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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Results of Election

Committee for 1980

PRESIDENT	- -	Bob Steel
VICE PRESIDENTS	-	Alan Kitchener
	-	Ian Stewart
SECRETARY	-	Graeme Laidlaw
TREASURER	-	Rob Ayre
WALKS SECRETARY	-	Ken McMahon
MEMBERSHIP SEC.	-	Libby Quarterman
SOCIAL SECRETARY	-	Prue Hardiman
WILKY MANAGER	-	Rod Mattingley
WALK EDITOR	-	Peter Bullard
NEWS CONVENOR	-	Marijke Mascas
GENERAL COMMITTEE	-	Jan Llewelyn
	-	Lyn Muirhead
	-	Sandra Mutimer
	-	Max Casley
	-	Graham Hodgson ("Walk'Business Manager)
AUDITORS	-	Ron Taylor
	-	Philip Taylor
TRUSTEES	-	Athol Schaefer was re-elected for a

further 3 years (the other trustees are Graham Mascas and Fred Halls.)

Honorary members remain the same, with the addition of Art Terry, as an acknowledgement of his contributions to the club, notably his donation of the paintings at last years club auction.

Club contacts remain the same as last year.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Rates for this year are as follows:

Members over 18	- \$9.00	News Subscribers	\$3.00
Junior Members	- \$5.00	Husband & Wife	\$14.00
16 - 18			
Visitors on all walks	\$1.00		

See Page 7 for forms

Correspondence should be addressed 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.

APRIL - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

APRIL 13 **GOLDEN POINT - LINDONS LOOKOUT - MT. ALEXANDER FOREST PARK**
EASY/MEDIUM
LEADER: Sandra Mutimer
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Castlemaine 1:63 360 and Bendigo 1:100000
APPROX. DISTANCE: 16 km

This walk is a pleasant one which passes through pine plantations, native forest and farmland after starting off in an old gold mining area. There will be some good views along the way which means there will be a few ups and downs. For this reason I would suggest that the grading could probably be considered closer to medium than easy. Bring water for lunch.

APRIL 13 **CYCLING - GISBORNE - WALLAN**
LEADER: Max Casley
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Lancefield 1" to mile(out of print)
or any good road map of the area.
APPROX. DISTANCE: 44 km

We will start this cycle trip near Gisborne and go east through Riddell and Monegeeta to finish at Wallan. You can bring your lunch or buy it at Riddell. Depending on the mood of the party we can either take the low road past the army proving ground and Darraweit Guim, or pedal a shorter and more hilly route with good views and a 4 mile unsealed section. If it is hot we will stop for a swim in a creek. Bring water and make sure your brakes work. Gears are a definite advantage for this trip, but not essential if you are prepared to walk up some of the hills.

APRIL 20 **WERRIBEE GORGE** EASY
LEADER: Graham Hodgson
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Bacchus Marsh
APPROX. DISTANCE: 15 km

After a short walk along the top of the gorge we will descend into it, and follow the Werribee river out to Bacchus Marsh. A pleasant trip that does not have the reputation of losing people, not like another more infamous gorge in that vicinity.

April 27 **NEERIM JUNCTION = GLEN NAYOOK- LA TROBE RIVER** EASY/MEDIUM
LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.

For details see leader in the clubrooms

WEEK-END WALKS

APRIL 3 - 7 DARGO HIGH PLAINS EASY
EASTER

LEADER: Graham Mascas
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Monday Evening
 MAP REFERENCE: Crooked River - Dargo V.M.T.C.
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 300 Miles

This is another of those Easter Exploration Trips where everyone is welcome (as long as they arrange their own transport).

Thursday night travel up to Dargo then up that very steep hill onto the High Plains as far as Grant Junction. (approx 9 miles from Dargo Pub). Here turn left to Grant and camp at site of township (approx 3 miles).

Friday a good walk for day to Buultown and Talbotville back to the cars for the night's feast. Saturday a lazy day recovering and exploring the old township then moving camp. The next location depends on weather and how good the tracks are for conventional vehicles.

Sunday again will be a good days walk back to the cars for our goodies then home on Monday via Mt. St. Bernard and Bright.

