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N O T I C E O F A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBROOM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, AT 8.30 P.M. We hope to have a good turn up of members please read the annual reports of the the various officers and sub-committees included in this 'NEWS' and bring your comments to the meeting. This is a good opportunity to let the committee know what you want next year.

Many of the present office bearers and committee members will not be standing for re-election. All positions become vacant at the AGM and nomination forms are available from the secretary (sorry, we've run out of how to vote cards). In nominating next year's committee, consider the desirability of having a balance of experienced members and 'new blood.'

AGENDA -- see page 3.

P R E S I D E N T ' S A D D R E S S

With the closing of another year, we may look back on an extensive programme of club activity with the hope that all those who took part have had an enjoyable experience. Much has been done by members, committee and otherwise, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make the year a success.

I do wish the incoming committee success in what I feel is a worthwhile activity, but one appreciated by only a minority of our community.

Good walking in the club year 1967/68.

== BITS AND PIECES ==

Federation Newsletter

Members will have seen the pioneering issues of the Federation Newsletter. Individual subscriptions of 25/6 a year are now being received. Please see Ann Weiling if you wish to take out a subscription.
Hello & Goodbye Department

Your reporter is somewhat dazed by the rumours of intended departures and other subtle movements. Tim Dent is going, gone or has been (pick one) to Queensland. Roy Beames is invading the North shortly (wish I hadn't used the words "has been" in the last sentence). Rex and Sue are in for a bout of travel all over Victoria's peaks. Bob Frost is heading west for three years. Doug and Robyn are following in John and Marlon's steps to New Zealand after (or now that?)

they have come back from Tasmania. Hello to John and Marion (at last) on their return from the above-mentioned isle. Good to see you back. Meanwhile, yours truly stays here and writes this tripe.

NEW MEMBER. . .

STUBBS, Trevor - 17 Bay St.,
Mordialloc. (p). 90-3617

Track Clearing

The Federation Council regrets the cancelling of the track clearing weekend in October. For those interested, an informal track clearing weekend has been organised on the Baw-Baw Plateau on February 17 - 19. Please see Darrell Sullivan for further details (Mr Sullivan should be addressed as 'Nullarbor Yak' or 'Carbide' and his presence on the track clearing weekend will explain its informality).

A.G.M. AGENDA

The main items on the Agenda for the A.G.M. will be:

1. Presentation of annual reports,
2. Presentation of financial statements,
3. Election of office bearers, committee members, auditors and trustees for 1967/1968,
4. Annual subscription - deciding how much,
5. 'Walk' magazine - deciding whether to publish this year,
6. Public Purposes Reserves Protection League.

Members may recall discussion in 1965 on the setting-up of a body to protect rights of way, especially access to streams, beaches etc. A body has now been set up with the above name and the club has been invited to become a member.

Approximate subscription fees have been set as follows:

Individuals	\$1.00
Clubs - membership less than 50	\$2.00
" " 100	\$3.00
more " 100	\$5.00
Associations	\$10.00

A copy of the constitution of the League is available for perusal in the clubroom. A decision should be made at the A.G.M. if the club wishes to affiliate with the League.

More Bits and Pieces

Congratulations to Ann and Ian Phillips on the birth of their son, Stephen, on 19th December.

Tyrone 'Tummy Touches Table'
Thomas Takes Tins To Torture Trotter.

Duty Roster:

Feb. 10	Hak
17	Athol
24	Griff

What was the President up to between leaving Wilky early on Monday and returning Melbourne 15 minutes late for work on Wednesday morning? And was it because the loft was already occupied? (John is sure that the sharp angles in the loft constitute a safety hazard.)

NEXT MONTH 'Along the Track' with the Christmas walkers - Procedure in case of overdue parties - Safety in Walking - Scandal.

Thanks to all who helped with this edition. Back to normal for March, so News should appear on the 17th. Please submit 'Along the Track' for Christmas walks to the News Convenor (whoever that may be) as soon as possible after the A.G.M.

