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ALL CORRESPONDENCE should be addressed to :

Hon. Sec. Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 17512, G.P.O., Melbourne, Vic, 3001.

CLUBROOMS

Meetings will be held again this month at the Nat. Herbarium
on 19th September. Friday September 26th will be held at -

the usual - 161 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Following that, Club meetings will be advised . . .
Members will be notified as to future Clubrooms by a separate letter
which will be sent to you before the end of September.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING 10.9.69
Briefly.....

Chairman : Rex Wilson.

PRESENT: Liz. Shaw, Ian Abbott, John Sparkman, Shirley Treloar,
Marion Giesman, Michael G. Min, Art Terry,
Athel Schaefer, Tyrone Thomas, Dore Warton.

Apologies from Alec M. and Fred Halls.

Treasurer's Report

Walks profitable.

Walks Sec.

150 people attended for month of August, highest attendance
for years.

Christmas party to be a barbecue at Moccock's block.
(Men will be looked after separately.
Sunday will be arranged.)

Magazine "Walks"

Ready for print

"News"

New Gesteon to be purchased and old model traded-in.

Wilkinson Lodge

Only 4 people have used the Lodge in August. Others who
were booked in were unable to go for various reasons and lack of
snow was a contributing factor. So the rats have had a quiet
year.

Track Clearing

Art Terry needs more volunteers to lighten the workload on
October 3-5 weekend at Ada River - track clearing.

Native Plants

Field Day Friday October 25th (Saturday) King Lake National Park.

General Business

Discussion to
organize trial walk catering for parents with small
children (walk distance to be approx. 3 miles)

Amendments to By-Laws under Section General page 5.

Point 3 should be deleted. inserting point 3 as follows:

- Point 3 Smoking is prohibited on all transport hired by the Melbourne Bushwalkers.
- Point 4 Alcoholic beverages must not be taken on programmed Club trips unless
such trip is deemed as a social occasion by the Committee.

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Amendment to By-Laws - contd.

Point 5. The proposer and seconder of an applicant for membership must have accompanied the applicant on at least one of his or her qualifying walks.

COMMITTEE RESIGNATION :

The Committee accepts the resignation of one member.

**Shirley Treloar finds that she cannot cope (or continue) as News
Convenor after September.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A EXTRAORDINARY GENERALMEETING
to be held on Friday October 31st in the Clubrooms at 8.30 p.m.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE OCTOBER BIMONTHLY
GENERAL Meeting to be held**

following the above.

***** Members will be notified of new Clubrooms**

*****OLD TIMERS REUNION *****

FELIX HARDING has again arranged this (the third) popular annual outing.

DATE : LAST SAT IN OCTOBER 25th.

PLACE : EMERALD LAKE

**WHO'LL BE THERE : EVERYONE, BUT ESPECIALLY
MEMBERS WITH FAMILIES**

WHAT TO BRING : THE USUAL, LUNCH, WIFE & CHILDREN
ETC. it's as you wish.))

TRANSPORT : Private, Felix suggests that the children may like to make the trip in the Puffing Billy, it leaves Eclgrave Sat. 25th 11.30 am & 2.15 pm for Emerald.

ORGANISER : FELIX HARDING p) 97-5538

MEMBERSHIP :

New Address:

G. Kenafacke : "3793264, Pte. G. Kenafacke,
Sig. Platoon, 9 RAR.
AF/PO4,
C/- G.P.O., Sydney. N.S.W. 2890.

Correction to Membership List issued July.

Jim & Margaret Brooks, phone number should be p) 560-0134 not 56-2682

Add to List :

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Miss. Laurie Patrick, 10 Victoria Rd., Camberwell 3124. p) 82-3656.

WALKING FOR PLEASURE?

My first encounter with the Melbourne Bushwalkers was under the protective wing of Art Terry, who is well known in the club for his easy strolls through the rolling countryside of Victoria. If there is a hill nearby (no matter how steep or high) then you can be sure that Art's walk will go over that hill. This is so that the walkers, who will be laying on the ground in gasping heaps, may enjoy the view.

My next walk was with Tyrone Thomas. Ty has a knack of finding the highest, most savage fences in the country, and planning his walk so that the walkers will have the pleasure of climbing over or through fences and of leaving most of their anatomy dangling from the barbed wire - Hello Ed.

