



# THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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ATTENTION !!

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS VITAL TO ALL MEMBERS

Under clause 7 of the Constitution, your committee goes out of office at the Annual General Meeting that will be held between the 14th and 28th days of February, 1971, and a new committee will be elected for the ensuing year at that meeting.

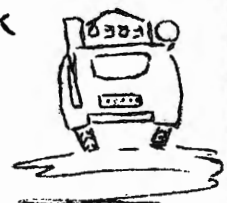
This committee consists of President, Two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Walks Secretary, Social Secretary, Lodge Manager, News Convener, Magazine Editor and five others of whom no more than three may be of the one sex. Also at this meeting one Trustee has to be elected to replace the one of the three who by rotation retires.

Your present committee urges that you give serious thought to the composition of the 1971 committee and submit nominations to the secretary in plenty of time for them to be brought to the notice of all members by medium of the News Letters of December, 1970 or January, 1971.

Each Nomination paper should be signed by Nominator, Secunder and Nominee.

The wellbeing of your Club is in the hands of your Committee. It is vital that its composition should be as good as you can make it.

The Wandering Brownlies are back  
See the supplement for details  
of Welcome home party



All correspondence should be addressed to:

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

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 8.00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

9th November, 1970

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Chairman: Alec Proudfoot

Present: Athol Schafer, Graham Mascas, Jenny Mead, Rod. Mattingley, Tyrone Thomas, Sue Ball, Fred Halls, Margaret Wark, Barbara Davies, John Sparksman, Robyn and Doug Pocock, Dorrie Warton.

Apologies: Rex Filson.

Correspondence:

The "Save the Kangaroo" Committee have nominated Mr. D. Birley, a Veterinary Surgeon, President of this committee to stand for the Senate election. This man is interested in Conservation and it is hoped he will receive support from those interested.

Special Report - Fred Halls:

Perhaps little known, even among the Bushwalkers; is an interesting area called the "Wychitella Forest". It is situated 145 miles west of Melbourne and contains many rare plants as well as the rare Mallee Fowl. For these alone it is worth a visit. The Wychitella Forest Preservation League is working diligently in the hope of having the area conserved permanently.

Treasurer:

Finances satisfactory. However no income has been received from sales of past copies of "Walk" recently.

Walks Secretary:

A total of 159 people participated in walks during October. This figure includes 33 visitors. A loss of approx. \$30.00 on van fares resulted from the recent Eldorado-Beechworth Trip.

Magazine:

"Walk '71" to be available soon.

News Convener:

A Sub-committee was appointed to purchase a typewriter for use of the News Convener and the Secretary.

Equipment Officer:

Some articles which were hired quite a long time ago have not yet been returned. Prompt return of items hired is stressed.

Native Plants:

A visit to Labertouche was organised for the weekend 7-8th Nov.

Committee of Management:

Members and visitors are reported to be very pleased with the collection of magazines located in the 2nd floor room. There will be another clean-up of the clubrooms on Saturday, the 21st November in collaboration with the Mens' Walking Club. It is hoped that this effort will be supported by a larger number of members. So please lend of your willing hands.

General Business:

The following applications for membership were accepted by committee. Judith Clark, Graham Manders, Helen Joy McCoy, Joy Lorraine Seymour.

WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKS:

December 6 GISBORNE-LITTLE BULLENGAROOK-MT. GISBORNE. Easy-Medium  
 Leader: Gerry McPhee  
 Map reference: Lancefield and Sunbury.  
 Train leaves Spencer Street Station 9.30 a.m. Buy Sunday Exc. to Gisborne. Fare \$1.40.  
 This promise<sup>d</sup> to be an enjoyable stroll rather than a race. The leader will be in the clubroom beforehand to give all details and may be contacted at 669-2540 (business hours).

13 ANGLESEA-PT. ROADKNIGHT-URQUHARTS BLUFF. Easy  
 Leader: Maria Verginis.  
 Map Reference: Anglesea.  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.90  
 Expected time of return: 7 p.m. A pleasant beach-walk.

