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MOOMBA DAY WALK - 1st MARCH

As you probably already know, this year's Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs' annual Moomba Day Walk is being organised by the Melbourne Bushwalkers and as we would like the day to be a success, we felt that details of it warranted a place on the front page.

Route : Bullarto Reservoir - Babbingtons Hill - Lyonsville Spring - Trentham Falls

Leader : Art Terry p) 93-3617

Standard: Easy

Distance: About 12 miles

Map : Daylesford Military 1" to 1 mile

Train departs Spencer Street at 9.30 a.m. We alight at Bullarto, returning from Trentham and arriving back in the city at 8.45 p.m.

Train tickets \$2.25 will be obtainable before hand from the Club rooms, or can be purchased on the day (Sunday excursion to Bullarto).

This walk will be attended by people from all the other walking clubs in Melbourne, as well as by members of the general public, and it is hoped that our Club, as organisers, will be especially well represented. Everyone can help - acting as whips, keeping an eye on any stragglers, serving refreshments en route, and generally making the Melbourne Bushwalkers known.

Bring your friends along - if anyone begins to get tired there is a shorter alternative returning from Lyonsville station.

A very good walk is promised, and we look forward to having a bumper turnout.

IF YOU WANT WALK 71 TO BE PRINTED PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

All those interested in the publication of Walk 71 are asked to be present at a meeting to be held in the Clubrooms (Hosier Lane) on Monday 23rd February at 8.00 p.m.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Hon. Sec. Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751Q, G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE Victoria 3001

The Clubrooms are situated in Hosier Lane (along side the Forum Theatre) and are open every Wednesday night. Visitors are always welcome.

Extracts from the Last Committee Meeting
10th February, 1970

Chairman: Alec Proudfoot

Present: John Sparksman, Jan Abbott, Art Terry, Athol Schafer, Fred Halls; Elizabeth Shaw, Marion Siseman, Rod. Mattingley, Michael Griffin, Rex Filson, Tyrone Thomas, Dorrie Warton

Apologies: Jenny Mead

Minutes: Business arising from Minutes - Committee meeting Tuesday 10th March until new Committee meets.

As from 1st April, new charges will be made in connection with the Club's bank account. The matter has been left in the Treasurer's hands to arrange our account in the interests of the Club.

Walks Secretary:

The number of January walkers was above average, and it was considered that the first Family Walk was enjoyed by all who participated.

The Moomba Walk - 1st March, and M.B.W. are to act as the hosts this year. A good representation is expected. Members are to wear badges or pack badges.

"Walk" Magazine:

A meeting is to be held in the Clubrooms on 23rd February for all those interested in the publication of "Walk".

Wilkinson Lodge:

Eleven people have visited the Lodge in the last month. There is to be a work party on Labour Day weekend to attend to the plumbing.

General Business:

Jill Burnett's application for membership was accepted.

Tyrone suggested that the rostered Committee Member welcome new members at the door. He also suggested that members wear name cards which would be left in a box at the end of each Wednesday night. The Committee Member rostered for duty is to co-op another helper outside the Committee to help with cleaning and general duties. In this way, all Club members would have a chance of helping.

WALKS PREVIEW

DAY WALKS:

- MARCH 1 MOOMBA WALK: BULLARTO-BABBINGTONS HILL-LYONSVILLE
SPRING-TRENTHAM FALLS
See details on front page of this month's "NEWS".
- 8 KILMORE EAST-MT. PIPER-BROADFORD
Leader: Athol Schafer p) 211-2649 Medium
Map reference: Tallarook, Lancefield, Pyalong and
Kinglake 1" = 1 mile
Train leaves Spencer Street Station 9.30 a.m.
Returns city 9.00 p.m. Ticket: Second Excursion
return Broadford. Fare \$1.90
This will be a chance to visit that dark, conical
mountain which dominates the western hill-scape
between Broadford and Seymour, a distance of 14
miles. Carry water.
- 15 SOMERS-POINT LEO-SHOREHAM (Swimming) (Family walk)
Leader: Ian Smith Easy
Map reference: Westernport Military 1"
Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.70
Distance approximately 9 miles. Expected time of
return 8.00 p.m.
This is the last "beach walk" for this summer, along
the sandy beaches of Westernport Bay. Be sure to
bring your bathers as there will be ample time for
swimming. Graham Mascas (p 502995) will be leading
a short "family walk" for parents and small children
to one of the beaches.
- 22 FERNSHAM-CARTERS GAP-OLD BLACKS SPUR ROAD
Leader: Shirley Veenstra b) 61-3281 Medium
Map reference: Juliet Military 1" to 50,000
Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.60
Expected time of return 8.00 p.m. Distance approx-
imately 10 miles
A delightful walk, almost all on tracks, through the
tall timber and tree ferns of the cool rain forest
to the top of the Great Dividing Range.
- 29 MALMSBURY-BELLTOPPER HILL-TARADALE
Leader required Easy/Medium
Map reference: Castlemaine Military 1"
Tran leaves Spencer Street Station 9.30 a.m.
Buy Sunday Excursion to Malmsbury \$2.25

WEEKEND WALKS:

- MARCH 6 - 9 MT. BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK-LAKE BUFFALO
Leader: Tyrone Thomas Medium/Hard
Map reference: F.C.V. Buffalo 1" = 1 mile
Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Fare \$6.50
Expected time of return 9.30 p.m.
A base camp will be established near Lake Catani
and in the Mt. Buffalo National Park Camping Ground.
The first day will be spent walking towards The Horn
and will be an easy day trip without the load of your
packs. Similarly, the second day will be without
packs and will also be on The Plateau but this time
towards the West Plateau. Swimming on both days
also. The third and final day will be spent walking
west and down the western cliffs of Buffalo, to Lake
Buffalo some 3,500' - 4,000' below. We will use the
newly cleared track for this steep descent.