After surviving Art's hills and Ty's fences, I went walking with Rex Filson. This was made particularly enjoyable because we were lost most of the time. We had the unique pleasure of pushing the van back to the road, and of setting up camp in a torrential downpour. I have been informed by reliable sources that this is the usual case for Rex.

Next came a day walk led by Shirley. It was only about fourteen miles, seven miles straight up and the next seven miles straight down.

Yes, walking is a real pleasure for any person who gets enjoyment from carrying a heavy pack up-hill, through fences, in monsoonal rains, and pushing a large lumbering van up tracks and out of bogs.

I wonder why I enjoy it? But there are not many better ways of spending a weekend. It must be the company.

Lindsay Connors

EXTRACT from the latest communication received from Geoff Kenafacke:

"I'm no longer in my cushy base job at ARU. As of this week I've joined the Big League and spend most of the time at the sharp end (Scrub). I needed the exercise and it makes the days go quicker when you've out there, so I welcomed the change.

"You might find that I've changed a bit when I got back. e.g. hiding whenever I hear a twig snap, only talking in whispers, never lighting fires except in daylight ... all part of staying healthy up here and the habits are hard to break even when we can relax.

However, if the Club can cope with such eccentricities for a while, I reckon I can be rehabilitated to bushwalking."

New News Convenor :

My sincere thanks to Jenny Mead, who, willingly accepted the responsibility of Editing & Typing future copies of News, mainly to ensure that members be kept informed. Your assistance in contributing news items or articles to her for the next and following issues is requested. Her address is as follows :-

Jenny Mead, 23 Munro Ave, Ashburton. 3147 . p) 25-1709 b) 67-9562

..Ed.

**ALONG THE TRACK
THE BEACONSFIELD BASH**

A u g u s t 24

Athol said it would be easy; the program said easy-medium; my feet said hard. Did you know that it is possible to travel for 18 miles between Beaconsfield and Kooweerup without having to cross more than about 5 fences? True, if you are prepared to scrunch over untold tons of road metal and wade knee deep through the Kooweerup swamp.

But let us begin at the beginning, where all incredible adventures start. It was Athol's idea, the area chosen I think because Yvonne could join the trip at Dandenong. Anyway, we left the train at Beaconsfield and went mad all over the platform for several minutes before Athol called for a circle. The realization that males were considerably outnumbered by females immediately encouraged my recovery from a recent severe attack of disease, and we set off under sunny skies for the nearest road.

After tramping along back road No.1 for sufficient time to become painfully acquainted with it, Athol upset my military sense of constancy by suddenly diving into a cardboard replica of a Canadian pine forest. This diabolical move soon brought everyone to the edge of tears, hunger and a swamp. A few fences were thereupon remorselessly demolished as our leader headed unerringly for a chlorophyll-impregnated creek (Really?).

Somebody managed to find a way across, complete with wise hand rail, and Harold survived. Luckily ye honourable Walks Sec. was not in attendance and so poetic justice was denied. If I have lost everyone over this reference, I will digress and get in a bit of back-stabbing at the same time - J.S. is now well known for his sneaky references about the much-maligned MG, and in his last article for News (August) managed also to besmirch Harold's name via an exceptionally revolting pun. Harold and I recognize such scandalous tripe as a personal affront and herewith announce our joint intention of dealing with J.S. (Surprise, Harold!)

Back at Beaconsfield, Athol had declared lunch. Mass stripping occurred as everyone secured their weekly ration of Vitamin D. Blisters as yet being in the minority, the leader continued, in search of the next back road. It was joyfully hailed by all and tramped on at a steady pace. The blister count increased and Kooweerup was still umpteen miles away. Tyrone broke his thirty-second silence to announce that we would soon be following the main drain. He was immediately suppressed with incredulous laughter, and Athol, sensing that the moment was crucial announced after-noon tea.

Back road number 115 was now encountered, and Tyrone carved another notch into his blistered feet. Edward Thomas suddenly became appropriate:

Roads go on,

While we forget, and are

Forgotten.....

The main drain rose like a vision before our eyes, and the last vestige of group cohesion vanished. Twenty-odd midless walkers plodded along by the drain in twos and threes, with Athol smiling sweatily throughout. Eventually, somebody found themselves walking up-hill for the second time that day, and it was realized that we had reached the train line set on high above the train.

