

A C H A N G E O F C L U B N I G H T: WEDNESDAY v. FRIDAY

FINAL RESULT ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT BI-MONTHLY MEETING

ONLY THIRTY MEMBERS BOTHER TO REPLY

Members who have bothered to return the "club night" questionnaire are reasonably evenly divided between a change to Wednesday night and sticking to Friday night.

Note "members who have bothered" because only about thirty had returned the questionnaire when NEWS "went to the duplicator."

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== T H E N E W S ==

of the Melbourne Bushwalkers.

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--MEETING NOTICES--

We hate to mention it, but the committee has called another extra ordinary general meeting to consider that document. Attempts are being made to organise a diversion -- perhaps a theatre night to the boxing at the West Melbourne Stadium. . . oops! Festival Hall. Brace yourself, here it is:

"NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING: There will be an extraordinary general meeting on Friday, September 9, 1966, at 8.30 p.m. in the clubroom. The sub-committee on the revision of the constitution has now made its report and the motion before the meeting, proposed by Athol Schafer and seconded by Rex Filson will be "that the appended revised constitution be adopted as the constitution of the Melbourne Bushwalkers from the date of the meeting." "Appended" means attached to this issue of News.

The chief editorial assistant proposes another motion for the meeting, "that all vice-presidents be eliminated."

AND don't forget the bi-monthly general meeting on August 26 at 8.30 p.m. in the clubroom. Good practice for the big night.

INSIDE: Reply to Paddy Pallin; Along the Track, Wyperfeld and less water for the Lerderderg, revised address list and that document.

Members needn't be reminded that this is one committee effort they should take seriously.

All the committee have replied, so when their answers are subtracted from the total, only about 14 non-committee members have bothered to reply.

Subtract from this the replies from husbands (and other "relatives") of committee members and the size of the non-committee influenced vote is poor.

Non-workers

The high percentage in favor of a change reflects the size of the committee reply.

It is also significant that most of those who work for the Club are supporting a change while the opposing ranks are filled with individuals who do little and, in some cases, nothing.

Their reasons for retaining Friday night can be reduced to one word, "selfishness" -- "it suits me, hang everybody else."

It is disappointing that more original excuses were not produced by these members.

There are, however, members who would be genuinely embarrassed by a change in the meeting night. Needless to say, this blast is not directed at them.

However, we will compile a list of "have a lot to say, but do nothings" and they might be asked to help with some of the more onerous and thankless jobs that cannot be done on Friday nights.

...THE EDITOR

THAT REPLY TO PADDY PALLIN (at last!)

(The following opinion is not necessarily that of all members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers.)

Paddy Pallin in his letter on the food lists published in News last year, spiritedly defends "eminently suitable" rice and porridge as bushwalking foods. Unfortunately, he has missed the point.

Firstly, rice, dehyd. and oatmeal cannot be treated as if the difference between their cooked and dry weight doesn't matter.

My point was not that these foods don't deserve a place in the Bushwalker's diet, but rather that they should be treated as providing bulk - an equally desirable feature of a diet - with care given to high calorific value foods such as powdered milk, cheese, etc.

It is not entirely realistic to say that 4 oz. (dry) of cooked oatmeal is equal to 4 oz of chocolate - the prospect of eating the cooked oatmeal is infinitely more formidable than polishing the chocolate.

I don't want to drag in other factors such as waste of time and heat (factors which become vital under exposed conditions) which are drawbacks to these foods.

Putting the argument another way: We can only eat so much at any one time. If, say, for breakfast our capacity is 8 ozs. of prepared food, and we eat porridge which weighs 6 ozs. cooked and only two ozs. dry weight, and biscuits, butter and cheese weighing a total of two ozs. dry weight, and biscuits, butter and cheese weighing a total of two ozs., we have wasted half our "capacity"

Only half our diet yielded any energy value. This might be an over-simplification for there are other complications such as the waste of protein foods if a certain amount of carbohydrate isn't eaten with them, etc.

Paddy Pallin weakens his argument by attacking the amounts of food suggested as adequate in the original articles. The main figure of 1½ lbs a day given in the articles is the result of the experience of several members of this club, but is regarded as

totally inadequate by Paddy Pallin.

Firstly, he should be aware that the food list published in his widely distributed book on bushwalking yields, according to Mottram's values, considerably less than 3500 calories - the desirable level advocated by him.

He doesn't say who his "experts" are. Calorie requirements will depend on the weight and size of the person involved and the efficiency of his system in converting that food to energy. These are both great enough variations to render any generalisation about the calories required per day by "a man doing moderately hard work" as little more use than a wild guess. In fact, I have seen estimates varying from 2800 calories/day to 5000 calories/day!

