



THE NEWS

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EIGHT NEW BOOKS FOR BUSHWALKERS

Michael Morcombe, perhaps one of the foremost of Australia's Wildlife photographers has recently produced eight books on Australian Natural History, all published by Lansdowne Press.

"Australia's Wildflowers" has 180 colour photographs, is 11 3/4 x 8 3/4" and reasonably priced at \$4.95.

Australia has been divided into five regions - the south, the east, the centre, the north and the north-east, and the south-west. Each of these sections is introduced by an eminent botanist from the area and includes a short biography of him. Part 1 - The South, which covers southern N.S.W., Victoria, Tasmania and Eastern S.A. was written by Mr J.H. Willis of the National Herbarium, Melbourne.

Following this introduction is a list of the National Parks and Wildlife Reserves of the region, together with notes of the type of flora found in them. The names of the protected plants of each State and a short chapter on the cultivation of wildflowers for home gardening are interesting inclusions.

The maps of National Parks, Reserves and given rainfall, physical, botanical and vegetation regions of Australia are clear and easy to read. The book is furnished with an extensive bibliography and index.

"Australia's Wildflowers" is made more attractive by the numerous black and white ink drawings by the author. For these alone the book is worth possessing.

Following the publication of this book came three more books in the Periwinkle Colour Series, size 7 1/4" x 5" and priced at \$1.50. These were written in collaboration with his wife Irene. These titles - Wildflowers of Western Australia, Wildflowers of the East Coast and Wildflowers of the North and Centre, are very similar in content to the larger book "Australia's Wildflowers" and cover the same regions. Some of the photographs are identical, but there are many original ones. It is unfortunate that the text for the three books is identical, which seems redundant if you purchase the three. The section on Collecting and Preserving Specimens, which is almost word for word to that in "Australia's Wildflowers" and prepared with the assistance of Dr. John Child, is brief but exceedingly helpful to anyone embarking on the study of our native plants.

Each book has a glossary, a list of further reading and separate indices to scientific and common names.

The remaining books, also in the Periwinkle Colour Series, at \$1.50 are on Australian National Parks, each covering a section of Australia - The East, The Far North, The West and The Centre, and The South. Once again these are pocket sized editions which cover the same areas as the larger hard bond book "Australia's National Parks", published in 1969. The information has been revised and brought up to date.

For anyone travelling in Australia with the intention of visiting National Parks, they will find in these books a wealth of information. In the Tourist Guide, parks are listed alphabetically with notes on size, locality, access, topography, vegetation types, features of interest, activities (including bushwalking and rock-climbing) accommodation and season to visit. Each park is discussed in more detail, at times giving partial fauna and flora checklists. The books have a short bibliography and a list of birds and animals found in the region.

The eight books are profusely illustrated with Michael Morcombe's superb colour photographs. His technique of photographing wildflowers close-up, while keeping the scenery visible in the background, gives the pictures a depth not often found in this type of photograph.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

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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.

EXTRACTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

18th January, 1971

Chairman: Alec Proudfoot

Apologies: Peter Carlyon

Correspondence: A meeting was held at Whyte's River on 5th Dec, 1970 to discuss the future of the Kosciusko National Park huts. The response to the questionnaire proved very encouraging and indicated considerable agreement on major points. Those attending the meeting agreed that they should provide practical assistance in the maintenance of the huts. A Steering Committee was formed in order to formulate proposals for the Kosciusko Huts Association's activities (formed at this meeting also). The next general meeting of this Association is planned to be held before winter 1971. Interested persons or organisations should contact the Secretary of the Steering Committee, Barry Seedsman, Box 35 P.O., Adaminaby, N.S.W. 2630.

The second edition of the M.U.M.C. book, "Guide to the Victorian Alps", is now available. This edition has been printed by a letterpress process, instead of being mimeographed, resulting in a better quality product. The contents have been revised and the sections on the Howqua River Valley and the Eskdale Spur north of Mt Emu have been considerably expanded. The price remains at \$2.00 per copy or \$2.25 posted. Copies are available from the M.U.M.C. or bushwalking and scout shops.

Treasurer: Finances are Satisfactory.

Walks Secretary: During the month of December there was an attendance of 104 on walks. This includes 25 visitors, however these figures are approximate only.

Social Secretary: A Club Barbecue has been arranged at the home of the parents of Stuart and Graham Hodgson in Montrose on Saturday evening the 13th February. Please refer to the supplement in this edition of "NEWS" for details.

Magazine: The pros and cons of whether Walk '72 should be published or not were discussed.