FAMILY WALK - ANGLESEA

Leader: Marijke Mascas p) 50-2995  
 Map Reference: Anglesea. Approx. distance: 3-4 miles.  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m.  
 After an initial mile along the beach we hope to lunch for two (?) hours at Pt. Roadknight. After this we have the long trek into Anglesea for the van home.

20 MT. DANDENONG-MONTROSE Easy  
 Leader: Sam Larsen  
 Map Reference: Monbulk 1:50,000  
 Train leaves Flinders Street Station 9.40 a.m. Fare \$0.75 + bus. 10.30 a.m. from Croydon to Mt. Dandenong. Expected time of return 8.15 a.m. Approx. distance 11 miles.  
 Leaving the bus at Mt. Dandenong township and proceeding to the foot of Mt. Dandenong itself a gradual climb by jeep-track takes us to Burke's Lookout and TV towers. On reaching the summit - views & refreshments - the descent to Montrose is slightly steep but not too scrubby. N.B. HIGH-HEELED SHOES ARE BANNED. A pleasant stroll brings us to Montrose in time to be in the city soon after 8 p.m. P.S. bring a dollar or two for refreshments!!

WEEKEND WALKS:

December 4-6 PORT WELSHPOOL-CHINAMANS LONG BEACH-MT. HUNTER-FIVE MILE BEACH Hard  
 Leader: Roger Brown p) 57-6729  
 Map Reference: Yanakie 1:63,360. Approx distance 26 miles.  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Fare \$ 6.00.  
 Come and see the northern half of the "Prom", which is vastly different to the more frequented areas of the prom. Access is by boat from Port Welshpool to Chinamans Long Beach. Mt. Hunter will be conquered and some good views obtained. The walk will cover 3 beautiful beaches in 3 mile beach, Johnny Sueys Cove and 5 mile beach. Time to swim at these beaches is guaranteed. We will then return to the main Tidal River Rd, along the way obtaining good views of the Trezlecki Ranges, Yanakie Plains and Corner Inlet. There is a limit of 24 so book early! Note that fare is now \$6.00 due to cost of boat trip.

SEALERS COVE-REFUGE COVE-WATERLOO BAY-OBERON BAY-TIDAL RIVER

Leader: Graham Mascas p) 50-2995 Medium  
 Map Reference: Wilson's Prom. 1"=1 mile or Melb. Bushies' Map  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Return at 9.30 p.m. approx.  
 After arrival at Telegraph Saddle we will walk 1½ miles to camp at Windy Saddle. (Bring pegs a-plenty to anchor yourself down!) Saturday's lunch will be at Refuge Cove, then onto camp at Little Waterloo Bay. There will be an early start on Sunday, in time for lunch at Growler's Creek. A last minute-dip, hot showers and cool icecream are promised in true Mascas fashion at Tidal River.

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WALK PREVIEWS (Continued)

December 4-6 SOUTH POINT-ROARING MEG-OBERON BAY.

Leader: Art Terry p) 93-3617 Hard  
Map Reference: Wilson's Prom. 1"=1 mile or Melb. Bushies' Map. Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Return 9.30 p.m.  
A rewarding but somewhat difficult walk, owing to the "Prom" scrub. This walk will be to the most southern point of the Australian mainland. The coastal scenery of several groups of small islands is superb. Good rock-fishing and swimming are assured at the mouth of Roaring-Meg Creek - our Saturday campsite. Long trousers and leather gloves are essential for part of this trip.

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NOTES

All members please pay attention to this message:-  
Due to the recent steep rise in postal rates, it would be greatly appreciated if a concerted effort could be made by all members to collect their newsletters in the clubroom if they are there when it is being distributed.

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Another clean-up will be held in the clubrooms on Saturday 21st November. Kindly come along and help out for just a little time as many hands make light work. Let Graham Mascas know if you are willing to assist. p)50-2995  
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On behalf of all members of this club I would like to extend congratulations to Rex Filson on winning A Churchill scholarship to travel and study lichens around the world. The best of luck to you Rex.