All are well above the 2400 calories/day below which two thirds of the world's population exist upon. Over half the world's population spend their lives living on diets yielding less than 2000 calories/day. Also, they work a lot harder than most bushwalkers.

Therefore, I would suggest that the severe debilitation Paddy Pallin sternly warns of is much more likely to be due to inexperience or lack of mental "guts" than a loss in bodily weight. I think our bodily reserves are a little more extensive than Paddy Pallin acknowledges.

... Robin Mitchell.

Ed. comment: Mr. Mitchell could knock off eating for a few months without dying.

Advert: LEARN TO MAKE PANCAKES IN THREE EASY LESSONS. Apply number 378-9-366, Puckapunyal, Victoria.

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Hellorodney: Flat feet yet?

BOOTS AND ALL (or how to stab your best friend). . . .

All right, you called the color of last month's News Gentlemens Cloakroom yellow, what are you going to call this month's? First prize: Stern disciplinary action with the danger of being sentenced to one of the Lichen Lecher's lost wet weekends.

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And while we're on the Lichen Lecher: He rekons he's found fabled Maroong Rise on on some air photos he saw at the Lands Department. However he can't remember what part of Australia the photographs were of.

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There is a rumor going around that Art carried old Alec across the Baw Baws because Alec's feet were too small (think I've got the rumor right). Anyway, likely story!

== NEW MEMBERS ==

Congratulations to Alan Drew and Maurice Smith for bluffing their way past the committee.

We hope they have a long and happy association with the Club. Their addresses and other changes of address are in the revised address list further on. . .

M A P L I S T

We usually publish a list of maps in the Club map file in this issue of News.

However, as there have been only a few additions to map file since last August, the list has not been reprinted.

Copies of the 1965 list are still available in the clubroom.

FOUR SALE (short for four boots for sale): Rita McCarthy is offering two pairs of boots or four single boots for sale. There are two size 4½ and two size 6 boots. All have only done a few miles.

These would be a bargain for a bow-legged camel. Rita's measurements are 51-45-77. Ring her during business hours.

And while we're "attending" to Art -- some fool carried a birthday cake up Mt William on Good Old Slap Happy Taylor's recent Sunday shambles and presented it to Art to commemorate his 63rd. birthday (another rumor).

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The Macquarie Island dugout has finally been domesticated -- he's got a job!

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Did you see the report in the local press that expressed surprise that an aboriginal stockman survived a week in the bush near Wyndham recently, by eating emu eggs and drinking water from rock pools. Of course, he and his ancestors have had a little practice at this sort of thing.

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The president's run outa steam -- had to give the little talk last month.

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According to another daily press report "more than 2000 million hot dogs pop off the assembly lines each year" in the United States. The report also commented: "The hot dog really has only one thing for it: it takes a genius to ruin one."

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Believe the auditors have attempted to audit the Club's grim financial situation. Get well cards can be sent to Ian and Maitland c/- Mont Park receiving home.

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Ever seen a taylor-made hespe?

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Hurry up Sandra. The suspense is killing me.

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Scandal-wise, Doctor Ziv-whatse me-callit was disappointing. The only tit-bit worth reporting was that McKinney partnered Smith. (or is this another vice-presidential rumor).

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This month's quote: In marriage a man becomes slack and selfish, and undergoes a fatty degeneration of his moral being... R.L. Stevenson.

. . . You Know Who.

DANGER AT DONNA BUANG: OUR NEXT SEARCH?

Several experienced members of this club who went on the recent day walk in the Donna Buang area have expressed their concern at conditions on the mountain.

They said there were over 60 buses at the turntable and people everywhere. They sighted only one policeman on a motorcycle. The only first aid facility appeared to be one St. John ambulance van.

This to control a crowd of somewhere between three and four thousand people!

However the most sinister side of the conditions on the mountain was the number of people apparently trying to take short cuts to the summit.

Most appeared to be using the vague track that travels in a round about way to the summit via the old YHA hut.

A kiosk appears to have been built over the start of the old and "safer" foot track to the summit.

Neither is safe as neither is marked. There has already been one serious scare this year.

Nearly all the people wore desert boots and other light clothing inadequate for conditions in this area.

Many children wandered up the track and appeared to be without any adult supervision.

Thousands of dollars are being spent widening the road so more people can crowd onto the mountain, but it is suicide if attention is not paid to all aspects of safety in the area.

After the snow girl search a few years ago, the FVWC cut the safety track to Cement Creek. However this has received little consideration from the authorities .. the Board of Works have ruined a section of it with a bulldozer just below Donna Buang.

DUTY ROSTER . . . .

Aug. 19: Frank Baker.  
26: Fred Halls.  
Sept. 2: Anne Weiling.  
9: Val Jones.  
16: Stiffened Griffin.