Sleepers over sleepers, in search of a distant pub which promised soup and grills (organised the previous week by Athol) Kooweerup was announced, but it turned out to be only the outer suburbs - like Frankston in relation to Melbourne. Finally, in the middle of the local drag strip, the hotel was sighted and several delirious Bushies were soon treated to a first-class feed.

Hello, railway station and soon the train: crowded. Inglorious return to the city with eyes closed and bodies slack. Join MBW and see the world!

Michael Griffin

STABS FROM MICHAEL G.

SOCIAL

All addicts of this column will have to put up with a guest appearance this month. Following the recent elections (Chinese joke) in which Sue voted for Labour, Father of the Year Filson now realizes that he has done it again - son number two arrived recently, named Timothy Hugh (Timothy who?).

Congratulations Sue, but I reckon it was a bit sneaky getting me to write this, just so you could legitimately get your names in print... Suppose I'd better be traditional and say that both mother and child are doing well (doing what well?), but Matthew James is proving too much for Poppa Filson, now nicknamed "Haggard".

Guess what! Jim and Dora Hester turned up on Sparky's deluged (pronounced deluged) Belgrave trip - first time in four years they tell me. Keep it up folks. Talking of "oldies", evidently Peter Elder is now known as "The Squire of Gundaroo". Who's kidding who(m)?

Leg-breaker Glenda has graduated to a wheelchair and is terrorising her parents at home. Next stop crutches and a lot of patience. If I were religious, I'd try mumbling a few incantations, such as "Arise and walk!", but I guess there are no short cuts in the twentieth century.

Looks like Tasmania is going to be overrun with Melbourne Bushies this Christmas. We must like the prestige involved in going overseas.

This month's medal for devotion goes to Athol, for rescuing Yvonne's watch from the top of Steavendons Falls. What's so brilliant about that? Just that Yvonne didn't report it missing until they had reached the bottom of the falls....

A warning to Jenny ----- good typists are in demand.

It used to be the policy of this hallowed column to make nasty stabs at couples who appeared to be becoming relatively permanent. Of course, they often disproved the accusation by immediately separating, but that was all part of the fun. Alas, official recognition has long been denied many a pair, although anyone with their eyes open knows who they are anyway. But, in order to set the records straight, I give you the following names, which can be matched up at your leisure :
Barbara I, Barbara II, John, Athol, Jan, Rodney, Kaye, Yvonne, Greg, Alan.
(Clue - John does not go with Rodney).

Let's hope that this doesn't cause a series of separations!

All get our your pens. Tim Dent wants you to write to him :

Address: C/- Commonwealth Bank,
Australia House,
The Strand, W.C.2.
London, England.

Rodondo lovers unit! Nick was recently seen with an unseemly gap in his beard - strategically placed to allow the gravy to escape. While we're on beards, I notice that Kodak John has started to regrow his fungus. Getting ready for Christmas, John?

Looks like one of our members made the front pages of the 'Age' - three cheers for Graham McGowan. ("Taxi")

You can't fire guns, you can't drink and you can't smoke. All rabbit-shooting drunkards with smokers cough may now panic!

**Report on "save our Eushland" Meeting Held at the Lower
Melbourne Town Hall on Friday 29th August 1969**

It was indeed gratifying to see the Lower Melbourne Town Hall packed to the doors with not even standing room available on such a wet and cold night as was 29th August. The overflow heard the tape recorded proceedings at Scots Hall in Russell Street.

The protestors consisted of people many of whom had come from as far as away as Nhill, Berwick and Queenscliff and represented many conservation bodies and university botany and mountaineering clubs to mention just a few.

The meeting opened with apologies from 22 Members of Parliament and 2 Cabinet Ministers.

The Honorary Secretary of the Victorian National Parks Association, Mr. J. Ros Garnet, gave some interesting facts and figures on the lack of national parks in Victoria compared with other states. For example, Victoria has only 586 sq. miles of national parks as against Queensland which has only half the population of Victoria but 3,652 sq. miles of national parks and New South Wales which has 4,753 sq. miles of national parks.

Mr. Garnet explained that the Little Desert is divided into two parts. The eastern part, which is being retained as a national park, is much like other parts of the Mallee. The western part, the part which is to be let for farms, is a wet bog area and has flora and fauna quite unique to the area and in fact, unique by world standards.

