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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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WHAT ARE THEY SAYING ABOUT THE SQUARE DANCE ??

The square dance started early.....bad luck for Alan to injure his leg so early in the evening.....over 60 people attendedseveral well known members conspicuous, but did not surprise, by their absence where is Mummajong ?.....can't be cold, the Social Sec. is wearing shortswith no lining in the pockets !.....Ken Hooke promises to come on the day walk after the next square dance.....just who was Bob trying to photograph all night ?.....the supper was really magnificent.....I reckon the lucky ticket numbers were rigged. Early morning.....silence shattered by heavy booted bushies marching up and down hall.....supper left-overs make a good breakfast.....leader of day walk withdraws due to illness, diagnosed as "instant mystery illness".....Geoff's flying Fiat refuses to start..... wot, no new romantic rumours !!.....van brings 16 day walkers, all looking horribly keen.....we still need a leader.....I notice Deadly Dave is out walking again.....are square dances followed by day walks compatible ? It was a terrific night.

** High Tor **

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS, 14 HOSIER LANE, MELBOURNE,
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST, AT 8.30 P.M.

.....SOME COMING SOCIAL EVENTS TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR.....

- Sat. 5th August..... Mass winter Motivation at the home of Geoff Greenwood, 5 Meek Street, Brighton p) 96 3567 b) 267 1077.
Girls-please bring a plate(preferably with some food on it) . Boys- please bring the Grog,(or lemonade)
- Tuesday 22nd August.... Ice-skating at Moorabbin Ice Rink. Come along-the last one was great fun for those who attended. Good balancing practice for skiers too!
- Wednesday 2nd Aug..... Two movie films in the clubrooms at 8 p.m.
"Solstice"-Wildlife in Bass Strait - 20 minutes.
"Australian Sea Lion" - 15 minutes.

It is proposed that a personality slide night be held in the clubrooms (probably early September), so the Social Secretary is appealing to any one who may have a humorous slide or two amongst their collections. Please look into this and hand your slides to Graham Hodgson. Surely most of you can contribute to this idea, and maybe we will have a very enjoyable session.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

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

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Some more interesting notes extracted from the last Committee Meeting held on 3rd July, 1972

The TREASURER reports that 185 members are now financial, a much healthier picture indeed. Club finances are quite healthy too.

The WALKS SEC. reports to us that a total of 163 people went out walking with the club during the month of June. This total includes 53 visitors (about one third !)

The SOCIAL SEC. has plans for more get togethers soon...See front page of this issue for further details.

NEWS CONVENOR The complete list of financial members and their addresses will be issued with the August edition of "News". The "News" committee is considering having a Professional Letterhead for the front page of News. The appearance of News should be greatly enhanced as a result. What are your thoughts on this ?? Please let Barry Short or myself know.

EQUIPMENT 20 new steel pegs have been purchased to add to the supply. New tent bags have been made for 4 of the tents, along with 3 peg bags.

SEARCH & RESCUE. A Search & Rescue was held at Mt. Stirling on the weekend of 14-16th July, but no report was available at the time of going to press. Tim Dent would like to know if any person in this club has a Ham Radio Licence, because he feels that they could be of assistance in the S & R Organisation.

TRACK CLEARING Art reports that there will be a track clearing in the Ada Valley on Saturday 19th August. Transport will be private. Please help as many hands make light work.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT The Clean-up held last Thursday week (6th July) was attended by nine members so thank you kindly to all those who helped. The floor in the meeting room has been completely waxed now, and the louvres of the windows were thoroughly cleaned, as well as other sundry jobs.

GENERAL. At the present time, investigations are being made into the proposal for a chair lift up Mt. Feathertop and a ski village situated in Harrietville. When enough concrete evidence has been obtained, as to what the plans are, the club may voice its opinion in this important matter. This year may be the last, that we, as walkers can visit Mt. Feathertop and see it in its natural state.

NEW BY-LAWS Please read the By-Laws as they affect you. Especially read the section re: Walk Deposits under 5A. Walks & Trips.

DUTY ROSTER: 12th July Graham Hodgson, Sue Ball
19th July Tim Dent, Joy Seymour
26th July Graham Mascas, Alma Strappazon
2nd Aug Art Terry, Fred Halls

WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKS

August 6 **BELLTOPPER HILL - NUGGETY - IRISHTOWN** (Bring water for lunch)

Leader: Barbara Davies p) 81 2956 Dist. .9 miles. Easy-Medium
Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00 Expected time
of return 8.30 p.m. Map Reference: Castlemaine 1" = 1 mile.

