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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 1ST, 1979.

CHAIRMAN: Bob Steel
MEETING OPENED: 8.04 p.m.
APOLOGIES: Monique Mascas PRESENT: Members Visitors.

Bob Steel asked Alex Stirkul to report on the transport sub-committee's findings. Alex said they were trying different vans. J. Baxter had a new 50 seater, due on the road in September. They would keep in touch. They suggested that we keep trying vans and buses for day walks and that self-drive 22 seater buses be used for weekends. If there was overbooking a 40 seater could be booked. They had arranged worker's compensation. Denis was available to pick up and return. They had arranged a suitable trailer (about twelve packs) tarpaulin and ropes. Other packs would be on the roof rack. There would be a notice in 'News' asking people to decide as early as possible i.e. two Wednesdays before the walk, thus allowing Denis and Ranger (bus hire) to make arrangements if we did not need them.

MOTION: That the transport sub-committee's recommendations, as outlined by Alex be accepted.
Moved: Geoff Mattingley/Graham Mascas Carried.

MOTION: That the walks secretary advise the transport company of the club rule regarding smoking and therefore request that drivers do not smoke while in the van or bus.
Moved: Art Terry/Graham Mascas Carried.

MOTION: That this trial period be evaluated at the November meeting.
Moved: Andy Price/Jim Hedstrom Carried.

Meeting Closed: 8.30 p.m.

DON'T FORGET

B-B-Q AT GISBORNE

SAT. 22-9-79

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Correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751Q, G.P.O.
Melbourne, Victoria, 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.

SHOW DAY

Thursday

Sept. 27

TARRAWARRA - PAULS RANGE - HEALESVILLE

LEADER: Doug Crocker

TRANSPORT: Train. Day return ticket to Healesville
or Passmaster (cheaper).

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.38 p.m.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 kms.

See leader for further details.

Oct. 7 1. LITTLE RIVER GORGE - BRISBANE RANGES - ANAKIE GORGE Medium

LEADER: Harald Goetz (near Geelong)

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.

FARE: \$4

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Meredith 1" to 1 mile.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14 kms.

We start the walk at the Little River Gorge and walk across the Brisbane Ranges to finish at the end of the Anakie Gorge. The walk will be only along roads and tracks since we will be mainly within the National Park. Bring water for lunch.

Oct. 7 2. CYCLING. BROADFORD - MURCHISON GAP - STRATH CREEK - Easy/Medium
GOULBOURN RIVER - TALLAROOK

LEADER: Harold Grave

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Broadford 1" = 1 mile or Road Map of Victoria.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 35 miles.

This is an easy/medium ride. Starting from Broadford we cycle easterly on a good sealed road traversing undulating country, several minor climbs are encountered until we reach the head of the Murchison Gap - splendid views of the surrounding ranges and the King Parrot Creek Valley are obtained from here. We soon reach Strath Creek after zooming down through the gap. From Strath Creek we follow the pretty King Parrot Creek Valley for a few miles, part of this section is unsealed, however, it is no major problem. We turn to the west at the junction of the King Parrot Creek and the Goulburn River and continue along the Goulburn River Valley to Tallarook, our destination. Bring one spare tube and bike tools as well as your tucker.

Oct. 14 ANGAHOOK FOREST PARK Easy/Medium

LEADER: Stuart Hodgson

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: FCV Forest Park Sheet.

A pleasant stroll through fairly open forest. At this time of the year we should be seeing a wide variety of wild flowers and with luck even a bit of wild life!

We'll start up high and gradually work our way downwards through the forest ending up at the coast. Bring your bathers if you dare!

CONT.

Oct. 21 JUNCTION HILL - YEA SPUR - MT. MARIANNE Medium

LEADER: Graham Hodgson
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
 FARE: \$4
 MAP REFERENCE: Tallarook and Kinglake
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Definitely a few miles.

Unfortunately I have not been able to preview this in time for 'News'. However, I am sure it will be a pleasant stroll through a pleasant part of Victoria. Then again I could be wrong!! Come along anyway.

Oct. 28 BIG PATS CREEK - MT. BRIDE - BRITANNIA CREEK Medium

LEADER: Ross Hoskin
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.
 FARE: \$4
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Gembrook 1:50,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 11 miles

The walk starts with an invigorating 2,000 feet climb from Big Pats Creek to Groom Hill (some hill!). After a lunchtime breather we'll climb a few hundred feet more to Mt. Bride. From there on, it's downhill all the way (route not decided yet - altitude drop 2,500') finishing at Britannia Creek near the Girl Guide Hostel. The walk will be along tracks mainly, in superb mountain countryside.

Be prepared for bad weather and carry water for lunch. Please see the leader in the club room for further information.

