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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

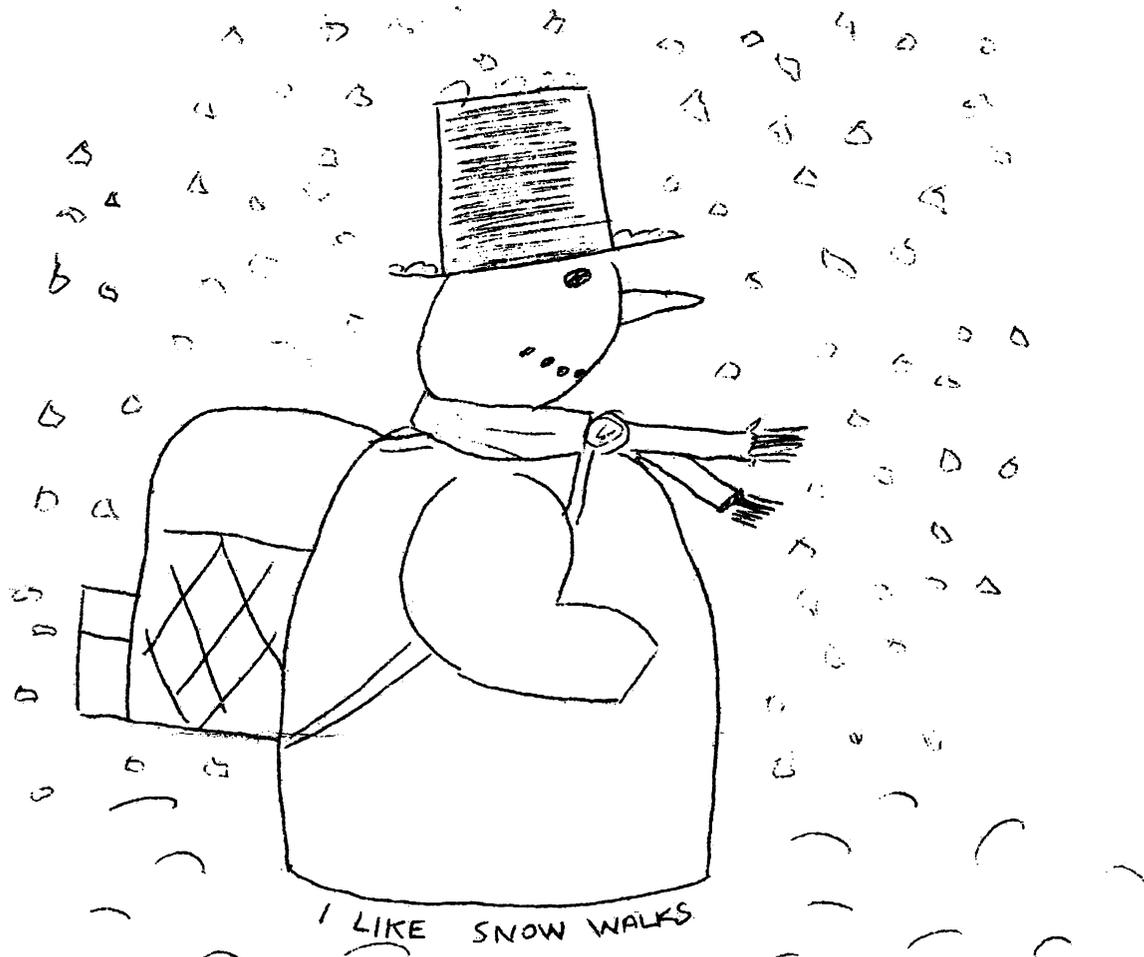
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SEASONS GREETINGS



From
The Editor, Staff of The News
and all members of the Committee

* CLUBROOMS *

The clubrooms will be closed Christmas Eve, 24th December.

*Santa doesn't want to come.

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

JANUARY WALK PREVIEWS

Jan 4 PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE-CAPE WOOLAMAI-WOOLAMAI BEACH Easy

Leader: Michael Mann (p) 257 756
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$3.00
Expected time of return: 9.00pm
Map reference: Broadbents No.48 Phillip Island
Approximate distance: 12 Km

The van will drop us off somewhere along Woolami Rd. We will then walk across the sand dunes to Red point and follow the Cape around either on the cliffs or beach, whichever appeals at the time. Lunch will be somewhere around the Cape, so bring water. We will then follow Woolami beach around to Forrest caves where the van will pick us up. Swimming is best left till the afternoon as this is the cleanest beach.

