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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Official minutes will be posted in the committee room in due course.
Some points which came up:-

CORRESPONDENCE: FCV notified following road closures (a) UNTIL 31 DEC. 1980 - Blue Gum Track (on ridge east of Lerderberg River); Antimony Mine Road (east of Dullengarook Creek, west of Sugarloaf; Road 21 in Ovens plantation; Sawyer Track, Middle Track Dead End 1 and 2 (all west of Jerusalem Inlet, Eildon Weir) (b) UNTIL 31 DEC 1981 - Echo Flat track, Lake Mountain track, Snowy Hill track and Boundary Fire Trail 2 (all on Taggerty or Juliet sheets); in the southern Grampians the following; Hut Creek fireline, south end of Victoria Range track, Brown Creek track, Cave of Hands track, Deep Creek track, track running off waterworks track up Number One Creek, Waterworks Creek track and the Serra Range fireline (crosses range perpendicular to its long axis, south of Mirranatwa Gap); the track along the Great Divide from west of Mt. Murray through to Mr. St. Bernard); track up the Wonnangatta valley, from the foot of Wombat Spur, together with its branches up the Dry River and towards Catherine Saddle. (c) EXTENSION OF CLOSURES - closures of Wellington River to McFarlanes Saddle track and the track in to Macalister Springs are now in force until 31 Dec. 1979 (previously 1978) Maps showing these closures will be posted in the Committee Room.

TREASURER: Balance 31 Jan. 1979 \$3,060.24. Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$598.96.

WALKS SECRETARY: DEC: 111m + 59v = 170 = 106d + 64w/e. \$30 PROFIT. For the year total result = \$691 PROFIT. (The figure to be given by the treasurer in his annual report will differ slightly from this, owing to adoption of different basis for year). Gronows have run their last van for us (the company has been taken over by a new proprietor who is not prepared to continue the service), Andrew Hood Ltd. have a 40 van, and are prepared to give us a Sunday service. Rates are much the same.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: 307 financial members. No applications were presented.

WILKINSON LODGE: The new stove has been installed. The water supply has been simplified as a result, and new instructions are posted.

F.V.W.C.: Next Council meeting 6 Feb. 1979.

V.N.P.A./A.C.F: In accordance with a suggestion from A.C.F. discussed at the January Committee meeting, Elizabeth has written to the relevant Minister in the Federal Government expressing concern that the Australian Heritage Commission received null finance in the 1978/79 budget, and concern at the possibility that the Commonwealth Government is about to substantially reduce its responsibilities under the Environment (Impact of Proposals) Act. Copy of her letter is held by the Secretary if members wish to get more details.

DUTY ROSTER: 28 FEB: Eileen Ayre, Graham Wills-Johnson

MEETING HELD: 5 FEBRUARY, 1979

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 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Day Walks

March 4 LONDON BRIDGE - RYE BACK BEACH Easy

LEADER: Alison Blaker
TRANSPORT: Van from Datman Ave. 9.15 a.m.
FARE: \$3
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 kms.

The weather will probably be hot, so bring bathers for plenty of swims along the way. Bring some protection against those horrible nasties, the March flies (insects) and water for lunch. Walk promises to be very pleasant along the beach and perhaps along the cliff tops depending on the tides and access. Some rock scrambling but this will be easy. Excellent walk for beginners. We will be meeting the weekend walkers some where along the way.

March 11 TARRAWARRA - HEALESVILLE

TRANSPORT: Train.
See club room notice board for details.

March 10 MT. STEWART-WAGGES RANGE-CULLEN RANGE Easy/Medium (tending towards Medium)

LEADER: Ian Stewart
TRANSPORT: Van from Datman Ave. 9.15 a.m.
FARE: \$4.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Year 1:50,000 and Nagambie 1:100,000 (or Longwood 1:50,000)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14 kms.

The walk starts about 10 km. east of Seymour with a steep, 300 metre climb to the top of Mt. Stewart. We will then proceed in a northerly direction, through dry, scrubby country along the top of Wagg's range. We will descend to Hughes Creek for lunch then wade across it (unless we're lucky) and climb to the top of Callen Range. If time permits the route will be through interesting, though rough lightly timbered terrain until the end of the walk is reached about 3 km south-east of Avenel. If we're pressed for time then a quicker more direct route will be taken through open country. There are good views to be had all along both ranges. Bring water for lunch.

