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THE CLUB NEEDS THE MONEY

GENERAL MEETING RAISES FARES 10 %

BID TO STOP LOSSES ON VAN TRIPS

Members at the last bi-monthly meeting voted overwhelmingly to increase van fares by 10 % from the next (winter) program. This will mean rises of from 5¢ to 50¢ on normal van fares.

The effect will be to reduce the minimum number to make a van pay from 20 to 16 or 17. However this does not mean members can afford to resume casual attitudes to booking and paying deposits.

Last month the committee announced higher deposits in a bid to cut losses on van trips where members don't turn up after paying deposits.

DEPOSITS - During the debate on van finances some members suggested collecting full fares from people who pay deposits and don't turn up without any convincing excuse. However, most other members thought this was taking it too far at this stage.

FINANCES - There was also a certain amount of discussion on Club finances in general. Bill Thompson suggested the treasurer was being too conservative, but Frank was unavoidably late for the meeting and therefore unable to clarify his report.

SUPPER CHARGES - Supper charges stay despite general lack of enthusiasm voiced about it at the meeting. However the President said it was only a stop-gap measure.

FALTRY TURN UP OF CLUB MEMBERS AT FEDERATION AGM.

THREE Club members turned up at the Federation's Annual General Meeting held in the Melbourne Walking Club's clubroom recently. Total attendance was over 50 and all other major clubs were well represented.

A move by the Women's Club to have the Moomba day walk altered to a cooler time of year was defeated.

All the retiring office bearers were re-elected without opposition.

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Someone who is prepared to type a couple of stencils for

"The News" every month.

- Also early copy for "The News" - It is published on

the third Friday of the month. Please hand in copy at least

a week before.

T W O T A L E S O F T H E B A R N D A N C E .

Pakenham Upper,
May 7 - 8.

THE BARN DANCE FROM THE EYE
OF A MOON ENTHUSIAST.

Full and bright shone the moon on Pakenham Upper's hall. An uneasy peace settled and a threatening silence was suddenly shattered by a shriek from one campfire - "The Viet Cong - help! They've got the red stuff - BRING IT BACK."

Note may be made that the education of several of the long-haired juveniles in the club now includes knowledge of that warm soggy glow!

The moon rose slightly from the horizon as a few discords heralded the band's arrival in the hall which had been decorated in the best bushie fashion.

A liberal dousing of wax dust made an excellent sliding surface and recieved an added polish from several bottoms.

And then the music started swinging, the people started swinging and the hall started swinging. The policy evidently was - "I can't dance, but I'm having one hell of an energetic attempt.

For the fashion curious - a few observations:-

- 1) The majority of boys minced around the hall in Paddy Pallin boots.
- 2) One lass bravely wore slacks jumper, socks and high heels.

3) A preview of the hon. soc. sec. in skeletal form.

4) A bowler hat!

5) A lavatory seat - it's a comfort to know you have a spare.

The moon was high now. Supper was served. Abruptly the happy atmosphere was rent as the sight of FOOD caused our journalist member to lose all self-control. His ape-like contortions brought shrieks of horror; his foaming mouth gaped and in his frenzy he clamoured dementedly toward THE FOOD. Fortunately he was subdued by bonds as the crowd cleared all from the tables and licked the plates, unperturbed by the sight but good-naturedly feeding it.

The moon had moved very little at the end of supper and the music continued till about 1.15 at which time, due to the band's departure, the dancers were left to entertain themselves. From one campfire arose thereafter a deep and mournful wail which brought to one's mind the distinct impressions of church chanting and mass agony.

As the last sleeping bags received their owners, the moon had gone, and the many bleary eyes the next morning told their own tale.

"FANGS"

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MR HOY'S PRIVATE ROAD UP FEATHERTOP

ONLY MR HOY IS IMPRESSED

Bright's bus magnate and self-appointed Tourist promoter, Mr. Hoy, bulldozed the section of jeep track up Feathertop that members first noticed last year.

The track is bulldozed for about half a mile up Bungalow Spur from the turntable and follows the old graded foot track.

According to an MUMC member at the Federation AGM, Mr. Hoy is pressing for a tourist road to the top of Feathertop. HE GOT NO - ONE'S PERMISSION TO BULLDOZE THE PRESENT SECTION OF JEEP TRACK.

Opposition

FVWC secretary, Eric Quinlan, revealed this in reply to the MUMC member. In fact, according to Eric, Mr. Hoy has only aroused local passions against his scheme. The local council is apparently not impressed at all.