Jan 11 TURPINS FALLS-CAMPASPE RIVER-MITCHELLS FALLS Easy/Med

Leader: Art Terry (p) 933 617
Transport Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$2.50

A pleasant stroll along the river visiting two waterfalls. Bring bathers as there are plenty of swimming holes.

Jan 18 SARDINE CK.-CLEARWATER CK.-YANKEE CK. Easy/Med

Leader: Stuart Hodgson (p) 244 230
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$2.50

See Stuart in the clubrooms for details.

Jan 25 JUMPING CREEK RESERVE-YARRA RIVER-WONGA PARK Easy

Leader: Harold Grave (p) 942 026
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$2.50
Map reference: Yan Yean and Yarra Glen 1:50 000
Approximate distance: 12Km

A pleasant walk along the Yarra for some distance, then across country in the direction of Yarra Glen. Excellent views of the Yarra together with plenty of bird life to add to the enjoyment. Bring water for lunch.

WEEKEND WALKS

Jan LILLO DERBY-McALLISTER RIVER Easy

10-11 Leader: Alec Proudfoot (p) 598 0415
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Own choice

The Secretary of the Walks sub-committee has asked me to choose a site on the McAllister river for the Lilo derby, and to take over the arrangements of it. I have investigated the area and concluded that on the whole we may be best suited by a stretch of about a mile about 2½ miles north of Burgoyne's Gap (marked in large letters by the roadside.) between Glenmaggie and Licola. At this point the road has descended to river level and entry to the flats is through a ricketty gate on the left.

Quite a number of people camp along the river, especially during the Xmas break and we will have to share the area with others. However if the nearside bank does not suit us we could wade the river to the opposite side where others are less likely to be. There is a good deal of water in the river at present, but it looks as if there are always some deep pools and shallow rapids. I will have a notice at the gate indicating where the campsite is.

At present the country is very attractive and photogenic and the river is recognised as a good trout stream (even I have caught fish there) It is also at present favoured by canoeists. There are some large gums, but I guess they'll be popular. Thorough bludgers may bring sun-umbrellas as well as the kitchen sink. Bathers, liloes, wading shoes of course, a small bushmans saw and/or axe is useful if you need firewood. I will bring one, also a sharp

shovel to clean campsites.)We will have more fun if we don fancy dress --so be in it. The sillier you look, the happier we'll be. Any novel ideas about aquatic events are welcome as also are ideas or items that will enliven or otherwise embellish our weekend.

This is a weekend for all, so bring the toddlers, Auntie May and Grandpa.As you can see, transport is private, so you can come and go as you please. I shall probably get there Friday pm. A couple of weeks before the event I shall put a notice on the board whereon car drivers may indicate seats they have to offer and those desiring transport may put their names and addresses. I hope by this method those who have and those who need can come together. If help is needed, ring me. So, if you are not booked up for 10-11 January come along with your bright New Year intention to enjoy yourself and help us to enjoy ourselves.ALEC

Jan MT.SPECULATION-THE RAZOR-CATHERINE RIVER-MT.COBBLER Med/Hard

23-26 Leader:Michael Griffin (p) 435 7829
Transport: Private
Map reference: Howitt 1:63 360 Lands Dept.

Watersheds King, Howqua, Jamieson 1:63 360 VMTC

A mystery walk ie. not previewed. Bring along a spirit of adventure and please, be fit. First day from Speculation campsite to Razor and Viking, camping in Viking saddle. Second day, back to the Razor and over the side(somehow), descending to the Catherine river. Depending on wishes of the party and state of leader, we can either camp early or slog up to the Abbeyard jeep track the same day, which will give us time to investigate Cobbler area on the Monday. Water of doubtful quantity and geography on Saturday night, so bring enough to survive on. Could be some scrub -- certainly will guarantee a laugh a minute.

Jan KING SPUR-MT.SPECULATION-THE CROSSCUT-STANLEY NAME SPUR Med

23-26 Leader:Ken McMahon (p) 359 3475
Transport: Private
Map reference: Watersheds King, Howqua, Jamieson 1:63 360 VMTC
Approximate distance: 20 miles

As I seem to have earned a reputation for easy rated walks that wind up as long distance endurance tests and easy/medium walks that lead unwary followers into tortuous gorges till high on dusk, I wish to impress upon persons contemplating joining me for my next folly that I intend to stick to a relaxed itinerary over some of the most ruggedly spectacular alpine country in Victoria. Leaving the cars at the foot of the King spur, we will ascend the short, steep route to find a camp spot by Mt. Speculation. The afternoon shall be spent tripping to Mt.Despair or further. Second day we traverse the Cross Cut saw to a camp spot just down the Stanley Name spur. Time or enthusiasm permitting, a jaunt to Howitt may be on. The last day is reasonably easy as we complete the circuit down the spurs to the cars again.

