



THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

Edition 355

FEBRUARY, 1980

Price 20¢

Registered at G.P.O. for transmission by post as a periodical - Category B.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY '00

CHAPTER HOUSE OF ST. PAUL'S

From Flinders Street, cross the car park behind St. Paul's Cathedral to the Chapter House. Take the stairs or lift to the 2nd floor, and Room 10 is at the back of the building.

Booking on that day for walks, will be between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m. in the Chapter House.

The Clubrooms will be closed on that evening.

* * * * *

<u>WHAT???</u>	WINE AND CHEESE TASTING!!!
<u>WHEN???</u>	SATURDAY 1st MARCH, 1980 at 7.30 p.m.
<u>WHERE??</u>	9, Albany Crescent, SURREY HILLS
<u>HOW MUCH?</u>	A small fee will be charged to cover expenses.
<u>NOTE!!!</u>	Please contact Prue if you wish to attend, so that I have some idea of numbers. A list will be put up on the Walk's Board, when I get back from Tassie.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

Ken McInnes, the Information Officer for the Federation has lately become snowed under with inquiries to answer. He would appreciate any help in catching up with the backlog, either in drafting replies, or making up information kits, either on a once off or on a regular basis. Ken lives at 53 Aurum Crescent, Rignwood, and there he proposes to have a work night each Tuesday. M.B.W. members are particularly welcome the third Tuesday of each month. All helpers will be welcome, but please ring 070 2541 before you come to confirm arrangements.

Correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
Malbourne 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.

MARCH - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

March 2

KALATHA CAMP - MT. TANGLEFOOT - MT. ST. LEONARD - MYERS CREEK

EASY/
MEDIUM

LEADER: Graeme Laidlaw
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 0.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Juliet 1: 50 000.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 11 miles.

Most of the walk is along tracks on ridges. On the preview I had plenty of birds for company. There is a variety of views, and seeing that apart from one or two 'ups' the route is mainly gently downhill you won't be too tired to enjoy yourself. Bring water for lunch.

N.B. Strawberry plants are not allowed in some of the areas.

(convenor's note, please leave all your strawberry plants at home on this walk!!)

March 10

LILYDALE - OLINDA RESERVOIR - MONTROSE - MOOROOLBARK EASY

LEADER: Athol Schafer
TRANSPORT: Train. Buy single ticket to Lilydale.
Train departs from Flinders Street Station
9.10 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 5 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Melway Directory.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 Miles.

An 'urban fringe' walk featuring pleasant strolling on quiet roads and tracks. Not a difficult walk, suitable for beginners, but carry water.

Notes: This is on MONDAY - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

March 16

CORINELLA - WOOLAMAI BEACH WALK

EASY

LEADER: Rob Hayes
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Westernport & Woolamai 1" to 1 mile or
1: 50 000.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km.

The walk starts off near the point at Corinella and proceeds around the eastern shore of Westernport Bay, mainly on beaches, but sometimes over cliffs and across one river estuary.

For those who wish to practice swimming with packs there will be an opportunity for a swim of about 1½ km between San Remo and Phillip Island. The others will cross via the bridge and relax while the swimmers battle across.

DAY WALKS (Cont.)

Then, depending on the weather (temperature mainly) we will cross the sand dunes to the Ocean Beach at Woolamai or go towards Cape Woolamai and visit the mutton birds rookery on the way to Woolamai Surf Beach.

There will be time for swimming in both Westernport Bay and the surf at the end of the walk.

March 23COBAW RANGESEASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Phillip Taylor.

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Lancefield 1" to 1 mile (completely out of date).

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 13 km.

Situated near Hanging Rock, the Cobaw Ranges offer pleasant walking along tracks through beautiful eucalyptus forest. We will traverse the whole of the ranges in this walk, using a variety of both vehicle and walking tracks. Some wildlife may be seen along the way. Bring water for lunch.

March 30

FEDERATION DAY WALK - See elsewhere in News.

