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PRUE'S PAGE

***** : MID-YEAR DINNER : *****

WHEN: Friday June 20th, 1980, at 7.30 pm.

WHERE: ALFRED'S HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT,
WARRANTYTE RINGWOOD ROAD,
WARRANTYTE SOUTH.

HOW MUCH: ONLY \$10.50 per head

WHAT YOU WILL GET: # A FOUR COURSE MEAL WITH COFFEE INCLUDED
A FIVE PIECE BAND TO DANCE TO
STIMULATING COMPANY

DEPOSIT: A \$4.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO SECURE A BOOKING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RESTAURANT IS FULLY LICENSED.

Things to look out for coming soon:

- Films
- Talks in clubrooms
- Wine bottling
- Ice skating

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4th OR JUNE 11th at 8.00 pm IN THE CLUBROOMS WE WILL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM "LIFELINE" TO SPEAK TO US.

THE TOPICS COVERED WILL BE WHAT LIFELINE IS, HOW IT HELPS THE COMMUNITY AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE ORGANISATION.

I AM SURE THE TALK WILL BE VERY INTERESTING FOR ANY ONE WHO WONDERS WHAT LIFELINE IS ALL ABOUT AND WHAT IT DOES.

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.

JUNE - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

JUNE 1 BULLA - JACKSONS CREEK - ORGAN PIPES EASY

LEADER: Carolyn Strickland.
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Sunbury 1" : 1 mile
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 9 miles.

This walk will be a pleasant walk and will provide us with quite a few interesting views. Most of the time we will be following the Maribyrnong River, but we have to rise to the heights for a couple of miles. Towards the end we will be faced with a river crossing so come prepared. Bring water for lunch.

JUNE 8 BLUFF - SHE OAK HILL - STAUGHTON VALE MEDIUM

LEADER: Hugh Duncan
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.

For details see leader in clubrooms

JUNE 15 RIDDLES CREEK - MT. ROBERTSON - MACEDON MEDIUM

LEADER: ANY VOLUNTEERS???
 TRANSPORT: Train.

JUNE 22 BEACH WALK - QUEENSCLIFF - PT. LONSDALE - BARWON HEADS. EASY

LEADER: Janet McCredie
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Queenscliff 1: 250 000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km.

Who can resist the bracing southerly gales that race over Bass Strait and hurl themselves at the heads. This walk will be breezy but easy, it will be entirely on the beach so brave souls may take the plunge if so desired.

WEEK-END WALKS (cont.)

JUNE 13 - 16 BARMAH FOREST BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER: Bob Steel
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Barmah State Forest - F.C.V.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30 km

A base camp will be established somewhere in Barmah Forest, either next to the Murray River, or near one of the channels. Actual camp location will depend on the amount of water in the Forest.

Day walks will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday and a half day walk on Monday if desired. There will be opportunities to go canoeing, so if you have a canoe or can obtain one, bring it. Also, bring fresh water, a life jacket, and usual gear.

Barmah forest is a magnificent red gum forest on the southern banks of the Murray river. It is used for cattle agistment in summer and is also a major water bird habitat. It is subject to controlled flooding so be prepared for wet feet.

Please see me in clubrooms for details of meeting, place, campsite etc.

JUNE 13 - 16 WILKY FOR NOVICE SKIERS MEDIUM

LEADER: Ken MacMahon
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Algona Guides - Bogong High Plains
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 miles.

The Queen's Birthday long week-end marks the official opening of the ski season and to celebrate the event I am willing to escort a bunch of novice skiers to the club's own glamor winter resort - "Wilky".

I've put this trip on the program just to illustrate that the new walk secretary is an eternal optimist (or perhaps I can't wait to get back on my planks again).

I don't promise that we will ski all over the High Plains, more likely we will find a drift or two to have some fun on and practice crash procedures at its lower end. Even if there is no snow we can soon organise walking excursions in the rain and sleet.

