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Official Notice is hereby given of the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the clubroom

ON FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY 1965, AT 8.15 p.m.

All members are requested to attend. Main business will be presentation of Annual Reports and Election of officers and Committee.

Nomination forms available at clubroom or from secretary beforehand.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS to be put at the Annual General Meeting:-

1. Amendment to Constitution. Part 7, Office Bearers, to be altered by the insertion after the word 'elected' of a new sentence: 'No President, Vice President or Secretary may hold the same office for more than four years consecutively'. - Moved by W.I. Thompson.
2. "That Mrs. Valerie Elder (nee Goldsmith) be made a life member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers in recognition of her services to the Club".
 - Proposed by A.J. Hester
 - Seconded by W.I. Thompson.

A new Members' List is being prepared. If you know of any corrections or alterations to addresses please give 'News' sub-committee details no later than 5th February.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Our wandering members often find themselves in all sorts of out-of-the-way places, and John Brownlie is certainly no exception. On Friday, 5th Feb. John will give a talk on his visit to "Nepal" and show his slides of this country of the Himalayas. Please be seated by 8.30

SOCIAL ROUND-UP On 19th December the VACS hall was nicely filled by members and friends at the Annual Christmas Dance - a pleasant evening indeed, thanks to the rhythms by Roy and his boys - and some hard work put in by Social sub-com. members and others. Members of the Bush Music Club rendered traditional and modern balladry with much spirited accompaniment of guitars, lagerphone and tea-chest base. Among the looking-newly-weds we saw Denis Ward and bride (formerly Janet Fitzgerald); with her husband was Mrs. Roy Hockley whom you previously would have saluted as Valerie Mobbs. ++++ Ta ta to Social Sec. Barbara Aldridge - soon she's off to Traralgon and Graham Sheppard. ++++ More resounding peals of wedding bells this time for Ray O'Donnell when he marries Shirley Scott whom he met on his Hawaiian cruise, and more tolling for Helen White and Robin Mitchell who were married on January 11th. ++++ Another engagement announced: Margaret Greenall to Jack Dank of Camden, N.S.W. ++++ Best wishes to all these members for their future happiness!

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

- 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
- 14th Feb. Powelltown - Seven Acre Rocks - Pioneer Creek
(12 medium miles) Led by Elizabeth Sanderson 23 6665
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (14/-)
- 21st Feb. The Playground - Lake Mtn. -- Taggerty River
(10 easy miles) Led by Ken Hownham Chelsea 1237
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (16/-)
- 28th Feb. Moonba Mystery Walk
- 7th Mar. Trentham - Babbington's Hill - Leitchs Ck. Spring
(11 medium miles) Led by Alan Bennett
Train departs Spencer St. station 9.30 a.m.
Ticket: 2nd Excursion Daylesford (18/6)
Map: "Daylesford" military
- 14th Mar. Harcourt - Lawson's Lookout -- Golden Point Race
(10 easy miles) Led by Graham Errey 88 4385
Train departs Spencer St. station 9 a.m.
Ticket: 2nd Excursion Castlemaine (19/-)
Map: "Castlemaine" military

OVERNIGHT WALKS PROGRAM

- 29th Jan.-
1st 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 Ave. 6.30 p.m. Friday 29th.
Map: V.M.T.C. Baw Baw Plateau (available Auski's)
- 19-21 Feb. Snob's Gap - Mt. Bullfright -- Echo Flat -Keppel Track
(18 medium miles) Led by Clive Bray 89 9640
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 Friday evening (30/-)
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- 5 - 8 Mar. Long Week End
Brunis Knob - Crinoline - Mt. Tamboritha - Bennison Plains
(20 medium miles) Led by Bill Thompson 89 8240
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 Friday evening (60/-)

CLUB CONTACT SYSTEM

The Club has three 'contacts', one of whom is sure to be at home to receive or give information in case of delay to any party, emergencies etc.

Leaders of all Club walks must report in to the Contact immediately on return. When necessary, leaders will inform the contact of the cause and nature of delay or emergency, and the action to be taken.

Members, before leaving on any walk, must leave 'phone numbers of contacts at home, so that people anxious about their non-return can get information from the Contact. They must be urged not to ring the Police, from whom newspapers can get notes that often lead to unnecessary and damaging publicity.

