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## OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1974

At the Annual General Meeting on the 20th February the following positions were filled:-

<u>PRESIDENT</u> .....	GRAHAM MASCAS
<u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u> .....	TIM DENT AND GRAHAM WILLS-JOHNSON
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<u>GENERAL COMMITTEE</u> .....	SUE BALL JOYCE DUNN JERRY GRANDAGE IAN HILL BOB STEEL

## APRIL SOCIAL EVENTS

- Wed. April 3rd Slides of New Zealand at Christmas time taken by Geoff Crapper
- Sat. April 5th Farewell party for Norbert Hendrych - Norbert unfortunately has to return to Germany due to family reasons. I'm sure everyone who has ever come to know Norbert has found him to be one of the most pleasant and fun-loving people in the Club. He has also been one of the most active. It is because of his leaving that we are going to have this party and all the people who have ever been associated with Norbert are invited. It is to be held at Graham and Stuart Hodgson's place starting at 8 p.m.
- Girls please bring something for supper  
Blokes - the grog (what else!!!)
- Wed. April 17th 50 minute colour film - BIRTH OF A SANCTUARY by BILL DAVIES - 7.45 p.m. start
- This film is the story of the creation of a magnificent conservation area in the northern foothills of the King Lake Ranges, Glenburn, Victoria. A series of planned lakes have been constructed on a 300 acre farming property and one has to view the film to appreciate just how successful the venture has been. Filming commences during 1967 with the preparation of the first

All correspondence should be addressed to:-

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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

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

1974 Subscriptions are now payable to the Membership Secretary - please pay AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

(Red-nosed donkeys will be sent out in APRIL this year, not MAY as in previous years)

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COMMITTEE MEETING

At the first meeting of the new Committee held on the 4th March, the following positions were allocated:-

- "WALK" MAGAZINE BUSINESS MANAGER ..... BOB STEEL, who will handle the financial and business aspects of publishing "Walk".
- FEDERATION DELEGATE ..... GRAHAM WILLS-JOHNSON, who will represent our Club at Federation meetings and keep us informed on joint activities
- EQUIPMENT OFFICER ..... PAUL WIENCKE - although not a Committee member, Paul has willingly offered to look after Equipment
- SEARCH AND RESCUE DELEGATE ..... TIM DENT, Observer IAN HILL
- HUTS AND TRACKS ..... SUE BALL
- VIC. NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION ..... IAN HILL
- COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT REPS. .... TIM DENT, JOYCE DUNN
- LIBRARIAN ..... JOYCE DUNN, who will handle the job of selling publications in the clubroom
- MAP CUSTODIAN ..... JERRY GRANDAGE
- A. C. F. DELEGATE ..... IAN HILL

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PRIVATE TRIPS

Members going on private trips are asked to make use of the Club Contact System by phoning the Club Contact before departing for and after returning from trips. Please also note that Fred and Merle Halls are NO LONGER Club Contacts. Names and telephone numbers of the Contacts are on the back of the Autumn Programme. The No. 3 Contact(not shown on the Programme)is Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke p) 29 4667.

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WINTER PROGRAMME

The Winter Walks Programme is still in preparation and any suggestions for walks, both day and weekend walks, would be most welcome. Alex Stirkul, our Walks Secretary, would be very pleased to hear from you.

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APRIL WALKS PREVIEWSApril 7 RYSON CREEK-GENTLE ANNIE Easy

Leader: Peter Vander-Borgh (p) 58 7222  
 Transport: Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am - Fare \$2.00  
 Expected time of return: 7.00 pm  
 Map: Some photostat copies of the area to be provided  
 Approximate distance: 10 miles

Track walk to Sunrise Lookout (View). Steep climb to Mt Gentle Annie (520 m climb). Liesurely walk to Gentle Annie Gap on to Grevillea Flat through wild flower reserve. Return to van. If time permits crossing Rysons Creek to Webber's Lookout, return via Bellbird Paddock.

April 11-15 GUYS HUT-WONNANGATTA-WOMBAT SPUR-BILLY GOAT BLUFF Medium/Hard

Leader: Alex Stirkul (b) 46 4841  
 Transport: Bus leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 pm - Fare \$9.00  
 Expected time of return: 9.00 pm  
 Map: Moroka and Wonnangatta 1" - 1 mile  
 Approximate Distance: 40 miles

Here is the Easter walk that everyone has been waiting for. This trip promises to be a veritable potpourri of bushwalking delights, featuring the Wonnangatta Valley, a stroll up the delightful Wombat Spur with splendid views of Mt Kent, Snowy Bluff etc. This tantalising traipse along the tracks ends with an invigorating climb up to Billy Goat Bluff.

