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GENERAL MEETINGS

As announced in the last issue of "News", there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting in the clubroom at 8.15 pm on Friday 29th October. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a President, Secretary and Walks Secretary. Have you filled in a nomination form for your candidate yet? Please see Athol Schafer for nomination forms.

The Bi-monthly General Meeting will follow the Extraordinary meeting. The vacancy for one Committee member should be filled at this meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION

As a result of the recent debates regarding our Constitution and of certain anomalies which have been discovered, the Committee proposes setting up a sub-committee to consider revising and tidying up certain points. The sub-committee will consist of 3 members. Its functions will be to collect opinions and recommendations from members of the club, to draft proposed amendments and to present their recommendations to a General Meeting early next year. Mr Ron Taylor, who is a solicitor, has offered to give the group legal advice.

The proposed members of this sub-committee are: Graham Errey, Rex Filson and Athol Schafer.

The Committee will submit this proposal at the General Meeting on 29th October.

INSURANCE

Most members have expressed interest in the proposed insurance scheme. We now need to receive your payments before we can go ahead. Please give your 5/3d. either to Maitland Vertigan or to Athol Schafer as soon as possible. For further details of the scheme, please see the July-August issue of "News" or ask any member of the Committee.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club:

ELLIS, Brian - 726 North Road, Ormond East, (p) 58 1504
JONES, Valerie - 72 Mortimore Street, Moorabbin, S. 20, (p) 87 6108
MEINKE, Bruce - 40 Hillside Parade, Strathmore, W. 6
MOBBS, Lance - 44 Salisbury Street, Moonee Ponds, (p) 37 4297

CHANGES TO ADDRESS LIST

ABBOTT, Janice - Flat 6, 48A Black Street, Middle Brighton, (b) 63 6239
HESTER, Jim and Mrs. Dora - please add (p) 211 2423
TAYLOR, Robert - Outward Bound Mountain School, Ullswater, Cumberland, England

COMMITTEE DUTY ROSTER

22 October Marion Houston
29 October Robyn Lewis
5 November Barry Short
12 November Robert Steel
19 November Sue Taylor

THE NEXT GENERATION ..

Congratulations to Julie and Ren Millsom on the birth of their daughter on Tuesday October 5th.

DAY WALKS PROGRAMME

- 17 October Sugarloaf Hill - Mt. Disappointment - Running Creek - Park View
 Leader - Robert Steel (p. 47 3743) Medium
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 12/- (\$1.20)
 Walk through forest to Mt. Disappointment - good views of Melbourne.
 Bring water for lunch.
 Map - Kinglake 1:50,000 Military Survey
- 24 October Old Strezlecki Railway
 Leader - Maitland Vertigan (b. 60 1671) Easy
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 18/- (\$1.80)
 A walk which follows the old railway through the Strezlecki Ranges to the town of Strezlecki.
 Map - Korumburra 1" to 1 mile Military Survey
- 31 October You Yangs
 Leader - John Richards (p. 211 7969) Medium
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 12/- (\$1.20)
 Map - Meredith 1" to 1 mile Military Survey
- 2 November Cup Day. Diggers Rest - Organ Pipes - Sydenham
 Leader - Tyrone Thomas (p. 89 5197, b. 60 0781, ext. 239) Easy
 Train leaves Spencer Street station at 9.20 am
 Fare - 2nd ret. Diggers Rest - 5/6 (\$0.55)
 Commencing at Sydenham Station will walk 2 miles along Robertson's Rd. and Jacksons Creek to the Organ Pipes, then follow Jacksons Creek on east side to Diggers Rest - Bulla Rd. Will cross creek and follow west side to point nearest Diggers Rest station, then cross 1 mile of flat farmland to end walk at station. Thistles could be a nuisance and leader recommends some leg covering. Lunch will be on the creek bank at "Pleasant Vale". (Water available but needs boiling.) Terrain is steep-sided river valley mainly, with some trees. Bring tea as the train back does not leave till 7.30 pm, arriving city 8.04 pm.
 Map - Sunbury 1" to 1 mile Military Survey
- 14 November Coghlands Hill - Mt. Wilson - Fosters Lookout - Garibaldi Hill
 Leader - Helen Mitchell Medium
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 8.55 am
 Fare - 14/- (\$1.40)
 It would be advisable to bring water for lunch.
 Map - Daylesford and Ballan - both 1" to 1 mile Military Surveys
- 21 November Tecoma - Monbulk Forest - Herman's Cnr. - Black Hill
 Leader - Athol Schafer Medium
 Train leaves Flinders Street at 9.00 am
 Fare - Sunday excursion to Belgrave - 5/- (\$0.50)
 Bring water for lunch. Expected time of return about 6 pm.
 Map - Monbulk 1:50,000 Military Survey

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 6-7 November President's Week-end
 This trip should be more of a surprise than usual this year, as we don't even know who will be leading it! It will probably be in the Friarstown area and we hope to see lots of old friends coming along. For further details, please contact Barry Short.
- 19-21 November Cape Liptrap - Walkerville - Waratah Bay
 Leader - John Siseman Medium
 Van leaves Batman Avenue at 6.30 pm
 Fare - 40/- (\$4.00)
 The walk will cover a variety of different types of country - all of them unusual to bushwalking. The area around Cape Liptrap varies from coastal heathlands to sand dunes, long ocean beaches and rugged cliffs. A visit will be made to see the old lime kilns at Walkerville. Distant views of Wilson's Prom if weather permits. NOTE: Water may be scarce, so be prepared to carry some.
 Map - Liptrap and Yanakie 1:63,360 (1" to 1 mile) Military Survey

CHRISTMAS WALKS

These are some of the suggested walks for the Christmas period:

1. Cradle Mountain - Lake St. Clair - Frenchman's Cap, led by John Richards
2. Tarli Karng area, a 4-day trip led by Robert Steel
3. Wilkinson Lodge - please book soon with the Lodge Manager if you intend going to Wilky.
4. An extended trip in the east of the state led by Robin Mitchell.
5. A 10-day trip.

