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Meetings are held in the clubroom, 377 Little Bourke Street, entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

SEPTEMBER - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

September 6 BURKES LOOKOUT - DOONGALLA FOREST RESERVE - EASY
FERNDAL ROAD - FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK -
BORONIA

LEADER: Pat Gray
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Melway Maps 65 and 66
ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURN: 5.30 - 6.00 p.m.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km

Welcome spring with an easy downhill stroll along tracks and minor roads through the tall timbers and ferny gullies of Doongalla Forest Reserve, with superb views of the countryside and of the distant city along the way. On the final leg through Ferntree Gully National Park, a side trip to One Tree Hill is an optional extra. On the basis of our preview, I would recommend solid footwear in preference to gym boots, as the track is potentially muddy. A groundsheet is recommended for added comfort at lunchtime, and water for lunch.

September 13 MORNINGTON PENINSULA NATIONAL PARKS EASY

LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURN: 7.45 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Nepean Parks (Available Nat. Parks Serv.
240 Victoria Prd. EAST MELBOURNE)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km

A pleasant easy walk. First we walk along country lanes with views across the Boneo Cops to the ocean from Cape Schank to The Heads. On leaving the track we enter recently acquired National Parks property and our traverse then takes us across heathland to forest. This whole area is rich in wildlife both birds and animals, so with a little luck we should see many grey kangaroos as well as birdlife. The van will travel via the Nepean Highway so pick-ups can be made en-route. Please note that the van is due to leave Batman Ave., at 9.15 a.m. The first train on all lines on a Sunday arrives at Flinders St. well before 9.15 a.m., the latest being the Dandenong train which arrives at 8.54 a.m., even if this train is running 15 minutes late it still allows ample time to get over to the van which will leave at 9.15 a.m. SHARP.

September 20 BULLENGAROOK -- PYRITES CREEK - COMADAI MEDIUM

LEADER: Hugh Duncan
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Toollem Vale & Bullengarook 1:25 000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??

As far as I know this the first walk the club has held in this small but rugged area close to Melbourne. It is not the usual Bullengarook to Comadai walk at all - it is about 8 km closer to Melbourne, and very different! We start just off the Melton-Gisborne road near Gishorne, and drop steeply down to Pyrites Creek. Soon we climb up again to a fire access track which we follow for several km, with good views all round (weather permitting). A short but sharp scrub bash will bring us to open farmland; which we skirt for about four and a half km back to the van.

This is a varied walk in fascinating country only a short van trip from Melbourne. Bring water for lunch.

September 27 STEAVENSONS FALLS - KEPPELS LOOKOUT - EASY

LEADER: Jan Llewlyn

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 5.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: McMahon's Creek, Nat. Map. 1:50 000
Broadbents Map No. 163 - Marysville
& District.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 9 km

This is a forest walk in the Marysville area. We start from the Steavensons Falls, surrounded by ferns and tall trees and zig-zag up a track with views of the falls and surrounding valleys, stopping for lunch at one of the three look-outs along the way. From Keppels Lookout, with a fine view of Marysville, it is downhill quite steeply all the way to Marysville and the Fruit Salad Farm, where we will meet or await the harder walk. (This is relatively short, easy walk. By late September, the wattle should be in full bloom and the weather a little warmer than on the early August preview, however bring warm clothes in case there is still spring snow on nearby Lake Mountain.

September 27 STEAVENSONS FALLS - KEPPELS LOOKOUT - MEDIUM
MT. GORDON - FRUIT SALAD FARM.

LEADER: Martin Elias

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.

FOR DETAIL OF THIS WALK SEE LEADER IN CLUBROOM

WEEK END WALKS

August 28 - 30 SNOW CAMPING FOR BEGINNERS - BAW BAW PLATEAU

LEADER: Rob Harris

TRANSPORT: Private

MEETING: 9.30 a.m. Mt. St. Qwinear turn off on
Thomson Valley Rd. (Via Moe and Erica)

The camp will be 2 to 3 km from where the cars are parked so that those who are not too sure about skiing with a pack on will not have far to walk. It is expected that camp will be set up by lunch time. Rod Lingard from the Dept. of Youth, Sport and Recreation will be giving a talk on Snow camping at the clubrooms on Monday 17th August at 7.30 p.m. It is recommended that all beginners attend. Bookings will be taken at this talk. Travel arrangements will be made on 26th August in the Clubroom.

September 12-13 FEDERATION WEEKEND - POWELLTOWN - ADA RIVER
AREA - BASE CAMP

This year Latrobe University Mountaineering Club are organisers. There will be 3 grades of walks - easy - medium - hard. Firewood provided as well as entertainment on Saturday night.

SEPTEMBER 4 - 6 WALKS - SEE PAGE 5

Further information from Ian Chesterfield 861 - 6782 or
Simon Campbell 80 2488.

TRANSPORT: If enough names are put on the list on booking board,
a bus will be organised, otherwise it will be private.

NOTE: This base camp is an opportunity for those day-walkers
to experience camping out without pack-carrying - and also
as a first step to weekend walking.

Athol Schafer,
President Federation of Victorian
Walking Clubs.

