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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1978.

TIME: 8.00 p.m.

PLACE: VICTORIAN RAILWAYS INSTITUTE,
ROOM 236, 2ND FLOOR.

NOMINATIONS WANTED FOR ALL OFFICE BEARERS AND
GENERAL COMMITTEE.

If you would like to represent your Club in 1978 as either an Office-bearer or a general Committee member, or know of someone capable of filling one of the positions, then arrange a nomination now. If you are at all hesitant as to whether you can do the job — don't be. There will always be someone to give you advice. The Club cannot function properly without its Committee, so we must have nominations for the following positions:

President
Vice-presidents (2)
Treasurer
Secretary
Walks Secretary
Membership Secretary
Social Secretary
News Convener
Wilkinson Lodge Manager
"Walk" Editor
General Committee Members (5)

For further information, see one of the present Committee Members.

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Correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751Q, G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3001.

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.

FEBRUARY WALK PREVIEWS

Apologies from the Walks Secretary - he forgot to send the Walk Preview forms out!

Day Walks.

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| Feb. 5 | <u>JUNCTION HILL - YEA SPUR - MT. MARIANNE - KING PARROT CK.</u> | Easy
Medium |
| | LEADER: | |
| | TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. | \$3 |
| | EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: - | |
| 5 | <u>MT. MARIANNE - MT. TALLAROOK - KING PARROT CK.</u> | Hard |
| | LEADER: ANY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE? | |
| | TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. | \$3 |
| 12 | <u>TURPIN'S FALLS - MITCHELLS'S FALLS - CAMPASPE RIVER</u> | Easy
Medium |
| | LEADER: | |
| | TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. | \$3 |
| 19 | <u>GLENBURN - WOMBALANO FALLS</u> | Easy |
| | LEADER: | |
| | TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m. | |
| 19 | <u>ANDREW'S HILL - WOMBELANO FALLS</u> | Medium |
| | LEADER: | |
| | TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9-15 a.m. | \$3 |
| | EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m. | |
| | MAP REFERENCE: Glenburn 1:50,000 438-770 to 368-774 | |
| | APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 11 kms. | |

The walk planned took (me) too long. Instead we'll climb Andrew's Hill and walk past Eucalyptus Hill to Wombelano Falls. The van will meet us at the main road.

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| 26 | <u>COWES, PHILLIP ISLAND</u> | Easy |
| | LEADER: | |
| | TRANSPORT: Train from Flinder Street. 8-26 a.m. | |
| | FARE: (Unstated) | |
| | EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7-30 p.m. | |

The trip should be something with a difference since it takes us by train to Stony Point and then by boat to Cowes. A real beach walk, so bring your bathers along. Also bring fresh water for lunch,

Week-end Walks

Feb. 10 - AIRE RIVER - CAPE OTWAY - PARKER RIVER - Easy
 12 BLANKET BAY. Medium

LEADER: Dave Oldfield

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 6-30 p.m. \$10

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Colac 1:250,000; Otway 1:50,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 22 kms.

This should be a pleasant walk along the beach and cliff tops starting from the Aire River. We will see the lighthouse on Cape Otway, from a distance, and proceed to camp on the Saturday night at Parker River. On Sunday there will be time to explore the coastline and to have a look at Blanket Bay.

There is no drinking water at Friday night's campsite or until we reach Saturday night's camp, so be warned and bring plenty of water. Since it's quite likely there will be a fireban, be prepared for this, when planning your food for the weekend.

A leisurely weekend is promised.

Feb. 24 - A.W.T PROJECT NO. 6 - MT. ST. BERNARD - Medium
 26 COPE HUT.

LEADER: Bob Douglas

TRANSPORT: Private

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 - 10 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Algonia - Bogon High Plains

1:25000 - Feathertop and Cope

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 23 kms. (plus side trips).

