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O B I T U A R Y

It is with deep regret that we report the death of
Mr. Bill Waters, President of the Melbourne Men's Walking Club,
on 8th October.

Bill will long be remembered by countless numbers of people
- both young and old - as a fine example of all that was good and
worthwhile.

From the age of 11, Bill was attached to the Scouting Move-
ment, eventually becoming Chief Commissioner, and it would not be
possible to estimate how many young people are the richer for having had
the privilege of associating with him.

Bill had also a great interest in the natural world around him,
being currently a member of the Committee of the Kinglake National
Park, and, just prior to his death, had been elected to the Council of
the V.N.P.A.

The members of this Club extend sincere sympathy to the
Melbourne Men's Walking Club, and to all persons and organizations
with whom he was associated.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON OCTOBER 25th 1968 at 8.30 p.m.

161 FLINDERS LANE

Sue Taylor
Hon. Sec.

SONG BOOK

Beginning this month, we have ^{ones of} 2 songs incorporated in the News and these together with the/coming months are for a M.B.W. "Song Book" The songs are typed (roughly) 2 to a page, in order that pages can be trimmed in half and pinned together so you can merrily chirp into the ears of those who look like they need to be chirped at..... when you next take a van trip

DATES TO REMEMBER

PERSONALITIES NIGHT

-- 8th November

Real candid photography. Sort out those slides taken when the subjects were not aware of being exposed and let everyone laugh over them. Don't worry about embarrassing your friends, they'll probably have some of you anyway. Please label clearly the subject and write your name on the slides and hand to Shirley Trotter or Doug Pocock. Please, try and be at least a week early.

CHRISTMAS PARTY -----

BARBE-QUE SUPPER

WHERE: Taylor Residence
66 Twyford St., Williamstown

WHEN: S a t u r d a y, November, 30th.

TIME: 8 p.m. Barbe-que Supper about 10-30 p.m.

MUSIC: Recorded - Bring records if you can

MEAT: Bring own.

DRINK: Bring own.

Tickets: 50¢- on sale to cover hire of glasses and extras for supper.

Please purchase ticket (s) before party if possible to enable Soc. Sec. to cater adequately.

Shirley Trotter
Soc. Sec.

LOCH WILSON

of 692 GLENHUNTLY ROAD,
SOUTH CAULFIELD 9 ((53, 7353))

See Loch at the above address (phone, write) for any walking/climbing gear and garb requirements. Ask Loch for a price list to help you decide)

CONGRATULATIONS to Bev (Southwood) and Tony (Morris) who were engaged some weeks ago, annouce they will hitched on 1st March, 1969. Best wishes for future happiness.

TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

=====++++ ADA VALLEY

This weekend was notiable for two reasons, one was the extremely poor attendance, only five people thought it worthwhile to turn up to help clear the tracks that you, the rest of the club, would probably complain about when walking along them because they were scrub covered. The other was the way the party worked. Seldom have I seen such a small party clear so much scrub as this one did, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Art, Spencer, Eddy and Gwenda for their help.

We made camp near the Ada No.2 Mill site and started clearing along the main track to Starlings Gap, the track was badly overgrown and needed to be cut nearby every boot of the way. After a hard days work we returned to camp where the wind sprang up and we were plagued by smoke which wouldn't blow in a constant direction for more than half a minute at a time, while the wind lashed at the trees and roared like an express train. This was kept up all night and all the next day. Just beyond where we had stopped clearing the previous night an old forest giant, a relic of the '39 fires, had snapped off about 40 feet above the ground and crashed across the track, giving us some added work. After lunch it started to rain, and as we were all agreed that aside from scrub-bashing through wet scrub, nothing would be as lousy as clearing wet scrub, we gave it away and pulled out for home.

----- Barry Short

WHEN YOU ARE OUT ON A WALK, DO YOU.....?

AS LEADER :

Explain the proposed route to the rest of the party with reference to the map?

Encourage members of the party to carry a map?

Explain features of the actual terrain with reference to the map?

Advise when taking a compass so that others can follow?

AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY :

Carry a map and follow the route as you go along?

Carry a compass and use it in conjunction with the map?

Consider you yourself could lead a walk in similar country?

The map used for each walk is always indicated on the booking form on the notice board (most cost 50c or 60c from Robertsons & Mullens or John Donne).

If you do not have much idea of navigating, how about a bit of "Group participation" to gain some practical experience which every bushwalker should have?

New walk leaders are always needed, and perhaps the Walks Secretary already has his beady eye on YOU !