SUE'S SNIPPETS

Word for this month Faux pas.

Perhaps a fry pan for Christmas means breakfast in bed.

In future, some people may have other things to do on Sundays, as I have heard that some of our members are taking bible study lessons.

Jeff Sill has flitted away again - to Canada via Bougainville.

Anne and Charlie Weiling hope to renew old friendships on 25th February when they plan to visit the Clubrooms, while they are holidaying from Sydney.

It looks as if the European food agreed with Maria. Good to see her back in the fold and we hope that she will be out walking again in the near future.

Let us hope that the M.B.W. is well represented at this year's Moomba Walk - if not walking, manning refreshment stands.

Dr. Liz. is off to England on 3rd April on a Research Fellowship at the University of London. Liz. will be away for two years - the Club will surely miss an active Committee member. We wish you all the best in your studies Liz., and hope that you will be back walking again when you return.

Changes of Address -

- SHORT, Barry and Gwenda - Shakespeare Grove, Hawthorn 3122
- JOHNS, Peter - 2 Parkside Street, Malvern 3144 p) 50-1282
- KENAFACKE, Geoff - 244 Lawrance Road, Mount Waverley 3149
p) 232-1909

N.P.P.S.V. SLIDE NIGHTS - PHCTOFLORA

Screenings of colour slides of wildflowers and native plants with a commentary will be held at the V.A.Y.C. Hall, Gisborne Street, East Melbourne on -
Monday 2nd March
Tuesday 3rd March
Wednesday 4th March

and at Norwood High School, Byron Street, Ringwood on -
Wednesday 1st April

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A TOUGH WEEKEND!

Saturday morning we were aroused at the ungodly hour of 8.00 a.m. by the grunts of the leader taking his tent down (so that people would not notice its strange leaning, due, I was informed, to the uneven ground). The morning was spent sweating up Mt. Stirling with lunch at the summit. Some-one can't have noticed who is leading the trip because the weather is perfect - what has happened to the rain? We finally stagger into camp at 3.00 p.m. and pitch tents, whoops, not there, there's the odd patch of meadow muffs and ants nests. Water turns out to be some hundreds of feet below us, so after one journey down, we split into the clean and dirty groups (or energetic and lazy depending on one's point of view). The fire is carefully built on one of the ant's nests. As the nearest wood is collected, millions of the little horrors are seen running in all directions, each carrying an egg. After tea, a short walk was taken to see the mist moving over the Great Dividing Range from Mt. Speculation to The Bluff, a magnificent sight, like a slow motion waterfall rolling down the gullies.

Sunday, a short walk was taken to Clear Hills where we shared our lunch with about 100 Herefords, but once again, the view was too good to be bothered about a few bullocks; and so back to camp via Monument Hill, with sunbathing (or sleeping) for the lazy, and a trip to the creek for the clean. After tea, the leader was persuaded to leave his sleeping bag and visit the summit of Stirling again to view the sunset, and once again the strange mist, which seemed to be held back south of the valley by an invisible hand. Mt. Howitt just had its head above, but eastwards, all appeared flat, a sight impossible to describe, but once seen, never forgotten.

Monday already, and time to leave our friendly ants and some of the March flies. This time we avoid the summit of Stirling and have a quick lunch (only two hours) at a creek, first running water I've seen in two days. Somehow we manage the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in less than the $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours we have left, so the dirty become clean by sitting (and lying eventually) in 6 inches of the coldest water I've felt since leaving Scotland!

I believe we walked about fourteen miles for the entire three days. One certainly couldn't complain of sore feet, though sore posteriors were another matter altogether! It was, however, a most enjoyable weekend. I'm sure that those new to bushwalking and the area will want to go back again, and somehow Mt. Stirling (and Tyrone) managed to redeem themselves weather-wise!

Sue Ball

TYRONE'S NEW YEARS EVE "QUICKIE"

On New Years Eve eighteen of us arrived at the appropriate time and place, namely Ansett's city terminal, to be met by our dark and good looking young leader who was to lead us on a walk to Freycinet Peninsula (Tasmania) for four days.

We left Essendon on the 6.20 p.m. flight and yet arrived at Launceston at 6.20 p.m. owing to "Tassy" being on day light saving. Our three hired cream Falcons were awaiting us at the airport car park and were soon filled to capacity as the eighteen of us, plus our bulging packs, squeezed into them. After the drivers sorted their gears out we drove a few miles until Tyrone found a suitable camping spot in a dry creek bed. Orders were issued to pitch our tents smartly and then gather wood for our "party" fire. Balloons were blown up and tied to nearby bushes, and cakes, chocolates and drinks spread. Our leader then played at being a psychiatrist and after much psycho-analysing, found we were all square pegs in round holes and declared it was time to eat. As midnight came, we joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne and swapped kisses all round.

