



# THE NEWS

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AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS ON 24TH FEBRUARY,  
THE FOLLOWING OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1971 WERE ELECTED:

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Alex Stirkul  
Sue Ball  
Pam Collinson  
Robert Steel

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE AN "EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING" HELD IN THE CLUB ROOMS ON 31ST MARCH, 1971,  
AT 8.30 p.m.

The purpose of the Extraordinary General Meeting is to ask that  
WALK 1972 should not be published. In support of this motion will  
be moved that WALK 1972 should not be published owing to the general  
lack of support expressed in venture.

Moved-Geoff Kenafacke. Seconded- Michael Griffin.

(see further over page)

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All correspondence should be addressed to:

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MELBOURNE, VIC. 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  
1st March, 1971.

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Chairman: Graham Mascas

Present: Tyrone Thomas, Rex Filson, Rob Steel, Alex Stirkul, Sue Ball,  
Pam Collinson, Peter Carlyon, Geoff Kenafacke, Joy Seymour,  
Roger Brown, Alan Miller, Jenny Mead.

Reports:

Treasurer - SUBS 71-72 NOW DUE TO BE PAID

Federation - Report on F.Council Meeting on 9/2/71:

1. Federation A.G.M.

To be held on 20th April (probably at V.R.I.)  
The business should be completed quickly and will  
be followed by slides for about 3/4 hour.

2. Feathertop Hut

A work party has been proposed for the weekend of  
4-5th December, 1971 and it is hoped that all clubs  
will be represented. It is intended that a work party  
week-end be held each year about this time.

3. Alpine Track

The Forests Commission have now cleared the track from  
the Howqua River as far as the summit of Mt. Howitt.

John Sparksman (former Federation Rep.)

Committee appointed -

- Federation - Rob Steel, Alex Stirkul
- Equipment Officer - Sue Ball
- Search and Rescue - Rob Steel, Alex Stirkul
- Track Clearing - Roger Brown
- Native Plants - Pam Collinson
- V.N.P.A. - Michael Griffin, Rob Steel
- Committee of Management - Graham Mascas, Roger Brown
- Walks Sub Committee - Bruce Meinke, John Siseman, Fred Halls, Rob Steel
- Librarian - Athol Schafer

Notice to Committee Members: The next committee meeting will be held on  
Monday 5th April.

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SLIDES NIGHTS - 17th March - Dave Oldfield - Himalayas.  
7th April - Athol Schafer - Stirling Ranges.

DUTY ROSTER: 17th March - Roger Brown      31st March - Alex Stirkul  
24th " - Rex Filson      7th April - Rob Steel  
14th April - Joy Seymour.

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(from page 1, further to WALK 1972)

In support of this motion to put to the meeting I would like to express that a dozen members decided at a recent meeting that it would be impracticable to publish WALK this year.

At this stage we do not have an Editor. Three people have offered their services but with all due respect to them, their abilities are limited for various reasons or it is felt that they cannot obtain sufficient active support from the membership.

In the past we have had a small dynamic nucleus of interested people but this year find these people losing their enthusiasm or you have them been away during crucial periods of the year. People have offered to write articles or provide photographs and read proofs. However no qualified persons have volunteered for the time-consuming and thank-less task of rewriting articles.

Unfortunately these people would have to meet very regularly in this job and therefore would have to rewrite or correct approximately 75% of all articles accepted for publication.

In due of the lack of support expressed by members, it would be useless to expect so few people to edit the magazine and on those grounds I appeal to all of the membership to abounden WALK this year.

Geoff Kenafacke.

WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS:

- April 4 SEVEN ACRE ROCKS - KOBLOKE TRACK - PIONEER CREEK  
 Leader: John Hillard Medium  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.20¢  
 Map Reference: Neerim 1:50,000  
 A medium walk through timber country mainly on jeep tracks, that is, if the jeep tracks are still there. The last walk in 1965 has no report in. Make of this what you will: a careless leader forgot or the party hasn't yet returned.
- 11 RIDDELL - MT. ROBERTSON - MACEDON  
 Leader: Doug Crocker  
 This walk may be altered to another area owing to Macedon being very crowded with visitors on Easter Sunday. Details of the walk area will be announced later.
- 18 BALD HILL - MT. HOPE - WERRIBEE RIVER - KORWEINGUBOORA RES.  
 Leader: Tim Andrews Easy-Medium  
 Map Reference: Ballan 1" = 1 mile  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00  
 A lightly timbered Daylesford type area with a pleasant reservoir, and a few high points giving views of the surrounding country. Bathers would be advisable if the weather looks like being warm.
- 25 LIMESTONE CREEK - TAGGERTY  
 Leader: Graham Mascas Easy-Medium  
 Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.80¢  
 A pleasant walk along wooded tracks with fine views from ridges over Rubicon before decent into Taggerty for tea.

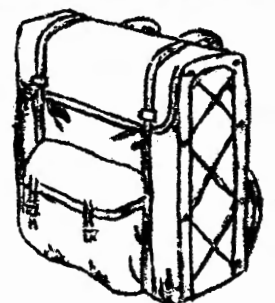
WEEKEND WALKS:

- April 3-4 TRACK CLEARING - TARLI KARNG AREA  
 Leader: Roger Brown  
 Map Reference: VMTC Snowy Plains & Mt. Wellington  
 Transport: Private. Friday evening.  
 Come and help to clear a completely new track to the Lake. There is not much scrub but leather gloves and a Pick will be handy. I hope to use landrovers for access so that walking will be kept to a minimum. We will be assisting the Ben Cruachan Club so at least give them a hand, and make the walk to the Lake easier.
- 8-12 1) TAWONGA HUTS, MT. LOCH, MT. HOTHAM, RAZORBACK, BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - MT. FAINTER - MT. FEATHERTOP, HARRIETVILLE  
 Leader: Geoff Kenafacke Distance 36 miles. Medium  
 Map Reference: Feathertop 1" to 1 mile (for comm.)  
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30p.m. Fare \$8.00. Deposit \$3  
 A Medium walk along the western side of the B.H. Plains with good views at all times. Delightful sheltered camps near huts each night. Come one come all.

\*\*\*\*\* (walks continued on Page 4)

ANY CLUB MEMBERS WITH IDEAS OF AREAS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR WALKS, PLEASE SEE THE WALKS SECRETARY - TYRONE THOMAS.  
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(continued) WALK PREVIEWS

WEEKEND WALKS:

April 8-12 2) CAPE EVERARD - WINGAN INLET  
(Capt. James Cook National Park)  
 Leader: Graham Mascas Easy  
 Private Transport: 6.30 p.m.  
 Here is an opportunity to visit Victoria's newest (?) National Park. This week-end will cater for those wishing to bludge away their time in a very pleasant camp site, swim in and/or watch the mighty ocean pound away at Australia's fringe, or for the more energetic there will be walks over the dunes along this stretch of (as yet) unspoiled piece of wild coastline. There is even a mountain climb if you are really ambitious. Weather permitting we promise a pleasant time.

" 3) KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK - 7000 Foot plus Peak Bagging  
 Leader: Tyrone Thomas Easy (?)  
 Map Reference: S.M.A. GEEHI 1" = 1 mile  
 Transport: Private. 6.30 p.m. (4 days or 5 days)  
 Approx. Distance 26 miles. (Easy Grades)  
 We intend climbing every Peak in Australia over 7000 Feet. There are 13 peaks over 7000' and given good weather we should have a first class walk as distance makes the trip somewhat easier than you would expect.

23 -25 BUTTERCUP VALLEY - TOMAHAWK HUT - PINNACLES -  
MT. EVERETT - SAWMILL SETTLEMENT  
 Leader: John Siseman Medium  
 Map Reference: Mansfield & Buller 1: 50,000  
 Transport: Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Cost \$5.50¢  
 A pleasant walk on Saturday along Buttercup Ck., camp that night being in a fire Woolly butt forest near Tomahawk Hut. On Sunday an hour's climb leads to the summit of Mt. Everett, 5100', where we should get good views of the Alps. From here a further pleasant walk through snow gum and woolly butt to the finish of the walk at Sawmill Settlement.