March 25 KINGS FALLS-ARTHURS LOOKOUT-ROSEBUD Easy

LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Van from Datman Ave. 9.15 a.m.
FARE: \$3
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Sorrento 1" = 1 M. Military
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles.

An easy walk taking in interesting bushland a couple of miles inland from the beach. Good views from the heights of Arthur's Seat Range. Included in the walk will be a visit to a new National Park "Sea Winds". Bring your swimming gear as we will have time at the end of the walk for a swim.

Weekend Walks

March 3-4 MOONLIGHT WALK-BARWON HEADS-RYE BACK BEACH Easy

LEADER: Robert Hayes

TRANSPORT: Van From Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.

This walk will be easy and will include a ferry trip. Ideal for beginners to weekend walking as it leaves at 6.30 p.m. Saturday. The walk will be along the beach and will meet up with the Sunday walkers on Sunday. Bring water and bathers, perhaps you might enjoy a moonlight swim.

March 9-12 SPECULATION-HOWITT McCALLISTER SPRINGS-WONNANGATTA-THE RAZOR Medium

LEADER: Tyrone Thomas

TRANSPORT: Mini-Bus

(See leader in club rooms for details)

STANLEY NAME SPUR-CROSSCUT SAW-SPECULATION-KING SPUR Easy/Medium

LEADER: Peter Goodwin

(See leader in club rooms for details)

March 16-19 MT. LOCH-MACHINERY SPUR-DIAMANTINA SPUR-MT. FEATHERTOP-RAZORBACK Medium

LEADER: Arthur Francis

TRANSPORT: Private

MAP REFERENCE: Altona- Dogong High Plains

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Approx. 30 kms.

The country we shall traverse includes some of Victoria's best alpine scenery. From Mt. Loch carpark we amble to Mt. Loch, then descend Machinery Spur, all the while taking in superb views. The first stage of the descent is through true alpine country with a diversity of interesting vegetation, then we pass through not too thick scrub to Blairs Hut (possible lunch spot).

After lunch things become a little more testing with a very steep climb through thick scrub up the lower regions of the Diamantina Spur.

Just when you reckon that you'll give up bushwalking for ever, the scrub starts to thin out, you get a little more breath, a little more strength and you continue up the spur to a nicely grassed and protected campsite just before High Nob. There is one disadvantage however because this site does not have permanent water and so you must be prepared to carry it up the Spur. Sunday is a relatively easy day with really only a 3 hour walk across the Razorback, and the side trip to Feathertop, always a magnificent mountain.

March 23-25 COOPERS CREEK-THOMPSON RIVER-WALHALLA Easy

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.

See Notice Board in Club Rooms for details.

March 30-1 BRYCES GORGE-ALPINE BLUDGE Easy

LEADER: Rob Harris

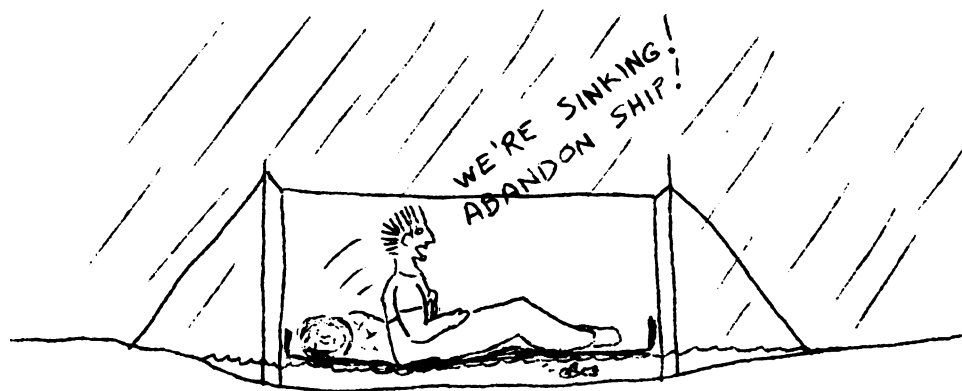
TRANSPORT: Private

'See leader in club rooms for details'

ADD

Perth Bushwalkers are organising a trip in early March, 1979 to go from Albany to Esperance, along the Southern Coast of W.A. The walk is 300 miles, and will take 6 weeks. If interested, contact.-

J. Howe, P.O. Box 641, Port Pirie, S.A.
or phone 086 32 2550 or 086 324420.



L O P E Z

A leader's tent may be his castle, but it seemed a bit odd that he should surround it with a moat, but there's no accounting for tastes is there Cameron? After abandoning his castle due to rising damp, he was heard muttering something about now knowing what a water bed felt like.