The size of the party will necessarily be limited to twelve, of which a few will need to be experienced skiers.

JUNE 27 - 30 ELDORADO - WOOLSHED FALLS - BEECHWORTH EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Graham Mascas
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 6.30 p.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 km
 MAP REFERENCE: Beechworth 1 : 50 000

This walk has been previewed, not only that, but I have actually led this walk three times before. I like it so much that I even suggested I should lead it again. It is an easy/medium walk with lots

WEEK-END WALKS (cont.)

of variety. We camp by the side of the creek about 2 miles from Eldorado then the following morning we walk through the open forest enjoying the occasional view, examining an abandoned tin mine, finding a delightful campsite for Saturday night. Sunday we continue on our way, visiting Woolshed Falls for lunch then crossing some open paddocks we head up Spring Creek Falls and into Beechworth for the delights(?) of civilisation

This is a really good walk (good weather ordered) just the thing for the more sedate of us. It won't be like my last week-end walk!!

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COMMITTEE NOTES

Main points of interest from the meeting held on May 5.

Treasurer: Bank Balance \$6417.12 as at 30.4.80
Accounts totalling \$820.35 were passed for payment

Walks Secretary Attendances for March - 107 members, 57 visitors
124 day walkers and 40 weekenders. Transport profit \$66.35

\$45.65 was collected on the Federation Day Walk.
This has been donated to the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs.

Bylaws C3, C4, C5, C6, and C8 (relating to motor transport and booking lists) have been amended. Where the time 9.30 p.m. appears, substitute 9.00 p.m. This is to bring the by laws into line with current practice of closing the clubrooms by 9.00 p.m.

Wilky There was some discussion on methods of booking for Wilky, particularly for winter parties. Nothing was resolved, but if members have suggestions, please talk to Rod Mattingley.

Membership 262 financial members as at end of April.

Social Secretary 33 people on the boat trip - which was enjoyed by all. Loss \$2.00. (7 people didn't turn up! 40 booked)

S & R Practice week-end May 31 - June 1. (See elsewhere for details)

Conservation see elsewhere for report.
Committee voted to donate \$100 to the Tasmanian Wilderness Society for the saving of the Franklin River.

General Business By-laws are in process of being revised - correlated between committee and general meeting minutes to ascertain discrepancies.

Duty Roster May 14 - Peter Bullard, Jan Llewlyn
May 21 - Max Casley, Ian Stewart
May 28 - Rod Mattingley, Graham Hodgson
June 4 - Marijke Mascas, Bob Steel.

Next committee meeting, June 2, 1980 at 7.00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE WALK 1980

H A V E Y O U ? ? ?

- a) Bought a copy of 'Walk 1980' for yourself, mother-in-law, lover, grandfather, twice removed cousin, boss etc????
- b) Returned the Little Red Book of delivery docketts to the Business Manager???????
- c) Either returned or made payment for the 'Walk 1980' copies you took away some months ago?????????
- d) Contacted your local newsagent, bookshop, nursery (plant), fish shop, massage parlor etc. re possible sales or restocking of 'Walk 1980'???????

If the answer to any or all of these questions is NO, please do something about it. It is your magazine and you will benefit if we manage to sell them all.

Grahm Hodgson
(Your friendly Business Manager)

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F E D E R A T I O N P E A K

If you climbed Federation Peak between the years 1949 - 1959
Would you please contact:

Peter Allnutt,
126 Augusta Rd.,
Lenah Valley,
TASMANIA, 7008

A new log book is being compiled including the names of the early climbers and the information will be put into the State Archives.

Alma Strappazon.

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BIRTH NOTICE

Geoff and Barbara Crapper are pleased to announce the new increase in load to their rucksack, 91b 10½ oz to be precise, in the form of daughter Joanne Kathleen, born at Kyneton Hospital on 18th April, 1980.

Contrary to many reports you may have heard she does not have a black beard.

