



THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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FERGUSSON'S WINERY

19 WILLS ROAD DIXONS CREEK

ONLY AN HOUR FROM MELBOURNE

WHEN: FRIDAY 12th September - 7.30pm

COST: \$15 - includes a four course meal with house wines provided with the meal (whites, reds and ports)

BOOKINGS: Contact Prue by September 6th if you would like to come along. Deposit \$7.

* A bus will be arranged from the City, probably Batman Avenue, as usual.

Correspondence should be directed 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.

SEPTEMBER - WALK PREVIEWS

RAY WALKS

SEPTEMBER 7 AVONSLEIGH - COCKATOO EASY

LEADER: Dorrie Warton
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman A., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7. p.m.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles

This will be an easy walk on tracks along the fern glades of Menzies Creek, rural scenes adjoining Emerald and following portion of the existing and "old" Puffing Billy line to Cockatoo or Gembrook if time permits. Carry water for lunch.

SEPTEMBER 14 VAUGHAN SPRINGS - LODDON RIVER - GLENLUCE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Dave Andrews
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Melbourne 1:250 000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 9 miles

Spring comes early north of the Devide. Expect to see a blaze of wattle, in the sunshine. The walk starts at Vaughan Mineral Springs, following the early gold diggings upstream by the Loddon River for about two miles. We then enter crown land and follow tracks through some very pretty and lightly forested country, meeting the van where the road crosses Middleton Creek south of Glenluce.

SEPTEMBER 14 CYCLING: GEELONG - FRESH WATER CREEK - MEDIUM
BOORA BOOL HILLS.

LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Train for Geelong leaves Flinders St. Station
9.44 a.m. Platform 1 East. Leaves
Spencer St. Station 9.48 a.m. Platform 14.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Broadbents Geelong
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30 miles.

Owing to the new time tables, the planned trip to Pakenham has now been changed to the Geelong area. This is a pleasant medium ride, for the most part on sealed roads. The Boorabool Hills are traversed towards the end of the trip where excellent views of the Bay and surrounding country can be seen.

DAY WALKS (Cont.)

SEPTEMBER 21 STONY POINT (Ferry) - COWES - RHYLL - EASY
NEWHAVEN

LEADER: Prue Hardiman
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 8 km.

We board the ferry at Stony Point and arrive at Cowes approximately 12.30 p.m. A short walk will take us to the lunch spot, where depending on the weather we will rest for an hour or so. After lunch a ramble along the water front will take us to Newhaven where ice-creams will await. Please bring warm jumpers/parkas for the ferry trip and water for lunch. Also remember money for the Ferry fare.

SEPTEMBER 25 HEALESVILLE - GIPPS HILL - HENDERSON HILL - MEDIUM
SHOW DAY GRACEBURN CREEK,

LEADER: George Telehin (059) 62 4850
 TRANSPORT: Lilydale/Healesville train departs from
 Flinders St. Station approx 8.30 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Approx 7.45 p.m.
 Flinders St. Station
 MAP REFERENCE: Juliet 1:50 000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 km

Exact times for train are not known at the time of closing date for News. Please check walks booking board or ring leader. Leader will meet railmotor at Healesville. A long stroll through the hills to the north of Healesville, with views dominated by the Great Dividing Range. Bring water for lunch.

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WEEK-END WALKS

SEPTEMBER 5 - 7 GRAMPIANS: TOWER HILL - CASTLE ROCK - MEDIUM
EASTERN WALL

LEADER: Alma Strappazon
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 6.30 p.m.
 (Numbers permitting)
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 10 p.m.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 17 km

A bit of a road bash on Saturday, when we will climb Tower Hill and Castle Rock. Camp will be somewhere in the scrub beneath Castle Rock. Water will be about 10 minutes' walk away. Sunday we will scramble along the top of the Eastern Wall through scrub, rock and whatever else the rough terrain brings us. At some stage we will be following down a creek and wet feet could be in order. We will climb out of the gorge and on to the Rosea track and if any time remains we will finish off with a quick trip to Paddy's Castle (optional). If numbers do not warrant a van, the walk will have to be changed and will become longer. Bring water for Saturday's breakfast.

WEEK-END WALKS (Cont.)

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21 LITTLE DESERT WILD FLOWER WALK EASY

LEADER: Rex Filson
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Late Sunday

Base camp in the beautiful Little Desert. This season promises to produce a good crop of wildflowers, so come along for an easy walking weekend in a part of the state rarely visited by walkers. We will have two easy walks in the "desert", so remember to bring water (about 2 galls per person).