However, Mr. Hoy is well known for his ability to overcome opposition. Therefore, the Federation is making further enquiries.

OBITUARY

The News offers its condolences on behalf of all members to John and Marion Siseman on the death of John's father.

Mr. Siseman opened his house to club committee and sub-committee meetings, and through this many members knew him well.

THE PRESIDENT'S LITTLE TALKS

Following the success of Charlie's map reading talk, the President has gone mad organising other little talks. These will be inflicted on us whenever possible. Announcements later.

BOOTS AND ALL . . .

The Macquarie Island monster has been officially snared by patient Robyn, despite certain beaming bad influences. We understand the cold reality of married life will hit our new car owner in June. Congratulations Doug and Robyn.

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Bill and Margaret are now on their way to England. We wish them an enjoyable time.

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For those who are wondering what has happened to Frank Burt lately - he's married a tape recorder that doesn't work.

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This month's lucky question - Who'll fall next? . . . You'd better be sharp with your answers.

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Athol wants that "Walk" article as soon as possible so we can publish the magazine before Christmas. Editing "Walk" is a long and tedious job for the editor. He needs as much help as we can give him.

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The Council of Adult Education's winter syllabus is in the Clubroom.

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This News is late because the Club's duplicator has collapsed in a steaming heap. We believe it expired due to old age.

... So has the President's portable pack-rack. Any scrap metal merchant interested?

- Johan van BELCH

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COMMITTEE DUTY ROSTER

May 13 Sandra Phillips
May 20 Tim Dent
May 27 Val Jones
June 3 Michael Griffin
June 10 Sue Taylor
June 17 Roy Beames

NEW MEMBERS -welcome to...

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NATIONAL PARKS

Quarterly meeting to be
held at the National Herbarium
on June 22 at 8 p.m.
Speaker - Jack Hyett.

INSURANCE ABANDONED

The Committee has decided
to abandon our proposed
insurance scheme as it appears
that we cannot get the necessary
75% of membership to enrol.

See Frank Baker for refunds.
(Those who have paid only.)

FOR SALE

* Women's boots size 7 in
good condition. Contact Muriel
Fox, 26 Spenser St., Essendon.

NATIONAL FITNESS COUNCIL
OF VICTORIA

Bushwalking and light-
weight camping course 1966,
to be held shortly.

Theory - evenings - 8th, 14th,
21st and 29th June.

Practical - weekends - 12th
June, 18-19th June, and 2nd -
3rd July.

Fee - \$ 2.50, plus food, trans-
port and accomodation for
practical sessions.

Further information from
National Fitness Council of
Victoria, T & G building,
147 Collins St., Melbourne.

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Paddy Pallin has produced a new light-weight H-frame pack,
slightly smaller than existing models. Cheaper too, at \$ 23.
Need a new pack? Then call at Auski's and inspect his range
which includes mosels of the celebrated Bergen Rucksack
from Europe.

At last Freeze-dried meat - available at Auski's.

Call and inspect - See Lois, Tony, John and Charles at Auski
House, Hardware St., Melbourne (just off Bourke St.)

A L O N G T H E T R A C K

P O L L E T I S C R E E K - M T. T E R R I B L E -

E N O C H ' S P O I N T S T O C K M A N ' S

S P U R.

April 22 - 25.

THE LITTLEST ANGEL

PRELUDE

A swarm of bushwalkers busily chewing up the ground with an army of tent pegs as the japa rises shakily into tau shape, a few extra heartbeats as Robin is almost claimed by a treacherous mine shaft, a storm of laughter raining unmercifully upon unprotected ears, the dulcet tones of the Littlest Angel reminding us of tomorrow's endurance test, and a few hours of opportune sleep disturbed by the probing fingers of an icy night.

DAY THE FIRST

The invisible tongues of heat from the fire, the thawing bodies responding to the stimulus as solid turns to liquid and the words begin to flow unimpeded; the wonder of breakfast as the moist, warm food strikes responsive chords of sound; the voices hushed as the circle is formed and the Littlest Angel paints an impassioned canvas with demonic descriptions of the climb onto Terrible; the sibilance of laboured breathing as the spur is tackled and conquered.

Behold the ridge and Mount Terrible, unchallenged and alone in space, now jostled by determined feet, yielding its summit to provide a background for cheese, sardines and healthy appetites.

