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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

CROCKER, Colin - 36 Victoria Road, Hawthorn East

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CHANGES TO ADDRESS LIST

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NEW MEMBERS

Just too late for inclusion in the last Newsletter came the news of the birth of a daughter to Felix and Kath. The news was greeted with delight on all sides and we wish all health and happiness to all three members of the Harding family.

We were also pleased to hear of the engagement of Rob Taylor - to the girl he left behind. Our congratulations and good wishes to you both. Meanwhile Robert seems to be enjoying getting to know those strange-sounding peaks of Scotland and the English Lake District.

A few weeks ago as the stragglers were leaving the clubroom about 11.05 pm they met Tom Roberts at the bottom of the stairs. In typical Tom manner he had come to say his farewells as he was leaving the next day for Sydney to seek fame and fortune pleasing the palates of Sydneysiders.

COMMITTEE CHANGE

At the last general meeting Margaret Thompson was elected to the Committee to replace Robin Bliss who has had to resign from the club.

CLUBROOM DUTY

Members of the Committee will be on duty in the clubroom as follows:

16 July	Barry Short	6 August	Margaret Thompson
23 July	Helen Mitchell	13 August	Marion Houston
30 July	Rex Filson	20 August	Robyn Lewis

SOCIAL

A theatre night is being planned on Wednesday 28th July to see "The Fall of the Roman Empire" at the Chelsea Theatre. Tickets cost 10/- each. Anyone interested should contact Helen Mitchell or any member of the social sub-committee.

As previously mentioned, the first Friday of each month will be an informal slide night in the clubroom. So please bring along any of your recent or not-so-recent pictures on Friday, 6th August.

PRIVATE TRANSPORT

Whenever private transport is used for walks, would drivers please make sure they know the names, addresses and phone numbers of all their passengers, and would passengers likewise make sure they know the name, address and phone number of their driver. This makes things much easier in the case of last minute emergencies or change of plan.

NEWS FROM AUSKI

The Auski ski shop on Mount Buller is open again now after the recent fire.

DAY WALKS PROGRAMME

- 18 July Murchison Falls - Tunnel Hill Arch - Digger's Gully Falls
 Leader - Fred Halls (p. 97 3724) Medium
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 14/- (\$1.40) Distance - 11 m.
 Map - Kinglake Military Survey, 1" to 1 mile
 See last edition of News for a description of this walk.
- 25 July Yarragon - Strzelecki Range - Trafalgar
 Leader - Robin Petersen Easy
 Train leaves Flinders Street station at 9.05 am
 Fare - Sunday excursion to Trafalgar - 18/6 (\$1.85)
 Map - Moe Military Survey, 1" to 1 mile
 A good walk along tracks and good views of Moe and surrounding districts. Bring water for lunch. Expected time of return 9 pm.
- 1 August Trawool - Bald Cone - Burlington - Seymour
 Leader - Athol Schafer (p. 211 2649) Easy
 Train leaves Spencer Street station at 9.35 am
 Fare - Sunday excursion to Trawool - 18/6 (\$1.85)
 Map - Tallarook Military Survey, 1" to 1 mile or 1:50,000
 This will be a new walk with views of the Goulburn River and the Tallarook Ranges. It would be advisable to carry water for lunch. As the return train does not leave till 7 pm there should be time for an evening meal at Seymour.
- 3 August Bears Head Range - Lorderdorg River - Mount Blackwood
 Leader - Dick Hughes (p. 96 3170) Hard
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 14/- (\$1.40) Distance - 6-7 miles
 Map - Ballan Military Survey, 1" to 1 mile
 Down Bear's Head Range to lunch on Lorderdorg river. Then climb out of Gorge and over Mount Blackwood. The feature will be the rugged steep cliffs and the chance to see wild goats and wallabies which abound in the area. Expected time of return - 7.30 pm.
- 15 August Tynong - Gembrook
 Leader - Darrell Sullivan (p. 93 5713) Medium
 Train leaves Flinders Street station at 9.05 am
 Fare - 2nd single to Tynong - 13/6 (\$1.35)
 Map - Drouin Military Survey, 1" to 1 mile, and Gembrook C, 2" to 1 mile (Lands Dept.)
- 22 August Belltopper Hill - Nuggety Gully - Irishtown
 Leader - Kaye Murphy (p. 92 5253) Easy
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 18/- (\$1.80)
 Map - Castlemaine Military Survey, 1" to 1 mile,