WEEKEND WALKS

Oct. 6 - 7 BRISBANE RANGES - INTRODUCTION TO WEEKEND WALKING Easy

LEADER: Marijke Mascas
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 2.00 p.m. Saturday.
 FARE: \$6
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m. Sunday.
 MAP REFERENCE: Meredith 1:63,000.

The exact course of the walk has not been decided on, but anywhere in the Brisbane Ranges is nice. There should be a wide variety of wild flowers.

This weekend is mainly intended for those who have not done any weekend walking although "oldies" are welcome as well. If you have never carried a pack, talk to me first about equipment etc. Beginners can hire equipment from the club for a reasonable price.

Oct. 12 - BENNISON SPUR - TAMBORITHA - BREAKFAST CREEK Medium

14 LEADER: Rod Mattingley
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENCE: Maffra and Howitt 1:100,000 or VMTC - Macalister River Watershed.

Everyone please note that the walk is not exactly as on the printed program and that the grading is only medium.

Once upon a time, the good fairy mysteriously appeared before a gnarled and grizzled walker. "Tell me," the good fairy said, "what would be your ideal walk?" The walker took off his pack and sat down on a conveniently placed log (any excuse for a rest) and scratched his head for a moment. "Well," he said slowly, speaking as mountain men do, "when you go walking, you have to climb a hill sooner or later so we'll have a hill on the first day but not too far, let's say about 12 kms. Anything less than that and we'd have to join G.W.J. (Geriatric Walkers by Jeep). The first day should be mainly along pleasant jeep tracks with no passing traffic. Saturdays camp would be on soft green grass with a softly burbling stream nearby and with plenty of firewood," the walker said with a smile (obviously a pyromaniac). "The next day would be all downhill, in brilliant sunshine with some of the best views in the Victorian Alps. The walk would finish by the Wellington River to enable us to bathe our weary limbs," he said, "where the cars would be waiting." "And of course," the walker concluded, "all my old friends would be there and some newcomers to bush-walking who would so enjoy themselves that they would become regulars thereafter."

Cont.

Oct. 12 - BENNISON SPUR - TAMBORITHA - BREAKFAST CREEK (Cont.)
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The good fairy gave him a dazzling smile and said sweetly, "My dear, your wish shall be fulfilled. Just watch the bushies program in October". And then she disappeared in the twinkling of an eye.

And folks here is your ideal walk. We'll leave the cars at the last roadcrossing of the Wellington River about 18 kms. past Licola, where the Tarli Karng track starts. Saturday's camp will be at Shaws Creek on the Bennison Plains and we shall return on Sunday via Tamboritha, Little Tamboritha and Breakfast Creek. An area we normally drive past and ignore.

Everything will be as the good fairy promised. If you don't believe, come and find out for yourself!

P.S. The good fairy has ways of dealing with disbelievers - she puts rocks in their packs when they aren't looking, holes in their waterbottles and gravel in their boots.

Oct. 19 - NAVIGATION WEEKEND - MELVILLE CAVES.
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LEADERS: Graham Mascas and Bob Steel
TRANSPORT: Private
MAP REFERENCE: Dunolly 1:100,000.

This is now becoming a regular event on the clubs programme and as it seems ever popular there must be a need. The Navigation Course takes the form of 2 evening lectures on Monday Evenings - the 8th October and the 15th at 7.00 p.m. for about 2 hours. We will try and explain the basic ideas of compass and map reading with lots of practical exercises. The weekend at Melville Caves Forest Park (near Wedderburn) will be putting these ideas into practice. We have found that unless you attend the 2 evenings you don't get full benefit from the weekend. However don't let that deter you, we just don't offer a Search facility for those that don't come to all the course!

As before we would appreciate help from other members during the weekend so if you can join us please see myself or Bob. Those wishing to join the full course please enroll early so that we can get all the maps / books etc. for you in good time. Total cost \$7 per head. According to past participants well worth it!

Oct. 26 - McKENZIE FALLS - ZUMSTEIN - ASSES EARS - WALLABY ROCKS Medium
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LEADER: Alma Strappazon
TRANSPORT: Bus from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.
FARE: \$16
See leader for further details.

The Editor and Sub Committee of "Walk" would like to thank all those people who contributed photographs, slides and articles.

Photographs and slides may be picked up any Wednesday night at the clubrooms.

Articles not used will be put in next year.

Peter Bullard

Walk Editor.

"Ramblers Holidays Ltd."

We have just returned home after a 5 months trip. The first stage was a flight to Singapore (2 days), Bangkok (2 days), then Katmandu. From there a group of 43 of us travelled by Penn coach over-land to London. From there we did a variety of trips and tours, but for me the highlights of our five months were my two Walking tours with a London Ramblers Group in Austria and in England's Lake District.