Please see any member of the Walks Sub-committee if you are interested in any of these trips or have any further suggestions.

Newcomers to extended walks are advised that they must complete, to the satisfaction of the Committee, at least one of the overnight walks listed on the programme from 15-17 October onwards.

WALK 1966

The preparation of Walk 1966 is now well advanced and most of the material has been received from the printer in proof form. The Magazine Sub-committee would like to hear from anyone motoring interstate from the end of November onwards, who might be able to help with distribution.

WEST COAST OUTDOOR CLUB

During his recent visit to Tasmania, Maitland learned of a newly-formed bushwalking club in Queenstown. Any of our members visiting the area may be interested to get in touch with this club. The President is Mr R Varley,
c/- E Z. Co, Roseberry, Tasmania

NATIONAL PARKS

We are pleased to hear that £1,400 has been received by the V.N.P.A. for the first stage of the Nature Conservation Survey of Victoria. Work will be commenced next month on enumerating and evaluating existing reserves, listing areas of scenic, biological or geological interest not included in these reserves, and the preparation of a report for publication. The appeal target was £2,000, so those of you who just haven't got around to contributing yet - it's not too late. See Maitland.

Members will be less pleased to hear that the project to build a motel at Tidal River in the Wilson's Promontory National Park appears to be going ahead despite the protests. It is also understood that there are plans afoot to build a hotel in the National Park at Mt. Buffalo.

AUSTRALIAN NATURAL HISTORY MEDALLION

Congratulations to Miss Winifred Waddell who has been awarded the Australian Natural History Medallion this year. Miss Waddell is secretary of the Native Plants Preservation Society and has been active, especially in the field of wild flower reserves, for many years.

FEDERATION TRACK CLEARING, 18-19 September

On Saturday 18th September thirteen members of the M.B.W. made their way by various means to Talbot Drive, Marysville. Those on the van were accompanied by five members of the Catholic Walking Club and after a minor mishap during which a car was run off the road, the van arrived at the camping spot. Unfortunately the mud on the road made it impassible to any but foot traffic, so we found ourselves camped a good four miles from the track which we had come to clear. Consequently the main part of the week-end was spent traversing the four miles and not in clearing the track.

Despite this, the track was cleared from the Keppel's waterfall up to Lake Mountain and fresh yellow tin markers were affixed to the trees. As there are no signs showing the commencement of the track from Talbot Drive, we lost valuable time in hunting for it. The best way to locate the track would be to find Tommy's cascades and continue along the drive from Marysville for about 200 yards. The track then begins on the left hand side of the road.

Federation Track Clearing - cont.

Many thanks must go to the Catholic Walking Club whose fine devotion to duty and hard work set us a high standard to follow. The meals were well provided and cooked by Helen Mitchell with a lot of advice being given by all, but little practical help. It seems a pity that the van had only six members to bring back and due to late withdrawals food was in abundance. Still, the week-end was enjoyed by all who participated and we hope that next time more actual clearing will be achieved. I had thought, though, that there were more than two clubs in the Federation ...?

SOCIAL REPORT

As Peter Jackson was unable to come on September 24th to show his climbing slides, John Brownlie showed some of New Zealand which were enjoyed equally by those who had seen them before and those who hadn't. Also Jim Newlands of the M.U.M.C. showed a very interesting collection of slides of rock-climbing. Special thanks to Jim who, at short notice and despite a heavy cold, got the slides together and gave a most informative commentary on them. Leaders beware - we'll have to practise some of those nerve-racking techniques!

A nice night's entertainment was enjoyed by all who went to see Barry Humphries on September 29th. But wouldn't you like to see him portray a bushie?

DESERT SURVIVAL MADE EASY - From The Age, 17 September 1965

Alice Springs. - A sheet of plastic was all that was needed for survival of a thirsty person lost in the outback, a scientist demonstrated yesterday.

Dr. Ralph Slayter, of the CSIRO, showed delegates to the Arid Zone Research Conference in Alice Springs how water could be gained from apparently waterless terrain.

Dr. Slayter dug a hole about 30 inches square and 18 inches deep in dry, sandy soil near Alice Springs.

In the centre of the hole he placed a small container surrounded by an armful of desert shrubbery. He then placed a three-foot square piece of plastic sheeting loosely over the hole, with a small stone in the centre to make the plastic sag towards the container in the bottom of the hole.

The sun, shining through the plastic, heated the soil and plant material in the hole and drew moisture from them, which condensed on the underside of the plastic in small drops.

These drops rolled down the plastic and dripped into the container.

The plastic acted as a small solar still, Dr. Slayter explained.

After the demonstration, Dr. Slayter uncovered one container which had been in position three days. It held about two pints of pure water.

Each three-foot-square sheet of plastic should produce about one pint of water a day.

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