MOUNT DARLING-WONNANGATTA-MACALISTER SPRINGS-BRYCES GORGE Medium

Leader: Max Wilkinson (b) 666 0231  
 Transport: Bus leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 pm - Fare \$9.00  
 Maps: F.C.V. 1:125,000 Macalister River Watershed and  
 VMTC 1" = 2 miles Portion of Macalister River Watershed  
 or Lands Dept. 1" = 1 mile Howitt 822 and Moroka 832

Thursday night we will be driven via Licola to the intersection of Howitt Rd, with the Mt Darling Rd where we will camp. Friday we will walk over Mt Darling to Wonnangatta Station. After spending some time in the area to visit the remains of the Station and the family cemetery we will camp beside the river. Saturday's route will follow the Wonnangatta Valley and then the jeep track to Macalister Springs, the third campsite. Sunday we will follow tracks to the vicinity of Bryces Hut ruin. Monday's walk through Bryces Gorge, which will include the following features:-Conglomerate Falls, Piemans Falls, Bryces Gorge Lookout - should provide a most enjoyable finish to the trip. Approximate distance - 41 miles.

FREYCINET PENINSULA, TASMANIA Easy

Bookings for this trip may be full. Please see Bob Steel immediately if you have thoughts of going

Leader: Bob Steel (p) 47 3743  
 Transport: Plane leaves Fullamarine at 7.30 pm - \$43.  
 Car hire is approximately \$8 per person  
 Expected time of return: Plane leaves Launceston 5.05 pm on  
 15th or 16th April - back in Melbourne about 6.30 p.m.  
 Map: Freycinet 1:100,000

Freycinet National Park, Coles Bay, East Coast of Tasmania. The walk will be an easy stroll along good graded tracks. There should be plenty of time for swimming, side trips etc. Campsites are good and water adequate. Good views, delightful beaches and coves, rugged peaks to scramble up, rocky coasts to explore.

PURGATORY SPUR-MT HUMP-THE SENTINEL-MT WELLINGTON Hard

Leader: John Siseman (p) 878 1839  
 Transport: Bus leaves Batman Ave 6.30 pm - \$9  
 Map: Macalister River Watershed VMTC

A chance to enjoy a pleasant weekend of real bushwalking i.e. NO tracks. The walk will start near Ben Cruachan and then follow the Little River (scrub and river wading here) to the foot of Purgatory Spur. A 12-14 mile uphill climb commences here with little chance of water until the top is reached. It is expected to take more than a day for this section so be

prepared for a dry camp. There is no track up the spur and various forms of prickly scrub will be encountered. Along the spur we will traverse Mt Hump and the Razorback eventually reaching the Gable End and the Sentinels. The last part of the trip from Gable End traverses open alpine plains to Mt Wellington with a trip down to Lake Tarli Karng for those who still feel energetic enough. A pleasant excursion into one of the few areas of the Victorian Alps where it is still possible to avoid jeep tracks.

April 14 KILMORE EAST-MT PIPER-BROADFORD Easy

Leader: Shirley Hoadley (p) 329 7527  
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave 9.15 am - Fare \$2.00  
 Map: Pyalong & Tallarook 1:50,000; Lancefield 1"-1 mile

Come along and eat your Easter eggs on Mt Piper! 10 easy miles mainly along open ridges and some farmland, culminating in a short, sharp climb of about 170m to the summit of Mt Piper with excellent 360 views. Bring water for lunch.

April 21 HOLLOWBACK RESERVOIR-BRUCE'S TRACK-SUGARLOAF HILL Easy

Leader: Marijke Mascas (p) 25 6940  
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave 9.15 am - Fare \$2.00  
 Expected time of return: Sunday evening  
 Map: Kinglake 1:50,000  
 Approximate Distance: 9 miles

Easy walk through nice timbered country. Down hill all the way. No scrub bashing. Good introductory walk.

April 25 MACEDON-MT TOWRONG-CAMELS HUMP-WOODEND Easy

Leader: Chris Milne  
 Transport: Train  
 Map: Lancefield 1" = 1 mile

Forest walking in both eucalypt and pines. A steep climb up Mt Towrong starts the day, followed by easier going to the Camels Hump where views are superb. Then it's downhill through eucalypt forest to Woodend.