WEEK-END WALKSMarch 7-10BUFFALO PLATEAU FROM THE WESTEASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson

TRANSPORT: Private

MAP REFERENCE: Buffalo 1: 100 000 (National Mapping)
Buffalo Plateau (Algona Guides)

After a climb of 900 metres from Yarrabula Creek (it sounds alarming - but how long did it take you to climb the 900 metres of the Dry River Track?) we establish a base camp on Rocky Creek just outside the Mt. Buffalo National Park. For the energetic, after they have established their wurlies, gunyahs or min-mias and have had their after-lunch naps, there will be a side-trip to Anderson's Peak, Ulrich Peak etc. Sunday will be given over to a leisurely inspection of the North Buffalo Plateau and any other places that may appeal. Bring day packs so that you will have something in which to carry your sandwiches and thermos flasks. On Monday we return to the cars by way of the Wall of China, The Back Wall, and the S.E.C. track.

March 7-10SPECULATION - HOWITT - MACALISTER SPRINGS -
WONNANGATTA - THE RAZORMEDIUM

LEADER: Geoff Mattingley

TRANSPORT: Private,

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: When we get back.

MAP REFERENCE: Howitt 1: 100 000, V.M.T.C. Maps.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 45 km

This walk wasn't meant to be easy, but then it promises some superb views. An almost identical walk is described in Tyrone's book (3rd edition), graded as '3 days hard'. So don't be surprised if the leader conks out. Still with Mount Howitt (a short side trip) promising 'one of the best Alpine views in Victoria' it should be a worthwhile trip.

WEEK-END WALKS (cont.)**March 21-23 PRECIPICE PLAIN - MAYFORD - MT. TABLETOP****LEADER:** Rob Harris**TRANSPORT:** Bus from Batman Av. 6.30 p.m.**EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN:** 10.00 p.m.**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 23 km

The walk begins and ends close to Dinner Plain which is approx 13 km from Mt. Hotham towards Omeo. This is probably one of the best times of the year to visit the High Plains - with temperatures just right for walking and a better than even chance of fine weather.

Most of the first day's travel will be along snow plains, finally descending to Mayford on the Dargo River - a former goldmining town of the late 19th century. The next day there is a steep climb onto Mt. Tabletop, then back to the road near Dinner Plain.

Although the walk involves a few metres of descending and climbing the total distance is relatively short so it should suit those who have already tried their legs and shoulders out on a week-end walk and are contemplating their first walk in the high country.

Don't forget that although the prediction is for fine weather it could snow.

* * * * *

COMMITTEE NOTES 4th FEBRUARY MEETING

Apologies from Sandy, Prue and Libby.

Reports

TREASURER: Bank balance \$3162.00, Bills totalling \$157 were passed for payment.

WALKS SECRETARY: December attendances - 92, comprising of 72 members and 20 visitors, 21 week-end walkers and 71 day walkers.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Robert Ayre was accepted as a member of the S. & R. section.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: Next meeting 6th March 7.00 p.m..

GENERAL BUSINESS: Some discussion of the Federation Day walk on 30th March. - we are leading this year; see elsewhere for details.

The booklet 'Guide to Walking' is being republished and 300 copies will be printed.

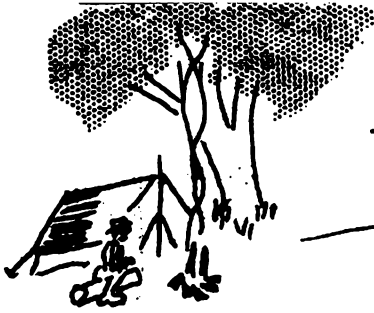
DUTY ROSTER: Feb. 13 Jim Hedstrom, Peter Bullard.
Feb. 20 Ken McMahon, Robert Steel.
Feb. 27 A.G.M. Liz McKenzie, Robert Steel.

* * * * *

PLEASE NOTE: ALL POSITIONS ON THE COMMITTEE BECOME VACANT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE OF FEEL YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB, SEE BOB STEEL, OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

WE PARTICULARLY NEED PEOPLE FOR 'WALK' BUSINESS MANAGER, 'WALK' ADVERTISING MANAGER, CLUBROOM COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMITTEE PEOPLE.

**YES
YOU!****DON'T BE BACKWARD IN COMING FORWARD YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!****AND
YOU!**



ALONG THE TRACK

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE BUSH?

"News" is not the place for reporting private trips - particularly solo efforts, which don't exist as far as the club is concerned (that's breaking every rule in the book). However, enough people are still around who were with me on the Wolgan in 1972, that it may be of interest to outline the changes that eight years have brought to a part of it which then was genuine wilderness. You will remember that then we followed a 4-w.d. track down as far as Rocky Creek, about 7 miles below Newness, but that after the crossing a very ancient set of faint wheeltracks was soon lost, and after that, for the next 3 miles to the point where we turned back, the valley was completely unspoiled.