The next speaker, Professor A.G. Lloyd, Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Melbourne, said that the Little Desert scheme was based on a closer settlement policy that was instituted in the late part of the 1880s and early 1930s and is now, of course, outmoded. The land was being developed for purely political reasons, not for economic reasons. Many people in Sir William McDonald's electorate would benefit financially from the increase in population brought about by the opening up of at least part of the Little Desert. Professor Lloyd revealed that the results of the report by the Land Utilisation Committee were never publicly announced and this was deplored by those in attendance.

Dr. Calder, Senior Lecturer, Department of Botany, University of Melbourne, then spoke on the need for national parks in the light of more leisure time being available to the population through automation. The wish to get away from urbanisation will be satisfied by the provision of national parks with suitable facilities for campers, bush walkers, tourists etc. in their near vicinity. That national parks do attract tourists etc. is illustrated by the fact that 85,000 visited Wilson's Promontory National Park in 1968. In the case of the Little Desert, Dr. Calder stated that more revenue could be obtained for the tax payers of Victoria by developing this area as a tourist attraction rather than as a farming area.

Dr. Jim Cairns, the only Member of Parliament who admitted his presence at the meeting, gave his support to the meeting and its aims. He stated that he is "quite sure that there is considerable potential in Sir William McDonald's own electorate to stop this scheme (Little Desert development) or limit its extent".

A suggestion was made that a new award, that of Vandal of the Year, be created, and presented to Sir William by Mick Jagger.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, the following resolutions were passed:

We therefore demand the Government -

1. That when use of the remaining areas of Crown land in Victoria is being determined, the first decision to be made, after careful research and investigation by both Government and independent experts whose findings would be made public, should be whether such areas are likely now or in the future to be of value as national parks, wildlife or wildflower reserves, open space for leisure and recreation, forest reserves or for other similar purposes. Only when it is shown after thorough investigation that the areas under review are not likely to be of value for these purposes should they be considered for agricultural or other forms of land use.
2. That boundaries of nature reserves be fixed to accord with natural features or ecological associations but with due regard to the requirements of buffer areas.
3. That any schemes involving the drainage of wetlands be held over until full scientific investigation and research concerning the value of these areas for conservation of wildlife, natural vegetation, landscape and recreational values has been carried out and studied and the results published.
4. That the decision to subdivide an area of 48,000 acres of settlement in the western part of the Little Desert be rescinded and that the whole of the unalienated area of the Little Desert be examined in the light of the principles stated in Resolution No.1
5. That the proposed area and boundaries of the Lower Glenelg National Park be reconsidered in the light of the principles laid down in Resolution No.1 and with particular reference to the terms of Resolution No.2
6. That the decisions of this meeting so made be drawn to the attention of the Hon. Sir Henry Bolte, Premier of Victoria, by deputation.

YOU CAN continue the campaign by -
• talking to your friends about it
• arranging local meetings
• writing to your local Member
• writing to the Press
• using the Resolutions passed at the meeting and/or
your own thoughts and ideas.

Jenny Mead

DUTY ROSTER :

			Clubrooms
SEPTEMBER	21.	Jan Abbott	Herbarium
	26	Art Terry	151 Flinders Lane
OCTOBER	3	Rex Filson	To be advised
	10	J. Sparksman	" "
	17	E. Shaw	" "

WALKS PREVIEW'S

DAY WALKS:

