



THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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NAVIGATION COURSE

The purpose of the course is to encourage members to take an interest in map and compass reading rather than just plodding on after the leader.

There is always the possibility that somehow you suddenly find yourself separated from the party - how much more comforting at least to know roughly where you are and where the others are heading.

Several people have said they would like to do the course but are backward in coming forward. But that's the whole idea - to learn and feel confident in navigating in the bush. If you know it all there's no point in doing the course - it's those who don't know or who need confidence who should take part.

There will be a small fee to cover maps, etc. The course will consist of two lecture nights with Bob Steel, Graham Mascas and others, plus some exercises - probably Monday evenings September 19 and 26, and a weekend at Melville Caves (Dunolly area) to practise what we've learned and have some fun - September 30 to October 2.

For enquiries see Graham Mascas or Janet White.

SOCIAL EVENTS & MEETINGS.

Personality Slide Night. - Please bring amusing slides of club personalities. Give slides to me by the 31st August.

Wine Tasting 29th September. All Welcome. Details in next News.

Half Yearly General Meeting - 28th September. 8 p.m.

Thank you,

Shelly.

"WILDLIFE IN AUSTRALIA"

Copies of these are available for sale in the clubroom at \$1. It is published by the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland and discusses environment and conservation issues. The June, 1977 issue has articles on wood-chipping in Queensland, the crisis in the Australian Alps and the threat to the whale.

Bob Douglas.

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Walk starts at Jehosaphat Valley Picnic Ground and moves west through Kinglake National Park to pick up a ridge to take us south for about 11 kms. to meet Buttermans Track, thence into finish at Yarra Glen. Mainly a down hill walk but the occasional rise such as Mt. Beggary and Mt. Everard will stretch the muscles a little.

We remain on tracks for whole of walk and stay within Kinglake National Park except for last mile or so, when it is necessary to follow a back road into Yarra Glen.

A walk through varying types of country, wild flowers to be seen, lyre-birds to be heard and perhaps also seen. Bring water for lunch.

Sept. 18 JEHOSEPHAT VALLEY - YARRA RIDGE - YARRA GLEN Medium
Hard

LEADER: Michael Griffin

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m.

\$2

WALK PREVIEW NOT RECEIVED

Sept. 23 RIDDELL - MT. ROBERTSON - MACEDON Easy
(Show Medium
Day)

LEADER: George Telehin

TRANSPORT: Train from Spencer St. 8.00 a.m.

\$2

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.15 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Lancefield

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles

Leader will buy tickets.

We will have an early start which is unusual for a day walk; so we can take our time and cover a longer distance with no great effort. The route will be from Riddell to Mt. Robertson along the ridge, then N. towards Cherokee, turning W. to Mt. Towrong and onto Macedon to catch the train home. We should be into the wild flower season and weather permitting, some good views of the distant Melbourne smog.

Sept. 25 LITTLE RIVER GORGE - MORRISONS Easy
Medium

LEADER: Brian Busby

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m.

\$3

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Meredith 1:63,360 R.A.S.C.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 kms.

A charming walk in the Brisbane Ranges. We are unlikely to reach Morrison's. Excellent views of the You Yangs and the Little River flood plain. Stout footwear is essential as some of the walking will be fairly rough.

Weekend Walks

Sept. 9 - SKI TOURING - THE BLUFF - MT. LOVICK Medium
11

LEADER: Geoff Crapper

TRANSPORT: Private

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: "King Howqua Jamieson" V.M.T.C. 1 inch to 1 mile.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 23 kms. (min.)

Camp will be at Sheeppark Flat on Friday night.

On Saturday morning we will drive to the huts at the foot of The Bluff, snow permitting. Chains should be carried by all drivers. The Bluff will be ascended (somehow) and lunch will be had at Bluff Hut.

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Continuing on along the ridge over Mt. Lovick, camp will be made at Lovick's Hut. Be prepared to pitch tents in the snow (carry choofers) although the Hut is fairly spacious and could accommodate quite a few people at a pinch. On Sunday, we may head out to No. 1 and No. 2 Divide, without packs or we may head back and ski like crazy around the Bluff Plateau.

