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OUR WALKS PROGRAMME...YOU CAN HELP.

A walking club must programme walks that are of interest to its members. It is the job of the walks Sub-committee to turn out a walks programme every three months and to include in it a wide variety of walks appealing to all tastes, and ranging, if possible from the Sunday stroll to the hard week-end slog.

For a walking club in its infancy these requirements are relatively easy to fill, but as the club grows and becomes established, attracting people from all walks of life and with a variety of tastes, and as all the easily accessible areas find their way into the programme, the task of finding another three months of interesting walks becomes more difficult. Many walks are repeated, many areas are 'done to death' and soon, unless a lot of research, knowledge and imagination is applied the programmes become uninteresting and attendances fall off. To a new member, of course, all walks are new, but new members rapidly become established ones and there comes the day when the cry is heard. 'But I've already been on that walk.,'.

A problem, but one that can be solved. Our very energetic walks sub-committee has already turned out interesting programmes and deserve a great deal of congratulation, but consider for a moment these facts.....

(a) Train trips are becoming more difficult to arrange as, one by one, services on various country lines are discontinued or run at impossible times, (for walking purposes). Increasing fares also put a limit on the distances we can travel.

(b) Many of our best walking areas are being (and have been) destroyed to make way for the outer reaches of suburbia and once beautiful walking tracks are being replaced by dusty, hard, uninteresting roads.

(c) As mentioned above, many walks are repeated and areas become exhausted of interesting walks.

(d) Leaders are hard to find, and suggestions are rarely put forward.

New members are earnestly invited to lead a walk and all members are requested to pass all interesting ideas for walks to Fred Halls. We can solve this problem and for this reason, all interested members are asked to fill in the attached form and return it to Fred Halls, Rex Filson, or Roy Beames.

In the name of continued good walking, please do this one small thing.

COMING EVENTS.

NATIONAL PARKS

The next meeting of the V.N.P.A. will be held on the 30th of Nov. This meeting will be of added interest as films on animals will be shown by Graeme Pizzey. If you are interested (and you should be) go see Suzy Q Taylor for details.

THE CHRISTMAS DANCE

Just a reminder that our usual Xmas wing ding will take place on the 10th of Dec. at the solidly built (I hope) home of Sandra Phillips.. 161 Balcombe Road Mentone. The lounge is enormous (complete with man-eating plants) and even Hon. Member Roy Taylor and his crew should find room to swing.

DUTY ROSTER

Nov. 25	Bank Fraker
Dec. 2	Head Falls
" 9	Dim Tent
" 16	Too Sailor
" 30	Wann Eyeling

A BABY...An alimentary canal with a loud voice at one end and no responsibility at the other.

RESULT OF A WEAK END DEPARTMENT.
(all the way with L.J.B.)

The recent President's Weekend somewhere in the snake-infested backwaters of Kinglake National Park was full of those little touches that make a President's Weekend a never-to-be-forgotten event. (Bleah!)

Shortly after arrival a snake was sighted in the camping area. It was generally decided that this was a fitting start to a President's Weekend and when all the members of the party had huddled into a compact bunch, the President was severely reprimanded for choosing such a reptile-riden camping site. Several people vowed to nail the walls of their tents to the ground and Neville Simpson was finally propelled from the huddle to deal

with the intruder. The snake was skilfully manoeuvred in the direction of the water supply by Smithy and everyone lived in fear for the remainder of the weekend.

After the Saturday night tea, various sightings of a bear-chested, lily white Elvis, and a formidable discussion between Joan Hunter and Alec Proudfoot, J.B.'s huge bonfire was set aflame and soon surrounded. The Pres. looked expectantly at the Macquarie Is. monster, who looked back indignantly at the Pres.

J.B., not to be put off by such insolence, suggested a song and the M.I.M., finally taking the hint, launched into a soul-shattering rendition of a song best forgotten. The off-key cacophony quickly spread, enabling a late-arriving loch to creep up on the party without being noticed.

Torchlight and slightly slurred voices announced the presence of intruders and half a dozen locals, accompanied by a blaring transistor, soon tripped lightly up to the fire.

The radio announcer started saying hello to all those bushwalkers camped in the Kinglake National Park and hoped they were enjoying doing whatever Bushwalkers usually enjoyed doing. (?) J.B., amazed and disgusted by all this outside attention, crept off with the Pocock's to safety of a sympathetic tent and could only be enticed back when assurances were given that the non-bushwalkers had departed.

The party, at a rather low ebb after this dampening, soon rekindled and although the chops and sausages had all been eaten and the hygienically prepared

cocoa had found its way down many a throat, much wood was to be piled on the fire before sleeping bags received their tired owners.

