

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

Well it is good to see the Federation figuring more prominently in our affairs now. An organisation such as the Federation composed of some seven clubs with an aggregate membership around the 2000 mark is naturally going to be a little cumbersome and unwieldy. Members feel stronger ties with their own clubs than the large group; however this year the Federation has several important schemes under consideration. The largest and costiest is the rebuilding of the Mt. Feathertop Hut. This has been mentioned in several recent issues of "The News" and in the June issue a questionnaire was included. Regrettably only 7% of the questionnaires were answered; those that answered indicated that the Federation could count on a considerable amount of manpower however there were very few people willing to undertake responsible positions such as

.. Chairman of Hut Committee .. Purchasing Officer
.. Transport, Labour and Catering Organizers

However there appeared to be a number of people who were interested to know more about the project so an

INFORMAL MEETING OF FEDERATION MEMBERS

has been called for

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 19th at 8.00 p.m.

at 161 FLINDERS LANE, MELBOURNE (SECOND FLOOR)

This will be the only opportunity for Federation members to air their views on the project and it is inevitable that the discussion at the meeting will have some influence on the Council in its decision on whether or not to proceed with the project.

SO IT IS URGED THAT ALL, WHETHER IN FAVOUR OR
OPPOSED TO THE SCHEME ATTEND THE MEETING

The other activity of the Federation is the forthcoming FEDERATION WEEKEND. We (the Melbourne Bushies) and the Catholic Walking Club are joint organizers. The weekend will take the form of an informal dance at Kerri Hall on Saturday evening September 23rd followed by a walk on the Sunday. Full details and application form are on page 3 of this issue. This promises to be a tremendous weekend so

SEE YOU ALL AT KERRIE!

CHRISTMAS WALKS 1967

Christmas, as they say, comes but once a year and the 1967 version is approaching at 80 mph. Consequently it is not too soon to be thinking about those Christmas trips. Any shape or size accepted. A four day walk over Christmas, or three day trip over the New Year weekend, 10 days or so in the Victorian Alps or a three week marathon. We take all comers. If anyone is thinking of planning a Christmas trip, then please contact the Walks Secretary (in case you don't know - John Siseman, 46 Gardenvale Road, South Caulfield) Leaders urgently needed..

And here follows an outline of one of the walks planned:

Kosciusko State Park (2,000 sq. miles) is four times the size of the Tasmanian Cradle Mtn. -L.St.Claire National Park (550 sq. miles). Strangely the former resembles the latter in places, particularly in wet weather, as one of our members who became quite confused during one trip will testify. This is also probably due to the former's 2,000ft. extra altitude, thus compensating somewhat for the 500 miles difference in latitude between the two parks.

Anyway, the NSW Park is good for a walk through the proposed itinerary is to start at Tumut, taking in the Bogong Mountains, World's End, Upper Tumut gorges, Happy Jack's Plains and Main Range. Trip should take 2½ weeks but those with less time should be able to make arrangements to join in for some of the way.

Please contact Athol Schafer. (p) 211 2649.

SUE'S SNIPPETS

Watch Your Husband! One of the hazards of arriving back to the van in the dark is the mistaking of some other person for your wife. BE WARNED. Make sure it is your relation you are cuddling.

Oldies - in the sense of membership. Lately some of the longer standing membership holders have been joining the ranks of the "Sunday tourers". Glad to see Jack Coffey and Ray O'Donnell out on Sunday. Keep walking fellows.

Shirts - Loch certainly appears to be doing a good business. By the number of people sporting tartan wearing apparel he should soon be driving a Mercedes. Watch out for the opening of Loch's shop in Chaple Street, St. Kilda in the very near future.

New Faces - It is a pleasant surprise to see all the new faces in the Clubrooms over the last months. I am not referring to "face lifts" but the number of new people coming into the Club. We welcome you all and hope that you will venture forth on a walk and subsequently become members of the M.B.W.

Hut Building - Andy P. will gratefully receive any assistance offering from qualified personnel, willing to put in a few hours on his Mountain Retreat. See Andy on Friday nights. Can't tell you where it (the Retreat) is as it would no longer be sacred.

Kindergarten - Perhaps some thought should be given to organising a child minding seabice on Sunday's so that we may have the pleasure once more of seeing the Bakers, Brookes, Errey's and Phillips out walking once more.

NEW MEMBER - A HEARTY WELCOME TO

Donald Bray, 7 Pleasant Road, Thomastown (p) 465 2095 (b) 59 0550 ext 410.

SLIDES

Our slide convenor Ian Sheehy has been getting the slide collection underway. He plans to concentrate on one area at a time. At present he would like slides of Wilkie and the Bogong High Plains area. We are also interested in any historical matter on the early days of Wilkie - black and white photos, log books, newspaper cuttings etc. As time goes by so much is forgotten we would like to preserve something of the historic area.