Next morning, in drizzling rain, we set off for Coles Bay some 100 miles away on the East Coast. After a leisurely trip, we arrived there about 4.00 p.m. and as it had stopped raining, we made a quick dash up to the saddle between Mounts Amos and Mayson before setting up our tents right on the beach at Coles Bay. One very high ranking bushwalker was seen to pitch his tent too close to the waters edge with the inevitable happening in the middle of the night when the tide came in.

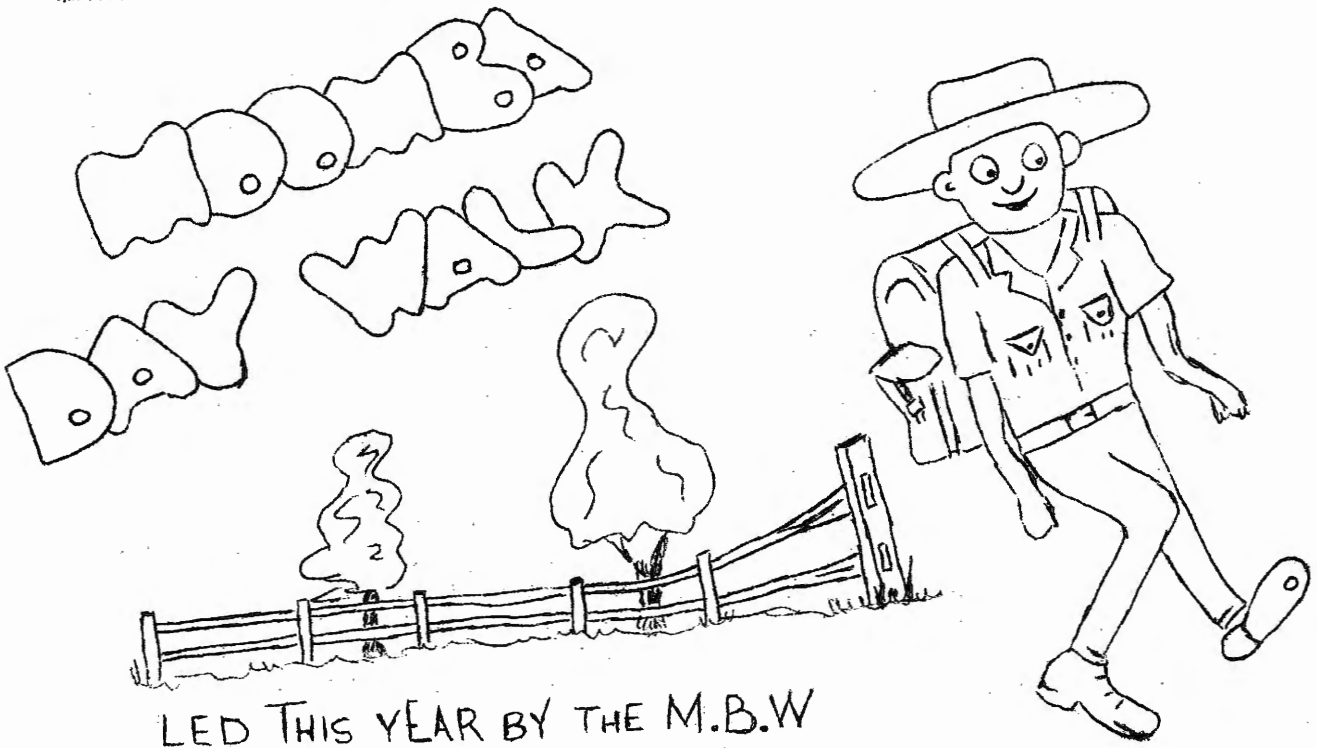
The following morning, we awoke to find our lovely little beach and surrounding isles shrouded in drizzling rain again so we had a breakfast of sorts in our tents. On an early morning reconnaissance, our Canadian member found an old abandoned house to which we took all our belongings to sort ourselves out before setting out for Cook's Bay. I might add here, illegal entry was gained into this "derelict" house through the back of the fire place.

We set forth in the drizzle but by the time we had reached the point of no return, the drizzle was a deluge with a howling gale blowing and all the party soaked. A vote was taken as to whether we should return and the ayes having won, return we did, thirteen to the house and the other six to the local Progress Hall where, I believe, such high jinks as dancing went on in and out of wet tents, sleeping bags, trousers and unmentionables hanging from every square inch of the ceiling. Later in the afternoon, the owner of our "stately mansion" arrived and fortunately ran into Tony first. Tony must have had the desired effect, as the good man returned later with two lanterns and half a bottle of whisky.

Patches of blue sky appeared the next morning and we joined up with our fellow walkers from the Progress Hall and made a quick dash around to Sleepy Bay, and then back to Coles Bay for lunch and a swim. Within two minutes flat of reaching the beach, Dorrie's head was seen bobbing up and down as she headed out into the open bay. After putting our things together, we shouldered our packs and walked over the saddle to Wine-glass Bay to spend our last night.

JOIN IN THE FUN

1st MARCH



LED THIS YEAR BY THE M.B.W

Tyrone's New Years Eve "Quickie" (Contd.)

All too soon this four day venture came to an end, and so with a drive back to Bichens and St. Mary's, we parted company, Tyrone taking the main party back with him to Melbourne. Keeping one of the hired Falcons, six of us put ourselves in the capable hands of Alec and with but a few helpful suggestions now and again from his backseat passengers, he was able to negotiate precipitous mountain roads and tracks and show us some more of the delightful scenery that Tasmania abounds in.