Little Willie's trip to Tasmania must have sharpened his eye for new talent - he recently remarked that he had his eye on a prospective new female member who, in his words, "Will be a rival for Krystyna"! An informative, usually reliable source, said that Willie is moving from his time honoured address in Goathlands Street to a new Town House in Moonee Ponds. There is no truth in the rumour that he is getting a Plastic Gnome for the garden and a set of ducks to fly south on his living room floor. Aunty Edna says that Little Willie will be an asset to help revive Moonee Ponds by adding to the tone of the place.

Talking of tones, Caroline was livid on the Wednesday following her illfated beach walk as she waited till 1.00 a.m. on the Monday Morning for a replacement van to arrive after the normal van broke down at the 50 km. post on the Geelong Road on the return trip to Melbourne. It appears that a large group of walkers left the van after it was stranded, and enough got back to Melbourne in a "Stella Maris" seafarer's van to give the impression that everyone had returned. Caroline ended up in such a state of shock that about three weeks later her hair turned curly!

The new stove was put in at Wilky in extra quick time, as one of the helpers arrived at lunchtime Saturday to discover the wall being replaced. After finishing they tied half the stove to the back of Rod's Range Rover. He didn't notice he was carrying it until he arrived home and his garage door wouldn't shut.

Harald is really becoming famous now - he has had a Chinese Year named after him - The Year of the Goat.

Talking of goats, those going to Mt. Despair for the long weekend may really be despairing if the goats are as rampant then as they were the last time a club walk was in the area.

One Wednesday a pair of unlikely twins entered the clubrooms - they both had green shirts and black beards. Somehow, Harald Hodgson or Stuart Goetz don't sound right - so it must have been an apparition.

There is a funny pair of apparitions haunting the Black Forest recently - living like Gypsies in the back of a caravan. The word has it that there are no lights in the van, and one of the occupants was heard to mutter through his beard "We don't need any lights - we go to bed early"

F.V.W.C.

Geoff Crapper has tendered his resignation as Federation Secretary, a temporary Secretary has been appointed until the Federation A.G.M. in May. Nominations are invited for all positions on Federation Executive Council. Another walk to support the Alpine National Park will be held on 27th April, details to be published later.

Y.H.A. will hold a bushie's ball on Friday 10th of May, all profits to go to F.V.W.C. 300 tickets will be available at \$5.00 per head O.Y.O. drink, supper and glass, venue is Hawthorn Town Hall.

CONSERVATION CONVENOR'S REPORT

During 1978 the Club participating in several conservation campaigns. Members took part in meetings and the protest march in June against the Land Conservation Council's recommendations for land use in the Alpine Area; letters were sent on behalf of the club to newspapers, the Premier, the Minister for local Government, the Labour Party's Shadow Minister, and several members of parliament.

The LCC's report on the North Central Study Area of Victoria came out in October but we do not yet know their recommendations for land use in that area. A submission was sent to the Council on behalf of the club urging them to consider the importance of conserving the natural environment and to consider the needs of bushwalkers.

Letters objecting to the use of helicopters and over-snow transport on the Bogong High Plains have been sent to the Premier, the Soil Conservation Authority, the S.E.C. the Minister for Conservation, and the Shadow Minister for conservation; and a \$50 donation was made to the Federation of NSW bushwalking clubs to help finance a public education campaign for the preservation of the Colo-Hunter wilderness area in NSW.

Last year the NSW affiliated with the Conservation Council of Victoria to enable us to have more influence on decisions relating to conservation issues.

The club is looking for a new Conservation Convenor: ideally someone with strong views on conservation and political talent. Is that, you?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rosemary Gosling, K11 Flat 23, Raleigh Street, Windsor, 3101.

Geoff and Barbara Crapper, Lot 1, Slaty Creek Road, Woodend, 3442.

Bus: (Geoff) 25 4502 Bus. (Barb) 054 222056.

Marcia and Joe Rush, C/- Banksia Holiday Park, Eastbourne Road, West Rosebud, 3940.

Michael Griffin, 80 Main Street, Blackburn, 3130. Home: 070 7409 Bus. 666046 x 506.