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 30 July-1 August Mount Feathertop Snow Trip
 Leader - John Brownlie Hard
 Private transport leaving Batman Avenue at 6.30 pm
 Map - Feathertop - Hotham Divide (MBW) Distance - long
 Short description of walk - Wet. Depending on snow conditions.
 Intended party of 10 will leave the Cross on Mount Hotham on Saturday morning and ski along the Razorback to Mount Feathertop, returning to Feathertop hut for Saturday night. The mountain may be climbed again on the Sunday morning if weather is good. Returning to Harriestville to meet up with second party who will walk up the track to Mount Feathertop. This second party will depend on numbers and transport. Expected time of return - late.
- 20-22 Aug. Historical Ramble - Maldon district
 Leader - Barry Short Easy
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 6.30 pm. Fare - 34/- (\$3.40)
 Map - Castlemaine M.S., 1" to 1 mile, (Bondigo M.S. - 1" to 1 mile)

BOOKING OFFICER ROSTER

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| 16 July | John Brownlie, Athol Schafer | 6 August | Barry Short, Kaye Murphy |
| 23 July | Dick Hughes | 13 August | Walks Sub-committee |
| 30 July | Darrell Sullivan | 20 August | Joan Skurrie, Bill Thompson |

NATURE CONSERVATION SURVEY IN VICTORIA

Plans for this survey were already mentioned in the April-May edition of the News. The June issue of the V.N.P.A. News Letter says "The conservation of natural areas embodying plants, animals, geology, archaeology, or scenery, has become one of the most pressing problems of the present generation. Large areas of distinctive scenery, as many kinds of plant communities and animals as possible, must be set aside for posterity so that people can see and appreciate the diversity and excitement of their own land. It is already too late to conserve certain of our rare birds, animals and plants. We should have thought of this last century! If we act now we can prevent further destruction."

The V.N.P.A. has therefore decided to launch a Nature Conservation Survey of Victoria, and is appealing to its 1,400 individual and 50 corporate members to raise £2,000 for the first phase of the survey, which will be undertaken by a trained scientist under the direction of Professor J.S. Turner, Dr. R.L. Specht and Dr. E.H.M. Ealey. It is hoped to raise this money by the end of July 1965 as the scientist is available now and anxious to start work on phase 1 of the project, which will involve the enumeration of all existing reserves and the assessment of these reserves in terms of importance, size, scenery value, biological and geological content and permanence, the listing of these areas of scenic, biological or geological interest not included above, and the preparation of a scientific report for publication.

This scheme to ensure adequate conservation in our State will be welcomed by bushwalkers and is entirely in line with the object of our Club in encouraging a wider appreciation of wild life and natural beauty and in assisting in its preservation. The Club has already made a donation out of club funds and all members are invited to make a personal contribution (large or small) to the Treasurer, Maitland Vertigan, 43 Woolcock Avenue, North Kew as soon as possible.

INSURANCE

As a result of an approach through the Federation, Edward Lunley's has offered a personal accident insurance policy to each associated club. The last general meeting of the Club approved our participation and members are now asked to forward their premiums to the Treasurer, Maitland Vertigan, 43 Woolcock Avenue, North Kew as soon as possible. The annual premium is 5/- + 3d. stamp duty for each person. The policy covers any accident encountered on a club walk from the time of joining the party till return to the city. In broad terms the policy offers £1,000 for loss of life, a limb or an eye, up to £100 in excess of the first £5 for hospital and medical expenses, and up to £10 a week for 100 weeks for total or partial disablement resulting from such an accident. The policy can only be taken out provided that 75% of our financial members participate. The committee feels this is a good offer and urges members to join the scheme. Please don't delay on this one either.

