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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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NAVIGATION COURSE FOR MEMBERS

2 Lecture nights in clubrooms

Monday evenings

19 and 26 Sept.

at 8 p.m.

Bring note paper, pencil, ruler, and Silva compass (we recommend the 3-NL compass, approx. \$8-50).

Weekend at Melville Caves (Dunolly area)

30 Sept. - 2 Oct.

Refer August NEWS for further details.

NOTE: There's no value in going on the weekend unless you attend lecture nights.

FEE: \$4. (includes map and information books supplied)

BOOKINGS: Janet White/Graham Mascas.

MEETING 28 SEPTEMBER

The $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly General Meeting will be held at 8 p.m., 28th Sept., 1977 at the clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane.

Decide the Membership Categories for the Constitution.

Elect a (female) general committee member (to replace Shirley McInnes).

Rob Hayes,
Secretary.

CHRISTMAS WALKS

A plea from the Walks Secretary to all leaders intending to lead a Club Walk over the Christmas period. Please let Graham know so he can include them on the next program, due out soon.

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All correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
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MELBOURNE. VIC. 3000.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7-00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

OCTOBER WALK PREVIEWS

Day Walks

Oct. 2 MT. BROUGHTON - SWITZERLAND RANGE - MOLESWORTH Medium

LEADER: Robert Ayre

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. Cost \$3

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Mostly on Yea, 1:50,000 National Mapping
Last 2 miles on Alexandra, 1:50,000 Lands Dept.
or Alexandra, 1:100,000 National Mapping.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 - 11 miles

We will begin by climbing Mt. Broughton, and will have lunch at the top, overlooking the Goulburn Valley. Be warned: lunch will be fairly late, so bring a snack to eat on the van if you skip breakfast!

After lunch, we will walk along the range and eventually descend the long spur to "Eversleigh Park". From here, it is 3 miles along a track to the pickup point.

If it has rained heavily we may need to wade Jack's Creek.

The medium grade comes from the climb up Mt. Broughton; we climb 1400 ft. in a little over a mile. The remainder is fairly easy. Part of the walk is through open forest, the rest through farm land. The views from the ridge tops are excellent.

Oct. 2 YEA - GOULBURN RIVER - MOLESWORTH Easy

LEADER: Max Casley

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. \$3

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m. approx.

MAP REFERENCE: Mostly on Yea 1:50,000 National Mapping
Last 2 miles on Alexandra 1:50,000 Lands Dept.
or Alexandra 1:100,000 National Mapping

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles approx.

I have not yet previewed the walk, but it should be easy walking along the Goulburn River. Be prepared for wet feet and bring water for lunch.

Oct. 16 RYSON'S CREEK - SOUTH HELL'S GATE - NEERIM Easy
Medium

LEADER: Hugh Duncan

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. \$3

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Neerim 1:50,000

This will be an easy/medium standard walk, following tracks all the way. We will climb steadily for about 500 feet after leaving the van, then continue climbing more gradually up to South Hell's Gate (yes, this time we really will find it!) After lunch we will continue generally downhill to the Tarago River near Neerim to meet the van. Total distance is about 15 kilometres. Water should be carried for lunch.

Oct. 16 GENTLE ANNIE CAMP - NORTH HELL'S GATE - NEERIM Easy
Medium

LEADER: Bob Aujard

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. \$3

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Neerim Military Survey

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 13½ miles 21.5 kms.

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This walk is through a beautiful State forest in springtime with good views during the afternoon. The winter snow has brought down numerous saplings and some trees across the first 6 kms. of track, in addition the first 2 or 3 kms. is partly overgrown so that going might be a bit slow before lunch, but the track steadily improves during the afternoon. Shortly after lunch we should reach North Hell's Gate where three things will be noticed by the observant bush-walker, firstly the magnificent view with Spion Kopje to the N. right around the Tarago Valley to Neerim, secondly the track has come to an end and thirdly the undergrowth is rather dense. This makes the next 1 kms. an interesting variation through forest and undergrowth down to Quartz Creek firebreak, it is then 14 kms. on good tracks to Neerim. Water is needed for lunch and it is advisable, but not essential to wear boots, long pants and long sleeves.

