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GENERAL MEETING

There will be a Bi-monthly General Meeting on

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE, 1980

8.00 p.m.

IN THE CLUBROOMS

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COMMITTEE NOTES

Main points of interest from the meeting held on June 2nd

Apologies from Alan Kitchener and Jan Llewelyn who are both on extended holidays.

Treasurer - Bank balance \$7709.52 as at 31/5/80
- Bills totalling \$2007.49 were passed for payment, mainly \$1032.80 for Vans and \$500 subscription to Federation of Vic. Walking Clubs for '79/'80 and '80/'81.

Walks Secretary - April Figures - 236 people on walks, comprising 172 members and 64 visitors; 110 weekenders and 126 day walkers.

Membership - 312 Financial members - down a bit on last year.

News More articles required, also any one interested in doing the gossip column.

Wilky Purchasing of ladder deferred to the spring.

"Walk" Quotes will be received next week. (11/6/80)

Committee of Management - Approaches have been made to the Forum Theatre Management re lights, but to no avail at present.

F.V.W.C The new constitution as circulated was adopted. Federation is under threat because they still have no President or Secretary. Anyone interested??

S & R 6 members of the M.B.W. S. & R. group attended practice on 31/5 - 1/6.

Conservation World Environment Day is on 5th June.

Duty Roster see page 7.

Next Committee Meeting July 7th, 1980.

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.

JULY - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

JULY 6 UPPER YARRA DAM - McMAHONS CREEK EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: John Hodges.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.

FOR DETAILS SEE LEADER IN THE CLUBROOMS

JULY 13 JEHOSEPHAT GULLY - MT JERUSALEM - STEELES CREEK - MEDIUM/HARD
MT. EVERARD.

LEADER: Harald Goetz.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Kinglake National Park.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km.

This walk has been changed prior to printing of the program. Unfortunately however, it has not been corrected on the program.

The walk is along tracks with the possible exception of a small section and boasts good views. There are a few ups and downs.

July 20 MT. BLACKWOOD - LERDERBERG RIVER - THE TUNNEL MEDIUM

LEADER: Ross Hoskin.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: F.C.V. Lerderberg Gorge Forest Park
1:25 000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 9 Miles

The walk, at this stage, hasn't been previewed. However, I anticipated starting in the Mt. Blackwood area and sharply dropping about 360 metres to the river. A river crossing is required, so be prepared. Depending on the weather and the flow of the river, we will either walk along the river bank (which may require a fair amount of scrambling) or we will use a ridge track as an approach to The Tunnel. Wear well treated footwear and be prepared for bad weather. Carry water.

JULY 25 - 27 SKI TOURING - MT. TAMBORITHA AREA MEDIUM

LEADER: Chris Thompson b) 729 3899
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENCE: Howitt Natmap 1: 10 000

Do you wish down the piste, or perhaps reach for the nearest solid object at the first sign of your skis slipping? This week-end will cater for all, with the only minor hardship involving a short ski to a base camp away from the road. Day tours, to cater for the full range of skiers will set off to find the ultimate thrill.

Necessarily the exact venue and itinerary will depend on snow and weather conditions. Please note that my home phone number will change from that listed on present membership lists.

**JULY 25 - 27 YEA - MT. BULLAMALITE - JUNCTION HILL - EASY/MEDIUM
MT. MARIANNE**

LEADER: Jim Marsden
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 6.30 p.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Yea and Glenburn 1:50 000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 31 km

The walk starts 4 km from Yea, and heads south over Mt. Bullamalite, a reasonably easy climb, From here we head south west to Junction Hill then north west along the Yea Spur to Mt. Marianne. The first day we will cover about 16 km leaving about 15 km for Sunday.

The walk is generally along the tops of ridges with magnificent views and clear walking apart from the occasional fence, Saturday night camp will be about half way along the Yea Spur.

NOTE As we are walking through sheep country the only good water will be at Saturday night campsite so carry water for the rest of the time, including Saturday morning.

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As a little extra for bludgers, new comers and other assorted walkers!!

JULY 18 - 20 EASY SKI TOURING WEEK-END FALLS CREEK.

LEADER UNDER PROTEST: Mick Mann.
 LEADER'S VALET AND SCRIBE: Rod Mattingley.

Do you like the idea of ski -touring for a week-end with just a day pack and relaxing afterwards in the local pub - as opposed to carrying a full pack on skis and camping in the snow? Then this is the trip for you. We will camp at the Tawonga camping ground Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday we will drive to Falls Creek and ski out to Rocky Knobs or out to Spion Kopje depending on the weather and expertise of the party. We shall dine at the Tawonga Pub that night.

I have it on good authority that the place really swings on Saturday nights. Camp is only $\frac{1}{2}$ km downhill from the pub.

On Sunday, we will go to Mt. Buffalo if there is sufficient snow.

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FOR SALE: Our beloved Sigma Car. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Anyone interested ring Graham Maecas. 25 6940. Price \$4650

With deep regret, we have to inform members of the death late last month of

RON TAYLOR

Although not a very active walker in the last year or so, Ron had been a member of the club for over 10 years.

For several years Ron and his son Philip have been club auditors.

To his wife, and children Philip and Wendy, we extend our sympathies.

NOTICE FROM THE "WALK" EDITOR - PETER BULLARD

Good color slides and black and white prints are still required for "Walk" Magazine. So sort through your collections, and forward to P.B.

Also needed, more track notes and a few more articles. So write about any recent walks you have been on, or walks you intend to do.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF VICTORIA REPORT - SANDRA MUTIMER

Monday 2nd - Friday 13th June - Conservation Book Sale.
at 2nd floor, 419 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Plenty of give-aways as well as reduced prices on books.