Since we will have to ski at least 20 kms. with full packs the trip necessarily limits itself to experienced skiers &/or walkers.

Sept. 9 -

11 FRY'S - MITCHELL'S - JAMISON RD.

LEADER: Peter Bullard

Medium

TRANSPORT: NOTE PRIVATE (See Leader)

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: (not stated)

MAP REFERENCE: Watersheds - King Howqua + Jamieson Rivers or
Skene 1:50,000 + Mansfield 1:63,360.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 miles.

We shall start from Sheepyard Flat and go over the Governors and drop down to Mitchell's for Saturday night's camp.

On Sunday we shall return by the jeep track that comes out to Lickhole Creek and follow the Howqua past Ware's, Fry's and back to Sheepyard Flat.

NOTE 1. We may strike a small amount of snow on the Governors but I hope we will still be able to get over. Please wear boots.

2. This is now a private transport trip and not van.

3. For more information check T. Thomas's book walk number 82.

Sept. 23 - SNOW WALK - MT. BOGONG.

25

Medium

Hard

LEADER: Bob Douglas

TRANSPORT: Private

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 - 9 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Trappers Creek & Nelse 1:25,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 kms.

For those whose tastes run to such walks. Experience is preferable but see the leader if doubtful. We shall ascend by either the Staircase or the Eskdale Spur and descend the other. Camp will be amongst the trees on the south-east side of the mountain. We may or may not visit Cleve Cole Hut. Not being experienced in ice-climbing techniques, I won't delay turning back if conditions are bad. Ice axes nevertheless essential, if only as a walking stick on the way up.

Sept. 23 - AMPHITHEATRE - MT. AVOCA - NAVAREE.

25

Easy

Medium

LEADER: Graham Mascas

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 6-30 p.m.

\$10

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Avoca 1:100,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30 kms.

Come to the Australian Pyrenees. We will camp just outside of Amphitheatre Friday night, then climb Saturday to Mt. Avoca, 750 metres, to give good views of the Grampians and surrounding plains. Good ridge walking mostly along tracks but some scrub for variety though the forest is mainly open. We have to drop off the ridge for Saturday's camp but we will return on Sunday and follow in N.W. direction through to Navaree for tea. A fairly easy walk with gentle climbs; don't be put off by the distance.

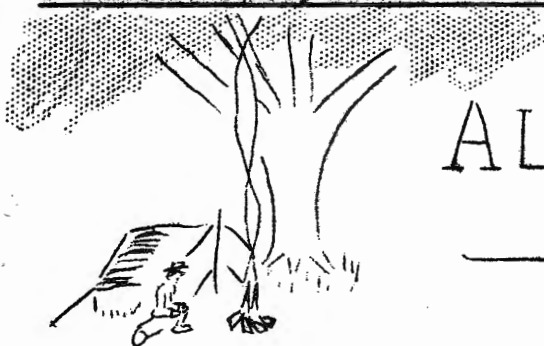
Sept. 30 - NAVIGATION COURSE - MELVILLE CAVES

Oct. 2

See Janet White or Graham Mascas for further details.

CLUB PROJECT 1977 - 78: WALHALLA TO TOM GROGGIN.

STAGE	DATE	ENDS	MILEAGE	TOTAL CLIMB	LONGEST CLIMB (ft)	HIGHEST POINT (ft)	LOWEST POINT (ft)	MEAN UPWARD GRADIENT
1	7-9OCT77	(Walhalla to..) Thomson River	30	5000	Thomson/Mt Erica 4200	MtStPhillack 5154	Thomson Lower crossing 700	167 ft/mile
2	28-30OCT77	Mt Skene	33	8800	Red Jacket/MtVictor 2200	Mt Skene 5155	Start 1600	267
3	18-20NOV77	Knobs	17	4800	Low Saddle/MtMcDonald 2350	MtMcDonald 5331	Low Saddle 2950	282
4	10-12DEC77	Mt Speculation	17½	5400	next after High Cone. & Spec. Both 800	Mt Howitt 5715		308
5	27-30JAN78	Mt St Bernard	28½	7950	north side of Viking 1100	on ridge west of Twins 5250	Razor/Viking Saddle 3900	279
6	24-26FEB78	Cope Hut	17½	2750	after Dibbins Hut 1400	Mt Hotham 6101	Dibbins Hut 4430	157
7	10-12MAR78	Mt Wills (foot of Razorback Spur)	30	3800+?	Quartz Ridge 2050	Mt Bogong 6515	Bogong Creek Saddle 4460	125+
8	23-28MAR78	Tom Groggin	70	?+9500	Eustace Gap tk 2600	Mt Pinnibar 5811	Mitta Mitta River 1300	136
TOTALS/MEANS			244	48000+?	Thomson/Erica	Mt Bogong (.)	Thomson River	196ft6ins.