A

U Trot along to Auski's (9, Hardware St. Melb)
S for all that bushwalking equipment. All year
K round service in packs, parkas, socks,
I stoves, tents, dehyd and acres of other
A stud. Go along and inspect for
U YOURSELF
S
K

...AUSKIAUSKI.....AUSKI..

VAL JONES, (the gay globe-trotter ((or)) the weary wanderer) is now working on a Kibutz in a village called SARID, Israel.

Here is an extract from her latest letter regarding living conditions on a kibutz.

"It is one of the larger kibutzim with a population of 700 of these 300 members, 200 children, 100 in the army (compulsory Nat. Service for all F or M inclusive at 18 years. Rodney might be interested to hear that have to do 3 years!) The rest are Zmanim (or full time volunteers) and Ulpan who are doing the days work then studying Hebrew for a period of 6 months. We work 6 days each week with the Sabbath or Saturday free to hitch-hike around the countryside.

Kibutzim is very fertile in appearance, always well set-up and orderly green, irrigated and having a complex of buildings at one end.

Sarid is now finishing off the apple harvest with everyone working like fury doing voluntary extra shifts at night!

Other crops include cotton, maize, wheat, lemons, grapefruits and artichokes. A large herd is kept is kept and millions of squawking chooks!

Meals are good and healthy with eggs, milk, yoghurt (au natural) and fruit. Tables in dining hall are set for 4. Hot food is brought to tables on trolleys. Breakfast is serve yourself after you have been taken up from in the fields in tractor drawn trailers.

The kibutz is almost self-contained i.e. library, pool, large rec. hall for meetings, parties, films (1-2 per week in English) primary & high school, laundry, clothing, manufacture shop, bootmaker, hairdresser, doctor, including museum of various archeological finds in the area. We are supplied with work clothes and 4 in each room.

NEW MEMBERS:

The club cordially welcomes

GLENDA R. ALEXANDER,
4 Bedford St. Reservoir. 3073.

p) 47-6367

LE-ANN McMAHON,
6 Mulgrove St., Elsternwick. 3185

p) 53-6038

and

I.K. MORRISON's new postal address is P.O. Box 22 Middle Brighton.

DUTY ROSTER:

November	1	S. Taylor
	8	J. Sparksman
	15	S. Treloar
	22	M. Verginis

PETER CAROLYN has returned to Melbourne. Solo. Did he really run out of money! He has been travelling around Central Australia for some months.

H-FRAME PACK

A H-frame is now required to complete the Club's equipment for hire. It's a tall order, but, perhaps someone, somewhere, may have discarded a H-frame for a new one and if this is the case can you please consider donating it towards completing and updating the Club's stock. It would be greatly appreciated especially by new-comers who hire packs.

WALK PREVIEW S

DAY WALKS
OCTOBER 20

TRENTHAM-NEWBURY-BLUE MOUNTAIN. Easy
Leader: Kel Wilson. Train leaves Spencer St. Stn
9.30 am. Buy a Sunday excursion Trentham \$2-15.
Distance of 10 miles. Map: "Daylesford" 1" to 1 ml.
A pleasant walk along an old track into the historic
town of Newbury. From Newbury the road winds up
Blue Mt. where, good views are to be expected.
Following the road down the other side for awhile
the road junction is then encountered where we set
off across-country to the Old Trentham race-
course, then via the road into Trentham and tea.
This will definitely be easy.

27 YOU YANGS - E a s y.
Leader: George Hall. Van leaves Batman Av.
9.15 am. Fare: \$1-20. Map: "Meredith" Military.
Distance 8-10 miles. Van through Lt. River
out on east side walk a track about 2 miles to a
spring for lunch B.Y.O. (water will do) through a
stately forest to south side of Flinders Peak,
climb spur track to Flinders Peak, wait for me,
descend, alfresco, regroup at van.

NOVEMBER 3 LITTLE RIVER-JAWBONE-CERBERUS CREEK. Med.
Leader: Neville Simpson. Van leaves Batman Av.
9.15 am. Fare: \$1-70. Map: Taggerty 1" to 1 mile

5 CUP DAY: UPPER FERN TREE GULLY-CHANDLER'S
HILL-MOORES BREAK. E a s y
Leader: Athol Schafer p) 211 2649. Train departs
Flinders St. Stn 9.18 am return city 6pm. 2nd return
Belgrave (83¢). By taking some little known and
rarely used tracks, we will avoid much of the burnt
timber on One Tree Hill. Contact with tourists will
be kept to an unavoidable minimum.

17 LABERTOUCHE CAVES. E a s y
Leader: Doug Pocock. Van leaves Batman Av 9.15 am
Fare \$1-70. This will be most usual. Will not be
far to walk but will be interesting crawling through the
caves. A boiler suit or long trousers will be found
useful for wearing while going through. Don't forget
your torch or carbide lamps.