"THANK - YOU"

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all retiring committee members, for their fine work during the past twelve months. Special thanks to Alex Stirkul who has for a few years as 'Walks Secretary', completed an excellent job.

If during the year, you particularly appreciate someones efforts to assist the Club and its members, let he or she know. Sometimes, some of us express our appreciation to other club members of the excellent work a committee member is doing, and sad to say, neglect to tell the person concerned. A word or two of praise, may be very much appreciated.

Other members help the Club too. If you enjoy an "Along-the-Track" article, thank the person, and if a walk has been very enjoyable, let the leader know and say why you enjoyed it so much. Perhaps you too, would consider writing "Along-the-Track" article or something else you feel members would be interested in.

Welcome to all new committee members. May you have an interesting, worthwhile and successful year.

Two grateful club members.

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LOG BOOK NOTE AT "GREY MARE HUT" NEAR MT. Jagungal**4TH April 1980**

Three Old Grey Mares accompanied by Three Stallions arrived from Wheelers Hut and Jagungal going to Pretty Plain and Khancoban (Melbourne Bushwalkers)

Old Grey Mares	1. Dorrie Warton
	2. Joyce Dunn,
	3. Alma Strappazon
Stallions	1. Graham Laidlaw
	2. Neil Priestley
	3. Tyrone Thomas.

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EXTRACT FROM FEDERATION OF VIC. WALKING CLUBS - MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Letter outlining amendments to Transport Regulation Act 1958 concerning car pooling:

The amendment provides that car pooling agreements will be legal provided that the offer to carry passengers or the carriage of passengers satisfies the following conditions:

1. The offer of carriage is incidental to the main purpose of the journey.
2. It is not the result of touting for passengers by the driver or any other person.
3. It is limited to a maximum of five passengers.
4. It is made pursuant to an informal agreement for consideration consisting either:
 - (i) of a reciprocal arrangement with the passenger to carry the driver;
 - (ii) payment by the passenger of a share of the cost incurred in making the journey.

CONSERVATION1. PROPOSED FRANKLIN - LOWER GORDON POWER SCHEME - TASMANIA

As you should be well aware, there is a proposal to dam Australia's last wild river to produce more electricity for Tasmania. The whole scheme is dubious on economic, environment and logistic grounds. In short it is unnecessary.

I urge you all to write to Tasmanian Parliamentarians (list below) and Tasmanian newspapers, and also to Federal politicians, seeking abandonment of the scheme. (The Tasmanian Parliament is due to make a decision probably in July or August, 1980)

Don't let another Lake Pedder happen in Tasmania. Below are some points you may like to include in your letter.

See Harald Goetz in the clubrooms for further information.

Tasmanian State Parliament Members with most influence.

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| 1. The Premier,
Hon. D. A. Lowe,
Public Buildings,
Macquarie Street
HOBART, 7000 | 2. Hon. N.L.C. Batt
Deputy Premier,
Public Buildings,
Macquarie Street,
HOBART, 7000 |
| 3. Hon. Julian Amos
Minister for environment,
Marine Board Building,
Franklin Wharf,
HOBART, 7000. | 4. Hon. Michael Barnard,
Minister for Tourism,
Marine Board Building,
Franklin Wharf,
Hobart, 7000 |
| 5. Mr. Michael Weldon,
House of Assembly
HOBART, 7000 | 5. Hon. Andrew Lohrey,
Minister for National Parks and Wildlife
Lands Department Building,
134 Macquarie Street,
HOBART, 7000 |
| 6. Mrs. Jullian James,
House of Assembly,
HOBART, 7000 | |

Newspapers

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| 1. The Mercury,
97 Macquarie Street,
HOBART, 7000 | 2. The Examiner,
71-75 Paterson St.
HOBART, 7000 | 3. The Age,
250 Spencer St.
MELBOURNE, 3000 |
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2. GREAT BARRIER REEF

With the introduction into Federal Parliament of legislation to give the States control over territorial waters, the Great Barrier Reef issue has again reached a critical stage.