Wilkinson Lodge: As the cladding was not carried out at Christmas, several club members will be spending the last week in January at the Lodge in order to do this work. Those members anticipating visiting the Lodge during the long weekend will be able to see the "New Look" Wilky. The Lodge Manager hopes that a club trip can be arranged once a month up until May, 1971.

Track Clearing: The annual club track clearing weekend has been arranged for 3-4th April, 1971. Marking of the track in The Crinoline area will be carried out. Please make a special effort to attend this weekend as many hands make light work.

Native Plants: On Thursday, 4th February, 1971 at the Adult Education Centre, 256 Flinders St, Melbourne, in room 2, 4th Floor, Mr J.R. Garner will give a talk and slides on his recent travels to North Australia and New Guinea. His slides will not only cover wildflowers but other fields of interest also. Starts at 8 p.m. Take left in centre of arcade.

General Business: A further nomination has been received. Michael Griffin has been nominated for Vice-President of a member of the Committee. Next Committee Meeting is on Monday 8th February, 1971

WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKS:

- February 7 LATROBE RIVER-SILVERTOP RIDGE-SOUTH HELLS GATE-LABERTOUCHE.
 Leader: Ed. Lawton Medium
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00
 This walk will be along jeep tracks and logging tracks. It will be fairly up and down but could be quite a decent walk.
- 14 LITTLE RIVER-JAWBONE-CERBERUS CREEK
 Leader: Peter Bullard p) 50-5234 Easy-Medium
 Map Reference: Taggerty and Thornton 1:50,000
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.90
 Starting out feeling fresh and energetic (we Hope), we will climb the cathedral and have lunch at the top taking in the magnificent views. Feeling refreshed we then follow the range to Sugarloaf Peak to be climbed if time allows. If not, we will descend to about one mile north of Buxton. CARRY WATER FOR LUNCH.
 Approximate distance 9 miles.
- 21 MT. DESPAIR-WILHELMINA FALLS.
 Leader: Alex Stirkul Medium
 Map Reference: Taggerty 1:50,000
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.90. Expected time of return 8 p.m. Approximate distance 10 miles.
 The object of this forthcoming pedestrian exercise, namely the above mentioned walk, will be to make the participants enjoy it. The leader will do this by employing various subtle techniques such as belting stirrers and moaners across the cake-hole with a wet mullet. The walk itself promises to be interesting, being mainly through hilly country. It is advisable to bring water for lunch.
- 28 MOOMBA DAY WALK
 The Youth Hostels Association will be organising this year's walk. It proposed to operate this and all future Moomba Day walks as fund raising trips for F.V.W.C's Search & Rescue activities, a vital and essential service provided by F.V.W.C.
 There will in fact be three walks in the hills around the beautiful Goulburn Valley near Trawool. The walks cater for all tastes and are:
 (a) FAMILY NATURE RAMBLE:
 Trawool to the Reservoir and Meadows Hill, then return to Trawool via Falls Creek track. An easy to medium nature walk for the family.
 (b) CHERRY TREE RANGE SKYLINE TRAVERSE:
 Trawool to Bald Hill and the Cherry Tree Range and return via the Goulburn River track. A medium walk along the ridge of the Range.
 (c) TRAWOOL TO TALLAROOK MOUNTAIN BAGGING EXPEDITION:
 Trawool to Tallarook via the Reservoir, and the ridge top to Mt. Tallarook, then via the plateau rim to Breech Peak and Tallarook township. A long (16 mile) walk that is exceptionally rewarding in that it provides a variety of rich scenery and spectacular, extensive views.

All walkers will be provided with some liquid refreshments, but lunch and maybe an afternoon snack will have to be carried by all walkers.

TRANSPORT:

(a) A special train will be provided, departing from Spencer Street at 9.30 a.m., arriving at Trawool around 11.10 a.m. (Be at Spencer Street early). Return fare: \$2.25 for adults, \$1.13 for children under 16 years.

(b) Walkers may arrive by car for walks circular to Trawool. Drive to arrive by 11.00 a.m. at Trawool Railway Station.

COST:

Excluding transport cost, the walk will cost you only 30¢ for an adult and 20¢ for children. Funds raised are to aid the F.V.W.C. Search and Rescue, who assist the Victorian Police Force in search and rescue operations. Tickets for the walk can be obtained from

WALK PREVIEWS (Continued.)

Y.H.A. on the date of the walk at Trawool Station.

