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URGENT

Because many members could not attend the June bimonthly meeting on Thursday June 29th the

DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO

F R I D A Y J U N E 3 0 t h

8.30 pm 161 FLINDERS LANE MELBOURNE

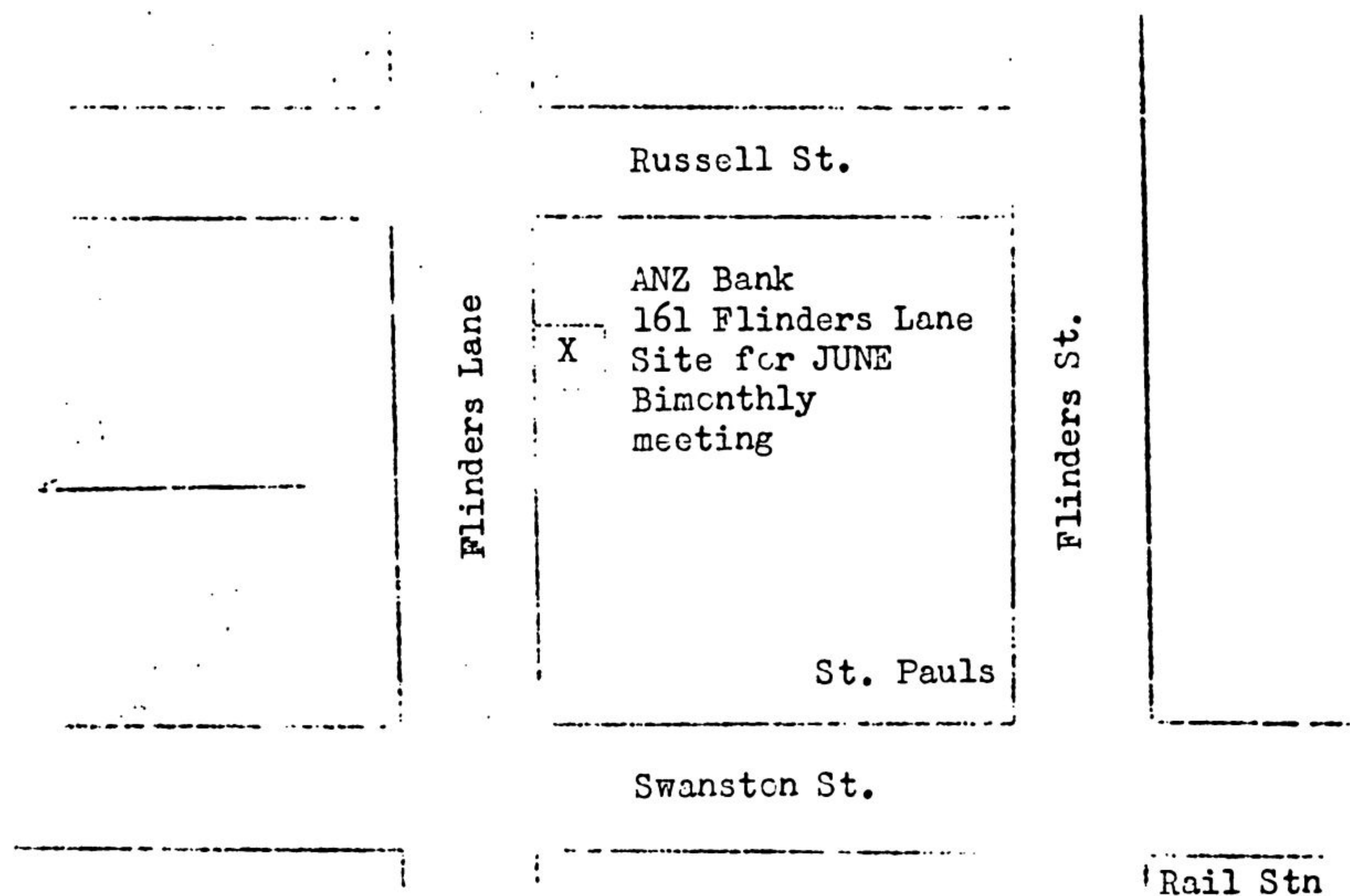
Amended Notice is hereby given that the June Bimonthly meeting will be held on Friday June 30th 1967 at 8.30 pm ay 161 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