Bob Aujard (P) 509-6164
(B) 529-8448

Oct. 23 HEALESVILLE - MT. RIDDELL - HEALESVILLE Easy
Medium

LEADER: Tony Walstab
TRANSPORT: Train

No walk preview received

Oct. 30 MT. TENNERIFFE - PINNINGERS MONUMENT -
PORCUPINE HILL Medium

LEADER: Harold Grave
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Longwood 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 kms. (12 miles)

\$3

A medium walk in the north-east, open country with rewarding views. As this is during the "day-light saving" period the distance from Melb. (85 miles) and length of walk will not be a problem. The walk completes a circuit, so hopefully we may be able to persuade Dennis to join us.

Start

Grid ref. 411557 - Oak Valley Rd.

Lunch

Grid. ref. 402545 - Mt. Tenneriffe, Ht. 1438 ft.
Please bring water for lunch.

Weekend Walks

Oct. 7 - 9 A.W.T. PROJECT No. 1 WALHALLA - THOMPSON RIVER Hard

LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson
TRANSPORT: Transit van(s)
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: late
MAP REFERENCE: VMTC "Baw Baw"; Matlock 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 49 kms.

\$10

A whip will not be required on this walk, as this position will be filled by the leader. (Actually I think the whole business is a devious plot to get rid of you-know-who!) The first part of the walk is marked on the latest edition of Stewart Brookes' Baw Baw map. Unfortunately, because of transport problems, we are forced to limit the numbers to 22 at the outside (2 vans), and might have to reconsider second van if numbers are 12 - 17 (second van less than half full).

Oct. 8 - LIMESTONE CK. - BUXTON Medium
 9
 LEADER: Keith White
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 2 p.m. SATURDAY \$6
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Taggerty 1:50,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 kms.

You will require tent, sleeping bag etc. plus water for Saturday night's camp. The first third of the walk is a steady upward gradient along tracks through tall dense Mountain Ash forest. Hopefully the wattle will provide flashes of colour and birds (with feathers) dashes of activity. The rest of the walk is mainly downhill 'phew'. Lunch beside Health Creek could be in tune. After lunch we will endeavour to head across country, with a magnificent view of the nearby Cathedral Range. Finally we cross the Acheron River (by bridge) to reach Buxton. The tracks could be greasy after wet weather so boots are optional.

Oct. 21 - NORTH WARBY RANGES (BASE CAMP) Easy
 23
 LEADER: Bob Steel Home 725-6171
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Unstated
 MAP REFERENCE: Wangaratta 1:100,000 and
 Wangaratta 1" - 1 mile (if obtainable)
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 kilometres

(This walk was programmed to be led by Ron Paine. Ron will be unavailable this weekend so Bob will now be the leader).

A base camp will be established in the northern end of the Warby Ranges, near Mt. Killawarra. It is unlikely that water will be available at the campsite so enough water should be brought for the whole weekend. No pack carrying is involved so weight is no problem.

Walks will be organized from the base camp, both on the Saturday and the Sunday, and people may join these walks, or just potter around by themselves. Intending participants should try to organize rides direct with drivers. If enough people want a van, then this may be organized. Drivers should contact me for details of location of campsite.

Oct. 28 - A.W.T. PROJECT. No. 2. THOMPSON RIVER - Medium
 30 MT. SKENE RD. Hard
 LEADER: Ken McMahon
 This walk has been re-scheduled for 4 - 6 November.
 Refer next 'News' for details.

Oct. 29 - MT. ST. LEONARD - QUO VADIS - BUXTON Easy
 30 Medium
 LEADER: George Telehin
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 8-30 a.m. SATURDAY \$6
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 - 9.30 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Taggerty and Juliet 1:50,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 32 kms.

A pleasant walk through part of Victoria's Mountain Ash forest country. Starting from St. Leonard on Saturday morning a 1400 ft. climb to Mt. St. Leonard, then N. along the Kalatha Camp track turning off the ridge E. to the Block Six Road, over Quo Vadis; camping a few kilometres N. of the Great Divide.

The following day crossing Narbethong Pine Plantation to the Black Range Road. Turning off the Block Range Road to finish the walk about 3 kms. South of Buxton. About half the walk will be off tracks. Suitable for beginners; but only after consultation with me.

Some good views weather permitting and plenty of spring wildflowers.

Please note: the van will leave 8-30 a.m. Sharp

Gerry McPhee tells me that he has heard that 700 foresters will be making personal submissions to the LCC in respect of the Alpine Study Area. While the LCC itself will try not to be influenced by this at the conscious level, it cannot fail to have some effect on them subconsciously; and of course the Sawmillers' Association will certainly be out to exploit politically any apparent lack of will-power or interest on our part. It IS a political football, make no mistake about that, and we have to show that we are willing to kick it as hard as we are able. The closing date is 30th of this month, and the address again: 464 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Dave Oldfield is co-ordinating the Club's submission, and hopes to have it ready to table at the half-annual General Meeting on September 28th.