Deserted, the mountain sighs peacefully in the wind as far below, we reach the Big River.

DAY THE SECOND

Unrelenting cold as we struggle out of the sanctuary of our sleeping bags and eagerly prepare a hot breakfast; our glorious leader leering bleary eyed and mumbling something about having warned us that the trip would not be easy, and trying to

prove that littlest angels can laugh louder than schoolteachers and journalists.

Unrelenting road as we climb and descend, curve and straighten, for mile after mile until Stockman's Reward is reached; blisters, tents, food, noise and finally oblivion in a sleeping bag as the freezing night hammers at the doors of sleep and tiptoes in.

DAY THE THIRD

The Littlest Angel, better known as Sunbeames, drives us forward once again. Happiness and a muddy track; surprise bordering on disbelief when we reach the tentative lunch spot in time for morning tea, and push on without having any; snatches of complaint as we emulate Hillary, climbing the steep stretch and collapsing over a roaring fire or two at the top amid piles of food and drink. The last meal on the track and the packs are pumped dry of nourishment.

Monday afternoon and we stroll on to the finishing spot an hour or so before schedule. A grandstand of cunningly stacked logs is soon covered with unposed bodies and a maniac with a camera clambers determinedly all over.

POSTSCRIPT

Notwithstanding all that has gone before, the walk was extremely enjoyable and the Littlest Angel had a devil of a time trying to be as gay and uninhibited as Fangs and The Journalist. Please don't ask me who won.

Michael Griffin.

R O U N D T R I P F R O M H E A L E S V I L L E
V I A T H E S I R C O L I N M A C K E N Z I E
S A N C T U A R Y

May 1.

It was a mild morning as the party left Healesville along the traffic laden road to the Sanctuary. It was on this part of the trip that we were joined by a prospective member in the shape of a dog which led the party for the rest of the day.

We arrived at the Sanctuary picnic area for lunch where we saw that the nearby tourists' camping spirit was much in evidence, both on fires and in glasses.

After lunch the wealthy went through the reserve while a few lazy ones stayed back at the fire. Later, the party left on the return trip via the lower slopes of Mt. Riddell and finally made it back to Healesville after much fence hopping.

The day ended with a laugh with Robin Mitchell giving a display (complete with facial expressions) of the many ways a slouch hat can be worn.

Alan Phillips

S E A R C H A N D R E S C U E P R A C T I C E

KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK

May 14 - 15.

Fred Halls, our S & R delegate was rather disappointed with the turnout at the practice. Twenty three searchers were present, including three police. Five of our Club members were there.

Fred acted as the bait, and ended up spending a lonely night out. Searchers passed within a hundred yards of him at one stage. However, due to the large area for them to cover, and some confusion over calls, he was not found.

Although the attendance was poor, the police expressed satisfaction at the way the search was handled. They had special praise for Robert Steel who was leader of one of the search parties.

FINAL THOUGHT while we're on Search and Rescue: Winter, the search season is nearly here when every fit male should be on the Club S&R list. The list is partly for your protection -- if you're not on it then you're not covered by insurance on a search.

MESSAGE TO LEADERS -- THIS MEANS YOU if you've led a walk, want to lead one or are down to lead one on the new program:

(Alias "The Winge Column")

(1) Please hand in walks preview slips to Michael Griffin two weeks before News is published. (News is published on the third Friday in the month). THIS IS ONE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A LEADER. Remember, it's much easier for you to chase Michael than for him to chase you for these previews (metaphorically). (News convenor's winge)

(2) Please hand in all money collected from walks as soon as possible. (Treasurer's winge).

(3) Get those walks reports in the week after the walk -- post them to Fred if you're not coming into the club. (Walks Secretary's winge).

(4) Have you paid your sub -- if not, get with it (Committee's winge).