AUSKI - AUSKI - AUSKI

You'll find all your bushwalking needs at Auski's (9 Hardware Street - just off Bourke Street). Say hello to Tony, John, Lois and Charles and let them help you choose your new pack (The place is overflowing with packs so help them with their autumn cleaning). There is a complete range of models including the celebrated Bergen from Europe. And while you're there take a good look at Paddy Pallin's lightweight, slightly smaller 'H' frame pack, price only \$23.00. Look, the list of things you'll find down there is never ending so go and see for yourself. Freeze dried meat, clean socks, parkas, stoves tents ... I give up - GO TO

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PROVERBS REVISITED

Mother is an invention of necessity.
A bird in the hand is a messy proposition.
Too many Cokes spoil the breath.
Many cans make light the walk.
You've got take the bitters with the suite.
Spice is the variety of life.
A Rolling Stone gathers no culture.
People who live in glass houses shouldn't stow thrones.
Out of sight, out of style.
Beer today, gin tomorrow.
A stitch in time can be painful.

The man who makes the same mistake twice is usually a bigamist.

I bet that a few of the songs warbled by Rob Steel in the van on the way hom from the Prom. will not be included in any M.B.W. songbook.

If Rodney is sued, it won't be by the Army.

ANNUAL REPORTS 1966

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Anne Weiling

As will be seen from the various reports below, the club has successfully survived another year. Walks attendances have been especially satisfactory, and social activities, both official and otherwise, have provided many enjoyable occasions for members and their friends. "Walk", 1966 and 1967 editions, were well received, and "News" provided information and entertainment throughout the year.

Members have become aware during the year of the club's financial problems. Thanks to the diligence of the Treasurer and a profit on van trips, the overall final figures are satisfactory. Nevertheless many of us feel an increase in membership subscriptions is justified. This means not only that all members contribute equally to the general expenses, but that we have some funds in reserve for the occasional unexpected expenses.

It was with some regret that we had to abandon hopes of taking out a personal accident insurance policy, as not sufficient members wished to participate. A revised constitution was approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting in September. The committee has tried during the year to lay down procedures and list duties and responsibilities to help continuity in the running of the club affairs.

The club is affiliated with the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, the Native Plants Preservation Society, and the Victorian National Parks Association. We exchange newsletters and magazines with a number of walking clubs, both in Victoria and further afield.

There are regular enquiries about the club and also requests for information about maps, track notes and recommended publications. Fred and Merle Halls, as the listed representatives of the club in the phone book, handle many of these enquiries.

Membership figures are shown below:

	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Financial members	142	145	140
Life members	3	4	4
Honorary members	11	8	9
	<u>156</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>153</u>
New members	31	33	29
News subscribers	5	9	13

It seems to be a frequent comment in all clubs such as ours that a few willing people do all the work, while the majority enjoy the benefits of membership without contributing much. We have been extremely lucky in the past in this club to have had some members willing and able to devote a great deal of time and energy to the affairs of the club. Whether we of the present day are lesser beings or have more commitments outside the club or whether the amount of work to be done is increasing, I do not know. But, although

some never complain, I believe that many of this year's committee have felt their club duties a heavy burden. I wish all members would give this matter some thought. Even those who are not able to be on the committee may well be able to help in some way with the various jobs that have to be done to keep the club going. Office bearers and committee members should learn to seek and use such assistance.

I would like to thank all members who have helped make this an enjoyable year in the club, and especially those who have helped me personally in so many ways.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT Sandra Phillips

This year the social committee consisted of Robyn Pocock, Val Jones and Robert Steel. I would like to thank them for their help during the year.

The two major events of the social year were the Barn Dance at Pakenham Upper attended by 50 people, and the Christmas Dance at my house at which 37 club members were present. Roy Taylor's band provided excellent music at both of these functions.

By way of theatre nights we saw Dr. Zhivago and Born Free. We also had a visit to the Planetarium. One night the Forestry Commission showed most interesting films in the clubroom. Speakers included Rob Taylor, Charles McCubbin, Doug Pocock, Charlie Weiling, Felix Harding and John Brownlie.

Finally I would like to say thank you for all the help I received during the year particularly with the supper.

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT Fred Halls

During the past year the Walks sub-committee has consisted of Roy Beames, Rex Filson and myself, while Michael Griffin and Barry Short were co-opted to assist in planning walks programs. All walks programs during the year were compiled by the sub-committee prior to approval by the general committee.

My thanks are due to the Walks committee for their assistance during the year.

Van finances: After a very shaky start financially with early substantial losses, van attendances since have been mostly buoyant, so that the early van deficit has been generally replaced by large profits on van operations.

Leaders: Thanks are due to the various leaders who co-operated well in carrying out their duties conscientiously, and in particular to those who at short notice finally led walks when the originally selected leaders were unable to attend. During the year a dozen new leaders have led their first walk. It has been our policy to induce as many new members as possible to take on the responsibilities of leadership.