SEPTEMBER 26 - 28 TIDAL RIVER - LIGHTHOUSE - OBERON BAY EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENCE: Algona Guide - Wilsons Prom.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 29 km with pack, 10 km without pack. Total 39 km.

Wilson's Prom is always a lovely place despite its popularity. We camp at Tidal River on Friday night. Saturday sees us car shuffling and walking 13 easy km to our campsite at Roaring Meg. However, (the crunch) we then do a lightning dash to the lighthouse and back without packs, before nightfall, a 10km round dash. Sunday walk is shorter, a 16 km stroll via the sandhills and lovely beaches of Oberon and Little Oberon Bays. The party size is limited to 12 by official National Park decree so if more wish to come, we will have to form a second independent party with a different route, probably Waterloo Bay - Refuge Cove - Sealers Cove. Also a lovely trip.

DAY WALKS (Cont.)

SEPTEMBER 20 EMERALD - SHERBROOK SHIRE WALKING TRACK - SASSAFRAS. EASY

LEADER: Tony Morris
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Melways Street Directory
 Maps 66, 75, 124 and 125.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 km

A generally level walk. We start on the Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road, and follow the Sassafras walking track S.E. along Sassafras Creek and then Woori-Yallock Creek. Make certain you have reasonably dry footwear. Bring water for lunch.

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FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

The Federation weekend this year is being organised by the Walking Club of Victoria. It will be held on 13th - 14th September 1980, at a location to be decided. If you are interested and/or have suggestions, contact Karl Hradsky 579 3227 or Ralph Alger 232 9039.

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FEDERATION NATIONAL PARKS ASSISTANCE

weekend will be on 11th - 12th October.

COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting held on 4th August, 1980

Treasurer - Bank Balance \$7294.85 as at 31/7/80
Accounts totalling \$1118.00 were passed for payment
(Transport \$1100)

Walks Secretary - Final figures for May 104 members, 59 visitors;
127 day walkers and 35 weekend walkers.
June figures - 120 members, 58 visitors; 125 day walkers
and 53 weekend walkers.

Membership - unchanged since last month at 331 financial members.

Walk Magazine - well advanced - preliminary proofs at hand. Photos
still required.

Committee of Management - problems with lights and clubrooms. It seems
it could be a very expensive job to rectify the lights in
our clubrooms and it is uncertain at this stage whether the
Greater Union Theatre Group is prepared to spent the money.
Also, the Men's Club is moving out in about 1 month, so we
could be left holding the baby. We are therefore seriously
looking for alternative premises on a long term basis.
Tentative enquiries have been made about Y.H.A. premises at
122 Flinders Street. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas
about suitable clubrooms, preferably in the central business
district please contact Graham Hodgson, or Bob Steel or any
committee member.

F.V.W.C. Still looking for a president.

Duty Roster

August 13	Peter Bullard, Jan Llewelyn
August 20	Graham Hodgson, Ian Stewart
August 27	Libby Quarterman, Marijke Mascas
September 3	Lyn Muirhead, Bob Steel
September 10	Sandra Mutimer, Libby Quarterman.

Next Committee Meeting 8th September 1980

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U R G E N T N O T I C E

The "Walk" editor urgently requires black and white
photos or color slides, otherwise "Walk" this year
will be very short of good pictures. So please submit
your slides or prints as soon as possible.

Peter Bullard.

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MONASH SAFETY AND FIRST AID CLUB

The above club is running an advanced outdoor first aid course.
If interested, further details can be obtained from:-

SHIRLEY McINNES - 070 2541

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

AS THOSE OF YOU WHO ATTEND WEDNESDAY MEETINGS WILL BE WELL AWARE, THE CLUB HAS A BIG PROBLEM REGARDING THE LIGHTING SITUATION. OVER THE YEARS WATB HAS SEEPED INTO THE ELECTRIC CONDUITS AND HAS CAUSED FAILURE IN THE POWER SYSTEM. THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDING WOULD HAVE TO SPEND MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO REMEDY THE PROBLEM AND MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO DO THIS. IT LEAVES US IN A SITUATION WHERE WE MUST THINK ABOUT ALTERNATIVE CLUBROOMS. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE TWO POSSIBLE LOCATIONS, ONE IN FLINDERS STREET, AND ANOTHER IN LITTLE BOURKE STREET. BUT OTHER LOCATIONS ARE ALWAYS WORTH LOOKING INTO AND SO WE ARE ASKING CLUB MEMBERS TO KEEP THEIR EARS OPEN TO ANYTHING THEY MUST HAVE HEARD ABOUT OR EVEN SEEN REGARDING PREMISES CLOSE TO OR IN THE CITY.