April 26- BRIGGS BLUFF-MT DIFFICULT (GRAMPIANS) Medium/Hard

28 Leader: Gerry Grandage (b) 640251 X 532 (p) 489 6820  
 Transport: Private

By popular demand (i.e. The Walks Secretary and the leader) the programmed trip to Mt Cole is now going to the Grampians. It will be an interesting walk with good views along the ridge from Briggs Bluff to Mt Difficult and beyond to Carter's track. Although the distance each day will be short, the rock-scrambling and scrub-bashing will ensure slow progress. The tent space at the camp-site is limited.

April 28 PIONEER CK. ROAD-KOBIOLKE TRACK-POWELLTOWN Easy/Medium

Leader: Ken Briscoe (p) 870 7981  
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave 9.15 am - Fare \$2.00  
 Expected time of return: No later than Midnight (I hope!!)  
 Map: Neerim 1:50,000  
 Approximate Distance: 10 miles

A walk through the tall timbers around Powelltown, mostly along tracks, finishing in the township for milkshakes.

\*\*\* WALK 1975 \*\*\*

WALK 1975 needs your contribution NOW. Brief, interesting, witty, light-hearted or serious - the choice is yours. Remember, the Club's annual magazine can only be as good as YOU make it. Why not put pen to paper to share with others some outdoor experience or express your point of view. DON'T SIT BACK and let others make all the noise, it's not as hard to write as you think. Articles up to 1000 words on any topic will be most welcome. We also need photographs - slides or prints - to make next year's WALK a visual success. Dave Oldfield will be overjoyed to receive your articles as soon as possible.



ELEPHANTS BEWARE!

ELEPHANT PHANTOM FOSSIL LOOPER

Have you ever attempted to cook dehydrated apricots? On a recent trip Elsebeth Hansen and Marion Ross decided they would cook some apricots to perfection, so with the billy in hand, half a pound of apricot dehyds were drowned with an inch of water ????? "It takes a lot of heat to cook apricots" said Elsebeth. The billy was placed in the centre of the fire and abandoned for some half to three-quarters of an hour while their steaks were fried. Upon reaching sweet time the lid of the billy was lifted and a blue cloud descended upon the peaceful scene. The apricots (if the black heap of coals in the bottom were apricots) were extremely well cooked. I somehow think our two budding Margaret Fultons or Mrs Beetons will think twice before tackling the extremely difficult apricot recipe again.

Talking of food, did you know that marriage is like shopping in a supermarket. You grab anything that takes your fancy and pay for it later.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

- Anne Sullivan - I'm going to change my appearance for the rest of the year and wear jeans, have long hair and a beard.
- Rod Mattingley - I like little boys.
- Anonymous - We can't go yet, the leader hasn't got his pants on
- Anonymous - Your mind is lower than a snakes naval

Did you know that Sue Ball has some elephant loopers!!!!??? You know, they are part of a set including giraffe grabbers, hippopotamus hammers, tiger tongs, deer drills and leopard lifters, in other words, I wouldn't have a bloody clue either.

Just what were those items in Ed Lawton's wallet that made three girls laugh so much?

BIRTH OF A SANCTUARY (contd...)

lake site. The development of each lake is closely followed. The arrival of the first water birds is graphically shown and the flora and fauna of the various diverse habitats are illustrated; open farmland; wet and dry sclerophyll forests etc. The entire realm of nature is covered and a section on bird banding is included. In these days of unprecedented environmental destruction, with mankind's future in the balance, it is conservation projects such as this at Glenburn which provide a glimmer of hope for our children and our children's children. The film has high educational value and has outstanding examples of what can be achieved on hundreds of farms throughout the State

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Virgil Davis - 2/381 High Street Road, Mt Waverley
- Graeme Davis - C/o Burton Hall, The Australian National University, P O Box 83, Canberra City, ACT 2601
- Dave Thomson - 143 Cotham Road, Kew
- Greg and Barbara Weston - 62 Vida Street, Essendon 3040

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Jerry and Chris Grandage p) 489 6820

My thanks go to Copperknickers (his choice of name, not mine!) that is to say GWJ, for writing AND typing the following article:-

WE MUST BE A LONG WAY SOUTH, WITH SUCH LATE SUNSETS.

Ever been to Sydney around Christmas time and noticed how much earlier the sun sets? "Well, what do you expect?" you snort. "They're a lot further north than we are." On the other hand, when walking in South West Tasmania or the far South Island of New Zealand the conversation often gets round to how much later sunset is, and how we must be nearly at the south pole. People never talk much about sunrises - there just doesn't seem to be the same interest in them for some reason!