September 19-20 CATHEDRAL RANGE - INTRODUCTION TO WEEKEND WALKING EASY

LEADER: Lynn Ratcliffe
TRANSPORT: Private
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Early evening
MAP REFERENCE: Cathedral Range (Vic Mountain
Tramping Club)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 - 12 km

Join us for a barbecue lunch at Cooks Mill 11.00 a.m. to
1.00 p.m. Saturday September 19th.

A leisurely uphill walk from Cooks Mill via the Jawbones to the
Farmyard campsite (a delightful idyllic spot). As the walk is
short, there is plenty of time to take your time. Good for those
who want to give overnight camping-out a go. Bring goodies to eat
and drink (wine in plastic container). Children welcome, but
adults must be responsible for offspring.

Sunday. Stroll along the Razorback, south toward Sugarloaf.
Back to camp for lunch. The home-trail is all down hill. Water is
available at campsite. I will try to organise transport for anyone
without it.

Directions Walk starts at Cooks Mill 1.00 p.m. Saturday Sept. 19th.
Turn off Maroonda Highway (approx. 10½ km) north of Buxton.
The road is Cathedral Lane (the last time I was there the sign-
post was missing). Keep a sharp eye for turn-off. It is near
Chapel Hill which is the end of the Cathedral Range.

September 23-27 GRAMPPIANS: UNNAMED CLIFF - THE STACK - CAVE OF GHOSTS MEDIUM

LEADER: Tyrone Thomas
TRANSPORT: Private
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Horsham 1:10 000 Nat. Map.
Grampians 1:100 000 Nat. Map.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??

This walk includes Show Day and the Friday following to create
a long weekend trip. Why not take a day off work and explore
the northern Grampians. I am to lead the trip to many windblown
caverns, rock stacks, tremendous cliffs frequented by rock climbers,
and waterfalls. It will be the peak of the wildflower time.
Scrub bashing will be required at many points but the scrub areas
are not thick and indeed most areas without tracks include much
walking on bare rock. Water will be plentiful.

Distance each day will be limited to less than normal for the club
to compensate for the scrub and to permit real appreciation of the
many features. Each day will be in roughly the same district and
we will change camp midway through the trip but there will be no
need to carry overnight packs at all.

SNOW CAMPING AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKI EQUIPMENT

DATE: MONDAY 17th August
 TIME: 7.30 p.m.
 VENUE: Clubroom

This talk has been organised primarily for those intending to intending to attend the "snow camping for beginners" weekend. However, anyone wishing to pick up some handy hints on snowcamping including comments on the performance of various types of tents, sleeping bags, skies etc. is most welcome. A similar talk was given last year and was most informative.

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COMMITTEE NOTES 3rd AUGUST

- Treasurer: June bank balance \$6592.26
 July bank balance \$7675.99
 Accounts totalling \$1379.35 were passed for payment
 (Baxter vans \$632.80, Emu Bottom dinner \$450)
- Walks Secretary: June figures - 121 members and 55 visitors
 comprising of 155 daywalkers and 21 weekend
 walkers, total 176 persons. Profit for month \$189.10
- Membership: Total of 396 (compared with 413 at the end of Jan.1981)
- Social Secretary: 31 people attended the mid year dinner at Emu
 Bottom - club lost \$79.50 on the dinner due to booking
 for 50 and losing the deposits for the non-attenders.
- Wilky: Letter sent to the National Parks Authority seeking a
 7 year lease on the Wilky site in the new Bogong
 National Park.
- Club Phone Contacts: Libby and Jim Marsden have kindly agreed to
 act as Club contacts during the absence of the Filsons
 overseas. This will take effect from the issue of the
 Yellow Pages phone book in about November. They will
 also become No. 3 contact on our contact list.
- Duty Roster:
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| August 12 | Art Terry and Peter Bullard |
| August 19 | Joan Locke and Rob Ayre |
| August 26 | Caroline Strickland and Alan Kitchener |
| September 2 | Prue Hardiman and Rod Mattingley |
| September 9 | Marijke Mascas and Geoff Law. |

Next Committee meeting September 7

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MID YEAR DINNER A SUCCESS

Those who didn't go to the mid year dinner at Emu Bottom should now kick themselves severely. Despite worries about it being "too far" and "too expensive", it turned out to be one of the best nights out the Club has had.

An excellent meal, with plenty of food and wine, good music from "Subbsy Die", and dancing in the old woolshed (complete with resident possums), all combined to make a very enjoyable evening for the 30 people who did go.

Thanks to Les for the initial organisation; thanks also to Joan Locke for helping out in Les' absence

Geoff Mattingley.

WALK - 1982

This is your last chance to submit an article for "Walk 1982". We still need track-notes and book reviews.....

And PHOTO'S ----- meaning either color slides or black and white prints.....

of almost ANYTHING! ---- in particular trees, frost, mist, the moon, rivers, streams, creeks, hills, high plains, flowers, leaves, branches, stones, anything, rocks, scrub, clouds, shadows, reflections, or ANYTHING!

Just pick out the best slides you have taken over the past 10 years or so ---- even if it is only one or two!!