THE BIG BITE

Farmers first, everybody else later department: The CSIRO imported "the Spanish version" of the European rabbit flea."

The idea will be to let them loose on the local rabbit population to spread myxomatosis.

Great hopes are held for the new fleas and the main objective is "to keep ahead of the rabbits and stop the men on the land from being nibbled off their properties," according to the head of the CSIRO's genetic division, Dr. W.R. Sobey. We hope they find out what effects the flea has on local fauna.

After all, after the Queensland Cane Toad episode, the public is entitled to doubt the claims of the scientist hell bent towards helping the farmer.

No doubt some graziers will also have doubts with their painful experience of clearing waterholes polluted by the cane toad.

Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs Weekend 17 - 18 Sept.

To be held in the Marysville area and comprises three half day walks.

Saturday morning - Mt. Gordon - Wood's Lookout.

Saturday afternoon - Keppel's Lookout.

Sunday morning - Stevenson's Falls

Camping is at the Gordon Heights caravan park, Marysville, opposite the Catholic Church.

Whights tourist buses leave City 6.30pm Friday, 6.00pm Saturday.

Return 3.30pm Sunday.

Please make your own arrangements.

A Dance will be held on Saturday night. Inquiries-D.Burnett 294287

T H E   B E A U T Y   O F   A   W A V E : A   P E R S O N A L   V I E W . . .

BEAUTY is an abstract that is intensely personal.

It surely cannot be defined, only exemplified. Perhaps it is one of the

# FEATHER TOP FABLE

(or, the rhyme of the ancient Rex.)

At the count we numbered nineteen  
When both the groups had met,  
To tackle the peak of the bird like name,  
As off and up we set.  
Short proved "that" road, to me a joy  
That it should go no further,  
This mount is made for walking up  
More than, I think, any other.

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The white stuff it grew thicker  
Till to the hut we came,  
Where lunch was had and tents were pitched  
This proved a merry game.  
Our leader, being long in tooth  
Decided "snow's too cold,"  
So in said hut he made his bed  
With t'others not so bold.

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With energy restored in us  
The lichen lad led on,  
To reach the top it was the aim  
Before the sun had gone.  
Cloud and snow would not let up  
And time went fast we learned,  
So Feathertop unconquered  
To camp with haste returned.

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Now huts they have their uses  
This fact of course we know,  
By fire, boots and socks we dried  
And new love too may grow. +++  
Sleep calls, so into tents we go  
The snow still falls around,  
The boots, for pillow, they were used  
Or they'd have been ice bound.

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At dawn, the summit, this time is gained  
For this was why we'd come,  
Well worth the trek they all agreed  
Though toes and nose were numb  
Back down the mountain after lunch  
Twenty glad did go,  
Our group had grown by one.  
From where -- the rabbits of the snow?

... "Dim Tent."

(+++ see scandal column up front)

Thanks to Rita and Dawn for their help  
typing this issue. Also to the "Thursday  
night helpers."

**AUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKIAUSKI**

TONY, John and Charles are still trying to flog Paddy Pallin's "new" light-weight "H" frame pack, slightly smaller than existing models. Cheaper too, at \$23 (£11/10/- real money). Need a new pack? Then give them a break -- buy one. You orta know the address by now - Auski, Auski House, Hardware St., Melbourne (just off Bourke St.) They also sell other junk useful only to bushwalkers. SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. Go to Auski's for all your Bushwalking needs.

wonders of the human spirit  
that a group of people can  
each find this personal  
abstract of beauty in a  
common object or objects;  
can find it for example in  
the interplay of rock, sea  
and sand.

The wave forms, at first slowly, becoming distinct from the surrounding turbulent and smooth mass. It rises into its predetermined shape, already rushing into the middle period of its short life. The stretch of sand is fatally close as the wave tumbles over, racing itself to a frothy destruction. The rock, aloof and battle scarred, feels the sudden dash. The wave explodes in a fury and spatters and tramples the sand and now quietyens to a smooth, liquid glide. The rock remains aloof, offering no comment as the wave's blood pours back into its beginning.

## Time and force

The surrounding cliffs, worn by time and force into exquisite patterns, look down fixedly, indifferent. The trespassers inhale this fragment of nature and feel it catch in their throats. Mere words escape on a quick drawn breath, mere words trying to offer comment on beauty, on this feeling that is never quite the same for any two people and before this beauty is even recorded, the next wave is ready for its reckless dash as somewhere along the back beach between Rye and Portsea, we are trying lovingly, wonderingly, but impossibly to absorb it all

Michael Griff.

=== MORE WYPERFELD HISTORY ===

We have received a small booklet titled "History of Yaapeet: 1866-1966" written by local identity Jack Fisher. From it we gleaned a few interesting facts that should interest the Club's dampened Wyperfeldologists.