Thank you Tyrone for the time and effort you put into this walk to make it so memorable for us.

Joyce Dunn

Geoff Kenafacke, who has recently been in the Heyfield area, thought the following information might be of interest to members. Two leading Heyfield citizens have been approached by the Victorian Tourist Development Authority with a view towards construction of a new walking track to Lake Tarli Karng down a spur from near Millers Hut. One of the men, Heyfield jeweller, Mr. Clive Lanigan, has surveyed a route for another walking track to the Lake, going up the Wellington River and through the Valley of Destruction. He claims that the trip will be a lot less strenuous than the present climb up Riggals Spur. This second track will not have the backing of the V.T.D.A. but is likely to be established simultaneously with the first, by members of the Ben Cruacham Walking Club.

While speaking of Tarli Karng, owing to the recent heavy rains, the Lake is now fuller than the writer or indeed local bushmen, can remember having seen it before. The normal rocky foreshore or banks, are completely covered and likewise, the favourite campsites along the southern and western edges. The water is running a considerable distance into the trees along the barrier overlooking the Valley of Destruction.

ANNUAL REPORTS

1969 / 1970

Walks Secretary's ReportJohn Sparksman

1969 was a very successful walking year, with a good number of visitors qualifying and becoming financial members. Attendances throughout the year were consistently high and considerably exceeded those of recent years, despite difficulties caused by change of Club rooms, power strikes etc. Van fares have been fixed as low as possible without incurring a loss to the Club, and are in fact lower than for similar distances by train, even allowing for Sunday excursion rates.

The Walks Sub-committee has consisted of Art Terry, Michael Griffin, Fred Halls and John Siseman, and I should like to thank them for their assistance, especially in compiling the walks programmes. Fourteen people led their first walks during the year, and our thanks are due to all walk leaders for their time and effort (and often expense) involved. I should like to add my personal thanks to Art Terry in particular for his willingness to assist in every way.

Several new walking areas were explored during 1969, among them French Island, the Stony Rises, Lakes National Park, Snowy River and Suggan Buggan. Other features included the first programmed weekend to Wilkinson Lodge (more are promised), and two New Year trips to Tasmania. New ideas on where to walk are always welcomed and I am sure my successor will be pleased to have any suggestions.

Details of attendances

Month	Day	Weekend	Long Weekend and Extended	Members	Visitors	Total
January	2	1	1	52	24	76
February	4	1	-	64	36	100
March	5	-	1	67	46	113
April	5	-	2	69	44	113
May	3	3	-	100	56	156
June	5	1	-	93	36	129
July	4	3	-	82	47	129
August	5	3	-	115	63	178
September	4	2	-	76	41	117
October	3	3	-	119	47	166
November	6	2	-	116	45	161
December	3	3	3	96	46	142
Totals	49	22	7	1,049	531	1,580

Of the total number of 78 walks, 46 utilised the van, 23 public transport and 9 private transport.

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Walks Secretary's Report (Contd.)

Comparative attendances on walks since 1963:

Year	Day			Weekend			Extended			Overall		
	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.	No.	Tot.	Av.
1963/64	42	731	17	21	386	18	4	150	12	67	1,168	17
1964/65	48	786	16	30	240	364	124	12	78	1,150	15	
1966/67	47	847	18	17	294	17	10	155	16	74	1,296	18
1967/68	44	824	19	23	411	18	9	137	15	76	1,372	18
1968/69	43	942	22	20	343	17	6	103	17	69	1,388	20
1969*	49	1,007	21	22	445	20	7	128	18	78	1,580	20

* 1969 calendar year - others Club year 1st February to 31st January
1965/66 figures unavailable

Treasurer's ReportTyrone Thomas

Income and Expenditure for the 12 Months ended 31/12/69

Receipts

Cash in hand at start of year	2.27
Cash in bank at start of year	2,016.20
Annual subscription 1968	12.00
Annual subscription 1969 (excludes \$4 also received in 1968)	532.00
News subscription 1969	4.70
Visitors fees	23.00
Bank interest	54.19
Donations	8.25
Equipment hire	79.90
Van fares 1969 walks	2,545.70
Walk sales back numbers	98.90
Walk 1969 excludes \$65.10 also received in 1969	345.16
Walk 1970	87.90
Advertising income Walk 1969	344.52
Advertising income Walk 1970	87.90
Sales sundry stationery, badges etc.	13.10
Other clubs public-ations sales	57.65
Wilkinson Lodge Fees	144.05

Payments

Cheque book	2.50
Telephone	8.00
Postage	33.74
G.P.O. Box	9.00
Stationery	110.49
Rent 1968	8.00
1969	163.00
1970	97.50
New Clubrooms contribution	67.50
Suppers	55.19
Duplicator	250.33
Programmes	104.65
Affiliation fees	12.70
Track clearing equipment	41.10
Barn Dance subsidy	23.27
President's Weekend subsidy	11.10
Songbook covers	47.15
Donation Bogong Ski Club	40.00
Christmas present - Dennis	12.00
Equipment hire deposit refunds	54.00
Van costs 1968	231.00
1969	2,488.50
Van fare refunds	61.70
Cost printing Walk 1969 (3,000) excludes \$63.54 also paid in 1968	794.00
Cloth for badges	1.07
Stationery for badges (ok)	80
Purchase of other club publications	34.80
Wilkinson Lodge maintenance & extension	275.07
Fuel etc.	13.60
Insurance	10.54
Lease	2.00
Bank balance close of year	1330.19
Cash on hand close of year	- - -

\$6,394.49\$6,394.49

Treasurer's Report (Contd.)