- Agenda
- (1) Change of Clubrooms
 - (11) Evening of meeting
 - (111) Electing of Slide Custodian
 - (1V) Lake Peddar National Park
 - (V) Other business

According to the Constitution Section 8 Subsection (b) NOTICE is hereby given of an Extraordinary general meeting to be held on Friday June 30th 1967 at 8.30 pm at 161 Flinders Lane Melbourne to coincide with the June bimonthly meeting.

- Agenda
- (1) Election of Wilkinson Lodge Manager
 - (11) Affiliation with the Spelaeological Association.

Sue Taylor
HON SEC.



NEWS AND NOTES FROM SUSIE FILSON

The Brays of Broadford. Queens Birthday weekend saw a lot of Bushies out walking. It is a long time since we have seen Liz and Clive. The Walks Program will have to include more walks through Broadford, though next time we expect Devonshire tea.

As next years WALK is the 20th issue, we would like an article on the clubs history-- anyone who has any relevant details please contact Rex Filson... B.637030. P881165.

Ed is quiet in the van these days on the way home.

Who was Sue cuddling O.B.W?

It appears that landlords do not like Elvis records either because someone that we know has made another shift.

From Canberra comes news of another Bushwalker. This time to Peter and Anne Van der Duys. Congratulations on a son Craig Michael.

Noticed many people throwing their litter out of van windows. Apparently they did not read Fidels letter to the Editor a month or so ago. Those on the Queens Birthday walk, who had a look at the river at Barmah, will appreciate what a mess litter makes of the countryside.

It is good to see our Bushies going into print. Two of our members feature prominently in the last issue of the Women's Weekly.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 28th at 8p.m. in the Herbarium. Speaker...MR. IAN McCANN.

Subject...FLORA, FAUNA, GEOLOGY AND
ABORIGINAL PAINTINGS IN THE GRAMPIANS.

FIELD NATURALISTS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Ros Garnet has been awarded the Natural History Medallion for 1967. The medallion will be presented to him at the next meeting on Monday July 10th at 8pm, in the Herbarium. After the presentation Mr. Garnet will address the meeting on 'CONSERVATION'.

SPELAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Victorian Cave Explorers Society and the Sub Agmatic Spelaeology Association have formed a Federation. The Spelaeological Association. Their constitution permits the affiliation of clubs with similar interests in our natural surroundings, and they have invited the Melbourne Bushwalkers to affiliate with them. Affiliation would allow our members to join in their activities and arrangement of occasional joint activities. It would also include permission to hire their equipment. This may well be an opportunity for us to see a little of caveing without initially going to the expense of getting equipment. Our constitution allows for us to associate with any other body for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Club (section 4). However such an arrangement may only be adopted by a majority of the members at any Extraordinary, Half Yearly, or Annual General meeting. As we have had to call an Extra ordinary General meeting to elect a Lodge Manager for Wilkinson, the committee considered that this could be considered then.

LAKE PEDDER NATIONAL PARK.

In 1916 United States Congress declared:
'The fundamental purpose of National Parks, monuments and Reservations is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife there in... unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.'

Situated in the rugged south west of Tasmania 59,000 acres of land were set aside in 1955 as a national park. This area besides being exceptionally beautiful is the only existing natural habitat of many species of flora and fauna. Currently the Tasmanian Government is considering using this area as an artificial lake for water storage for more hydro electric power. This will involve damming two river valleys and flooding approx 200 square miles of the national park and adjoining land. It is hard to comprehend the size of the proposed dam but it would be the largest inland water area in the whole Australian continent. Now we realize in this day and age that power is essential for modern living but there are a number of experts who consider that at present and for the foreseeable future, the current power stations will be able to supply Tasmania's power needs and therefor this scheme is wanton destruction of the unique area.

The 'Save Lake Pedder National Park Committee' has been set up by persons interested in saving and developing this National Park. It has written to people on the mainland asking for their support as many mainland visitors walk in the area each year.