The key to conservation of the Reef is the Marine Park. the present policy is to declare the Park section-by-section. So far, after 4 years, the Marine Park covers only 2.4% of the region. The Reef would be safe if the whole of the remaining part of the region was proclaimed a Marine Park in one go. There is absolutely no legal obstacle to this, and if it was done it would show once and for all that the Government was genuine about its professed wish to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

Once again, I urge you to write to Federal Parliamentarians, notably Mr. Fraser, and the Federal Minister for Science and the Environments.

I have some form letters you can sign and send to Mr. Fraser. See me for further details. (above information extracted from A.C.F. material)

CONSERVATION (cont.)

3. KOSIUSKO NATIONAL PARK

The Plan of Management is in the process of revision and you are invited to be involved in the planning process.

The last plan of Management was formulated in 1974 and usage patterns and community value have changed since then.

This club intends making a submission to the committee of review, so if you have ever walked in, or visited the area, or are interested in the Kosiusko National Park, please contact either Rod Mattingley or myself with your ideas and suggestion as to future "development" with the park e.g. siting of, or desirability of huts, maintenance of huts and tracks, wilderness areas, skiing developments, over snow transport, resort developments, restrictions on camping sites etc. etc.

Bob Steel.

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GEMBROOK STATE FOREST

We recently spent a week-end in the Diamond Creek area, S. E. of Gembrook, and had occasion to speak to the recently appointed Ranger of the Gembrook State Forest which covers a large area including the Black Snake Range, Diamond Creek, Back Creek and Egg Rock.

He is anxious to attract walkers into the State Forest, there being many good camp sites available.

One we can recommend is on Diamond Creek, half a mile west of the Gembrook/Tynong/Bunyip road junction, Gembrook Military 1:50 000 map reference 620165, which will comfortably accommodate a dozen tents.

More specific details can be obtained from the Ranger, Roger Strickland, Forestry Commission Office, Gembrook, 3783.

A Forestry Commission map exists, but it shows only a fraction of the tracks in the area.

Jan and John Sparkeman.

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WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Alan Phillips, 26 Thomas Cres., Cranbourne, 3977 H. 059 96 3753 B. 059 96 1699.

Robin Blise, 6/1030 Heatherton Road, Noble Park, 3174

Martin Elias, 20 Thoresby Gr. Ivanhoe, 3079, H. 49 2458 B. 544 1511

Brian Crawford, 13 Sydare Av., Chadstone, 3148. H. 569 6591.

Change of address, phone no. etc.

Prue Hardiman, 100 Survey Road North, South Yarra, 3141, H. 24 9219 B. 602 1333x533

Libby Quarterman, 24 Prince Street, Hampton, H. 598 6445 B. 520 2875

Graham Hodgson, B. 428 1831

There are 278 financial members, 76 unfinancial members and 50 members which have been crossed off the membership list as they have and remained unfinancial for more than a year.

WOULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE!! NOTIFY THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY PROMPTLY OF THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NO. AT HOME OR BUSINESS. THANK YOU.

Libby Quarterman.

Did YOU enjoy your Easter trips??, your long week-end outings??, your week-end tortures?? your Sunday strolls??? then please share your pleasures with other members of the Club and write an article for "Along the Track".

"EYE" has cast his roving eye onto more important things than gossip columns. Thank you "EYE" for prying out all those bits of news.

We need now another person to collect all those snippets of juicy information. It should be somebody who goes out quite often, as on walking trips the most remarkable remarks are slipped out of people's mouths.
PLEASE!!! CAN I HAVE SOME OFFERS????

Send all your articles, walk previews etc. etc. to me at 12 Hillcrest Road, Glen Iris, or post in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms.

Closing date for June News, Wednesday 4th June.

Marijke Mascas.