W A L K S P R E V I E W S

DAY WALKS

- May 22 HOLLOWBACK RESERVOIR - SUNDAY CREEK - WANDONG.
 Leader - Tyrone Thomas, (p) 89 5197 Medium.
 Van leaves Batman Ave. at 8.55 a.m. Fare - \$1.40.
 Map - Kinglake 1:50,000 M.S.
 See last month's News for further details.
- May 29 COBAW RANGES.
 Leader - Fred Halls (replacing Neil Ham) Medium.
 Van leaves Batman Ave., at 8.55 a.m. Fare - \$1.50.
 Map - Pyalong 1:50,000 M.S.
 Bring water for lunch. See last month's News for further details.
- June 5. ALISON CREEK RD. - VICTORIA RANGE - BLOWHARD RANGE - TOMMY'S TRACK.
 Leader - Neville Simpson, (b) 30 4185 Medium.
 Van leaves Batman Ave. at 8.55 a.m. Fare - \$1.40.
 Map - Glenburn 1:50,000 M.S., Juliet quarter section 2" - mile., Central Highlands - Forests Commission (optional).
 Pleasant undulating country over the heavily timbered Victoria and Blowhard ranges and down to the Yea River, crossing the Alison Creek Rd. Walking is along jeep tracks through both light and heavy bush. This is superb forest country. Bring water for lunch.
- June 12 ONE TREE HILL - MONBULK FOREST - MENZIES CREEK.
 Train leaves Flinders St., at 9.00 a.m. Easy.
 Buy a Sunday excursion to Belgrave. Fare \$0.50.
 Have extra money for a bus fare.
 Map - Monbulk 1:50,000 M.S. or Ringwood 1" - mile. Also (optional) Broadbents' Dandenong Ranges.
 An enjoyable, easy stroll through typical Dandenongs country. We need a leader for this trip.
 If you are not going away for the long weekend and are prepared to offer your services (it's a good walk for a beginner with a compass), see Fred Halls as soon as possible.
- June 18 (SATURDAY) LYREBIRD WALK - SHERBROOKE FOREST.
 Leader - Tyrone Thomas (p) 89 5197 Easy.
 Train leaves Flinders St., at 8.47 a.m.
 Buy a return to Belgrave.
 Map - Monbulk 1:50,000 M.S. and Broadbents' Sherbrooke Forest. Calling all walkers!
 Come on this delightful, easy Saturday stroll to the haunts of the lyre-bird. We will go from Tecoma along Ferny Creek to Sherbrooke Pine plantation and Falls, then into the giant Mountain Ash Forest where the lyre-birds are to be found. Emerging at Kallista, we will then walk through the Monbulk Forest along Coles Ridge to Belgrave Station.
- June 26 BEENAK - SHEPHERD'S CREEK.
 Leader - Athol Schafer (p) 211 2649 (b) 67 4445. Medium. Van leaves Batman Ave. at 8.55 a.m.
 Map - Gembrook 1:50,000 M.S. Fare - \$1.50.
 Athol always leads a very pleasant trip so don't miss this one through hilly country north of Gembrook. There is a mixture of Messmate and Mountain Ash forest in this area, with plenty of views of farmland and forest country.

P.T.O. for overnight walks.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

May 27 - 29 CAMPASPE VALLEY

Leader - Maitland Vertigan (b) 60 1671 Medium.
Van leaves Batman Ave. at 6.30 p.m. Fare \$2.60.
Map - Bendigo 1:50,000 M.S. Carry fresh water ..
for lunch. See last month's News for details.

June 10 - 13 (a) GLENROWAN - WARBY RANGES WANGARATTA.

(Queen's
birthday).

Leader - Athol Schafer (p) 211 2649
(b) 67 4445. Train (Holiday timetable)
Fare: \$7.45. Map - Wangaratta 1" - mile.
Athol offers you a very pleasant walk through
an area that, in the spring is noted for its
wildflowers (there will probably be some in June,
too,) and for its historical interest in relation
to Ned Kelly and his gang. The Warby Ranges are
fairly heavily timbered and there are granite rock
outcrops in the area. The weather in this area
is usually fairly mild for this time of the year.
Carry water for lunch.

This was Rex's hole for his queens' ^{birthday} weekend
trip. However, he failed to show up. An urgent call to
the Botanic Gardens weeding department resulted in the
following conversation:

Editor: "Do you want anything in News on your
trip?"

Rex: "(unprintable expression) I was going to
give you something."

Editor: "Well, have you any last minute message?"

Rex: "Um. . . er. . . its at Wiperfeel. . . ."

THEREFORE, we dedicate this space to Barrington Tops,
or Rex's last memory.

LATE, LATE MESSAGE . . . We hear you can light fires in
the park --- as long as you don't burn the lichens.
(An instruction sheet will be published)

THE NEWS of the Melbourne Bushwalkers

If not claimed within 7 days,
Return to Melbourne Bushwalkers,
V.R.I. Building, Flinders St., Melbourne, Australia.