Flood waters from the Wimmera River last reached the park in 1957 when water was 4 ft. deep at Black Flat. This followed "good" floods during the previous two years when Lakes Hindmarsh and Albacutya filled (and overflowed) for the first time since 1921-22 when flood waters filled Hindmarsh and partly filled Albacutya. No water ran out of Hindmarsh after 1924. However, the last time before 1957 that

waters reached the park was September, 1918 when the floods reached Pine Plains. Between 1911 and 1915, Outlet Creek flowed continually, filling all the lakes north of Albacutya. In 1964 and 1965, the Creek ran for several weeks between Hindmarsh and Albacutya, but did not fill the latter.

On the 1957 "overflow", Mr Fisher says: "When Otahiety (swamp) filled the water pushed its way up the creek towards Wyperfeld National Park.

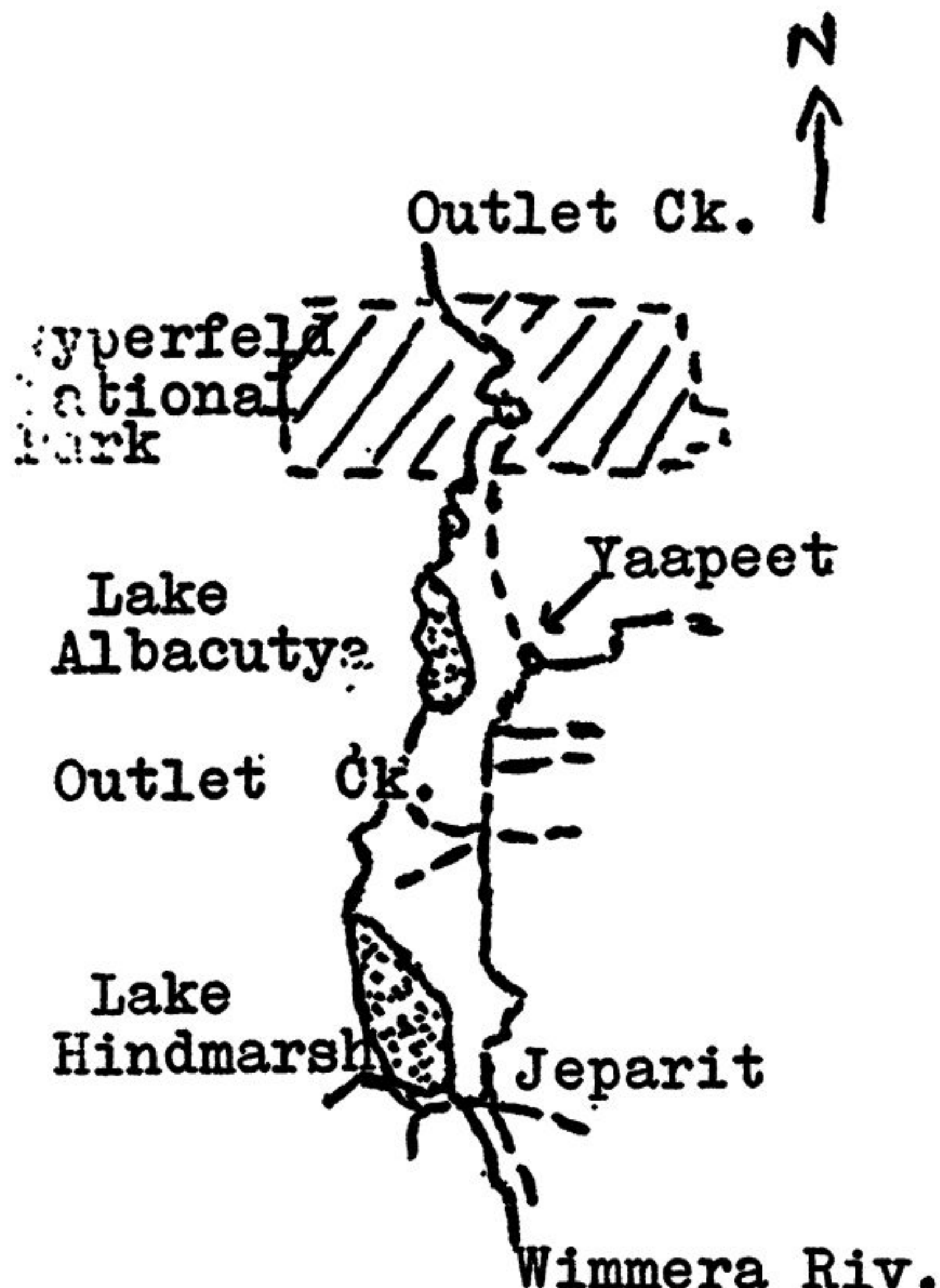
"On its way, it filled Leg of Mutton Lake, Lake Werrimbean, The Kidneys and meandered on to put four feet of water in Black Flat. The creek was banked off to prevent it from flowing to the hut, because, at that time, the road was in the bottom of the creek for quite a long way. At this period it was almost impossible to drive to the hut in any, but a four-wheel drive vehicle."