The first seven kilometres of this walk as programmed is basically along the dusty, stony road between Mt. St. Bernard and Mt. Hotham. I have therefore decided to start the walk near Mt. Hotham and the distance shown above is what remains. This is a very straightforward walk from what would be the most frequented country in the mountains. On Saturday night we will camp downstream from Dibbins Hut, on the Cobungra River flats. You will have the opportunity to climb Mt. Hotham, Mt. Loch, Mt. Jim and Mt. Cope. Beginners to weekend walking are particularly urged to come along.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

COLEMAN, Philip - 102 Finch St., East Malvern, 3145. (P) 509-5461 (B) 347-4711
 FREEMAN, Cyril - 8 Erindale Ave., Elsternwick, 3185. (P) 91-3407
 JAMES, Donald 11 Malvina St., Burwood, 3125.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

DENT, Averil - 16 Selbourne St., Hawthorn, 3122. (P) 819-1568 (B) 26-2566
 GRAVE, Harold - Flat 4, 7 Lascelles Av., Toorak, 3142.
 MOORE, Debbie - 4 Good Governs St., Mitcham, 3132. (P) 873-3774
 WHITE, Janet - (P) 509-2587

PLEASE NOTE:

To contact Peter Bullard after the 27th January, please see his parents at 135 Tooronga Road, Glen Iris, 3146 (P) 509-8359 for the current address.

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JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

(Meeting held 9 JAN. 1978)

- TREASURER:** Balance 31 Dec. 1977 \$3189-02.
 "Walk 78" has been paid for - \$2950.
 Accounts passed for payment totalled \$1586-19.
- WALKS SECRETARY:** November - not all walk reports are in yet: loss \$100.
 All Alpine Walking Track trips so far have lost money.
- SOCIAL SECRETARY:** Christmas Dinner at the "Gypsy Princess" was successful.
 Unfortunately, we were quoted the wrong price. Loss \$36-75.
- WILKINSON LODGE:** 107 person-nights recorded over Christmas-New Year.
 Work party 25-26 Feb.
- COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:** Working Bee (Clubrooms clean-up) -
 Wed. 8th Feb. at 5 p.m.
- EQUIPMENT OFFICER:** Nov. takings reported incorrectly last month -
 should have been \$7. December takings \$20, total for calendar
 year \$134.
- DUTY ROSTER:** 25 Jan: Rod Mattingley, Shelly Hayes; 1 Feb: Sylvia Withall,
 Rob Hayes; 8 Feb: Sue Oldfield, Alwyn Bloom.

Next Committee meeting 6 Feb. 1978 at 7 pm.

Rod Mattingley

CHILDREN ON WALKS

Would all walk leaders please note the following resolutions of the January 1978 Committee meeting:

1. Visitors under the age of 16 years are allowed on Club walks provided that:
 - (a) the leader is convinced that they can satisfactorily complete the trip;
 - (b) they are accompanied by a parent or guardian;
 - (c) the leader is willing to take them.
2. Visitors under the age of 16 years on Club walks will pay full fare but no visitors fee.

COLOUR SLIDE SCREENING:

"NATIONAL PARKS OF NORTH AMERICA" by Tony Groom.

WEDNESDAY, January 25th 7-30 p.m.

Museum Theatre. (No Charge).

Entrance to the courtyard (by car or on foot) is
 from LaTrobe Street, about mid-way between
 Swanston & Russell St., down the ramp.

Thank you to Mrs. B. Fox of the Melbourne Women's Walking Club for the
 above information.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TREASURER.

The Treasurer's duties may be summarised as follows:

1. To keep an accurate record of the Club's receipts and payments.
2. To provide a financial statement at the end of each month and to prepare a Treasurer's Report for the Annual General Meeting.
3. To guide the Committee of the Club on financial and business matters.

The general principle behind our finances is that each of our activities is self-supporting.

The Club's activities are separated as follows for accounting purposes:

<u>CLUB</u>	(a) Administration - The expenses of the general running of the Club (e.g. the newsletter, rent, stationery, postage, maps, subscriptions etc.) are paid mainly from membership subscriptions.
	(b) Social
	(c) Bushwalking equipment
	(d) Seminars
<u>WALKS</u>	Bookings and payments for transport.
<u>TRADE</u>	Publication and distribution of "Walk" magazine.
<u>TRANSACTIONS</u>	Purchase and sales of magazines other than "Walk".
<u>WILKY</u>	Hire and expenses of Wilkinson Lodge.

Receipts are written for all payments received from activity leaders and the money is promptly banked.

All payments of \$20 and over are presented to the Committee for approval. Payments under \$20 are settled by means of petty cash.

At the end of each month the receipts and payments are tallied and reconciled with the monthly bank statement.

All accounting books and documents are audited by the two Club auditors at least half-yearly.