APRIL 3 - 9 FLINDERS RANGES

LEADER: Ken McMahon
 TRANSPORT: Train from Melbourne
 Bus from Adelaide
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Wed. 9/4/80 9.55 a.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Wilpena 1:50 000, Orparinna 1: 50 000
 (Available S.A. Dept. of Lands), or Parachilna
 1: 250 000(Available J. Donne)
 APPROX. DISTANCE:40 miles

This trip is perhaps the club's first venture to the Flinders Ranges and so we will explore the most interesting of the many peaks, gorges and ruins in and around the Wilpena Pound area. I envisage that we will set up base camp by our mini-buses and go out on day walks. This plan should make life in the dry, very warm conditions quite pleasant. Water will be a problem and people will be expected to take containers for at least 2 gallons (it is normal to carry one gallon or more whilst out day walking).

This trip represents an excellent opportunity to experience one of the best walking areas in Australia. Total transport cost will be about \$110 which is very good value.

APRIL 3 - 7 GOLDEN POINT HUT - PURGATORY SPUR - THE HUMP - GABLE END
 WELLINGTON RIVER MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Peter Bullard
 TRANSPORT - Private

See Leader in clubrooms for details

APRIL 18 - 20 FALLS CREEK - TAWONGA HUTS - MT. FAINTER - BOGONG VILLAGE
 EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Peter Bullard
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENCE: Algona Guide Mt. Bogong and Bogong High
 Plains or F.C.V. Feathertop 1: 63 360
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 48 km

Friday night we will be camping at Clover Flat, then drive the last bit Saturday morning. The walk will start at Langford Gap where we will follow the aquaduct to Cope Hut and then follow the snow pole line with a side trip up Mt. Cope. After lunch we will leave the snow pole line and go up Mt. Jim and then drop down to Tawonga Huts to camp. Sunday we will climb up to Mt. Niggerhead and then follow the ridge north to go over Mt. Fainter and Mt. Fainter North. Afterwards we will follow the jeep track down to Bogong Village. There will be good views with very little climbing. Carry water for lunch on both days also for Friday night camp.

WEEK-END WALKS (Cont.)

APRIL 24 - 27 VICTORIA RANGE, THE GRAMPPIANS MEDIUM/HARD
ANZAC WEEK-END

LEADER: Tyrone Thomas
TRANSPORT: Private (\$14 suggested fare)
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE: Grampians 1: 100 000
APPROX. DISTANCE: 26 km

A three day walk using a base camp at Buandik and daily car shuttles to minimize scrub bashing but a medium grade walk involving much rock climbing hopping and few tracks.

We will visit the three most spectacular points in the Victoria Range. Day one to the Fortress, about 10 km. Day two to Mt. Thackeray, about 8 km and day three to the Chimney Pots about 8 km. Short distances are planned in view of the extremely rugged terrain. Carry water for lunch each day.

F E D E R A T I O N W A L K

30th MARCH 1900

LEADER OF THE EASY WALK: Elizabeth McKenzie
TRANSPORT: Train 9.26 a.m. Flinders St. Platform 2 OR 3
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Sherbrook Forest Park (Forestry Commission)
Malways Street Directory Page 75
APPROX. DISTANCE: 8 miles.

It is uphill walking along the Old Munbulk Road to Sherbrooke Forest. Walking along a road through the eucalypt forest is very pleasant, leading to lunch at Beagley's Bridge Picnic Ground. After lunch we take a narrow path along the Sassafras Creek to Ferry Creek, and back along tracks through the Forest to Monbulk Rd., where restaurants, craft and antique shops, a nursery, and art gallery may prove temptations. Although close to civilisation, the walk still qualifies as a 'bushwalk'.

Other choices of routes are available too. See notices in Clubrooms.

COMMITTEE NOTES - MARCH 1900

All members were present for the first committee meeting of the Club year. Committee jobs were allocated as follows:

- *Walk Advertising Manager: Geoff Greenwood
- *Joint clubrooms Committee of Management Delegates:-
Max Casley, Graham Hodgson
- *Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs
Delegate - Ian Stewart
Observer - Max Casley
- *Search and Rescue Delegate - Graham Mascas
(Marijke to report to Committee)
- *Ski Touring Association of Vic. Delegate - Rod Mattingley
- *Victorian National Parks Association Delegate - Lyn Muirhead
- *Australian Conservation Foundation
- *Conservation Council of Victoria Delegates - Lyn Muirhead, Sandra
- *Map Custodian - Alan Kitchener Mutimer
- *Equipment Officer - Sandra Mutimer (Assistants - Helen Waddell,
Harald Goetz)

COMMITTEE NOTES (Cont.)

