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THE DANGERS OF CINNAMON FUNGUS

Cinnaman Fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamoni*) is a microscopic soil - bourne fungus, which originated in tropical climates, and has recently been found to be responsible for the destruction of wide range of native plants in Victoria.

This fungus lives in the soil and feeds on the fine roots of many different kinds of plant, causing root - rot, which in turn causes the plant to die. Since the affected plants die because of the decay of the fine roots which take up moisture from the soil, the symptoms of the disease are virtually identical with those of drought. Hence many plants previously thought to have died from lack of water may well have been victims of Cinnamon Fungus.

The fungus grows and spreads through wet or waterlogged soils, then the symptoms do not appear on the affected plants until the dry weather comes.

This fungus has been known to attack 728 species of plants, including 400 Australian natives. Some species are more susceptible than others, and in some areas this has caused a gradual dying off of vulnerable plants and replacement by resistant plants such as grasses. This has already been observed in parts of the Brisbane Ranges and Wilsons Prom.

Spores of the fungus are transmitted only by movement of soil; it can not be transmitted through the air or on foliage. All fresh outbreaks in Victoria have been traced to road building or other earth moving activities and undoubtedly these would be the major causes of its spreading, but contaminated soil can also be spread on vehicle tyres, around potted shrubs and even on boots.

For further reading on the subject, the National Parks Service has produced a pamphlet called "The Cinnamon Fungus, a Sinister Invader", and two articles in the magazine "Victoria's Resources" (Vol 14 no.2) and (Vol 14 no.3) 1972.

MBW ANNUAL DINNER

WHERE ?.....MUNICH BARREL

WHEN ?.....TUESDAY, JULY 24th.
7pm - 11.30pm.

COST ?.....\$3.50 each

DRESS ?.....CASUAL - FORMAL or vice-versa

Tremendous German restaurant similar to Salzburg Lodge and Edelweiss. The delicious menu is on display in the clubroom.

We had 65 at the last 2 dinners how about we break all records and make it 100 this time.

SEE SOCIAL SECRETARY, GRAHAM HODGSON, TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING.

All correspondence should be addressed to
 Hon. Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers,
 Box 1751 Q, 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 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

NEXT BI - MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 27 AT 8pm. sharp.
 IN THE CLUBROOM

JULY WALKS PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

1 MT. TOWT - DIAMOND CREEK - BLACK SNAKE RANGE
 Leader; Art Terry (p)93 3617 Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave 9.15 am. Fare \$2.00

7 *LYREBIRD WALK (SATURDAY)
 Leader; Leigh Sutherland (p)24 9175 Easy
 Train leaves Flinders St 8.47am Fare \$1.05 Belgrave.

This trip is primarily a bird watching trip and not a walking trip. Most bushwalkers walk straight through the bush without observing anything. You would be amazed at the number of plants and animals you miss. Come and find out about these. Bring binoculars, books and plenty of uncut lunch. For those willing to learn, Leigh and others will teach you!

8 COBBLERS GULLY - SPRING GULLY - IRISHTOWN
 Leader; Darrell Sullivan (b)67 8428 Easy-medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave 9.15 am. Fare \$2.50
 Map; Castlemaine 1" = 1 mile Approx distance; 10 miles.

Apleasant walk through open (?) forest and relic of Victorias gold mining past.

15 DARBYMINGAH CREEK - MT. HICKEY - KING PARROT CREEK
 Leader; Warren Baker (p)89 9908 Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave 9.15 am. Fare \$2.50

22 HEATHCOTE JUNCTION - LESLIE - KILMORE
 Leader; Alex Stirkul (b)46 4841 Easy
 Van leaves Batman Ave 9.15 am. Fare \$2.00

29 TECOMA - MONBULK FOREST - BLACK HILL - BELGRAVE
 Leader; Lorraine Richey Easy
 Train leaves Flinders St. 9.28 am. Fare \$1.05 Belgrave.
 Expected return; 6.30 pm. Approx distance; 9 miles
 Maps; Broardbent's Dandenongs. Monbulk 1:50,000

Walk starts from Tecoma station and should provide a variety of tracks through fern gullies of Sherbrooke and Monbulk State Forests, as well as views from hills around Selby and fine stands of eucalypt forest.

WEEKEND WALKS

6 - 9 *FALLS CREEK - TAWONGA HUTS - MT. FAINTER (SKI-ING)
 Leader; Graham Wills-Johnson (p)52 4720 Hard
 Private transport. Expected return 8 pm Sunday
 Map; Algona "Dogong High Plains"

Not for beginners. Please bring an adequate supply of snow pegs or plastic bags in case we have to camp in a treeless area. Chains required of course. If the weather co-operates we hope to camp at Tawonga Huts on Saturday night and head out towards Fainter on Sunday morning. If the weather doesn't co-operate, well.....