PHOTOFLORA '76 -- COLOUR SLIDE COMPETITION

.....of any aspect of Australian Flowers, Birds or Wildlife in the natural environment has been organised by the Native Plants Preservation Society of Victoria. As there can be no competition and no screenings without good slides, all are encouraged to enter. Awards:The Winifred Waddell Trophy for the best slide and the H.T. Reeves Trophy for an outstanding slide showing the subject in its natural setting.

Entries will be received between the 19th January and 2nd February. Public screenings of accepted slides to be between 9th March and 10th April. Entry forms and further information from Miss B.C. Terrell, 24 Seymour Ave., Armadale 3143

NEW BUSHWALKING JOURNAL

JUST appeared is the first issue of "VENTURE" , the journal of the Perth Bushwalkers, with accounts of walks in the Perth area and further afield in the Stirling Ranges and along the Canning Stock Route. Also track notes and general articles including a social scientists probing of the bushwalker psyche. For copies, see Athol Schafer.

FOUL WEATHER ON HIGH PLAINS GO TO WILKY AND PONDER SITUATION	CHUNDER THROW AGAIN	MISS GRONOWS VAN WHILE AT GREASIES JOINT MISS A THROW	HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE MILK BAR AFTER TOUGH WEEKEND WALK GO FORWARD FIVE SPACES
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POPULARITY
SOARS ANNOUNCE
50% CUT
IN VAN FARES
MOVE FORWARD
FIVE SPACES

FORGOT TO
BRING FLY
ON NET WALK
GO BACK TO
BEST EQUIPPED
WALKER

VISIT HOWMANS
GAP LEADERSHIP
TRAINING CENTRE
GO FORWARD
SIX SPACES

TYPICAL S.W.
TASSIE
WEATHER -
SPEND DAY
IN TENT
MISS A THROW

HOSTILE
FARMER

RETURN
TO START

YOU TAKE
YOUR BOOTS
AND SOCKS
OFF TO CROSS
A SMALL CREEK
GO BACK
FIVE SPACES

CHUN

RIVER
CROSSING
HAVE TO PUT
EVERYTHING
IN PLASTIC
BAGS
MISS A THROW

MUTINY AMONG
WALKERS -
MISS A THROW
WHILE ARGUING
WHICH ROUTE
TO TAKE



DISCOVER
NEW GIRL ON
WALK HAS
FORGOTTEN
HER TENT
GO FORWARD
SIX SPACES

GET ELUSTERS
ON ROAD BASH
STAY PUT
AND REST
YOUR FEET

CHUNDER!
THROW
AGAIN

ANNOUNCE
LUNCH BREAK
POPULARITY
SOARS
MOVE FORWARD
TWO SPACES

DOWNHILL
SECTION
GO FORWARD
TWO SPACES

THIRST IS
OVERPOWERING
HEAD DOWN
TO LOWER
CLUBROOMS
MISS A THROW

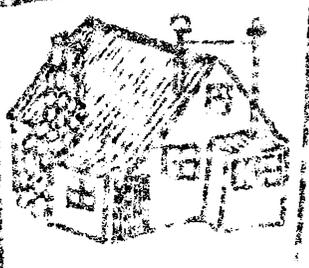
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ACT OF
CHOPPING DOWN
F.C.V. SIGN
GO BACK
FOUR SPACES