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LIGHT OR HEAVY?

During recent years there has been a great deal of conjecture on what type of footwear is most suitable for bush walking.

On a long weekend walk recently upon which one-third of the party were wearing gymboots or sandshoes, this walk by no means was easy on the feet. There were no complaints from these people of sore feet or blisters, whereas at least a couple of people wearing boots managed to acquire blisters by the time the walk was completed.

It was mentioned that walking in rocky country would give you sore feet but after spending two days in rocky country I find this very hard to believe and I feel that this reason for wearing heavy boots is unwarranted.

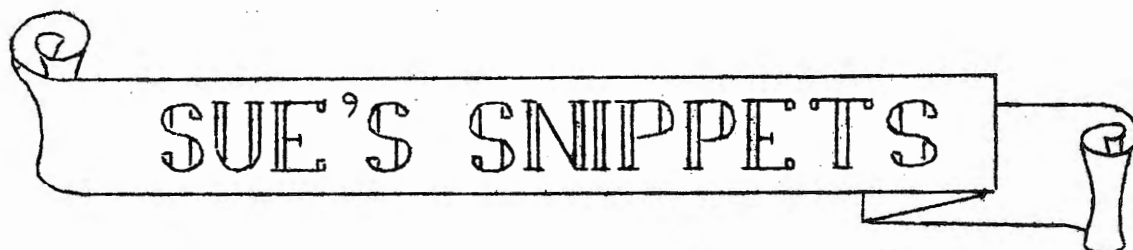
Many well-respected members of this club wear gymboots on very rugged trips throughout the state and also Tassie. There are some members who will wear gymboots on Sunday walks but not on weekend trips - why? Surely being hard on the feet and insufficient support of the ankles applies on day trips as well as extended trips. I feel that these people are rather inconsistent in their viewpoint.

I do agree with one point though that it is necessary to wear boots of one sort or another on trips where snow is to be encountered but this would be the only case.

It has been said that in the long run heavy boots would be cheaper than gymboots as they last longer. It takes approximately 5 pair of gymboots to equal one pair of boots and to this extent the mileages covered by both types of boot would approximately be the same. Even if the gymboots are slightly dearer is it not better to be comfortable than for the boots to be a little cheaper.

I have recently become a convert to gymboots and I would not go back to boots again after wearing them for 4 years.

"JIM BOOTS"



# SUE'S SNIPPETS

Another Johnson to swell the ranks of the Family Walks. Kirri .ly Elizabeth born on March 2nd. Hope to see Lorna and baby soon out on a walk.

Best wishes to Judy Shegog who has become engaged to John CROWLEY (brother of Helen). No he is not a bushie, so cannot claim that on the matrimonial bureau statistics. Judy and John plan to marry on May 8th.

Wednesday the 3rd was a night of long lost souls returning to the fold:

Barb and Dave Hespe are home again after their 10 months, 19000 miles journey seeing the sights of Australia. Short of cash? - the Hespes' report that work at Learmonth, W.A. pays well.

Neil Ham made his annual pilgrimage to the Club. RAAF camp has some advantages. Neil and Pat are planning a holiday to Queensland, returning by ship. What a life.

Marion and John came bringing little Fiona, who, we are pleased to report, was on her best behaviour. Perhaps another family for your walk Dick.

It seems odd that the Club has an all time record for membership numbers, and that we can get little response from people willing to help with the 22nd issue of WALK. Thank heavens for Michael.\*

The Y.H.A. is to be congratulated on its great publicity effort for the Moomba Walk. I hope it was all worthwhile.

Bushies have always been considered anti-social. Maybe that accounts for the small number of people who enjoyed the hospitality of the Hodgson's at the last social function. Will it be a successful Barn Dance next month?

New member Graham Wills-Jonson nearly missed out on becoming accepted as a member. His Application Form for membership was somehow lost by persons unknown who were undecided whether he would be a desirable member. He even shaves himself on weekend walks which is practically unheard of in the history of the Club. With his bright red towel draped around his shoulders, he looks like the Barber of Seville.

