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CLEANLINESS IN THE BUSH :

It has come to our attention once again that members are continuing to leave litter lying around camp-sites and some sites are left in such a state that would suggest sheer untidiness, which rings itself around the Club as a whole.

Repeatedly the Committee have had outside complaints to this effect, and have requested Club members to abide with the rules of true bushwalking. However, here again we stress the importance of keeping the bush clean and tidy, particularly on the extended type walks, the bush should be left as clean as you find it -- if not cleaner. Perhaps some can encourage those, who need a little reminder, when the opportunity does present itself.

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS :

SNOW CAMPING. June 28th John Brownlie.

With more people going into the mountains for Winter vacation and Sunday picnics a little general knowledge may be gained by coming to this talk to see and hear how you can live in the snow. Enjoy it and if accidentally caught out in it, it may be possible to stay alive in it. Slides will be shown.

THE COOLART STORY. July 12th by Mr. Bill Davis

Here is a unique story of the nesting and breeding of the Ibis and Spoonbill at a private farm at Sommers on the Mornington Peninsula. Over many years the late Mr. Luxton developed a portion of his farms water storage for a bird sanctuary. In 1967 season Mr. Bill Davis filmed the nesting of some pairs of Ibis and Royal Spoonbills on this 12 acre dam.

Here is a 45min. film showing where man making an artificial habitat can encourage these beneficial birds back to his farmlands.

THEATRE NIGHT : July 23rd.

There is a party booking for the film "Guess who's coming to Dinner". Tickets on sale now, \$1-50. The film is showing at the Bercy in Bourke Street. For details please contact the Social Sec. Shirley Trotter.

Just in case you have not been told, or heard,

LOCH WILSON'S ----- got it -----
692 GLENHUNTLY ROAD,
CAULFIELD.. and
a wonderful collection of equipment from
New Zealand covering the requirements of all.

CONCLUDING THE SERIALIZED SAGA OF THE PEDESTRIANISMS
AND PERAMBULATIONS OF THE FOCOCS

We spent 9 glorious days in Tongariro National Park, each day, lovely and sunny. Ngaruloe was the highlight here, an active volcano of 7515'. It was quite a scramble up the loose scoria to reach the top but well worth while. We surveyed the steaming sulphurous sight of the summit and crept cautiously on the crest of the crater where we viewed the vapourous vent descending down to the dark depths of the earth. All very pongy. It was somewhat faster coming off the mountain than going up 2000' of loose scoria to slide down. We also climbed Tongariro which consists of about 7 craters, 2 mildly active. There are some rather beaut lakes on top, one a beautiful blue and others of emerald green. We stayed in a very palatial hut on the side of Tongariro built vent to a hot spring area, it was most pleasant to find the part of the hot creek at the most suitable temperautre, strip off and jump in for a bath.

Leaving the T.N.P. we moved north to Lake Toupou, visiting various hot pools, geyers and boiling mud with accompanying hissing, whooshing and glumphing. A prison escapee recently fell into one of the pools (190°) and later died, poor chap was really in the hot water. On the way to Auckland, we visited Waiatomo cave. Joining the merry throng of tourists we went through the Glow-worm cave - very impressive. One of the few cases where an attraction was not overrated on the travel guides.

So! on to Auckland where we indulged in the luxury of going to the films before leading on north. We didn't see or do an awful lot in Northland due to the vast quantitties of bits of water dropping on our heads and the surrounding country giving rise to wet heads and floods. However, we did visit a lot of historic houses, churches museums and motor cmaps. All in all, it was a bit of a failure so on to the Coromandel Peninsula for a look ar ound, not much more successful than Northland.

After all this we were a bit sick of rain so on to Rotorua where we had our first day without rain in 16. Three days in Rotorua meant we saw more hissing, whooshing and glumphing type sights, also the trout pools, hundreds of great fat trout swimming round but we didn't have our dynamite so couldn't catch any. From Rotorua we travelled over to the Uresvera National Park, a beaut drive through native bush to Lake Warkeremoana. This is a really lovely lake, thick bush coming right to the waters edge with beaut bays and inlets. We spent 2 days at Waikeremoana wandering round before pishing on down to Wellington which was still lickings its wounds received from the storms. Houses with the roof off, trees and garages blown down and of course the ferry on its side in the middle of the harbour.

Another storm was building up as we left Wellington giving us a rather rough passage however we made it to the South Island o.k. We went to Christchurch via the East Coast where we spent a few days packing etc. before catching the plane and making our philanthropic way to our humble but happy home, broke (practically) but extremely satisfied with our 15 months stay in New Zealand.

Contributions would be very welcome
from anyone who might be interested
in writing down articles for July "News"

Send to: Shirley Treloar, 197 Station St., 3196

SUE FILSON'S COLUMN

It is quite a while since the Filson Column has graced the pages of 'News'. Over the past months we have been away for six weeks and Rex and Matthew have both been ill so there have not been many visits to the M.B.W. Forgive me if the gossip is a little 'old hat'.