ALONG THE TRACK

THE PRESIDENT'S WALK - MEANDERING WITH THE MURRAY.

We started on Friday night with the usual quota of forgotten food and equipment. Seymour, it seems, is not a good place to buy cutlery, plates or cups late on Friday night.

We reached our campsite fairly early, before 11 p.m., and most of us made camp. However, a number of our group are getting soft and prefer to spend the night in the van.

Saturday morning was fine, sunny and pleasantly warm. The trip was to have begun with an optional side trip to the Ulupna Island wildlife reserve, but the party showed a certain reluctance to wade through the creek. After some prompting the Melbourne Bushwalkers Corps(e) of Engineers got busy and erected an adequate, if somewhat shaky, log bridge. Once across, we wandered about the island in smaller groups, seeing several herds of grey kangaroos, a few solitary reds, some very shy wild duck and a large white heron. Most of us inadvertently crossed into N.S.W.; it seems that the course of the river has changed since the border was declared over a century ago.

Back on the mainland again, we started walking through open red gum forest along the south bank of the Murray. The river banks here generally end in a cliff with an eight foot drop to the water, but after an hour we came to a bend with a wide sandy beach and here lunch was declared. El Presidente set a generous departure time of 1.30 p.m. After eating, the devotees of the frisbee started throwing, and occasionally paddling when a throw went off course. The less energetic either sun-bathed or slept, and most were caught unawares when, precisely at 1.30, El Presidente arose, weighed his pack, and without a word strode off along the track.

We kept walking along the river bank that afternoon; no hills, no creeks to cross, just a pleasant, easy stroll. About 4.30, the tailenders were surprised to find the leader and his co-walkers erecting tents at a distinctly sub-optimal campsite. Very little flat ground, and that thick with fallen logs or young trees. We had to descend an 8 foot riverbank and out along a log to get water. Michael was to get to know this descent very well, but more of that later.

Most of us managed to find a tolerable spot without encountering any problems, but Michael tried to pitch his tent over the top of a 4 foot brown snake; much to the consternation of both Michael and the snake! The snake raced off to a hole in the bank, but Michael decided to move his camp anyway.

The party split into two groups for the evening. One group carefully planned the location of their fire to take advantage of a large sitting-on log. However, they forgot to allow for the very high heat value of red gum. The result was that nobody could sit within 8 feet of the fire, let alone on the log, which itself started smouldering. Later in the night, after all had gone to bed, the log burst into flame. Michael had camped at one end of the log, and was prompted by motives of self-preservation to put it out; a task requiring many trips down to the river for water. Sylvia had camped at the other end of the log, and was prompted by similar motives to poke her head out of her tent to supervise the operation. Later in the night the log again caught fire, this time in two places, and the whole operation was repeated. When the log again caught fire, our chief fire officer declined the challenge but paid the price. When he arose in the morning, he found his plastic cup a shrivelled mass on top of a very hot log. After cooking breakfast on the remains of the log, we finally solved the problem once and for all by rolling it into the river.

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THE PRESIDENT'S WALK - MEANDERING WITH THE MURRAY (Cont.)

At breakfast, Sylvia had a problem. She could not find her egg. She had searched briefly the night before, without success, but now a full scale search was called for. It was found intact, inside the pillow that she had slept on all night!

We continued walking along the river bank on Sunday, another perfect day weather-wise. Most of us took a long detour down Black Engine Creek to find a suitable crossing point, and each had a few anxious moments crossing on a tree trunk bridge with boots caked in thick, greasy mud. A few unusual poses were adopted, but despite the army of cameras ready to record such an occasion, nobody fell in.