The crossing at Rocky Creek is now unrecognisable - an enormous flood, of which there is still plenty of evidence seems to have caused it to alter its course. However, continuing downstream on the north side of the Wolgan, I was dismayed to find that the four wheel drives have got in and punched and ground their way for miles further down the valley than the place where we turned back in 1972. With total disregard for the terrain they have pushed the track straight up and down the steepest slopes in places, and these sections have already washed out severely and, given the unstable nature of the country, will in a few years be the origine of landslips. The track they have made crosses the river to the south side at 368960, and here they have made an encampment.

I have no doubt that when it came to doing the right thing as far as "Don't Rubbish Australia" is concerned, they felt very pleased with themselves. There were four 44-gallon drums, all nearly full of refuse. Except for a few bits that the wildlife had dragged out of the drums in its search for food scraps, there was no rubbish lying around the site. I cannot, however, imagine who they think is going to come and take the drums away. Moreover, the drums are almost full. Future conscientious visitors will pile their rubbish neatly around the drums once these are full, and after that it will be just chuck it anywhere as the site deteriorates further. Yet it was quite clear that these early conquerors of the wilderness were proud of the care with which they imagined they had tidied up after themselves. Why can't they take it home? It is not even as though they have the weight of it on their backs, as we do.

Anyway, I hadn't seen a soul since leaving Newness, so I turned my back on a scene that will soon be much worse than it is now, sat down on the river bank, and began to unpack for lunch. Just as I was about to take the first bite, I heard the unmistakable sound of trailbikes. With dreadful inevitability two trailbikes in due course appeared on the other side, careered down the steep slope bringing half the hillside with them, charged through the river, and drew up steaming and smoking and smelling beside me. I took no trouble to hide the way I felt, so the conversation was rather slow to get started. They asked me when I had left Newness, and I told them, and they expressed astonishment and said I had been walking very fast. I said I'd have been going much faster than that if I'd been with a party - but that, being on my own, I had in fact been very slack and taken my time. It was obvious that they thought they were way out in the wilderness, where every mile seemed to them like five - whereas I was discovering that I was still squarely in "civilisation", roads, racket, fumes and all. I told them that when I was here eight years ago there had been no track and the country was unspoiled.

Along the Track (cont.)

However, being antagonistic would probably achieve nothing positive except to convince two more bikies that bushwalkers were impossible to get along with, so I turned to another tack. They said they thought the road went right through now, and I expressed dismay, and said how terrible that would be - I was trying to get off the road. They looked blank, as though such a possibility had never occurred to them. Then, with sudden inspiration, they said they would go and find out where the end of the road was, and tell me on their way back. They roared off in a cloud of dust, fumes and stench. I packed up after finishing my lunch, and continued on along the track. After the encampment it is very much fainter - clearly still frontier territory as far as 4-w.d.'s are concerned, into which only the most intrepid drivers ventured, and from which they returned with almost unbelievable stories about how brave they had been. A little while later I heard the racket of the bikies returning. They slithered to a triumphant stop beside me, and told me that the road finished a "good three miles" (it turned out to be only a little more than one) further on. It was clear that they had reached THEIR ultima thule, beyond which it wasn't really possible to go. I said good - I would be off the road at last. They grinned vaguely.... then waved goodbye and shot off back to the pub and their camp at Newness. Maybe some time the penny will drop that the place which to them was the end of the line was the same place where my journey only really began - but I doubt it.

In fact the 4-w.d. track goes as far as Annie Rowan Creek, about twelve miles below Newness.... and even the most determined 4-w.d. pioneers will never get more than about another mile below that - a really rough section starts then. I got down as far as where the Capertee joins Wollemi Creek to start the Colo River before I had to start back to Newness. It really is splendid country - among the finest I know - and only twice as far from Melbourne as Wilkie. Amazingly prolific wildlife, almost tame - but now I'm starting to tell you about a private trip, and that's not on!