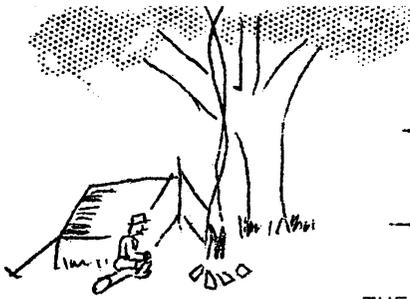


EAT
DE-HYD
MEAL
THROW AGAIN

BAD
ASTROLOGICAL
FORECAST FOR
WEEKEND WALK
STAY AT HOME
MISS A THROW

ANNOUNCE
FIVE MINUTES
REST
POPULARITY
SOARS
THROW AGAIN

DECIDE TO WAX SKIS WITH RED KLISTER AFTER OVERNIGHT SNOWFALL? MISS A THROW	DECIDE WE NEED MORE BY LAWS GO TO WILKY TO THINK	YOU RATE A MENTION IN THE SHADY SCORPION COLUMN GO BACK FIVE SPACES	LOST IDIOTS HANGOUT
YOUR CHOOFER BLOWS UP GO BACK TO BEST EQUIPPED WALKER	INSULT THE PROM RANGER GO BACK THREE SPACES	FREE GROG ON PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND - TRAMPLED IN RUSH FOR BOOKINGS MISS A THROW	RESCUE LOST BOY SCOUTS MISS A THROW
<h1>DER!</h1> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain dice and coloured buttons Obtain people Start playing Make up rules as you go <p>T.T.T.</p>			CLIMB A TREE TO SEE WHERE YOU ARE IN SOUTH WEST SCRUB MOVE ON THREE SPACES
MAKE CAMP IN M.M.B.W. CATCHMENT AREA GO FORWARD TWO SPACES			SKI TIP BREAKS WHILE ATTEMPTING SOMERSAULT ON WAY TO WILKY MISS A THROW
WHIP DECLARES THAT YOU ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY MISPLACED GO BACK TO LOST IDIOTS			WIN AWARD FOR BEST EQUIPPED WALKER THROW AGAIN
CHUNDER! THROW AGAIN			ROCK HOPPING SECTION ENCOUNTERED GO BACK FOUR SPACES
MISLED BY WALK LEADER GO BACK TO LOST IDIOTS	YOU FORGOT TO BUY THIS YEARS "WALK" GO BACK FORTY SPACES	CRITICIZE YOUR HARD WORKING COMMITTEE GO BACK TEN SPACES	
LOSE WAY IN GRAMPIONS SCRUB GO BACK TO LOST IDIOTS	STOP FOR BREATHER ON STAIRCASE SPUR MISS A THROW		A.G.M. DRAGS ON TILL TEN O'CLOCK MISS A THROW (AND A DRINK)



ALONG THE TRACK

THE 101st WALK IN VICTORIA
OR WHO SHOT THE AUTHOR?
OR THE ONE HE WON'T CONFESS TO

WALK: Bindaree Hut, Helicopter Spur, Square Head Jinny, The Bluffs, Howqua Rv, Corn Hill. Leader: Tyrone Thomas.

Dennis dropped us about 6 miles from our destination, Bindaree Hut, because the road was too muddy. We walked for 5 minutes then we heard Dennis hooting - his horn of course. We ran to the van and helped fill in a huge hole in the road. Having done this, we left Dennis to reverse a couple of miles or so.

We then roadbashed in to Bindaree Hut where we had lunch - one clairvoyant Englishman dropped out at this point. After lunch we toiled 2000 ft up Helicopter spur (very, very steep in places) to Lovett's Hut, where we camped the night. There is a water tank and camping is pretty good. The following morning we walked to Mt. Lovett and then dropped packs to visit Square Head Jinny. Both views are very good. Retrieving packs we visited Bluff Hut and then DROPPED 3000 ft down to the Howqua river. Pyer's crossing looked dodgy so we went on getting very hungry and tired.

Pre-lunch entertainment was provided by Mrs. Joyce Dunn who tripped and pirouhetted daintily in the Howqua. This was followed by Mrs. Lorna Chadwick who entertained the entire party by doing an aquatic rendition, floating on her pack, of the death scene from Swan Lake whilst singing that evergreen Beatles number "Help, I need somebody" She was then joined by Mr. Spencer George for a duet where Mr. George first clasped her to his bosom, then threw her back as being too small - an ingenious adaptation of "Pearl Fishers" by Bizziarre. The tableau was bought to a rousing end by Master Gary Wills rendition of the charge of the (not so) Light Brigade.

We then followed two trails to nowhere, returning to the river and trying again. When the thing track Petered (not Ashby) out, TTT with engaging frankness said "I know the track is just up there on the ridge. Follow me through this dense scrub" - we did and it was. "Three hairpins and about 2½ miles to the van" said TTT radiating confidence as only an author, sportsman, traveller and lost leader can. EIGHT hairpins, 4 miles and 3000 ft of vertical displacement upwards as the track rolled gently oh-so gently downwards again, our leader pointed to a road miles away and said desperately "There it is!" And many hours later, there it was!

TTT confesses that we walked 17 miles on Sunday - not bad when the preview stated 6 miles.

It was a very good walk though, so his sentence was reduced to 10 hours of navigation lessons from Marijka Mascas.

Written on his bed of pain by....C.K.

DO YOU GET HUNGRY QUICKLY WHEN WALKING?