Walks Secretary's Report, cont.

As a result of the questionnaire circulated late in the year some useful suggestions have been received. However, very many more would be appreciated.

Walks attendances: Some past attendances on walks since 1961:

Year	Day			Weekend			Extended			Overall		
	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.
1961-62	44	887	20	20	316	16	9	157	18	73	1360	19
1962-63	45	754	17	24	392	16	7	73	10	76	1219	16
1963-64	42	731	17	21	386	18	4	50	12	67	1168	17
1964-65	48	786	16	30		364			12	78	1150	15

The following are average walks attendances for the first six months of 1966-67:

First 2 months	Day	12	Week-end	16	Extended	21	Overall	15.4
Second 2 months	"	16.4	"	19	"	24	"	18
Third 2 months	"	25	"	16	"	-	"	22
For the 6 months	"	17.4	"	17	"	22	"	18.4

Total walks attendances for the year 1966-67: Note Long week-end walks are included with extended walks

Day			Weekend			Extended			Overall		
No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.
47	847	18.0	17	294	17.3	10	155	15.5	74	1296	17.5

Average number of visitors per walk : 5.

Since attendance records for the year 1965-66 are incomplete, they are omitted from the above list.

As you will notice average attendances seem reasonably good, while the total attendance is nearly a record. This is all the more satisfying when we consider that in the early part of the year attendances on walks were very poor.

Walks reports: Of late returns of walks reports have been more satisfactory, so that the great majority of these reports have been received for the past year.

Equipment: During the past year John Rogers, John Richards and Geoff Kenefacke have been responsible for equipment hire.

Recently, a review of equipment was made and those items in need of repair were allocated to various volunteer workers who completed the necessary repairs.

All equipment is currently in good repair and has been hired out regularly throughout the year.

Christmas walks: Five varied Christmas walking trips attracted a total of 31 walkers to areas as widely dispersed as the Nullarbor Caves in South Australia; Bogong and the High Plains; Mt. Kent Range - Moroka Gorge; Crosscut Saw - Razor and Mt. Darling Range - Snowy Plains. A good slide night should result from such diverse scenes.

"WALK" MAGAZINE

Athol Schafer

Distribution

Tim Dent

The 18th issue of the magazine became available for sale on 21.11.66. All thanks should go to those members, both on and off the committee, who wrote, read, corrected, etc. and whose efforts assisted in the appearance of a successful publication. During the course of the year, Geoff Kenefacke became advertising manager, and Tim Dent distributor.

Magazine finances

"Walk" No. 17 1966

Cost (2,000 copies)	\$612.00
Sales	275.07
Advertising (15p.)	244.86
Sale of back copies	106.25

Retail price - 25c

"Walk" No. 18 1967

Cost (2,500 copies) - printing	\$710.00
- blocks	52.06
Sales	143.03
Advertising received	26.40
Advertising owing	279.60

Retail price - 30c

Sale of "Walk" magazine, 1966 edition, has been as follows: Of the original 2,000 copies printed, 923 were sold through Gordor & Gotch, a further 553 were distributed via other outlets, and 118 copies remain in stock. These copies remaining in stock will easily be sold in future as back issues. A realistic total figure for sales cannot be arrived at, since no complete record has been kept of sales to members, clubroom sales, complimentary and advertising copies, etc. In future, all copies sold or otherwise distributed will be accompanied by an invoice.

Throughout the year, sale of back issues resulted in an additional income - though once again a realistic figure cannot be reached because of the lack of records of clubroom sales. Due to many editions being completely or almost sold out (namely 1949, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964), it is anticipated that sales of back issues will decline, since only the older editions remain in stock.

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WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Darrell Sullivan

Over the period of the last twelve months there have been approximately 30 people at Wilky. Last Labour Day week-end the hot water pipe was installed, but due to a couple of small faults failed to operate successfully during the winter months.

During the September school holidays the kerosene hot water unit was removed and the briquette heater installed, and with a little bit of extra work by a few members was finished in December.

The new Convair heater was mounted in the lounge room for the use of winter ski touring trips.

This Australia Day week-end the lodge is full and I hope this will be the start of a good year for Wilky. Any member who wishes to stay should contact the Lodge Manager at least one week in advance. Within the next twelve months the outside should be painted and a few other minor jobs attended to.

