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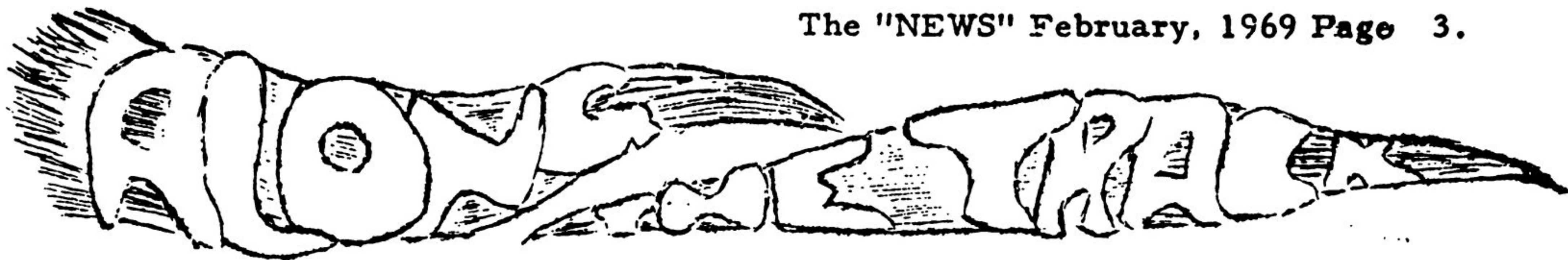
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* * * DATES TO REMEMBER * * * *

Friday 28th, February,	Annual General Meeting
" 14th, March,	Talk and slides - New Zealand National Parks.
" 28th, "	"Walking, Sweating Blowfly night."

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ART'S AMBLE

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JAN. 24-27

Friday night (or Saturday morning) and a van full of bodies, too lazy to pitch tents in the rain. Two hardy ones set up a warren under the vehicle, reminiscent of a YHA hostel.

Early morning draws us to the foot of the Bungalow Spur, familiar tramping ground for many. Hail! easy climb, and the welcome sight of Bungalow hut, so dilapidated it doesn't know which way to fall. But this is unkind, for it provides a refuge on a stormy night - National Fitness and MBW intertwined on bunks and floor.

The storm passes with the night. Sunday morning is complaisant, and with a quiet thankyou we climb to Feathertop summit - except for the author and his pornographic book, inseparable near the cross.

Up and down and along the Razor, tiring for some. John and Jan, also inseparable, partake of Happy Ade and are acquainted with the unlikely possibility of adding milk to the coloured powder. Fortified, Hotham is now attainable; Bourke St. is surely less crowded - Men's club and assorted tourists vie for space with our apotropaic band.

Evening on the summit, watching the sun merge into the horizon. Tea on a chuffa for the White's, and Joan is betrayed by an uncertain plank, which causes the stove to cascade boiling water in her direction. Savlon will soothe it, courtesy of Glenda. When on earth is that man going to pitch his tent! Ha.

Final day and Bon Accord spur. Alma at the top, contemplating the line of ridges. Altitude quickly lost before the hut is reached - National Fitness, Men's and MBW converge: Melbourne's outermost suburb (unsewered). Along and along, Glenda caught between my lousy puns and Alex's rockbottom jokes. Finally the Ovens, and Kel enters his natural element. Lunch and flies (who brought that tin of fish!) as the group reforms, Rosemary straggling because of a wrenched knee.

Follow the river along to the van and a milk bar, oasis before the drive back. Thank you Art, for an excellent walk (and thank you Alma, for those pancakes!).

Michael Griffin

* having the power to ward off evil influences or bad luck.

DAYLESFORD - HEPBURN SPRINGS - 12th JANUARY 1969

Our new leader got the first walk for 1969 off for a good start - no mucking about at the station - and off down the road to Tipperary Springs. Congratulations, Jan.

Having made good time through the bush, we found that the shortness of the lunch break was more than made up by the hour afternoon tea at Hepburn Springs.

We noticed one particular member ballasting up with a water bucket full of spa, before starting the last miles. And there was quite a ding-dong sing-song in the last carriage.

A.S.

APEX "WALK AROUND AUSTRALIA" TO AID AUTISTIC CHILDREN

The Association of Apex Clubs in Australia will establish a Trust of more than \$100,000 to provide fellowships to study the problems of autistic children.