1969 has been an exceptional year. We increased membership significantly to 172, had many more people than usual on walks, have rejuvenated Wilkinson Lodge, purchased an expensive duplicator, assisted the Bogong Hut construction by a \$40.00 donation, purchased good track clearing equipment and really got working on track clearing, and have culminated the year by obtaining good new Clubrooms.

Finances have not been unduly strained to date, although our bank balance shows a credit of only \$1,330.19. In the future, we can look forward to the savings of not having to pay for printing programmes, Wilkinson Lodge is in a reasonable condition and consequently, fees should replenish the funds spent on the Lodge within 12-18 months. However, the steep increase in rent from \$180.00 p.a. approximately, to \$390.00 p.a. means further income will have to be raised. It is quite obvious that visitors fees to the tune of \$50,00 have not been collected during 1969 and this should be policed during 1970 to save this loss of income. In addition, I would very strongly recommend an increase in subscriptions of at least \$1.00 per person.

As at 31.12.1969, the Club held the following assets:

Wilkinson Lodge
Track clearing equipment
Packs, sleeping bags and tents
Gestetner duplicator
Projector
Filing cabinet and maps
Badges (metal and cloth)
Walk magazines (unsold)
Other club publications
Stationery
Cash at bank \$1,330.19
Debtors Walk magazine advertising

Social Report

Shirley Trotter

Social activities during 1969 consisted of slide nights, theatre parties, a talk in the Clubroom, a Barn Dance and a Barbecue.

Slides were shown in the Clubroom, of trips at Christmas, Easter and long weekends.

Two theatre parties, one to "Across the Top" and the other to "Oh What a Lovely War" were both well attended.

Gwynnyth and Ron Taylor jointly presented a talk and slides on Victoria's National Parks.

The Annual Barn Dance was held at Main Ridge, but unfortunately was not as well patronised as in previous years.

The year concluded with a Christmas Barbecue at the Pocock's property at Wandin.

Thanks to all those willing slaves who have helped with supper and social activities during the year.

Track Clearing ReportArt Terry

The Ada River Valley tramway tracks were the target for this year's track clearing and in all, eight miles of tracks were cleared. The tramway is now open from Starling's Gap to the Ada River Road via Little Ada River, and from Starling's Gap to the foot of High Lead via Ada River. Sections of the tramway have been cleared by bulldozer to provide access for paper pulp vehicles. The section of track from the foot of High Lead out to the Powelltown-Noojee Road needs attention.

A full weekend at the beginning of October and two single days on 1st November and 29th November were spent working on the tracks. Twenty four people (including six women) participated in the four days of track clearing and of these twenty four people

7 people attended for 1 day	7 man/days
6 people attended for 2 days	12 man/days
7 people attended for 3 days	21 man/days
4 people attended for 4 days	16 man/days

giving a total work force of 448 man/hours.

A full report of these activities has been forwarded to the Federation of Walking Clubs.

Thanks again folks for your support and effort in clearing those tracks.

Equipment ReportRod Mattingley

The system developed in 1968 for hiring equipment was continued last year. All monies collected for hire charges and deposits being handed to the Treasurer at the end of each meeting. Deposits then being refunded by the Treasurer on return of the equipment. This system avoided leaving money lying around in the Clubroom.

However, now that we have our own clubrooms, I think that sufficient money to cover deposit refunds could be left in the cashbox. This would make the Treasurer's life less hectic on meeting nights.

The equipment we have for hire includes

6 packs
5 tents
5 sleeping bags
1 cape-groundsheets

These have been hired out at the rate of about three items per week during the year.

My thanks to those who have deputised in my absence, but please remember to fill in the equipment hire book - this has been overlooked sometimes.

The "NEWS" February, 1970

"WALK" Magazine ReportAthol Schafer

With the appearance of Volume 21, "Walk" has survived into the nineteen-seventies, thanks to the authors and all those associated with its production, with special mention made of the hard-core four or five sub-committee members - "labor ipse voluptas".

Under the business management of Doug Pocock, advertising was again increased: distribution was continued successfully by Rex Filson.

Same number as last year was printed, 3,000, but cost was up by about 10% (\$916.00). Receipts for Volume 20 now equal its cost.

News Convenor's ReportJenny Mead

News Convenors come and go but "NEWS" goes on forever (but only with your support).

During last year, the position of News Convenor changed hands and so too did the laborious job of running it off. Rex Filson took over this onerous task equipped with a new Gestetner and a very raw and ignorant new News Convenor. Under his guidance, advice and help the format of "NEWS" changed and as we haven't received any complaints, we presume readers are quite happy with the new presentation.

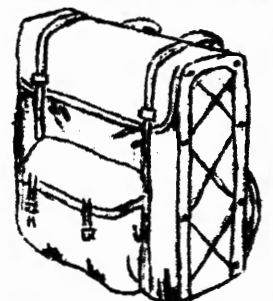
An excellent job was done by Shirley Veenstra (nee Treloar) as News Convenor, typist and printer of the "NEWS" until September of last year. Shirley, we do appreciate all the work and time you have given to "NEWS" and thank you most sincerely.

