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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

^{27th}
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1980.

8.00 p.m.

CHAPTER HOUSE of ST. PAUL'S

(Enter from Flinders St. through car park)

ROOM 10, 2nd FLOOR

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COMMITTEE NOTES - MEETING HELD 7/1/80

Main features

Treasurer - Bank Balance as at 30/12/79 \$2495.88
- Bills totalling \$285.53 were passed for payment
(main items - vans, \$173 and clubroom rent \$65)

Walk Secretary - Attendances for November, 1979 - 203 members and
64 visitors, comprising 153 day walkers and 114 weekenders
with a loss of \$10 on transport.

Social Secretary

We made a profit of \$90 on the Blinky Bill Bush Dance.
The committee passed a vote of thanks to Prue for her efforts
in organising the dance, and also the Christmas Dinner.

Membership

As at end of December we have 376 financial members.

WILKY

It has been decided to get a wheelbarrow for Wilky to aid
bringing in supplies etc.

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Correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
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Box 1751Q G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE, Vic 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7.00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

FEBRUARY - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

Feb. 3 MT. DONNA BUANG - SOMERS PARK EASY

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Juliet 1: 50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 3 miles

This walk has been designed with the possibility of a hot summer's day in mind. It is therefore predominantly downhill, is not too long and finishes by a cool clear mountain stream. Lunch will be at 4000 ft where it is always much cooler than in Melbourne. We pass through some lovely beech forest and some magnificent stands of mountain ash. Two points to note:- Bring water for lunch as there may be none till near the end of the walk. One section of foottrack is badly overgrown with some low nasty scratchy native plants, which can sorely tenderise delicate exposed thighs, (although I did survive it on the preview) so a pair of longs for that section is suggested.

Feb. 10 PAINKALAC CK. - MOGGS CK. - AIREYS INLET EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Rob Wills
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: — ???
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 8 miles

This is a pleasant walk taking in part of the Angahook Forest Park and then part of the coast between Moggs Ck. and Aireys Inlet. If the weather is fine there will be plenty of time for swimming. Bring water for lunch.

Feb. 17 BIG PATS CK. - STARLING GAP - ADA VALLEY - MEDIUM
DOWNEY SPUR ROAD.

LEADER: Graham Mascas
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Neerim 1: 50 000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km

My article in "Walk 1980" describes the country and to some extent the romance of this sort of walk. It is tall timber country where for many years there was great activity with many people involved. The remains of the ingenuity used by the timber millers to get that product out of the forest are still evident. We will follow the remains of one of the timber tramways for all of the walk and have the opportunity to examine

DAY WALKS (Cont.)

what remains of the constructions that enabled this crude but effective transportation system to work. Bring your cameras, if you are at all interested, there are lots of good subjects. It will be a good and interesting walk.

FEB. 17**CYCLING - EILDON AREA****LEADER:** Jim Hedstrom**TRANSPORT:** Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.**EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN:** 8.30 p.m.**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 35 miles.

We leave the van and begin peddling just north of Alexandra. There is a fairly stiff and lengthy climb up to the ridge but the outstanding views and long descent compensate. We visit Taylors Bay then Eildon for a swim and lunch. Depending on time and how the party feels, we may push on to Jerusalem Bay then back to Eildon and on to Thornton to meet the van.

Good roads apart from a short stretch of gravel, not too much traffic, lovely country and plenty of milk bars and swimming. A good day guaranteed.

Feb. 24**COWAN'S TRACK - EAST WALK - O'BRIENS CROSSING EASY-MEDIUM****LEADER:** Ian Stewart**TRANSPORT:** Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.**EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN:** 8.00 p.m.**MAP REFERENCE:** Lerderberg Gorge Forest Park 1:25 000**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 10 miles

The walk originally programmed for the above date was in the Cockatoo, Pakenham area which has, sadly, been overtaken by civilisation.

The replacement walk is in the Lerderberg Gorge Forest Park. The first section is along a 4-wheel drive track which follows a spur through the forest to the Lerderberg River. The second section follows a walking track upstream beside the river until O'Brien's crossing is reached. Parts of the river track are overgrown but the going is quite easy for most of the way. There is no climbing of any significance and there should be plenty of time for swimming in the river.

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WEEK-END WALKS**Feb. 8-10****GLENAIRE - MOONLIGHT HEAD - PRINCETOWN****MEDIUM****LEADER:** Ian Hargreaves**TRANSPORT:** Bus from Batman Av., 6.30 p.m.

For information of this walk, see the leader in clubrooms.

Feb. 22-24**JAMIESON RIVER - MITCHELLS - THE GOVERNORS - MEDIUM SHEEPYARD FLAT.****LEADER:** Graham Mascas**TRANSPORT:** Bus from Batman Av., 6.30 p.m.**EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN:** 9.00 p.m.**MAP REFERENCE:** V.M.T.C. or F.C.V. Mansfield and Jamieson.**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 24 miles

Every year I complain it is too hot to walk in February but every year I succumb to the temptation to visit some place in the mountains I haven't

been before. At least with this walk there will be water to get into when we finish at Sheepland Flat and good camping along the way. The greatest attraction for me is Mitchell's, an area I haven't been before but with history and romance. I must visit before the blackberries take over.

This is not going to be a hard walk (I sincerely hope) but a good walk with a lot of variability even a climb over the Governors to satisfy those who demand some suffering on every walk (optional) So come along and join me I will provide the research, you provide the company.

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COMMITTEE NOTES (cont.)

DUTY ROSTER: January 16 - Bob Steel, Elizabeth Markham
 January 23 - Marijke Mascas, Prue Hardiman
 January 30 - Jim Hedstrom, Peter Bullard
 February 6 - Ken McMahon, Ian Hargreaves

Deadline for all Annual Reports: January 30, 1980

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - February 4, 1980

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C L U B R O O M C L E A N U P

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

from 5.00 p.m.

COME ARMED WITH PINNIES, RUBBER GLOVES AND BOUNDLESS ENERGY

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LOST ! ! ! ! !

One SLEEPING BAG. Last seen heading for Lake Geeva (Eastern Arthurs, Tasmania)

Reward if my Paddy Bogong Mummy is found in good condition.

Peter Bullard.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Lindsay and Les Markham with the birth of their son David on January 9, 1980.

And another

Congratulations to Gwenda and Barry Short on the birth of their son Roger on January 8, 1980



A LONG THE TRACK

KILMORE - MOUNT PIPER - BROADFORD - December 23, 1979

There we were all eleven of us travelling mostly 1st class by train for the start of 1980's last day walk.

On the road a prospect of high hills ahead, ripening yellow-brown under summer pastures, and dropping by the trillion, grass seeds, arrowing and burying into socks. Long trousers, gaiter-bound not impregnable.

Lunchtime chore: shaking-plucking-combing my "Explorers" or your greasy Norwegians. Only the redoubtable Art lay in the sun untroubled. He had removed his socks before walking.

On the summit of Mount Piper a pair of agate-eyed goats munched eucalypts. Particular goats these. Just sniffed at orange peel but took a fancy for Arty's shorts when he turned his back. Would have eaten them right off him. "Oh no you don't!!!"

We descended by a steep spur leaving the goats to continue their depredations on the native flora. Homeward on the train there was Joan seeding out her socks in full view of first-class passengers.

MAP NOTE: On this walk the 1: 50 000 Pyalong map gave much less information than the older 1" to 1 mile edition. Hang on to those old maps!

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WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Terry COLONGARD, 21 Warrick St. Asot Vale, 3032
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Would all members please notify the membership secretary - Libby Quarterman PROMPTLY of any changes of address and/or telephone numbers. Thank you.