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Visitors are always welcome.

MAY - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

MAY 3                    POWELLTOWN - BIG BERTHA TRACK - SUMMER SPUR    MEDIUM  
BIG PATS CREEK

LEADER: Hugh Duncan  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Neerim & Gembrook 1:50 000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14km

This walk will start with a steady climb of about 1700 feet right at the start of the day, hence the medium grading, but lunch will be at the top so there will be plenty of time to enjoy all that Big Bertha has to offer. After lunch it will be downhill all the way (well, almost), down Summer Spur to Big Pats Creek, then along the creek to the finish. The last 2 km will be along an old timber tramline which has recently been cleared to form a very pleasant walking track. The whole trip will be on jeep tracks or walking tracks, which is more than you can say for the preview - don't believe everything you see on the Neerim map! Bring water for lunch.

MAY 10                    SYLVIA CREEK - BLOWHARD RANGE -                    MEDIUM  
VICTORIA RANGE.

LEADER: Alan Phillips  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Glenburn 1:50 000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km

North of Toolangi, in the Healesville area is Sylvia Creek, the starting point of this walk. Through dense forest we will proceed via forestry tracks up on to Blowhard and Victoria ranges. Afternoon is nearly all downhill through the more open northern slopes. The walk finishes a couple of km south of Glenburn. Bring water, plenty of warm clothes and rain gear.

MAY 17                    O'BRIENS TRACK - TUNNEL - SHAW'S LAKE -                    EASY/MEDIUM  
BLACKWOOD

LEADER: Max Casley  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9.15 a.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Lederderg Gorge Forest Park  
1:25 000; Bacchus Marsh 1:100 000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 11km

The ever popular Lederderg Gorge once again!! And you have the choice of a medium/hard walk led by Glenn or my easy/medium, mainly on tracks through some very pleasant forested country. We start near the top of O'Briens Road and walk along a little used track down into the Gorge getting good views on the way. Then along an old aqueduct to the Tunnel (Manmade? or natural?) for lunch. The river looks a bit murky so bring water. After lunch we climb out of the Gorge and then to Lake Shaw where tough types can swim. Then on to the mineral springs and finish at Blackwood.

MAY 17      WHISKY TRACK - LERDERDERG RIVER -      MEDIUM/HARD  
BLACKWOOD

LEADER: Glenn Sanders  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: F.C.V. Lerderderg Gorge Forest  
                                 Park 1:25 000  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 km

There are two walks this week-end, the other is shorter and interesting, this one is longer and challenging!! The first 4 km takes us through pleasant forest country along the Whisky Track Fire trail, and then for a few hundred metres steeply down through the scrub to the Lerderderg River. Here we see the first evidence of goldmining as we cross the river and walk upstream along the old aqueduct line. After a brief lunch at one of the delightful grassy flats alongside a quiet pool, we continue to O'Briens Crossing where a short steep climb gets us unto another aqueduct line which we follow nearly all the way to Blackwood. Several wallabies and robins were seen during the preview, and apart from one up and one down, each short, the walking is flat and unhindered, so come along for a most enjoyable stroll with good views and varied scenery. The river was not flowing when I did the preview so bring water, and your seven league boots. We should just make Blackwood by dark, but the shop stays open till 6 p.m., I checked.

MAY 24      VIEW HILL - DEEP CREEK      EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Phillip Larkin  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Kilmore 1:50 000  
                                 Woodend 1:50 000  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km

A pleasant walk east of Romsey in low rolling hills and spectacular country just a short distance from Melbourne. We will follow Deep Creek most of the way starting from the southern end. The creek is in a low river walley with light scrub and plenty of bird life along the creek. At the northern end of the walk, vines have just been planted for the wine industry.

There are several good lunch spots, bring water along for lunch. If the weather is fine, don't forget your bathers there will be opportunity for swimming after the walk. The walk will finish at the southern end of View Hill. A good walk for beginners.

MAY 31      MT. SLIDE - MT. EVERARD - STEELES CREEK      MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Graham Mascas  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Yarra Glen 1:50 000  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 km

Note: this is not a hard walk nor is it medium but medium/hard. It is a cross country walk in the Kinglake National Park where we cross the grain of the land with 8 ups and downs for the day.

Without any doubt it is a magnificent day walk which on completion gives a real sense of satisfaction. It takes in some tremendous country suprisingly close to the hustle of Melbourne. Don't be put off by the grading - if you feel fit enough you will enjoy it. Book early - last time I ran this walk we were completely fully booked.