Graham Wills-Johnson

* * * * *

Occasionally one comes across a walks leader who sorely tries the patience and stamina of his weary followers. Apparently that sort has been around for a long time. Read this walk report John Milton wrote (as part of 'Paradise Lost')

'so eagerly the fiend o'er bog, or steep, through strait,
rough dense or rare, with head, hands, wings, or feet,
pursues his way. And swims, or sinks, or wades or creeps,
or flies'

Graeme Laidlaw

* * * * *

A FEW ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN LEFT ON THE VAN. PLEASE COLLECT THEM FROM THE CLUBROOMS, OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE, OR SOLD AT THE NEXT AUCTION.

* * * * *

WANTED TO BUY

2 Good Quality Spacious Saddlebag^s for Bicycle.
(Karrimor or similar.)

Bob Douglas
Bue. 630 7027
Home 409 7232.

F E D E R A T I O N - D A Y - W A L K30th MARCH 1900

We are the host club for this Federation event where members have the opportunity to meet walkers from other clubs.

The route is: BELGRAVE - SHERBROOKSHIRE WALKING TRACK - MONBULK FOREST PARK.

TRAIN departs from Flinders Street Station at 9.26 a.m. arrives at Belgrave 10.36 a.m. Return City 6.33 p.m.

After lunch at BEAGLEYS BRIDGE picnic ground there will be a choice of routes - Easy/medium or Medium/Hard - back to Belgrave.

Firees will be burning at the lunch site, but bring your own billy.

There is a cover charge of 50 cents.

ENQUIRIES: Bob Steel 725 6171 After Hours
Athol Schafer 211 2649 After Hours.

FOR - SALEWILD RIVER T-SHIRTS

Because of their popularity I will accept orders for these shirts at \$5.00 each.

Sizes available 0 - 20 i.e. 30 - 42.

Colors: White - and a limited stock of blue.

Please put your name and size on the list provided in the clubrooms or see me personally.

Payment to be made on delivery.

DON'T MISS OUT - PUT YOUR ORDER IN NOW!!

Car stickers are also available at 40c each.

Harold Goetz

* * * * *

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

ROSEMARY BRAYNE, 29 Packahm St. Box Hill, 3129. H. 09 5699 B.070 0377
KATHERINE BUTLER, 160 Head St. Gardenvale, 3105 H. 596 3322

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NO. ETC.

JOHN KING, 3 Tintern Av. West Preston, 3079 H. 470 9200 B.479 2707

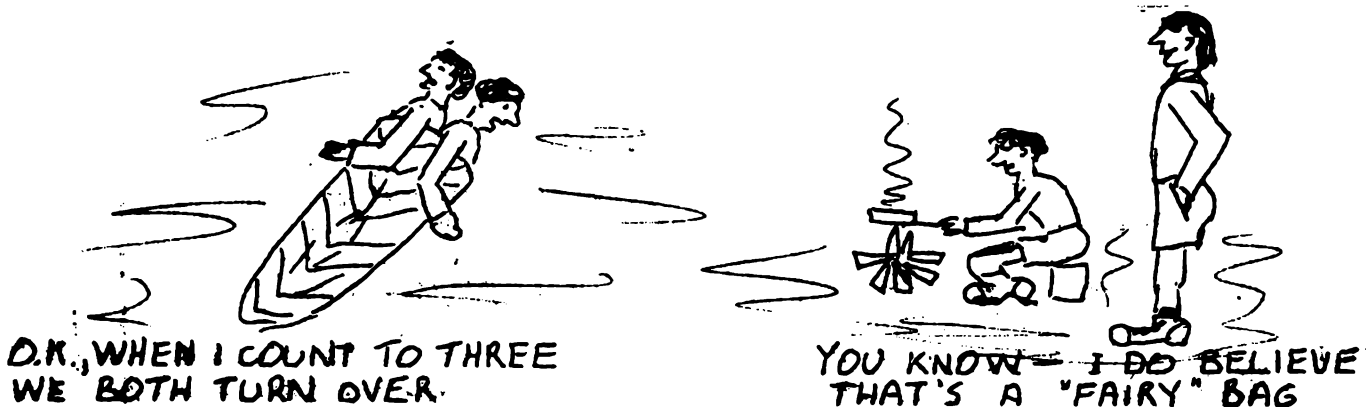
IAN HARGREAVES, H. 409 3409 B.419 3300.

PETER ARDEN, B. 669 4100.