Overall, the Treasurer's position is a very responsible and satisfying one, with the opportunity to come into contact with most of the Club's activities.

Incidentally, the position will be vacant this year, so we would be pleased to hear from any interested person with a flair for figures and business matters.

Ross Hoskin

CLUBROOM CLEANUP14 HOSIER LANE

WEDNESDAY, 8 February, 5 p.m.
onwards. Come in for 20 mins.
cleaning after work -
then you'll have plenty of time
for a meal before the club opens
at 7 p.m.

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"EURAIL" - FAST AND CHEAP

A very well thought-out train pass system known as "Eurail" has been made available by the major western European countries to provide cheap rail travel for non-Europeans.

These passes are available to Australians (amongst others) and allow unlimited first class train travel over almost all of western Europe's rail network for periods from one week (cost \$164-00) to 3 months (cost \$404-00) and also on certain state-owned buses, ferries and lake and river steamers.

Europe's rail network is vast, dense and well supplemented with railways buses. Railway stations are of a much higher standard than in Australia, are usually located right in the city centre and provide all the services a traveller needs. They use an ingenious, standardized sign system. The trains are very fast, punctual and clean. First class compartments are usually less than one-third full. The train and station staff, particularly, in Germany and Switzerland have a great time demonstrating just how well they can make a railway system work.

In two and a half months (I had one three month pass) I was able to cover distances which would have cost at least \$2000-00 if paid for in sections. In Norway and Sweden in a three week period I was able to recoup the cost of my pass.

The three month "Eurail" pass is the best value and the fact that it provides for first class travel is very useful as second class compartments are frequently full in July and August. (Don't buy "Studentrail"!)

"Eurail" saves very precious time. No waiting in ticket queues or car queues at border crossing points. You can board a train minutes before it leaves and be certain of a seat.

When you weigh all the pros and cons of the various ways of travelling around in Europe - hitchhiking, car or "Kombi", train, 'plane, bike, motorbike and then consider real cost, reliability, safety, speed etc., "Eurail" takes a lot of beating!

Tony Morris

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NON-BUSINESS-MINDED

This item is for members who are willing to do their bit but are diffident about how to start:

"WALK" is the sort of small book to appeal to would-be bushwalkers, anyone interested in outdoor activities and, of course, the dedicated bushwalker, particularly with the holiday season coming up.

And it's inexpensive for its value. Being small "Walk" might be put on display near the counter so people may browse through while they are paying for other purchases. And what's another \$1 to them! But that's the bookseller's concern anyway.

Your job is simple: TAKE 5 or 10 COPIES OF "WALK" 1978 TO YOUR LOCAL BOOKSELLER AND SUGGEST THEY TAKE SOME TO SELL, THEN FILL OUT RECEIPT. They don't need to pay until the books are sold.

The exciting part is going back in a month to find the books are sold, and the bookseller no doubt will take another batch.

You don't need to be a sales rep. or a con-artist, and it's fun.

See Bob Douglas for copies of "WALK" and receipt book.

J.W.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

At the Annual General Meeting on February 22nd, the following Amendments to the Constitution will be proposed.

Please study your copy of the current Constitution (included with this issue of News) and consider the effect of the changes before voting at the meeting.

SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH (b) - Replace with:

- (b) (i) Life membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of high esteem and in appreciation of exceptional services to the Club.
- (ii) Life membership may only be conferred by resolution of an Extraordinary, Half-Yearly, or Annual General Meeting.
For a meeting at which a proposal for Life Membership is to be debated, at least fourteen days notice of the proposal, in writing, shall be given to each member.
- (iii) A Life Member shall have the same privileges as a full member.
- (iv) A Life Member shall be exempt from membership fees.

SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH (c) - Replace with:

- (c) (i) Honorary membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of esteem and in appreciation or anticipation of services rendered to the Club.
- (ii) Honorary membership may only be conferred by resolution of a General Meeting, and shall be for a period not extending beyond the following Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) An Honorary Member shall have the same privileges as a full member.
- (iv) An Honorary Member shall be exempt from membership fees.

SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH (d) - Renumber as (e)

Insert new paragraph (d):

- (d) (i) Absentee membership may be conferred on any member by the Committee at the member's request, if he will be absent from the State of Victoria for a period of at least six months. The term of Absentee membership shall not extend beyond the following Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) An Absentee member may not hold office in the Club, vote at General Meetings, or transact any business on behalf of the Club.
- (iii) An Absentee member shall be exempt from membership fees.
- (iv) In conferring Absentee membership the Committee is relieved of its responsibility to keep the member informed, as stated in Section 7 (e) of this Constitution.

<u>SECTION 5,</u>	Paragraph (e)	Renumber as (f)
	" (f)	" " (g)
	" (g)	" " (h)
	" (h)	" " (i)

SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH (b) - Replace first sentence with:

Subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be due and payable at the Annual General Meeting, and any member whose fees are due and unpaid for three months shall cease to become a member.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION (Cont.)SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH (c) - Renumber as (d)Insert new paragraph (c)

- (c) All persons nominated for election to the Committee must be members of the Club and have been so for at least three calendar months prior to their nomination.

<u>SECTION 7, Paragraph</u>	(d)	Renumber as	(e)
"	(e)	" "	(f)
"	(f)	" "	(g)
"	(g)	" "	(h)
"	(h)	" "	(i)
"	(i)	" "	(j)

Proposed by: Geoff Mattingley.

Seconded by: Michael Griffin.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

December 1, 1977.

Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding the venue of club social functions and hope to engender discussion among members, with this letter.

Since I have been walking with the club, I cannot remember one club dinner being held at a restaurant located in a central position within our metropolis and within easy reach of public transport. My complaint that dinners were always organized at venues, to the east of Melbourne, while I live in the north resulted in the holding of one dinner at Emu Bottom, Sunbury, still far outside the western boundary of Melbourne. Unfortunately, I could not attend because of a prior commitment, but this venue was vastly unfair to eastern suburbs dwelling club members who had to make a long journey across town and then out again, to attend.

May I enquire whether there is an official club policy that walkers' dinners have to be held in an urban-rural fringe or rural venue, on one side of the city or the other? Could we please have just one dinner organized in a central city restaurant, next year, to allow more equitable accessibility to all participants and to gauge members' preferences for restaurant venues? After all, isn't the inside of any restaurant, very much like another, despite the location - rural or central city?

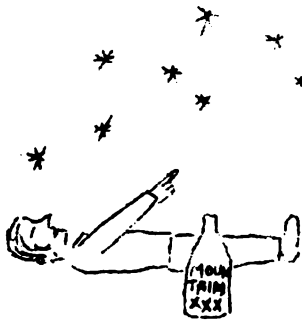
What do other members think?

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Marilyn Blizzard
(Coburg).

Give it some thought members and let us hear from you.

Editor.



I SEE STARS!



HOW CAN HE SEE STARS
WHEN ITS SNOWING
OUTSIDE?



BECAUSE HE'S HIGH
ON MOUNTAINS.

L O P E Z

During a successful demonstration of bushwalking supplies, the freeze-dried food fanatics were found feeding their faces. All the staple food and luxury items (strawberries and ice-cream) were pronounced extremely edible.

The other eatathon occurred at the Christmas dinner at the "Gypsy Princess". All who attended enjoyed the good food and good company, but a few thought that they could do better than the two-man-band supplying noises to dance to.

Over Christmas the Mountain Baggers at Wilky failed to get to the top of all the mountains due to some adverse weather conditions and too much to eat. The way it seems to snow, whenever the Walks Secretary gets high on mountains, makes one wonder whether the Precipice Plain base camp will be snowed upon or not.

Other walkers from the club found the blizzard conditions so bad in Tasmania that they were forced into trying to put 30 stone of bushwalkers into a single wet sleeping bag on two consecutive nights. Such is the beautiful Tasmanian Summer weather.

In contrast I pity those dozen intrepid walkers who braved 38° heat to walk from Frankston to Mornington barefoot along the beach. Swimming time was when the leader felt perspiration running into his eyes. After the cool change the walkers arrived at Mornington only to discover a different train time-table to the one observed at Frankston station that morning - the train left 15 minutes before they arrived. With visions of staying out all night they headed for a fish and chip shop to determine when the next Frankston bus was due. It arrived five minutes later and the walkers were treated to a tour of Mount Eliza on the return journey.

At Mick Mann's welcome back party the Social Secretary and Wilky Manager were seen bouncing around Ken's newly renovated floor to the strains of Captain Matchbox Whoopie Band blasting a beaut beat. (The next day they both complained of sore legs!)