ANY IDEAS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED BY EITHER MAX CASLEY OR GRAHAM HODGSON.

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SKIDOOS ON THE BOGONG HIGHPLANES

The ski Touring Association would like details of skidoo activity on the High Plains. If you are skiing up there this winter, and see any, please make a note of the time, date, and area of sighting and report this to the S.T.A.V. These vehicles have a role to play, but they should operate under established guidelines.

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PUBLIC MEETING

CAMBERWELL CIVIC CENTRE

TUESDAY 12th AUGUST 8 P.M.

ADMISSION FREE

N O M O R E D A M S .

I N S O U T H - W E S T

T A S M A N I A

Film - Tasmania's South-West: Wilderness in Question.

Speakers - Brian Howe, Labor MHR; Marshall Bailleau, Liberal MHR;
Geoff Mosley, Director ACF; Peter Thompson, ACF Project Officer

Details - ACF 019 2000; TWS (Vic) 602 4077

Dont't make the mistake of thinking that the Franklin River has been saved. It is still very much under threat of inundation, so keep the pressure on the Tasmanian Government. Also, the Gordon-above-Olga scheme is still on. We should not be content until what is left of the South-West is safe from all development (including woodchipping, mining, etc.)

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TRECKING IN NEPAL

Lindsay and Ann Crawford are going on an 26 day private trek to Everest Base Camp, arranged for them by Ausventure. The trek dates are ex-Katmandu, 15th November - 10th December. Anyone interested in joining them should phone 02 4407 for details.

CLUB TIT BITS

Congratulation to Libby Quarterman and Jim Marsden on their engagement.
 "The date will be some time in late November.

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Congratulations to Ian and Jackie Hargreaves on their recent marriage.
 We wish them the best of luck for the coming years.

Items of interest at the Wedding:-

1. It was suggested several times that a crowbar be used to separate the happy couple.
2. Why was the bride sucking her thumb whilst cutting the cake?
3. Does Mrs. Hayes have a "New Hubby"?
4. The Groom was seen getting into practice for a family by carrying Rachael Hayes for a while.

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In the last News, Sandra Mutimer wrote about the difficulties which Ken MacMahon faces as walks secretary.

Ken was overwhelmed with NO suggestions or ideas.!!!!

Is the Club suffering from severe apathy, or is everybody busy skiing??

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In order to allow that "inalienable, inalterable, incalculable, incomparable, incompatable, incompressible, inconvertible, incorrigible, incredible, incurable etc." team of Bob and Graham to perform together again this year for the Navigation Course and Week-End - the dates have

been changed to Monday 13th October from 6.00 - 9.30 p.m. for the theory and Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October for the practical session.

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MEMBERSHIP Would all members please notify Libby PROMPTLY of any change of address and/or phone numbers and incorrect information on the membership list printed this month.

Thank you, Libby Quarterman.

No new members this month. Apologies to Sue Lynch, whose first name was left out of last months new members.

Changes of address and/or phone Numbers.

ARMSTRONG, Trevor 32 Campbell St. KEW, 3102
 HARGREAVES, Ian & Jackie 3/27 Darling St. SOUTH YARRA, 3141
 H) 26 6452 B) Ian 419 3300 B) Jackie 51 0321x192
 GRAVE, Harold 2/36 Mandeville Cres. TOORAK, 3142 H) 243 1990
 OLDFIELD, Sue and Dave C/ P. Office Rockbank, 3335 H) 747 1411
 THOMPSON, Chris 16 Aubrey St. VERMONT, 3133 H) 074 3373
 MANN, Michael B) 669 3504
 ARDEN, Peter BO 669 4100

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FOR SALE The Club's Portable typewriter. Adler Manual in carry case.
 In very good condition. Just not suitable for typing stencils.
 \$50.00. For enquiries, ring Marijke Mascas, 25 6940

Closing date for next News, Wednesday September 10th.
 Send your "Along the Track" articles, notices, gossips etc. to
 Marijke Mascas, 12 Hillcrest Road, Glen Iris, 3146, or post in the
 "Red Box" in the Clubrooms.