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

Delegate - Anne Weiling

Observer - Robert Steel

Unfortunately Federation activities are still not well supported by this club.

The main activities of the year were the Federation Moomba Day Walk, held in March and led by the Ramblers, the Annual General Meeting in May at which slides of climbing in Victoria were shown, and the Federation week-end organised by the YMA in September. These are enjoyable occasions and provide a good opportunity to meet members of other clubs and exchange ideas and information. Details of S & R and track-clearing are given below.

Council meetings were held 6 times during the year. The Department of Social Services whose first youth leader training course was recently completed, requested a leader from the Federation to act as a safety officer and leader on the bushwalking section of the course. Michael Delaney of the Catholic Walking Club was able to act in this capacity. Leaders were also requested for the National Fitness Council bushwalking course and several members of other clubs volunteered for the job. Jobs such as these are useful community service and give an opportunity to foster interest in bushwalking and in our clubs.

The Federation maintains a close interest in national parks, their creation and preservation. Concern has been expressed a number of times at restrictions placed on walkers in national parks. Anyone knowing of instances of apparently unreasonable restrictions is asked to bring them to the attention of the Federation. Colin Fogg of the V.M.T.C. has represented the Federation at the preliminary meetings of the Public Purposes Reserves Protection League. It is now up to clubs and

individuals to show their interest by joining the League. I represented the Federation on the Youth Council of Victoria and later in the year on the recently formed Sports Council of Victoria. These bodies represent a wide range of activities and interests and it is good that the Federation and bushwalking should be represented.

Renewed interest has been shown in the proposed F.V.W.C. Feathertop hut to replace the old hut on Bungalow Spur.

Possible designs are being investigated and if sufficient support in the form of both labour and finance is obtained, it is possible that the hut will be erected during the summer of 1967-68.

A welcome innovation this year has been the publication of a Federation newsletter. I hope that many members of this club will subscribe (6 issues a year : 25c) and keep more closely in touch with news of the Federation.

SEARCH AND RESCUE SECTION REPORT

Delegate - Fred Halls

Observer - Barry Short

Since last year there has been a slight increase in the numerical strength of the club S & R section, probably partly due to the Donna Buang September search.

All our club A priority searchers made themselves available and attended the search at very short notice. When alerted B priority members also were standing by, willing to search if and when required.

However, it was fortunate that all the lost youngsters were found and rescued before they came to any great harm.

The club's thanks must go to our A priority searchers, who all did a very good job at short notice.

As usual, many useful lessons were learned from the search. It is hoped that some of these will be included in our standard methods of search procedure.

Since such a long period has elapsed since the last full scale search, it is more than ever necessary that as many S & R section members as possible attend the next practice search in April 1967.

TRACK CLEARING REPORT

Delegate - Darrell Sullivan

Observer - Tim Dent

The track clearing activities of the club in the past twelve months have been very lax.

The Federation track clearing was cancelled due to heavy snow on the Baw Baw Plateau, and it is to be hoped that future track clearing leaders will have an alternative venue.

The track clearing equipment is held by me in readiness for next Federation track clearing on Baw Baw, February 17-19, 1967.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION REPORT
Delegate - Sue Taylor

Nature Conservation Survey

The first phase of this project, undertaken by Mrs. R. Frankenberg B.Sc., is proceeding according to plan, i.e. a survey of existing reserves, and means of remedying deficiencies through the extension of existing reserves or creation of new ones.

Continuous effort is being made to supplement the original estimate of \$4,000, since this stage is likely to cost more than initially expected.

Proposed National Parks

While one is aware that development of the state involves more than the acquisition of further nature reserves, it is concerning to note the delay between a proposal for a new national park and any official decision. Such delay means that any particular area under consideration is open to the frequently detrimental effects of "development" (of an economic nature).

This is exemplified in the case of the Lower Goulburn River. This region, the originally proposed acreage of which was 80,000, has been reduced to approximately 20,000 acres. Here, the economic interests of a section of the community take precedence over those of the whole of the present and future generations.

Throughout the year, attention in the form of constructive suggestions or recommendations has been given to proposed reserves, fire and pest control, and settlement and development of various regions.

Public interest in National Parks, their preservation and future development must be maintained and strengthened if, in fact, our descendants are to receive any respite from increased urbanisation.

Because of limited space, it is recommended that, for a more comprehensive resume, you refer to the August 1966 VNPA Newsletter. This is obtainable from The Secretary, 23 Camdon Street, Ascot Vale.