At a recent gathering of spaghetti eaters, one of them was heard to say, "And what would you do if, upon opening a door, you were confronted with a quivering mass of entropy?"

Peter Bullard is off for an 18 month trip to America and Europe or Asia on 26th January. We all wish you a pleasant trip, Pete, and we hope that you'll be able to entertain us with some anecdotes and slides upon your return.

ARTICLES FOR 'NEWS'

Closing date for Feb. issue - WEDNESDAY 8th.

Please continue to refer to the members' address list for my address if forwarding walk previews, articles etc. as the address is still incorrectly shown on the latest program. The correct address is 3/67 King William Street, Reservoir, 3073.

Special thanks to Barry for last month's Father Christmas sketch.

Thanks to all members for their contributions this month.

News Convener.

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PRE-OPENING ACTIVITIES (Cont.)ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, CRAFT EXHIBITIONS. (Cont.)

Gallery de Tastes, 8th Floor, 459 Little Collins St., Melbourne.

Recent acquisitions. Closes 6-30 p.m.

Univ. Gallery, University of Melbourne, Parkville.

Refer Melway Street Directory. See map facing p. 76 for directions.

Gryphon Gallery, Swanston St., Carlton. (Enter from Grattan St.)

Closes 7-30 p.m. 341-8587.

Contact Uni. Gallery and Gryphon Gallery for details of frequent exhibitions and when open.

BOOKSHOP

Trap Bookshop, 130 Flinders St. Melb. (next to the Red Cross H.Q.)

Closes 6-00 p.m. 63-4899.

CHURCHES

A time for prayer, quiet mediation, to enjoy the evensong or admire the architecture.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Cnr. Flinders & Swanston Sts., Melb. 5-10 p.m. Evensong (choral).

St. Patrick's Cathedral, E. Melbourne.

Uniting Church, 100 Collins St. Melbourne. (Interior well worth a look.)

GARDENS

Take a stroll around the Royal Botanic Gardens situated between Alexandra Avenue and Domain Road.

See the Floral Clock in St. Kilda Road. (opposite the National Gallery of Vic.) and continue over to the N.G. and browse at the books in the bookshop or have a meal in the restaurant or cafe. Rest. Dinner 5-30 - 8-30 p.m. Cafe open until 8-00 p.m.

OUTDOOR EATING

Meet some friends and make use of the 10c coin in the slot B.B.Q. facilities at Yarra Bank, Alexandra Av. (opp. Kings Domain & Botanical Gardens).

MISCELLANEOUS

A comfortable lounge room, where you can sit and read your newspaper or book.

Telephones and writing facilities available.

Victoria Hotel, 215 Little Collins St., Melbourne. 63-0441.

Have you been on the Leisuretime River Cruise that travels along the Yarra River? Leisuretime River Cruises Pty. Ltd. Princes Walk, Melbourne, 63-4694. Sailing time 6-00 p.m. returning approx. 1 or 1½ hours later. Please confirm sailing time as it will not be departing if especially chartered.

Travellers' Aid Society has available for men and women a modern club lounge, writing facilities, telephones, refreshments (charges as per menu), lockers and ironing facilities. For women only a changing room and showers. Minimal charges are made for these services.

Travellers' Aid Society, 182 Collins St., Melbourne. 654-2600.

At the Spencer Street T.A.S. men's showers are available.

T.A.S., Spencer Street Railway Station. 67-2873.

Cycle along the Yarra. Hire a bike just east of Swan St. Bridge (s. side of Yarra) and go for a spin along the Yarra. If not available there try the Old Beaurepaire Swimming Pool for hiring bikes.

Arts Centre Building Project Information Pavilion. - Usually closed at 5-30 p.m. but will remain open until 6-00 p.m. if of interest to 4 or 5 members. Please contact News Convener, 3/67 King William St., Reservoir, 3073 or see Alwyn in club rooms when on-duty.

The Royal Silver Jubilee Exhibition Train is open for public inspection at Spencer Street until 3rd Feb. Adults \$2 children \$1.

The \$165 million display on board the train covers 700 years of British history and includes exhibits ranging from the shirt Charles 1 wore at his execution to the wedding dress of Princess Anne.

NOTE: Closing times stated only refer to Wednesday evening.
If times are not stated closing time is after 7-30 p.m.