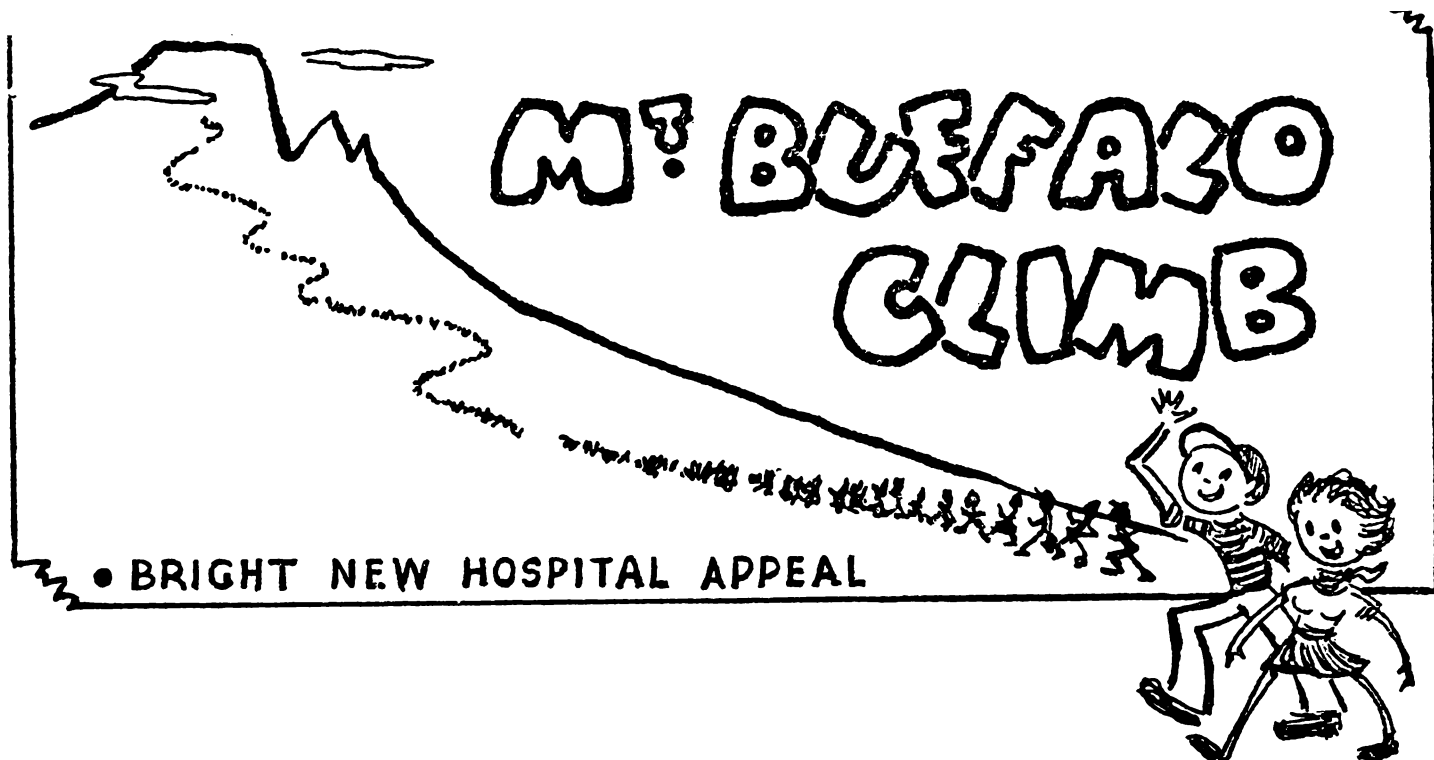
Well this is my last edition of News. The club is still looking for a new News Convenor, it is a very rewarding position, you get to read news before any one else and it is great typing practice.

I would like to thank Lopez (who ever he is) for his great articles, keep up the good work.

Next month's closing date will be March 7, 1979 but could be subject to change because of the new committee.

I hope all readers have a very happy year and plenty of walking.

See you all at the A.G.M. February 28 , 1979.



LIFE BE IN IT! - CLIMB MT. BUFFALO

Enclosed are details of the 'Climb Mt. Buffalo' event being organised by the Bright & District New Hospital Appeal Committee.

This is being widely publicised in the media and is receiving support from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, the National Parks Service and the North East Victoria Regional Tourist Authority.