The Vice President of the Assoc., Mr. Peter Mayo, announced in Perth recently that the proceeds of a walk around Australia this year would establish the Trust.

Mr. Mayo said that Trust would provide research fellowships to study the incidence, the causes educational requirements of autistic children.

It will start from Adelaide in March and will take about eight months to follow Highway One.

There will be supplementary walks such as one from Bourke to Bondi and another around Tasmania.

Organizers expect to raise well in excess of \$100,000 from sponsorships and a giant game of skill in which people will estimate the total distance walked.

Mr. Mayo said that a secondary benefit would be the publicity given throughout Australia which would make the public more aware of the problems of autism.

300-MILE WALK AIDS CRIPPLED CHILDREN

(Perth "Daily News" 10.12.'68)

A weary grandfather limped into Geraldton late yesterday after walking more than 300 miles in 12 days along the scorching WA coast.

Reason for the long walk? He wanted to help the State's crippled children.

Sunburnt and sweatstained, Stann Fenner (59) of S. Perth, expressed satisfaction at having achieved his objective. He estimated he had raised about \$1,350 - the equivalent of more than \$4 a mile - on behalf of the WA Society for Crippled Children.

The plan to help the society occurred to him more than a month ago. "I developed arthritis and in 1959 took to going on long and vigorous walks for exercise to keep it". "I got so I could do 20 miles in 4½ hours walking and jogging."

Before setting out with a 60lb. pack from City Beach on Nov 28, he sought sponsorship from individuals, hotels, and other organisations.

His wife drove ahead of him in the initial stages of the walk to meet him and give him moral support.

He stuck to the coast often walking day and night with only a couple of hours sleep.

The walk had been comparatively easy when the tide was low and he could walk along the water's edge, but at one stage he had to make a 10-mile detour to skirt some rocky cliffs.

DON'T BE FALLED --

Q. Why do elephants climb trees?

A. To get away from stampeding rhinoceroses.

Q. Who do rhinoceroses stampede?

A. To get away from falling elephants.

(Though I fell for it ... Ed.)

WALKS PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS ::

- February 16 AIREY'S RIVER-PT.ROADKNIGHT(Swimming) E a s y.
 Leader : Margaret Jorgensen p) 37-3204.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-80.
 Map: Anglesea Military 1".
- 23 ACHERON GAP-MT. BOOBYALLA-MT. DONNA BUANG.
 Leader : Marion Siseman p) 878-1839 -- Medium.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-70.
 Map: Juliet Military 1 to 50,000.
- March 2 ** FEDERATION - MOCMBA DAY WALK - HARCOURT-CASTLEMAINE - Easy distance of only 6 miles.
 Leader : Dav. Warrillow 43-3887 (Catholic Walking Club)
 Train leaves Spencer St. Stn. 9.30 for Harcourt - returns City 9.20pm
 Fare \$2-80. Proceed pass R/Stn thro' lightly timbered country west side of
 Barkers Ck. Old coach road being used during the day, making ideal walking track.
 9 BULLARTO RES. BABBINGTONS H.-LYONSVILLE
SPRING-TRENTAM FALLS. E a s y
 Leader : Alan Bailey p) 24-2183.
 Train leaves Spencer St. Stn 9.30 a.m. Buy a
 Sunday Exc. to Bullarto. Fare now \$2-25.
 Map : Daylesford Military 1".
- 16 CAMBARVILLE-LAKE MOUNTAIN-TALBOT DRIVE .
 Leader : Barbara Goldfinch p) 89-6070 Medium.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-80.

WEEKEND WALKS ::

- February 21-23 DOM DOM SADDLE-MT. VINEGAR-MT. DONNA BUANG-WARBURTON. M e d i u m.
 Leader : Michael Griffin
 Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$2-50.
 Map : Juliet MS 1:50,000.
 Turn up and see the leader climb Mt. Vinegar in treadless
 Gym Boots. Join him as he plunges down the twisty trail from Donna Buang
 to Warburton. Come along for an extremely fine walk along the Great
 Dividing Range - ups and downs, a hidden camp site, the fabled Vinegar
 scramble and milk bars at Warburton. Book now, before the van fills
 (leader's optimism).....
- March 7-10 MT. BAW BAW-MT. WHITELAW-THOMPSON R.-
ABERFELDY. M e d i u m.
 Leader : Tim Dent p) 317 -8306
 Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$4-20.
 Ideal walking in beautiful alpine country, followed by the
 cooling waters of the Thompson, and finishing at the old gold-mining town
 on Aberfeldy. Definately no harder than medium, with no really stiff
 climbs. (Now isn't that encouraging
 Maps: Walhalla A & B (Lands Dept 2" = 1 mile)
 Matlock & Aberfeldy (Military 1:50,000.