MAY 31      STEELS CREEK - MT EVERARD - ST. ANDREWS      EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Peter Buchlak  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Yarra Glen 1: 50 000 sheet 7922-1  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km

Anyone who enjoys good views will love meandering through Kinglake National Park. We will mostly follow tracks along ridge lines with a good climb up Mt. Everard for lunch. Following lunch the tracks will be left as we drop into a valley to the south west of Everard and finish the day with a climb up to Wild Dog Creek Road and Mittons Bridge. Please bring water.

WEEK-END WALKSMAY 8 - 10      MT. ABRUPT AND MT. LANG AREAS -      EASY  
SIERRA RANGE (GRAMPIANS)

LEADER: Neil Priestley  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Sunday  
 MAP REFERENCE: Hamilton, Grampians and  
                   Ararat 1:100 000  
                   The Grampians - F.C.V.  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km

NOTE: After due consideration and consultation with the walks secretary, the week-end walk as listed has been geographically moved to the above location.

Friday night will be vicinity of the gate at the base of Mt. Abrupt on the Dunkeld Road, southern end of the Sierra Range. From there the walking track follows up to the top for overwhelming views. We will then follow along the top to Signal Peak and rock scramble down into Cassidy Gap. Time permitting will also scale the heights of Mt. Sturgeon, (there is a walking track!)

Saturday night's retreat will be further up the Dunkeld Road to Jimmy's Creek picnic area. From there on Sunday we will follow a walking track to the top of the Sierra Range for more good views and a rock scramble etc. Along to Teddy Bears Gap and Mt. Lang and return.

To even make the walking easier than what it may sound, it will only be necessary to carry a day pack, lunch etc. But due to the long dry spell in the Western District it will be necessary to bring sufficient water requirements for the week-end.

MAY 2 - 3      BIG HILL - COLIBAN MAIN CHANNEL -      EASY  
MT. ALEXANDER

LEADER: Sandra Mutimer  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av., 9.15 a.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Bendigo Castlemaine 1:10 000  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:

NOTE: This walk will be leaving on Saturday morning. Not exactly the Mt. Alexander - Malmsbury Aqueduct - Calder Highway walk listed in the program but in the same historically rich area of former goldfields!

We will be following the Coliban Main Channel for most of the walk. This part of the aqueduct constructed to supply water to the goldfields from Malmsbury Reservoir, and was the first major water supply system developed outside Melbourne. There are sections where the original construction of the 1860's remain. There are also sections which would be good to lilo on - but this is off-limits I'm afraid.

The country side is pleasant - and the pace should be relaxed. The climb up to Mt. Alexander will be without packs so you can see your leader has been very kind to you. There is the ultimate in motivational incentives for bushwalkers - the possibility of a minor van detour at the end of the walk for a Devonshire Tea in Chewton IF you are good little walkers. Much thought and effort was devoted to previewing this particular part of the walk and the leadership shown in this area will be most inspiring!

\*\* This will be quite a good walk for reasonably fit walkers ready to try a week-end walk. I would also recommend it to some of my semi?-retired former bushwalking friends.

Tents, sleeping bags and packs are available for hire from the Club. You will be able to find out more information about this from Art Terry, the equipment officer, or from me. You would find Bob Douglas' article on "Becoming a Week-end Walker" and also a "Guide to Bushwalking" most informative. Both are available from the Clubrooms with the latter selling for 20 c.

MAY 22 - 24 MELVILLE CAVES - KANGDERAAR STONE                      EASY/MEDIUM  
ARRANGEMENT -- KOOYOORA CAVES

LEADER: Fred Halls  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 6.30 p.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6.30 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Dunolly  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 33 km

Soon in the predictable future, the Kooyoora Range State Park with an area of approx. 4260 hectare will become a reality; providing that the proposals of the Land Conservation Council regarding the North Central Study Area come to fruition. And it is some of the many reasons for the proclamation of that region as a permanent reserve, that I hope we shall see during our walk. For further details, refer Page 40 of "Walk 1980".

We will wander through areas of open hill gum forest, granite rock formations, balancing rocks, overhung rock shelters, long-leaf box woodlands, and over granite slabs past aboriginal rock wells. There are many reasons why the Kooyoora area is important; archaeological, botanical, zoological and geological, and it is hoped that several of these prime examples of interest will be seen during the walk.