We lunched in a grassy clearing on Snake Bend, this time with two frisbees in service. A brisk walk on tracks brought us to the edge of the forest and the van. In all an easy trip, rather longer than we expected, but thoroughly enjoyed by the whole party.

Robert Ayre.

AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Full minutes will be posted in due course in the Committee room. Some points which came up:

TREASURER: The books are under audit. Provisional figures 30JUL77 \$6016-56.
Bills passed for payment totalled \$637-30.

WALKS SECRETARY: (Janet White acting)

JUN 148m + 50v = 198 = 145d + 53w/e Profit \$18
JUL (provisional) 182m + 87v = 269.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: 345 members. Motion (R.Mattingley/G.Mattingley) "That all names and addresses of late payers of membership fees be recorded in 'News'", carried.

NEWS CONVENER: Closing date 7 September. There were complaints at the Committee meeting about the article appearing over the signature "W-J" in July "News". G. Mattingley emphasised the right of the News Convener to put titles on articles which lacked them if she thought it appropriate.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: Figures for the auction still not finalised, but the club realised about \$20.

WALK 1978: A printer's quote has been accepted and a budget prepared.

A.C.F.: Harris-Daishowa export licence for woodchips from Eden has been renewed to 1989; any shortfall to be made up from Victoria. Details in latest Newsletter.

CONSERVATION: Moved (J.White/S.Hayes) "That we endorse the Federation submission to the L.C.C. in respect of the Alpine study area". Amendment (G.Mattingley/H.Duncan) "...subject to approval of the contents by the Committee, or if necessary the executive of the Club". Amendment carried. Amended motion lost (on casting vote of chairman, G. Wills-Johnson). ((It should be explained that the Federation submission has not yet been received in final form. The effective position is that we as yet have no policy on a Club submission)).

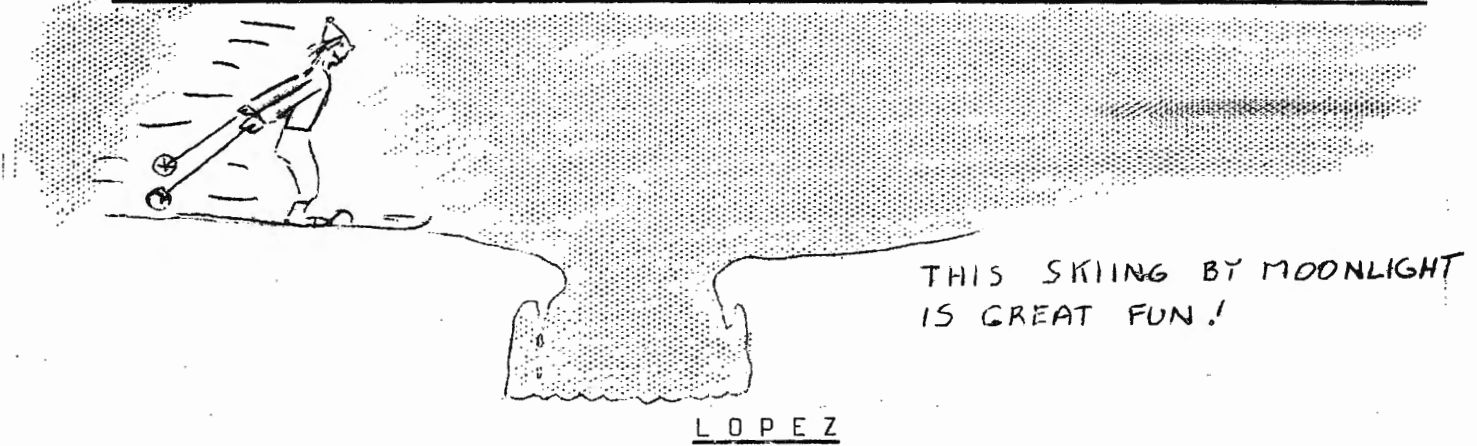
DUTY ROSTER: 17 AUG, Shelly & Rob Hayes; 24AUG, Bob Douglas, Ross Hoskin;
31AUG, Sue Oldfield, Rod Mattingley; 7SEP, Bob Douglas, Alwyn Bloom;
14SEP, Shirley Allott, George Telehin.