The committee would like financial support in its campaign. It has been suggested that the club make a donation to this worthy cause and this will be discussed at the June Bimonthly meeting.

In addition, donations from individuals would be most welcome and may be sent to

Save Lake Pedder National Park Committee,
P.O. Box 440 , Devonport . Tasmania.

VAN TRIPS.

Recently many members have been arriving at Batman Av. to go on Club van trips without having previously paid the appropriate deposit to the leader. This is most inconvenient for all concerned and the committee at its last meeting decided that as from July 9th anyone who goes on such a trip without having paid the deposit at least by the day prior to the trip will be surcharged 50 c. in addition to the ordinary fare.

SLIDE COLLECTION

It has been suggested that the club should start a collection of slides of the popular areas to show new members and for advertizing our trips. This would mean that members could donate slides, of club trips, no longer wanted. We would also require a slide custodian, nominations for which position will be called for at the June bimonthly meeting.

CLUB MEETING 13th July 13th John Brownlie talks on winter walking.

WALK..Arrol reads all promised articles urgently..p..2112649.

SCOTCHBOO..1000..is collecting a Bushie song book. If you have any suggestions contact Bob...P..473743.

NEW MEMBERS.

John SPARKMAN...5 Cairnes Cres. Brighton. p...926351.
B..625661

Beverly SOUTHWICK...45 Canterbury Rd. Camberwell.P.826474.

FOR SALE..American SKI-BOOTS 'Humanic' ladies size 6 inc.boot tress. Hardly worn \$10. Ring Sue Errey..884385.

THE BARN DANCE (or Filson's Last Stand)

Mitchell wasn't there. We're safe, everybody thought. The food will last. It didn't.
Argus was there. We're safe, everybody thought. The noise will drown him out. It didn't.

Too early for a motto? It isn't. And this is it. Barn dances are unpredictable affairs. Clever, I hear you say. It isn't. But it's true. "Smith" started it. Crawling around inside the roof. You think he'd have more sense. He hasn't.
(Oh, by the way, nice to see that Rob Steele's sister has got someone in tow other than Rob Steele.)

Peter Carlyon was next. Drove up in this landrover that turned out to be the Waldorf Hotel. Thought he was a smart kookie. He isn't. He let Argus get inside.

"Boots" Mattingley turned it on. No wonder they wouldn't let him go to Vietnam. Looked like he was going to twist right through the floor.

He didn't.

(Must interrupt again - Alex Proudfoot has gone down with a severe case of stompers elbow - got this permutations mixed up with his combinations. Aforementioned disease if mythical but not so Barrington's rhythmia. Wouldn't know a pas de deux if it bit him.

It hasn't.)

The Sharp's were there, looking bleary eyed as usual. Sand stewball but it didn't help. Told him to get up and dance. He didn't. Perhaps he's wise. (He isn't.)

Roy was really kicking those worries around. Wild sound almost induced even Slewfoot Siseman to dance. Almost. Marion had to fend for herself. Suggest that Marion, Sandra and Sue unite to form the Anti - dancers Anonymous.

... They probably won't.

"The 'other' Sue (Taylor) and Shirley the Nag arrived together. Don't think these are any scandal in this, but I thought I'd throw it in anyway. (I shouldn't)

Thoughts in passing - hope JB never gets a swollen head; he had enough trouble getting in as it was. - Barry should have worn his army kit, he looks out of place in civilian clothes (especially on a dance floor). Val J. should be congratulated. (I don't know what for, but you've got to be fair to everybody). Judging by one of Geoff's drawings, Art has become the Mad Hatter.

Alec says thanks to all those (millions of 'em) who helped him up off the floor. Also says they shouldn't have bothered, it was cooler down there Val Jones organized the barn dance. As you can see, it wasn't.

... M. Griffin

BEN CRUACHAN

The walk passed by many interesting rock formations which stimulated much discussion about our geological past. Robin Mitchell has kindly chatted to Professor Tattan, Professor of Geology at Melbourne University about the area. - Professor Tattan writes:

"I have not been in the region, but the rocks there belong to a series of distinctive types of sediment occurring in a belt extending to the north - northwest beyond Mansfield, though interrupted here and there by other rocks."