NEWS- CONVENOR'S REPORT Helen Mitchell

Thanks a lot to all who helped with "The News" during the year.

We are grateful to our typists Shirley Trotter, Dawn Marriott, Rosalie Saunders, Rita McCarthy and Ann Silva.

Thanks to all who helped with the duplicating, wrapping and addressing in John Brownlie's air-conditioned garage on News nights. Our helpers were Barry Short, Tim Dent, Spencer George, John (Elvis) Rogers, Athol Schafer and Rex Filson. If I've missed anyone, thank you, too.

Sue Taylor and Mike Griffin worked very hard on the News sub-committee. I appreciated their help, co-operation and humour very much.

I am particularly grateful to Mike to whom the burden of "The News" production fell during the last few months.

"WALK" MAGAZINE REPORT (cont. from p. 4)

The current issue of "Walk", 1967 edition, is selling favourably. Of the 2,500 copies printed, 1400 are being handled by Gordon & Gotch, and of the remaining 1100, 745 have been invoiced to the end of December.

Other publications sold in the clubroom include "Safety in the bush", "Wildlife", "Equipment for mountaineering", "Hyperfield National Park", and "Melbourne Walker".

Michael

Griffin

was

responsible

Please excuse the poor
quality of some pages

in this issue. Duplicators
do not work very well
at temperatures over
100° F.

In view of the lack of
a left-hand margin in
this report, this space
has been donated to Rex.

THE END. . .Hooray!!!

WALKS PREVIEW

DAY WALKS

Feb. 12 LERDERBERG GORGE (Lilo Derby) Easy
Leader - Shirley Trotter (p) 56 2496. Fare \$1.30. Van leaves
Batman Ave. 3.55 am. (See preview of weekend trip below.)

Feb. 19 GEMBROOK - NAR NAR GOON NORTH - GEMBROOK. Medium.
Leader - Athol Schaefer (p) 211 2649. Train leaves Flinders St.
9.00 am. Fare 60c. & 80c. bus fare. Return train arrives
Flinders St. 7.50 pm. Map - Gembrook C; Lands Dept. A round trip
around Gembrook offering good views, quiet bush tracks and a
quiet leader.

Feb. 26 No day walk scheduled. See 'Moonlight Walk' below.

March 5 FEDERATION MOOMBA DAY WALK
A walk in the Daylesford area this year, led by the V.M.T.C.
Train leaves Flinders St. 9.25 am, returns from Bullarto 6.20 pm.
Tickets on sale in the club-room, approx \$3.00. Please see Anne
Weiling. Please support this walk. Only five from this club
turned up last year. Should have been 50.

March 12 TRENTHAM - LYONVILLE SPRING - BULLARTO. Medium.
Leader - Geoff Kenefacke. Train leaves Flinders St. 9.30 am.
Fare \$2.15. Buy a Sunday excursion to Daylesford. Map -
Daylesford 1" to 1 mile. I hope the lion won't spring, Geoff.

March 19 MT. DESPAIR - WILHELMINA FALLS. Medium.
Leader - Tony Morris. Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 am. Fare \$1.80
Map - Taggerty, Lands Dept. Fancy the expert leading a trip to
a place called Mt. Despair!

OVERNIGHT WALKS

Feb. 11 - 12 LERDERBERG GORGE (Lilo Derby) Dead Easy.
Leader - Liz Shaw (p) 34 2539. Fare \$1.90. Van leaves Batman
Ave. Saturday 9.30 am. Map - Ballan 1" to 1 mile M.S. Liz has
burst into song (or something) about all this:
February 11 and 12, they are the dates
For you to make a date
With Lizzie - if weekend entertainment you desire
Or Shirl - if you're a Sunday mate.
So bring you're lilo, togs and all
For once again the 'Lilo Derby' will be a ball.

Feb. 17 - 19 PHILLIP ISLAND - THE NOBBIES - FOREST CAVES. Easy - Medium.
Leader - Greg Pippard. Fare approx \$3.50. Van (not Kombi) leaves
Batman Ave. 6.45 pm. Friday. Map - Woolamai 1" to 1 mile M.S.
WATER MUST BE CARRIED FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND. Interesting walk with
swimming, a visit to the largest steel-hulled sailing ship in the
world, mutton birds and penguins rookeries.