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We welcome the following new members who have made the grade and joined the ranks of the fit walkers:

- Graham Wills-Jonson
- Graham Guttridge (New ? - been a visitor for a long time)
- Margaret MacCallum
- Margaret Beggs.

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THE intrepid Aviator is at it again. Ian Sheehy is planning a Walking/Flying trip to Central Australia in the May school holidays. Anyone interested - phone Ian at Ballarat 2 2157 (mornings before 8.00 a.m. will be most successful.)

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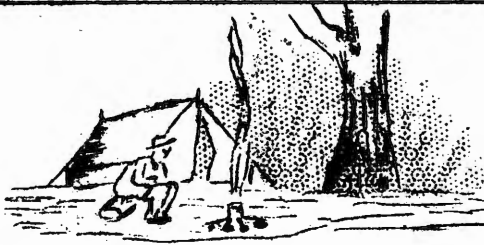
\* Editors Note: This comment was made before the recent meeting on WALK magazine.

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# ALONG THE TRACK

## MT. DARLING, WONNANGATTA STATION - GUYS HUT - BRYCES GORGE

The walk got off to a good start due to the Forest Commission having put their road in a different place to where it was shown on the leaders map - consequently we scrub bashed for approximately 3 miles before the walk started! However it was a warm, dry day so who cared? well I did, by the time we had road bashed, scrub bashed and rock hopped our way to the top of Mt. Darling - and how it got that name is completely beyond my imagination! However good views were obtained between the trees of cliffs and the Wonnangatta Valley to make all worth while (in addition to the fact that it is over 5000 ft.) The fitter members then dropped down to the Wannangatta for a swim - some of us arrived rather later to be greeted by soup - that was a life saver Dare!

On Sunday morning the pancake ingredients were rescued by the younger members of the party and carried up the hill (I hope the system continues?) We had a look around the ruins, Andy seemed to be the only one to find a tree bearing fruit. How beautifully those willows and fruit trees contrast with sombre gums on the surrounding hillsides. We then walked up Conglomerate Creek, crossed it, swam in it and finally had lunch by it. After lunch we walked up a vertical slope - can I recommend some rock scrambling to anybody? We finally got on to the Guy's Spur Track - a well made winding track which took us to camp where the cook collected the ingredients and made pancakes for the starving hordes.

Monday started with an optional walk (which nearly everyone went on) to look into Bryce's Gorge - how can such small creeks carry out so much erosion? We could see Piemans Creek dropping into space - that was our lunch spot - but first the Conglomerate Falls right at our feet - They were beautiful, green, massy and side lit - very photogenic if you had a camera. Back to camp to pick up packs and across to Guy's Hut where we met Michael's Party - a short stop and across to Piemans Pool - on the lip of the waterfall - for lunch and a swim in the coldest water ever. It was then only a short walk to where the vans picked us up - one/90 straight back to Melbourne, the other to have a sit-down tea at Trafalgar East - a definite advantage over the inelasticity of Gronows.

Somehow we all managed to survive this trip which was slightly harder than expected, but I am sure we will all be back for more punishment - yet again many thanks Ty. for a good walk.

SUE BALL

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### NEWS CONVENOR NOTE

I wish to thank the contributors to this month's "NEWS".

I would like to receive any articles or items of interest, writings on walks, or any 'Happenings' in the Club, so as to make next month's "NEWS" bigger and brighter. Please give them to me on or before the 14th April.

Joy Seymour.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

If you are not able to pay your fees with in the next two or three weeks, please remit them by post using THE FORM PROVIDED BELOW.

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## GUIDE TO WALKS STANDARDS

Bludge - gentle strolls, lots of rests, long lunch, swimming  
Non-qualifying walk.

Easy - easy walking, ample rests, long lunch, not too many  
ups and downs.

Easy-medium - harder walking, ample rests, moderate ups and  
downs.

Medium - consistent walking with moderate ups and downs, rests.

Medium-hard - consistent walking, hard ups and downs with  
ample rests.

Hard - Fast walking, difficult terrain, long distance not too  
many rests.

Tough - hard consistent walking, few rests, long hours and  
mileage over rugged country.

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N.B. These comments are meant only as a guide, you should  
always check the standard with the leader before  
attending a walk.