It is a family event and a wonderful opportunity to see the magnificent scenery and flora and fauna of this unique mountain. The start is at Noonameena, 6 kms. along the Mt. Buffalo Road from Porepunkah, and those who wish to establish fast times are asked to be there by 7.30 a.m.

There will be checkpoints en route, manned by first aiders and personnel with two way radio communication. Refreshments will be available at the checkpoints and at the summit. Certificates will be given to those who complete the walk. Average walk time will be from $3\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 hours.

An interesting display of historical items arranged by the Bright and District Historical Society will be on show at the Chalet.

This will be a memorable day for professionals, amateurs and Sunday walkers. Entry forms will be available shortly and enquiries can be directed to:

The Secretary,
Climb Mt. Buffalo,
P.O.Box 48,
Bright 3741.

ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Coming to the end of my period of office, I would like to thank once again, most sincerely, all those on both of the committees with which I worked, and all those non-committee members as well who work so tirelessly behind the scenes. The support of all these people has been wonderful. It was for this reason that I was so surprised at the discordant note struck by a letter read out at the November General Meeting which suggested that the club might not be in such a healthy state as I imagined it to be - at least while difficulty was being experienced in getting leaders for walks, some of which were having to be cancelled. What is the source of this paradox? I think it must be that members are willing but shy. I retain my optimism about the basic health of the club, but it does seem that many of us are going to have to ask ourselves rather hard whether we are being a bit too diffident and retiring when certain questions come up. If you have been on, say, ten walks with the club, then you certainly know enough about bushwalking and the way the club does things to be quite able to lead a walk, and you should not let lack of confidence lead you to refuse when you are approached. Likewise at least six people I can think of - actually quite a few more than that - are letting themselves, as well as the club, down if they do not allow their names to be put forward for the 1979 presidency. In what I said in the December newsletter I was not trying in any way to write specifications for the position - rather trying to demolish what some people might have thought were watertight excuses, like being a woman member, or being under 25. I can think of only one requirement for the position - you have to be able to listen. Actually that is one of its greatest rewards all of a sudden people actually want to talk to you! (I found it quite a new experience for a while!). Otherwise, it is probably the easiest job in the club unless, of course, the Walks Secretary clobbers you with something else like the Alpine Walking Track project, in which case it would be an advantage to be under 25 after all! So, do let us see at least six names on our voting papers on February 28; and to EVERY member of the club, please realise that we cannot have walks without leaders and that you owe it to yourself as well as to the club to be willing to act as a leader - you'd be amazed at how rewarding an experience it is.

GRAHAM WILLS-JOHNSON

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The club is affiliated with the following organisations:-

1. Australian Conservation Foundation
2. Conservation Council of Victoria
3. Victorian National Parks Association
4. Federation of Victorian Bushwalking Clubs
5. Native Plants Preservation Society of Victoria
6. Ski Touring Association of Victoria.

In addition, the club subscribes to - Alpine Observer.

Various walking club magazines arrive in the clubrooms each month and are available for reading in the committee rooms. Thanks to Athol Schaefer for continuing to keep the library in order and binding the various magazines.

Wedding spoons are awaiting the following "newlyweds" -

George and Shirley Telehin
Henry and Marjorie Rokx
Peter and Jenny Micheletto
John and Helen Fritz
Geoff and Barbara Crapper

Thanks are extended to the Committee Members who worked so hard during the year that my workload was almost non-existent.

ROB HAYES

SUPPLEMENTARY TO FEBRUARY NEWS

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

During the year, the men's club painted the meeting rooms. It is proposed that the stairs will be painted during 1979 and we are hoping for help from the members. Many thanks to those who attended any of the four cleanups held during the year.

EILEEN AYRE AND CAROLINE STRICKLAND

VNPA - ACT COMMITTEE MEMBER

VNPA = Victorian National Parks Association
ACF = Australian Conservation Foundation.

In addition to learning what these initials represent, this committee member has the pleasure of attending VNPA meetings (at The Herbarium on occasional Wednesday nights) and reading the MDW copies of the VNPA magazine, the ACF newsletter and ACF magazine "Habitat".

Both these bodies are concerned with the preservation of natural bushland, on which this club depends. Therefore, communication of their activities to our members is important.

During 1970, the ACF and VNPA managed to stir up some interest in the Alpine National Park issue. About 1000 people attended a public meeting in the Assembly Hall and about the same number of people (and a tree or two) marched through the city streets. 5000 letters or submissions were received by the Land Conservation Council on this subject.