Feb. 25 - 26 MOONLIGHT WALK - SHOREHAM Unusual.
Leader required. Van leaves Batman Ave. 1.30 pm. Fare \$2.50
Should get plenty of scandal out of this walk.

March 10 - 13 (a) MOUNTAIN ASH SPUR - BARKLY RIVER - MT. McDONALD -
MT. SUNDAY - MT. McKINTY. Hard. Fare \$3.80
Leader - Michael Griffin (p) 90 4554 (b) 330 6119. Map - Skene,
1; 50,000 M.S. Superb country, magnificent views, delightful
walking. Carry a decent size water bottle (3 - 4 pints).
(b) FAR YARD SADDLE - MACALLISTER RIVER - LICOLA DISTRICT.
Leader required. Medium. Fare \$3.80. Map - Moroka, 1" to 1 mile
Mines Dept. Highlight should be view of Caledonia and Macallister
Rivers from north of the Caledonic opposite Long Hill.
Van for both trips leaves Batman Ave. 6.45 pm.

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THE COMMITTEE REGRETS THAT BECAUSE OF
THE TREASURER'S RECENT ILLNESS AND THE
SIZE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS, IT HAS PROVED PHYSICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE TO INCLUDE THE REPORT AND
STATEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE OF 'NEWS.'

THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS WILL
BE POSTED TO MEMBERS BEFORE THE MEETING.

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LATE NEWS! LATE NEWS! LATE NEWS! LATE NEWS! LATE NEWS!

WILKINSON LODGE HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO. Accordingly, Lodge
manager, Darrell Sullivan, has-called a special meeting of
all interested in the Lodge to consider how to make
it more secure. The meeting will also discuss other
problems and plans for the Lodge.

Everyone interested should attend.

WHERE & WHEN IS IT? -- at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 22,
at Darrell's joint, 37 Swinden Av., Cheltenham.

Mike edited this issue. Rosalie, Heigh-ho
Silva and the hon. sec. typed it. Hello Rodney and !!!O"
???.?'" Eddy got in the way and Fangs hosed-down the
duplicator. Kapow addressed the result.

Seriously, thanks for your mighty effort,
particularly Anne for typing all the annual reports
...Helen Mitchell.

THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1.2.1966-31.1.1967.

A. General Club Activities

1966

Current Subscriptions:

Membership (18 @ \$4, 104 @ \$3, 28 @ \$1.50, 2 @ 75c)	\$427.50	}\$353.05
News (13 @ 50c)	6.50	
Subscriptions, 1965	12.00	
Donations to the Club	15.72	Nil
Supper Collections	66.80	Nil
Profit on Social Functions	24.10	Dr. 57.79
Proceeds of Sale of Old Duplicator	10.00	Nil
Debtors Received	5.40	
Bank Interest	28.29	\$596.31 25.85

Less Rent paid to the V.R.I.	194.00	
Cost of Printing . Posting		
Walk's Programmes	117.22	84.65
Cost of Producing & Posting News	72.95	67.28
Secretary's Expenses	16.31	} 38.92
Other Expenses	39.86	
Affiliation Fees:		
Due 1966	12.30	1.00
Due 1965	11.30	
Supper Expenses	29.86	26.58
Purchase of New Duplicator	20.00	
Wilkinson Lodge Overheads	34.21	548.01 29.15

CASH SURPLUS ON GENERAL CLUB ACTIVITIES \$ 48.30

B. Walking Activities

Van Fares Received	\$2300.10	\$2300.10	\$2385.00
Less Van Hire Paid to Cronows	2039.00		2408.15
Other Expenses	25.98		
Refund of Van Fares	16.60		
Deposits on Next Year's Walks	6.00	2087.58	

CASH SURPLUS ON WALKING ACTIVITIES \$212.52

C. Sales on Behalf of Other Bodies

Received for:-

Publications	\$100.30	\$32.50
V.N.P.A. Survey	2.00	
Insurance Scheme	32.41	
Federation Day Walk	6.00	140.71

Less Paid or Owing for:-

Publications	110.95	32.50
V.N.P.A. Survey	2.00	
Insurance Scheme	32.36	
Federation Day Walk	6.00	151.31

CASH DEFICIT ON SALES ON BEHALF OF OTHER BODIES \$10.60

Statement of Income and Expenditure (continued) 1.2.1966-31.1.1967.