GENERAL BUSINESS: A set of posters kindly donated by Lorraine Delany was received with our thanks.

Meeting held 1AUG77.

Next meeting 5SEP77, 14 Hosier Lane, 7pm.

Visitors are welcome.



LOPEZ

Obviously Bob Douglas did not think getting his car snowed in at Falls Creek a few weeks ago was enough; he almost got into trouble going up Hotham on Rod's trip and coming down on Sunday. There are signs saying to keep left of snowpoles, but he decided to have a look at the other side. He went too far and after John Hodges plus a 4 wheel drive tried towing him back with no luck, they had to get a grader to pull him back onto the road.

At the beginners ski-weekend the skiers were so enthusiastic that they went ski-ing by moonlight. It was a Brau Bricht Moonlit Nicht That Nicht.

Welcome back to Tom Kvalnes after his expedition to the other side of the world to escape the ravages of the Melbourne Winter.

The word is out that the President's Weekend will be held at Geoff Crapper's block near Woodend. Rumour has it that G.E. will try to organize a work party to finish building the bridge across the creek to the Toilet (the only building on Mr. Crapper's block).

I hear on the grapevine that the dreaded Shady Scorpion has returned with venom in his sting and has decided to strike out at a poor unfortunate club member.

SHADY SCORPION

The Shady Scorpion has decided to come out of hiding temporarily to divulge the recent antics of a certain committee person who's thoughts and memory seem to be a bit haysey lately (Hint).

Firstly, this C.C.P. was given a set of Wilky keys to give to John Porter (whom he works with (Hint, Hint)) who was going up to Falls Creek along with eight others for the weekend. So what does he do? He gives John a set of keys all right and John, not thinking to check them, pocketed them and all was well (he thought). Imagine the scene: Wilky 2.30 p.m., cloudy, overcast, 0°Celsius, 3 feet of snow all around, no-one had had any lunch, just skied 10 kms. over variable snow and ice and guess what? John throws Geoff the keys and to his abject horror he discovered that he had in his possession a set of CLUBROOM KEYS!?! Words were spoken, needless to say, nearly all highly derogatory and with much audibility. However, this wasn't getting anyone any closer to gaining entry to Wilky, and after an abortive attempt to pick the lock on the attic window everyone's efforts were concentrated on the kitchen side window. John was happy because he got to use his sheath knife, for the first time, which he'd been carrying around for some years. After removing (and breaking) the glass in the double glazed window, entry was made by forcing the fly-wire screen. End of Story One.

Story Two: The same C.C.P. was found out to be conspiring with another C.C.P. to keep quiet the apparent demise of a set of keys containing the G.P.O. Box Key. Fortunately or unfortunately the keys had the previous custodians name on them and after the G.P.O. notified him he discovered the cover up plot and advised the S.S. After being confronted with the evidence, the C.P.P. admitted that the keys had been missing for over four weeks. Just to show that there wasn't any hard feelings the same C.C.P. spilt a glass of red wine over the lap of the divulger of all this nasty information in the Tamani Bistro.

P.S. The only reason that the Shady Scorpion has come out of retirement is that he believes the C.C.P. has dropped Lopez a few dollars under the table to be quiet, and that's not very fair is it?

Now that the report on the Alpine Study Area has at long last appeared, I strongly urge every member of the club to make a personal submission to the Land Conservation Council.

A paragraph, stating that you are a bushwalker, and would like to see adequate areas for natural recreation and wilderness set aside in the Victorian Alps, would do, unless you have more to say. Submissions should be sent to The Secretary, Land Conservation Council, 464 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. The politicians will be counting heads. If they can be convinced that there are strong public pressures, bureaucratic despoilers of our mountain country will be cut down to size.

It is easy to feel disillusioned at General Elections these days, when the prize seems to go to the man who has the best television image, and none of the issues in which we are most interested ever seem to rate a mention in the campaigns. Your personal submission is the "vote" that will count. The number of such "votes" which come in now will decide how far up the scale of importance National Park and conservation issues will be placed at future elections.