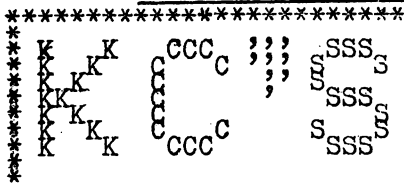
Interesting items such as rare or uncommon plants, unusual animals or beautiful birdlife, old fossils and silicified woods, fine examples of scarred trees, a strange aboriginal stone arrangement, native rock wells, aboriginal "workshops" or stone quarries, and any aboriginal rock shelters, containing thousands of stone artefacts and a few bone points.

Dozens of scarred trees may be found in the district but only one will be visited; of the 42 rock wells we will visit 20. 11 of the more interesting aboriginal rock shelters of the total 33, will be visited; also 3 aboriginal "workshops". At least 1950 microlithic stone points, scrapers, flakes and some larger cores have been found on shelter floors and retained "en situ"

Specimens of the very rare "Whorled Zieria" will be seen and hopefully we shall see the brush-tailed rock wallaby on the granite boulders.

However, it must be fully understood that there should be no interference with relics, or any act of vandalism, neither should there be any taking of botanical specimens. Aboriginal artefacts must be left on the site, as found.

A walk enabling clearer understanding of environmental values in the Kooyoora Range area.



Well here's the 2nd edition of 'Kriesfelds Column' and do we have some goodies for you over the next couple of months

1. Ice Skating Monday 27th of April

The general idea is to have tea at Tamani's Bistro (nostalgia trip) and then meet outside the ice rink at 8:00 p.m. Later if anyone is interested there's coffee back in the city. Hire of skates plus entry to the rink is an astronomical \$1:80 for 20 or more people, therefore please book, no deposit necessary unless your persona non-gratis. If we can't get 20 people total price is \$3:00 including skate hire.

Function: Ice Skating

When : Tea - Tamani's 6:00; Skating 8:00 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Where : 109 Hyde Road Footscray 'Iceland'.

Cost : Entry plus hire \$3:00, or possibly \$1:80.

2. Mineral Water and Cheese night.

Dave and Sylvia Andrews have again kindly donated their house for a Mineral Water and Cheese night. This will be complimented by a barbeque, therefore B.Y.O B.B.Q meat. (ALL wines and cheeses will be provided). Depending on prices the wines will be from the Goulburn Valley and the Yarra Valley Districts while the cheeses are coming from Sunbury Cheese Co-op and the Lygon Food Centre Carlton. All wowsers (and others) interested in attending please contact me (wk 6158378) so's catering volumes can be estimated.

Function: B.B.Q Wine and Cheese night.

When : 6:30 onwards Friday 15th May.

Where : Dave & Sylvia Andrews Homestead.

Cost : ESTIMATE \$3:50 - 4:00.

What to bring : B.B.Q Meat.

3. Horse Riding.

This is a Mt Macedon ride, stopping at the Macedon Pub for lunch (very good lunches) and then a gentle ride back again. As this has a limit of 15 saddles I will need to book by the 16th of May to ensure availability. So all people wanting to ride please book (with deposit) by this date.

Function: Horse Riding.

When : 9:00 a.m. Saturday 30th of May.

Where : Gisbon area (Maps will be provided in clubrooms)

Cost : \$5:00 per hour horse hire pub time free horse hire for 1st hour.  
 approximately 15 to 20 dollars

All people interested in a weekend horse ride (cost approx \$70:00) in September or thereabouts please use this opportunity to find out if you enjoy horse riding. All who like horse riding whether they can or can't (I can't but I like it) will be most welcome on either trip.

My thanks to Mick Mann for organizing the group booking for 'The Dubliners', this evolved into a very good nights entertainment. All those people that went and saw 'Wildstars' with me on the wet and bleak Friday the 13th my heart felt thanks for making my first function a success.

Your currently thinking 'Dubliners', 'Wildstars' I didnt see these advertised in 'News' and you would be quite correct. Unfortunately most functions of this nature i.e. very short duration theatricals I will not have enough time to advertise in 'News', I'll try but my apologies if I do not always succeed, however, ALL social functions are displayed in the clubrooms, so please if you see a function that you wish to attend approach me (Les Kriesfeld) in the club rooms, your participation is always welcome and appreciated. If I haven't asked you but asked others it's simply that I know that they're interested.