KEITHE LOWE, 6 Ely Court, Dingley, 3172.

RONALD SMITH,, 0/141 Maltravers Road, Ivanhoe, 3079.

EILEEN AYRE, 144 Easey Street, Collingwood, 3066. H.412 255 B.550 6444.



After my break over Christmas, EYE am back with more observations:-

A certain P.B. decided to lighten his Christmas load by dropping his sleeping bag in to Lake Geeves, at the same time doing rather extensive panel beating to his pack frame. This unfortunate fellow was later glad to accept an offer to share Mr. Murphy's sleeping bag. Both say they are still 'just good friends'

At the end of the same trip T.T.T. showed how fast he could travel by getting from Maria Island to South Yarra in 4 hours, 50 minutes. His personality and the friendly islanders got him further, faster than his legs, this time.

Meanwhile to the north, Spencer's flotilla of liloes on the Shoalhaven must have been an imposing sight. Hot weather clothing varied greatly. One body was seen in a flowing harem suit and another pair decided to air their differences in the sunshine.

When our Social Secretary organised a riding party, all anyone could talk about was the possibility of sunshine. However when the daring set out, the weather seemed more suited to seahorses than quadrupeds. The less hardy, more sensible tennis group, kept a fire warm, drank tea, coffee or whatever and played intermittent tennis; play being halted when the ball aquaplanned instead of bounced. However Prue's sunny disposition gave her posse a dry and enjoyable trip and also some pains in the ——'muscles'. Thanks to Ken and his tarpaulin the barbecue was also saved. The post dinner conversation was so stimulating that Mr. Murphy fell asleep.

At another recent dinner party a knock was heard at the door. Immediately, a young lady bushwalker visitor jumped to her feet and said, 'I'll go, you never know who you're likely to find at the door nowadays.'

Still at dinner, but now out in the bush, Tyrone was heard to remark "You've got to admit, Krystina is fast!" "Yes", was the reply, "and she's also a good walker."

On the recent trip to Bryces Gorge we don't know whether Kevin Scott was pleased, surprised or worried when the girl he was sharing a tent with confessed "I am a promiscuous snuggler."

The trip to the Gorge was not without incident. Miss McCredie twisted her ankle while trying to outrun a hornet, but was brought safely back after Geoff G. performed some fairly hairy four wheel driving. However, he was unlucky and managed to injure his ankle later.

It's a pity we're all not as well organised as Dorrie who at the end of a day walk was picked up by her own car, (chauffeur driven, of course) and so managed to be home, while everyone else was still sitting, steaming in the van.

ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT

The year 1979 has been a fairly eventful one for the club. Our membership is the largest it has ever been and we are continuing to grow, although this may not be altogether desirable.

WALK 1980 appeared on schedule, with a color centre spread for the first time. The magazine is selling well.

Transport problems arose during the year with the withdrawal of Gronows as our carrier. We appear to have resolved the problem satisfactorily with a brand new van while retaining Denis Barson as our driver.

Social activities were a highlight of the year, with dinners, sheep roasts, dances etc. being organised by our energetic social secretary.

Conservation issues are still in the fore front, with the L.C.C.'s final recommendations on the Alpine Area being accepted, with minor amendments by the State Government - not a large single Alpine National Park, but a step in the right direction. Tasmanian wilderness areas are still under threat however.

All in all, I've enjoyed my year as president, but of course the strength of the club is in the various office bearers and committee members, as well as all the people who lead walks and do other behind the scenes jobs. My thanks to you all.

Robert Steel

SECRETARY

Like many people, I don't think I ever really wondered how our club functioned. However, since joining the committee, I have realised how the pleasure and satisfaction the various walks give me have depended on the efforts of quite a few others. All the committee members have particular jobs, but there are many others who regularly work for the club. We have the search and rescue delegate, the map custodian/librarian and the people who edit, type, duplicate, fold and post 'News' each month. Others clean the clubrooms, distribute 'Walk' or supervise equipment for hire, and, of course don't forget the 'Contacts'. Perhaps you have some skill or ability the club could use. Talk to a committee member and see if you can help make the club even better than it is now.

The club is affiliated with the following organisations:

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

All of which have aims and interests similar to ours.