Do it now!

-----W-J.

NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA AND THE U.S.

June 4th - July 10th.

In all, we visited 8 National Parks - the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Banff, Jasper, Yoho, Pacific Rim, Olympic and Mt. Rainier.

Apart from a severe hailstorm in the Tetons one afternoon, and a light snowstorm at Mt. Rainier, the weather was fine throughout. The temperature was a pleasant 25° - 30°C, except at higher altitudes where it was slightly less.

The most exhilarating walking with the best views was undoubtedly in the Canadian Rockies. One day we had a guided climb from Moraine Lake, 6190', in Banff National Park, Alberta, which took us over 2 mountain passes - Wenkchemna Pass, 8521', across a glacier to Opabin Pass, 8480', then down to Lake O'Hara, 6674', in Yoho National Park, B.C. This was a distance of 10 miles. Moraine Lake nestles in the Valley of Ten Peaks. The azure blue of the lake is the result of silt from melting glaciers. Lake O'Hara is situated with 11 mountain peaks towering all around.

Another day we climbed from Lake O'Hara to Abbot Pass, 9598', on the border of Alberta and B.C.

Yet another unforgettable experience was the 2 day, 20 mile, walk into the back-country in the Tonquin valley in Jasper National Park, Alberta. We really had the feeling of isolation in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Our secluded overnight camp (in cabins) was at the Amethyst Lakes which lie at the foot of the sheer range of peaks known as the Ramparts. The only access to this area is by foot or by horseback, by which supplies are brought in.

Triangle-X Ranch in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, where we stayed for 4 days, had a lot to offer. Here we had the opportunity to stay on this historic working dude ranch, one of the West's most famous, and the site of several motion pictures. We saw an abundance of wildlife, wildflowers, sagebrush plateaus, cottonwood and spruce forests, and on our early morning float trip we saw moose, elk, beaver, ducks, geese, and bald eagle. As well, we had spectacular panoramic views of the entire Teton Range.

As a contrast to the alpine areas, we also enjoyed the thermal areas of Yellowstone National Park, Montana, and the windswept beaches backed by the Pacific north west rain forests of Pacific Rim National Park, Vancouver, B.C.

Olympic National Park, Washington, had many features. Here we saw beaches, rainforest, mountains and glaciers, so compacted in space that all could be seen at the same time.

Our one day basic climbing class with the Guide School at Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington was well worthwhile. We learnt how to use ropes, crampons, and arrest using ice axes.

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NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA AND THE U.S. (Cont.)

In all National Parks, we found the rangers to be very knowledgeable and helpful. The visitor centres with literature, displays, slides and films provided a wealth of information.

Joyce and I both had a marvellous time and feel that it is one of the best tonics that we have ever had.

Lorraine Delany.

AUCTION

You really missed a superb fun night if you couldn't be at the auction on Wednesday, 6th July.

Our auctioneer, Bob, was excellent. I feel sure he has had previous experience at that sort of thing. What bargains could be obtained: sleeping bags of all grades and weights ranging from \$1-00 to passed in at \$30-00; tents from \$3 - \$13 and the cheaper ones even included poles at those remarkable prices; boots of every description - some only fit to throw at the cat as some-one suggested, but others of better quality, couldn't find a high enough bidder; skis passed in at \$5 were later sold at an undisclosed price (did the club get the 10%?); the skin diver's suit was hotly bid for and finally knocked down at \$19-00; we nearly had a fight on, so competitive was the bidding for a character note pad; Kath's fruit cake, made especially for the auction, was another delight; all the small items of clothing, tinned food and paraphernalia added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Just what did Simon's and Geoff's mothers say when Simon and Geoff arrived home with their bargain 'goodies'? Shall we have another auction when perhaps a few folk find out they really don't want those items recently purchased at the auction or what a shame they didn't take along their old boots, jumpers, etc. for sale?

Thanks Bob for a great night. You earned that beer!

