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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
HALF - YEARLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON AUGUST 29th, 1969, at 8.00 p.m.

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The MBW club meets every Friday 8 - 11 p.m. on 1st floor.

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=== A L L W E L C O M E ===

MEMBERSHIP :

A welcome to the following new members :

1. Mr. Connors (Lindsay) 74 Paterson St. N. Carlton. 3054. p) 38-2384
b) 61-3631
 2. Mr. Alan MILLER, 4/15 Shakespeare Gr., Hawthorn. 3122 p) 81-7176
b) 34-0484 Ex. 2733
 3. Miss. Joan CERUTTY, 134 Brown St., Heidelberg. 3084. p) 45-3279
b) 393-1627
 4. Mr. Peter JOHNS, 14 Latona Ave, West Preston, 3072 p) 48 -1147
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- ADDRESS LIST : -----
Attached is this year's Address List - members who are financial as at
30/6/'69 are listed.

WILKINSON LODGE:

New Fees for Wilkinson Lodge as under :-

50 cents per day with a loading of 20¢ for each day spent in the Lodge
and/or whether fire or stove is kept burning all day.

Visitors will pay 20 cents extra per day.

"WALK" MAGAZINE:

The Editor requires articles, and photographs: small paragraphs
on tracks, map; etc..

If you can submit any of the above mentioned items for this year's
Walk '70, can you please address them to :

Athol Schafer,
20 Mernda Ave., Glenhuntly, 3163 p) 211-2649

DIARY NOTES:

AUGUST 8TH :

Mrs. Gwynnyth Taylor will present a talk on National Parks
and Conservation.

This promises to be a most enjoyable and informative evening, so make
sure you are there.

CLUB MAPS:

Members are reminded that Club maps are not, under
any circumstances, to be removed from the Clubroom, at any time.

COPY DEADLINE: Copy deadline for August is 16/8/'69

TYRONE'S VOLCANIC SPECTACULAR

I am trying to write this a considerable time after the event, when place names and fellow walkers have conveniently faded from memory. I can remember the leader however, and as that is the most important fact, you will surely forgive the vagueness of the following epistle.

Just before I begin, allow me to flick this sulphurous ash from the page, ah, that's much better.

It began, as do all good things, on Friday evening. Turned out of the van in pitch darkness at the lip of a crater, we were left to precipitate ourselves down the moist green and brown slopes (anyone for milk?) in the general direction of a vast expanse of genuinely cold water.

Everyone settled down at their own level, which of course left Ed further down than Alec, with John and Jan at the very bottom. Tents were then pitched and intruding cows' afterthoughts' hastily cleared away.

The night did its utmost to freeze the intruders, but unfortunately was not successful in Greg's case (or Jori's either).

Tyrone Tummy Touches Table Thomas (still?) blew the confederate bugle early on the Saturday morning and everybody except Lance hastened to the call. Out of the crater, avoiding more brown patches steaming in the morning sun, and onto a piece of high ground between our lake and another one - I won't bore you with names; besides I have forgotten.

Tyrone now proceeded to blind us with science about the age and the region, its geographical peculiarities, some interesting facts about the water table, etc. etc. After we had all indicated submission, the walk was officially started as we once more crept into the crater (if you're thinking of that funny joke Sharpe, forget it)....and crept out again in the direction of a distant road separated from us by long wet grass, high fences and degenerate cows with diarrhoea.

Following a climb and a roadbash we reached the twin peaks of Sugarload and Leura, with the former suffering horribly from its extensive scar. Alec and Dorrie still being able to walk, Tyrone decided to push on.

Forward ever forward, across paddocks, over fences, away from bulls and persistently friendly gods, and eventually to camp at a most interesting cave. The author failed to slyly inveigle anyone to share the cave with him, apart from Andy and a late-appearing Bob Murray, which just goes to show that bushwalkers are claustrophobia, afraid of the dark and totally unadventurous - so what if the nice big fire filled the cave with smoke?

The evening blurs, but I remember something about 18 crumpets (ambiguous statements notwithstanding) and a damn cold night.

Sunday is even more hazy than the smoke filled cave, but I recall a steep climb and the residues of more degenerate cows. Road bashing was a distinct relief after the 1371st. fence and the party strung out like an immoral (i.e. loose) piece of elastic.