HELP make this club a success by participating in walks and other social events.

COMING ATTRACTIONS::

12th June Bush Dance Band: Flying Pieman.

27th June Puffing Billy.

COMMITTEE NOTES - 6th APRIL 1981

Treasurer: Balance at Bank \$5228.90 Accounts totalling \$1077.66 were passed for payment. (Vans \$657.20, News Printing \$179.96. new hire pack \$40.00)

Walks Secretary: February figures - 123 members, 48 visitor, 86 day walkers and 85 week-end walkers totalling 171. Income \$643.50, expenditure \$948.60. Loss \$305.10

Note Note: Late fee for non-payment of deposit on walks was raised from 50c to \$2.00

Membership: 176 financial members.

Wilky: Work party 8-10th May 1981

"Walk '82": Distribution manager and advertsing manager required for "Walk 1982".

Club Phone Contact: - Filsons are going overseas next year so a replacement contact is required as soon as possible, in time to go in next phone book.

Next meeting 4th May, 1981.

Duty Poster: 15/4 Art Terry and Peter Bullard.  
22/4 Robert Ayre and Carol Strickland  
29/4 Prue Hardiman and Alan Kitchener  
6/5 Marijke Mascas and Les Kriesfeld

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AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE WALKS SECRETARY

The committee has passed a motion increasing the late fee from 50c to \$2. Persons who fail to pay a deposit by the Wednesday preceeding the walk or who turn up at the van without booking are liable.

Members are reminded that booking by mail is acceptable. The remittance should be sent to the leader's home address (not the club) to reach him/her by the Tuesday preceding the walk.

A NOT SO IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE WALKS SECRETARY

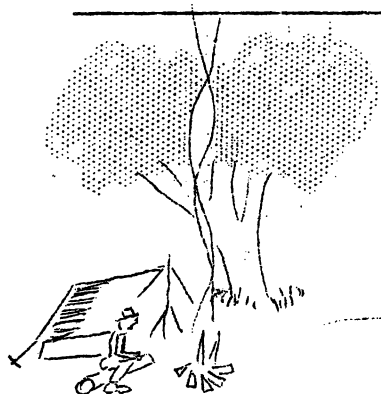
The Dep. of State Development, Decetralization and Tourism has recently produced a useful booklet on alpine safety. Topics covered include basic safety considerations for ski tourers, safe snow driving, hypothermia, etc. It is available at 228 Victoria Prd. East Melbourne and it is FREE.

Back in February, when the winter program was being drawn up we were discussing the Queen's Birthday Week-end. I was quite emphatic that we were going to visit Croajingolong National Park (East Gippsland) for a change. The club elders kept repeating "We always go north for that week-end. It is sure to be wet down there in June". Undetered I pencilled in Croajingolong. With a name like that it must be good. About a month ago I went and had a look at the area. With its extensive beaches and interesting vegetation I was impressed. Unfortunately I was also impressed by the jaws of 100 or so little bugs (presumably tick larvae) and I'm still splashing calamine lotion around. Yes, it probably will be wet down there. We are going to Hattah!

I guess just about everybody has heard that I recently went out on a day walk (which is news enough I suppose) and got myself lost within 5 minutes of leaving the van. By the time you are reading this I should be in Europe where I plan to do some solo walking in Austria and Switzerland. If you don't hear from me again could you please organise a search party?

In my absence Tyrone Thomas will act as Walks Secretary.

Ken MacMahon.



## ALONG THE TRACK

(With apologies to the author for the delay in printing)

TEN EAGER BUSHIES  
 WALKING THE OLD RAILWAY LINE  
 ONE ERRED WITH HER FOOT  
 AND THEN THERE WERE NINE

Jean had chosen two possible campsites. One at the picnic ground close to traffic, the other half a mile along the track. We decided there was just enough light to cross the creeks and find our respective spots. Being such a short van trip we had time for a fire and chat before bed. Janet and Peter quickly showed that share and share alike isn't something they practise. They kept almost all of the leeches to themselves.

We all had track notes and a map through the courtesy of Jean and F.C.V, something we all appreciated but studied with varying degrees of intensity. We strolled ever so gently upwards, but even then someone remarked about the leader setting a fine pace.