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MY utmost thanks must go to the many contributors to this month's News. I do hope some members will write about their Various Christmas Trips as I am sure these would be of great interest to all readers of "News".

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Would you like some arm exercise for a change??? Well, Judy Shegog and Marg. Jorgensen have organised a BOWLING EVENING at the Camberwell Bowl on Tuesday the 24th November, 1970 at approximately 8 p.m. This will be followed by supper at the home of Graham and Marijke Mascas. If you could possibly bring a plate of food this would be most welcome. The cost of playing two games of bowling is very reasonable and great fun even if you do bowl yourself down the alley as well! The Camberwell should prove to be a fairly centralised Bowl for many people too. Visitors are most welcome.

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DEDICATED TO SUE & TY. Barbara Davies,  
"NEWS" Convener.

"We appear then, as a member of that class of perhaps not altogether respectable persons who ascend hills merely for pleasure. They have no particular principles, except the general maxim that it is better to be at the top of a hill than at the bottom." -----

<u>DUTY ROSTER</u>	
25th November	- Alec Proudfoot
2nd December	- Sue Ball
9th December	- Graham Mascas
16th December	- Margaret Wark

<u>FILM NIGHTS</u>	
2nd December	- John Retchford, on the Andean Expedition. 8 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.
16th December	- John Morrison on South and East Africa

# SUE'S SNIPPETS

A Bushie who has taken a slightly different plunge and joined the "Homeowners' Association" is Lindsay Crawford. The best of luck with your new venture Lindsay.

The itchy-footed are still in sight but only just. Perhaps we will be saying farewell to Tyrone, Dorrie & Leila who plan to leave our shores before long.

An excellent crowd came to enjoy the President's Weekend at Glenluce Springs, but one select(?) group had a private party of their own. The merry singing of the majority was helped greatly by the presence of the Mascas mulled wine served up in stylish plastic beakers and pannikins.

Comment heard during the course of the evening:

"She's got a guitar too! "Then why didn't you get her to bring that along as well?"....."Why, I only met her today!"

Eddy for President.

Rumorthis it that Bob Steel is moving back to Melbourne soon after Christmas.

It was good to see John Richards in the clubrooms again. Maybe we will have him out walking again!

Join the club, join the club, join the Landrover club. This seems to be catching on lately with the addition of Ed. Lawton plus one old series 1 Landrover. I wonder how faithful this one will be?

Good Luck is extended to all those poor souls sitting for their examinations at the moment.

We welcome the new members to the Club and hope they enjoy their association with us.

- Paul Bryant - 433 Springvale Road, Forest Hills 3131
- Helen McCoy - 25 George Street, East Melb.p)41-4790 b)60-0441
- Joy Seymour - 25 George Street, East Melb.p)41-4790 b)67-9221 Ext. 12
- Judith Clark - Flat 20, 49 Haines Street, Nth. Melb. p)30-1846

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NEW "NEWS" SUBSCRIBER:

Julie Keating - 12 Fellow Street, Reservoir. 3073

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

- Joan Gibbons - Flat 1,6 Carnarvon Road, Nth. Caulfield. 3161 p)50-5949
- Ian Morrison - P.O. Box 22, Middle Brighton.3186
- Lindsay Crawford - 10 Currajong Road, Hawthorn East. 3123
- Y.H.A. OFFICE - 15 Drummond Street, Carlton. 3053 (upstairs)
- This office is open until 4.30 p.m. on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Frid. & is open until 6.30 p.m. on Wed. Closed Sat.

CHANGES OF PHONE NO.

- Verna Millis - Business 35-6004
- Barbara Davies - Business 41-1380 & 41-2857

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Michael Griffin has also changed his address and now lives at 4/3 Lyall St. Hawthorn 3122 (b) 801 333



WANDONG TO TOOROURONG RESERVOIR

1100 hours:- 29 intrepid walkers leave deserted Wandong loggers camp watched by some of John's military cronies. One dried creek bed and a not so dry creek (plus Andy) later, and lunch was in sight.