Other comments by Mr Fisher about the Park are:

**FIRE:** "The park has been ravaged by fire twice in recent years. In 1946 the fire burnt right through the centre and in 1959 an area of 50,000 acres on the western side was burnt. This was a great tragedy because it upset the normal nesting grounds of the Mallee Hen or Lowan."

**NAMES:** "According to legend, Lake Brambruck is named after a horse which belonged to Morgan the bushranger. Morgan ranged between the Murray River and the Wimmera district and he had one track between those areas that went through Pine Plains to Kulkyne and another somewhere near the present Murrayville - Yanac track. He held up the Albacutya station hands one morning after having breakfast with them, relieved them of all valuables and money and rode off. He was eventually fatally shot at Peechelba. . . The lakes have all been named and reasonably accurate maps were made by Mr I Maroske and the ranger, Mr A. Campbell. Mount Mattingley is the only "mountain," in the centre of the park, and the source of the name is obvious. (The park was declared a National Park in 1909 after a visit by A. H. E. Mattingley, J. A. Ross and H. E. Rowe) Flatstaff Hill is the highest point in the park . . ."

"A very rare animal, the "Mitchell Hopping mouse" has been found there (the north-west corner of the Park) and a hill in the north west of the park has been named Hopping Mouse Hill. . ."



• Outlet Creek to Wyperfeld National Park.

**OLD BEE-AL:** Mr Fisher says the tree is approximately 100 ft. high and 150 yards around the edge of the foliage. He makes no claims about it being the biggest known red gum, but he does advance an interesting theory on the gum's strange solitary position on the side of a large sand dune. Perhaps, he says, the gum was there before the sand hill. "The debris under the tree is very deep and the structure of the limbs is an indication of the great age of the tree," he adds.

**ABORIGINALS:** "A thorough search of the park would reveal some very interesting facts regarding the aboriginal life there, but it will probably never be made now that interest in this sort of history has waned. So much of the evidence of aboriginal camping grounds has been lost through cultivation in other places, but this park would reveal much because it has never been cultivated. . . With its vast complex of lakes and creeks, Wyperfeld Park was probably a popular hunting place for aborigines before the white man came. It is an established fact that there were no tribes living permanently in this area and that they came and went with the water and the game. However, there is evidence of some big camps along Lake Albacutya and in other places throughout the district. The aborigines at Lake Albacutya were the Yakkil-Baluk tribes, whilst at Lake Corrong the tribe was known as the Yarrikiluk. These tribes were all related, being members of the Watjabaluk nation, so it is fairly likely they were friendly and both tribes frequented the park."