- SEPT 21 JINDIVICK-DROUIN WEST-GUMSCRUB CREEK. E a s y.**
 Leader : Michael Griffin p) 90-4554 12 miles
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 am. Fare \$1-80.
 Map - Drouin 1" to 1 mile.
- 25 SHOW DAY:: SUNBURY-JACKSONS CK.-RIDDELL Easy**
 Leader : Tyrone Thomas p) 89-5197
 Train leaves Spencer St. Sta 8.10 am. Buy a 2nd Return
 Riddell. \$1-25. Map Ref: Sunbury Arm 1" = 1 mile.
 Expected time of return 8.15 pm.
 We will follow Jacksons Creek downstream all day with a
 pleasant two hour break for lunch - bring along all the goodies
 to cook & eat for lunch. Jacksons Ck. makes excellent walking
 considering it's closeness to Melbourne. Tea will be in Sunbury
 - Shops available. If you want them for tea.
- 28 MYSTERY WALK D e a d Easy**
 Leader : Michael Griffin p) 90-4554
 Come along and trust the leader - no maps or compasses
 allowed! Guaranteed interesting walk, intriguing mystery,
 dead easy and long lunch hour.
- OCT 5 STARLINGS GAP-ADA R.-HIGH LEAD-LATROBE R. Medium**
 Leader : Mario Attard 10 mls.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 am. Fare \$2-00.
 Map ref: Necrim Mil. 1 to 50,000.
 In one of our most interesting walking areas, we follow the
 route of the old logging tramway and over the old trestle bridges.
 If you have not been this way before, come now, before the
 bridges all fall down.
- OCT 12 SPRING GULLY-FRYERSTOWN-TARADALE. Easy-Medium**
 Leader required.. 11 mls.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 am. Map ref: Castlemain Mil 1".
 Pleasant walk through undulating country, partly wooded and
 partly open, looking fresh and green at this time of the year.
- OCT 19 BREAK O'DAY-DEVLINS BRIDGE. Easy - Medium**
 Leader : Tyrone Thomas p) 89-5197 9 mls.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 am. Returns city 8 pm.
 Map ref: Glenburn Army 1:50,000. Fare \$1-80.
 Very pleasant ridgetop walking & good views. Excellent walking
 country especially in spring when everything is green. "Fences
 will be virtually non-existent this time"! Come along & enjoy a
 Sunday stroll.

WEEKEND WALKS:

- OCT. 3-5 TRACK CLEARING: ADA RIVER**
 Organized by : Art Terry p) 93-3617
- OCT 10-12 BOTANY/HISTORY WALK: GLENLYON-LODDON R. TARADALE**
 Leader : Doug Pocock
 Van leaves Batman/6.30 pm Map Ref; Castlemaine Mil 1"
 Approx. distance Walkers 20 miles
 Botanists 14
- We hope to be able to run this walk in 2 groups, walkers &
 botanists. The walkers will have a slightly longer trip in this most interesting
 country with the botanists having more time for stops. Good camp sites but
 water for lunch on Saturday will be necessary. The botanists trip would be
 ideal for any beginning walkers.

PREVIEW of forthcoming extended walks over Christmas are listed on page 10
 on your information.

CHRISTMAS WALKS 1969
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CHRISTMAS IS COMING, and it is not too early to start thinking about Christmas Walks.

There have been 3 walks tentatively planned for the Christmas - New Year Period. If you are planning a walk contact Walks Sec. John Sparksman (b) 62-5661 as soon as possible.

1. MT. BOGONG-BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

Leader : ART TERRY p) 93-3617

Duration : 4 or 5 days leaving Melbourne in the evening 24.12.69.

Trip: Climb Mt. Bogong from the Tawonga side, over the Summit and the West Peak, down Quartz Knob and up onto the High Plains.

Standard : Medium.

2. TASMANIA - FREYERNEY PENINSULA

Leader : TYPONE THOMAS p) 89-5197

Duration : 4 days leaving Melbourne in the evening 31.12.69.

Trip : Flying to Launceston and then out to the Freyerney Peninsula on the East Coast.

Standard: Easy Medium

3. TASMANIA - CRADIE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Leader : FELIX HARDING p) 97-5538

Duration : 16 days leaving Melbourne Boxing Day.

Trip: Taking food for 2 days, fly to Launceston, car to Guildford

Junction and walk through the Reserve. Then pickup further 8 days

food, return part of the way through the Reserve and go over the

Walls of Jerusalem and return to Launceston.

Standard : Medium Cost : \$50-00.

STOP PRESS:

Six of our members of Search & Rescue on Tuesday 16th September helped search for the Light Aircraft lost in the Lilydale - Yarra Glen district.

They were : Barry Short, Darrell Sullivan, Loch Wilson, John Siseman
John Sparksman and Arthur Whyte.

Congratulations fellows on such short notice.

News Convenor : Shirley Treloar

COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ---- SATURDAY 11th.

All the authors are thanked for pen-pushing for us once again

this month, more authors are needed. So why don't you

try and put pen to paper and write something which will

make interesting reading.....