According to an item in the Science Show broadcast on the 29th November, you can stave off that empty feeling longer by tating light meals of diluted foods (eg. fruit, reconstituted de-hyds etc) than by feasting on large amounts of heavy or concentrated foods (eg. chocolate, sugar, pastry)

BOOKING FOR WALKS

NOTE: Day walks booking lists will be put on the board only two(2) weeks before the walk. Van fees must be paid when you book.

LEADERS: you must be there (in the clubrooms) on the 2 Wednesdays before your walk to take bookings and collect van fees.



Marysville is fast becoming a hoodoo area for Sunday walks. First there was John Siseman's epic trip where an enforced overnight stop was made near the Armstrong river and now, latest but not least, was Otto's wayward whip and the loss of 13 from the party. It happened when Otto and his band of sprinters took off after Keppels Lookout leaving the end group well behind. On reaching a major track junction someone in the front of the stragglers called back to the Whip "Right?" The Whip, understanding this to mean "Right!" yelled back "Right" and so off marched the wayward 13 down the track into history. They soon realized they were not on the prescribed route and tried to relocate the main group without success. The only course of action was to make back for Marysville and locate the Gronows van.

Meanwhile Otto had continued on his merry way not realizing he was 13 people short until the afternoon tea stop.

Once back in Marysville, John H. thought he would buy a map, hire a horse and go look for the elusive leader. The valiant John was last seen galloping off into the sunset, map in his saddlebags, heading in the general direction of Taggerty. Anyway, alls well that ends well and the Gronows van was located and the 12(minus John) headed off to rendezvous with the others at the end of the walk. Imagine Otto's surprize when confronted by the Whip coming from the other direction at the end of the 12 mile ridge walk.

On Art's recent Lorne expedition, our regular van driver Dennis, brandishing an umbrella along with his cut lunch, accompanied the herd on the walk. As the group waited in line to descend the steep cliff someone quipped "Why don't you take the short cut Dennis?" So Dennis jokingly put his umbrella up, pointed himself in the direction of the beach below and nearly got blown away in the process. While on the subject of Lorne, the GG to GGJ's has concluded how the 4 Seasons Take-away Shop got it's name - it takes a whole season to get served!! Definatly on the black list in future as several hungary walkers will testify.

A hearty welcome back to the club is extended to Peter (Tauus the Bull)ard who has just returned from Africa, UK and Europe, and to Dave (Red Dwarf) Andrews who has come home to thaw out after spending a tour of duty at Macquarie Island. For those new to the club, Peter was one of the most active leaders during 1972-73, while Dave's claim to fame (apart from being ex-treasurer) is that he was one of the originals to begin frequenting the lower clubrooms (Often referred to as the "Duke of Wellington")

Max Casley placed an interesting notice in Wilky regarding the apparent demise of his tent in the general vicinity of the Lodge.

"Lost on 7th December 1975, one yollow tent in green bag (Paddymade, I think)" The emphasis should have been on "I think I lost it at Wilky" because it showed up later in the Tawonga camping ground.

The Soc. Sec. has asked me to convey his apologies to those unable to secure bookings for the "Baron of Beef". The interest in the Dinner came late as usual, even though it was mentioned in October News.

The moral of the story is next time dig deep into your pockets, pay the deposit and book early.

GOING TO THE PROM?

If you are planning on going to to Prom in the next few weeks could you please contact Dave Oldfield (b) 317 222 x613 regarding delivery of WALK 76 to the Tidal River store,

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

MERCER, Michelle - 2/81 South Rd., Brighton Beach (b) 288 1244

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PRICE, Michael - 221, Mickleham Road, Tullamarine 3045

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1. Norm and Edna Richards (p) 857 6793
2. Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke (p) 294 667
3. Rex and Sue Filson (p) 883 683

After the 15th it reverts to the usual system as on the programme.



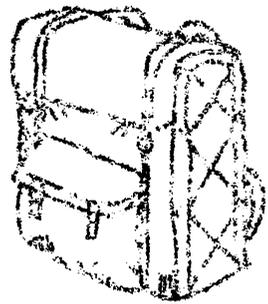
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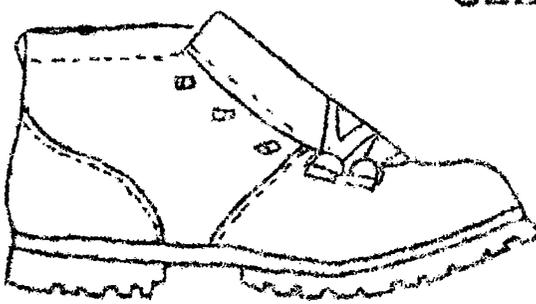


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