Sunday found John leading us north to Chalmer's lookout, followed by a descent into the Jehosophat Valley for lunch. The day passed uneventfully but very enjoyably. The night was to be a very different matter altogether. (See below).

DIRTY TRICK DEPARTMENT

Barrington Tops Filson and Sue Hill are now "man and wife".

Whilst we extend our heartiest congratulations to this loving couple, it must be emphasized that this secret wedding business was rather a sneaky trick to pull. Probably be a topic of conversation for months.

One wonders what suddenly decided one of the last outposts of bachelorhood to take the fateful plunge. Did he seek consolation for failing to locate fabled Maroong Rise, or was the pile of dirty clothes in the laundry growing too high too fast.

What made Sue take a chance on the lecherous licheneer. I mean, fancy marrying a bloke who collects lichens and packs them in little neatly-labelled boxes that take up space which could be used to far better advantage. It's a wonder the wedding ring didn't incorporate a fruiting lichen encased in glass.

The members of the President's Weekend party plus a few late ring-ins visited the Filsons at home. The streets of Mont Albert were suddenly alive with a vast volume of sound as, to the background of houselights flicking on, the well-oiled team of tin-kettlers went into action with anything that would make a noise.

The Filsons were suitably impressed but adapted remarkably well to the new conditions. After the house and the beer had been demolished, everyone with the exception of Barry Short and passengers departed. I think the RACV had the last word.

CHRISTMAS WALKS - A PREVIEW

Please note - only members of the club can go on Christmas Walks

As we said last month, there is a very good selection of walks this year. It is not too late to book for a Christmas walk: many leaders are looking for more people. We do not suggest that it is your duty to go on a Christmas Walk but we do make one appeal:- if you have a holiday over the Christmas period and you are not as yet sure what to do with it, please give our walks due consideration. There is a walk to suit every member of the club, new or old. All leaders would welcome your inquiries. Where detailed information is lacking in the following previews, please see the leader(s) concerned:

Chinaman's Bay - Refuge Cove - Five Mile Beach (Wilson's Prom.)

Leader - John Richards (p) 574633 Hard

No other information to hand.

Eagle Peak's Range - The Bluff - Magdala - Howitt

Leader - Robin Mitchell (p) 503042 Hard - 4 days

Details as yet undecided. Please see Robin.

Bennies - Cobbler - The Razor - Crosscut Saw - Howitt

Leader - Art Terry (p) 933617 Hard - 4 days

Map - VMTC. "Watersheds of the King, Howqua and Jamieson Rivers"

An excellent walk in an area that Art knows well. Some really superb views and, although this is a hard walk, it is a very rewarding one. Cameras are a must. You'd do well to keep that pack as light as possible.

Transport Forward

Train to Wangaratta (2nd class single) - \$5.70 approx.

Taxi to Bennies - \$4.00 approx.

Return

Taxi to Mansfield - \$4.00 approx.

Hired vehicle - Mansfield to Melbourne - \$7.00 approx.

Total fare approx. \$21 (well worth it)

Mt. Tawanga - Eskdale Spur - Bogang - Wilkinson Lodge

Leader - Athol Schafer (p) 2112649 (b) 674445 Medium - 8 days

Dates to suit party

Maps: Broadbents No. 198 and No. 316

Details:

Day 1 - Train to Albury, mail car to Upper Gundowring. Camp on Kiewa River

Day 2 - Climb Mt. Tawanga, drop to Little Snowy Creek

Day 3 - Follow creek up to Mt. Emu

Day 4 - Trappers Creek Gap - Camp Creek Gap

Day 5 - Eskdale Spur - Summit - Quartz Ridge - Big River

Day 6 - Mt. Nelse - Wilkinson Lodge. Other days spare.

This walk promises medium grade walking in the sub-alpine and alpine areas of the State - plus a trip to Wilkie. A fine walk which might also appeal to some of our newer members. Total fares approx. \$20.

Mt. Darling Range and Plateau - The Watchtower - Holmes Plain - Bennison

Plains - Long Hill - Crinoline

Leader - Fred Halls (p) 973724 Easy/medium - 11 days

This trip will commence with a three-day exploratory walk over the Mt. Darling Range and Plateau; the 5,000 + foot offshoot of the Snowy Range between the gorge-like valleys of Conglomerate and Carey Creeks.

There should be superb views of the Wonnangatta Valley, Snowy Bluff and The Watchtower, and also from the edge of the plateau scarp above the 300 ft. Mt. Darling Creek Falls. This will be followed by rambles around cliff edges above the southern section of the Carey Country and fine views from The Watchtower. The latter part of the trip embraces the walking from Holmes Plain over the well-known Bennison Plains, past Tamboritha and Long Hill to the Crinoline.

What more can you ask for, with long days, pleasant walking conditions and a programme that allows leisurely walking and glorious views from some of our best high plains country? See Fred for further information.