See me in the clubroom with any contributions. Remember! - If your contribution is published you will get a FREE copy of "Walk 1982"! (Just what you always wanted)

Geoff Law

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MEMBERSHIP LIST

A gradual change over of the way in which your "News" will be addressed:-

Rather than continuing with the unnecessary duplication of having both a membership and a mailing list, these will be combined in the future. This means that your "News" will be addressed to you using your given name instead of your title and initial. I hope that this arrangement is acceptable to everyone.

Sandra Mutimer.

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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKER NAMED ON THE SOCIAL PAGES OF THE SPECIAL ROYAL WEDDING EDITION OF THE WOMEN'S WEEKLY:

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PRIVATE TRANSPORT

On the issue of private transport trips, I toss this suggestion into the ring. For such occasions the Walks Secretary states in the Program what would have been the van or bus fare. This is then the amount each passenger pays the driver. I offer these reasons:-

Passengers pay no. more than if it had been a van or bus trip.

The passenger has a better ride - smoother, quicker, warmer.

It is more convenient - meal and toilet breaks concern a smaller number - often the passenger would have far less travelling to the pick-up point - a further saving in time and money.

Taking one's car can be an expensive business. On one trip an almost new tyre was punctured, necessitating a new one costing more than the money received from the passengers.

On another occasion, both sides of the car, less than a year old at the time, were scratched as we were required to drive down a road which had luxuriant shrubs bordering it.

And what will be the position for the unlucky owner whose windscreen is smashed?

*When all amounts concerning the owning and running of the car are considered, a return trip to Wilky can cost the driver over \$160.00

Perhaps this formula is not the right one. I will be pleased to hear of one which is simple and fair to both driver and passenger.

Graeme Laidlaw

* Ref. R.A.C.V. "Royalauto", May '81 Ppp 4-5

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EARLY DEPARTURES OF VAN TRIPS

Responding to Ken's call for some discussion on his suggestion for an 8 a.m. start for some of the more distant venues.

People are either owls or fowls and speaking as one of the owls I am somewhat alarmed by this suggestion.

The case against an 8.00 a.m. start in my opinion consists of:-

Those travelling by train would miss out because the trains reach Flinders Street Station well after 8.00 a.m.

As Saturday night is often given over to social activities - parties, booze-ups etc, in my case by the neighbors, a late night is inevitable. Then to rise at 6.00 a.m. so prepare for an 8.00 a.m. start to a long walk makes for a very long day and is straining the friendship.

As the lack of daylight only really affects three months of the year, possibly those longer walks could be programmed for the longer days

In the past many walks have finished after dark - some unscheduled I will admit. However where a walk finishes on a fire access track or a country lane and the always welcome sight of the van is heralded by glowing tail lights, I see no problems.

So up with the owls and down with the fowls and let sleeping dogs, or in this case owls, lie.

Jim Hedstrom.

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"T H E N E W S"

A short insight on the organisation and sometimes difficulties in the production of the monthly newsletter.

As soon as the last Newsletter is published, collecting of materials for the next one commences. People are invited to drop articles in the "Red Box in the Clubroom, or post to the News Convenor.

The membership secretary, Sandra Mutimer sorts out new members and alterations to the membership list. This information is than past on to me and also to Ken Briscoe who alters the computer program accordingly, so that the list is up to date. He then sends the stick-on labels to Gwenda and Barry Short, who print "News".

The Social Secretary, Les Kriesfeld types out his own social page, a big help for the convenor.

The Wednesday after Committee meeting (Usually the 1st Wednesday of each month) is closing date for the following "News". Typing of News, depending on how much copy has been received can take 2 evenings or one or more days of the following week-end. Walk reports have to be checked against the program to make sure they are all in. Some articles will need slight alterations in spelling and sentence structure before it is typed. Graham Mascas then does the proof reading (or sometimes one of the children) to find typing errors. He then helps by taking the stencils to Barry on the Monday.

Barry prints "News" on Monday and Tuesday evenings. He will have organised a group of volunteers to do the collating, stapling and sticking on of labels.

On Wednesday Barry then takes the bundle to the Post Office and members should receive their copy of News on Thursday.

You as a member can help a lot by:-

*Writing articles CLEARLY, deciphering of some scrappy bits of paper is sometimes difficult.

*Making sure that Walk Reports are in by the closing date.

*Giving Sandra alterations to addresses and phone numbers as soon as possible.

*Ringling Barry or Gwenda Short at 870 6830 - Bayswater North. to offer help collating News. On a roster system you may be called on only once or twice a year. The longer the list the less frequent you are needed. It is quite a social evening catching up on bits of gossip with Gwenda supplying cups of coffee and goodies.

Marijke Mascas,
News Convenor.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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CHANGE OF INFORMATION - From late August to early October I will not be in the Clubroom so could you please hand this on to the Coomittee person on duty or send a note C/ the Clubroom.

Thank you, Sandra Mutimer

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Closing date for next News September 9th. Post your articles in the Red Box in the clubroom or to Marijke Mascas, 12 Hillcrest Road, Glen Iris, 3146.