Graeme Laidlaw

CLUB :
 Membership Subscriptions \$2,542. 00
 Social Activities 3,458. 29
 Equipment Hire 52. 00
 President's Weekend 184. 00
 Badge Hire 7. 00
 Bank Interest 146. 30
 Auction Proceeds 215. 74
 Donations 4. 20
 Navigation Course Proceeds 20. 00

CLUB INCOME TOTAL \$6,629. 53

WALKS - Leaders' Receipts 8,321. 80

WALK MAGAZINE Sales and Advertising Income 3,556. 20

OTHER MAGAZINES Sales 19. 70

WALKY PERS. 841. 00

TOTAL INCOME \$19,368. 23

CLUB :
 Rent \$441. 50
 General Administrative Expenses (postage, stationery, phone, etc.) 160. 64
 Insurance 247. 65
 Directory Advertising 28. 00
 Clubroom facilities (locks, keys, etc.) 21. 75
 G.P.O. Box 42. 00
 Donation F.V.W.C. Alpine Presentation 50. 00
 Underwriting COV Book "Garden State" 200. 00
 Gift to Dennis Barson 50. 00
 Equipment Purchases 4. 00
 Refunds - Subscription Overpayments 6. 00
 Subscriptions (V.N.P.A., A.C.F., etc.) 88. 00
 "News" Printing and Postage 686. 00
 "News" Paper and Stencils 456. 37
 Bank Charges 13. 98
 Social Activities 3,400. 55
 President's Weekend 197. 80

CLUB EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$6,094. 24

WALKS Van and Bus Charges \$8,537. 18

WALKS EXPENDITURE TOTAL 82. 00

WALK MAGAZINE "Walk '80" Printing \$4,130. 00

WALK MAGAZINE Business Expenses 70. 82

OTHER MAGAZINES EXPENDITURE TOTAL 4,200. 82

WALKY General Purchases 12. 00

WALKY General Running Expenses 348. 15

TOTAL EXPENDITURE \$19,274. 39

BALANCE SHEET 1979

Bank Balance 1/2/79	\$3,068. 24	Expenditure	\$19,274. 39
Income	19,368. 23	Bank Balance at 31/1/80 :	
Petty Cash 31/1/80	0. 00	Investment Accounts	\$2,327.20
		Cheque Account	<u>834.88</u>
			3,162. 08
	<hr/>		
	\$22,436. 47		<hr/>
	<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
			\$22,436. 47

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Club has made a modest profit of \$93.84 for the year. However, we have an outstanding liability of \$250.00, namely our 1979 subscription to the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs which we are withholding pending resolution of a constitutional question on proportional voting.

If this amount had been included in the expenditure totals, we would have incurred a deficit of just over \$200 on membership items. Despite increased transport fees, we lost approximately \$300 on walks. The large deficit on "WALK" magazine, \$644, is a result of the decision to print a larger number of copies, and this sum will be recovered in future years. Wilky has returned a healthy profit of \$493, and is well on the way to paying for its new stove. We made a small profit of \$58 from our active social programme, and the profit of \$215 from the auction resulted largely from the sale of paintings generously donated by Art Terry.

Rob Ayre

SOCIAL SECRETARY

As the Social Secretary for 1979 I would like to thank everyone for attending the functions they did, without you all they wouldn't have been as good as they were. I am sure that everyone still has a few bottles of wine from the wine bottling because they keep on appearing from the depths of packs at base camps and from paper bags in restaurants. We may have to replenish the supplies this year.

The sheep roast was well attended and even though the yabbie catching was a bit slow there was enough food and drink for everyone. Another marathon eating effort was the President's week-end and at this point I would like to thank the following people for all their help over the past year for venues and willing enthusiasm. Rob and Shelley Hayes, Rod and Geoff Mattingley, Sandy Dart, Sandra Mutimer, Libby Quarterman and all the people who have helped me to arrange functions and get them ready for the masses.

The Blinky Bill Bush Dance seemed to be the best event of the year and I am glad that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as they did. It may have to become an annual event!

The other events such as rollerskating, ice skating, theatre parties, slide nights and 1/2 yearly and Christmas dinners were enjoyed by a great number of people and I was glad to see more people actually making the effort to come to these events. Some of the social occasions may sometimes seem a long way away from where you all live but when you get there it is worth it. Isn't it!!!!????

To top everything off, the social side of things made a handsome profit for 1979.