Well (ignoring daylight saving), on Christmas Day 1974, sunset in Sydney will be at seven minutes past seven, while in Melbourne it will be at seventeen minutes to eight. Of course in the middle of winter Melbourne's nights are longer than Sydney's, so I guess we would then expect the opposite to be the case, with the sun setting earlier in Melbourne. So it comes as something of a surprise to find that on 21 June 1974 sunset will be at seven minutes to five in Sydney, whereas in Melbourne it will not be until eight minutes past! What has gone wrong? Winter nights are definitely longer the further south you go, so there is no doubt that Melbourne is getting less daylight overall in June. How come it's still getting sunset later? (The difference is less, of course - only fifteen minutes - than in December, when it is thirty six.)

The answer to this part of the problem is that Melbourne has built-in daylight saving. Both cities take their time from the 150th meridian, i.e. they both say it is 12 noon when the sun is at its highest point in the sky for someone who is standing astride longitude 150°E. The sun is NOT at its highest point in the sky in either Melbourne or Sydney at the moment people in both places choose to call noon. In Sydney it has already passed that point, whereas in Melbourne it will not reach that point for another twenty minutes. The 150th meridian passes about a mile out to sea off Cape Howe, and about halfway between Katoomba and Bathurst - in fact almost where the Divide crosses the Great Western Highway west of Lithgow.

So if we are going to be fair about it, we should ask what time sunset is on the 150th meridian at the latitude of Sydney and at the latitude of Melbourne, and this time we DO get the result we expect: 21 June 5.01pm(NSW), 4.47pm(VIC); 25 December 7.12pm(NSW), 7.23pm(VIC).

If you are going walking in the Grampians, therefore, you can guarantee that sunset will always be 10 minutes later than in Melbourne. All the year round. On the Wonnangatta it will always be eight minutes earlier. (So will sunrise!) A good part of the reason why sunsets are so late in Fiordland is that it is so much further WEST than the rest of New Zealand.

The east-west corrections are quite easy to work out: 4 minutes per degree of longitude, (4 mins x 360° = 24 hours!), and are the same at all latitudes and at all times of the year. Fiordland "cheats" to the extent of no less than 52 minutes by this means! (longitude 167°E, time zone 180°E). We hear a lot about Skye from a certain ethnic minority in the club when ever this subject is discussed: well Skye "cheats" to the extent of more than 24 minutes in the same way.

Working out the north-south correction isn't nearly so easy, and of course this does vary with the time of year. Whereas the old-fashioned 3-R's type of school curriculum used to teach everyone (whether they needed to know or not) how the seasons are caused and why the sun is higher in the sky in summer than in winter, I gather there are now much more important things to learn, and it is even possible these days to meet recent university graduates who haven't a clue about it! Anyway, because the arguments are likely to be boringly familiar to anyone who copped a 3-Rs education and incomprehensible to anyone who didn't, it seems best to put them in a separate box at the end of the article. Most people are

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 Helen Dean - C/o Bush Nursing Hospital, Bright 3741

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

One 2-Man tent with wall, oil japara \$20.00  
 2-Man Nylon Fly, fully waterproof \$20.00  
 One pair boots, John Bull, used once \$20.00