BOOKINGS:

Bookings for the special train may be made at the Y.H.A. Office - 15 Drummmond Street, Carlton - and through member clubs of the F.V.W.C. (This includes the Melbourne Bushwalkers). Other train details may be determined by telephoning Y.H.A. on 34-6282 (office hours) after February 1st.

WEEKEND WALKS:

February

5-7

BAW BAW VILLAGE-MT.ERICA-MUSHROOM ROCKS.

Leader: Ron Filsell p) 874-6431 b) 321-2211 Medium
Map References: Baw Baw Plateau V.M.T.C. 1#1 mile. and Sketch Map By Melbourne Bushwalkers. Walhalla B & D Sheets also.
Van leaves Batman Avenue at 6.30. p.m. Fare \$4.20
An easy stroll across the Baw Baw Plateau with plenty of time to observe the many alpine flowers and possibly swim in a rock pool. Good views across the Thomson Valley and interesting rock formations. Approximately 14 miles.

19-21

1) McFARLANE HUT-TARLI KARNG.

Leader: Graham Mascas p) 50-2995 Easy-Medium
Map Reference: V.M.T.C. Snowy Plains & Mt Wellington 1"-1 mile.
This walk promises to be an exploratory weekend due to the fact that the leader knows as much as the led. We will try and find this famous lake. No guarantee given!! The walk will be easy on Saturday (downhill) and medium on Sunday (uphill of course).

19-21

2) TARLI KARNG-THE SENTINELS-MT. WELLINGTON.

Leader: Greg. Harwood. Medium
Map References: V.M.T.C. Snowy Plains & Mt. Wellington 1"-1 milw.
Don't know where the place is. Never been there myself. Will be an easy walk because I said so. Any obs. to be addressed to me on walk!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24th, 1971 (WEDNESDAY) AT 8.00. p.m. IN THE CLUBROOMS AT HOSIER LANE, MELBOURNE:

DUTY ROSTER

27th January, - Roger Brown
3rd February - Marg. Wark
10th February - Rod. Mattingley
17th February - Sue Ball
24th February - Alec Proudfoot

SLIDE EVENINGS

3rd February - Wilkinson Lodge
and environs - Peter Carlyon.
17th February - Sue Ball on ?

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SUE'S SNIPPETS

Did the Mitchells have quads?

Over the Christmas period, December 28th - January 5th 98 men, women and children spent a night at Wilky. An all time record?
One way of paying for the cladding!

The stork was also very busy during the festive season with new arrivals in three bushwalking families. We welcome David Errey, Fiona Siseman, and Andrew Mitchell and hope that the parents do not have too many sleepless nights.

January 13th saw two interstate visitors in the clubrooms Jan and Tony Lothian on the way back to Adelaide after walking in the Victorian Alps. Tony is President of the Adelaide Bushwalkers and Jan in membership Secretary.

Jon Cairn's group as well as bidding farewell to the Apple Isle said au revoir to Leila Fiddian who is embarking on an extended working holiday and hitch-hike around Tasmania.

Hair on the upper lip is a sign of.....?
Greg isn't a Martin Collins Fan.

Have heard that Joan G. has joined the heavy weights. Last seen staggering into the mist from Rawson Pass.

Is Tyrone going Bald?

Rumours (as usual unreliable) have it that Eddie is off to New Guinea or somewhere (wishful thinking). We love you Ed!

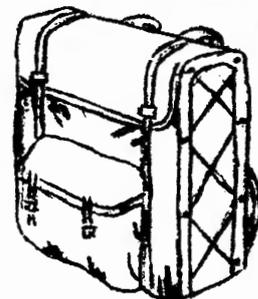
Congratulations to Barbara Goldfinch on completing her Nurses Training. Barbara will be staffed at Box Hill Hospital this year.

Also to Robin Mitchell who at last has completed his degree (in wool-pulling.)

Congratulations and welcome to the following honourable new members:

- Keti Volkov, 419 Melbourne Road, Newport. p) 391-1314
- Ted Brown, 13 Field Street, McKinnon 3204 p) 97-2308 b) 949-6573.
- Ian Wright, 2 Belgravia Street, Box Hill North.p) 857-8597

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ALONG THE TRACK

HOW TO ENJOY A SCOTTISH SUMMER IN VICTORIA

Little did we realize as we drove to Suggan Buggan on that hot Sunday that it would be the last time we would feel hot and see the sun again for a week.

It took until about 6 o'clock before the last carload arrived to complete Doug's party. Watches were set to "Pocock Standard Time" (P.S.T.) which was 2 hours ahead, and after a quick swim and tea, we set up our sleeping bags in the shearing shed nearby as a thunder-storm looked imminent.