WEEKEND WALKS:

OCTOBER 18-20 BOTANY WALK - WARBY RANGES - Easy
Leader: Sue Taylor p) 397-6029. Van leaves
Batman Av 6.30 pm. Fare \$4-70. A pleasant walk
amid one of Victoria's loveliest wildflower areas.
Bring a gallon of water.

NOVEMBER
1 - 3 CATHEDRAL-MT. SUGARLOAF PEAK -
CERBERUS CREEK. Medium
Leader: Tony Morris p) 878 - 8361
Van leaves Batman Av 6.30 pm. Fare \$2-70.
Map - Taggerty 1" to 1 mile. Walk North to South
along the Cathedral Ranges. Will start at
Cathedral Lane. Go south to Sugarloaf Peak and
stop at Jawbone Saturday night. Out from Cerberus
Creek along the Maroodah Highway to meet van.

CHRISTMAS WALKS: Refer your issue of 'News' for September
People interested in walking over Christmas should contact the leaders concerned.
don't leave it until the very last minute.....

WALK PREVIEWS - continued

W/E WALKS - cont'd

NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND-END :: BRISBANE RA. Easy
9 - 10

The President invites you to join him at the junction of Reilly's Creek and Little River in the heart of the Brisbane Ranges on 9 & 10 November. Map : Meredith Military (1" to 1 mile) Ref.No. 336358.

(N.B. The President takes no responsibility for the map being wrong) Tents may be pitched on the grassy bank of Little River. A few sites are to be found on the opposite bank, on Reilly's Creek and tussocky flats in the vicinity and for those who like the heights on a hill top $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away.

There is plenty of water in Reilly's Creek and some rock holes are large enough to bathe (not swim) in. The area is clean and beautiful with moss and grass, slate outcrops, food trees, plenty of wood and opportunities for interesting walking nearby.

This weekend is highly recommended to newcomers wishing to ease their way into weekend camping.

Bring food for evening meal, breakfast and lunch. We should return to Melbourne by 3 pm Sunday evening.

On these occasions it is traditional to have a rather hearty supper around one gargantuan fire on which chops and sausages for all are cooked on a large sheet of iron and washed down by coffee out of a kerosene tin.

These delicacies are provided. The President waves one dirty paw over one chop and one sausage and Voila !

There is no rule to prevent your supplementing this sumptuous refast from your own resources.

Alec Proudfoot

ANTI -LITTER CAMPAIGN

A current Conservation League adv. has a picture of a discarded drink tin as a symbol of the refuse and litter which so often offensively spoil well known beauty spots, picnic grounds, and, it is sad to note, some of the tracks and peaks which are mainly the preserve of walkers.

However our people seem well versed in the old adage - Burn, Bash and Bury. Sometimes it is not always possible to carry out the procedure because of fire restrictions, not enough time etc. Also it is hard work digging holes in rocky mountainsides, and is certainly not good practice to interfere with the thin soil surfaces and protecting flora. Again, with so many new clubs and walkers around these days, as well as the accumulation of the years, some of the better known campsites literally rest on old tins.

In little, crowded Tasmania the H.W.C. have become a little concerned over the matter. In one of their recent circulars was a new motto: BURN, BASH & BRING BACK. Actually Bring Back alone will do for us, and some of our members have been carrying that policy out for some time now.

Those who insist on carrying heavy tins up 5,000 ft. peaks can just as easily carry them down again empty.

Another idea, is, before starting out, to transfer your tinned fruit etc. into screw lid M & B tins; this allows the contents to be enjoyed throughout the day - and also saves weight.

Aw Gee Thanks --

To all those who contributed towards this issue with articles and other bits and pieces I wish to thank you all for your support, and A. Bailey for his cranking HELP!

If you have heard gossip, news, item of interest, let others hear of them by way of the "NEWS". The 'phone no. is 772 2553 if you think of something.. The "News" is edited by Shirley Treloar for Melb. Bushies.....

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT.