** Federation Day Walk. Bring a prepared lunch and water. Soft drinks will
 be provided free (presumably by the Catholic Walking Club) at the lunch stop.
 There will be 15 rail tickets on sale in the Club for the Federation Walk

Q'Wot's green and sings''.

John Rogers (wherever you are?) possibly might still remember!

DUTY ROSTER :

February 14	M. Siseman	March 7	Alec Proudfoot
21	Sue Taylor	14	Shirley Treloar
28	S. Trotter		

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Ed Lawton,

Trinafour Guest House, 56 Holmes Rd. Moonee Ponds. 3039.

David Hogg,

3/2 Eleanor St., Footscray. 3011. P) 318 1659 b) 34 0484 ext.588.

Bill Downing,

3/34 Adam Street, Richmond, 3121. Delete work no.

The Club extends a hearty welcome to the following -

NEW MEMBERS:

1. Miss May NILES,
129 Power St., Hawthorn. 3122. p) 81 5358
2. Miss Janet P. WHITE,
29 Cornell Street, Camberwell. 3124. p) 83-3066
3. Miss M. LAURIE, PATRICK
15 Loch St., Camberwell. 3124. p) 82-6605
4. Miss. Barbara J. DAVIES,
14 Jika St., Heidelberg. 3084. b) 60-1491 Ext.13 p) 45-7545
5. Patrica T. DOYLE, (Miss),
Nurses Home, Royal Women's Hospital, 740 Swanston St.
Carlton. 3053. p) 34-3638
6. Miss. Cathleen M. PHILP,
63 Westgate St., Pascoe Vale. 3044.

THEATRE NIGHT : Hawthorn Town Hall - 8pm 5/3/'69

Shirley Trotter (56-2496) has organized a party booking to see
"ACROSS THE TOP" at the Hawthorn Town Hall for the 5th March.

As there are only 26 tickets available ----- it is advised that you
see Shirley in the Clubroom for your ticket if you are interested? The cost
is \$1-30.

At the last committee meeting, the following section of the by-laws was
deleted: "Walks and Trips", Section C.

It was felt by the committee that "Walks and Trips", Section B, "Members
Conduct", Para.2 adequately covered the contents of the deleted clause.

COFFEE MUGS: // (of course, any discarded mugs or old cups which anyone
// might have, which you don't use, will be made use of. Thanks.

In the clubroom on Friday nights the kitchen cupboard (with the cups etc.)
is continually locked and because of the difficulty in trying to open it, the
Club proposes to purchase 60 coffee mugs for the Club's use. A small donation
may be necessary.

NATIVE PLANTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF VIC.

1969 Program

- 18/2/'69 Prof. C.T. Chambers of Melbourne University, Botany
Dept. "Alpine plants and the patterns of their communities"
An illustrated talk giving an account of Alpine wildflowers
in several mountain areas in New Zealand, Australia
and Scandinavian Lapland.
- 4/3/'69 Miss. C. Gray, Teacher and Author of
"Victorian Native Orchids"
"Orchids of Victoria"
- 24/6/'69 Miss Helen Aston of National Herbarium.
"Water Plants"

Meetings will be held at Council of Adult Education Centre,
4th floor, 256 Flinders Street, Melbourne, at 8 p.m. (This is in
the old Mutual Store Building on the corner of Degraes St. opposite
the Flinders St. Stn.).

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

With regard to annual subscriptions, it is proposed that one-half
only of the adult annual membership fee be payable by full-time students
at a tertiary institution and by members under 21 who are not in
full-time employment.

It is further proposed that such members be allowed concession fares
for van transport, the magnitude of such concessions to be decided at
the annual general meeting.

Michael Griffin

Copy deadline for March "News" is 15th March, 1969.