REPORTS: Treasurer - Bank Balance \$4329.71. Bills totalling \$1316.87 were passed for payment. (Transport\$1105.35)

Walks Secretary - January 1980 - 173 walkers, comprising 112 members and 61 visitors; 73 week-end walkers, 100 day walkers.

Membership Sec. - 35 Financial members!!

Social Secretary - 54 people attended the wine & cheese party
Profit \$8.00!!

FOR SALE

"BUSHWALKING IN THE VICTORIAN RANGES"
by
FRED HALLS
Special Price \$3.50 Per Copy

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"WHAT STATE IS THE GARDEN IN?"
Special Price \$3.00 per copy
(late March, 1980)

Both books are available in the clubrooms.

FOR SALE

Mountain Equipment "Redline" Sleeping Bag.

Excellent winter bag, in as new condition.

Price \$100

Rod Mattingley B) 350 1222 x 721
H) 497 1793

For those who attended the A.G.M. (and didn't read the Age of Sat. March 1st) an item of interest may be that Bishop Field Flowers-goe, whose portrait was just by the door, was the lucky member of his family. His brother was christened Wild Flowers-goe.

AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATIONWORLD-ENVIRONMENT DAY

JUNE 5th 1980

Picnics this year could be tied in with energy saving ideas such as bicycle rides, solar barbecues, petrol economy promotions, and recycling suggestions. Anyone interested in celebrating the day is invited to write to the A.C.F.

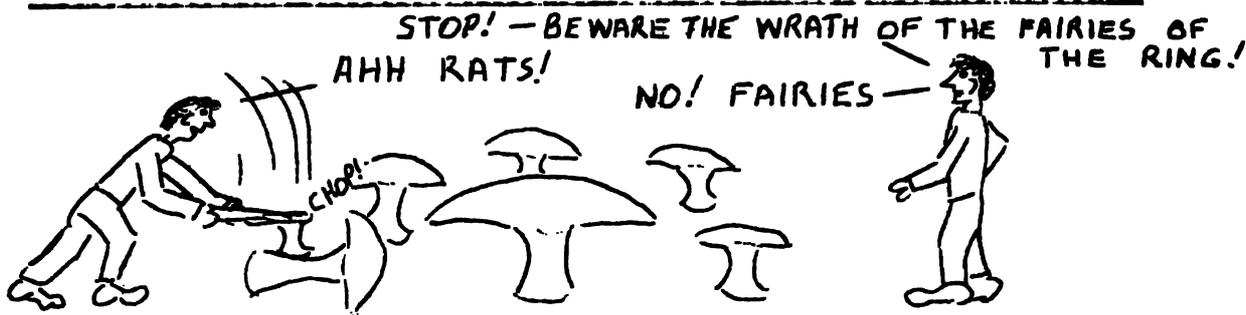
A.C.F. Magazine "Habitat", February 1980; Articles include:

"When bushwalkers bought a forest - Jean Edgecombe.

"The decline and fall of Brisbane's Bellevue Hotel" - Geoff West.

"Days in the Himalayas" - Milo Dumphy

E. McKenzie.



A visitor on a recent week-end walk had a rather longer meal stop than he expected. The bus stopped for tea in Lilydale, after a quick "mis" count, the bus then merrily proceeded onto the night's campsite. Unfortunately nobody realised our friend was missing until the following morning when the leader discovered he had a pack without a walker attached, that is one way to get visitors back, even if only to collect stray gear.

On the same walk a well known P.B. is said to have done something nice for a shattered lady companion, and it seems she was so grateful that she rewarded him the following Wednesday with a drop of her favorite imported brew.

The highlight of this otherwise very eventful trip was the "mad" tea party. Imagine our surprise when, staggering up to the saddle for lunch, all sweaty and exhausted, we found three bushies having lunch from embroidered table cloth with matching napkins, tea made in a china pot with cosy, and drinking from china cups and saucers. You don't have to be mad to be a bushwalker, but it certainly helps!

The day walk on the same week-end was not without incident either. The leader informed the party that he had extended the walk a little as the day was cool, also there would be no swimming or any of the other gawotting one can usually rely on Lerderderg River trips. After walking up and down all day without glimpses of the elusive Lerderderg River only half the intended distance was covered at about 4.30 p.m. The valiant leader told the group to climb out of the gorge to the main road and wait there for the van. The leader and 2 extra fit walkers went nobly in search of the van. After dark, just as the main body of the troops were preparing to dig in for the night, the cavalry arrived in a blaze of lights and revving of engine.