But mystery. Whip counts 30 people. "A spy"says John, "M15 is wanted". Also, who stole Maria's hat? Poor girl is heart broken.

Then Art authorises very cunning plan for an early ( or late depending on point of view) retirement.

Obstacle between walkers and lunch - bull paddock, containing many vigorous beasts. Roger with sanity of a matador and grace of an elephant ferociously charges bulls wildly waving his hat. Hasn't anyone explained to him? Bulls are dangerous. Never the less, all but the bravest flee. Bravest gets ready to charge, thinks again and turns away. Roger thinks backside is not so good looking as face. Maria thinks bull's backside is OK if bull is going in opposite direction to walkers. Inclined to agree.

Lunch.....after lunch cavil.

Jeff found to have Maria's hat. Hat has strange magical properties. Jeff transformed into black knight, the worst type of fiend - rapist and maiden-eater. Sir (or is it St.?) Stephen spends rest of afternoon using quarter staff to protect female virtue from black fiend.

Meanwhile walk goes on. Up and down, up and down, 200 yards along road (first road sighted all day), into bush again. Three miles, one cramp, three exhaustions, a Rosemary & Graham skipping exhibition later as well as 2000 ft. higher we find another road and the last leg to the van.

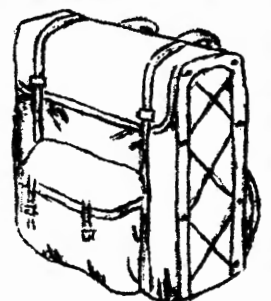
Harold objects to climbing lookout. Tremendous panorama. Was it worth it Harold? All good bushwalks should end in a view such as this. But this walk is not over though we all wished it was. A flat run into Toorourong Reservoir reserve and many different styles of high fence climbing. Steve's quarter staff would come in handy for fence vaulting. But where is our hero? He's come to a truce with the black knight over a toasted sandwich.

M15 investigations reveal that spy not in midst. Maria's name not on list (she still had to pay though, Mr. Treasurer!). Military efficiency has broken down again.

This walk was probably harder than most day walks but no groans or complaints heard. Possibly due to comfortable pace and variety of interesting scenery devoid of roads. The applause was well deserved John. You may lead again!

-- An earnest survivor --

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Along The Track (Continued)YARRA GLEN - PINNACLES.

Kel. Wilson - 3rd November.

It was one of those days in spring when one can't refrain from exclaiming "What perfect weather for walking! Oh how I wish I were out in the hills today!"

Well here was the wish coming true for once, at least for the 14 who had joined Kel's Cup Day Walk. By soon after 10 o'clock the party were following him over the open hills and enjoying fine views across the lush Yarra Valley, where, after a particularly wet season, waterholes and lagoons brimful lay like scattered opals reflecting the blue of a cloudless sky.

Lunch on a grassy bank; and here was a farmer's wife carrying out a tray heavy with pots of hot tea for the whole party; Thank you Mrs. Davis of Gulf Road. Then on to The Pinnacles, sad remnants of diminishing bush, where the intervening saddles were now vividly stippled (like a Van Gogh) by spikes of the giant red clover. After losing count of the number of fences crossed during the 12-mile walk the party returned to Yarra Glen for the usual milk-shakes.

\*\*\*\* Athol Schafer \*\*\*\*

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND 1970 - GLENLUCE SPRINGS

"And the sun on their labours with pleasure did smile". - That really did make the President's weekend - that, and the beautiful grass under the beautiful trees on the spacious bend of a beautiful river.

About 45 turned up ( that is, counting all the little bits as wholes ). The ford to the campsite was fraught with interest and expectations until it was crossed so many times that even Yvonne was blasé about it. The fizzy sparwater laced as may be by lemons generously supplied by Doug, was popular (with no reported side effects). The walk along the old Chinamen's race (1850) to Vaughan was lovely and within the compass of even the littlest of the little bits. Incidentally, a walk to discover where the race comes from and to whence it goes would be an interesting exercise and probably would add another major walk to the Club's list.