			<u>1966</u>
D. Trading Activities			
(i) Sales of Walk 1966	\$290.82		
Advertising, Walk 1966	244.86		
Sales of Book Numbers	106.30	\$641.98	\$40.30
	<u> </u>		
Less Cost of Producing Walk 1967	\$762.06	762.06	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
CASH DEFICIT ON REPLACING WALK 1966 WITH WALK 1967			\$120.08
(ii) Sales of Walk 1967 (537 copies)	\$142.84		15.75
Advertising Walk 1967 (1½ pages)			
Received	26.40		N11
Advertising Walk '67 (15½ pages)			
from Advertising Debtors	279.00	448.24	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Less Reserve to Print Walk 1968	\$448.24	448.24	
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CASH SURPLUS ON WALK 1967			N11
(iii) Equipment Hire Fees			
plus Visitors' Fees	\$63.93		51.00
Metal Badge Hire Fees	7.00		
Sale of Cloth Badges	.60		
Sale of Maps	5.90		5.50
Sale of Paddy Pallin Bushwalking	.25	77.68	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Less Cost of 200 New Metal Badges	\$92.25		
Cost of Reproducing Maps	1.33		
Reserve to Replace Equipment	24.00		
Reserve to Replace Metal Badges	7.00	124.58	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
CASH DEFICIT ON GENERAL TRADING			46.90
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CASH DEFICIT ON ALL TRADING ACTIVITIES			166.98
LESS SPECIAL PROVISION TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT			72.00
			<u> </u>
Adjusted CASH DEFICIT ON ALL TRADING ACTIVITIES			238.98
CASH SURPLUS ON ALL ACTIVITIES			\$11.24
			<u> </u>
E. Non Cash Items			
Capital Items Charged Against Income:			
Purchase of New Duplicator	\$20.00		
Purchase of 200 Metal Badges	92.25		
Change of Stock of Walk	38.75	151.00	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Less Capital Items Realized or Written Off:			
Sale of Cloth Badges	.60		
Hiring of Metal Badges	7.00		
Advertising Debtors Written Off	21.00		
Adjustment of Advertising Debtors, Walk 1966	2.94		
Net Debtors Received	2.46		
Stocks of Walk 1966 Written Off	73.38		
Depreciation on Fixed Assets	41.40	148.78	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			\$2.22
			<u> </u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 31.1.1967.

			<u>1966</u>
A. Liquid Assets			
Cash at Bank	\$626.31		\$902.58
Advertising Debtors Walk 1967 (15½ pages)	<u>279.00</u>	\$905.31	
Less Amount Owed:			
V.R.I. for Rent	15.50		15.50
Paper for News	10.00		
January Van Hire	177.75		199.50
Deposit on Next Year's Walk	6.00		Nil
Publications (15 Wild Life, 4 Equipment for Mountaineering, 21 Wilson's Promontory Maps, 5 Safety in the Bush)	13.25		27.40
Walk 1967	52.06		612.00
Other Amounts (1)	<u>19.29</u>	293.85	6.00
Less Reserve being Built Up to Meet Future Expenditure:			
To Print Walk 1968	448.24		
To Replace Equipment	96.00		Nil
To Replace Metal Badges	<u>7.00</u>	<u>551.24</u>	Nil
MEMBERS' LIQUID FUNDS			<u>\$60.22</u>
B. Property Assets			
Stock (at cost less Sales etc.) (2)			
Walk 1967	313.82		314.85
Metal Badges	90.87		5.62
Cloth Badges	1.87	406.56	2.47
Fixed Assets (at Cost Less Depreciation) (3)			
Equipment	20.00		44.00
Filing Cabinet	25.80		30.10
Duplicator (New)	16.00		
Projector	15.00		17.50
Track-Clearing Equipment X	-		2.00
Printing Frame X	18.40		23.00
Tilley Lamp X	-	95.20	
MEMBERS' PROPERTY FUNDS			<u>501.76</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS			<u>\$561.98</u>

WILKINSON LODGE: Statement of Income and Expenditure 1.2.1966-31.1.1967.

			<u>1966</u>
A. Lodge Activities			
Accommodation Fees	\$94.90		\$12.04
Bank Interest	<u>2.01</u>	\$96.91	2.29
Less Repair & Maintenance	73.02		12.70
Improvements	<u>20.00</u>	<u>93.02</u>	-
CASH SURPLUS ON LODGE ACTIVITIES			<u>\$3.89</u>
B. Non Cash Items			
Capital Items Charged Against Income:			
Improvement	<u>20.00</u>	20.00	-
Capital Items Written Off:			
Depreciation	<u>44.00</u>	<u>44.00</u>	44.00
NET CAPITAL DECREASE			<u>\$24.00</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 31.1.1967.

