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CLUB ROOMS : PRESENT ADDRESS 161 FLINDERS LANE

STOP PRESS:

Meetings will be held on both the 12th and 26th of September at 161 Flinders Lane, but not on 5th and 19th of September.

Meetings will be held at the National Herbarium on 5th and 19th September, unless otherwise notified. This temporary accommodation is provided while we are (a sub-committee of four) scouting around the city inspecting suitable rooms to be used as Clubrooms

MEMBERSHIP:

A welcome to the following new members :-

1. John Cairns,
10 Wills St., Kew, 3101. p) 86-8227 b) 63-7511 Ex.60
2. Doreen Porter,
124 Vale St., E. Melbourne, 3002. p) 42-5051.
3. William Dawdy,
32 Murphy Grove, E. Preston, 3072. p) 478-3809
4. Dean Rowley,
7 The Ridge, Glen Waverley, 3150. p) 232-8716 b) 60-0731
5. Harold Grove,
11 Cowderoy St., St. Kilda. 3182. b) 62-0211 Ex. 333.

and a few corrections and additions to the current Membership List.

Barry Short's business telephone extension number is 6266 not 6625

An apology is due to Dave & Barbara Hespe who were omitted, please add them - address - 201 Rathmines Rd., Hawthorn, 3122.

Alma Strappazon's business telephone is 41-5384 not 62-5661 (which is J.S.'s)
Betna Dryden 's post code should be 3127 not 3129

ALSO Add the following to list :

Geoff ANGEL, 26 Manica St., W. Brunswick, 3055.

Doris Baxter, 228 Stephenson's Rd., Mt. Waverley, 3149 p) 277-9415

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b) 61-3631

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Add to News Subs.

VAN DER DUYS, Peter & Mrs. Anne, 72 Beasley St. Pearce, ACT. 2607.

Along the TRACK

BOYDS CREEK & VIEW HILL - 3rd. AUGUST

"Shove up a bit" was the call as more and more people piled into the van. Eventually 41 squeezed in and nobody had to be left behind. There is an obvious moral in this - pay a deposit and you are guaranteed a seat, otherwise you may not be so lucky next time!

After an understandable hesitation before an obviously unsafe bridge we left the van about 3 miles west of Pretty Sally Hill. Up across some paddocks we soon climbed a fairly open ridge giving good views, although we were buffeted by the strong wind. One would think that Tyrone likes fences - after the 1371 on the Stony Rises week-end (which M.G. apparently counted according to the July "News"), we now had a further 423 (give or take 400 either way). Most of them however could be climbed over, under or through without too much difficulty, and there were even a few gates which opened.

After lunch in a pleasantly sheltered hollow which was cut short by the onset of rain, we generally followed Boyds Creek, one of the head waters of the Maribyrnong River. The meanderings and erosion of the creek forced us up and over several times, and once we almost lost Margaret and who were apparently searching for Moses in the bullrushes. After passing a spectacular cliff a steep descent followed, made slippery by the rain, several people making 5 point landings on foot, hands and bottom. Another creek and the only one to miss his footing being Harold, resulting in a watery Grove. (Sorry my puns are getting worse than M.G.'s).

A couple of damp miles, by which time Doreen had eaten her fifth grapefruit, and we were at the bottom of View Hill. A few of us climbed it, "because the b-----'s there", as Sir Edmund is understood to have said in rather more inspiring circumstances, but in these cloudy conditions the view was hardly worth the effort. The van was soon in sight, the newcomers having done well, as a good pace was maintained all day. This, rather surprisingly, was a new walking area for everybody, and a very pleasant one - thanks again, Tyrone.

John Sparksman

MEMBERSHIP :

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Spencer George, Flat 13, 690 Lygon St., Carlton, 3053.

Peter Crosser (News Subscribers) Flat 2, 25 Inkerman St., Ballarat, 3350.

Clive & Liz Bray, C/- S E O A C S, Box 241, Singapore.

DUTY ROSTER :

AUGUST 22nd Fred Halls
29th Eliz Shaw

SEPTEMBER 5th Dory Warton
12th Michael Griffin
19th Jan Abbott

John & Sue BRO/NLIE --now in Mt. Isa and shall be there for another 6 weeks. The address is C/- Post Office, Mt. Isa. Qld. 4825 if anyone would care to drop them a line.

NOTES FROM SUSIE F.

In the last month a swag of "old" members have visited or re-joined the Club.

Jenny Milnen came sporting a new husband, consequently a new surname - Spragne - after having spent 4½ years overseas mainly in G.B. Hope that Jenny is still as keen as before as she used to be very active member of the Club.

One of our ex Social Secretaries is back also - Val Jones looking very fit after her sojourn overseas. Val has retired from schoolteaching and is working in a top job with Gordon and Gotch.

Jeff Sill breezed in for a couple of weeks from New Zealand on his way to Africa via Singapore (where he hopes to look in on the newly resident ex Bangkokites the Brays) Thailand and Syria. The Vee Wee should do well in those Asian traffic jams.

Peter Elder visiting from Gundaroo had lots of news concerning the National Trust's interest in restoring his township to its original spender. Val and Peter are working hard on their house which used to be an old shop. Anyone with some old iron lacework hidden under their houses should contact the Elders. All contributions gratefully received.

Holidaying in sunny Queensland before going off to the West for the year is Frank Eurt. The Club always seems different without him around.

The lone batchelor of the G.W.T.S. is no more. Congratulations to Barry Short and Gwenda Sutton on their engagement. The big day is planned for February.