Proposed By-Laws

1. The equipment officer shall be responsible for the hire of club equipment, and all bookings for the same must be made in person to him or to such deputies as he may nominate.
2. Issue and return of club equipment shall be made at the clubroom.
3. Equipment booked shall be collected from the clubroom no sooner than a week in advance of date of walk, unless otherwise decreed by the equipment officer.
4. Equipment shall be returned within a week of the walk for which it was hired. Penalty rates for overdue equipment will apply as set out in the Equipment Hire Book.
5. Persons hiring equipment shall be responsible for its care while in their possession, and shall be liable for any damage to, or loss of, equipment - fair wear and tear excepted. Loss or damage must be reported to the equipment officer.
6. The equipment officer may inspect equipment before accepting its return from hire.
7. The purpose of the Club equipment is to enable newcomers to sample Club activities without committing themselves to a large financial outlay, and to encourage them. Its hiring shall be administered to this end; those who have had plenty of opportunity to acquire their own equipment will yield priority to genuine newcomers.
8. Persons participating in Club walks shall have first call on Club equipment.
9. Deposits shall be required for all equipment. Hire charges and deposits for equipment shall be as listed in the current Walks Programme and shall be stated in the Equipment Hire Book. Unless the equipment officer considers such action justifiable, equipment shall not be removed from the club room until hire charges and deposit are paid.
10. Deposits shall be refunded by the Treasurer, but only on advice from the equipment officer or a deputy nominated by him.
11. Before hiring equipment, non-members must ensure that their name, address and telephone number have been entered in the Equipment Hire Book, and shall be required to read and acknowledge the conditions of hire as set out in that book.
12. Any person who books equipment, and who fails to collect same without reasonable notice of cancellation of booking, may, at the Committee's discretion, be compelled to pay full hire charge.
13. If a complaint has been made against a person for infringement of these by-laws, the equipment officer may refuse to hire equipment to that person, pending the Committee's decision on the matter.
14. Stock taking of equipment shall be undertaken every three months by the equipment officer, and an inventory shall subsequently be presented to the Committee.

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT.

Proposed scale of charges and penalty rates.

All penalty rates to apply from, but not including, the return due date.
The maximum deposit chargeable for any one hire of equipment shall be \$2.00

1. FRAMED PACKS

HIRE CHARGE	30¢ first day, 15¢ per day thereafter
DEPOSIT	\$2.00
PENALTY RATE	50¢ per week to a maximum of \$2.00

2. UNFRAMED PACKS

HIRE CHARGE	15¢ first day, 10¢ per day thereafter
DEPOSIT	\$1.00
PENALTY RATE	25¢ per week up to \$1.00

3. TENTS

HIRE CHARGE	15¢ first day, 10¢ per day thereafter
DEPOSIT	\$2.00
PENALTY RATE	50¢ per week up to \$2.00

4. SLEEPING BAGS

HIRE CHARGE	30¢ first day, 15¢ per day thereafter
DEPOSIT	\$2.00
PENALTY RATE	50¢ per week up to \$2.00

5. GROUND SHEET

HIRE CHARGE	10¢ first day, 5¢ per day thereafter
DEPOSIT	\$1.00
PENALTY RATE	25¢ per week up to \$1.00

A letter shall be sent, in the name of the Club, to any hirer who has not returned equipment within 2 weeks of the return due date. The letter shall state that if the equipment is not returned within 4 weeks of the due date, notice shall be given to the executive and may jeopardise membership or prospective membership, and right to hire equipment in future.

Equipment is charged for the number of days of use, not for the number of days between the hire date and the return due date, on the condition that the equipment will be used at least once every week.

CHARLIE MOPS

1. A long time ago, way back in history,
When all they had to drink was nothing but cups of tea,
Along came a man by the name of Charlie Mops
And he invested a wonderful drink and gave it the name of
hops.

CHORUS

- Oh he ought to have been an Admiral, a Sultan or a King
And to his praises, we should always sing,
Look what he has done for us, He's filled us up with cheer
Lord bless Charlie Mops, the man who invested beer.
2. The day that Charlie Mops died, he knocked at Heaven's
gate,
And said to St. Peter 'Now tell me how I rate',
St. Peter looked at him and he said 'Now tell me who are you'
He said 'I'm Charlie Mops' St. Peter said 'Straight through'.
 3. At the Hotham, Young and Jacksons and Sarah Sands as well,
Of one thing you can be sure, its Charles beer they sell
So come on all you lucky chaps, at 10 o'clock she stops,
For five Short seconds, remember Charlie Mops.
A one ! a two ! a three, four, five,

SARIE MARAIS

1. My Sarie Marais is so far from my heart,
And I'm longing to see her again;
She lived on a farm on the Moorie Rivers' bank,
Before I left on this campaign.

CHORUS

- Oh, bring me back to the Old Transvaal,
There's where I long to be;
Way yonder 'mongst the mealies by the green thorny tree
Sarie is waiting for me.
I wonder if I'll ever see the green thorny tree,
There where she's waiting for me.
2. I feared that the soldiers might get hold of me,
They'd have sent me away o'er the sea,
I fled overland to the Orange River sand,
To Appleton where I would be free.
 3. At last there is peace and I've started for home,
To the Transvaal I've always adored;
My Sarie Marais will be waiting for me,
Her kiss will be my best reward.