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THE BARN DANCE WEEKEND IS ON MAY 18-19, AT
KERRIE HALL

HOW TO GET THERE: BY CAR. Take Calder Highway to Gisbourne, then Monegeetta road through Riddell and 3 miles from Riddell turn left to Kerrie.
OR take Bulla - Sunbury road, turn right at Sunbury through Clarkefield to Bolinda, turn left there to Kerrie
GRID REFERENCE for Kerrie Hall is 708 887 on Lancefield Military Survey map.

No van has been booked so ring Shirley Trotter, Soc., Sec. to arrange transport if needed, or to let her know if you have room in your car for passengers p) 56-2496.

WHAT TO BRING: "Normal" bushwalking clothes. NO BOOTS WILL BE WORN IN THE HALL. Camping gear - there are good spots to pitch your tent near the hall, or if you prefer you can sleep in the hall itself. Food - Saturday tea, Sunday breakfast and lunch. Supper will be provided on Saturday night. Cost: \$1 per person.

WHAT'S ON : SATURDAY AFTERNOON. Explore the area at will
SATURDAY EVENING. From 8 p.m. barn dance and social evening with bushwalker Roy Taylor and his band
SUNDAY. A day walk has been planned for the Sunday in the Mt. Macedon area.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN 161 FLINDERS LAI
ON JUNE 21st AT 8.30 p.m.

BUSINESS 1) ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT
2) ELECTION OF TREASURER

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD, FOLLOWING THE ABOVE AT 8.45 p.m.

Sue Taylor
Hon. Sec.

Bob Steel, a vice-president, is now working in Bendigo. (C/- District Officer, Commonwealth Employment Service, 37 Pall Mall, Bendigo, 3550) and, Ian Morrison, Former Treasurer, has resigned.

WINTER WALKS

The winter walks program will be posted to members in June, under separate cover.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO THE CLUB ARE :

William Thomas, Flat 29, 5 Emily Street,
Murrumbidgee (b) 544-0351

David Oldfield, Flat 6, 79 Park Street,
MOONBEE PONDS. 3039. (b) 31-7222 ext. 331.

CHECKING "WALK" TRACK NOTES

People interested in completing day and weekend walks as described in post "WALK"/yearly Member's magazine/Track notes, in order to bring them up to date, may contact Andy Schaefer, "WALK" Editor, phone 211-2649.

As well as providing interesting walks, the above activity would be of value to future generations of Bushwalkers of all breeds, as "WALK" is read widely here and interstate.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

are now overdue.

"June" issues of "News" with red crosses will indicate to the recipients they are their last "News" until overdue subs. are paid.

NATIONAL FAUNA CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Natural History Night Night Wilson Hall, University of Melbourne, Friday 31st May, 1968, 8 p.m.

Films are to be shown about the Koala, Lyrebird, pelican and Flightless Birds.

RESERVED SEATS

at Allans (12 days previously)

Adults \$1-00

Children under
14 years 40c

UNRESERVED SEATS

Adults 70c

Children 20c

OLINDA FALLS, KALORAMA, MONTROSE.

Saturday 20th April '68

Proceeding from Murrumbidgee by train, the other dozen of the party met me at Upper Ferntree Gully, from where we caught a bus to Olinda.

After refreshments we walked along old dirt roads through pleasant bush to Olinda Falls for lunch. Following again the old roads, we finally found the milk bar at Kalorama. Passing on with renewed vigour, we sauntered into Montrose via the Old Coach Road in good time for yet more refreshments and a bus to Croydon which met the city bound train. The more energetic ones were last seen heading in that direction.

Sam Larsen

AGM Federation is May 22nd at 161 Flinders Lane, at 8.00 p.m. 2nd floor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS :

Greg HARWOOD, 117 Taronga Road, Malvern. p) 50-4784

Warren OLLE, 43 Park Road, Cheltenham

Bill Woodroffe, (returning to England for a visit)

8 Francis Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, ENGLAND.

FOR SALE :

Is there anyone thinking of going skiing this season? Who would therefore require ski equipment for cross country skiing, and, does not particularly wish to spend much money, his post-hoc, can contact JEFF SILL on 772 3507. He offers the skis, boots and bindings, and they are going for a song!! To the tune (Doug MacLennan) \$20-30 (Ray...Tah!) the lot. Ring Jeff..