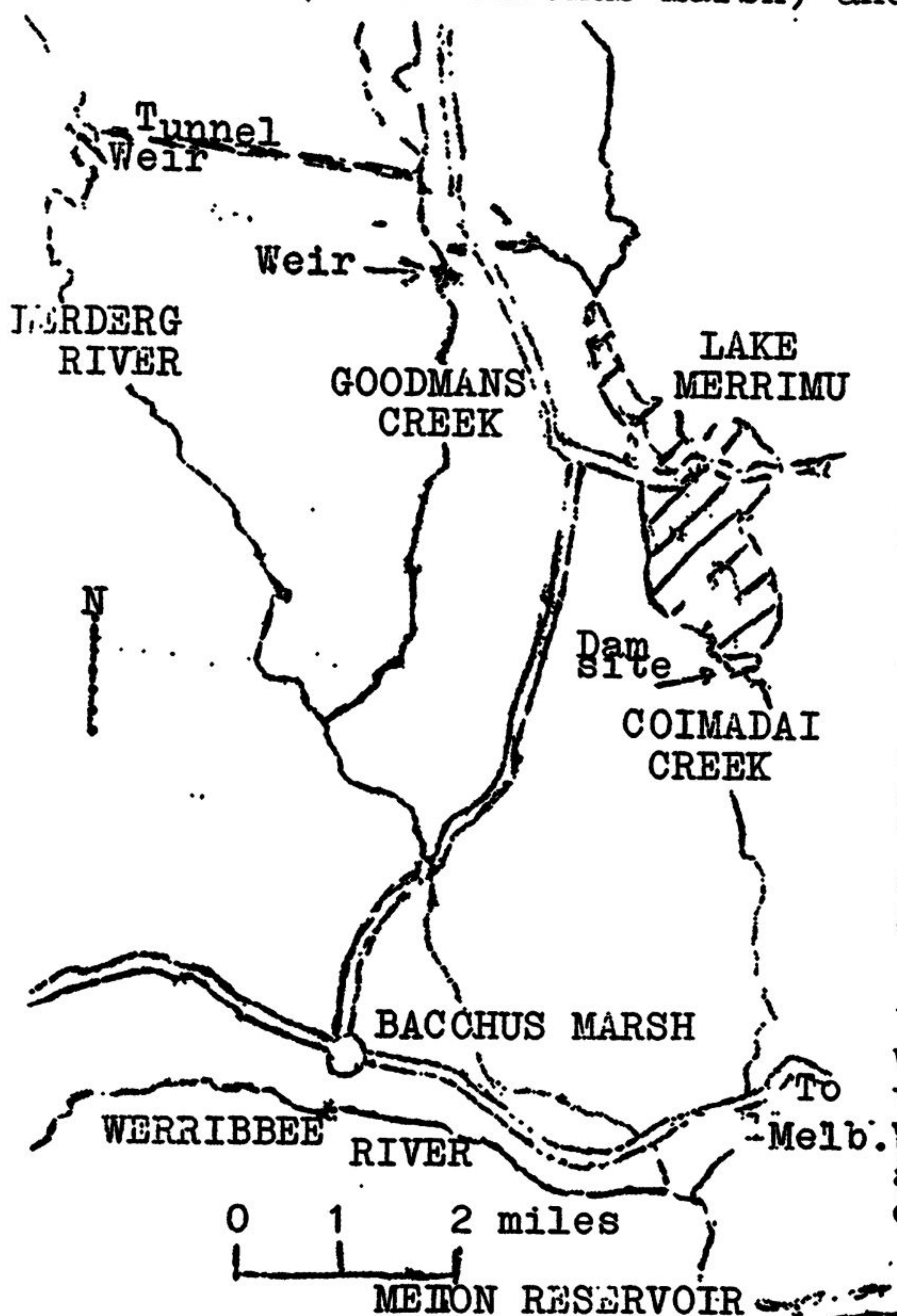
#### LESS WATER IN THE LERDERDERG: DAM PLAN ON COIMADAI CREEK

THE State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (as announced some time ago) plans to dam Coimadai Creek (NE of Bacchus Marsh) and fill it by diverting water from the Lerderderg River via tunnels.

The Lerderderg waters will be diverted from a weir above the Gorge via tunnel to another weir on Goodman's Ck. The combined waters of the Lerderderg and Goodman's Ck. will then be diverted via another tunnel to a watercourse flowing into Coimadai Ck and the proposed storage to be known as Lake Merrimu. Detailed planning is not complete, but it is expected that a dam 135 ft. high will be constructed to store 40,000 and "flood the small hamlet of Coimadai."

The work is expected to cost about \$3½ million of which about 60 per cent would be for tunnels, 30 per cent for the dam and the rest for land compensation and road works.

The storage is expected to yield about 10,000 acre ft. of water annually to safeguard "high value irrigation production at Werribee and Bacchus Marsh and also allow for anticipated industrial development in these areas."



W A L K S     P R E V I E W S

DAY WALKS.

- Aug. 21 KILMORE - MT. PIPER - BROADFORD.  
Leader - Bob Frost. Easy - Medium. Fare \$1.80  
Train leaves Spencer St. 9.00 a.m.  
Buy a Sunday Excursion to Broadford.  
Map - Tallarook 1:50,000 M.S.
- Aug. 28 CANNIBAL HILLS - MT. TOWT WEST - CORNUCOPIA.  
Leader - Helen Mitchell (p) 50 3042. Medium  
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. Fare \$1.65.  
Map - Drouin 860. Bring water for lunch.
- Sept. 4 EXPEDITION PASS - LAWSON'S LOOKOUT - GOLDEN GULLY.  
Leader - Ted Lawton. Easy. Fare \$2.00.  
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. Map -  
Castlemaine 1" to 1 mile M.S. A walk through open  
forest country in an old gold mining district. Be  
on the lookout for diggers' relics. Advisable to  
bring water for lunch.
- Sept. 11 GISBORNE - BLACK FOREST.  
Leader - Anne Weiling (p) 51 8368. Easy - Medium.  
Fare \$1.90. Train leaves Spencer St. 9.00 a.m.  
Buy a Sunday Excursion to Woodend. Map -  
Lancefield 1" to 1 mile M.S.  
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! This walk is to be personally  
conducted by the Hon. Secretary! The turn-up of  
the year. You too can join the fun(?).
- Sept. 18 This walk cancelled due to Federation Weekend.
- Sept. 22 TRENTHAM - WOODEND.  
(Show Day) Leader - Sue Taylor (p) 65 6029.  
Details will appear in next month's 'News'.
- Sept. 25 PIONEER CREEK - SPION KOP.  
Leader - Darrell Sullivan (p) 93 5713. Med. - Hard  
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. Map - Gembrook  
2" to 1 mile - Section D: Lands Dept. An  
excellent walk through heavily timbered country  
(predominantly Mountain Ash).