Soon after morning tea where the track crosses a fireline Jan (not Janet of the leeches but Janice of Walk '81) showed the extent she would go to for extra attention. She hurt her ankle badly. After much yelling and a swearing, and disturbing of lyre birds, the party regrouped offering suggestions, quite sufficient really to fill the next edition of "Teach yourself physiotherapy". By this stage there were nearly several more injuries as the men raced to head the queue to carry or piggy-back Jan. Bob's charms and years of experience won the day. Otto and Graeme won the booby prizes; they carried the two packs, Otto favouring a nosebag arrangement while Graeme went for the limit in hi-loads. Eventually Jan and Bob parted company and Jan slowly but surely made it to the road.

Lunch at Starling's Gap was pleasantly slothful in the sun. Traffic was at a premium and Jan wasn't overly enthusiastic at the idea of using leeches to lessen the swelling. Apparently this is her attitude to the advancement of medical science. No bush vivileechiologist was going to get near her.

Eventually a very pleasant couple drove by, taking Jan to Yarra Junction and a phone. We headed off for camp.

One thing not marked on the map was the amount of rubbish dropped by scouts coming towards us. Our chosen site near the Ada River was already occupied by a different scout group, so we carried our water ten minutes up the hill to a very pleasant spot.

Before doing this we had a very interesting side trip to a bridge and the old mill site. This bridge was not on trestles but was built up with several layers of logs, criss-cross style over quite a wide gully of the Little Ada River. All day long we had been spying old nails, timber or steel rails, engines, winches, axles, wheels, hut ruins (and leeches).



Meanwhile back at camp Otto foiled any boisterous 4 WD's or trail bike riders by pitching his tent right in the middle of the track. He was surprised to find the next morning that the underside of his floor was grimy. If an enterprising leader arranges for Otto and Peter Bullard to go on the same week-end walk, Rob Harris will have a new chapter. No-one else will need to carry a tent on that occasion. Some of the chaps thought their leader was being very friendly indeed until they realised that "Darling this" and "Dear that" referred to Ros. Drat! missed out again!

During the night Bill was puzzled by the strange noise. I should think he had good reason. Try listening to Ros and Peter rehearsing mediaeval songs while you are thinking of hip-holes and such-like

Sunday morning we went through the scout area, by now quite neatly littered with foil, lollie wrappers and band-aids. I will say they were quiet during the night and quite polite little creatures. All they need is a flexing exercise so they can organise "emu parades".

Then came the descent of High Lead - 415m in 1600 m. People made the usual remarks about finding it harder going down. All this way the track had been so clear that Graeme had dispensed with his beloved gaiters.

A truly scenic section greeted us at the bottom - more bridges and the Latrobe invitingly close. I felt the scene lost a little of its pristine beauty by the time we had decorated the bridge and rail with sweaty socks, shirts etc.

By the time all had arrived, Jean was offering options - shades of the recent High Plains trip?? You all know how handy it is to have a keen photographer in the group - plenty of rests for all. If that is your idea of a fair pace, go on Jean's next walk. By the time she finds the proper pair of glasses even the weariest have taken a fresh interest in the track ahead.

Bill and Graeme strode out for the Bump and Powelltown. Everyone else layed in the sun and water. Why was it Bob couldn't bear the sight of Janet? Was he still worried she would chide him for smoking?

Those of you with feelings of any sort about leeches should take note of Peter Cohen's presence on a walk. A position near him could mean that his oversupply of "hitchhikers" will settle for you as second best.

We finally regrouped in Powelltown where the shop window announced a dance featuring "Fresh Water Yabbies". I really don't know if that is the name of the band or the main dish for supper.

We shared Janet's cherries, bought at the "unusual" shop in Yarra Junction, while Bob offered his chocolate, now able to look everyone in the eye. I also learnt of Australia's thinnest gardening book - Cohen's "Favorite Exotics to Grow".

By now the strain was telling on Jean - after all, a 10% wastage on one's walk is a fairly high rate and Ros was spending more than enough time being comforted by Peter (the other one) It manifested itself with our leader complaining about facial hair, or lack of it, on any male in sight. Bill sensibly pretended to be asleep and so escaped the tongue lashing.

We were back home in broad daylight having thoroughly enjoyed the magnificent scenery, interesting relics (no not the leader) and despite what you've read, each other's company.

Thanks Jean. We'll come again. Just pack some inflatable splints.