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WINE AND CHEESE TASTING FROM ORLANDO WINES

AT: 11 DERBY ST CAMBERWELL

ON: THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER '77

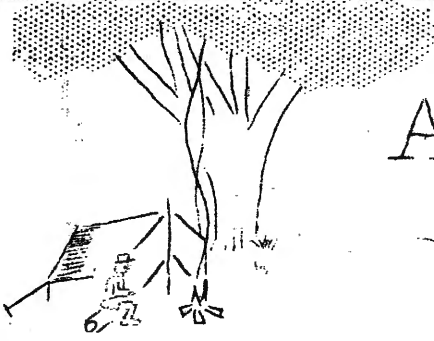
TIME: 6 P.M. TILL 11 P.M.

COST: \$ 3-00 INCLUDES

- * 10 DIFFERENT WINES
- * FILM ON WINE
- * CASSERDLES

ALL VERY WELCOME
NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AVAILABLE

BOOKINGS: SEE SHELLY OR SYLVIA IN CLUBROOMS
OR RING SHELLY ON 26 -1453 (PRIVATE).



ALONG THE TRACK

RED ROCK - MT. THACKERAY - THE FORTRESS.

Tyrone's recently released book on the Grampians does not include this walk. You are about to discover why.

Somewhere near midnight on Friday, Tyrone decided to take a short cut along a back road that would bring us out near the evening's camp. We oohed and aahed as the van just made it across two narrow grids and sat exasperated as a supposedly non-existent road junction appeared. Tyrone mooched around outside for a while before deciding on the left branch. It brought us out to a gate and a sandy track rather overgrown with tall bushes. Tyrone estimated that the campsite was about a quarter of a mile away, but we wanted water didn't we, so around we turned, retracing wheel marks in the sandy soil. Six miles later we reached the campsite.

A new word had been added to the language, and the walk was yet to begin. I am reliably informed that one Tyrometer is approximately equal to six miles, but this of course depends on several factors, known only to Tyrone on Christmas Eve. At 1.30 in the morning, I wasn't about to ask for a watertight definition.

Saturday was relatively uneventful, except that we meandered alarmingly on our way up to the Victoria Range. Wet rock made our ups and downs somewhat nerve racking, and the President soon stopped whistling and started complaining. (Is his Bach worse than his bite?) Only in retrospect did I realize that he was getting in some practice for Sunday. Once on to the range, we began searching for a jeep track boldly marked on Tyrone's map. It was finally discovered hiding under the scrub. I asked Tyrone if he had walked along this track before. He said it obviously wasn't really a track anymore, so of course he hadn't. We lunched near Cultivation Creek, on the track that was still hiding under the scrub. Tyrone had benevolently tipped off George's party about this track - they never found it.

After lunch, we hit the road that travels along the range and after a few miles dived off down a side track to camp. We were settled in for the evening just after four o'clock, telling ourselves that this hard trip had not been anything more than medium so far. With a 9 o'clock start and a 4 o'clock finish, life was a breeze. The foolishness of ignorance!

Sunday morning, off at 8 a.m., back up the hill to the road along the range, begrudging the need to retrace our steps. A spot of frisbee as we waited for everyone to arrive. Counting them off as they appeared, wondering how a supposedly hard trip had acquired so many starters. Tyrone's preview had added "but not too hard" - perhaps that was it. We were in for a solid road bash that morning, on and on towards Mt. Thackeray. It was freezing cold sitting at the sign post, waiting for the number to slowly add up to 16. Bob was rugged up like an eskimo, muttering dark curses to himself. The side trip to Thackeray took an age, and it was nearly midday before we set off again along the road.

I remember rather too much about Sunday afternoon and evening, and am tempted to give you a blow by scratch description of our agonizing progress through thick scrub and a time-lapse road house, but horror has its limits, even in print. I am aware, however, that my audience is a bloodthirsty one, so some choice titbits will be offered as evidence. For the real thing, I suggest you wait until Tyrone does it again.