Ian can be contacted at 12 Munro Av. Cheltenham (p) 93 1134.

WILKINSON LODGE

Wilkie Manager - Tim Dent - Would like all people with keys to the lodge to return them to him at 28 KELLAWAY ST. MAIDSTONE, or give them to him on Friday in the Clubroom.

SAD NOTE

The Editor has received a report that some Bushies have been seen throwing rubbish from the van. This is appalling and is shameful that we who profess to appreciate the bush can desecrate it so. Let no more be said and no more be done.

SANCTUARIES

There are many small sanctuaries in this State set aside for the preservation of our natural flora however many of them tend to become overgrown by weeds such as oat grass. It has been suggested that Clubs such as ours "adopt" a sanctuary and maintain it. This would involve say a couple of weekend work parties per year. The Committee are interested to know your views on this subject which could be discussed at the half yearly general meeting on August 25th.

NEW SANCTUARY

Boola Boola Reserve - This is an area of 120 acres on the Tyers to Walhalla road, which has been formally reserved for native flora and fauna. The botanic content is impressive, ranging from fern gullies to Baeckea ramosissima and Karralia.

SPRING WILDFLOWERS

The final talk in the series on Plant Recognition will be held at the Adult Education Centre, 256 Flinders Street, on Thursday, 7th September, 8 pm. This talk will introduce some of the species likely to be seen on the Field Day, which has been arranged for Saturday, 14th October, in the Belgrave-Cardina Creek area. Bushwalkers and friends are invited to attend these functions.

SPORTS COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

The Sporting Editor of "The Age", Mr. N. Balfe, will be guest speaker at a meeting on Tuesday, 22nd. August at 7.45pm at 161 Flinders Lane. This was arranged as many member organisations have difficulty getting publicity for their activities. Anybody is welcome to attend.

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

FEDERATION WEEK-END

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

WHEN : Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September 1967
WHERE : At the KERRIE Hall
WHAT'S ON : SATURDAY AFTERNOON. Explore the area at will.
SATURDAY EVENING. From 8 p.m. barn dance and social evening with bushwalker Roy Taylor and his band
SUNDAY. A day walk has been planned for the Sunday in the Mt. Macedon area.

HOW TO GET THERE : BY VAN. If sufficient people require it, we will arrange van transport leaving Melbourne at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday from Batman Avenue and returning about 6.30 p.m. on Sunday. If you want to go by van, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW and return it to Bob Steel or Brad Sinclair (see below) by Friday 8th September 1967.
BY CAR. Take Calder Highway to Gisborne, then Monegeetta road through Riddell and 3 miles from Riddell turn left to Kerrie
OR take Bulla - Sunbury road, turn right at Sunbury through Clarkefield to Bolinda, turn left there to Kerrie.
GRID REFERENCE for Kerrie Hall is 708 887 on Lancefield Military Survey map.

WHAT TO BRING : "Normal" bushwalking clothes. NO BOOTS WILL BE WORN IN THE HALL. Camping gear - there are good spots to pitch your tent near the hall, or if you prefer you can sleep in the hall itself. Food - Saturday tea, Sunday breakfast and lunch. Supper will be provided on Saturday night.

COST : VAN FARE - \$1.80 per person
DANCE - \$1.00 per person

Here's your opportunity to renew old acquaintances, swop bushwalking tales and have a jolly good time. If you can't come for the whole week-end, please come out for the Saturday evening.

Kerrie is situated in hilly forest country with farming and dairying settlements. Places of note in the area include Brocks Monument, a bird and animal sanctuary, and fern gullies at Mt. Charlie and Cherokee.

The week-end is being arranged by the Melbourne Bushwalkers and the Catholic Walking Club. For further details, please contact:

Bob Steel
10 Queen Street
Regent

or

Brad Sinclair
58 Chute Street
Mordiallac

Phone : 47 3743 (home)

Phone : 90 3658 (home)
60 0341 (work)

I wish to book a seat on the van for the Federation week-end on 23-24 September 1967 and enclose \$1.00 deposit.

NAME

ADDRESS
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PHONE

Please return this form by Friday 8th September 1967.
Booking must be accompanied by a deposit.

EASY WALK? or FILSON'S LAST STAND REPEATED

Was it the thought of a Lady in Waiting as Leader that spurred on twenty-two males to participate in the scenic amble around Kinglake?

Was it the thought of a Lady in Waiting as Leader that turned away all the females leaving only two to enjoy the stroll?

On the fateful Sunday we gathered around "Hi Hope's" front fence wondering what to expect. Into the bush charged the twenty five, straight down the spur into Jehosophat Valley, the leader leading from the rear and having to be assisted over logs, fences, ditches, banks, twigs, wire and the like.

"What no Valley? I only came on this walk to see the Valley? Wrong spur! Wrong lunch spot!"