This walk shall not be as programmed, but will be in the
general area. Pleasant walking along Spring Gully will be
followed by a visit to the old ruins, and inspection of the
remaining evidence of the Gold mining days, in Fryerstown. If
there is time, we may visit the old cemetery as well. The
remainder of the walk will be along tracks to Taradale.

13 **BULLENGAROOK - GOODMAN'S CREEK**

Leader: Joyce Dunn p) 88 2393 Medium
Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.75 Expected time
of return 7.30 p.m. Map reference: Ballan 1" = 1 mile.
An interesting walk along Goodman's Creek with a few easy hills
and gullies along the way. A fine sunny day has been ordered.

20 **YARRA RANGE - MT. EVERARD - WILD DOG HILL**

Leader: Les Markham p) 53 3340 Medium
Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.75.
This Sunday walk will be in the south-east corner of Kinglake
National Park, a pleasant stroll, I hope, along Yarra Ridge to
Mt. Everard. Return from Mt. Everard will be along a well-
used jeep track through the forests. Water should be carried
for lunch.

27 **SOMERS PARK - MT. VINEGAR - MT. DOM DOM**

Leader: Peter Bullard p) 50 5234 Easy-Medium
Van leaves Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00 Expected time
of return 9 p.m. Map reference: Juliet 1" = 1 mile. Approx.
distance 10 miles.
An easy medium walk through lightly timbered country with some
views. Only two hills to climb. CARRY WATER FOR LUNCH.

August 19 **SPECIAL DAY WALK (SATURDAY) - KINGLAKE AREA**

Organiser: Glenda Alexander. Easy
In reference to Michael Griffin's suggestion in "News" April, 1972.
The club is organising a day walk in the Kinglake Area on Satur-
day 19th August with a group of children from "Janefield".
The object of the walk is to give these children an outing in
the bush - perhaps a new environment for them. It will be an
easy walk, just a genuine interest is needed. We would appreciate
club members' support. Please see Glenda at the clubrooms.

WEEKEND WALKS

August 11-13 **YAMBLA RANGE (N.S.W)** Medium

Leader: Graham Wills-Johnson p) 52 4720 b)34 0234 Ext. 2153
BUS leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m. Fare \$6.50
Be a Yambula Rambler! We haven't got any maps (other than
1:250,000 Wagga Wagga), and I haven't actually been there, so a
navigational beacon will probably be provided by the leader's
red face. However, Tyrone went there in 1967 and reports:
"Country is spectacular bluffs similar to the Grampians and
Blue Mountains. Water is scarce; campsites every where with
ample wood." So, if you find the Victorian winter too chilly
and Surfer's Paradise too expensive, Yambula is just what you
are looking for.

Walk Previews (Continued).

August 26-27 **ACHERON RIVER - FEIGLINS HILL - STEAVENSON FALLS**

Leader: Leigh Pretty b) 874 7444 Medium
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.30 a.m. Saturday. Fare \$2.80
Map reference: Juliet & McMahon's 1:50,000.
The taxing task of arising early on Saturday morning to get to the van will be rewarded by a pleasant weekend walk through this thickly forested area of the Great Dividing Range.

**** NEW MEMBERS **** - The club extends to you a welcome to its ranks.

Margaret Grogan 1/36 Clendon Road, Toorak. p) 24 9226 b) 51 0281
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr & Mrs. Michael Garner Flat 7, 92 Perry St, Fairfield, 3078.
Michael b) 669 2089.

CHANGE OF PHONE NO.

Barbara Davies. b) 81 0271 Ext. 413.
Norbert Hendrych's business no. is 51 0321 Ext 171.

NEW ADDRESS

Stuart Hodgson C/- D.D.A., KANDRIAN, West New Britain. Papua
New Guinea.

AN ITEM OF SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST.