E. MCKENZIE

NEWS CONVENOR

Many thanks must go to our News Printer, Barry Short who once again, has done a marvelous job printing and collating news, together with his wife Gwenda, The magazine wouldn't be the same without Barry's very clever drawings and sayings and all the thought that goes behind them.

Thanks also to the staff of news for helping at printing nights and for Gwenda for putting on those beautiful suppers enjoyed by all.

To everyone who has written articles, thank you, the magazine wouldn't exist without them and thanks to all leaders who gave me their reports, always on time which was great.

Last but not least, thanks to Graham Wills-Johnson and all the other Committee Members for making my term as News Convenor very enjoyable.

ALISON BLAKER

SUPPLEMENTARY TO FEBRUARY NEWS

WALKS SECRETARY

As can be seen from the table below, 1978 saw a continuing decline in the number of people day walking with the club. With club membership at an all-time high, there would appear to be no apparent explanation for this decrease bearing in mind that the total number of trips has remained approximately the same.

YEAR	<u>DAY WALKS</u>		<u>W/E & LONGER</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>	
	Trips	Walkers	Trips	Walkers	Trips	Walkers
1976	53	2133	40	800	93	2941
1977	60	1035	47	770	107	2605
1978	59	1660	46	779	105	2447

The Alpine Track project was successfully completed during the year. Only two people managed to walk all the stages which averaged 17.5 walkers per stage. Mini-buses were also used on the remainder of the Alpine Track walks because of their general popularity. Their use on weekend trips which are too far for a van, would appear to be ideal.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my thanks to all the leaders who have volunteered their services and to the members of the walks sub-committees who donated their time.

ALEX STIRKUL

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership as at February 1, 1979

307 financial members including 10 News Subscribers

New members during 1978 50

Club information has been sent out in response to 130 written enquiries.

I would like to thank Ken Criscoe for printing the computer address list each month.

LIBBY QUARTERMAN

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Well this has proved more profitable than last year, which is a good note on which to finish up on.

Firstly, there was the mid-year dinner which was a great success both financially and attendance. Then came the wine bottling which also was a success money wise. There are still some bottles of white left, so any buyers would be greatly appreciated. The square dance, although broke even in finance, the attendance needed something to be desired. There was a lack in females, maybe you females are saving up for next year. Remember good for the waistline, also lots of fun.

The dance in conjunction with the National Trust didn't come about. But an enjoyable night at Settlement Vineyards was enjoyed by a few. A night to remember. Again the fancy dress-dinner was a non-event, but the party held at the "Hayes House" certainly wasn't. I'm sure all those who went will remember it for a long while. So will the neighbourhood and supermarkets.

During the year there were many successful slide nights and talks, most of which had a reasonable attendance.

Thank you to Libby for an enjoyable christmas supper, I'm sure it was enjoyed by all. The idea should be kept going.

Thank you to Graham W.J. for the support he has given me in the last year. Also for the committee for their regular attendances to various functions.

SHELLY HAYES

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31/1/1979

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
CLUB	Membership Subscriptions	\$2,648. 00	CLUB	Rent	\$408. 00
	Equipment Hire	110. 50		Insurance (except Wilky)	141. 14
	Interest	67. 96		General Administrative Expenses (postage, stationery, phone, etc.)	132. 24
	Donation	2. 50		Subscriptions FVWC, VMFA, ACF, etc.	292. 50
	Social Activities	1,211. 20		Clubroom Facilities (minor repairs, card table, etc.)	33. 41
	President's Weekend	93. 00		G.P.O. Box	42. 00
	Badges	33. 00		Badges and Spoons	555. 50
	Nett proceeds '78 Navigation Course	5. 50		Maps	50. 00
	Car Stickers	9. 00		Refunds - Membership Overpayments	6. 00
	Bank Fees Refunded	6. 25		Bank Fees	14. 00
	"News" Sales	1. 20		NEWS - Printing and postage Paper	427. 90 645. 76
				Car Stickers	6. 90
				Donation : Colo R. Fund	50. 00
				Social Activities	1,031. 30
				President's Weekend	131. 60
				'77 Navigation Course Materials	86. 00
CLUB	INCOME TOTAL	\$4,188. 11	CLUB	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	4,054. 25
WALKS	Leaders' Receipts	\$10,955. 10	WALKS	Gronows' Vans	\$8,807. 00
				Minibuses	924. 72
				Other (including refunds \$140)	466. 30
WALKS	INCOME TOTAL	\$10,955. 10	WALKS	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$10,198. 02
WALK	MAGAZINE : Total Income	\$3,101. 54	WALK	MAGAZINE: Printing Walk '79	\$3,300. 00
OTHER	MAGAZINES : Total Income	25. 50	OTHER	MAGAZINES: Purchase	37. 90
WILKY	Fees	\$785. 50	WILKY	General Expenditure	\$420. 34
	Pre-paid Vouchers	387. 00		New Stove and Fittings	1,028. 81
WILKY	INCOME TOTAL	\$1,172. 50	WILKY	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,449. 15
	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$19,442. 75</u>		<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$19,039. 32</u>