Moroka Gorge - Mt. Kent Range - Snowy Bluff - Bennison Plains - Long Hill

Leader - Ed Lawton Hard - 11 days
Map - Moroka 1" to 1 mile; starting date 26.12.66

Some very good views of the Moroka Gorge from Mt. Cromwells Knob, Little Cromwell and Mt. Kent. Promises to be a very interesting walk with much food for the cameras. Plenty of views, plenty of hills to climb, plenty of ridges, plenty of time to get to know Ed. See him for further information.

Nullabor Caves Leader - Rex Filson Easy/Medium - 23 days

Proposed Itinerary:

Dec, Sat, 24 - Melbourne to Adelaide and towards Port Augusta
Sun, 25 - On to Ceduna and Christmas Dinner
Mon, 26 - Ceduna to Koonalda homestead
Tues, 27 - Koonalda to Warbla Cave
Wed, 28 - Fri, 30 At Warbla Cave (3 days)
Sat, 31 - Back to Koonalda
Jan, Sun, 1 - Wed, 4 At Koonalda Cave (4 days)
Thur, 5 - Back to Nullabor Homestead and Ivy Cave
Fri, 6 - At Ivy Cave (1 day)
Sat, 7 - Mon, 9 At Catacombs (3 days)
Tues, 10 - Back to Murrawijinie Caves
Wed, 11 - Thurs, 12 At Murrawijinie Caves and return to Nullabor homestead
Fri, 13 - Nullabor homestead to Ceduna
Sat, 14 - Ceduna to Port August and further
Sun, 15 - On to Melbourne

This itinerary may be modified to allow short visits to some other caves. One car load may extend the trip by 2 or 3 days to visit Andamooka.

MAIDEN IN DISTRESS

This is a note about Sonia Snell,
to whom an accident befell.
It happens, as it does to many,
that Sonia went to spend a penny
at the place provided at the station,
where she sat in meditation.
But! This poor girl was unacquainted
That the seat had just been newly painted;
Which then made her realise
Her inability to rise.
And though she struggled, screamed and
yelled,
she found that she was firmly held.
Her cries and screams soon quickly brought
a crowd of every kind and sort.
The station master had a view,
Then quickly sawed the seat in two -
Hurried the wooden-bustled girl
Off quickly to the hospital,
On the operating table bright
Lay the girl with seat stuck tight;
Which made the surgeon ask with awe,
"Has anyone seen such a thing before?"
Which a young intern exclaimed,
"Frequently, Sir, but never framed."

(Origin doubtful)

Heard on the grapevine that Jim and
Margaret Brooks have a new baby -
Congratulations from all in the Club.

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You'll find all your bushwalking needs
at Auski (9 Hardware Street). Enlist
the happy help of Tony, John, Lois and
Charles in choosing your new pack. They
have a complete range of models including
the celebrated Bergeb from Europe.
Consider also Paddy Pallin's lightweight
slightly smaller 'H' frame pack, price
only \$23.00. Remember, wise bushwalkers
go to Auski's for everything from Freeze
Dried Meat to clean socks.

Clubs Department

A word of thanks to Charles McCubbin for his slides and commentary on walking in South*
West Tasmania. Your News copy-boy was on his way to that astounding Buller trip at
the time (more about that next month) but heard that Charles had a bit of competition
from the back-room boys and their excessive amplification.

Because of Christmas, the December News will come out on December 16th instead of
December 23rd.

"PUT IN THE BOOT, I SEZ....."

Under observation for this month is Tim Dent.

Frank Baker is still recovering from shock at the prospect of parting with some of that precious money for a song book. Negotiable condolences will be gratefully received.

Hope everyone concerned did well at the exams. Nothing like a spot of walking to drive away the cobwebs.

Any surplus supplies of bread (starch reduced) should be sent to "Garbage Guts" Mitchell.

Quite a few "vee drops" floating round on the recent Presidents Weekend. Brightened up things considerably. Even J.B. joined in.

Final word on Maroong Rise. Rex thought he found it on his way back from Perth but it turned out to be Adelaide.

Place your bets gentlemen. Talking marathon between Joan Hunter and Alec (Tiny Tim) Proudfoot.

Just how many 21st. birthdays did you have, Sue Taylor?

Nicknames Dept: How about "Dobbin and Rug" for the Pookeys?

What about your sister, Ed?

John Brownlie is trying frantically to convert all club members to Langlauf fanatics. Hope you leave a few walkers in the club, John. Seriously though, a few snow-touring trips on the next winter programme would be an idea.

Kiss: An operation, cunningly devised for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are utterly superfluous.

