

THE "W E W S"

Published by the Melbourne Bushwalkers

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MORE OF "WALK" MAGAZINE

25 interested members more than filled the Weillings' living room one night last week to talk about "Walk". Here is a summary of the discussion:

WHY PUBLISH A MAGAZINE?

- We estimate that 10-20 new members join the club each year directly or indirectly because of "Walk". It also contributes to the reputation of the club throughout Australia.
- It helps promote walking and is a service for all who appreciate the bush.
- BUT - It is a financial liability for the club.
- It requires a lot of time and work, usually from a few members.

FINANCE

Although there are "hidden benefits" (eg new members), it is generally felt that the magazine should be self-supporting. This in fact means that the income from one issue should meet the cost of publishing the next, the income being made up of sales, advertising and sales of back numbers (tho' stocks of these are low).

SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

Since 1960 the number of copies printed has increased from 1,500 to 2,500. However, extra copies mean extra work in distribution and there is a limit to the number of likely buyers. Our selling price has increased from 20c to 30c in this time to meet increased production costs, and unless the magazine is considerably improved or expanded we do not wish to increase the price.

ADVERTISING

It is felt that the maximum desirable amount of advertising in a 64-page "Walk" is about 20-22 pages. We are looking into the question of advertising rates, but cannot expect to increase our advertising revenue greatly.

FORM AND CONTENT

Scores of ideas and suggestions were put forward for producing a better, more interesting and more eye-catching magazine. We're not going to give away our trade secrets at this stage, but further investigations are under way. The next issue of "Walk" will probably not be basically very different from the present style, but we believe it can be improved.

PLANNING AND ORGANISING

- Perhaps the main achievement of the evening was the realisation of the enormous amount of work and responsibility "Walk" has been for the editor, and also of the need to start planning early. Athol is at present co-ordinating the work of a team which is looking more closely at some of the suggestions and it is hoped that the ground-work for the next issue will have been done before the AGM in February.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- If you have an idea for an article, whether you can write it or not, make some rough notes and see Athol
- If you have no ideas, perhaps you could volunteer to dig up some background material for someone else's idea or write up an article from someone else's notes
- Put a black-and-white film in your camera occasionally and see John Brownlie about getting it developed

Later on you could help with:

- lay-out, drawings or re-tracing maps
- reading copy, correcting grammatical and spelling errors, editing and where necessary re-writing
- proof-reading
- distributing and selling copies to sports shops, other clubs, schools or scout troops
- contacting advertisers.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE MAKE SURE ATHOL KNOWS ABOUT IT.

WALKS PREVIEWSCHRISTMAS WALKS

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Leader</u>
14 - 16 days	Kosciusko State Park	Athol Schafer 211 2649
Dec. 22 - 26	Lake Pedder, Tasmania	Tyrone Thomas
Dec. 22 - 27	Howqua River - Mt. Howitt - Wonnongatta River	Art Terry 93 3617
Dec. 29 - Jan. 1	Mt. Feathertop - Mt. Hotham	Art Terry 93 3617

DONT FORGET TO LEAVE CONTACT'S PHONE NOS. WITH FOLKS AT HOME.

Christmas Walks Contacts:

(i)	Robin and Helen Mitchell	50 3052
(ii)	Ian and Ann Phillips	294 16
(iii)	Arthur and Joan Whyte	973 27

DAY WALKS

- January 21 MAIN CREEK - CAPE SCHANK - GUNNAMATTA BEACH Easy
Leader - Bev Southwood 50 1667. Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am
Fare \$1.60 Map - Sorrento M.S. Beach walk with swimming.
Carry water for lunch.
- January 28 WOODEND - CAMEL'S HUMP - MACEDON Medium LEADER REQUIRED
Train leaves Spencer St. 9.30 am Buy Sunday excursion to
Woodend. Fare \$1.95 Map - Lancefield M.S. Carry Water for lunch.
- February 4 TOMQUAY - ANGLESEA Easy. Leader - John Sparksman 4 Abbott St.
3191. Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare \$1.70 Map -
Anglesea M.S. Swimming, Carry water for lunch.
- February 11 BULLARDO - CURRY'S HILL - MUSE'S HILL - TRENTMAN Medium
Leader - Harold Petersen, 241 Queen St. 3018. Train Leaves
Spencer St. 9.30 am. Sunday excursion ticket to Bullarto
Fare \$2.15 Map - Daylesford M.S. Carry water for lunch.
- February 18 KALATHA - MURRUMBIDGI RIVER - YELLOWBIRCH CREEK Medium
Leader - Ian Sheehy 93 1134. Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am
Fare \$1.60 Map - Juliet 1:50,000. Carry water for lunch.
- February 25 LILLO DERBY - MOORABOOL RIVER Easy LEADER REQUIRED
Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare
Map - Meredith M.S. Site of derby subject to river conditions.
Bring Lilo, swimming attire and lots of humour.