Looking back at last year's annual report for "NEWS", I find that some of the same people who were thanked then are due for thanks again this year. It was encouraging though, to see new names printed at the foot of articles, and all these people are thanked for their support and interest. Many thanks are due to Sue Filson for her monthly gossip column, Art Terry for his track clearing reports and to Athol Schafer and Michael Griffin for their regular contributions.

Thanks also go to all those people living in the Mont Albert area who have so willingly, in the months since Rex took over the printing of "NEWS", given their time on "running off" nights to put "NEWS" together and address wrappers.

"NEWS" needs your support and cannot continue without it. Be a giver and not a taker. Instead of being just a reader be a writer as well!

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Wilkinson Lodge Report

Marion Siseman

The Lodge seems to have increased in popularity this year - the number of visitors has increased by about half over last year - but still only about 1/3 of Club members have used the Lodge, and it is there for you to use.

	Members		Non-members		Individuals	Actual no. of Visitors
1968	32	+	12	=	44	62
1969	45	+	19	=	64	90

Included in the above figures are many people who have visited the Lodge more than once, but those who were involved in work parties have been excluded.

It was good to see a few families using the Lodge as it was with them in mind that partly contributed to the purchase of the Lodge.

Last November, the first Club trip to the Lodge was programmed and attended by eleven people, nearly all visitors for the first time. It is hoped this is the beginning of many more programmed trips.

The extension of the kitchen and the improved cooking facilities of the slow-combustion stove that has been installed, means the Lodge can cater more easily for large numbers. A new kitchen chimney and a hot water service heated by the stove, were also installed. In the lounge, a long bench has been built in, and more seating is planned. Lockers are now available, on hire, to store personal belongings - these are mainly used for food storage by winter parties at the moment. The Warmray has made heating more efficient and economic and has reduced the fire risk.

This autumn, it is planned to fence the water supply to keep the cattle from polluting it, and there is more work to be done on the plumbing.

The S.E.C. has commented on how well the Lodge is being maintained and this surely reflects credit on the various people who help keep the Lodge functioning adequately by donations of time, effort and goods, and on the Club as a whole for its financial support of an asset to be proud of.

LOCH WILSON

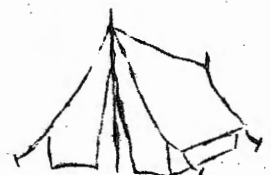
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Search and Rescue ReportFred Halls

During the search in bad weather for the light aircraft missing last September, nine Club members joined the searching groups, three of these attending on both the day and weekend searches. Many thanks to all these members.

Last Year's Search and Rescue Practice was conducted in a typical dissected Lerderberg River tract near Blackwood. The Land Rover Club provided transport and co-operated with the Walkers Federation as in recent years.

Half a dozen new members have joined the Club's Search and Rescue group during the past year.

Representatives of tertiary education walking clubs have provided several new ideas in the re-drafting of instruction and information sheets, and the compiling of search methods sheets.

This year's Search and Rescue Practice will probably take place in the Donna Buang region on 18th and 19th April, 1970.

Construction of the Walkers Federation hut at Mt. Feathertop has been completed to the stage where it is now a comfortable alpine shelter.

Victorian National Parks Association ReportLiz. Shaw

The V.N.P.A. again met quarterly during 1969 at the Herbarium. The most significant achievement of the V.N.P.A. during this time was the publication and submission of a proposal for the creation of an alpine National Park in the North-East of Victoria. The park would extend from north of Mt. Bogong, south to include Mt. Stone, Mt. Wellington, the Snowy Bluff and Mt. Grant, but would exclude the Kiewa Valley which is under control of the S.E.C. and the Mt. Hotham Alpine Rescue, in all a total of 2,000 square miles. The report presented the geographic, botanical, geological and water resources of the proposed park. The area contains some of the best walking country in Victoria, but is all too rapidly being intruded by roads, jeep tracks, etc. An excellent summary of the proposals is contained in the November 1969 issue of the V.N.P.A. Newsletter.

Other speakers who addressed the Association during the year were Mr. Bruce J. Opic, Chief Planner for the Town and Country Planning Board, Mr. G.N. Christensen of the Native Plants Preservation Society and Mr. R.D. Presse of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Open, uninhabited country is becoming a rare commodity in this State and unless we, of this generation, are voluble in demanding that large tracts are set aside in the natural state, very soon there will be nowhere to walk other than bitumen roads. The V.N.P.A. is one way in which members of the public can make known the need for conservation and it is a great pity that more walkers do not support this movement more actively. Speakers at the meetings are usually authorities in their fields and learning more of natural history certainly makes walking more interesting.

Secretary's ReportDorothy Warton

The beginning of the Club year found a raw recruit elected to the Secretarial position, but thanks to the help of the Committee, and particularly our efficient Treasurer, we have survived.

During the year I have answered 110 enquiries for information and Walks programmes. It is of interest to note that of these, only 6 have become members. Are we making the walks attractive enough to visitors and/or are we falling down in our role as hosts?

As the Committee Meetings have been reported regularly in the "NEWS" and other Office Bearers have written adequate reports, I feel that anything further would only be repetition.