BALANCE SHEET 1978

Bank Balance 1/2/1978	\$2,664. 81	Expenditure		\$19,039. 32
Income	19,442. 75	Bank Balance - Investment Accounts	\$1,581. 90	
Petty Cash at 31/1/1979	0. 00	Cheque Account	<u>1,486. 34</u>	
		Total balance at 31/1/1979		<u>3,068. 24</u>
	<u>\$22,107. 56</u>			<u>\$22,107. 56</u>

Robert Ayre

SUPPLEMENTARY TO FEBRUARY NEWS

WILKINSON LODGE REPORT

Wilky remains as popular as ever, particularly in winter although strangely the programmed introduction weekend in November had to be cancelled because of lack of support.

Early in the year the Land Conservation Council released their proposed recommendations on the Alpine area, recommending that the Dogong High Plains become a "protection and recreation" zone with Wilky and the Rover Chalot to be open to the public. We sent a submission to the L.C.C. opposing this and putting our case for retaining Wilky.

The L.C.C.'s final recommendations are due but later this year. The new slow combustion stove was installed on the January long weekend and the water supply system altered so that it can drain completely. Special thanks are due to the stove installers - Peter Clunas, Rex Filsen, Jim Marsden, Cameron Paine and Doug Pocock.

The Primus gas stove has been replaced by a 2 burner low pressure stove which should be more economical on gas and be easier to use.

500 \$1 tickets were printed to help pay for the new stove, and about 410 have been sold to date. These tickets are redeemable when paying Wilky fees.

ROD MATTINGLEY

WALK 1979 REPORT

Walk 1979 was delivered mid November and distributed to main outlets on the day of delivery. Walk 1979 received a favourable review by Sandra Dardwell in the "Age Weekender" of 8th December, 1978 and seems to be selling well. Many thanks to all contributors, and to those members who helped in a large number of ways.

Contributors to Walk 1979 are reminded that they are each entitled to a complimentary copy and this, to save postage, should be obtained from the clubrooms.

Just over three thousand copies were printed at a cost of \$3,300. Advertising revenue will be \$1,300 and therefore the approximate break-even point will be 2600 copies (based on 500 @ \$1 and 2100 @ 70c)

Members who have not yet purchased Walk are urged to do so and are also urged if they can to sell more to friends, relatives etc.

ARTHUR FRANCIS

Editor Walk 1979

WALK 1979 ADVERTISING MANAGER

With the help of regular, and some new advertisers, we made the allocated budget for this year and have some prospects for next year.

Many thanks to all the members who have helped me with this job, and with general committee duties, which I have found both interesting and enjoyable.

IAN HARGREAVES

EQUIPMENT HIRE:

IN CHARGE: CAROLINE STRICKLAND

This year has been rather quiet for the equipment office. No new equipment was purchased as there was not the demand. The following is a summary of the hiring fees collected between February, 1978 to January, 1979:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Packs</u>	<u>Tents</u>	<u>S/Bags</u>	<u>Ground Sheets & Foams</u>	<u>Overdue Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>	
February	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	.50c	-	\$11.50	
March	\$3.00	\$1.00	-	1.00	-	5.00	
April	1.00	-	-	-	1.00	2.00	
May	2.50	3.00	1.00	-	-	6.50	
June	1.50	-	-	-	2.00	3.50	
July	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	-	6.00	
August	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00	-	8.50	
September	2.50	3.00	-	1.50	-	7.00	
October	4.00	1.00	-	.50	-	5.50	Total
November	4.00	6.00	1.00	2.50	12.00	25.50	Amount
December	1.50	7.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	17.50	Rec'd:
January	2.00	7.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	17.00	<u>\$103.50</u>