Members leading private walks should inform the Contact of persons in party, intended route and expected time of return, and should report in on return.

Failure to use this Contact System causes inconvenience to the Contact (who waits up for reporting-in) anxiety and confusion to people at home, and harmful public criticism of walkers.

PLEASE SEE THOSE AT HOME HAVE THESE NUMBERS:-

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| 1. Norm and Edna Richards | 85 3726 |
| 2. Fred and Merle Halls | 97 3724 |
| 3. Win and Ian Bennet | 43 1921 |

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BOOKING OFFICER ROSTER

22nd Jan. Lorraine Richey	5th Feb. Clive Bray, Ken Newnham
29th Jan. Elizabeth Sanderson	12th Feb. Walks Sub. Comm.
	19th Feb. Bill Thompson.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT CLUB ROOM

From the Launceston Walking Club comes Skyline No. 14, this time as a 40 page (10½" x 8½") magazine, which size gives admirable scope for half-tones, the pride of place being the centre pages printed on art featuring a double-spread view of Mr. Pelion West from the Douglas River. (2/-)

If anything should be made compulsory reading for bushwalkers, surely it is "Safety in the Bush" - (2/6)

We still have a number of "Melbourne Walkers" 1965 for sale. (2/5)

"ALONG THE TRACK"Devon Bridge to Mole Ck.

25th Dec. to 7th Jan.

After wakened by the doleful patter of rain on our tents we sloshed up the Cuvier Valley to Lake Petrarch and Narcissus hut, and up from the Hugel River on our first day. It was still raining two days later at Pine Valley, but on the next we strode up the track in fine weather on to the Parthenon and the Labyrinth - the very heart of the Reserve from which so many magnificent peaks may be seen. After a camp on Lake Helios just by Mt. Hyperion we headed for Massif Mount, going down a steep rock fall in the cliffs of Geryon Wall to the Big River Pass, then up an even steeper fall on to Massif. Sidling the mountain we found a grassy top with sheltered snow drifts; but we also found ourselves on top of a precipice with difficult scree ahead right up to and over Falling Mountain. As this would take many hours to negotiate we eased down a snow drift, scoporia, richia and bauera into the Kia Ora Valley and hence slithered along the 'Overland Track' to Du Cane hut. From there we visited the Fergusen and Dalton Falls, then crossed the Mersey below the former, walking up the river through beech forest and Bauera, entering the open plains just past Junction lake to camp.

Continuing on around Lakes Meston, Adelaide, Ball and many other small tars, we passed through burnt out scrub. From the hills east of Lake Adelaide we could see miles upon miles of scorched desolation, and the few little lakes ringed with pencil pines that had escaped the fire was mute evidence that without bushfires this area would be one of extraordinary beauty. After climbing Mt. Jerusalem with its 'walls' and 'vales', Turrana Bluff, and skirting many moraine lakes, and crossing the moors, we came to the Western Tiers where we dropped down to Mole Creek.

Members of this party were: Felix Harding, Bill Downing, Isaac Pressburger, John Richards, Bob Daniels and Nick Webb.

The mountains, glad in their forest green,
Roll under resplendent skies,
And the gulches broaden to vales between
The ridges that starkly rise.
A panorama of beauty rare
Slopes down to the cloistered ways,
That the eagle, high in the crystal air
With the pride of a god surveys.

-- J.K. McDougall

"ALONG THE TRACK"Trentham - Blue Mountain

20th Dec.

On this, the last day walk of the year, our party of 12 left Trentham Station about 11.30 a.m. heading south along a track leading through timber and by potato paddocks, finally reaching a tributary of Doctor's Creek, our lunch site. Resuming the walk south we found snig tracks which led to the foot of Blue Mountain. A ridge climb brought us to the summit where we inspected the fire tower where the fire watcher warned us of the heavy going in the timber to the east. So, on our way back through the timber we kept north until reaching the railway line which we crossed to Stony Creek and the Trentham golf links, ending up with a visit to the Trentham Falls, and arriving back at the station in nice time for the 7.05 train.

-- Bill Downing