SONG BOOK:

In this issue for Feb. (attached) are the following songs:

1. Galway Bay. 2. The Foggy Foggy Dew. 3. Rum by Gum
4. Augathella Station.

If you have heard any gossip, item of interest, or even news, remember
to let others hear of them as well by way of the "News". HELP keep the
NEWS alive by feeding in plenty of articles. Perhaps you have heard of
something already and can't wait to 'phone it thro'. Ring me on 772 2553
or submit it thro'

Shirley Treloar

197 Station Street, Edithvale, 3196.

Mainly because - The News is edited for, and on behalf of, The Melbourne
Bushwalkers by Shirley Treloar.

My thanks to contributors, keep up the good work.

SPECIAL NOTE -- E A S T E R W A L K S

THE EASTER

--- walks will NCT be in the Mt. Kent area but have been programmed as follows :-

SNOWY RIVER-SUGGAN BUGGAN-LITTLE RIVER GORGE.

Transport : Van Leader : Alec Proudfoot
Standard : Easy, Medium, & Hard. Fare : \$6-00.

This is a trip to an area new to many, having a great variety of walks. There will be a fixed camp for those wanting an easy week-end, while others can climb some of the high peaks to the south of Mt. Kosciusko. For such a long distance the fare of \$6-00 is well below "Cost price", and is being considerably subsidised by the club.

There are not many opportunities to visit the Snowy Area,

+++++++ SO DON'T MISS OUT ++++++ ++++++ ++ +
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The Annual Reports are attached for your information ---

----- They make interesting reading, so consume them avidly.

In the next issue there will be an article on one of the Club's Christmas Walks.

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ANNUAL REPORTS 1968 / 1969

The following reports are presented for your information and edification.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sue Taylor

The start to the club year was hardly a promising one, I'm afraid, with only a few members willing to tackle committee jobs (can't run a club without 'em, you know). However, thanks to the much-appreciated co-operation of a number of people, at a later date, we finally got under-way.

Clubroom conditions, on the whole, have proved satisfactory, our only grizzle being that the kitchen is not always open, with the result that we've had to go hungrey occasionally. Apologies to those who suffered.

Walks attendances have been really excellent, particularly during the last part of the year, when vans have overflowed, and people have, regretfully, been turned away.

Our warmest congratulations are offered to John Sparksman for his great enthusiasm, his co-operation and his extreme willingness to tackle any task thrust upon him.

Charlie Weiling, too, deserves special mention; as keeper of the purse - he has done an exceptional job, and the club has reason to be particularly grateful to him.

Some very worthwhile fixtures were presented on the social programme this year. Of particular note was "The Wilky Story", presented by Mr. S. Flatterdy, his thoroughly delightful old movies and equally interesting talk should themselves have been recorded.

The Barn Dance was successful - at least, the walk wasn't, which meant the dance was. Credit and great admiration is bestowed upon the delicate members of the "Australian Men's Ballet", who performed with grace and charm, and gave a most sensitive interpretation of "The Handsome Frog".

The Christmas "ding" was also very well attended - thanks to the old faithfuls who helped.

WALK '69 was produced, and very successfully too. But to ensure its financial success, it must be sold. BY YOU. There is no reason at all why every one of use can't sell at least one other copy apart from the one bought as a personal copy.

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The club is affiliated with the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, the Victorian National Parks Association and the Native Plants Preservation Society. Newsletters and magazines are exchanged with many clubs, both Victorian and interstate.

Enquiries for club information, track notes, maps and publications are handled constantly, and Fred and Merle Halls continue their much-appreciated work in coping with telephone enquiries.

Member ship figures are as follows :

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
Financial members	140	146	150
Life "	4	4	4
Honorary "	9	12	9
	<u>153</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>163</u>
New members	29	19	22
"News" subscribers	13	16	16

Both office-bearers and general committee members have carried out their work efficiently, willingly, without complaint and with enthusiasm; I wish to thank each of them personally for all they have done to assist the club in its smooth running. I sincerely hope that 1969 is a club year of continuous and worthwhile progress, and I wish the new committee every success.

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT 1968/69 --- John Sparksman

Attendances on walks during the first half of the year were somewhat disappointing, partly due to adverse weather conditions, and a number of trips had to be cancelled. However since about September attendances have been consistently high, and we have been pleased to see a good number of new members joining us in the second half of the year.