The Fortress had loomed large in our minds all morning. We were due to traverse this chaotic mass of rock after lunch, and the meal was scheduled to begin as soon as we found the right side track. By 1.30p.m. we had not only lunched but also discovered that the track Tyrone had driven his car along some months before was not the one we were on. It was 50 metres further down the road. Bob rather upset at almost missing out on his cup of coffee because of the reluctant fire, began muttering (again) about people who preview walks by car. Tyrone was remarkably cheerful at this stage, even though we were due back at the van by 4 o'clock. We soon discovered that his watch was wrong.

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RED ROCK - MT THACKERAY - THE FORTRESS (Cont.)

Some time later, the correct track ended in thick scrub. People began labouring uphill towards the Fortress, with the President offering complicated reasons why we should head left instead of right. Geoff was out in front anyway, and he was heading right. We eventually found a way up, but only for a side trip. By now, Tyrone had decided that time was running out and thought it better to scrub bash along the side than attempt the maze of rock on top. He calmly worked out how much time we had left before night descended. (This sort of thing is likely to throw some people into galloping panic, but it is to the credit of our party that only three people bashed their heads against the cliffs).

Seemingly hours later, after sliding down rock ledges and playing pin cushions with the scrub, we emerged at a creek in a steep gully. It was decided that Bob, Geoff and I should go on ahead, with the hope of getting the van back along the road a few miles, and so save time. Geoff found a good route down the obvious spur and picked up a walking track that led us out to a sandy road. We jogged and walked to the van, reaching it just before dark. A smiling George was as unruffled as ever. Geoff and I demolished a good half pound of Gerry's cheese, but Bob was otherwise occupied.

That should have been the end of that, but even suffering walkers don't always find relief. We stopped at a roadhouse just out of Ararat for a quick snack. Forty five minutes later, the last hamburger appeared as frustration reached dangerously high levels. We missed the last train and had to shell out for taxis.

There is no easy way to end this account of a T.T.T. spectacular, but perhaps the man himself can have the last word. On the way home, he turned to me with a pleasant smile: "It's a good thing I didn't include this walk in my Grampians book. Some people might have got lost." Indeed.

Michael Griffin

LANGLAUFING FOR BEGINNERS

Generally speaking, Rod's trip to Hotham for X - country ski beginners was blessed by the fates (at least as far as conditions and weather were concerned) but my own and that of my passengers went the other way, to even things out I suppose.

After a night at the usual spot, now deteriorating rapidly as a campsite, we drove towards Harrietville in the early morning mist to be suddenly treated to glorious views of Feathertop as the cloud lifted. The snow was obviously very deep on the peaks and could be seen in the trees at a very low height on the ridges. We seemed to be in for a beautiful bright weekend and so it proved.

The party split up at the Mt. Loch carpark with the non-beginners (there were a lot of those) exploring the slopes on Mt. Loch, photographing Feathertop, admiring the spectacle of snow down in the West Kiewa and Cobungra valleys, visiting Derrick Refuge and losing Otto in a failed attempt to reach Sparge's. The beginners seemed to be largely left to their own devices but Peter B. claims to have skied from the summit of Hotham and John H. was seen skiing without stocks at the end of the day. I can't imagine what Geoff M. did all day without skis. Later in the afternoon we drove out to J. B. Plain for camp.

Having lit a huge fire (it had to be large as there were up to 20 people around it) we settled down to the long anticipated feast. After garlic bread, pate, gluewein, mulled cider and other delicacies we could hardly eat the meals we had brought for ourselves. The nearly full moon rose early and, in order to work up another appetite for sweets, most of us were out on skis for the best skiing we had experienced. The conditions were superb - bright moon, no cloud, no wind, fine crisp snow - and we were able to practice techniques without fear of variable snow underfoot. Rod soon had a slalom course set up and I don't think one pole was knocked over all night. It was a fantastic and memorable experience.

After a slow start on Sunday morning the non-beginners (plus one or two others who proved to be natural skiers) skied out to Boiler Plain. The beginners practiced technique in the vicinity of Paw Paw Plain and on a slope just beside the cars on the road. The Boiler Plain party visited the site of a camp on a walk in the area in March. The trip out meant some delightful skiing down a track through the trees but we paid for this on the return journey.

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LANGLAUFING FOR BEGINNERS (Cont.)

The road trip around Hotham offered some wonderful views as the westerly clouds rolled in, now hiding the peaks, now isolating them and casting strange patterns and shadows on the snow-softened contours.