"These sediments were deposited in Upper Devonian to Lower Carboniferous times - in the order of 300 million years ago, after what is now south-eastern Australia had been thrown into mountain chains. The mountains were undergoing denudation, probably in a rather dry warm climate characterised by sporadic torrential rains. Sandy, gritty and pebbly sediments were swept into and deposited in broad drainage basins between the mountains. Subsequent compaction and bonding by deposition of cementing material, processes going under the name of lithification, have changed them into firm and sometimes strong, tough rocks. Unlike the more common sedimentary rocks which have been deposited in the sea, these are of continental origin. They often have typical red, pink or purple colours. They are of world-wide distribution and have been formed at various geological ages."

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

DAY WALKS

- June 25 BULLENGAROOK - NUGGETTY GULLY - BLUE GUM TRACK. Medium
Leader: Marion Siseman, 46 Gardenvale Road, Sth Caulfield.
Van leaves at 9.20 am. Fare \$1.50. Map 1" to 1 mile
Ballan Military.
- July 1 PLEASE NOTE - - - - - A SATURDAY WALK
LYREBIRD WALK - SHERBROOKE FOREST. Easy
Leader: Elizabeth Shaw (p) 34 2539 (b) 48 1121 Ext 367.
Train leaves Flinders Street at 8.47 am. Return Belgrave
fare \$0.83. Map "Broadbents" Card No. 200E - Sherbrooke
Forest. A delightful nature stroll seeking out these
exquisite birds. This is an absolute must for all new
chums.
- July 9 DIGGERS GULLY FALLS - MURCHISON FALLS - STRATH CREEK. Medium
Leader: Fred Halls (p) 97 3724. Van leaves Batman Av at
9.20 am. Fare \$1.60. Map 1:50,000 Kinglake. Good
walking through open forest with views of Diggers Gully and
Murchison Falls, very high waterfalls.
- July 16 JEHOSOPHAT VALLEY - MT. EVERARD. Medium
Leader: Sue Filson. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am.
Fare \$1.30. Map 1" to 1 mile 'Yan Yean' Military.
Pleasant walking through Kinglake Nat. Park, one of the
few areas of natural bush close to Melbourne that is still,
as yet, unspoilt by the advances of civilisation.
- July 23 DIGGERS REST - ORGAN PIPES - SYDENHAM. Medium.
Leader: John Haughton. Train leaves Spencer Street at
9.30 am. Buy Sunday excursion to Diggers Rest. Fare \$0.53.
Map 1" to 1 mile Sunbury Military. A good stroll to a
unique rock formation on the banks of Jackson's Creek.

WEEKEND WALKS

- June 24-25 FRENCHMAN'S TRACK - LOUSY POINT LOOKOUT - LEDERBERG RIVER
BLUE GUM TRACK. Medium.
Leader: Michael Griffin (p) 90 4554. Van leaves
Batman Av at 8.30 am. Map 1" to 1 mile Ballan Military.
- July 7-9 YAMBLA RANGES (ALBURY). Easy
Leader: Tyrone Thomas (p) 89 5197 - Private Transport.
Leaves Batman Av at 6.30 pm. Map Nat. Mapping 1,250,000
Wagga. Easy and interesting ridgewalking with good views
of the border country. CARRY SOME WATER FOR FOUR MEALS.
- July 21-23 SNOW TRIP - BAW BAW PLATEAU. Hard
Leader: John Brownlie (p) 53 9692. Van leaves Batman Av
at 6.30 pm. Map V.M.T.C. 1" to 1 mile Baw Baw Plateau &
Environs.
All those wishing to go should attend John Brownlie's talk
July 13th at the club rooms. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A SKI TRIP.
There will only be a walking trip if numbers permit.

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June 30.	G. Kenafacke	July 6	R. Filson	July 13	J. Brownlie
July 20	E. Shaw.	July 27	V. Jones	August 3	S. Trotter.

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