An E Y E witness, interviewing a French visitor asked if he would come out with the Bushies again, received the reply: "Mais Oui!, I love to ride on buses. When I was young I wanted to be a professional bus traveller!"

And now the latest news from our country retreat. The last Wilky Work Party was an enthusiastic bunch. Brian Troke discovered that half his trailer was chopped up as kindling together with its load of wood (the axles and wheels however would not burn).

After their labors, some larger pieces of wood were transformed in two rustic tables and a Fairy Ring of more seats than most Bushies could be bothered to count. Any body caught chopping the garden furniture will have to face the instant wrath of the Fairies of the Ring.

Back in Melbourne our annual elections resembled a U.S. presidential election when streamers started to fly in honor of Mick's birthday. Mr. Mattingley Senior's piano solo was a high light of the evening. Congratulations to our new committee.

CLUBROOM DUTY ROSTER

12/3	Jan L, Graham H	19/3	Alan K, Sandra M
26/3	Peter B, Lyn M	2/4	Ian S, Gaeme L
9/4	Marijke M, Peter B		

BRIGHT NEW HOSPITAL APPEAL

CLIMB MT. BUFFALO - A NEW WAY TO SPEND EASTER SUNDAY

Make it a family day - get off the road and climb Mt. Buffalo. Superb scenery and fresh mountain air en route.

Start: Park Entrance on the Mt. Buffalo Rd, 6 km from Porepunkah.
Time: Between 7.15 and 10.30 a.m. More information in Clubrooms.

NOTICE

Anyone willing to have a go at writing an article for "Walk" 1901, will you please do so and forward the results to Peter Bullard. If you know anyone who you think could be persuaded to write an interesting article please tell Peter. There will be a need for good black and white photos and color slides - don't forget the human interest aspect.

P. Bullard, Walk Editor.

1900 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Please complete and post to the Membership Secretary.
Libby Quarterman 13A Losh Street, Camberwell 3124 or
Melbourne Bushwalkers, P.O.Box 1751Q G.P.O. Melbourne, 3000

Enclosed please find cheque/money order, cash for \$ _____
(Member/Junior Member/Husband&Wife/"News" Subscriber) for my/our
renewal of membership to the Melbourne Bushwalkers.

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GIVEN NAME (Mrs.)

ADDRESS _____
Post Code _____

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(Mrs.) _____

Date _____ Signature _____
(Husband or Wife)

Would all members please notify Libby Quarterman PROMPTLY of any changes of address and phone No, Thank You

Changes of address, phone etc.

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Janet White, 496 Buckley St. EAST KEILOR, 3033 H. 337 4453 B. 647 0111

Monique Mascas, 1 Mercer Rd. ARMADALE, 3143 H. 20 4771 B 26 6621

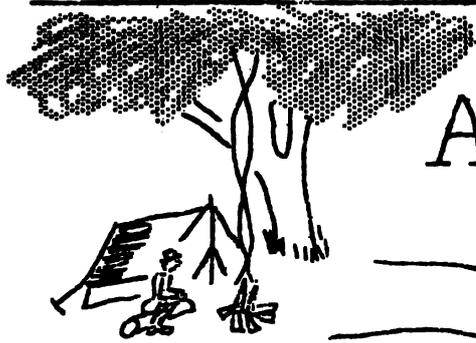
Jopie Bodegraven, H. 074 6641(unchanged) B. 99 3205

Peter Denny, B. 67 1379

DO YOU THINK "NEWS" IS A BIT DULL AND UNINTERESTING??

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!

SEND YOUR ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY "ALONG THE TRACK" TO MARIJKE MASCAS,
12 HILLCREST RD., GLEN IRIS, 3146, OR "POST" IN THE RED BOX IN
THE CLUBROOMS.



ALONG THE TRACK

" . . . MY REPUTATION IS AT STAKE! JUST BECAUSE I LED ONE MEDIUM/HARD DAY WALK DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL MY SUBSEQUENT WALKS WILL BE HARD. I INTEND TO PRESERVE MY POSITION AS 'MOST FREQUENT LEADER OF BASE CAMPS AND OTHER BLUDGE LIKE ADVENTURES . SO PLEASE DON'T BE PUT OFF BY A SINGLE ABBERATION ON AN OTHERWISE UNBLEMISHED RECORD" -

Graham had written in his disclaimer (NEWS, November 1979)

So on Friday night he was joined by 31 trusting souls in a luxury coach (provided as a parting gesture by our retiring Walks Secretary) for a stroll over the Governors to Mitchells, thence along the Jamieson River.