The hazards of skiing has trapped another Melbourne Bushwalker. One of our more recent members, Glenda Alexander, is in Preston and Northcote Community Hospital with both her legs broken. As she will probably be hospitalised for some time Glenda would welcome anyone who cares to visit her - Address is P.A.N.C.H., 5 West Room 3, 205 Bell Street, Preston. The visiting hours are continuous from 3.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

The President must have known something when he chose to take his holidays now. One thing is certain that the weather in Queensland should be at its best at this time of the year. I bet a few of the people who have all the worry of new Clubrooms wish they were in the sunny North also.

As the final preparations are under way for the 1970 issue of WALK it is time for members to think about the 1971 edition. We haven't seen contributions for a couple of years from you Art, our Hon News Editor, or Barry. What has happened to our newer members. Surely there must be a few budding literary geniuses in the Club. Judy S. always comes up with bright ideas on Walks. You'd think Hans would have some interesting bits of information about his travels. What about Mario, the Smiths and Kaye K? Don't leave it to the few to write all, or don't you want No.22?

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NEW MAPS DEPARTMENT :A Change in the Method of Road Classification

National Mapping have published the first of their long awaited (at least from the cartographers point of view) maps at a scale of 1:100,000. They are Kosciusko and Berridale (both N.S.W. areas) Kosciusko should interest the bushwalkers, (it contains the old Kosciusko and Toolong 1" = 1 mile sheets) for now on one map sheet we have both Mt. Kosciusko and Mt. Jagungal. The contours are at 40 metres interval (i.e. 132 ft.). The road classification on these maps is a total departure from the usual system whereby roads are graded on their surface condition. The roads are now graded on their "intended national useage". Some Governmental mob have made up a new system whereby all roads are Principal, Secondary, Minor, or Vehicular. Principal roads are defined as "major lines of long distance communication between important towns and cities". The other classes of roads are equally as vaguely defined. But generally Principal and Secondary roads can be taken (in Victoria anyway) as being good and most likely sealed roads. The roads bushwalkers would like to know the surface condition of, will be mainly the Minor and Vehicular classification. Vehicular will be the classification for "four wheel drive only" roads, and Minor roads, (such is the loose wording of the specifications,) will have to cover anything else from a good gravel road, and even some sealed roads to a road impassable in wet weather.

This sounds a crazily inadequate system I know, but it has to be looked at from a national point of view for this is what it was designed for. Under this system the Port Augusta - Alice Springs road now becomes a Principal road and stands out on the map as being the principal road between these two towns. If it had been shown on a road surface classification it would have been indistinguishable from many of the surrounding roads. The trouble is, besides the fact that this would have been a much better classification on the 1:250,000 series and not the 1:100,000 series, this system does not fit at all onto Victoria, as we already have a large network of well made roads. We have no major arterial roads like the Stuart Highway that are unsealed and so provide justification, in National Mapping eyes, for the introduction of this new system.

Unfortunately we will just have to get used to it, and that is about all there is to it.

How the Army will react I don't know, the few 1:100,000 sheets they have already issued are classed under the old system, but whether or not they change to this new system, it would pay people to look at the key of each 1:100,000 printed map they get and check as to which system the roads have been classified. This should help to eliminate confusion as to which system you are using on various maps.

On the brighter side the Lands Dept. have issued another Provisional Compilation at 1:50,000, this is the Murrungowar and Conran sheet (the western half of the old Murrungowar and Conran 1" = 1 mile sheet). There will be more maps published in this area, until ultimately the whole of the Mallee 1:250,000 area will be available at a scale of 1:50,000. The road classification on all these will be under the old road surface grading system consisting of three classes - Sealed, surfaced and earthen roads.

Barry Short

(A large quantity of hole punching above,
the result of a typist typing under pressure.)

All the authors are thanked for actively pen-pushing for us this month, but more new budding authors are welcome. So why don't you try your hand and write something which you think might make interesting reading.

Here are a few details of the programme for the Federation week-end, organized this year by the R.M.I.T. :-

WHERE ?

At Yandoit, a historic gold mining area about 13 miles NNW of Daylesford and 80 miles from Melbourne. Good camping sites and water.

WHAT GOES ON ?

Saturday afternoon - talk on the history on the area.

Saturday evening - dance at nearby Clydesdale Hall, with square dancing and some fold singing.

Sunday - short walk in Yandoit area, or opportunity for prospecting if you prefer.

TRANSPORT. Private Car

DRESS. Usual bushwalking clothes, light shoes for dance.

HOW TO GET THERE.

Takes Western Highway through Bacchus Marsh to Ballan, one mile beyond town turn right to Daylesford, where turn right along the Castlemaine road (Midland Highway). After 8 miles take Franklinford road on left, and 2½ miles beyond Franklinford (Castlemaine map ref. 153087) take minor road left then first left again to Yandoit.

As with previous Federation week-ends perhaps those with cars will help out those who have not.

Would everyone intending to go please put their names on the list on the notice board - both those who need transport and also those who have spare seats in their cars. It is suggested that cars leave the city soon after lunch on the Saturday.

This is always one of the most enjoyable social activities of the year and one of the very few in which we come in contact with other clubs in the FEDERATION.

For more information please contact John Sparksman (Business phone 62-5661

VAN TRIP HABITS :

Who it is that smokes a cigar on van trips and exhales their smoke inconsiderably down the necks of innocent - sitters nearby. Must be fit specimen combining cigar smoking and bushwalking

Next/^{time} he or she decides on bushwalking with the Club and they can't do without that occasional cigar - should they, when the opportunity presents itself, stop, think and ask the people sitting next to them whether it is objectionable - perhaps it would stop some non-smokers from a sudden attack of asphyxiation.

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER is 14th. - 2nd. Saturday in September.

GESTENER DUPLICATOR

The old duplicator which has lasted and served well for some years will be traded-in on a brand new one to provide a better copy. Walk programs will be run-off on the duplicator instead of having them printed.....