WEEKEND WALKS

- January 26 - 29 Australia Day Weekend
- Trip (i) BENNIES - MT. COBBLER - CROSSCUT SAW Hard
Leader - Art Terry 93 3617
- Trip (ii) BENNIES - MT. COBBLER - CLEAR HILLS Medium
Leader - Tim Dent (b) 82 0551 ext. 231
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 pm. Fare \$6.50 Maps -
Macalister River Watershed, FCV, and Watersheds of King,
Howqua and Jamieson Rivers, VMTC.
- February 9 - 11 WILSONS PROMONTORY
- Trip (i) SOUTH POINT - OBERON BAY Hard
Leader - Art Terry 93 3617
- Trip (ii) WATERLOO BAY Easy. Swimming
Leader - Andy Price 64 2096
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 pm. Fare \$5.00 Map - Wilsons
Promontory, Algonia Guides.
- February 24 - 25 LILLO DERBY - MOORABOOL RIVER Leader - Ann Silva 878 3354
Van leaves Batman Ave. 1.30 pm. Fare Map - Meredith M.S.
Come along with Ann for a tremendous fun filled relaxing
weekend.

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

For some years now the Federation has had two ruling bodies, the individual members of the associated Clubs and the Club delegates. The latter forming the Federation Council.

Of recent years the Federation proceedings have been rather hampered by lack of interest from individual members. Constitutionally the executive officers must present their annual reports to the Annual General Meetings and these reports must be accepted by such a meeting. However a quorum must be present at the AGM and over past years it has become increasingly difficult to obtain it due to apathy amongst individual members. Our Club and the Men's Club feel that the affairs of the Federation could be better run if the Council, composed of delegates from member Clubs, was the ruling body. This would eliminate the farce of the AGM. It would not reduce individual members right of attending Council meetings, which they are allowed to do at present though few exercise this right. However only delegates would be allowed to vote on motions. We feel that this would benefit the Federation in two ways, firstly its business would not be hampered by lack of interest of individual members to form a quorum and secondly no one Club could dominate any particular meeting. Each delegate would have a constitutionally previously determined voting power. These ideas are still in the formative stage and a special Federation Council meeting has been called on :

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at : 161 FLINDERS LANE, MELBOURNE at 8pm

to discuss the necessary amendments to the Consitution. The amendments will, of course, have to be passed at the Annual General meeting before coming into effect.

Remember all members of the Federation are entitled to attend and speak at Council meetings. If you have suggestions to make see the C.E.S. delegate Robert Steele.

Federation Hut

The proposed hut on Mt. Feathertop has unfortunately slipped behind schedule due to some unfortunate misconceptions. It was originally thought that the Mt. Hotham Alpine Committee of Management was responsible for development of the entire Feathertop area, however it is now apparent that the Alpine Committee has jurisdiction over the Summit area alone. The Federation therefore, has now to obtain permissive occupancy for the chosen site from the Lands Department and the Lands Dept will only offer this after the Soil Conservation Board has given its approval. So both purchase of materials and construction has been deferred.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL WORK PARTIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.
Further information will be published in "The News" at it comes to hand.

W A L K S W A L K S W A L K S

It has been suggested that all members should carry a note book and pencil with them on walks and to jot down interesting facts, places, route etc. and this could form the basis of track notes for either WALK or The News.

Black and White photos are always required for our magazine so next time you buy a film for your camera consider black and white. It has been suggested that two people with cameras on a walk pair up, one insert a black and white film and the other colour and then take each shot twice so that each person can have a black and white and a colour shot without carrying two cameras.

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WALK 1968 is now on SALE

30c EVERYWHERE

OBTAIN YOUR COPY NOW : GIVE WALK FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TREASURER'S RESIGNATION

Our Treasurer, Frank Baker, has felt obliged to tender his resignation because of family committments. The committee thanked Frank for his excellent services over the past two years. Because of necessary work to be done and there being no opportunity to elect another Treasurer before the AGM, the Committee elected Rob Steele as Administrative Officer with the duties of Treasurer till the AGM.

S O M B R E N O T E

The Committee has received reports that some members are behaving in a manner unbecoming to members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers. Reports of members throwing stones, rocks and boulders down hillsides and lighting large fires in small areas have filtered through.

THESE PRACTICES ARE DANGEROUS, DESTRUCTIVE AND
MUST CEASE.

or else the Committee will be forced to take serious action against individual members.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty Christmas welcome to
Eric and Frances THOMAS 22 Bristol Road, Pascoe Vale 3044. (p) 306 8685 b) 493151
Margaret REID 340 Cotham Rd., Kew (p) 80 4793 (b) 34 0288 ext 542
Donald ALLISON 10 Denman St. Brunswick 3056 (p) 36 3221
(b) 62 0311 ext 1419

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Melbourne Bushwalkers will be held on Friday February 23rd 1968 at 8.30pm at 161 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Business : Reception of Reports
Election of Office bearers and committee for 1968
Other business

Sue Taylor. Hon Sec.

REMEMBER ALL the Committee resign at the end of the year, only some are standing for re-election. WHO do YOU want to run the Club in 1968. Think now of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Walks Secretary, News Convenor, Wilkinson Lodge Manager, WALK Editor, Social secretary and 5 committee members.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CLUB ROOMS CLOSED FRIDAY DECEMBER 22nd and 29th.

Christmas slide evening February 16th
The Club meets on Fridays at 161 Flinders Lane, 8 - 11 pm.

DUTY ROSTER

Jan 5	S. Trotter	Jan 12	S. Treloar	Jan 19	M. Siseman
Jan 26	T. Dent	Feb 2	M. Griffin	Feb 9	A. Schafer
Feb 16	R. Steele	Feb 23	S. Taylor	Next CHee meeting Feb 13 '68.	

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM A U S K I HARDWARE ST. CITY.

A M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S to you all from the Hon. Ed. This is my last issue so thanks to all who have helped over the last 11 months.

Good luck to my successor!

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