Altogether the total attendance slightly exceeded that of 1967/68 which was a very good walking year, and this is most encouraging for the future.

The walks sub-committee since June has consisted of Art Terry, Michael Griffin, John Siseman and Barry Short, and I should like to thank them for their assistance, especially in compiling the Walks programmes. Thanks are also due to the 40 or so walk leaders during the year, about 10 of whom led walks for the first time.

Details of attendances

Month	Day	Weekend	Long weekend and extended	Members	Visitors	Total
Feb.		2	-	63	21	84
March	4	1	-	65	22	87
April	5	1	2	98	38	136
May	3	2	-	48	32	80
June	3	1	1	76	34	110
July	3	2	-	51	26	77
Aug.	3	2	-	66	25	91
Sept	5	1	-	103	62	165
Oct	4	2	-	103	59	162
Nov	4	3	-	113	43	156
Dec	4	2	2	106	57	163
Jan	2	1	1	58	19	77
Totals	43	20	6	953	435	1388

Of the total number of 69 walks, 43 utilised the van, 21 public transport and 5 private transport.

Comparative attendances on walks since 1962 :-

Year	Day			Week-end			Extended			Overall		
	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.
1962-63	45	754	17	24	392	16	7	73	10	76	1219	16
1963-64	42	731	17	21	386	18	4	50	12	67	1168	17
1964-65	48	786	16	30					12	78	1150	15
1966-67	47	847	18	17	294	17	10	155	16	74	1296	18
1967-68	44	824	19	23	411	18	9	137	15	76	1372	18
1968-69	43	942	22	20	343	17	6	103	17	69	1388	20

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31/12/68.

RECEIPTS

Cash in hand 1/1/68	1.06
Cash at bank 1/1/68	1111.20
Van fares	2732.34
Annual subscriptions	522.00
Visitors' fees	58.40
"Walk" 1968	326.49
"Walk" 1969	79.50
"Walk" - back issues	41.15
Publications of other clubs	58.15
Wilkinson Lodge fees	116.30
Equipment hire	41.95
Bank interest	42.85
Other receipts	282.09

5413.48

PAYMENTS

Van	2548.99
Meeting expenses	220.03
Programs	110.64
"News" (including post.)	93.70
"Walk" 1968	70.23
"Walk" 1969	63.54
Publications of other clubs	78.58
Wilkinson Lodge expenses	129.47
Cash in hand 31/12/68	2.27
Cash at bank 31/12/68	2016.20

\$5413.48

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. The biggest item in the above statement is van fares (64% of total receipts). Receipts compared with payments show a "profit" of \$183. Some of you might think this is too high and that the two figures should balance, but as this is less than 7% of the total, I feel it is just right and I would like to congratulate the Walks Sub-Committee on the excellent job they did in costing van trips.

2. The activity with the second largest turnover is publishing "Walk" magazine. This is also the item about which there is the greatest difference of opinion between the auditors and myself. The auditors maintain that "Walk" debtors and stock of "Walk" on hand are worth nothing. However, I feel that they are worth a considerable percentage of their book value.

The cost of producing "Walk" 1968 was \$789.98 and according to the auditors we made about \$40 loss on it, whereas in my opinion we will make about \$40 profit. The \$789.98 was for 2,500 copies.

"Walk" 1969 cost us \$857.54 for 3,000 copies (only \$63.54 of this was paid in 1968).

3. Bills payable at 31/12/68 are:

Printing "Walk" 1969	794.00
Van	231.00
Others	28.00

\$1053.00

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4. As we are not a trading company I do not wish to value other assets than cash, but these items do exist and, believe it or not, whatever previous financial statements show, they are worth money. Some of the major items are: Wilkinson Lodge, stock of various issues of "Walk", stock of publications of other clubs, equipment, filing cabinet, duplicator, projector, maps, track clearing equipment, yeti trap, etc.
5. The club previously had two separate bank accounts, but during 1968 these were consolidated into one account.
6. During 1968 the financial year of the club was changed to correspond to the calendar year and not to the "club year" as defined by Section 10 of the Constitution.
7. Because of considerable difficulty in interpreting the last published Financial Statement and also because it covered a period of 11 months only, I have not shown corresponding 1967 figures in this report.