On a personal note, the trip back to Melbourne started out as a series of disastrous incidents which culminated with my car limping into Myrtleford carrying three worried people, to be miraculously brought back to running order (people and car) by the very able professional mechanics at the Caltex service station in the town.

Bob Douglas

THE SQUARE DANCE

Saturday night, 6 August, wasn't really a good night to be out. It was black enough among the pine trees on Main Ridge without the additional solid wall of freezing cold rain, and stiff winds, but suddenly through the nothingness was a great blaze of light from Main Ridge hall and the welcome sound of bushies stomping happily to Ken Hooke's music. They were having a marvellous time; we could hear them laughing and yelling inside the hall while outside our car slithered sideways through the mud with engine screaming, searching for something like a firm parking space.

When we dripped into the hall Ken was just forming a new set and we were dragged into the melee even before we could shake the mud from our shoes. There were enough people for four sets, plus the usual group who hang around the kitchen nibbling at the chocolate biscuits before supper. The President was there and he can dance; it's just that he would prefer to go walking; but he is in fact a very good dancer; we deserve to see him more at similar functions. Graham Hodgson cannot dance, he just jumps up and down on the one spot, but somehow manages to look convincing with the occasional skip sideways. Ken Hooke was in fine fettle; he kept us under control most of the time. "Rolling the Barrel" was disastrous for some sets but the rest muddled through - most bushies were square dancers from way back. Shelly was the perfect hostess, and Alwyn was on the prowl for someone to write an article about the dance.

Supper appeared at the appropriate time, just as exhaustion was beginning to set in, but after stuffing ourselves with cheesecake and pizza, chocolate truffles, fish sandwiches, cake, devilled eggs, coffee, etc., we were only too happy to continue the dance and settle our stomachs.

At midnight the cry went up to continue to one o'clock. Ken was flustered briefly and appeared concerned about a licence but as we left he was belting out a dance for the night-owls. Outside the rain had stopped, the stars and the lights of Melbourne glittered through the trees.

It was after all, a good night to be out.

L.M.

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

AT: THE GIPSY PRINCESS RESTAURANT, SHERBROOKE.

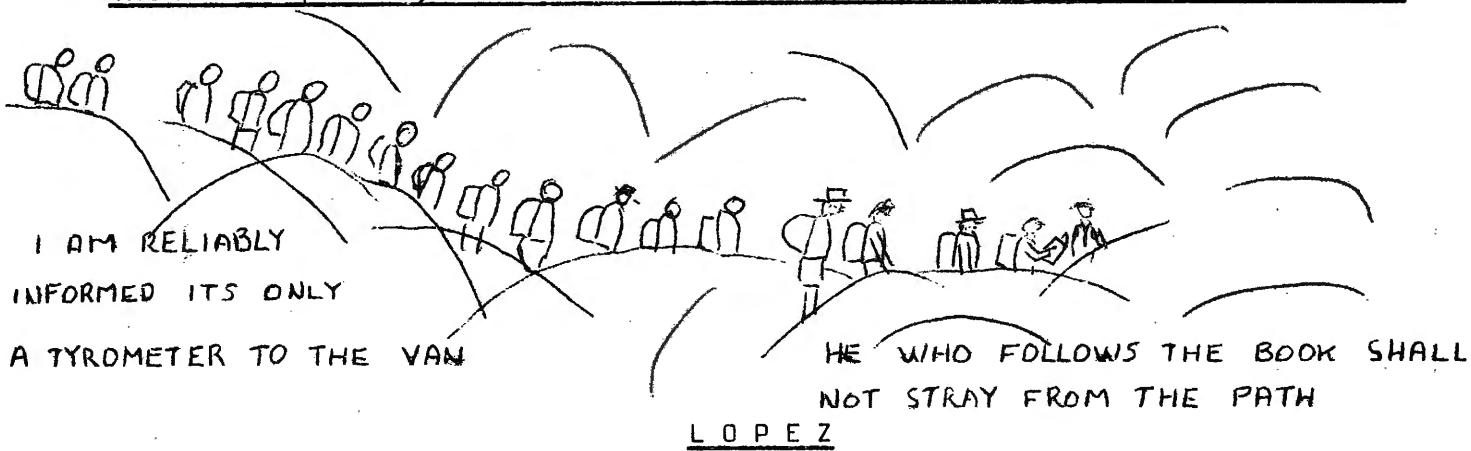
ON: 17TH DECEMBER, 1977.

TIME: 7-30 P.M.