OVERNIGHT WALKS.

- Aug. 20 - 21 BROADFORD - MT. MARIANNE - YEA.  
Leader - Art Terry (p) 93 3617. Medium - Hard.  
Train leaves Spencer St. 7.10 a.m. Saturday. Buy  
a 2nd return Yea. Fare - \$4.65. Maps - either:  
Tallarook 1:50,000  
and Yea 1:50,000 or Tallarook 1" to 1 mile.  
See last month's 'News' for further details.
- Sept. 10 - 11 MT. MONDA - TANGLEFOOT - ST. LEONARD - HEALESVILLE.  
Leader - Michael Griffin (p) 90 4554. (b) 630 6119.  
Hard. Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.00 a.m. Saturday.  
Map - Juliet 1:50,000 M.S. Please do not attempt  
this walk unless you are fit! For those who come,  
be prepared to enjoy some excellent walking.  
Carry water for lunch. Keep long trousers in mind  
for the scrub-bashes.
- Sept. 17 - 18 FEDERATION WEEKEND.  
See report earlier in 'News'.

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POST SCRIPT: We had hoped this News would be reasonably small. However, we couldn't stop it growing. Next month we guarantee it will not be this big. We promise, Frank, to have only six pages next month. -- The News Crew.

THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS  
CONSTITUTION

1. NAME  
The Club shall be known as the Melbourne Bushwalkers.
2. OBJECTS  
The objects of the Club shall be:
  - (a) to bring together those who esteem bushwalking and mountain climbing;
  - (b) to encourage a wider appreciation of the wild life and natural beauty of this country and to assist in its preservation;
  - (c) to foster walking tours;
  - (d) to foster social activity among the members.
3. BADGE
  - (a) The Club badge shall be in the shape of a vertical rectangle with the following design: A man with a pack, walking uphill, (in silver), silhouetted against a light blue sky. The sky is divided from the hill mass by a thin silver line sloping down to the right, starting 2/3 of the way from the top of the badge. The hill mass is dark blue, with MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS imprinted in silver on it. A thin silver border encloses the design.
  - (b) The badge shall remain the property of the Club and shall be returned to the Committee on demand.
4. ASSOCIATIONS  
The Club may, when it is deemed advisable, affiliate, cooperate or associate with any other body or organisation for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Club, provided that affiliation with any other body or organisation shall not be effected except by a decision of a majority of members present at a General Meeting, of which notice has been given in accordance with Clause 9 (d). All affiliations with other bodies or organisations shall be listed in the Secretary's annual report.
5. MEMBERSHIP  
Membership shall be open to persons of both sexes, and in this Constitution words importing the masculine shall include the feminine also.
  - (a) A full member is one who fulfils all the following requirements:
    - (i) Qualifies, by completing to the satisfaction of the Committee three Club program day walks, each of qualifying standard, or two Club program week-end walks, necessitating camping out. All Club walks shall be deemed qualifying walks except those marked non-qualifying on the program;
    - (ii) Pays the prescribed fees;
    - (iii) Is of the full age of sixteen years.
  - (b) Life membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of exceptional services, on notice of motion at a General Meeting.
  - (c) Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee in special circumstances for such a period as the Committee deems fit.
  - (d) Application for membership shall be made on the prescribed form, such form to include an indemnity clause removing from the Club or its agents the responsibility for and/or liability in respect to any injury, loss or damage suffered by persons participating in Club activities. Applicants shall be proposed and seconded by two members, each of at least six months' standing in the Club.

- (e) The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person provided that the proposer shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, a person participating in not more than three qualifying walks in any Club year may be classed as a visitor without any obligation to become a member. No non-member shall participate in more than three qualifying walks in any Club year until he has submitted an application for membership to the Committee. He may then participate in walks while the Committee is dealing with his application. The Committee may fix a scale of charges for visitors.
- (g) The Committee may class certain minor walks, etc. as social activities. Any person may participate in such activities as a visitor.
- (h) The Committee shall have power to discipline members in such manner as may be deemed fit should a member's conduct warrant same. All reports, complaints and charges shall be received and dealt with by the Committee, provided that the member concerned shall have the right of appeal to the next General Meeting.