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WILKINSON LODGE

WORK PARTY - 8 - 10 MAY

This week-end will be mainly for collecting and chopping wood for winter. We will need a trailer and a chain saw. Can anyone help? Eager volunteers are required. Please let me know if you can come.

WINTER 1981

The weeks from 1 August to 12 September are fully booked, with from 8 to 10 people per week. The third week in September and the last week in July still have room for more.

On the week-end of 17 - 19 July, there will be a beginners ski-trip to Wilky. Refer to the winter program for details.

Winter groups should now get together and organise their food, and get it and their briquettes into Wilky before the end of May. Lockers for storing food are available at \$4 each a season.

Rod Mattingley

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COST SHARING ON CAR TRIPS

Some years ago I used to walk frequently with the Canberra Bushwalking club and cars were our only means of transport. The formula for calculating costs was as follows:-

- a) Drivers were reimbursed on the basis of 4 cents per mile for a small car ( 2 litre) or 6 cents per mile for a larger car ( 2 litre) At the time this was considered sufficient to cover costs and almost to provide some incentive for drivers to offer the use of their cars.
- b) It was the leader's responsibility to determine the distance travelled and hence the money due to each driver.
- c) The grand total travel cost for the trip was then collected by equal contributions from all passengers. Collection and dispersal of money was again the leader's responsibility.
- d) By this system the driver makes no direct contribution to the travel cost, each passenger pays the same and the return to the driver is independent of the number of passengers carried.
- e) Incidentally it was also the leader's responsibility to arrange who would be carried by whom. In a club where parties were generally fairly small this was not an onerous task.

This system worked very well and I do not recall heaving serious complaints. As a regular driver I used to feel well recompensed for the use of my vehicle. A particular advantage of the system is that it is uniform and saves the driver from any embarrassment in presenting his occupants.

Pearson Cresswell.

NEW CONTACT NEEDED

Sue and Rex Filson, who are the present contacts listed in the phone book, are going overseas for more than a year. A new contact is needed for entry in the new phone books.

By preference it should be a couple or person who is at home at times during the day although most phone calls tend to be in the evenings between 6 and 9 p.m.

When Sue and Graham Errey are away the contact is also being used for Search and Rescue.

Any general enquiries about the club will have to be answered. For this service the club reimburses 1/2 the phone rental costs, plus the cost of any calls made on behalf of the club.

If you can help the club, please contact the President, Bob Steel. Phone 725 6171.

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WANTED

One Male or female person to share large spacious house in Canterbury. Close to transport, shops and parks, swimming pool and tennis courts.  
Bedroom can be furnished if necessary.  
Share beautiful garden (complete with vegetables and two ducks), electricity, gas, food and telephone.

Enquire: Prue Hardiman B) 602 1333 X533 or  
H) 836 3569

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ARE YOU KEEN ON KOSCIUSKO?

If you wish to take part in planning the future management of one of Australia's greatest National Parks your chance has arrive.

A draft plan of management (open to public comment) will soon be available.

If you are interested send a cheque for \$5.00 to:

The Planning Officer, National Parks and Wildlife Service,  
South Eastern Region, P. O. Box 733, Queanbeyan NSW 2620  
(Make cheques payable to N.P. & W.S.)

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Did you know the Timber Industry wants to log Melbourne's catchment areas??

If you want to learn more about this threat come to the April meeting of the Australian Conservation Foundation. There will be a speaker from the Victorian Sawmillers Association and the M.M.B.F. Should be an interesting evening!!

Venue: Mobil Theatre, 2 City Rd., South Melbourne

When: Wednesday April 22nd, 8 p.m. (Supper provided)

DO YOU LOVE THE BUSH?? THEN WHERE WERE YOU AT 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY MARCH 22nd??

At 2 p.m. on Sunday March 22nd a dedicated group of people attended a Public Meeting on the East Gippsland Woodchip Threat.

Conservation in general and East Gippsland in particular is under the greatest threat in more than a decade. The time has past when conservationists pay their membership subs., get their newsletter and appease their conscience.

This complacency is now the main weapon of anti-conservationist forces in this state.