Next morning we drove to "Monaro Gap" and with much heaving and grunting shouldered our heavy packs and started up the "Ingeegoodbee Track".

"Gee, I wish it was cooler!"

Mt Meenak is finally conquered, not worth the climb as there is nothing to see. After about three miles we parted company with Dave, Tony, Bev and Julian who must be back at work before the walk is scheduled to finish. They are going to tackle the MacFarlane's "unflat" Flat track. I pity them! Onwards we plod towards the Ingeegoodbee River. Upon arrival at the river lunch is called as the leader is in need of a rest of some duration. Unbeknown to us, this was to be our last sight of sunshine.

After lunch we climb steadily (as per usual) to the border where Doug attempts to collect taxes for cartage of dried fruit and vegetables. We refuse, so they are confiscated. Then we push on to get more at Bill's Garden. That night, making camp set the pattern for the following three or four nights, where-by as soon as Roger started mixing his "Instant Pudding" down would come the rain.

Up at 6.30 a.m. P.S.T. then off along the Ingeegoodbee track.

"Will it rain? No; I hope!"

A casual stroll along the track, a good nature walk. Plenty of oxes, brumbies, kangaroos and joeys, parrots.....and water; nearly as bad as Barmah. Lunch on the Ingeegoodbee river again, complete with the sensation of biting ants and stinging March Flies.

Onwards, ever Onwards.

With thoughts of a lovely dry camp at Tin Mine Huts, we were just rounding the last bend when we discovered that we had been beaten to the place by three mad Land Rover owners - complete with three dogs and two chain saws (in operation too!!) We went down to these folk and exchanged pleasantries but no offers were made to share the huts with them. Anyway, after seeing their canine friends romping and yapping on the bunks inside, this made the outdoors, although wet, seem highly preferable. The search for Tin Mine Falls was unsuccessful (mainly because we all felt so cold) but with great difficulty we found a campsite. Fortunately we managed to cook and devour tea before the rain again descended upon us.

The next day the cold really set in and by the time we reached "The Pilot" we found snow laying on the track. Not deterred, we set off to climb to the summit. Although we couldn't see a damn thing, what with the snow falling and the mist closing in, we got to within 100 feet of the top but then had to turn back. But not so with Roger; he conquered the summit alone, signed the book and bid a hasty retreat. We had lunch with a fire and hot soup all round. Back along the track to Cowombat Flat where we crossed the Murray Without being caught by Henry's Henchmen.

After such a delightful camp spot and some much relished sunshine on early Thursday morning (only a little though) the three tough ones were feeling as fit as bulls and twice as dangerous, so Graham, Roger and Joyce decided to go over the top of Cobberas No 2 and No 1 while Doug assisted the others around the easy way. Good views all round from No 2 but by the time No 1 was climbed there was a good snow storm blowing and nothing could be seen. Coming down from Cobberas No 1, Roger shouted "Look out for the drop there!" and promptly disappeared. Next thing, Graham is seen strung up by his pack - swinging in the trees like Tarzan. With the biting snow, freezing temperatures and Roger with the smell of that Plum Pudding of his in his nostrils (awaiting him

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below) these three descended from those "Cobberas" at a spanking pace and went onto the camp at the Playgrounds.

The gorging begins on the food cache left there by Doug before the walk. The story of the Vultures and the plum pudding shall be told another time. The New Year was brought in at 9.45 p.m.(P.S.T) No rain at all so a theory was offered that perhaps Roger's Instant Puddings bring the rain. He never made another and it did not rain again at tea time.

The next morning (or rather afternoon - 12.30 p.m.) was another story after the night before, as we tried to stagger out of those Playgrounds up 700' to Buchan Rock, where a large wedge-tailed eagle was sighted. Onwards ever onwards to lunch at 2.30. p.m. with Dessert Nougat - the compliments of Barbara. We decided not to go to Reedy Creek Chasm as the weather was too lousy, so we planned to try and o there after the walk was completed. While walking along the Black Mountain Trail, we met up unexpectedly with the break-away group who then camped with us at Second Emu Flat that night; and here we related our various adventures. It was also here that a brilliant idea was conjured up. Why carry packs tomorrow? We will be driving back this way to camp at the same spot tomorrow night. So the morning saw ten bright sparks enthusiastically leave for Mt Stradbroke with some warm sunny weather on their side for a change. In the meantime, Robyn spent a relaxing day minding the camp.