One Happy Customer.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

DARROCK, Maria - 25 Ash Grove, East Malvern. (P) 211-6856 (B) 617-1252.
 HUTCHISON, Greg - C/- N.P.O. Branch, 518 Little Bourke St., Melbourne, 3000.
 (P) 26-5153 (B) 630-5502.
 KAYE, Helen & Adrian - 51 Kelvin Av., Montmorency. Adrian (B) 429-7398
 Helen (B) 429-7392
 LAYS, Rene - 46 Hawthorn Grove, Hawthorn.
 SCOTT, Chris - Unit 1, 15-17 Browns Road, Clayton.
 SYMONDS, Margaret & Bob - 2 Wingara Av., East Keilor, 3033. (P) 336-2461
 (B) 31-7222 Ext. 1272.

LATE RENEWALS

TOLLEY, Noel - 2 Baron Court, Ringwood, 3154.
 WARTON, Dorothy - 21 Henty St., E. Brighton, 3187. (P) 92-8518
 WESTBROOK, Philippa - Cottles Cottage, Cottles Bridge, 3099.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

FRITZE (nee Hill), Helen & John - 116 Newry St., Carlton Nth., 3051.
 FRITZE, Vyrall - 1033 Drummond St., Carlton Nth., 3051.
 JOYCE, Ray - 27 Liston St., Burwood.
 HAM, Neil - 578-8413.
 POLONIATO, Dugo (News Sub.) - C/O Nurses Qts., Narrandera District Hospital,
 Narrandera, 2700, N.S.W.

AMENDMENTS

BERMINGHAM, Kath - 7 Shandford Av., Brighton, 3186.
 ROGERS, Fred - (B) 615-2956.
 SPARKSMAN, Jan & John - 80 Mountain Gate Drive, Ferntree Gully, 3156.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS CONSTITUTION

Over the past year or so a subcommittee has been investigating the possibility of making changes to paragraph 5 Membership of the constitution. Following are the changes which they are recommending:

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to persons of both sexes, and in this Constitution words importing the masculine shall include the feminine also.

(a) A full member is one who fulfils all the following requirements:

- i) Qualifies, by completing to the satisfaction of the Committee, three Club programme day walks, each of qualifying standard, or two Club programme week-end walks, necessitating camping out. All Club walks shall be deemed qualifying walks except those marked non-qualifying on the programme.
- ii) Pays the prescribed fees.
- iii) Is of the full age of sixteen years.

Full members may speak to and vote on all matters concerning Club policy and are eligible to hold office on the Club committee.

(b) Life Membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of exceptional services.

- i) Any two full members may nominate a person for Life Membership by presenting a proposal in writing to the secretary who will give notice of this in writing to all Club members.
 - ii) A period of not less than 60 days following publication a poll shall be taken of all club members.
 - iii) Life Members shall have the same privileges as full members.
 - iv) A Life Member is exempt from membership fees.

(c) Honorary Membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of esteem and in appreciation for services rendered to the Club on notice of motion at a General meeting.

- i) Honorary Membership shall be for such a period as the meeting shall decide subject to review by a General meeting after five years.
 - ii) Honorary Members shall have the same privileges as full members.
 - iii) Honorary Members shall be exempt from membership fees.

- (d) A Member Family is one who fulfils the following requirements:
 - i) No one person may be a family member.
 - ii) Member Families will have only one vote at a general meeting.
 - iii) Member Families will not be entitled to hold office in the club, vote on constitutional matters or be entitled to enter into any business on behalf of the Club.
 - iv) Children over the age of sixteen years may not be part of a Member Family.
 - v) Pays the prescribed fee.

- (e) Absentee Membership may be conferred by the Committee in special circumstances and for such a period as the Committee deems fit.
 - i) Absentee Members will not be entitled to hold office in the Club, vote on constitutional matters or be entitled to enter into any business on behalf of the Club.
 - ii) Absentee Members shall be exempt from membership fees.
 - iii) By accepting Absentee Membership the committee is relieved of its responsibility under section 7e in respect of that member.

- (f) Applications for membership . . . etc.
- (g) The Committee shall have the right . . . etc.
- (h) Notwithstanding anything etc.
- (i) The Committee may class etc.
- (j) The Committee shall have the power etc.

I strongly urge all Club members to seriously consider these proposals before voting at the Half Yearly Meeting on 28th September.

Rex Filson
Constitution subcommittee
Convenor