Around the next spur and lunch on the banks of Full and Plenty. Some one lost, misplaced or misguided? A search party was sent out. The lost returned but where were the searchers? The gallant leader sent out a search party for the search party. Couldn't have her husband left behind after all who was going to carry the pack? At last we were one again and off to Mt. Everard.

After a couple of miles road bash, the leader, from the Whip position, directed us up, up through the scrub onto the ridge and the comparative safety of a jeep track. Half an hour later she appeared, slightly winded - Just follow the track to the van. What confidence - the van at this time of day 4.30? A few easy miles onwards and there it was. We were even back to Batman Av before it was really dark.

The Club will have to organise a few more of these "back early trips" with ladies - in - waiting. So good the day after the night before.

L.I.W.

TRIP REPORT FROM THE N.Z. BRANCH OF M.B.W.

We left Queenstown on the bus bound for Fox Glacier. Quite a good trip over the Maast Pass - very scenic. We reached Fox and stayed at the motor camp. The motor camps are a good set up over here, not just like the camping grounds at home, but have cabins that can be hired, charges vary from 11/- to £1 a night for both of us. We found them very convenient. We went to see the Ranger at Fox to find out where to go, he suggested a trip to Lake Matheson about 3 miles from Fox township, he drove us over to it. This is one of the "nature walks" they have in this country. They have a track well graded with the various trees shrubs ferns etc. labelled. It is done in such a way as not to spoil the area. There are also booklets available with notes about the place flora, fauna geology etc.

Anyway, we wandered off on the walk around the lake. The lake is called the "mirror of the Alps", a good name for the place as there are perfect reflections in the lake. We spent some time photographing, just as we left the mountains clouded over, certainly lucky the ranger drove us out. Next day we walked up to the glacier and were duly impressed by it. I wandered up the scree at the side of the glacier, it was a bit hairy, perfectly quiet except for occasional stones and pieces of ice falling. We got back to the camp fairly early so we packed and went on up to Franz Josef Glacier.

We took a guided tour of the glacier next day, quite a tourist act, but we enjoyed it. The guide took us up on the glacier a little way. After the trip on the glacier we had a plane flight over the Alps and landed on the head of the glacier. It was really fantastic up there, peaks all round with great snow fields and the glaciers going down to the valley. The plane landed on the head of the glacier and we got out. Talk about bloody magnificent, hell it was beaut. (Ed is not sure whether she should censor this!) We were on a huge snow field with peaks all round. After getting back to the township we went for a bit of a walk along the side of the river looking for hot springs. We didn't find them.

Next day we tried hitching but no cars so we caught the bus up to Hokitika. A really dreary town made worse by the fact that it rained. We stayed a day there, mainly in bed listening to the rain, they had 10" in the one day. After that we went up to Greymouth, hitched there, and stayed in the Youth Hostel. A very palatial home away from home, all mod cons at 5/- per night each. We wandered around Greymouth a bit, slightly awed to be in a reasonable sized town again.

Leaving Greymouth we caught the rail car to Arthurs Pass where we spent an enjoyable couple of days. It was very cold up there, 22° one morning at 9 am, but we got the pot bellied stove going which warmed the place. We caught the rail car down to Christchurch and spent 3 pleasant days down there. Then down to Timaru once again in the Youth Hostel. From here a lighthouse inspector took us to

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

DAY WALKS

August 20

TRAWOOL - MEADOW HILL - BREECH PEAK. Medium

A leader is required. Train leaves Spencer St. at 9.35 am. Buy a Sunday excursion ticket to Trawool. Join this walk up and over a large plateau which teams with wild life. Map: Tallarook 1" to 1 mile or 1:50,000 (Military).

August 27

VICTORIA RA. - BLCWHARD RA. - YEA RIVER. Easy - Medium

Leader: John Siseman. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am. Fare \$1.60. Carry water for lunch. Map: Yan Yean 1" to 1 mile & Juliet 1:50,000 (Military).

September-3

MT. DISAPPOINTMENT - HUME RANGE. Easy

A leader is required. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am. Fare \$1.20. Carry water for lunch. Map: Kinglake 1" to 1 mile (Military).

September 10

MYSTERY WALK. D e a d E a s y

Leader: Val Jones (p) 97 6108. Where are we going? What is the cost? What will we see? To find the answers you will have to join our intrepid band and explore the unknown. Transport leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am.

September 17

IRISHTOWN - FRYERSTOWN - TARADALE. Easy

Leader: Marion Siseman. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am. Fare \$1.70. Join this trip and visit the relics of our Golden history. Map: Castlemaine 1" to 1 mile (Military).