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| T | <u>TEA OF THE MONTH: MORNING THUNDER by CELESTIAL SEASONINGS</u> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | A blend of three black teas with green and roasted               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | Brazilian matte. The flavor is light and very pleasant-          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | especially when drunk black with honey. The tea is very          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | low in tannin and exceptionally high in caffeine - far           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | higher than coffee.                                              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | Its makers describe the tea as having the strength and           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | power of a thousand charging buffalo - indeed, a charging        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | buffalo is featured on the pack. Your reporter - being a         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | more conservative type - at first acknowledges it to be          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | a powerfully stimulating brew.                                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | Definitely a refreshing tea for early mornings and late          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | nights, but also a pleasant change from more conventional        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | teas at any time of day.                                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | And when you tire of drinking the tea, the pack is               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | fascinating reading - to list a couple of quotes.....            |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | "Most of the shadows of this life are caused by                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | standing in our own sunshine"..... Emerson;                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | "Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes"....         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | Thoreau.                                                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | If you haven't noticed a herd of buffalo charging                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | through your neighborhood recently, and - like your              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | reporter - you are never awake early enough to spot              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | a lame wombat scurrying through the dawn, you might              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | find this delightful brew difficult to track down.               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | Try enquiring at you local health-food shop.                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| T | TTTT                                                             | TTTT | TTTT | TTTT | TTTT | TTTT | TTTT | TTT  |

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 \* Congratulations to two couples who married earlier this year. \*  
 \* Chris and Chris Connor and \*  
 \* Ruth and Ross Hoskin. \*  
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GREAT READING

If you like a dash of spice, a taste of sour lemon or sweet orange, lots of personality, controversial discussion, or just reading about walks to be or walks that have been, read the News.

For those members who'd like to get out walking more often but don't, it's a good way not to lose track! And it isn't just the writers who make it good, it's Marijke for her professional touch, the Barry/Gwenda team, and then the collators..... as well as Ken for his computerised address labels.

Janet White.

Dear Fellow Members,

I am leaving for Hobart (again) for an indefinite period so would appreciate it if my membership is deferred (?) until further notice. If and when I return, I hope you will take me back into the fold!

I promise to be good and not leave the walking tracks (well, not often, anyway!)

Thank you all for many years of good walks and good company.

Yours sincerely,

Alma Strappazon.

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??CAN YOU HELP??

Last year some Melbourne Bushwalkers had an enjoyable day when they took a group of handicapped adults from the Dame Mary Herring Sheltered Workshop on a bushwalk.

It was such a success that I had planned to organise another walk in autumn. Unfortunately I will not have the time to do this but I hope that someone else will be able to.

Can you help? If so, please contact me - Sandra Mutimer 380 5398 (preferably between 5 and 7 p.m.) or see me in the clubrooms.

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Would all members please notify the Membership Secretary of any change of address and/or phone numbers. To do this contact Sandra Mutimer, 2A Balfe Cresc., West Brunswick, 3055 H)380 5398 or c/ Melbourne Bushwalkers, Box 1751Q, G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001

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## THANK YOU

Thank You Libby Marsden (Quarterman) for your work as Membership Secretary over the last three years.

As her successor I am only beginning to realise how much work is involved with this position, although I recognised the capable manner in which Libby carried this out.

Sandra Mutimer.

Does anyone have computer paper or "scrap" paper with a reverse side that could be used? It would be very handy for my school.

Contact Sandra Mutimer, 380 5398 (between 5 and 7 p.m.) or see me in the clubrooms.

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Thank you for all your contributions to News. I would appreciate if you can write your articles CLEARLY I am not always capable of deciphering "coded" messages.

We are STILL looking for one of our members to gather snippets for a gossip column. This has to be a member who goes walking regularly, and is in the clubrooms fairly often. This column was always read with great pleasure by all, so please??? can someone come forward??

Post all your articles etc. etc. in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms or post to Marijke Mascas, 12 Hillcrest Rd., Glen Iris, 3146.

Closing Date for May News Wednesday 6th May.

Marijke Mascas.

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"WALK" MAGAZINE

One aspect of "Walk" which is sometimes ignored by contributors is its tracknotes section, yet this provides inspiration for many people who choose not to walk with a club, but rather as a group of friends or even individually. For the magazine to appeal to this type a good variety of tracknotes dealing with interesting areas is essential. They also play an important part in attracting newcomers to bushwalking.

So when, after leading a trip, you are sitting down at home filling in your "Walk Report" perhaps you could consider writing a separate one for "Walk". An enticing photo, as well, would make all the difference to its presentation and appeal.

Geoff Law.

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Could you please check the amounts listed above, and pay any discrepancy if necessary?

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