At Mt Stradbroke, the view was the best we had seen yet.....The Cobberas could be seen to the west, The Pilot and the Main Range to the north, the Snowy River to the east and the Wulgumerang Plateau to the south-east. Truly magnificent! Some of us then went down to visit Stradbroke Chasm - walls of rock several hundred feet high and only 40 feet across from one to the other, The vegetation in this chasm was very lush indeed. The afternoon resulted in a wonderful scrub-bash accompanied by a hailstorm thrown in for good measure as we descended into Suggan Buggan, and Roger suffered slight concussion when the ground suddenly jumped up and hit him.

Having failed in our attempt to get anywhere near Reedy Creek Chasm we went onto Wilky for peace and quiet(?), rest and better weather.

A really superb walk in some great country thanks, Doug. A special thanks to Joyce for the alarm clock.

"Several of the Group".

Once again we have had a contribution from one of our very young walkers who is proving to be a keen contributor to The News. May we see more of these little articles about our family walks.

THE ANGLESEA WALK - December 13th

We arrived at the shore at 11 o'clock to start a walk along the beautiful surf beach. We walked along for a while until we reached the spot and waited for everybody to catch up to us. While walking along, I found a fabulous yellow stone which I still have.

At the lunch spot, Kim and I found a cave, climbed some rocks and went swimming at low tide, which is fun because you can walk about 100 yards before the water is up to your hips. After lunch we walked right around the Anglesea Inlet to Point Roadknight and then back to meet the van and wait for the day walkers to arrive. Oh Boy! We were red from all that sun and wind!

ff Wendy Davies ff

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Along The Track (Continued, from Page 6)

FROM WILKINSON TO WILSON.

November/December 1970

Why not begin on the Bogong High Plains, at Wilkinson Lodge? The warmth of the slow combustion stove welcomes our arrival and promotes a drowsiness suited to the hour. The day rises confidently, parading its blue mantle, yet few are there to welcome it. Breakfast is late for most as we scratch around in idleness, reading the log book, basking in the sun, but The Lodge Manager's efficiency catches up and a trip is planned. The dissenters also disperse, and two amble over to Mt Cope, cavorting with the ailing snow-drifts en route. Struggle up the green incline and feel the world drop away, even if modestly. Gain the top and gaze at Feathertop, boasting its whiteness under a familiar outline. Peace is the reward for the long trip up from the polluted mother, and time is suddenly irrelevant as the clouds drift whisperily by.

Chorus of birds as we descend, to chew health bars on shaded grass. Back along the aquaduct, calming even more in its unhurried horizontal glide. Let the words slow me down and recapture a feeling.

What happened to the afternoon, dozed away over an endless book; lounging under the Wilky-trees, sibilant silver? Guitars strum up the night, after the stoves have ceased their fuming and dinner has descended to meet the songs rising up. (Bed-time must come, thought my attic wit).

Sunday is always a lesser day, for there is the need to return to earth. Dig that post-hole, carry that wood, show me that you care. A last flitting return to the personal peace and then away, roaring down the mountain.

The following weekend finds us at Wilson's Prom, under Graham's tutelage. The mood is different, wilder on the Friday as the party feels its way towards Windy Saddle. The rain adds to the bluster and the Saddle is forgotten when a nearer, more sheltered patch is found. Sealers Cove for morning tea, sun flashing through the trees along the track, beguiling us with beguety. Climb out over the rocky path, gasping and grasping; sliding down in the sticky oppression of the day, rejoicing at the cruel descent to Refuge. Lunch on the sand, driving off sleep. One wet bikini. We begin to dally, and Waterloo Bay seems so far off as Kersop's Peak looms ahead. Up and over and down, to Wellington Beach. A stretch of sand and a pile of rocks, followed by a second stretch of sand. Behold the creek. A conference and a search for sites. Waterloo Bay for tomorrow; this camp spot is cleaner.

End of one day which miraculously becomes the beginning of another, merged in sleep. The pace is good now and North Waterloo is suddenly below us degenerate. We cling to a memory and quickly depart, leaving the tins and the smell and the silver paper in its now-bald setting. Into the swamps, gym-boots first, emerging from ooze for a climb to the beckoning rock slabs, and then down to the Lighthouse Track. The last is known by heart, and the morn begins to close as feet shuffle over the desert sand-dune and onto Oberon Bay for lunch. Reports of oil, but nobody really bothers and we begin the last track to Tidal River.