It was good to see the Sharps again - their ancient car and more recent massive mastiff. The President's weekend should be a good occasion for members of long standing to get together again. While we welcome the newcomers we do miss the old timers.

Did we enjoy ourselves? - well - the President did.

\*\*\*\* Alec Proudfoot \*\*\*\*

LOST!!!!

A large, jungle green, coated nylon, hooded parka with sown on cape. Believed left in Clubroom on Wednesday evening of October 28th. Would finder please return it to Alec Proudfoot or some other committee member?

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Along the Track (cont from page 8 )

A weekend could never be so perfect - seven of us were affected by drinking water from the cool, sparkling waters of Reedy Creek near the waterfall just out of Beechworth. I feel this should be noted.

Marg. Jorgensen,

Along The Track (Continued)IN GRAND STYLE FROM ELDORADO TO BEECHWORTH

A large van with room to sleep in comfort, a Friday sky full of stars, a confident Captain who leads us to a delightful riverside camp ( though still haven't seen Eldorado), a warm around the fire before bed.

A morning mild and full of bird songs, but what's this - we wade the river first off? Its yours truly last target to cross, no - here comes Greg. Jeep track, a rocky outcrop to climb giving views over Reidy Creek valley, and ouch! who threw that prickly pear - Rodney? Warm sun, natter and chatter thrive, a steep climb up from a bubbling creek, and lunch. Omñous clouds gather as delicious food items are traded. Thunder....Build up the fire, gather round, rain is pouring off hoods and capes, bare legs are scorched one side, wet and blue the other.

On again, drying off as we swing along at a brisk pace. Harald has a walking cane, or is it a weapon? Tall timber on both sides.

Arrive under blue skies at a soft, green, campsite as rabbits scuttle in all directions. Hardy souls depart on a further 3 - mile walk to Mt. Pilot, while the remaining few laze around the fire sipping tea - jasmin, no less. Has our leader started a new trend? Commotion, a familiar face with a crew-cut arrives out of the afternoon light driving a Nissan four-wheel thingo. One hasty gulp of tea and its all aboard - quick! To Mt. Pilot - we'll beat them there!

I still don't know which amazes me more - the fact that the walkers beat us to the top( only just ) - or that we still have some precious tea left in our mugs as the rockin' and rollin' chariot finally comes to rest. However, we are not able to enjoy even a sip as it is immediately pounced upon and consumed in one swift second by two of the record-breakers. After having shown that we are suitably impressed by their feat - that of climbing 800 feet in 3 miles in 42 minutes, we are allowed to admire the expanse of country viewed for miles on all sides - flat plains spreading across to the horizon in the west, and Mt. Buffalo's bulk to the east.

Now, here is an interesting question. How many bodies can a Nissan carry? With Phillip on the bonnet, Alan and Ty hanging on the back, Wally on the roof as well as the sardines inside, answer = 17.

The evening is still, it is dinner and a show as we watch the drama of an approaching storm. Behind the purple hills, cauliflower clouds are puffing themselves up for the coming act, changing from pink to red, to black as the lightning zips open the heavens. (Will someone please send Alan off to Lennox Walker for a lesson...)

Next morning, pale skies and a frost. Mist hangs like terylene curtains in the valley. Our angel of yesterday was not a vision, he loads now our packs on board his chariot as off we stroll in the spring sun towards Beechworth. This is the life.....a rest here, a sunbake there, now a laze in the grass looking over green velvet paddocks, cattle heavily moving, the sundrenched hills behind, and knowing that for lunch there he will be with icecream and peaches waiting for us all. Heavenly. All this, plus a waterfall of some grandeur, where the town's Rescue Service were demonstrating their prowess with a flying fox.