The N.Z. Branch of the M.B.W. have returned to the fold. Welcome back Doug and Robyn after fifteen months away. We hope that they have quite a few songs for the song book, and perhaps we shall see the production of this in the not too distant future.

Recently Andy Price has had a short stay in hospital. We are all glad to see you back on your feet again Andy.

Our first National Serviceman has almost completed his sentence. Rodney comes out of the Army next month having had the good fortune (?) of spending his two years at Bandiana.

The Club's latest Conscript Geoff Kenafacke is sweating it out at Singleton Army Camp N.S.W. training for the Infantry. Over the last couple of years Geoff has been the Advertising Manager for "Walk", a job which he did very well. Keep in the back lines Geoff.

Sandra and Ken are now Sharpe. The weather stayed fine for the wedding but not the honeymoon. The most enjoyable honeymoons are had during bad weather (Speaking from experience).

Bob Steele received a promotion and is now working in Bendigo. Best of luck to Bob who has been on the Committee up till now and has been an active member for the seven years he has been in the Club. I hope we still see you in the Club.....

Colin Crocker, Peter Carlyon and Tyrone Thomas have joined the band of "happy" M.B.W. wanderers. They are doing a six months tour of Australia (mainly the Centre) then whilst the other two return to Melbourne, Tyrone is off round the world on a working holiday. Drop us a post card now and again.

Some of the older members were able to catch up all the news of his doings with Honorary Member Bob Frost, who called into the Club recently en route to Canberra. Bob is attending a course there in relation to his job at the Tracking Station in Carnarvon, W.A.

I believe the all male ballet led by Prima Donna Brownlie at the Barn Dance, was quite a riot. Many people have enquired whether this talented troupe hires themselves out to other functions. One way to raise money for "Walk".

Marion and John Siseman have acquired a beautiful new home and are now living amongst the eucalypts of Blackburn. All the best people live in the Eastern Suburbs!

Walk Magazine badly needs some articles as it is due for publication in October. Athol would appreciate receiving articles of about 1000-1500 words in length on the following subjects :

If you do not feel capable of writing an article but have some ideas, why not ask a member to help, and combine your gifts. Last year's magazine was the best issue ever, let us make '69 a better than ever.

I would like to express my appreciation to the contributors of articles which appear in this issue.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS :

Robyn and Doug Pocock - Flat A, 28 Ardyne Street,
Murrumbidgee. 3163.

REQUEST for one copy of WALK No. 14, 1963 for Mr.

Ros Garnet.

WALK '69

Contributions wanted for WALK '69.

Paragraphs for "Mountain Muster" and news of new maps.

Also people interested in describing a revised bring-up-to-date walk or walks would be very welcome to contact Athol Schafer "WALK" Editor, phone 211-2649 with their articles.

PROPOSED SLIDE NIGHTS :

- 1) A Personality Feature - No date as been set as it is still tentative according to the amount of material contributed.
- 2) A Story of Wilkie - No date set, as soon as there is sufficient slides and information, historic notes and antidotes according to the history of Wilkie - we will try and show this for you. In order to make this a success, will those who do take the time out for photography, get together and select suitable transparencies for these two subjects. The first, on people will be on a candid and humorous side, while the second will be of value and interest to all members, whether they have had the opportunity to visit Wilkie Lodge or not.

More details from Soc Sec. Shirley Trotter.

The 1968 Barn Dance was once again a terrific success, with Roy Taylor and his band thumping louder than ever, in his usual fine style.

OVERHEARD BY SOME CHARACTER, SOME CHARACTERISTICS
OF THIS B A R N DANCE

Someone seeing Robin at supper time :- "First self-propelled vacuum cleaner I've seen."

About John Brownlie in 'Swan Lake' :- "He looks like Sophia Loren!"

To Doug Pocock in the Barn Dance :- "Where on earth did you find that
H A T."

From a car at about 2 a.m. :- "Try this, it was a good year."

