. They have been inspected
 and seem to be a good buy for somebody:-

- 1.) One 'H' type pack ("Flinders Range"). Only used once. Worth £11. Will sell
 for £8 or reasonable offer.
- 2.) One Small light-weight frame pack ("Flinders Range"). Suitable for weekends.
 Slightly damaged but otherwise in good condition. £3.
- 3.) One brand-new nylon tent. One-man size. Perfect Condition. Worth £9. Sell at £5

COUNCIL OF ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES COMMENCE 14th MARCH

These lectures are open to any adult person and usually no previous experience or
 qualifications are required.

There are about 200 different classes to choose from; a syllabus is available
 for inspection in the Club room.

Here are a few of the subjects which may prove of interest to bushwalkers:-
 Geology - Tuesday evenings; Identification of Flowering Plants - Mondays; Bird
 Study in Victoria - Fridays; Recorder Playing - Thursdays.

Enrollments should be made as soon as possible. Enquire at 256 Flinders Street,
 opposite station, on corner of Degraeve Street, 4th floor, Mutual Centre.

The reports of the several sub-committees are as follows:-

WALKS REPORT 1964-65

John Siseman

The Walks Sub-committee for the year ending January 31st, 1965 were John Siseman, Fred Halls and Barry Short. Equipment hire was taken care of by Richard Hughes and John Richards.

Programmes: The programmes throughout the year were produced by the above sub-committee and approved by the general committee before being published. Very little criticism was received and few members seemed inclined to put forward suggestions for walks or walking areas that they would like to see on the programme.

DETAILS OF WALKS: Listed underneath are the attendance figures and other information for all programmed walks for the year just ended.

Month	Members			Visitors			Total		
	Day	W/E	Ext.	Day	W/E	Ext.	Day	W/E	Ext.
Feb. 1964	28	24	-	18	6	-	46	30	-
Mar.	26	4	50	14	4	6	40	8	56
April	39	8	-	14	-	-	53	8	-
May	65	37	-	29	11	-	94	48	-
June	38	-	23	23	-	7	61	-	30
July	40	17	-	22	1	-	62	18	-
Aug.	67	6	-	41	-	-	108	6	-
Sept	28	27	-	11	2	-	39	29	-
Oct	54	15	-	22	7	-	76	22	-
Nov.	63	45	-	51	-	-	114	45	-
Dec.	30	10	15	27	5	2	57	15	17
Jan. 1965	15	4	19	21	7	2	36	11	21
Totals '64/65	493	197	107	293	43	17	785	240	124

NOTE: Extended walks in above table are any walk of 3 days or more in duration.

Attendances over last five years				Attendances over last five years			
Year	No.	Day	Av.	No.	Weekend & Ext.	Av.	Overall
1960/1	43	878	20	19	289	15	62 1167 19
1961/2	44	887	20	29	473	16	73 1360 19
1962/3	45	754	17	31	465	15	76 1219 16
1963/4	42	731	17	25	427	17	67 1168 17
1964/5	48	786	16	30	364	12	78 1150 15

Details of Transport, 1964/65.

Day Walks ... 28 Van Trips, 15 Public Transport. 5 cancelled.
W/E & Extended 18 ... 8 ... 4 ...

Equipment

Equipment was hired out regularly throughout the year bringing in good return. It is all in good condition.

Packs	48	Hirings returning	£ 9. 1.
Tents	37	..	5. 4. 6
Sleeping Bags	23	..	3. 14 6
Groundsheets	1	..	1. -
First Aid Kit	1	..	1. -
Total of ..	100	..	£18. 2. -

NEWS

Athol Schafer

"News" was compiled, printed and despatched by Kaye Murphy, Athol Schafer and Margaret Greenall. Due appreciation is expressed by this sub-committee for help rendered by those Third Friday writers & wrappers.

MAGAZINE WALK

Ian Phillips

In the year ended 31st January, 1965, a sub-committee comprising Val Goldsmith (as she was for most of the year), Bob Bittner and Ian Phillips organised the Club publication in a disjointed but orderly fashion, convening and editing, managing, advertising and selling respectively.