JULY WALKS PREVIEWS cont.**29/6 - 1/7 LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL - BUCKLAND SPUR - BUTTERCUP CREEK**

Leader; Geoff Crapper (p)95 5793 (b)25 4502 Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave 6.30 pm. Fare \$7
 Maps; Whitfield 1:100,000 Buller 1:50,000
 Approx distance; 21 miles

The walk will commence from Lake William Hovell and follow its well timbered shores up the King River to the Lands Department Hut. From the hut the track climbs very steeply out of the valley to the Buckland Spur. Once on top of the spur the ridge is followed until it begins to drop at the foot of Burnt Hut Knob where camp will be made at Tomahawk Hut. Sunday will be spent strolling down the Buttercup Creek track. Saturday will be a fairly solid day, 13 miles, plus 2400 ft thrown in for good measure. The scenery, flora and fauna along the way should make it all worthwhile though.

20 - 22/7 STONY RISES - LAKE CORANGAMITE

Leader; Geoff Greenwood (p)96 3567 Easy
 Van leaves Batman Ave 6.15 pm. Fare \$5.00
 Expected return; 6 - 7 pm Sunday
 Map; Colac 1" = 1 mile. Approx distance; 15 - 20 miles

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE from the printed program. An easy walk among spectacular volcanic features and the Forndon Caves. This is an area not often visited by the club and worthwhile seeing by experienced and inexperienced walkers alike.

27 - 29 1) SNOW WALK - MT. FEATHERTOP

Leader; Dave Thompson Hard & Medium
 Private transport leaves Batman Ave 6.30 pm
 See Dave in the clubroom for further information if you are interested in going.

2) *LANGLAUF SKIING - DINNER PLAIN

Leader; Rod Mattingley (b)350 1222 ex771 Medium
 Private transport leaving as early as possible on Friday evening.
 Map; Dargo and Feathertop 1" = 1 mile.

This trip will be suitable for those who are trying out their "boards" for the first time. We shall camp near Freeburg on Friday night and drive up to Dinner Plain on Saturday morning - about 7 miles past Mt. Hotham village. You'll be free to explore the many snow plains adjacent to the road while the more adventurous could head for Precipice Plain. If the weather is good, we will camp in the snow at Dinner Plain.

* Non-qualifying walks. (Skiing weekends are not considered qualifying because we are a Bushwalking Club.)

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CLUBROOM DUTY ROSTER

June 20	Ann and Darrell Sullivan
27	Sue Ball, Lindsay Barrow
July 4	Helen and Tim Dent
11	Peter Bullard, Rod Mattingley

Peter is making some new badges so that every one will know who is on duty for the evening. We thought it would be good to be really withit and have bright "Duty Officer" Tee Shirts...but unfortunately committee members come on too many different shapes and sizes!



PHANTOM FOSSIL

I think we had better stop offering the silver spoon as an incentive for members to become married, too many people are taking the plunge and we are losing valued members. Perhaps if we offer the spoon to likely looking prospects as an incentive not to become wed-locked then we might not lose anyone eh Alex, Les, Geoff, etc. etc.??

PS. Many Congratulations to Leigh Pretty and Joan Pretty (Cerutti) hope we might see Leigh back in the Duke soon.

PPS. Rod says he wants a spoon!!

Eddy lurched at Lindsay's legs and she was extremely co-operative in fact in the heat of the moment everyone was asking burning questions but Lindsay's legs were the objects burning for she was standing too close to the fire and was in imminent danger of becoming incinerated. Good old Eddy to the rescue.

Never ask Norbert if he likes dehydrated foods, for in his own words he will tell you that quote "Bloody dehydroes make me ill" unquote.

A bushwalker is someone who knows very little about a great deal and continues to know less and less about more and more until he knows practically nothing about everything. Whereas on the other hand an orienteer knows a great deal about very little and keeps knowing more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing. A rockclimber starts out knowing everything about everything but ends up knowing everything about nothing, mainly due to his association with bushwalkers and orienteers.

In case the few people who don't go down to the Duke on a Wednesday night didn't know we now have a complete section of the pub reserved for us. We don't of course admit that we are members of a bushwalking club, but rather members of "SLOSHED" (Slimy Layabouts of Subsistence Habitats Encroaching on Depravity).

- Evil bushwalker - Come into the woods!!!
- Innocent maiden - No, no.
- Evil bushwalker - Come into the woods!!!!!!
- Innocent maiden - No No No Ooh I'll scream for help
- Evil bushwalker - Heh Heh I don't need any help.

- Bushwalker (also evil) - Come into my tent!!!
- Pretty young girl - No
- Bushwalker - Come into my tent!!!
- Pretty young girl - No, ooh ohh I'll call the president
- Bushwalker - Heh I am the president.

FACT

Did you know that one of our members has a famous ancestor? Geoff Crapper's (great)5 grandfather Sir Thomas Crapper discovered the toilet!! (he did not actually find one but thought it a would be a good idea if everyone used one and so he invented it). I am not sure of the derivation of the famous surname, however he was knighted for his splendid exhibition of the product.