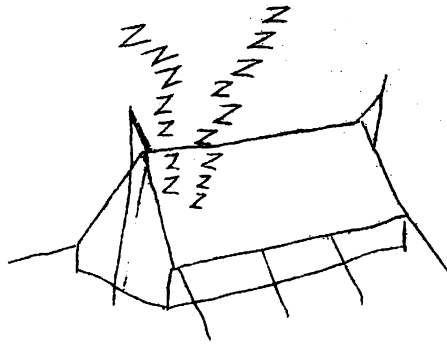
Re: An article in the "Age" 11/7/72, on the functions of the C.S.I.R.O.
The C.S.K.R.O. is gradually developing a policy of control of insect pests by biological means that minimise the use of chemicals. One of the most spectacular recent developments in this area has been the attempt to control flies by removing their main source of food. In tropical northern Australia, buffalo flies breed and multiply partly because of the abundant supply of cattle dung. Australia had no natural means for breaking down dung pats rapidly, but CSIRO scientists introduced, after careful screening in quarantine, a dung beetle from South Africa. The beetle rolls up pellets of dung and takes them underground, where they are quickly broken down and effectively removed as breeding grounds for flies. At present a search is on to find a similar species of beetle which will operate in the cooler climates of southern Australia. The problem may seem minor, but it must be measured against the estimate that Australian cattler deposit 200 million dung pats daily, covering, in aggregate, a significant area of pasture.

Say for instance, each pat is 6" diameter, with 200 million laid daily, that equals approximately 1.41 square miles, and we talk about pollution !

No wonder we seem to stand in at least one per trip !



HEH! HEH!



"PHANTOM FOSSIL" relates his evil in tent topics.

Allow me to introduce myself, I am the phantom fossil. I lie embedded between the tracks waiting to pounce on any misdemeanor or occurrence of any note. I warn you all to tread carefully as I will not be held responsible for any deformation of character type accusations which might occur from the notes found hereunder. You owe it to yourselves to behave in a manner befitting the high moral standards of the great bushwalking fraternity.

My statement is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Signed...fossil (the phantom) dated 3/7/72.

IN MUMMAJONG I MEAN..IN MEMORIAM (R.I.P.)

It is my very sad duty to announce the passing of my distant cousin, Mummajong. He wrote with exceptional talent the vices and happenings in this club, he will be mourned by many. He died peacefully (claret in hand) in his tent mumbling some incoherent utterings like Dorset Gardens, yard, the Duke etc., it is thought that he would wish to be buried in a noble fashion. The sacred body was shrunk and put in a bottle of 1960 vintage claret, here he still lies in state, (of inebriation). His marinated corpse intact for all to see, is located in the motion section of the museum of Applied Arts and Sciences. His body although still quite dead has the peculiar feature of lifting its arm to its mouth, an occurrence no-one is sure about.

I conclude with my funeral oration Oh Mummajong, Mummajong, where for art thou Mummajong ?

Alas poor Mummajong I knew him well
For behold in marination only time will tell
His thoughts, his words, oh shed a few tears
and friends, Romans, Countrymen lift high your beers.

A source, a source my kingdom for a source
for Mummajong's words leave me wrought with remorse
A new column is needed a brain and a pen
Phantom fossil is here evil lives on again.

Take a yellow sports car and two people whose christian names begin with a G and we have GGs in a front seat position. Well really I thought a sports car was powerful enough without any more horsing around with its performance.

Beware the three sloshkateers have returned, Lecherous Leigh, Dirty Dave and Groping Graham can be seen gliding down Flinders Street rugged up against the Melbourne Bitter Draught.

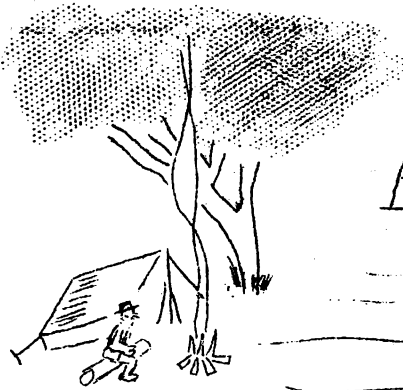
For sale - one landrover, doubtful vintage, doubtful mileage, doubtful price, doubtful owner, see R.M. \$1.50 deposit and no questions asked.

Future films coming to your screens.....

Dithering Heights - for the idiot leader who sits down in the middle of the bush and howls 'we're lost, we're off the map! Strictly Dolts only.

Bryan's Water - a feature film considering the possibilities of consuming water previously used for cooking dehydrated peas.

The Sound of Muesli sick - for the music lover, 8 track stereo - phonic regurgitations of a breakfast cereal.