Membership figures

	1967/68	1968/69	1969/70
Financial Members	146	150	173
Life Members	4	4	6
Honorary Members	12	9	12
Total	<u>162</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>190</u>

Auditors' Report

We have examined the books and records of the M.B.W. for the year ended 31/12/69 and are of the opinion that they truly reflect the activities of the Club for this period.

The year was noted for heavier than normal expenditure on assets such as improvements to Wilkinson Lodge and purchase of a duplicator, both of which should benefit the Club for some years. Despite the bank account at 31/12/69 being reduced, the Club experienced a successful year: enough cash is available for any commitments and the overall position at present is secure. Walk '69 has paid its way and although the printing costs of Walk '70 are heavy, we may expect to recover them.

At this point however, we feel justified in striking a sterner note: in view of the rent increase of the new Clubrooms, we recommend that every economy be availed of; also, reluctant as we are to suggest it, that subscriptions this year be increased by a small amount - having in mind the possibility of prospective members being deterred by too large an increase.

(Signed)

Sam Larsen
Robin Mitchell

Walks Preview (Contd.)

WEEKEND WALKS:

MARCH 26 - 30

ASSES EARS-CAMP OF THE EMU FOOT-CULTIVATION CREEK-GLENISLA RCKK-HOLLOW MOUNTAIN

Leader: Fred Halls p) 97-3724 Medium

Map reference: Grampians (Mines Dept.)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Fare \$7.00

Expected time of return 8.00 p.m.

The route of the walk leads past the Asses Ears at the head of the Mackenzie River and crosses the Glenelg River to Janang-en-yawe-ye (Camp of the Emu Foot) with its painted rock shelters. Continuing around the northern end of the Victoria Range into the rocky wilderness of Cultivation Creek Valley, we will see its painted rock shelters, orange cliffs and hollow wind-blown mountains. If time permits, we will explore Cultivation Creek Gorge.

It is hoped that two alternatives to this walk will be able to be conducted, but at the moment, leaders have not been forthcoming. The route of these two walks will be Mt. William-Major Mitchell Plateau (medium) and Wonderland (easy) respectively.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Michael Griffin would like to hear from any person (s) who either:

- (i) could offer him some sort of accommodation for at least six (6) months from May 1970; or
- (ii) would be interested in sharing a house with him for a six (6) month period from May 1970.

Explanations and details over the 'phone. Please ring 90-4554.

It is hoped that you all have the 25th February ringed in your diaries, marked on your date pads etc. as the night to be kept free of all other commitments other than the Annual General Meeting of the M.B.W. It is your responsibility as a member to be present. This is an important night in the Club's year as it is your opportunity to vote for the people you consider are the best suited to look after the interests of the Club as a whole and you as an individual.

My thanks to contributors to this month's "NEWS". Copy Deadline for next month's "NEWS" is 11th March.

Jenny Mead
News Convenor

THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME
The Club shall be known as the Melbourne Bushwalkers.
2. OBJECTS
The object of the Club shall be :
 - (a) to bring together those who esteem bushwalking and mountain climbing;
 - (b) to encourage a wider appreciation of the wild life and natural beauty of this country and to assist in its preservation;
 - (c) to foster walking tours;
 - (d) to foster social activity among the Members.
3. BADGE
 - (a) The Club badge shall be in the shape of a vertical rectangle with the following design: A man with a pack, walking uphill, (in silver), silhouetted against a light blue sky. The sky is divided from the hill mass by a thin silver line sloping down to the right, starting 2/3 of the way from the top of the badge. The hill mass is dark blue, with MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS imprinted in silver on it. A thin silver border encloses the design.
 - (b) The badge shall remain the property of the Club and shall be returned to the Committee on demand.
4. ASSOCIATIONS
The Club may, when it is deemed advisable, affiliate, co-operate or associate with any other body or organisation for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Club, provided that affiliation with any other body or organisation shall not be effected except by a decision of a majority of members present at a General Meeting. At least fourteen (14) days notice of the proposed affiliation shall be given in writing to each member. All affiliations with other bodies or organisations shall be listed in the Honorary Secretary's annual report.
5. MEMBERSHIP
Membership shall be open to persons of both sexes, and in this Constitution words importing the masculine shall include the feminine also.
 - (a) A full member is one who fulfils all the following requirements:
 - i) Qualifies, by completing to the satisfaction of the Committee, three Club programme day walks, each of qualifying standard, or two Club programme week-end walks, necessitating camping out. All Club walks shall be deemed qualifying walks except those marked non-qualifying on the programme.
 - ii) Pays the prescribed fees;
 - iii) Is of the full age of sixteen years.