Wednesday July 11th Special.

Joy is very happy at the moment, she has latched on to the Secretary of the Federation. Joy was very nearly elected to this post, but was narrowly beaten by the chap in question. In Joy's own words 'I missed out on being Secretary but I got the Secretary.'

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WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

John BECK, 3/174 Riversdale Rd., Camberwell 3124 (p)83 2340

Jon Willem BROWNE, 2/17 Meome Rd., East Malvern (b)67 8141

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Lilian LAIRD, 14/50 Wellington St., St.Kilda 3182 (b)51 0651

Ronald NINNIS, 10 Alameda Ave., Mornington

John SIMPSON, 65 Albion Rd., Box Hill 3128 (p)88 1855 (b)878 8824

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Margaret GROGAN, 4/76 Canterbury Rd., Toorak

Byron GREY, 15 Neill St., Rushworth 3612 (p)Rushworth265 (b)Rushworth7

Alan GILES, c/- I.C.I. Australia Ltd, U.F. Plastics Factory, Ballarat Rd,
Deer Park 3023

Norbert HEYDRYCH, 1/95 St.Vincent Place, Albet Park 3206

David HARRISON, 2/35 Narong Road, North Caulfield 3161 (p)509 0869 (b)544 1133

Ian SHEEHY, 4 Waldeman Road, Eaglemont (p)459 4876 (b)329 7311

New Phone Nos.

Sandra and Ken SHARPE, (p)723 4930

Alan HOLDER, (p)24 4230

Graham WILLS-JOHNSON, (b)341 2153

Hear about J.C.W.'S coming attraction ? Its called....(Can you guess?)
Lloyd George Knew My Father !! No, they don't want to audition any of
the Bushies for the Chorus.

Thanks to all contributors and to Joy for helping with the typing. Sorry there's
no Along the Track this month, but all the writers seem to have given up walking
(or maybe the walkers have given up writing). Contributions for next month close
Wednesday July 4th.

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HINTS FOR THE CUNNING WALKER

If appointed leader and your navigation is rusty allow the eager beavers to rush ahead. Hopefully, a competent navigator will be up front. However, if you do become "geographically embarrassed", such tactics will allow you to shift the blame to "the racehorse who took the wrong turn!"

With a bit of luck, your time up the back can be profitably employed "chatting up that pretty little new girl".

Should you find yourself lagging and obviously unfit, you can always pretend you were looking at some unusual bird or wildflower. Avoid naming any particular species however, in case there is an expert in the party. If any one asks you why you didn't collect a specimen, you can always righteously reply that whatever it was "was protected".

Another handy hint for the slow coach is to carry a camera (not necessarily in working order). Once in a while, this should be aimed at some seemingly interesting subject and the pretence of taking photos is thus maintained. You can usually get away with this ruse as people are not really very interested in other peoples pictures and will not ask to view the results. Meanwhile the resultant stop has gained you a rest.

The veteran walker will also have his own interpretation for the official walk standards. This will be especially refined if he is a member of long standing and knows the prominent leaders.

For example

1. Athol to lead an EASY day walk near Berwick.

Interpretation: We will climb over 32 fences in the first 3 miles, followed by a bristling pace along bitumen roads for the last 10 miles.

2. Tyrone to lead an EASY-MEDIUM trip in the Otways.

Interpretation: We will be slogging through thick bush for two days. There will be steep climbs, mud, leeches, the occasional fence and no chance for the swim promised by the leader.

3. Graham Wills-Johnston to lead a MEDIUM-HARD trip between Harrietville and Buckland Junction.

Interpretation: Landrovers will take us three-quarters of the way up the range. We will then walk the short intervening distance to the camp. This will be reached by 2.30 pm.

4. Spencer to lead an EASY day walk in the Dandenongs.

Interpretation: Don't go! It will rain all damn day!

"An Old Hand"

COMING ATTRACTIONS IN THE CLUBROOM

July 4 Dave Oldfield slides of the Hymalayas.

July 11 A talk and film by Chris Hellerud from Nordic Skiing. Promises to be extremely informative.

July 18 Special film night MULTIPLY AND SUBDUE THE EARTH. This film has been obtained after a lot of effort as it is in continuous demand. The message in 'Multiply and Destroy the Earth' tells us about mans use of ecological planning and the universal truth we all realize as bushwalkers - that man must seek to resolve a unity with nature instead of exploiting her. So destructive is mans pathological concern with the conquest of nature he has lost sight of the universal dangers to mankind - the overcrowding of our cities contributing to increased violence and crime, the gradual pollution of our air supply, the poisoning of our food and water supply - all serious hazards to our personal health. It should be obvious that 'Multiply and Subdue the Earth' is compulsory viewing for all bushwalkers who wish to learn and be more articulate about their environment.

BE THERE AT 7.45 OTHERWISE YOU WON'T GET IN !!

Early birds will get the seats, which will be in demand as this film runs 68 minutes.