The work of the 1963-64 sub-committee on Walk No.15 - 1964 resulted in a profit of £18.13.10, thus:-

Sales - Gordon and Gotch	£49. 2. 0
Other - Received 1963/64	34. 7. 6
Received 1964/65	34. 7. 5
Outstanding	3.12. 0
	<u>£121. 8.10</u>

Advertising - Redeived 1963/64	£50. 8. 0
Received 1964/65	53.11. 0
Outstanding	<u>6. 6. 0</u>
	<u>110. 5. 0</u>
	<u>£231.13.10</u>
<u>Less</u> Cost of 1,600 copies	<u>213. 0. 0</u>
	<u>£18.13.10</u>
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In anticipation of this profitable result, and in view of continuing sales of back numbers in the Club room and through Auski Pty.Ltd. (totalling £20.15.0 in 1964/65) the Committee resolved to print 2,000 copies of Walk 1965. Accordingly, after considerable productive effort by Val the issue was duly printed by the Spectator Publishing Co. Pty. Ltd. at a cost of £296.

Of this cost £140.14.0 will be recouped in advertising. 1,400 copies of the issue have been placed with Gordon and Gotch for distribution and the remaining 600 either sold in the club room or wholesale to Auski Pty. Ltd. etc or used as complimentary copies. Sales to 31st January, 1965, have totalled £66.14.5, of which £51.16.5 had been received at that date. Thus, it is expected that the balance of the cost will be recouped again this year, a steeply increased cost which is considered to be well justified in view of wide spread enthusiastic reception which the 1965 edition has received.

We trust, therefore, that the members will once again make the production of the Magazine possible by providing articles, photographs and, ultimately, selling copies among the interested. If this is forthcoming as in the past, Walk 1966 will, no doubt, continue the trend of expanding profitable publication.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT = 1965

Barbara Aldridge

Throughout the year Club slide nights proved to be one of the most popular social gatherings.

Rob Taylor's "Tasmanian Adventure" started the year right with a good attendance, and was followed in later months by a Personality Slide Night, and Rex Filson's "Desert Country". I feel that more use should be made of our club projector for informal showings; this screen and projector are available to all.

The Barn Dance this year was a great success, with a good attendance of approx. 80 people. The Kerrie Hall proved to be most suitable for this event, and the local folk were extremely helpful to us.

Our Christmas Dance on December 19th was enjoyed by all, with attendances better this year. The Victorian Folk Music Club entertained members between dances.

Evenings in the Club Room were:- a lecture by Mr. Ross Garnett of the Victorian National Parks Association; "An Introduction to Map Reading"; and Mr. Roger Seccomb showed his movies of "Four Mountain Walks". The films were of a very high standard and, incidentally, Mr. Seccomb won a Vic. Amateur Cine Society reward for one of these films.

Two theatre nights during the year were booked out well in advance; firstly Alan Hopgood's "Golden Legion of Cleaning Women"; secondly, from excellent seats members were enthralled by Andre Segovia's playing of the classical guitar.

Thanks go to all members who made these social evenings a success.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Harold Petersen

The year has been generally a successful one for the Club with thirty-one new members being welcomed to our ranks.

There have been many enquiries for information and programmes, particularly over the last few months. Programmes and information sheets have been sent to all of these persons.

There have also been quite a few enquiries regarding maps, and where possible these have been fulfilled.

The year saw considerable activity at Wilkinson Lodge with painting and renovations being carried out in readiness for the winter parties.

Social fixtures were well attended and greatly enjoyed by all and our thanks go to those who made this possible.

"Walk" was printed and published and was voted quite a success.

Finally, my thanks to all those who have so ably assisted me since I took over this position.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Steel

The financial position of the Club is sound, although the statement shows that the activities of the Club over the past year has resulted in a loss of £16-13-5.

An examination of the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income & Expenditure reveals the reasons for this loss, namely the loss on van trips of £27-19-6 due to poor attendances, and expenditure on Social Fixtures (Christmas Dance, Barn Dance etc.) resulted in a loss of £13-16-10. These were partly offset by profits on other activities.

WILKINSON LODGE

Darrell K. Sullivan

Over the period of the last twelve months Wilky received a new coat of paint; it is now painted silver roof, orange walls, green base boards, and white trim to windows. The inside of the gable has been painted, the new stainless steel sink installed and the hot water service works 'in a manner'.

There were two winter parties into Wilky, and quite a few visitors at Easter and over the New Year.

In the next twelve months we would like to see more family groups up there as the Lodge is quite comfortable at present.

Financially the Lodge is quite sound.



NOTICE REGARDING ADDRESS LIST

Kindly check through the list and let the Secretary know of any alteration or corrections which should be made. These will be published in following editions of "News".

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1965

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