

CONTACT SYSTEM

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EVERYONE MUST READ THIS
THIS MEANS YOU.

In the March Issue of "The News" there was an article on the working of our contact system. Regrettably in just ONE month this was forgotten leading to much unnecessary work and bother for one of our contacts. This is shameful that there are members who are so inconsiderate of their fellow walkers who are willing to stay home to safeguard club members safety.

On that particular weekend the contact was not told till 11pm that the party would be late. What is more disgraceful, is that some of the party were having an evening meal in a cafe around 6 pm and yet did not bother to let the contact know that return to Melbourne would be delayed. The contact had received 11 telephone calls from anxious relations and friends before he had heard from the party. What sort of image of our club does this project!

For those whose memory is short, here, once again, is a list of our contacts.

1. FRED & MERLE HALLS 97 3724
2. WIN & IAN BENNETT 43 1921
3. NORM & EDNA RICHARDS 857 6793

CARDINAL RULES

1. Leave contacts telephone numbers with folks at home.
2. Notify contact as soon as possible if return is to be delayed. This means to telephone from the FIRST available telephone. The club will pay for any trunk call made in this connection. If the leader is not able to do this ANY member should telephone
3. Leader report to contact on arrival in Melbourne.

ENJOY .. QUEEN'S .. BIRTHDAY .. WEEKEND ..
IN .. THE .. BARMAN .. FOREST
WITH .. JOHN SISEMAN

Tremendous weekend promised so come along from the last long break till Christmas.

Batman Av. 6.30 p.m. Friday 9th

Fare \$6.00

SYDNEY SOUTH COAST. A Dandenongs near the sea, you say? Well, they've got it in Sydney.

I've just had a pleasant few months in Sydney and was granted the honour of being an associate member of the Sydney Bushwalkers whilst here. My first trip introduced me to the exciting coast, thru Palm Jungle to Burning Palms and the fabulous Era beach. My love for the South Coast and that place called Era has led me to revisit many times since, as it has the terrific advantage of being only 35 miles from Sydney, and accessible by train and a bus.

Over Christmas the Sydney Red Gums were at their best; a striking warm contrast of colour against the Scribbly Gums which have the starkest white limbs and trunks. It was an absolute joy to return there again and again to saunter thru the bush with the sounds of the insects depicting a typically Australian noon. And the surf. Well, words could not describe the clarity and refreshment of the tepid waters.

They are a good mob too, holding regular weekly functions and for general chatter and slides with a guest speaker once a month. On one occasion Edgar Pinzig from the Wild Colonial Society entertained us. This was rather delightful as he appeared in his Western gear, complete with ancient pistols and rattledooff reams of statistics to prove that Australians were a much 'wilder' race than anything on the 'telly' or in the Wild West.

Any 'dozers' at the back of the hall were quickly brought to when he suddenly demonstrated the workability of one of the pistols. Another night a guy talked about snakes and then 'dozers' once again quickly came to life when out of small brightly coloured bags he produced the live specimens.

It appears qualification for membership is rather tough as besides the usual qualifying walks, it is necessary to attend an 'Instructional Weekend' where one learns the arts of map reading; first aid and other necessary bushcraft, after which an exam must be passed. But it's all for the good as is obvious from the ability and responsibility shown by the club members.

I'll be leaving them soon and after a short stay in Melbourne will be off to England; and no doubt will experience some of the mateship of bushwalking which seems to be pretty world-wide. I'll conclude with definite recommendation; visit Sydney's South Coast; I guarantee you'll experience the Australian bush in the full sense of its enjoyment. Good walking....

Rita McCarthy.

For anyone who would like to drop Rita a line her address is C/- 'Parklands' Dormans Park, East Grimstead, Sussex, England.

NATIONAL SERVICE. Another one of our members has been called up for National Service. Geoff Kenefacke has received notice to be ready for the June intake. We hope Geoff will be stationed near Melbourne so that he will still be able to come walking. More over it is sincerely hoped that Geoff is not sent off to help fight the terrible Vietnam War.