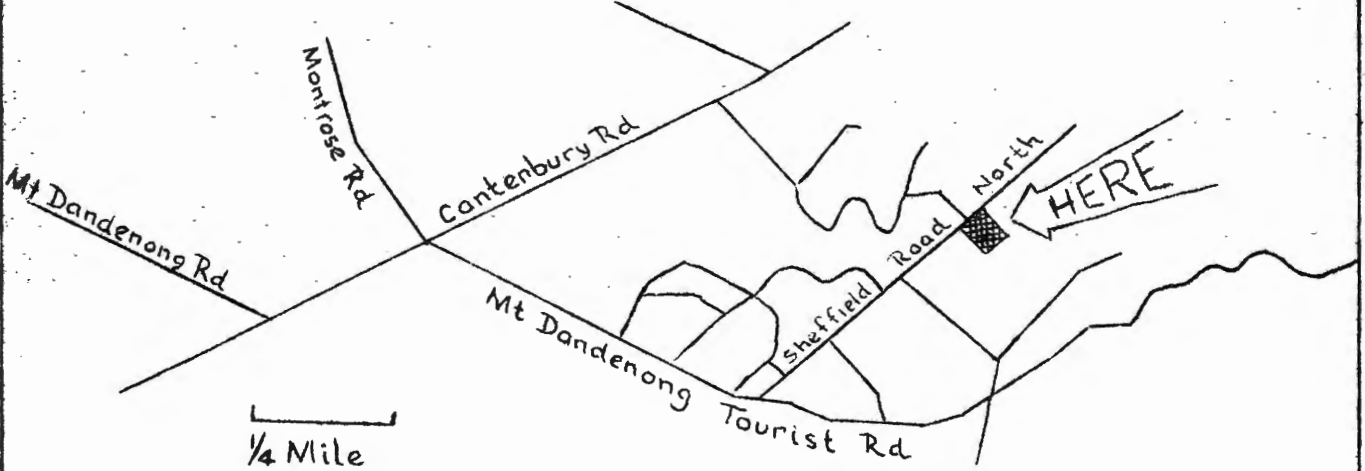
Packless still, we spring to our feet and float the last few miles, passing an aboriginal cave shelter and giant rocks in wierd shapes, joining the Sunday trippers at the National Trust Showpieces - the old Powder Magazine and Pioneer's Cottage. We have time for a quick look at the old gaol, Court House and offices, all having been spruced up and looking far too clean. No gold was discovered but Rob. and his chariot were next best. Thanks, Rob. Must do it again some time.

Our thanks to Graham for a beaut weekend. Does he quarentee such luxury next time? (Can now believe that a certain member has yet to do a full weekend carrying a pack. Cluey chap!

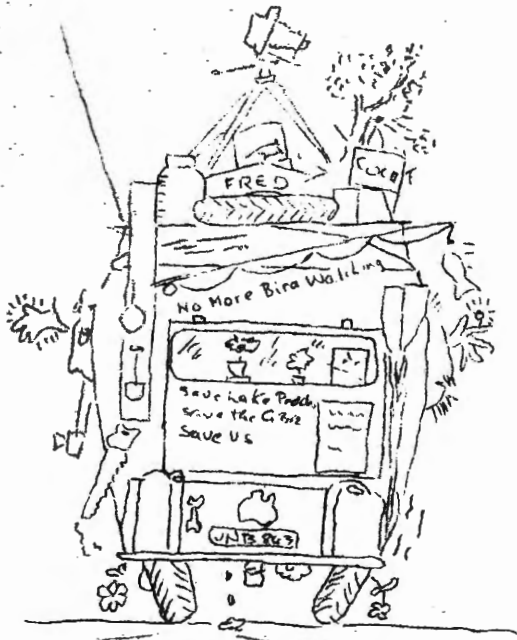
\*\*\*Marg. Jorgensen\*\*\* (see note p.7)



# WELCOME HOME TO THE WANDERING BROWNIES



A welcome home and barbecue tea to the exhausted Brownlies will be held on Thursday 26th November at Sheffield Road North, Montrose, at about 6 o'clock, come when you are able. Please ring Gwynnyth Taylor, 728 1764 evenings if you are coming so that they will know how many fatted calves to kill.



THE OLD LADY  
AS SHE WAS!

YOU SHOULD  
SEE HER NOW.