All went well until we stopped in Lilydale for dinner. As is well known, statisticians can't count, so Dave was appointed as Teller. "Thirty One?", queried Dave. "O.K.", replied Graham, and off we went. But when we had reached Sheepyard Flat and unloaded the bus, Peter noticed that everyone had set up camp and there was this pack left over. We had left Terry behind in Lilydale. Most embarrassing!

Next morning Graham described the walk. "It might be a bit steep going down", he said - "And there could be a few blackberries". "Tyrone said it will take 10 hours or so - so it could take this lot 12", he added, and as an afterthought, "We should keep moving or we will be late into camp."

At a track junction two miles along our route he offered us a chance to take the easier route along the road, but there was only one aspirant for this trip so we all headed off toward the Governors. But after half an hour Jill decided that she really should have gone around the road. After a brief discussion she and Jan, with myself as navigator, headed back while the others surged onwards and upwards.

Our pleasant morning tea beside Ware's Creek was interrupted by the arrival of a Range Rover and trailer, whose occupants backed the trailer into the creek and proceeded to fill the trailer with river gravel. We packed quickly and headed up the hill. It was a warm and sunny day, and despite her reduced load the hill proved too much for Jill; she went back to Sheepyard Flat and got a ride home from there. Jan and I continued up along the ridge, then down towards Mitchells pausing often to gaze at the busy robins and fantails, at the wallaby we surprised beside the track, at the Governors and the Eagles' Peaks, at the slate mine, and sometimes we even paused just because we hadn't paused recently. "The others won't get to camp for hours yet", we told each other confidently. Towards 4.30 we crossed Mitchells Creek and with camp only a few hundred yards away decided that it would be much nicer to have a short swim than to set up camp. As we swam along the narrow pool, picking plump ripe blackberries from the overhanging bushes, we idly wondered how the others were going. It was nearly 6 o'clock when we again shouldered our packs and strolled around to the campsite.

After setting up camp, gathering wood, and lighting the fire it was nearly 7, but still very hot, so . . . back to the creek for another swim. We returned to camp towards 7.30, to find the protuberant form of Spencer wobbling towards us. One by one his followers - members of the Tough Walkers Club with a visitor from the Not Quite So Tough Walkers Club - waded into camp over the next hour. They

had pushed through heavy scrub most of the way down the spur, and had waded along the creek for the last couple of miles because the blackberries were too thick on either bank and up the sides of the valley.

The sun dropped below the horizon and darkness crept in. There was still no sign of our Leader and his Intrepid Followers. From time to time we heard movement or voices in the distance and called out to no avail. "It's quite alright - we've only lost our leader and about 17 others", we explained to a visitor from the next camp who came up to say hello.

We were just finishing breakfast next morning when Graham appeared, looking somewhat sheepish. They had camped a mile upstream when they were caught by darkness. Sandra shuddered gently and her eyes moistened at the corners as she recounted their trip down the mountain. "Sylvia is still not talking to me", confided Graham, who was not impressed when I told him that I'd lost a third of my party.

After a few minutes rest, Graham led his party off towards the Jamieson River, while the rest of us packed up and departed in twos and threes. As we passed the camp of our visitor of the previous night he capably directed half of us along the creek and the others up the adjacent hill. A Very Helpful Chap! We wound our way along the lightly forested hillside, finding and losing tracks, until we all met up at morning-tea-time. After a brief inspection of the cinnabar (ore of mercury) mine on Quicksilver Creek, we continued to our lunch spot, where we witnessed the setting of a new standard in Bushwalking Elegance. Two of our T.W.C. members and the N.Q.S.T.W.C. representative carefully spread their linen tablecloth, unpacked the china tea-service, and made their tea in a china teapot (with a tea-cosy to stop it from getting cold, of course).

We paused for a swim at Granny's Flat, then climbed up to the road to find . . . no bus. After half an hour or so it turned up and Graham was forgiven again. But I wonder what he has in store for us on his Easter Base-Camp?

Rob. Ayre.