ALONG THE TRACK

Easter 1968

GRAMPIANS ABORIGINAL CAVES

Leader :
Fred Halls

On the eve of departure, members arriving at Batman Av. found that they had to squeeze into a van smaller than the one booked, the latter having to be garaged for repairs. Even little Matthew was hung up in his basket along with the packs and the gear, though there were plenty of foster mothers who nursed the Filson baby until reaching the overnight stop. Despite a night made hideous by the shriek and snarl of the holiday traffic, the party made an early visit to the Cave of the Banded Serpent, only a short walk into the forests of the nearby Pyrenees, before reboarding the van.

The morning's first stop was in the eastern granites, there to admire the Great-Father figure, Bunjil, in his cave, and to view the higher ranges further west. After passing Mt. Zero, there was another short walk, first to the Devil's Kitchen overhang, then to Flat Rock where members tried out their rock-climbing abilities, an occupation extended throughout the afternoon amid the echoing labyrinthine ways of the View Point Caves. An easy walk led to the Flat Rock Painted Shelter, then the van boarded for the drive to the night's camp - at the Cave of Ghosts near Potters Creek.

On Saturday morning the Mitchell party started out on their 3-day Mt. Difficult trip, leaving the van emptier (and more comfortable) for the rest. A long drive crossing the Glenelg River finished in the distant Black Range and a visit to Shelter No.2, and after crossing a scrubby valley to Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

After lunch a series of remarkably coloured caves and a natural arch were passed during a long climb to a summit whose scrubby slopes 'bushed' a few unwary walkers. Later in the Victoria valley the van ground to a halt in the soft-sanded Billywing road, so packs were carried the last mile. All the next morning was spent visiting the Billywing Shelter and the Cave of Hands, recalling to some Rupert Lee's trip to the area, exactly one decade ago. This time, however there was also a visit to the Kappa Caves where there is a slope of beautifully clean fine sand.

It was sand, too, that forced Dennis a second time to turn the van around prematurely on the way to the Cultivation Creek camping ground. The tents erected, the party crossed the dry creek bed on way to Initiation Rock, where, under its great jut sheltering the ancient totems, one sensed an air of awe and mystery. With the daylight dwindling, a hurried visit was made to another cave (discovered on the earlier trip) and then further on to the rugged Hollow Mountain that has been drilled wide open by the over-whistling winds.

Rain on Monday morning was the drought breaking, and during the change the high Goat Track was taken to search for the Cave of Fishes (noted for its use of yellow ochre) and Cultivation Creek No.5 Shelter (cult-hero symbolism). These objective achieved, the party returned to the van by the abandoned plantation. Many emus and kangaroos had been seen in this area.

Finally, I think the party are indebted in having a leader whose researches and personal knowledge of the area made this trip a possibility.

---Athol Schafer

RAMBLING IN ENGLAND:

Hello everyone

I'm now back from the U. K. and seeing lots of interesting places.

I tried to do as much bushwalking or 'rambling' as they call it---as possible and whilst I was in Sussex I did do quite a few trips with the Ashdown Ramblers.

They frequently visit the Ashdown Forest which is quite wild and scrubby compared with the rows of hedges and undulating hills.

One trip I particularly enjoyed was called "a moonlight ramble" twelve of us left East Grinstead at 1.30 p.m. and drove south to Hastings where we joined members

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Rambling in England (continued)

of their club. The long grass was very damp as we started walking towards the coastal hills---and there was no moon--- but despite this we soon accustomed ourselves to seeing our way without light--we went through fields (never "paddocks" in England please) in the swirling mist and on one small hill a solitary glow worm shone brightly in the grass.