Lunch was taken at the side of the highway, interrupted by irresponsibles who insisted on sounding their car horns - ooh, rum, look at them! Greg dished out his surplus food while Colin's dad tried to drown us by hanging up his fascicle of a half-man tent to dry. Peter C. went into a dissertation on survey marks (pity Barry wasn't around) but a scathing look from Judy stopped him short.

Because I concocted half of this out of thin air, it is time for me to stop short also, and this time the formal thanks that we always indulge in at the end are sincerely meant - Thanks Tyrone, it was fabulous.

Michael Griffin

NOTES FROM SUSIE . F

Rosemary and Ian are back in the fold once more after their wedding in "the Old Country". Margaret Reid was there to share the joyful occasion but Maria was gadding about the Continent. If you can judge by the photos, it was a lovely "do".

Mt. Disappointment proved true to its name for one car bound couple June 29th weekend.

I am led to believe there was some volcanic rumblings in a lava tunnel when someone lit a fire on Tyrone's Stony Rises Trip.

Has the Ham got himself some bacon?

No the MB did not win the Annual 24 Hour Walk! The Hon. Ed's group tried hard though a traitor to the cause supporting Monash; Mario had girl trouble; Art, Kel and Norm were well placed until Art decided to go for a swim. Filson's can recommend Hash House duty as an easy pleasant way out of the Walk.

Although Susan Jones and Jan Eliot were otherwise occupied the film night by the N.W. Tasmanian Walking Club was a great success. We know what to do when we want some publicity!!!

What a weekend! Rain, bogged van, tents like a tin of sardines, 360° to cross the river, lost all the time (though water for lunch?) 3/4 hour for lunch, blisters, uncomfortable packs, "Pom", VW driver, L.I.W., "Bloke", rock hopping, lambing ewes, farmer with rifle, wet feet - Filsons Folly once again.

Where's "Fred"? Last I heard he was gracing the back blocks of Rockhampton.

What it is to have an abode in Bendigo.

The printer has a SURPRISE. ---/1

NEWS FROM MARIA V.

Maria, in her latest letter to me, reports that she and an old schoolfriend of hers spent 9 wonderful weeks tripping around Europe - it was an organized camping tour, 2 busloads of 18 a piece, mostly girls she says. They slept in 8 man Army tents, with a piece of plastic over the roof to keep out the rain - but they had adventures with those tents - one night Maria tells how some cads (presumably men) in Switzerland surrounded by snow capped mountains, deftly removed the tent from over their shrouded cocoon like bodies and left them cold as it were - The countries they visited were France, Germany, Italy, Greece, (which she fell in love with) Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and the Netherlands - Back in England Maria and her friend Loris hired a mini panel van and at the time of writing were setting out on a 2 weeks tour of England and Scotland, they hope to visit Rose's parents in Birmingham and Ian's in Edinburgh, also Andy Rose who lives in Darbyshire. Maria is toying with the idea of hot footing it back to Greece for the Summer - She has not run into John Rodgers yet, however she may. I had a letter from John a week ago and he has been hitch-hiking his way around England and Scotland for some time - tells me he will be out with the club in about 12 months time.

Art

CONTACTS: Please note that in future the No.2 Club Contact shall be
Graham & Sue Errey p) 88-4385

Win and Ian Bennett are no longer No.2 Contact because of private reasons.

WALKS

REVIEWS

DAY WALKS:

JULY 19

Saturday

LYREBIRD WALK : SHERBROOKE FOREST. Easy.

Leader : Athol Schafer p) 211-2649

Train leaves Flinders St. Stn. 8.03 am

Ticket - Return Belgrave - fare 88 ¢.

Maps: Monbulk military 1:50,000 Broadbents, No.200

JULY 27

RIDDELL CREEK - MT. ROBERTSON - MT. TOWRONG -
MACEDON. Medium

Leader : Marion Siseman p) 878-1839

Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare : \$1-50

Map: Lancefield Military. Bring water for lunch.

AUG. 3

VIEW HILL - BOYDS CK - WALLAN Easy.

Leader : Tyrone Thomas p) p) 89-5197

Van leaves Batman 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-30.

AUG. 10

SNOW WALK : LAKE MOUNTAIN Medium

Leader : Mario Attard

Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2-00

AUG. 17

BROWN RA. - MT. TALLAROOK - KING PARROT CK.