As there is usually some members or member of our Club going over-seas, I thought I would give some details of those Walking tours in case some-one may want to do as I did.

Mostly the walks are for a fortnights duration, but some are for one week, especially the D graded ones, to 3 weeks trekking in Nepal. "Ramblers Holiday Ltd." have walks to most continental countries, the U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. and trekking in Nepal. All walking tours are scheduled to leave from London, May thru' to Sept. the northern summer, and are graded from D for photographers and wild flower lovers, to A which are led by professional guides where crampons and ice-axes are used. These A and some B walks are operated in conjunction with the Austrian and German Mountaineering Clubs whose Alpine huts are used by the walkers. Other parties stay at very comfortable farm-house or Gasthof's - small hotel.

My first walk with the Ramblers was a C graded walk in Austria in the Lammertal Valley, 1½ hours drive S.E. of Salzburg, between the Tennengeburge Range and the Hohe Tauern, an impressive ridge extending from the Dachstein Range with heights to 10,000 ft. The first 3 days it rained non stop so the programme had to be re-arranged to low level walks. This was fortunate for me as my first impressions on arriving and seeing those great towering peaks was how I was going to cope.

However, all was well, as by the second week most of us who wanted to were walking and climbing 2, - 4,000 ft. a day. We had a day off a week - more if you wanted. Excursions to near by cities or villages or local points of interest are arranged for you. In our time off we visited the Salt mines and Ice caves near Salzburg.

The meals were excellent with a more than adequate packed lunch for on the track every day. We carried day packs only on this tour.

Twice a party of us used Austrian alpine huts over-night in order to get an early start next morning to climb some particular peak. These huts are a far cry from the cattlemen's huts we use on the High Plains here. During the summer months some huts have a caretaker living in them and so there is always a fire alight when you arrive with tea and coffee or hot chocolate at the ready. One I stayed in also had beer, wines and apple juice etc. Rooms are all lined, the bunks are comfortable with foam mattresses and woollen alpine blankets on. The drying rooms are excellent.

All walking was done on well marked tracks. There was an extensive net work of such tracks in all the areas that we walked in.

After the Austrian walking tour, I enjoyed a week's walk with another group of 20 Ramblers in the Lake District in N.W. of England. We were based at a Ramblers Hostel "Hassness" on Lake Buttermere. We had an experienced leader again and did day walks, mostly along the ridges of the mountains which were from 1,000 - 3,000 ft. This countryside is indeed beautiful with its many lakes and tarns and heath covered mountains.

These walks and many others can be done with

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They also have a winter programme of cross country skiing to the continent.

Joyce Dunn

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on September, 3rd 1979.CHAIRPERSON: Elizabeth McKenzieMEETING OPENED: 19.10 hrs.APOLOGIES: Ian Hargreaves, Bob Steel, Marijke Mascas, Rosemary Gosling, Graeme Laidlaw.PRESENT: Sandy T. Dart, Libby Quarterman, Rodney Mattingley, Prue Hardiman, Jim Hedstrom, Liz. McKenzie, Peter Bullard, Ken MacMahon, Robert Ayre, Alex. Stirkel.MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting on August 6th, 1979 were confirmed.
Moved. Rod. Seconded. Libby.BUSINESS: Arising from the minutes. Nothing.CORRESPONDENCE: Brisbane Bushwalkers Monthly News.
Request for information re club from Virginia Heller.
R.M.I.T. invoice for walks 1977 - 1979 issues.
Norman and Cartledge Agencies re insurance.
Letter for Alex Stirkel.
Request from David Bell for Spring Program.
Myrtleford Times, Alpine Observer x 2.
M.W. Walking Club newsletter.
A. Bolger applying for management.
ECOS (CSIRO) Aug.
Advice of postal article to be collected.MOTION: that correspondence be accepted.
Moved. Prue. Seconded. Rod. Carried.SOCIAL SECRETARY: 17 - 18 Sept. (Mon. - Tue.) Himalayan Film.
Festival at Monash University.
22nd Sept. Sheep Roast. Gisborne.TREASURER: BALANCE: 31.8.79 \$8,002.30.

Comprising.

ANZ Inv. A/C.	\$663.20
CBA Inv. A/C.	2,664.00
Cheque A/C.	4,675.10

Bills to be paid.