Marriage: Public confession of a strictly private intention.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the club. John Brownlie is still trying to flog membership badges

APPERLY, Fairlie - 58 Canterbury Rd, Toorak. (p) 24 2800
BATES, Sandra - 13 Anderson St, East Malvern. (p) 50 3520 (b) 62 7531
CARLYON, Peter - 66 Suffolk St, West Footscray. (p) 68 6027 (b) 86 5321 ext.268
FILSON, Sue - 18 Sutton Parade, Mont Albert.
HARWOOD, Greg - 4 Park Rd, Middle Park. (b) 69 1241
REID, Janet - 131 Wattle Valley Rd, Camberwell. (p) 29 5396
SHEEHY, Ian - 12 Munro Ave, Cheltenham. (p) 93 1134

GOINGS ON

The outcome of a recent meeting of the song book sub-committee was the feeling that the club should make every effort to produce a worth-while song book, one that could be sold to all people with an interest in walking

Investigations as to cost, availability of money, format, are still underway, but every member should give the matter some thought. Whether we ultimately produce a song book through the club or not will depend on the decision of the club members as a whole. We hope your decision will be well thought out.

At the next meeting of the Victorian National Parks Association our representative will try to ascertain the policy on camping in National Parks. Organised parties have been refused permission to camp

in some National Parks and the club ran into this problem in connection with the Presidents Weekend. We finally camped, with permission, on private property.

One would hope that the purpose of National Parks, among other things would be to permit (and encourage) walking, camping and climbing by responsible persons in a natural setting. If this is not in fact the case then we should look very carefully at plans to convert first class walking (or climbing) areas - such as Feather-top - into National Parks, and we should, at the same time make a very loud protest.

The VNPA is not responsible for this state of affairs, and this club supports them wholeheartedly, but they may be in a position, once the question has been raised, to do a considerable amount about it. Let us hope so.

WALKS PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

- Nov. 27 BIG HILL - MT. EVERARD - YARRA RIDGE - YARRA GLEN
Leader - Michael Griffin (p) 90 4554 (b) 630 6119.
Med. - Hard. Train leaves Flinders St. 9.42 a.m.
Fare approx. \$1.10 (not \$0.85). Buy a Sunday Excursion
(2nd Class) to Yarra Glen.
Map - Yan Yean 1" to 1 mile. Bring water for lunch.
- Dec. 4 SEVEN ACRE ROCKS - THE SISTERS - LATROBE RIVER
Leader - Robert Steel (p) 47 3743. Med. - Hard.
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. Fare \$1.60.
Map - Gembrook "D" Lands Dept. 2" to 1 mile.
Very good walking country with some good views,
South-East of Powelltown.
- Dec. 11 BEAR'S HEAD RANGE - LERDERBERG GORGE - MT. BLACKWOOD
Leader - Rex Filson (b) 63 7030. Tough and Medium
(two parties). Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m.
Fare \$1.40. Map - Ballan 1" to 1 mile.
The toughies should bring water for lunch, long trousers
for the prickly scrub and wobbly knees for the steep and
shaly ups and downs. Rex is leading - so be prepared for rain.
- Dec. 18 FERNSHAW - CARTERS GAP - OLD SPUR ROAD
Leader - Geoff Kenafacke (p) 87 6070. Medium. Fare \$1.75
Bus leaves Whight's 9.00 a.m. Map Juliet 1:50,000 M.S.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- Dec. 2 - 4 TOORONGO FALLS - MT. McDONALD - LOCH VALLEY
Leader - Tyrone Thomas (p) 89 5197. Med. - Hard. Fare \$3.00
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.45 p.m. Map - Walhalla "A" or
F.C.V. Walhalla 1" to 1 mile.
Very pleasant alpine snowplain and rocky ridge walking, with
many magnificent views, four waterfalls and numerous creeks
plus extensive pine plantations, should make this one of the
club's best weekend walks for the year. There is very little
scrub bashing and no real bashing.
The walk will commence at Toorong Falls and proceed along the
rocky ridge to Mt. McDonald, then across snowplains to
Yarra Falls and Mt. Horsfall, then to the finish in the
Loch Valley pine plantations. Water will have to be carried
for lunch atop Mt. McDonald.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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(a) Please refer to editorial on Page 1.

In the form below, please tick all statements that apply to you. When completed, hand in to Fred Halls, Roy Beames or Rex Filson.

Thank you.

NAME _____	
(a)	I would like to lead a walk I have not yet led a walk I have led at least one walk I am prepared to lead an overnight walk I would like some help in leading the walk.
(b)	I have an idea for a walk The walk is described on the back of this form It is a day walk It is a weekend walk or longer The walking area could be reached by public transport (train or bus).
(c)	I do not wish to lead a walk at present, but would like to be considered at a later date.
(d)	I make the following suggestion(s) about our walks. (e.g. I would like more easy walks, I would like to see a snow-touring walk on the next winter programme).

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