## 6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) The entrance fee and annual subscription for the ensuing twelve months shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be due and payable at the Annual General Meeting, and any member whose fees are due and unpaid for two months shall cease to be a member. In the case of new members, the entrance fee and subscription shall be due immediately upon notification that the application has been accepted by the Committee. The Committee may, if it is deemed warranted by special circumstances, extend this period in the case of any individual member, such extension to be for a definite period, which may be extended from time to time as the Committee deems fit. Any such arrangement shall not be binding after the following Annual General Meeting, except as the incoming Committee shall decide.

## 7. OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

- (a) The Office Bearers shall consist of:

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| President                | Honorary Secretary        |
| Two Vice Presidents      | Honorary Social Secretary |
| Honorary Walks Secretary | Honorary Lodge Manager    |
| Honorary Treasurer       | Honorary "News" Convenor  |

and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to hold office for one year or until their successors shall have been elected. No President shall hold office for more than four years consecutively. The Committee shall, as necessary, define the duties of each Office Bearer.

- (b) The Committee shall consist of all Office Bearers and in addition five members of whom no more than three shall be of the same sex. Such members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall also hold office for one year, or until their successors have been elected.
- (c) The Committee shall regulate its own procedure, and shall meet at least once during each calendar month. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled at the next General Meeting, except that vacancies in Office Bearers shall be filled at an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which seven days' notice has been given, such meeting to coincide with the first General Meeting after the expiry of the seven days' notice.

- (d) Absence from three out of five consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse shall cause a Committee Member's seat to be declared vacant.
- (e) The Committee shall arrange all activities, keep a record of them, keep Club members and the public informed, and generally manage the affairs of the Club as provided for in this Constitution. The Committee is empowered to form such sub-committees as may be necessary. The Committee or Convenors of sub-committees may co-opt any person whose assistance may be deemed valuable.
- (f) The Club may buy, sell, hold, hire out, receive on hire, lend or receive on loan, or trust, any goods, real, personal, moveable property or real estate, and enter into agreement with other persons or groups or people, incorporated or unincorporated, or undertake any action it deems fit, in pursuance of its objects.
- (g) The Committee shall at all times and in all matters, including the powers contained in the preceding paragraphs, be subject to the direction of the Club, and shall put into effect any resolution passed by a properly called and constituted General Meeting as in this Constitution provided.
- (h) The Committee shall amend or rescind any resolution, rule or appointment made by it by direction of a majority vote of a General Meeting called for the purpose, and at which are present not less than 20 per cent of these members of the Club who are entitled to vote.
- (i) When a written agreement is entered into which is required to be signed on behalf of the Club, whether such agreement requires to be sealed or not, such agreement shall be executed by the President, and witnessed by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Walks Secretary.

8. TRUSTEES

The property of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees, each to hold office for three years, to retire in rotation and to be replaced by one elected at each Annual General Meeting.

9. MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting, of which at least fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing to each member, shall be held between the 14th and 28th days of February each year. The business shall be the reception of the Annual Report and Financial Statement, election of Office Bearers and Committee, and any other business that may be brought forward.
- (b) A Half-Yearly General Meeting, of which at least seven days' notice shall be given in writing to each member, shall be held between the 14th and 31st days of August each year, for the transaction of general business.
- (c) A Bi-Monthly General Meeting shall be held in the last week of April, June and October each year for the transaction of general business.
- (d) The Committee, in relation to any business, may also, whenever it thinks fit, and shall, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least ten members and stating the business of the meeting requested, call an Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of discussing such business. At least 14 days' notice thereof shall be given in writing to each member, such notice to specify the nature of the business aforesaid. An Extraordinary General Meeting called pursuant to such a petition shall be held within 30 days after the Committee meeting following receipt of the petition.

- (e) Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum. The usual Parliamentary procedure shall be adopted at all meetings.
- (f) Election of all Office Bearers and Committee Members shall be by secret ballot. A secret ballot may be held on any question if at least five members demand it.

10. YEAR

The Club year shall end on the last day of January.

11. FINANCE

- (a) Accounts shall be opened in the name of the Club with a reputable bank, and the President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Walks Secretary, or any two of them jointly shall operate on the accounts, provided that the signature of any one of them shall be sufficient endorsement for cheques, etc. paid into the Club's accounts. A Financial Statement shall be submitted to the Committee monthly.
- (b) Two auditors shall be elected annually, and shall audit all books, financial records, stocks, etc. at least half-yearly. Auditors may not hold any other office in the Club.

12. BY-LAWS

The Committee shall be empowered, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, to make such By-Laws as are deemed necessary.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) This Constitution shall not be amended except by a 60 per cent majority of those present at an Extraordinary, Half-Yearly or Annual General Meeting. For a meeting at which an amendment is to be debated, 14 days' notice, in writing, setting out the proposed amendment in full, shall be given to each member.
- (b) All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days prior to the appropriate meeting as defined in Clause 13 (a).