MR. WILLIS' TALK. The talk by the Assistant Government Botanist Mr. J. Willis, given on May 5th was one of the best ever given in the clubrooms. The interesting talk on Central Australia, was illustrated by excellent slides taken by H. Alan Morrison. We hope that the Social Committee can keep up the high standard set by this night, for its future talks.

MELBOURNE JAILHOUSE. With the staging of this dance in the V.R.I. Ballroom, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the club needs to find a more suitable place in which to hold its meetings. At present it is most unpleasant for girls to come to Room 110 by themselves. If you have any suggestions about alternative rooms please see Shirley Trotter..(PH) 562406.

ANOTHER WINGE. PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (AND OTHERS FOR THAT MATTER) AT INCONSIDERATE HOURS..(THIS INCLUDES 12 MIDNIGHT.)

THIS IS RED CROSS MONTH, BECOME A BLOOD DONOR.

The following people have not at the last recount (May 10) subnitted their donation (compulsory) ---\$4.00 if you are a single Senior, \$2.00 if junior, \$6.00 if you can rake up a spouse and 60c if it is only reading matter that you require, to our Treasurer Frank Baker who camps at 35 Mummery St. Mt. Waverly. Smoke signals won't get you any where just send hard cash. Only financial members will receive the next copy of 'The News'.

ANCHELL Fred	ANDREWS Brian	SCOTT Les
APPERLEY Fairlie	BAILEY Ray	SHEEHY Ian
BARNES Muriel	BITTNER Bob	STAFFORD Joseph
BEAULIU Drecy	CLARKE Judith	STEWART Phyllis
BURKE Tom	CORRY Max	SUTTON Glenda
COFFEY Jack	DOWNING Helen	VEENSTRA Alan
CRAWFORD Lindsay	DRYDEN Betna	WOOD George
DREW Alan	EVERETT Evanie	SHARPE Ken
ELLIOT Alan	FITZIMONS Bill	SMITH Maurice
FERGUSON John	GRIFFIN Michael	STERNBERG Alf
FOX Lorton	HOGG David	SULLIVAN Darrell
HOCKLEY Val	KILSBY Barry	THOMPSON Bill, Margaret
HUNTER Joan	MARRIOTT Dawn	WHYTE Arthur, Joan
LATHAM Denise	McMAHON Neil	WILSON Loch.
McKINNEY Graham	The MITCHELLS	
MEINCKE Bruce	MORRIS Diane	
MILLES Verna	MURBH Y Kay	
MORRIS Tony	Olle Warren, Betty	
OSENIEKS Andris	PHILLIPS Ian, Ann	
PEDERSEN Willy	PRESSEBURGER Isaac.	
PIPPARD Greg	SCHAFER Athol	
RICHARDSON Enid.	BATES Sandra.	

NEWS SUBSCRIBERS .. ANDERSON Robyn BARRY Fay
 BROWN Hugh DIXON Betty
 DODDS S GREENHALL Margaret
 LEDERER Paul SCHELLARS Aad.
 WILCHER Val

There may be a few members included in the above list who have actually donated. The Editor apologized profusely but there were a few names she could not read on the list which the Treasurer gave her.

Incidentally 'The News' has been returned not deliverable to the following people. Would anyone who knows their whereabouts please let the Secretary know in writing.

ANCHELL Fred	BEAULIU Drecy	DREW Alan.
Fox Lorton	HORDEN A.G. (BILL)	
SAUNDERS Rosalie	STAFFORD Joseph	

SOCIAL..A total of 61 turned up to romp at Upper Packerham for the annual Barn Dance. Many thanks to all those who helped in the organization and preparation of an energetic and enjoyable evening.

Would anyone with ideas for theatre nights or other social events see Val Jones...or phone 976108.