A LONG THE TRACK

EXPLORING NEAR LICOLA

The green Gronow's van passed Glen Maggie and stopped just short of Licola. Our valiant leader looked at the full moon and gave orders to head through the fence and across the paddock. When the river could be seen the Vietnam veteran called "This will do". Some headed down, some made for the trees, some argued with an old cow, Rodney brewed coffee and Tyrone spread his brand new sleeping bag out under the stars.

Saturday morning and all the tents were white. Fires were lit and breakfast cooked but the bodies on the frosty ground were still cold. Then Spencer appeared from his secluded isolation under a distant willow tree, ready to ask his first question of the morning. Eighteen bushes formed a shape which the leader thought was a circle, and we then headed across the paddocks and after a moment's hesitation were climbing our first hill. Most of us saw a rocky outcrop where Joy and Sue played "Queens on the Tower" while Tyrone and Graham were hunting for lyrebirds. Then it was up another hill and a rest at a lookout where The Sentinel and other high distant mountains spread out around us. Up and down, up and down, up and a spot in the sun for lunch. The sign said 'Mt. Margaret' but Geoff decided "Retreat", so we headed back to camp and food.

Alec joined Spencer amongst the willow trees, while the others built their fires on the icy plains. Rodney, David and Sue decided it was too pleasant a night to go to bed early and went for a walk by moonlight. The night was cold, as the frozen water bucket and inch thick ice in the frying pan showed the next morning.

A few keen types, Peter and Alan, climbed more hills on Sunday, while the lazy majority had a leisurely exploration along the banks of the MacAlister river, taking photographs of reflections of hills in the river and at one point showing their engineering skill by constructing a massive bridge and causeway so that they could cross the river without wet feet.

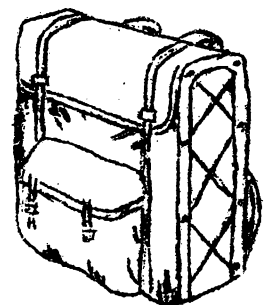
Lunch on Sunday was long, with eighteen bods lying in the sun. Then it was 3.00 pm and we were heading for Rosedale, where one and a half gallons of icecream were eaten as an appetiser for tea in Warragul.

Don't forget to pay your deposit for the next weekend walk.

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BARBARA'S 'BOGIES BRACKEN BASH

Bucolic. That's what I would have said it was. Actually some of it was sylvan, too - that was where we encountered the bracken. And it must be admitted that we had to boil all the water because a great deal of it was...er..... sheepish? (Sorry folks - I don't know a posh adjective for that one!)

We climbed into the Strathbogies at Champagne Falls. They got their name because the koalas thereabouts imbibe heavily and have been observed, in particular by our leader on the preview, to tumble out of the trees in their inebriation. So we stood around hopefully waiting for a merry marsupial to plummet earth-wards so we could ask him what vintage he recommends; but alas, nothing happened. Eventually we gave up and trudged off to Mt.Wombat. Now that I look again at Bob's excellent map (which is the only one available for the area) I see that he has slightly misspelled the word "Champagne" - on the map it reads "Charman Falls".

On Saturday night we camped at Polly McQuinn's, where our local expert on coal mines, the Japanese economy, and cultural cul-de-sacs also proved himself to be an expert vulcanologist by creating an enormous inferno on the banks of the creek, around which soon were gathered some twenty bushies in strains of song. Possibly owing to the size of the circle, some lack of coordination seems at times to have been evident. At least two very young members of the party who had been at another fire apparently thought so, because they came along and volunteered to the company a song about the Dandy-bloomin'-nong (or is it Dandy-blooming-gnong?) Ranges. This rendition was very moving and soon most people could be seen moving towards their tents.

Sunday was meteorological perfection. At a gentle pace we ambled down Seven Creeks Gorge with frequent stops while people went swimming or photographed waterfalls, or just sat around in the sun wondering why it couldn't always be like this. After an hour and a quarter for lunch we sauntered up to the top of Rocky Knob, from which the last strenuous three quarters of a mile could be viewed in one direction and the stupendous heights of Mt.Wombat in another. We watched a great eagle soaring gracefully higher and higher on a steady thermal. We looked out across the beginning of the plains which stretch away to the north-west, and those who had been there talked about Ayer's Rock and the Olga's. We went down from the top only when we really had to.