Leader : Shirley Treloar p) 772 2553. Medium

Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-80.

Maps: Tallarook Military 1" = 1 mile. Good views from
fire-tower on Mt. Hickey. Bring water for lunch.

AUG. 24

BEACONSFIELD - OFFICEDALE - RYTHDALE -
KOO-WE-EUP. Easy

Leader: Athol Schafer p) 211-2649. Train leaves

Flinders St. Stn 9.35 a.m. Buy single ticket to

Beaconsfield. Returning on 8.14 p.m. train from

Koo-wee-rup, arriving city 9.35. Maps: "Cranbourne"

1" = 1 mile; Broadbents "100 miles around Melbourne".

This walk, which could be described as a traverse of the
Westernport Sunkland, is a fairly long. However there
should be plenty of time for an evening meal before
catching the return train. Carry water; binoculars.

WEEKEND WALKS

JULY

25 - 27

KANGAROO FLAT - AXE CREEK - MT. ALEXANDER.

Leader : Hans Oppersdorff

Easy -

Medium

Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 p.m. Fare : \$3-30.

Expected time of return - 9 pm Sun. Map: Bendigo Military
1" = 1 mile. Approx. distance - 29 miles.An interesting walk taking in old gold diggings, water
races, reservoirs, orchards, and low mountain ranges.

AUG 1 - 3

LANGLAUF SKIING : BENNISON PLAINS

Leader : John Siseman p) 878-1839

AUG 16-17

BROADFORD - MT. MARIANNE - MT. JIMMY - YEA. Medium

Leader : Art Terry p) 93-3617

Van leaves Batman Av. 8.00 am Saturday - return 8.30 Sun.

Maps: Tallarook & Yea Military 1:50,000

A delightful walk traversing open undulating to low mountainous
country with spectacular ridge walking and grand views. Thisweekend will be an instructional one in navigation and map reading so if you
are desirous of learning this interesting and exciting aspect of bushwalking then
come along. You will need a Silva (type 3 for preference) compass - protractor
soft pencil or biro, ruler and copies of military maps as specified.

AUGUST

22 - 24

LANGLAUF SKIING & SNOW WALKING :MT. FEATHERTOP.

Leader : Robin Mitchell

NOTES: from The Walks Secretary.

**IF YOU HAVE BOOKED ON A VAN TRIP AND CANNOT ATTEND,
PLEASE LET THE LEADER KNOW !**

There have been many cases recently of persons who have paid deposits for van trips and have not turned up. On one recent week-end walk 13 people did not turn up including 8 who did not even have the courtesy to notify the leader.

Non-attendance at short notice is occasionally unavoidable, but not notifying the leader promptly can often mean that others who want to book have to be refused, or that a larger (and therefore more expensive) van than necessary is ordered.

To help keep the van costs down, which is to everyone's benefit, and to ease the task of the leader, will people who have paid deposits and cannot turn up please advise the leader as soon as possible.

Members are reminded that in the case of trips where numbers are limited, a person who pays a deposit always takes preference over one who has merely put his or her name down, irrespective of their positions on the booking list.

As regards the refund of deposits, section 8 of the club's by-laws concerning motor transport reads :-

Any refunds of deposits on fares to persons not occupying their seats in the van will be at the discretion of the leader and any two of the executive present in the Clubroom at 9.30 p.m. on the Friday following the walk in question and shall be determined in the light of the leader's Walk Report. The following general principle shall apply :

- i) Refunds will not be made if the reason for non-attendance is deemed to be frivolous.
- ii) The idea behind demanding deposits is to protect the Club against undue loss; accordingly the financial outcome of the trip shall be considered relevant to the issue.
- iii) Deposits may be refunded in whole or in part, and the amount refunded may vary between persons, as may result from application of the general principles here outlined.

SNOW WALKS :

The 3 snow walking and skiing week-ends to Mt. Stirling, Bennison Plains and Mt. Feathertop will be considered as qualifying walks, although indicated as non-qualifying on the current programme.

John Sparksman

CLUB MAPS :

Members are reminded that Club maps are not, under any circumstances, to be removed from the Clubroom on Friday nights.

Once again your support is requested in supplying articles, news items on anything you think would make interesting reading to club members.

All contributors whose articles appear in this issue are thanked.