- b) Life membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of exceptional services, on notice of motion at a General Meeting.
- c) Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee in special circumstances for such a period as the Committee deems fit.
- d) Application for membership shall be made on the prescribed form, such form to include an indemnity clause removing from the Club or its agents the responsibility for and/or liability in respect to any injury, loss or damage suffered by persons participating in Club activities. Applicants shall be proposed and seconded by two members, each of at least six months' standing in the Club.
- e) The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person provided that the proposer shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting.
- f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, a person participating in not more than three qualifying walks in any Club year may be classed as a visitor without any obligation to become a member. No non-member shall participate in more than three qualifying walks in any Club year until he has submitted an application for membership to the Committee. He may then participate in walks while the Committee is dealing with his application. The Committee may fix a scale of charges for visitors.
- g) The Committee may class certain minor walks, etc. as social activities. Any person may participate in such activities as a visitor.
- h) The Committee shall have power to discipline members in such manner as may be deemed fit should a member's conduct warrant same. All reports, complaints and charges shall be received and dealt with by the Committee, provided that the member concerned shall have the right of appeal to the next General Meeting.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The entrance fee and annual subscription for the ensuing twelve months shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting.
- b) Subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be due and payable at the Annual General Meeting, and any member whose fees are due and unpaid for two months shall cease to be a member. In the case of new members, the entrance fee and subscription shall be due immediately upon notification that the application has been accepted by the Committee. The Committee may, if it is deemed warranted by special circumstances, extend this period in the case of any individual member, such extension to be for a definite period, which may be extended from time to time as the Committee deems fit. Any such arrangement shall not be binding after the following Annual General Meeting, except as the incoming Committee shall decide.

7. OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

- (a) The Office Bearers shall consist of
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| President | Honorary Secretary |
| Two (2) Vice Presidents | Honorary Social Secretary |
| Honorary Walks Secretary | Honorary Lodge Manager |
| Honorary Treasurer | Honorary "News" Convenor |
| | Honorary Magazine Editor |
- and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to hold office for one year or until their successors shall have been elected. No President shall hold office for more than four years consecutively. The Committee shall as necessary, define the duties of each Office Bearer.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of all Office Bearers and in addition five members of whom no more than three shall be of the same sex. Such members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall also hold office for one year, or until their successors have been elected.
- (c) The Committee shall regulate its own procedure, and shall meet at least once during each calendar month. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled at the next General Meeting, except that vacancies in Office Bearers shall be filled at an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which seven days' notice has been given, such meeting to coincide with the first General Meeting after the expiry of the seven days' notice.
- (d) Absence from three out of five consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse shall cause a Committee Member's seat to be declared vacant.
- (e) The Committee shall arrange all activities, keep a record of them, keep Club members and the public informed, and generally manage the affairs of the Club as provided for in this Constitution. The Committee is empowered to form such sub-committees as may be necessary. The Committee or Convenors of sub-committees may co-opt any person, whose assistance may be deemed valuable.
- (f) The Club may buy, sell, hold, hire out, receive on hire, lend or receive on loan, or trust, any goods, real, personal moveable property or real estate, and enter into agreement with other persons or groups of people, incorporated or unincorporated, or undertake any action it deems fit, in pursuance of its objects.
- (g) The Committee shall at all times and in all matters, including the powers contained in the preceding paragraphs, be subject to the direction of the Club, and shall put into effect any resolution passed by a properly called and constituted General Meeting in this Constitution provided.
- (h) The Committee shall amend or rescind any resolution, rule or appointment made by it by direction of a majority vote of a General Meeting called for the purpose, and at which are present not less than 20 per cent of those members of the Club who are entitled to vote.
- (i) When a written agreement is entered into which is required to be signed on behalf of the Club, whether such agreement requires to be sealed or not, such agreement shall be executed by the President, and witnessed by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Walks Secretary.

8. TRUSTEES

The property of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees, each to hold office for three years, to retire in rotation and to be replaced by one elected at each Annual General Meeting.

9. MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting, of which at least fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing to each member, shall be held between the 14th and 28th days of February each year. The business shall be the reception of the Annual Report and Financial Statement, election of Office Bearers and Committee, and any other business that may be brought forward.
- b) A Half-Yearly General Meeting, of which at least seven days' notice shall be given in writing to each member, shall be held between the 14th and 31st days of August each year, for the transaction of general business.
- c) A Bi-Monthly General Meeting shall be held in the last week of April, June and October each year for the transaction of general business.
- d) The Committee, in relation to any business, may also, whenever it thinks fit, and shall, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least ten members and stating the business of the meeting requested, call an Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of discussing such business. At least fourteen days' notice thereof shall be given in writing to each member, such notice to specify the nature of the business aforesaid. An Extraordinary General Meeting called pursuant to such a petition shall be held within thirty days after the Committee meeting following receipt of the petition.
- e) Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum. The usual Parliamentary procedure shall be adopted at all meetings.
- f) Election of all Office Bearers and Committee Members shall be by secret ballot. A secret ballot may be held on any question if at least five members demand it.

10. YEAR

The Club year shall end on the last day of January.

11. FINANCE

- a) Accounts shall be opened in the name of the Club with a reputable bank, and any two jointly of the President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Walks Secretary shall operate on the accounts, provided that the signature of any one of them shall be sufficient endorsement for cheques, etc. paid into the Club's accounts. A Financial Statement shall be submitted to the Committee monthly.
- b) Two auditors shall be elected annually, and shall audit all books, financial records, stocks, etc. at least half-yearly. Auditors may not hold any other office in the Club.

12. BY-LAWS

The Committee shall be empowered, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, to make such By-Laws as are deemed necessary.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a) This Constitution shall not be amended except by a 60 per cent majority of those present at an Extraordinary, Half-Yearly or Annual General Meeting. For a meeting at which an amendment is to be debated, fourteen days' notice, in writing, setting out the proposed amendment in full, shall be given to each member.
- b) All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least thirty days prior to the appropriate meeting as defined in Clause 13 a).