But I am supposed to be reporting news items. Alright then: I wonder if that veteran of the slopes and scrub patches, our indomitable Art, is beginning to mellow ever so slightly? Do you know that for once in a way he was not the first to reach the summit of Mt.Wombat ??? -the honours went to our friend from the medical profession. This can be explained: Art made a mistake in getting down off the main ridge when he should have stayed on it. Also, Stewart is at the peak of his training for the football season. But still it has happened! Item 2: one Gronows van waiting to depart from Lilydale. Absent: Art and a young lady bushwalker of his acquaintance. Reason: Art has inadvertently ordered a 16 course meal in a Chinese restaurant, which takes him 20 minutes to down when only 15 minutes were scheduled. P.S. I have not yet been able to ascertain whether he used chopsticks, but he looked as if he had been through something of an ordeal by the time Virgil pushed him up the back steps of the van.

Dennis wasn't driving, which added considerable interest to the final stages of the return journey. After crossing that river called the Yarra on the Swan St. Bridge, we did a sharp left turn and began to approach a place called St.Kilda from the north. Loud cries of protest were heard from the rear of the van, so when we reached what the local call "The Shrine" we did two right turns in very quick succession, on the second of which we nearly uprocted a sign saying "No Right Turn"AT last we come to a triumphant, steaming halt. "Don't know this part of Clovelly very well!" I heard the driver say as he handed back the street directory "I've always driven the Bondi bus before this"

Graham Wills-Johnson

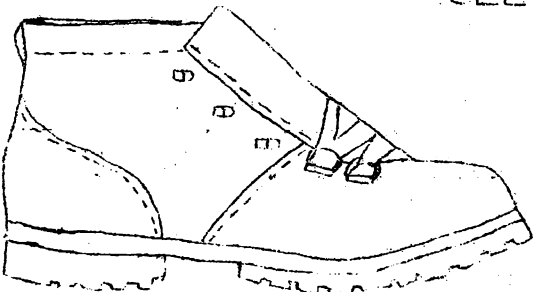
Deadline for Aug. News is Wednesday 5th Aug. THAT INCLUDES WALK PREVIEWS !!
to BARBARA DAVIES 2/29 Yarra Street, Hawthorn 3122 (p) 81 2956.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue and to Helen for typing. A very Special thank you to Marion Siseman for typing the Club By-Laws.

UNLIKELY ORIGINS OF MBW SURNAMES

- Mascas This name was derived from that great clown of the 1920s who used to perform with the mask of an ass on his head. Most people just called him Maskass, but recent spelling form has changed it to Mascas.
- Stirkul A name from the romantic era of France, it means a cool stirrer, Stir being a commonly used word when relating to certain people. Kul is the anglo saxon spelling of cool.
- Davies Originally an African Zulu word formed by the combination of two letters, D and V i.e. DeeVeas, D and V standing for Dehydrated Vegies, the "a" sound of the word Davies was put in as an after thought, the "a" probably standing for angelic.
- George Originally spelt gorge, this being in memory of a famous glutton who did nothing but eat. This spelling was later modified when walking took the place of eating during the 1960's.
- Terry Short affectionate way of saying Tyrannosaurus, the mighty beast that roamed the earth millions of years ago. It was very strong and able to walk long distances without any sign of fatigue, this due mainly to its powerful legs. It ate mostly roots of plants, digging them out with its horny feet.
- Seymour Adapted from Mr C. More the famous optician who was partially blind and wore thick glasses so that he could see more of his beautiful daughter. This learned gentleman unfortunately foresaw his ultimate fate and in due course died in Mysore as the result of an eyesore.
- Strappazon When spelt in this manner there is no apparent origin, but however if we spell it backwards i.e. Nozapparts we have something to work on. Noza is swedish for noze, and when coupled with parts we have of course noze parts. Thus this surname was derived from a vital part of the body, further investigation shows that a swedish proffesor called Dr Lirtson a modest fellow also spelt his name backwards and did a lot of good work on the nostril, however I digress.
- Steel An interesting one, reliable sources tell us that a very vane monk called St Lee was one day admiring himself in the mirror in the vestry of the Notre Dame Cathedral when he noticed his name (tattooed on his arm) did not appear as St Lee but St Eel, as it was he was a slippery character, so the name comes down in the history books as Steel.

Quotable Quote: Confucious say - Man that go up mountain with girl is not on the level.



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