WEEKEND WALKS

September 1-3

STRATHBOGIE RANGE-SEVEN CKS. GORGE. Easy - Medium

Leader: Bob Steel (p) 47 3743. Van leaves Batman Av at 6.30 pm. Fare \$3.70. Visit the spectacular gorges and waterfalls in Ned Kelly Country and look for Polly McQuinn's ghost. You will be able to go swimming if the weather is good. Carry some water for first night.

September 15-17

FRYERSTOWN - SPRING GULLY - MT. CONSULTATION - PARKINS REEF. Easy

Leader: Barry Short (p) 50 4843. Van leaves Batman Av at 6.30 pm. Fare \$3.20. Another extremely interesting walk through old gold fields. Map: 1" to 1 mile Castlemaine (Military).

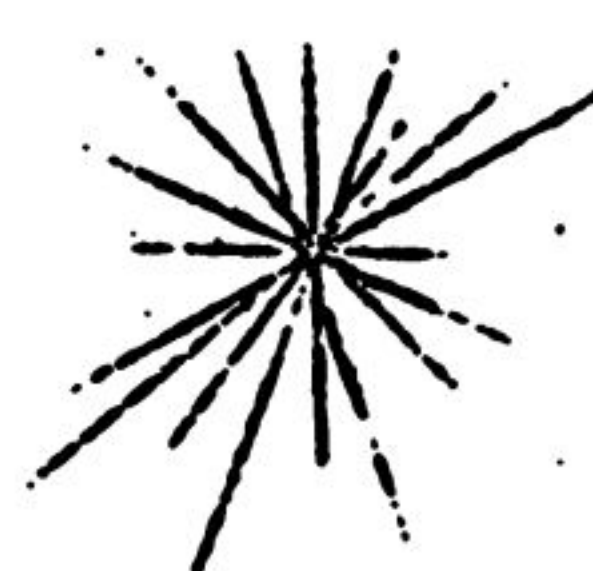
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FEDERATION WEEKEND

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THANKS

Your appreciation is once again expressed to our typists Rosalie Saunders and Shirley Treloar for their stirring efforts. Thanks, especially from me, to those who contributed copy for this issue.

Ed.

TRIP REPORT FROM THE N.Z. BRANCH OF M.B.W. - continued from Page 4.

Dunedin calling at a light house on the way. Talk about characters, we were in fits all the time.

We stayed at the motor camp in Dunedin, spent one day wandering round the city and came to the conclusion that Dunedinites must eat more cake than anyone else in the world, Robin Mitchell included. Every second shop seemed to be a cake shop, It's a very Scots town as the name suggests, a lot of the farms around the place breed haggis, delightful little creatures. One place they are bred with tartan coats to be used in bagpipe manufacture. The people must be quite civilised though, I got a copy of a Spike Milligan book, the third since I've been in the country, after all someone has to prevent him from going bankrupt.

We had a rather lean day after we left Dunedin - in the way of lifts, we walked miles, not much traffic. One character, a spud-cocky, gave us his views on the countries economic state "the gromint run outa bloody money"

At one stage on that day we looked like spending a night in the middle of nowhere but we got a lift into a small town called Lawrence where we stayed the night. The motor camp attendant gave us $\frac{1}{2}$ doz eggs and I discovered that 10 pieces will not drive 6d. electricity meters. Knowledge is a wonderful thing. We caught the bus from Lawrence to Queenstown and so ended our epic voyage.

Robyn and Doug

THE COLOURFUL LANGUAGE OF WALKERS

"I felt like a yo-yo".. (on and up-and-down walk) Found in 'Tarndanya'.

SOME INTERESTING NEW BOOKS NOTED:

"NATURALIST'S DAIRY". Norman A. Wakefield. Longmans; \$4.50. The "Age" articles, slightly modified now well indexed, illustrated and congenially arranged. Mostly about the 'south-east corner of the 'Continent'.

"MORRISON OF PEKING" Cyril Pearl. Angus & Robertson; \$6.95 More about George Ernest Morrison "who did alone what Burke and Wills failed to do".

"TARNDANYA" No.3 Magazine of the Adelaide Bushwalkers. 30 cents. Copies available from Rex at Clubroom.

"WILDFLOWERS OF VICTORIA" by Jean Galbraith. A new edition of the only work fully covering the state wildflowers, having been out of print for some time, now.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The constitution and by-laws have been retyped and roneoed with the recent amendments added. They will be available in the clubrooms shortly for all members desirous of a copy.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

AUGUST 25th --- HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8th --- LIGHT WEIGHT WALKING .. Robin Mitchell

SEPTEMBER 19th --- FEDERATION MT. FEATHERTOP MEETING.

DUTY ROSTER:

August 11th	Athol Schafer	August 18th	John Siseman	August 25th	Fred Halls
Sept 1st	Sue Filson	Sept 8th	Frank Baker	Sept 15th	Tim Dent
Sept 22	Sue Taylor	Sept 29th	Rob. Steel		

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