WALK ..Athol wants more articles, particularly track notes. It is the track notes section which 'sells' Walk particularly day and short walks. If you know of a good walk jot the details in publishable form and give them to Athol.

RAILWAY TIME..The Sunday train times have been altered to a very little reaction from the public. In future vans will leave Packerham Ave. on Sundays at 9.20a.m. If you just cannot arrive by that time let the leader or Fred Halls know and it may be possible for us to arrange for a member with a car to pick you up. This applies to 6.30 pm. starts on Fridays.

ART TERRY'S WALK APRIL 26--28th. Coincides with the referendum so don't forget to lodge a postal vote the week before.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION. The V.N.P.A. is planning to hold a public protest meeting to discuss the proposed formation of an artificial lake in the Mt. Buffalo National Park. The purpose of this lake is to allow the public to go skating in winter and water skiing in summer, but in so doing approx. 40 acres of alpine grassland and associated vegetation will be lost. Nature lovers from all over Victoria are joining in opposing this carnage of our heritage.

YOUR SUPPORT IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

The date and location of the meeting will be announced in the daily press.

SEE YOU THERE.

SEARCH AND RESCUE. A most successful weekend was held at Kinglake but only 3 of our members went out. This is particularly poor as we are one of the larger walking clubs. We hope that we will never need to call out the S.A.N.D.R. squad, however it is an insurance and ALL walkers with only even moderate experience should enrol. See either Fred Halls or Barry Short.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEETINGS. Last year the President initiated his 'Little Talks'. The committee feels that, in addition to the usual slide evenings, it would be an excellent idea if some members were asked to give short talks on aspects of bushcraft. They may be a little more experienced than other members. We are not planning to 'brainwash' all members into a particular code of bushcraft but rather to initiate discussion about how we can enjoy our walking more. If other members would like to discuss other topics would they give their ideas to a committee member.

June 4th. Bill Thompson is showing slides of Europe.

June 16th. Liz Shaw will give an outline of bush first aid and Robin Mitchell will demonstrate stretcher making using H. Stone packs.

July 14th. John Brownlie on Snow walking.

August 10th. John Sisson will take us on a trip to New Zealand.

September 3th. Robin Mitchell on lightweight walking.

THANKS. So far this year the Editor has had a superb band of helpers for News Production. I would like to thank them all on my own behalf and on yours too.

Our typists....Trudi Jaiger, Val Jones, Enid Richardson, Ann Silva, and Shirley Treloar have done a marvellous job.

Thursday night helpers ...Robin M, Sue T. Val J. Athol S. Loch W.

Tony M. John B. Spencer G. and others are to be commended for their patience and forbearance in the hurly burly of production night. 'The News' is printed and distributed on the Thursday week following the second Wednesday of each month. If that is too Chinese and you would like to give us a hand some Thursdays do see me. Elizabeth Shaw..P. 342539 B...481121 ext..367.

VAN TRAVELLERS. Would members please not put their packs on the seats in Batman Av. They are for people to SIT on. If you wish to stand, please leave room for other people to get to the seats.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JUNE BIMONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 10th, 1967 at 161 FLINDERS LANE CITY. TIME 7.30 PM.

AGENDA; Discussion of proposed change of clubrooms.

Sue Taylor. Hon Sec.

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

May 28

MOORABOOL FALLS - LAL LAL FALLS. Medium.

Leader: Val Jones (p) 97 6108. Van leaves Batman Av. 9.20 am.
 Fare \$1.80. Map: Ballan 1" to 1 mile Military. Forested,
 volcanic country with spectacular falls. A must for all
 walkers. Bring your cameras.

June 4

KINGLAKE WEST - NATIONAL PARK - SUGAR LOAF - ARTHUR CREEK
Easy.

Leader: Andy Price 64 2096. Van leaves Batman Av. 9.20 am.
 Map: Kinglake Military 1" to 1 mile. Carry some water
 for lunch. A pleasant walk through timbered country
 with waterfalls and views.