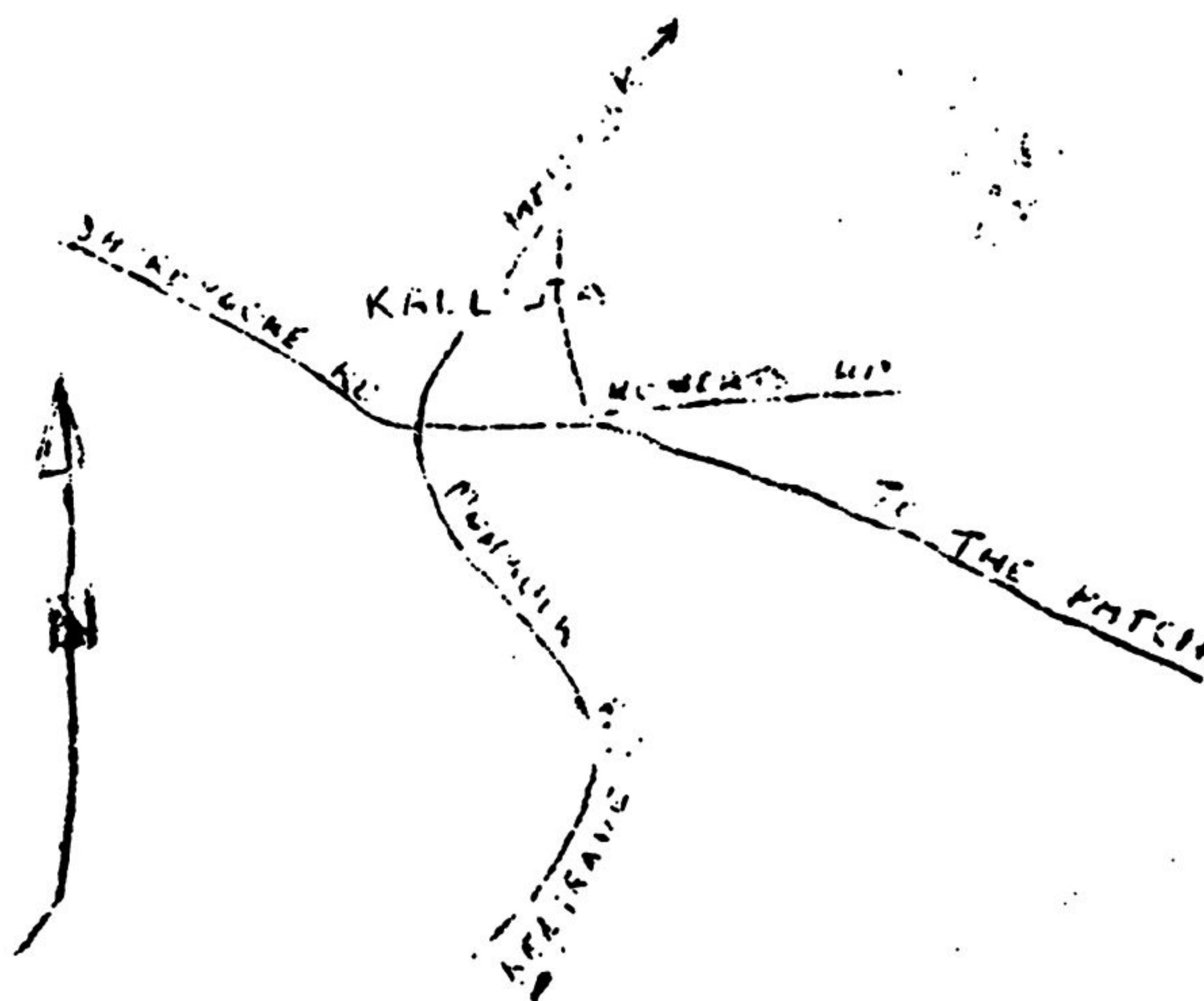
Heard next morning :- "I don't want to lead any walk."

A FULL PREVIEW OF FORECOMING WALKS are omitted in this issue. We regret this and look forward now to next month when an informative schedule will be forecast.

IN THE MEANTIME Barry Short's weekend walk is coming up on the 22/23 weekend of June.

Here is some gen on that weekend --

KALLISTA HALL is to be hired (we hope) and we will camp there Saturday evening with the idea of getting up early on Sunday morning and being in the forest by 8.00 a.m. any later and we will be too late for the best performance from the lyrebirds. The rest of the day will be an easy walk. No transport has been arranged as Belgrave is on the suburb railway line and buses meet these trains to take people on to Kallista.



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The leader has not had time to find out exactly where the hall is, but if his memory serves him correctly it is at the position indicated on the map, (it should be visible from the main road). There is no fixed time of departure from Melbourne due to the frequency of public transport. However, the leader will be at the hall from 4.00 p.m. onwards.

Further details are available by contacting the leader, Barry Short, (or perhaps more appropriately Sherlock Short) He will probably use his big magnifying glass to hear you with too.....

Ed.

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The News has been # by Shirley Treloar,

for The Melbourne Bushwalkers

CONSERVATION NEWSFLASH: Barrabool Shire Council has obtained an interim development order on 550 acres of land at Point Addis for rezoning from its present designation as "Agriculture A" to "National parks public purpose". If no objections are received by July 4th, the rezoning will automatically come into effect.

WILKIE LODGE KEYS :

Would the people holding sets of keys to the above lodge hand them over to Tim Dent at the next Club meeting. The keys are long overdue and the people who are responsible should therefore return them to Tim henceforth.

V.N.P.A.

There will be a talk by Professor Turner following the films, on "Norfolk Island" which will be held at the National Herbarium on the 26th June, at 8 p.m.

If anyone is interested in going along that night, a good supper will be provided.

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