Prue Hardiman

WALKS SECRETARY

1979 witnessed a still further reduction in the number of people walking with the club. The figures continue their slow inexorable decline in spite of healthy membership figures. Perhaps the age of 'Homo Automobilicus' is nearer than we think.

YEAR	DAY WALKERS		W/E & LONGER		TOTALS	
	TRIPS	WALKERS	TRIPS	WALKERS	TRIPS	WALKERS
1976	53	2133	40	805	93	2941
1977	60	1835	47	770	107	2605
1978	59	1668	46	779	105	2447
1979	53	1518	45	733	98	2251

When Gronows suddenly dispensed with our customs early in the year, various modes of walk transport had to be appraised. Andrew Hood's and finally J. Baxter's vans were decided upon for day walks. Transport for weekend walks was a mixture of private cars and 22 seat self-drive buses. The use of these buses was marginally successful.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the leaders of walks and members of the walks sub-committees during the year.

Alex Stirkul

WALK EDITOR

Walk this year was kept the same size and number of pages but 4000 copies were printed, with a color centre and 2 extra pages also in color for the first time.

Response for articles and photos was very good, with some articles left over for next year.

If anyone has ideas for articles or feel they can put pen to paper it would be helpful to have a good supply ready for next year.

Thanks again to all who helped in its production and supply of articles and slides.

Peter Bullard

WALK BUSINESS MANAGER

This year it was decided to increase the number of copies from 3000 to 4000. To back this up there was an effort to find new outlets. We have been reasonably successful with approximately 2800 copies sold or distributed to date.

Quotes were sought from six printers, Humphrey and Formula were again successful with a quote of \$4630. Unfortunately approx. 500 copies were delivered with damaged covers and a discount of \$500 was negotiated.

Most receipts for Walk '79 are in. We have about 500 left in stock.

Ken MacMahon

THE AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (A.C.F.) AND
THE VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION (V.N.P.A.) DELEGATE

The A.C.F. campaigned during 1979 to protect the Environment and Heritage acts passed during the early seventies. These acts were under siege from primary industry interests, particularly the mining industry.

The Australian Mining Industry Council argues that mining should be allowed in National Parks. This is opposed by both the A.C.F. and the V.N.P.A. A particular concern of the A.C.F. is the creation of a Great Barrier Reef Marine Park free from mining or drilling for oil.

South West Tasmania was the subject of the June monthly meeting of the A.C.F. which will continue to seek the preservation from a hydro -electric scheme of the Franklin and Lower Gordon Rivers. To this end it promoted the sale of several fine books about the south-west.

The V.N.P.A. and A.C.F. also oppose logging in National Parks. Lobbying continued during the year for a large Alpine National Park in Victoria. There is concern that logging in the areas between the small parks proclaimed by the Government will ruin any chance in the future of joining up these sections into one large Alpine Park.

The 1980's are considered the last opportunity for organisations such as the V.N.P.A. and the A.C.F. to save natural or 'wilderness' areas from the march of 'progress'.

Elizabeth McKenzie

SEARCH AND RESCUE DELEGATE

Though there have been several call-outs for S & R this year we have been involved in only one full scale search. This was for a woman lost on Mt. Buffalo in March 1979 (our most popular search area) The intention of the police is to call us out much earlier in a search these days even though there is a risk of the lost person being found before we arrive.

The S. & R. list has been completely revised during the year with 13 new members being added and several past members dropping out. To the many members who have served over the years the club gives its thanks.

Jim Hedstrom

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership as at February 1, 1980.

Honorary & Life members	- 19
News subscribers	- 11
Student members	- 2
Married membership	-104
Single membership	<u>-242</u>
Total Membership	378

New members during 1979 - 51. Club information has been sent out in response to approx. 120 written enquiries.

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

Libby Quarterman

NEWS CONVENOR

Unfortunately the elected News Convenor Rosemary Gosling had to go interstate. Alwyn Bloom was able to type the August News, after which I took over.

Barry and Gwenda Short, as usual, did their excellent job of printing and collating News, helped by several volunteers. Ken Briscoe supplied the computer address stickers each month. Thanks to you all.

Marijke Mascas

WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER

Wilky, of course, remains as popular as ever.

The new stove installed last January has proved a great success. No major maintenance was done this year, but we have just bought a wheelbarrow to assist those taking in supplies for the winter.

Rod Mattingley