Charlie Weiling

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Shirley Trotter

This year began with a resolution to have a talk or slides in the clubroom whenever there was no week-end walk. Off to a sluggish start, this ambition was only realised after about the third month, when Christmas and Easter slides, Camping in the Snow, the Red Centre and Personality Slides came to the meetings.

The Club extends its thanks to Mr. Bill Davis; Mr. Eric Motherspoon; and to Mr. Stan Flatterly who joined forces with the Hon. Vice President one evening, for presenting interesting and unique films, talks and slides.

The Annual Barn Dance and 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' were included in this year's fixtures which culminated in a Christmas Party at the Hon. Secretary's home.

My Personal Thanks go to all those hearty souls who have pitted their wits against the kitchen to provide supper each week.

"WALK" MAGAZINE REPORT

Athol Schafer

Completing its second decade of publication, "Walk" Vol. 20 duly appeared, improved, in its presentation yet keeping within the general confines of its usual format, all thanks due to the long hours and labour spent by members of the editorial committee and all those associated with its production, not forgetting of course the authors, without whom the magazine would not be possible.

The Walk magazine is the largest single item of expense to the Club, the magazine has been subjected to rising costs, somewhat countered by an increase of advertising revenue, and a reduction in unit-cost achieved by increasing the quantity ordered from 2,500 to 3,000.

Ann Weiling became advertising manager; Rex Filson continued as Distribution Manager.

NEWS CONVENOR'S REPORT

Shirley Treloar

NEWS SUB COMMITTEE == Shirley Treloar, Marion Siseman, Margaret Reid and Maria Verginis (formerly known as "Les Girls Publishing Incorporated")

The News has been published on the third Wednesday night of each month, one week following the committee meeting. The year started off with M. Griffin doing Feb. issue (which was a beaut.) M. Grey accepting it for March, April and May, and, myself attempting (oh well) to takeover ((Lock, stock and duplicator)) from June onwards.

As you all know, I was 'the typist' for some of 67 & 68, which was supposed to give me some idea of what was required? So when the vacancy of News Convenor arose I accepted the responsibility in ignorance of what was really required. For convenience sake, I chose to continue typing it, particularly when articles are submitted either late or at the very last minute. Thanks to Judy Shogog for her assistance with typing.

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NEWS CONVENOR'S REPORT - continued

The quantity of news was limited because the burden of reporting and contributing articles was left to a few. There is plenty of reader interest but not enough articles are contributed. I am most grateful and would like to thank in particular M. Griffin, J. Sparksman, T. Dent, Athol Schafer, and of course all who supported an issue with articles.

Production is carried out once a month in our garage where the space is utilized to a maximum. This arrangement proves satisfactory, for the printing and assembling. Alan Bailey, chief printer, has always vigiously attacked the tempermental tendencies of the "Gestener" duplicator with success. His willing help is much-appreciated. Thanks, again, to J. Shegog for help on News night.

As the News is mailed at a P.O. in Market St. City on the Thursday morn. following the News (assembling) night, it is no longer practicable to bring any copies other than spares into the Club rooms on Friday night.

In October '68 the PMG introduced a change in the procedure of bulk postage. There is now a more involved system of mailing which replaces the previous alphabetical method. A wrapper with address and code number must be provided, each copy is bundled into Code district groups by Code number before being presented to the P.O. If this practice is not adhered to, the Club will have to pay the full rate of postage, which is considerably more expensive than bulk postage rates.

Another experiment for October was the inauguration of the Song Book. It is also printed (yellow) and stapled together with News.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all members who have assisted in any way with "News" throughout the year.

EQUIPMENT REPORT 1968/69 --- Michael Griffin

During the last year, the section of the by-laws relating to equipment hire has been revised. The main outcome is that the Walks Secretary is no longer directly responsible for equipment hire - each year a member of the committee will undertake the job of equipment officer.

The scale of charges and penalty rates have also been amended, equipment hire charges being slightly increased to offset the increasing cost of equipment, and the method of applying penalty rates simplified.

The Treasurer reports that equipment hire is now bringing a reasonable amount of money into club funds.

All equipment seems to be in fair condition, although recently there have been complaints of a lack of tent pegs; a situation soon to be rectified. The new H-frame pack is an important addition.