			<u>1966</u>
A. Cash at Bank	<u>\$69.02</u>	<u>\$69.02</u>	<u>\$65.13</u>
MEMBERS' LIQUID FUNDS		\$69.02	
B. Lodge X (at Cost)	384.72		384.72
Improvements	<u>80.00</u>	464.72	<u>60.00</u>
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>206.72</u>	<u>206.72</u>	<u>162.72</u>
MEMBERS' PROPERTY FUNDS		258.00	
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>\$327.02</u>	

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS.

We have examined the books, accounts and other records of the Melbourne Bushwalkers for the year ended 31st January, 1967.

The Treasurer has gone to great lengths to illustrate the financial position of the Club, and we believe that he has performed his duties in a painstaking and conscientious manner. However, we cannot accept the presentation of the results of the activities of the year as a proper and orthodox view of those results.

In our opinion the activities of the Club for the year resulted in an increase of \$301.15 in the net assets of the Club, these net assets representing the items described in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st January, 1967, as Total Members' Funds and Reserves being built up to meet future expenditure.

We consider the Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 31st January, 1967, except to the extent that Reserves being built up to meet future expenditure are deducted from net current assets.

I. R. PHILLIPS

A. WHYTE

7th February, 1967.

Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31.1.1967.

Notes.

(1) "Other Amounts" is made up of small items mainly due to Club members.

(a) Insurance Refunds:

D. Morris	\$0.52
B. Meinke	0.53
R. Hughes	0.52
A. Hall	0.52

(b) Walks Refunds:

D. Beauliv	0.60
D. Pullin	1.00
R. Landau	1.40
M. Smith	0.80
A. Price	2.00

(c) Towards 1967 Subscriptions:

G. Price	0.40
P. Stewart	3.00
A. Guthrie	3.00

(d) Other:

Deposit Subscription)	D. Zehich	3.00
Unknown	B. Wells	2.00
		<u>\$19.29</u>

I would suggest that, unless members in categories (a) and (b) collect these amounts within the next two months, they should be treated as donations.

(2) Stocks have been valued on the same basis as previous years and again no attempt has been made to reconcile these values with physical stocks.

(3) The continued existence of the items marked X has not been confirmed.

Statement of Income and Expenditure.

General Club Activities.

This statement contains a number of non-recurrent receipts and payments this year. Without these non-recurrent items, this account would have shown a loss of about the same amount as it now shows a profit. This would suggest that an increase in subscription income of the order of 10% to 15% would be required in a normal year, just to meet the ordinary cost of running the Club from subscriptions.

Walking Activities.

In the first three months of the year the Club made a small but persistent deficit on vans. In the next six months a considerable surplus accrued in what is generally agreed to have been a period of unusually good Walks attendance. In the final three months small deficits have accrued. Without this surplus the Club would have found it difficult to pay for certain other activities. Whether, as a matter of general policy, the Committee should aim to make a surplus on Walks to pay for other activities, is a question that could usefully be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

Sales on Behalf of Other Bodies.

This covers money that is collected from members to be paid to other bodies. At the last Annual General Meeting the question was raised as to whether we were making adequate provision for payment due to these other bodies. It is now

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believed this has been sorted out. (It took most of the year.) The small deficit shown is due to under-provision in past years.

Trading Activities.

This statement has been constructed on the principle that Trading Income should first be used to replace stock; Trading Income in excess of what is required to replace stock contributes to Surplus. The substantial deficit shown arises from the three items of a capital nature.

- (a) Purchase of New Metal Badges.
- (b) Extra money required to replace Walk 1966 with Walk 1967.
- (c) Setting up an adequate cash reserve to replace Equipment.

Items (a) and (c) are non-recurrent. Item (b) could be a recurrent one.

During the year two advertising debts shown in the last balance sheet have been written off, amounting to \$21.00. All other debts then due have been collected. This Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows that just under half of the Club's cash resources are firmly committed to pay bills due but not received; most of the rest is tentatively committed to enable existing activities to continue, and we have some \$60.00 to play with, which is much the same as the position last year.

Briefly the financial position of the Club may be summarized as: with the help of the support levy and a good Walks surplus, we managed to hold our ground and finance in addition some capital items.

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