Gestetner - Spring Prog. Stencils	\$11.00
29.7.79 Transfields Charter A/C. Bus to Kinglake	200.00
15.7.79 J. Baxter van to Macedon	120.00
1.7.79-8.7.79 Andrew Hood Van A/C. Kilmore - Lerderderg	190.00
5.8.79 McKenzies Tourist Services. Bus to Trafalgar	210.00
10.8.79 Ranger Bus Rental Minibus	186.78
Dennis Barson Driving Fee	Euchuca 80.00
Rob Ayre Petrol	33.00
	<u>\$1,030.78</u>
Norman Cartledge Insurance	148.95
	<u>\$1,179.73</u>

Moved that bills be paid. Robert Ayre. Seconded Rod Mattingley.

WALKS SEC. July. 70 visitors, 121 members. Total 191.
175 day walkers, 16 weekend walkers.
Profit. \$188.CONT.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on September 3rd, 1979 (Cont.)MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: 349 financial members."WILKY" MANAGER: Nothing to report.C. of M.: Nothing to report.F.V.W.C.: Nothing to report.S. & R.: Applicants. Graeme Laidlaw and Liz. McKenzie
MOTION: That these applicants be endorsed by the club.
Moved. Jim/Ken. Carried.V.N.P.A. & A.C.F.: A.C.F. election for council soon.
Liz. asked for direction on her voting.
MOTION: that Liz. uses her vote at the next election.
Moved. Rod/Libby. Carried.Public Meeting. Fri. Sept 7 at 19.30 p.m.
Venue. Interpretation Centre, Jells Park,
Waverley Road, Glen Waverley.
Speaker. Dr. Myron Sutton
Topic. Great National Parks of the World.S.T.A.V.: Snow camping weekend 15 - 16 Sept.
Mt. Baw Baw. (no vacancies)."WALK": All going well - now at printers - should be available in
November. Price increase to \$1.20."NEWS": Alwyn Bloom to type next "News".
Prue to type address list.FEDERATION: Discussed the need for \$1,000 for renovation of Federation Hut.
Discussed priorities 1) Alpine National Park
2) Grampians National Park
3) Other walking areas.MOTION: That reports be accepted.
Moved Rod./Libby. Carried.NEW MEMBERS: Peter and Lorna Jones.
Jaqueline and Dianne Hofmann.
Leslie Anne Kriesfield.DUTY ROSTER:
Sept. 12 Libby, Sandy
19 Liz., Rodney
26 Jim, Prue
Oct. 3 Peter, Bob.GENERAL BUSINESS: Jim asked Alex. to remind bus drivers of the no smoking
policies when in the transport.CORRECTION TO LAST MEETINGS MINUTES:Robert Ayre suggested that the publicity officer for F.V.W.C.
move his baby or get a new telephone - he did not say for him
to get a new baby.Closed: 20.00 hrs.NOTES FROM FEDERATIONThere is a most important meeting for the Alpine National Park on
September 14 at Nicholas Hall, 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.LOCAL AREA ALPINE NAT. PARK MEETING.November 9th, 1979 10.30 p.m.

Longford cinema - Films on woodchipping, forests etc.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

Lorna and Peter Jones, 14 Walker Grove, Cheltenham, 3192. Home. 93 2894
 Bus. 654 2822 Ext. 222 (Peter).
 Jaqueline Hofmann, 27/75 Quæens Road, St. Kilda, 3004. Home. 529 4758
 Bus. 51 0321 Ext. 192.
 Leslie Kriesfield, 297 Gaffney Street, Pascoe Vale, 3044. Home. 354 9575
 Bus. 60 0471 Ext. 303.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER ETC.

Graeme Laidlaw, Unit 8/5 Oriou Street, Vermont, 3133. Home. 874 3883.
 Alison Steel, 25 Redmond Street, Kew, 3101. Home 861 7004.
 Geoff. Greenwood, Home 347 5196. Bus. 66 6046 Ext. 391 or 217.
 Michael Mann, Bus. 669 3509.
 Sandy Dart, Unit 4/39 Coorigil Road, Carnegie, 3163. Home. 56 5667.
 Arnold Simon, Home 592 2229 Bus. 534 2014.

Would all members please notify the membership secretary, Libby Quarterman PROMPTLY of any changes of address and/or telephone numbers. (work and home telephone numbers).

I would like to thank Alison Blaker for her help during my recent absence overseas. Also thanks to Prue Hardiman, Alison Blaker and Sandy Dart for help with the membership list.

Libby Quarterman

FLINDERS RANGES - EASTER TRIP

Please see Ken Macmahon if you are interested in yet another M.B.W. Interstate Wilderness Expedition. If we can get the members (either 10, or 20) we would:-

1. Leave Melbourne on Thursday night overland (we'll have to book before Christmas!)
2. Hire mini bus (es) in Adelaide.
3. Drive to Wilpena.
4. Do easy-medium things after that (some of us are getting old).
5. Explain away \$130 overdraft to our bank manager.
6. Return to Melbourne on Tuesday evening.

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