At 2 a.m. we rested for a coffee---out of our thermos of course---and for a place we chose a graveyard--- still no moon and the party weren't very talkative-- There was just a low murmur of voices which really added to the eerie setting.

Later when we walked past a row of farm houses a fox ran across our path and disappeared into the blackness. It was so quiet our feet "crunched" on the stony road.

Then at last the moon appeared from behind a large cloud our spirits rose considerably as it "sailed across the sky" I really felt an increased sense of space - it was a terrific sight after the near-blackness. It had no sooner faded when the sun's rays appeared behind a hill ahead-- silhouetting the farm houses--- those square shapped rooves so unmistakably English. To climax it from the trees and hedges the "dawn chorus" began and we were audibly given the "message" that the day had begun.

We spent some time by the river at Arlinton---A charming almost miniture village-- Here the mist rose from the water and we saw the many varieties of water birds rising from the rushes.

We then returned to Hastings where some of the Club members had camped in a clearing. They had risen early to prepare us a cooked breakfast and hot coffee. This we relished beside a large fire but the day was already warm despite the early 6 a.m.

A bit wearily we drove back to Grinstead but as we recounted our experiences we decided it was all very much worth the effort.

Who's for an aussie "moonlight ramble"?

Best wishes to everyone

Rita McCarthy C/- GPO

Sydney

Doug and Robyn Pocock, also "bushies", who have returned to the fold, sent us this last "Epic Sago" to quote, before their return.

"Continuing the Epic Saga of our two intrepid explorers in the far off foreign lands.

Greetings once more O people of the parched wastes (hardly applicable now!) Resuming our tale of our philanthropic meanderings. We left the H.Q. of Nelson Lakes N.P. in glorious weather and made our way along the track following Lake Rotoiti. This was only about 6 miles so we had the afternoon messing round, swimming and trying to catch fish - no luck must try getting some dynamite. Next day we followed the Travis River for about 3 miles and then a 3000' climb to a delightful little hut next to Angelus Lake at 5000'. Anyone who has done a 3000' climb in hot weather will know why we stripped off and went in for a swim as soon as we got there.

After a most comfortable night we went wandering next day along the main range for a short way, it was pretty cloudy and we didn't feel like going too far. The following morning we set out in thick fog and drizzle for Speargrass valley and then back to the car. On the way we saw 7 chamois and 3 deer.

For the rest of the while in the S.I. and the weather was pretty scurgy, we visited Abel Tasman N.P. but it wasn't worth going walking. At one stage it took us 6 days to dry some socks we had washed.

However foreign lands beckoned us and we took the ferry over to the North Island, stepping off the boat with a hand full of beads for the natives to show our peaceful intentions. We were greeted with like "Ce-toe-mossie" no doubt their quaint way of saying welcome.

After a couple of days in Wellington we pushed on to Mt. Egmont N.P. staying at a park board lodge at about 3000'. Next morning we set off at the ungodly hour of 5 am in bright moonlight for the summit. We watched the sun rise of about 5000' and

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and then pushed on to the top at 8260'. With plenty of stops for picturegrams we made the top in about 4½ hours, the record being 1 hr. 45 min. there and back. Going down was easier than going up, great bounding leaps down the scree slopes filling our boots with bits of Mt. Egmont on the way.

At present we are preparing for an assault (decent of course!) on Mts Tongariro and Ngaurahoe. We hope we don't get too singed in the process of peering down genuine volcanoes.

Post script to our last letter :-

While on the Milford Track we found a 7lb. tin of pears which got lost on its way to the tourist hut. We couldn't let it go to waste could we? In the end we almost looked like pears!

Anyway folks! Keep a watch for your next all leather copy of "News" for the next episode of "You too can live and still keep alive".

Regards to All.

Doug and Robyn

COMING TO THE:

1968

BARN

Amid haystacks and
farmyard furnishings

DANCE

To the sound of
Roy Taylor &
band.

KERRIE HALL: Lancefield Military map.

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DUTY ROSTER :

June 7th :	Margaret Reid	June 21st	Shirley Trotter
June 14th :	Tim Dent	June 28	Margaret Grey

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