Up along the finding track, edging around the rocks. More oil at Little Oberon! a few words are found but the feet continue. Detour to Norman Point and the marvellous rocky wave-smasher, thyprosis, giving in to the interplay, forgetting the oil blobs. And suddenly Norman Bay, black. Oil smears all over, horrifying. The words return and the incredulity. Dodge the lines of oil and escape to the kiosk to bury the thoughts in a carton of milk.

**** Michael Griffin ****

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It is hoped that you all have the 24th 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 interest 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 Wednesday 10th FEBRUARY, 1971.

Barbara Davies

Along The Track (Continued)TASSIE PERSONALITIES

Heard during the recent club walk to various parts of the Apple Isle:

ALEX: "Us B.G. (Bush Game~~manship~~ship)men have no pride."

RON: "I only brought ten rolls of '36' Film."

FELIX: "Send her down, Hughey!"

JON: "All this b.... rain, I'll never come back to b.... Tassie!"

MICHAEL: "Another piece of cake, please."

LEILA: "I WISH I was up on the Traveller's Range. At least it's dry there."

MARIA: "Hah, hah, hah, hah, hah...."

ALMA: "I hate this GYMNOSCHOENUS adjustus!!! (Button grass)"

GLEENDA: "All right, I'll come."

PETER: "Just go straight through the mud."

MARION: "This is creek no. 238."

WARREN: "Knock, knock, Who's there? Felix. Felix who? -Fel-exciting?"

* ** One of the Twits ***

(Tasmanian Walkers and Itinerant Travellers'
Society.)

NOTES OF THE NEWS CONVENOR.

The Committee of Management is asking for your help. They would like YOU to make an effort to come to the next CLEAN-UP OF THE CLUBROOMS on THURSDAY, 11th February. Come along after work for an hour or two. This will enable you to still get home early. It is suggested that you bring some sandwiches etc. for your tea. About twelve people are needed to make it a quick clean-up so DON'T leave it to someone else. You DO want clean, dust-free clubrooms, DON'T you???

The 1st 1971 meeting of the NATIVE FAUNA CONSERVATION SOCIETY will be held at the National Herbarium, The Domain, South Yarra on Friday, 19th February at 8 p.m. Mr & Mrs W.D. Nicol will be giving an illustrated lecture on Aboriginal Children and their art. There will also be a display of Aboriginal Artifacts. This will be a very interesting evening as the lecturers have spent some considerable time living among the native people of Arnhem Land and other areas.

Sue Filson is making an earnest plea for the loan of a long-arm stapler in order to staple together the "Guide To Bushwalking" booklets. The arm of the stapler needs to be 9" long in this case. If you know the whereabouts of one such item PLEASE ring Sue on 88-1165.

ALEC PROUDFOOT expects to be travelling in Europe during most of this year, leaving Australia towards the end of April and would be interested to hear from others with a similar intention. He hopes to make it a rucksack holiday. Ring him on 98-3155, or write to 17 Bayside Crescent, Hampton. 3188.

L A S T B U T N O T L E A S T

ARE YOU IN A JAM ????

Well please flip your lid and save it for our big burst of track marking. Roger is after any tin lids - but just hang on to them for now - they have to be painted first.

Sunglasses didn't disguise Mr Sparksman podalling through Highett recently. Why wasn't it a tandem John??

Have you heard the latest excuse for buying a Landrover? Doug Crocker wants to buy one to carry his lawn mowers in. - There's not much grass to cut on the Nullarbor, Doug! - That's why Monaro Orange makes a better camouflage.

A brief appearance at Batman Avenue last Sunday morning was made by two rarely seen Bushies. Lindsay Connors and Geoff Angell who were off to the country to do some shooting (birds and kangaroos??)

No longer do we get rain showers on weekend walks but sultana showers in the Naval region (-not necessarily Flinders). Sultanas compliments of Stuart. Bombadier remains nameless due to excessive growth.

JENNY-MIDI and all, was seen reading the tea leaves at the barbecue and slide night recently - was it Margaret's Jungle Juice?

Has REX'S JINX for good weather finally been broken? While we were at Lerderderg Gorge a heavy downpour occured in Bacchus Marsh but missed us completely. The mystery may be cleared up next up next month so order your copy of News now by paying your Annual Subscription.

Quotations of Chairman Nurk.

"Tolerance is a virtue but being over bearing is a sin."

When in doubt scream and shout.

A-wandering, A-roaming leads to a split personality.

Two Sunday walks rocently has led to a study in various plants. These being Thistlious Ouchious and Turnips. What a Turnup!

Speed is tantalising but it's back to the Gronows Van.