All money collected for equipment (including deposits) is now handed to the treasurer at the end of each Friday evening. This slight inconvenience is more than compensated for by the fact that no money is left lying around in the clubroom (to cover deposit refunds) Deposits are now refunded by the Treasurer upon request from the equipment officer.

My thanks to Charlie for putting up with the increased to and fro of money, and all who have deputized in my absence - particularly Sue who, as Secretary, was evidently the obvious one to approach.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION ---

Delegate : Sne Taylor

The past year has seen a pleasing increase in public awareness of the urgent need to conserve, for both scientific and future recreational purposes, areas of land within our State as National Parks.

It has been a year of achievement; modest, perhaps, but nevertheless achievement.

An extension of 502 acres has been made to the Mt. Richmond National Park in the Western District, providing further valuable habitat for the flora, some of which is rare, of this area. The Kiata Lowan Sanctuary also received an extension, and eventually will be incorporated within a Little Desert National Park of some 80,000 to 90,000 acres.

The Western Victorian Conservation Committee deserves very considerable praise and recognition for the truly remarkable work done by its members in achieving the Lower Glenelg National Park. Unfortunately, the area of this park is less than anticipated; it is still hoped that all of the Kentbruck heathland may be included.

Progress on the Conservation Survey of Victoria has been made to the stage of a written report; it is now being edited.

Upon its completion, a better idea will be obtained of what type-areas Victoria has and has not reserved.

With both the Government and the Opposition the Association has developed relations which are better than have been achieved at any previous stage. Close co-operation and understanding are the most effective methods of gaining success.

One final word: you use Victoria's National Parks (well, they're yours, aren't they?) Have you, though, ever stopped to think how you got them? I'll give you the first part of the answer : organized bodies such as the V.N.P.A.

It'll only cost you a dollar to find out the rest.

JOIN NOW
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National Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens, 8.00 p.m.,
26th March 1969. Next meeting.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

--- Fred Halls

During the year there have been two or three "alerts", searches by Police S & R and local people. A search during the Queens Birthday Weekend near Lake Mountain involved some Walkers Federation S & R personnel, mainly from M.U.M.C., R.M.I.T. and Monash Clubs.

Most personnel from other walking clubs were not available being away on Long Weekend walks.

Fortunately, all the lost persons were found in a short time, a protracted search by Federation personnel not being necessary.

Care must be taken to ensure that at least one Club Contact is available at Long Weekends, in case of Search and Rescue emergency.

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.. SEARCH & RESCUE - continued

In the opinion of the S & R committee, Lands Department maps seem to be going out of use; 1:50,000 scale Mil.Surv. maps are the ones most likely to be available.

This will not always be correct, check with Barry Short for information regarding the best map for any particular district.

In the event of a search the Land Rover Club will supply some transport and be affiliated with Federation S & R.

Our Club S & R list remains static some of those listed being too old or inactive for effective searching, drastic revision of our list is required with the inclusion of more young yet experienced bushwalkers.

TRACK

CLEARING REPORT

--- Barry Short

For the last four years this club has not been pulling its weight for the matter of Track Clearing. It's about time we started to do something about it. Members were so disinterested in helping to keep open the tracks that they walk on, that only five could raise the energy to attend this years track clearing weekend, which was held in the Ada Valley. My thanks to the four who did an excellent job.

Let's hope that next year people will be a little more self-sacrificing.

WILKINSON LODGE ANNUAL REPORT

--- Tim Dent

Throughout 1968 there were 62 visitors to Wilkinson Lodge, including members and their friends. This figure includes multiple visits by many people. When expressed as individuals, 32 members and 12 non-members visited the lodge.

Earlier in 1968 I expressed my feeling that there was only a small core of members making use of Wilkie. This may have prompted others to make the lodge their holiday venue, as exemplified by the numbers visiting for the Christmas period. Other contributing factors could be the excellent talk given in the club room by Mr. Stan Flatterly in October, or just the general up and down trend of interest in Wilkie.

On the maintenance side of things, nothing of note has been achieved, but we've at last purchased a slow-combustion stove to replace the old wood stove in the kitchen. It is hoped to install this stove before Winter 1969, in conjunction with an in-built hot water service and a new chimney.

Following a complaint from the S.E.C., the tracks leading up to the lodge from the formed road were blocked off during the year, so please keep your cars where they belong in future.