GUIDE TO BUSHWALKING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Members contemplating a visit to "the West" may find a recent publication helpful. "Come bushwalking! Hints for bushwalkers in W.A." - a description of walking conditions, camping grounds around Perth, and also a guide to inexpensive accommodation. Issued by the Western Walking Club and the Y.H.A. Write for copies to Youth Hostels Association of Western Australia, 50 James Street, Perth. (A copy is available for inspection in the clubroom.)

ADDITIONS TO THE MAP FILE7/821 MANSFIELD

Mt. Buller (photocopy)		3"
Mt. Buller Alpine Village	FCV	20"

7/827 DAYLESFORD

Blackwood	Mi	2"
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7/850 GEMBROOK

Gembrook B	L	2"
Labertouche State Forest	BSA	2"

NSW

Barrington Tops (Newcastle Technical School Bushwalking Club)

ALONG THE TRACK

HATTAH LAKES - KULKYNE STATE FOREST, Long Week-end, 11-14 June, led by Jim Hester

This was the Club's first visit to the area making a general introduction to the National Park and the area immediately to its north which was proposed in 1959 by the N.P.A. to be part of it, but which to date has been administered as Forest Reserve.

By breakfast on the Saturday both train travellers and motorists had assembled near the pumping station on the shores of Lake Hattah. Packs were shouldered and the company left the park and out across many playas and skirted the lakes reaching campsite shortly after noon at a spot where Chalka Creek empties into Lake Lockie - a place of much charm and aesthetic appeal, as, no doubt, a viewing of the slides brought back will prove. After lunch and the business of castrametation had been seen to, the afternoon was lazed away in the warm sunshine, and after an early night most were ready next morning to commence exploring. The 35 campers formed themselves into three separate parties for a full day's ramble around the park-like countryside where they reported seeing much wild life - 'roos, emu, and fowl of both the air and the water. As the parties returned by the margin, the late afternoon rays of the sun caught the white boles of the fringing river gums which were reflected brightly in the mirroring waters while a flotilla of pelicans swept up and down fishing.

Monday morning the motorists went back to their cars left at Hattah to make an early start for the 300 miles or so drive home. A group of the remainder made a six mile excursion beyond the sand rises and the belts of buloke and cypress to where mallee scrub and spinifex grow in natural profusion. A walk around the eastern margins of the lakes took all afternoon. Here the boxwood was in blossom and a number of "caneec-trees" were noted. A three mile walk in bright moonlight back to the station ended three glorious days of perfect weather.

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FERNSHAW - BLACK SPUR - MOUNT MONDA - HEALESVILLE, 2-4 July

A 6.30 pm Friday start from the Melbourne bus depot gave the party of 13 members ample opportunity to digest rushed dinners during a comfortable 3-hour journey to Fernshaw. Here, the newer members were initiated into the trials of erecting a tent in the rain. Now, at least one member has learned that it is easier to appeal to the gigantic tap for water rather than make a trip to the barricaded stream at dead of night.

As we started up the old Black Spur Road the weather was cool but pleasant, and after a short lunch break beyond the spur, the sun showed itself. The track past Mount Monda boasted (on the map anyway) a campsite near good water. For a while we debated whether fault lay with the map or with the eyesight of those concerned; blame being subsequently levelled at the map on Sunday. However, making the best of a bad job, we finally camped about a mile down Hardy's Creek Road where we simmered dinner in intervals interrupted by one enthusiast's energetic puffing at the reluctant and smoky fire. Rain that night taught one walker never to camp with front and back doors on the path of a natural water drainage.

Mist accompanied our Sunday morning's march and even a brisk trot up Mount St. Leonard revealed naught but white air. But then, who wants a view when they may behold a "beautiful woman". Down to Healesville by a reasonably steep track we went, stopping for lunch and a tin of miserable sardine-like creatures heated on a fire whose warmth was more psychological than actual. From here we sprang out to the road into Healesville proper and proceeded to scandalize the local inhabitants by our lack of warm woolly winter clothing. The train departed at 6 pm by which time all had re-adjusted frames of mind to fit themselves, once again, for re-entry to city life.

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