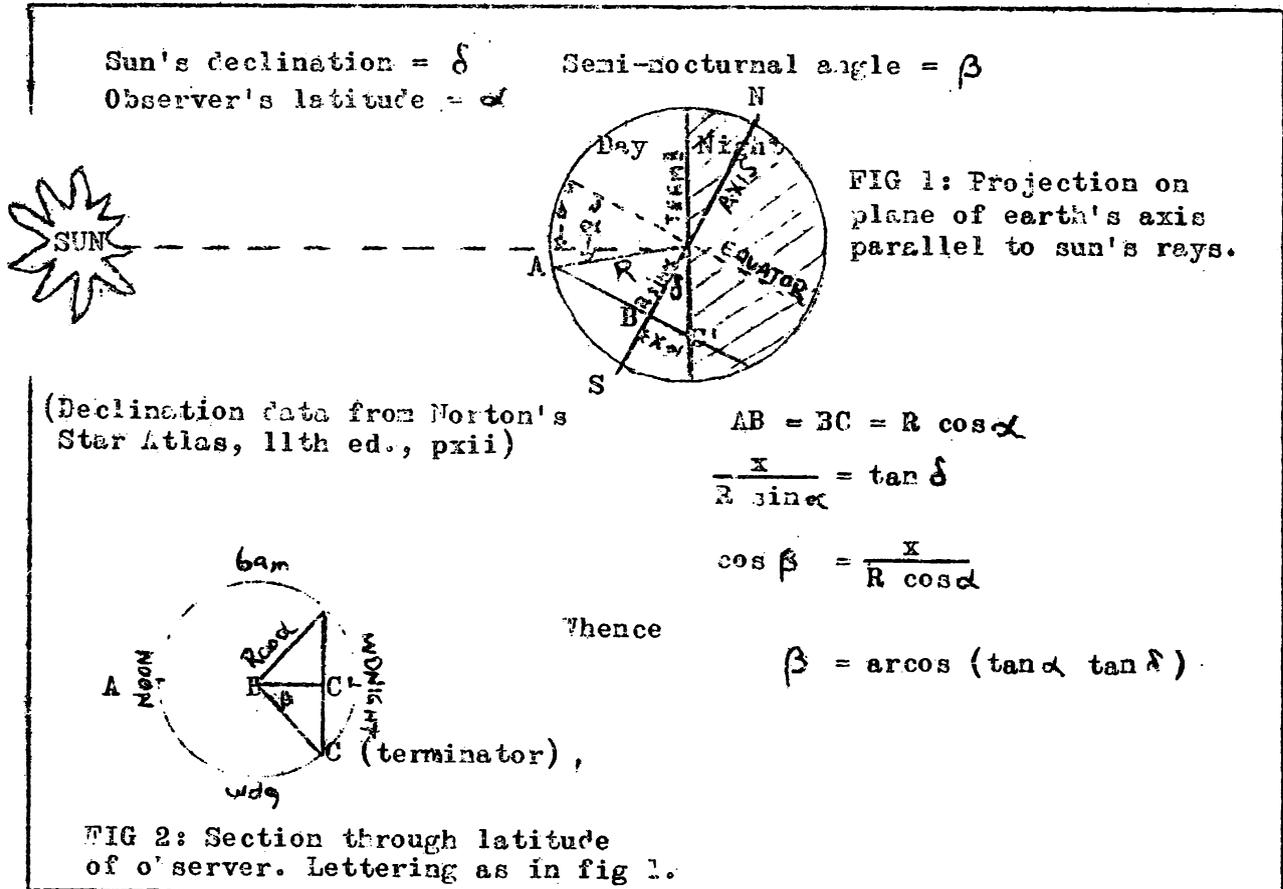
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probably only interested in the results anyway (if that!). Treating it PURELY as a trigonometric problem (which means ignoring things like atmospheric refraction etc, which will in any case have less effect on DIFFERENCES than they do on absolute values) the results are as follows:

Compared with Melbourne, for places on the same longitude sunset will be:-

ON:	22SEP	22OCT	3NOV	23NOV	
	21MAR	24FEB	9FEB	20JAN	22DEC
AT LATITUDE OF:					
CAIRNS	same time	20min earlier	29min earlier	41min earlier	49min earlier
SYDNEY	same time	5min earlier	7min earlier	9min earlier	11min earlier
HOBART	same time	6min later	10min later	13min later	16min later
INVERCARGILL NZ	same time	11min later	17min later	25min later	30min later
CAPE HORN	same time	28min later	45min later	1hr4min later	1hr20min later

-----Copperknickers.



AMENDMENT TO 1973 TREASURER'S REPORT

Delete Paragraph 8 and add in lieu:-

The cost of printing WALK '73 (\$800) was met from the sum of \$1195.49 derived from the sale of all WALK magazines and advertising revenue from WALK '73. No other details are available.

CONSERVATIONISTS' RALLY

A large rally is being organized by the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Lake Pedder Action Committee, to take place in Melbourne during April. The purpose of the rally is to:-

- (a) demonstrate the strength of conservationists (all groups are being asked to support it)
- (b) further the Pedder campaign
- (c) show the new colour film on Lake Pedder

ANYONE FOR OVERSEAS?

Wendy Avery, who is a member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers, has asked us to insert the following ad. in "News":

"Girl over 20 interested in going to London and Europe in June -- Ring Wendy 264431 X 57"

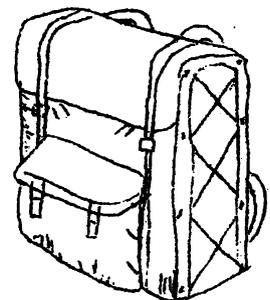
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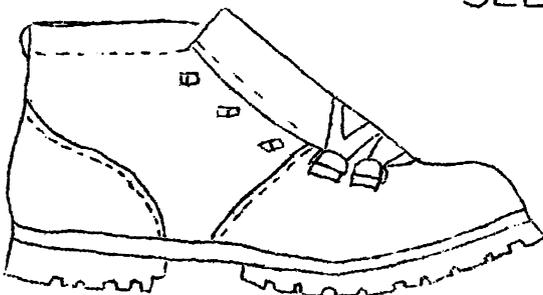
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