"What State is the Garden In?" \$1.00 off, now \$3.50

Melbourne Conservation Report. formerly \$2.00 now 20cents.

Westernport Conservation Report. formerly \$3.00, now 20cents.

River Improvement. formerly \$1.50, now 20cents.

Stickers available: Save The Whale
Save The Reef,
Oil and Water Don't Mix,
Orange Bellied Parrot-Save Our Alps Now.

Saturday 27th June:- State Film Centre, 10 a.m. →

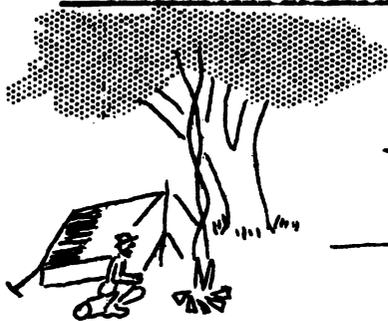
"Roadsides of Today and Tomorrow"

Further information, ring 547 7553

Sunday 10th August - ANZAA 3 Symposium,

"Energy, Climate and the Future"

Further information, ring 347 2570



ALONG THE TRACK

AN UNUSUAL WEEK-END

S. & R. PRACTICE

After every one had gathered at Batman Av., our bus arrived and we loaded up and got away to the Eumeralla Scout Camp near Anglesea. We arrived fairly early and sorted ourselves out for somewhere to sleep, had coffee and a good talk about various things.

In the morning we had a short talk about S. & R. from Pat Miller about the various things we would be doing. We were then split up into three groups to find wood for making stretchers. After having made them, each group's patient was put on the stretcher, tied in, lifted up and put through a 360 degree roll to see if all was O.K. Fortunately the patients stayed in.

Afterwards we went through the scrub with the patients on the stretchers to test them out, before returning to camp for morning tea.

After this we were sorted out into height order and put in pairs before taking one stretcher through scrub on all sorts of angles before descending a steepish hill. Some young children were encountered, they were not quite sure whether we were practicing or doing the real thing. On reaching the bottom, we turned round and went straight back up the track to camp. Discussion followed about possible improvements on various things about the stretchers.

After lunch we tried a couple of ways of carrying the S. & R. sled, which is a canoe cut into three sections for carrying. We next had a short talk about first aid and first aid kits.

Evening meal was around an open fire before being shown some slides of last year's simulated S. & R. practice at Baw Baw Plateau. Next came a film of a real search at Lake Mountain which was obtained from various T.V. stations and edited together.

On Sunday, once again we were sorted into groups and with our gear, we got on the bus and went a few miles N.W. of Anglesea for a simulated search until mid afternoon.

Thanks go to the Geelong Bushies, Pat Miller and all the other people whose names I have forgotten, who helped organise a very interesting and enjoyable week-end.

Peter Bullard.

A second report of the same week-end.

S. & R. affairs seem to have a reputation for lacking interest and this one started off that way. We left nearly 20 minutes late, most of the faces were strange and few knew what would happen.

Our apathy was jolted when the driver finally decided half way up the hill, wrong side of the double line, that we didn't have enough speed to overtake. Snatches of the Lord's Prayer reached my ears.

S. & R. Week-end (Continued)

At the Eumerella Scout Camp just before Anglesea, some put up tents but most opted for the hut floorboards. It still being reasonably early we had time for coffee and the inevitable rehashing of "P B", new packs, and getting water at Easter.

Saturday morning saw us searching for 12 foot poles, no easy task when the trees seemed hardly that height. Somehow they were found and soon two stretchers and a "chair" had been built. Patients were lashed on, tested with a 360° roll and declared secure.

If there was a tricky way through the scrub, that's the way we had to go. Under, over or around every awkward branch we took the stretcher. But it was real team-work, good fun and even the patient enjoyed it.

Then followed discussion, first aid, slides of practice on the snowy Baw Baws, film of the Lake Mountain rescue and finally a day long search for a "drunken rugby player" (any other sort?)

We were back at Batman Av. by 5.45 p.m. Sunday eventhough Juan Fangio wasn't driving this time.

I found the week-end most informative and highly enjoyable. The leaders, Pat Miller and Mike Tegg, certainly know their work. Unfortunately Graham Mascas, with Marijke ill, couldn't attend after doing much of the planning. That dreary S. & R. reputation has gone, at least for the 40 bushies at the Anglesea practice.

Graeme Laidlaw.

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Welcome to the following new members:-

Kristine Dickeson, 43 Park Drive, Parkville, 3052. B. 329 7311
Dianne Lawrence, 3/298 The Avenue, Parkville, 3052
Sue Mills, 34 Knaith Road, Ringwood East, 3135. H. 870 2373

Would all members please notify the membership secretary promptly of the change of address, phone no. at home or business.

Thank you, Libby Quarterman.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The coffee shop at Myrtleford will not stock gelati and other icecream made by Everest, during the winter months this year.

Skiers and walkers will have to be content with Peter's vanilla, strawberry and chocolate ice cream.

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Closing date for next News, July 11th.

Send all those articles, news snippets etc. to Marijke Mascas, 12 Hillcrest Road, Glen Iris, 3146, or post in the "Red Box" in the Clubrooms.

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DUTY ROSTER

June 11 Graham Hodgson, Peter Bullard
June 18 Prue Hardiman, Marijke Mascas
June 25 Libby Quarterman, Sandra Mutimer
July 2 Max Casseley, Rod Mattingley
July 9 Lyn Muirhead, Marijke Mascas