GALWAY BAY

1. I've come across the sea from dear old Ireland
I landed here a year ago today
And the reason that I had to leave old Ireland
I was sick and tired of hearing "Galway Bay".
2. O my wife upon her back has tattooed Ireland
And when she takes her bath each Saturday,
As she scrubs the Sunlight soap upon her backbone
You can see the suds go down in "Galway Bay".
3. The breeze that blows from North to South in Ireland
Will meet a great partition on the way,
And if you ask an Ulsterman the reason,
He'll say to stop the stink from "Galway Bay".
4. O the sewers flowing underground in Ireland
Are perfumed by the leathers, so they say,
But under this remarkable impression
The whole damned lot flows out in "Galway Bay".
5. Now is there's going to be a life hereafter,
When I reach those pearly gates I'll turn away,
Just to take another look at dear old Ireland
And have a final (spit) in Galway Bay.

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THE FOGGY FOGGY DEW

1. Once I was a bachelor, I lived all alone,
And I worked at the weaver's trade;
And the only, only thing that I ever did wrong,
Was to woo a fair young maid.
I woo'd her in the wintertime and in the summer, too,
And the only, only thing that I ever did wrong,
Was to keep her from the foggy foggy dew.
2. One night she came to my bedside,
As I lay fast asleep;
She put her head upon my bed and she began to weep.
She wept, she cried; she dawn near died,
Ah me! what could I do;
So I hauled her into bed and I covered up her head,
Just to keep her from the foggy foggy dew.
3. Again I am a bachelor, I live with my son,
And we work at the weaver's trade,
And every, every time that I look into his eyes,
He reminds me of the fair young maid.
He reminds me of the wintertime and of the summer too,
And the many, many times that I held her in my arms,
Just to keep her from the foggy foggy dew.

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1. We're coming, we're coming, our brave little band,
On the right side of temperance together we'll stand
We don't smoke tobacco because we do think
That the people who smoke it are likely to drink.

CHORUS

Away, away, with the rum, by gum,
With rum, by gum, with rum, by gum,
Away, away with the rum by gum,
That's the song of the temperance union.

2. Oh we don't eat fruit cake 'cause fruit cake has rum
And one slice of fruit cake turns a man to a bum
Oh can you imagine a sorrier sight
Than a man eating fruit cake until he gets tight
3. Oh we don't eat cookies 'cause cookies have yeast
And one little bite turns a man to a beast
Oh can you imagine a sadder disgrace
Than a man in the gutter with crumbs on his face.
4. Oh we don't like Carlton, we never go there,
'Cause one sniff will tell you there's beer in the air,
Oh can you imagine as you walk by that yard
That you can get drunk just by breathing two hard.
5. Oh we don't like apples 'cause apples make cider
And one sip of cider turns a man to a tiger
Oh can you imagine a thing such as this -
A man eating apples until he gets drunk.

AUGATHELLA STATION

1. Farewell and adieu to you, sweet Brisbane ladies,
Farewell and adieu to the girls of Toowong:
For we're sold all our cattle and have to be moving
But we hope we shall see you again before long.

CHORUS

We'll rant and we'll roar like true Queensland drovers,
We'll rant and we'll roar as onwards we push,
Until we return to the Augathella Station,
For it's flaming dry going through the old Queensland bush.

2. The first camp we make we shall call it the Quart-pot,
Caboolture, then Kilcoy and Collinton's Hut;
We'll pull up at the Stone House, Bob Williamson's paddock,
And early next morning we cross the Blackbutt.
3. Then on to Taromeo and Yarraman Creek, lads,
It's there we shall make our next camp for the day,
Where the water and feed are both plenty and sweet, lads,
And maybe we'll butcher a fat little stray.
4. Then on to Nanango, that hard bitten township,
Where the out-of-work station hands sit in the dust,
And the shearers got shorn by old Tim the contractor -
Oh I wouldn't go near there but I flaming well must.
5. The girls of Toomancey they look so entrancing,
Those young bawling heifers are out for some fun!
With the waltz and the polka and all kinds of dancing,
To the racketty old banjo of Bob Anderson.
6. Then fill up your glasses and drink to the lasses,
We'll drink this town dry, then farewell to them all;
And when we've bot back to the Augathella Station
We hope you come by there and pay us a call.