June 11

MACEDON - TOWRONG - CAMELS HUMP. Easy.

Leader: WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO LEAD THIS WALK
 Train leaves Spencer St. at 9.30 am. Buy a Sunday
 Excursion to Macedon, fare \$1.80. Map: 1" to 1 mile
 Lancefield Military.

June 18

CHEROKEE - KERRY BROCKS MONUMENT. Medium

Leader: Shirley Trotter (p) 56 2496. Van leaves Batman
 Av. at 9.20 am. Fare \$1.30. Map: 1" to 1 mile
 Lancefield Military. A pleasant stroll through open and
 forested country behind the Macedon Range.
 Carry some water.

June 25

BULLENGAROOH - NUGGETTY GULLY - BLUE GUM TRACK. Medium

Leader: Spencer George (p) 89 5854. Fare \$1.50. Van
 leaves Batman Av. 9.20 am. Map: Ballan 1" to 1 mile.

July 1

PLEASE NOTE A SATURDAY WALKLYREBIRD WALK SHERBROOK FOREST. Easy

Leader: Elizabeth Shaw (p) 34 2539 (b) 48 1121 ext 367
 Train leaves Flinders St. at 8.47 am. Return Belgrave
 fare 0.83c. Map: Monbulk 1:50,000 MS and Broadbents'
 card Sherbrooke Forest. A delightful nature stroll
 seeking out these exquisite birds.

WEEKEND WALKS

May 26-28

THE PYRENES - VICTORIA MILL - BEN NEVIS. Medium

Leader: Art Terry (p) 93 3617. Van leaves Batman Av. at
 6.30 pm. Fare \$4.20. Map: Forests Commission, Mt. Cole
 Forest 2" to 1 mile. Good walking through magnificent
 forest country. Some from gullies and panoramic views.
THOSE ATTENDING THIS WALK MUST LODGE A POSTAL VOTE FOR
THE REFERENDUM

June 9-12

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY --- BARMAH FOREST. Medium

Leader: John Siseman (b) 35 0221 ext 346. Van leaves
 Batman Av. at 6.30 pm. Fare \$6.00. Map: Forest Comm.
 Barmah Forest. This walk promises to continue the
 reputation that Queen's Birthday weekend walks are
 tremendous. Remember this is the last long weekend
 before Christmas so do not miss out!

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. Saturday 24th at 8.30 am
 Map: Ballan 1" to 1 mile.

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For interstate & overseas
peoples, let us say,
that, this here is,

Melb. "Bushies" Home Base

DUTY ROSTER:

May 12th John Siseman	June 9th Dareyl Sullivan
May 19th Fred Halls	June 16th Sue Taylor
May 26th Sue Filson	June 23rd Rob. Steele
June 2nd Frank Baker	June 30th Geoff Kenafacke

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from Auski House, Hardware St. Melbourne. Do not forget to mention
you are a "Bushie" for special consideration and discount too!

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If not claimed within 7 days,
return to Melbourne Bushwalkers,
V.R.I. Building, Flinders St., Melbourne, Australia.

THE PRESIDENT WRITES :

Dear Members,

Owing to the impossible position now existing with Room 110, some members of the committee (Not a committee meeting) have found an alternative room at the A.N.Z. Bank Building, 161 Flinders lane. However at present this room is available only on a Thursday evening. In the future, it will become available on other nights.

In the meantime Room 110 will be retained by the Club until the General Meeting on June 29th when this proposed change of meeting room can be discussed.

I would like to ask you all for your support in this move as I feel sure that anyone who has attended our meetings at room 110 recently will realize the urgency of this matter.

Good walking
John Brownlie.
PRESIDENT.

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COMMENCING THURSDAY MAY 25th CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
AT 161 FLINDERS LANE AT 8.00 pm.