COST: \$9-50 includes a 5 course meal 'A-la-Carte', Dancing, Entertainment.

Accommodation is also available if desired.

BOOKINGS: See SHELLY HAYES in clubrooms or ring on 26-1453 (private).



Before the square dance G.W.J. and Debbie arranged to meet on the corner of Dandenong and Hawthorn Roads. Well they both arrived at the appointed time, one in one road under a verandah, the other waited in a no-standing zone. As you may have guessed, they each waited for the other for about 1/2 an hour and then proceeded on their separate ways.

Everyone else arrived at the hall after taking various wrong turns. Everyone who arrived said that they enjoyed themselves and there was quite a feast at supper. Some "old" members re-appeared at the dance, one in particular was Jack Hammer who had just returned from Queensland, where he had been working in a quarry.

The ski season got off to a cracking start with three Wilky visitors breaking their ankles. Two were taken back to Falls Creek by Skidoo, while the other, John Hodges, skied out. John's excuse was that he didn't know that his ankle was broken. Who waid they don't make them tough anymore?

Overheard at the September committee meeting Sue: "I can't sit on two seats".

"PARKS AND WILDLIFE Vol. 2 No. 1"

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Thanks Bruce (Draper) for drawing our attention to this special publication.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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- MOW, Serena - 353 Church St., Richmond.

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

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

- CORRESPONDENCE:** Reply from STAV re biathlon (see July c'tee notes); resignation of Shirley McInnes from committee.
- TREASURER:** Provisional figures for July confirmed by audit. Balance 31AUG: \$6229-66. Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$982-51.
- WALKS SECRETARY:** JUL: 184m + 87v = 271 = 198d + 73w/e. LOSS: \$98-50.
AUG: 128m + 49v = 177 = 137d + 40w/e. LOSS: n/a.
Gronows fares rose by 25% as from 1SEP. There will thus have to be a further substantial rise in fares on the Summer program. There have been incidents of people becoming separated from parties on TWO recent daywalks. Leaders are asked to pay more attention to (a) briefing the party, particularly visitors, at the commencement of the walk, (b) the careful selection of Whip, who is the second most important person in the party, and (c) the continuous maintenance of a line of communication along the entire length of the party. In spite of the fact that the green sheet which explains the Club Contact System was re-published and distributed to every member as recently as JUNE THIS YEAR, there is clear evidence that walkers are not bringing it to the attention of their families. PLEASE DO SO NOW.
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** 349 members. The proposed alterations to the Constitution, as notified in full in last month's News, come up for debate at the half-annual General Meeting 28SEP77.
- NEWS CONVENER:** Closing date for October: Wednesday 5th.
- SOCIAL SECRETARY:** Wine & cheese night THUR29SEP, 11 Derby Street, Camberwell. A range of non-alcoholic ciders of various vintages will be available for devotees of the fresh apple rather than the fermented grape. Christmas Dinner SAT17DEC, "Gypsy Princess" Sherbrooke Forest, 5-course dinner, \$9-50 BYO. CLUBROOMS: 7 pm opening successful, and to continue.
- "WALK" EDITOR:** "Walk 1978" is bursting at the seams, even at 88 pages, and it looks as if some of the material which has been typeset might have to be held over. Thanks to all authors for their support.
- V.N.P.A.:** Public meeting to consider the VNPA LCC Alpine Area submission TUE20SEP, 8 pm, Victorian Environment Centre, 324 William St. city - opposite S.E. corner of the Flagstaff Gardens.
- DUTY ROSTER:** 21SEP Sylvia Withall, Geoff Mattingley; 28SEP Janet White, Rod Mattingley; 5OCT Alwyn Bloom, Graham Wills-Johnson; 12OCT George Telehin, Graham Wills-Johnson.
- GENERAL BUSINESS:** Following Shirley's resignation, there is a vacancy for a woman committee member. PLEASE BE FORTHCOMING WITH NOMINATIONS AT THE GENERAL MEETING.

Meeting held 5SEP77.

Next meeting 30OCT77, 14 Hosier Lane, 7pm

Visitors are welcome.

SEEKING WALKERS.

Adrian Baker from Canberra will be leading a trip from Thredbo to Walhalla in mid - November.

It will be in two stages -

Thredbo - Mt. Hotham (8 - 10 days)
Mt. Hotham - Walhalla (6 - 8 days)

Anyone interested may contact Adrian by writing or ringing.

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