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be possible to go swimming if you are prepared to brave surf which can be very dangerous or rock pools with sharp edged rocks. Bring water for lunch. Note My telephone number is now 4594429.

MAY 15 EAST MELBOURNE WALKABOUT DEAD EASY
(SAT.)

LEADER: The Social Sec.
TRANSPORT: By foot. Meeting under the clocks Flinders St. Station at 2 p.m.
TIME OF RETURN: 5.30 p.m.

We will be following the notes contained in W.H. Burchetts guide East Melbourne Walkabout. This route will take in Wellington Parade South and the Fitzroy Gardens where we will have afternoon tea at the kiosk. For further details ring Athol Schafer 2112649.

MAY 16 YOU YANGS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Meredith 1" = 1 mile.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km.

A pleasant and interesting traverse of the range from North to South following the ridge which has a few ups & downs, good views of the surrounding plains with plenty of fresh air. After descending from Flinders Peak we will follow along the base of the range for several miles; this section has a wide variety of native trees and shrubs which attract a great variety of birdlife.

MAY 23(1) KINGLAKE - JEFOSOPHAT VALLEY - MT.EVERARD - YARRA GLEN
EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Ross Hoskin
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Yarra Glen 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 19 km.

This walk offers a variety of countryside in a most picturesque area close to Melbourne. The walk would be much too short by finishing at Steeles Creek, so we now have the bonus of a steep 300 metres climb up Mt. Everard and a delightful ridge walk down towards Yarra Glen.

Please carry water and be prepared for bad weather.

MAY 23(2) KINGLAKE - YARRA RIDGE - YARRA GLEN MEDIUM

LEADER: Prue Hardiman
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9 a.m.

For further details of this walk see leader in clubrooms.

MAY 30 MT. DISAPPOINTMENT STATE FOREST MEDIUM

LEADER: Otto Christiansen
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.00 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
MAP REFERENDE: Kinglake 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 km.

This is a pleasant walk through the Mt.Disappointment State Forest mainly on tracks and with a few gentle ups and downs. Bring water for lunch.

SEARCH & RESCUE PRACTICE AT CATHEDRAL RANGE

After leaving Batman Ave. just after 7 p.m. Friday night we drove out towards Lilydale picking up various people along the way but we almost left some at Ringwood Police Station as everyone had forgotten about it. We camped at Ned's Gully campsite near Cathedral Range for the weekend.

Saturday morning we were divided into five groups and given the general details of the couple we were to look for. A short time later the two police arrived, one with the radios which each group had and he stayed as base radio. The other one joined us in the search practice. By about 9.30 a.m. we were all on our way in various parts of the Cathedral Range doing a feature search.

Just over an hour later my group found the couple putting up their tent so we radioed in that we found the tent but could not say anything about them as we caught them too early and had to let them get away. We quickly did a search in the nearby area but with no luck. After lunch all the other groups had joined us at the tent site, and we all started doing line searches of all the nearby ridges and gullies. About 4.30 p.m. the couple were found on the S.E. slopes of Neds Peak where the man had a broken right leg and left arm and the woman had a twisted ankle so after making them comfortable decided to stay out overnight. (group that found them.)

Just as our lost couple was found a genuine rescue came over the radio that a girl near the Jawbones had a badly twisted ankle and a badly cut jaw, so one of the other groups went over there to carry her out.

Sunday morning at about 7.30 a.m. we left camp and headed back up to where the injured couple were found. We then proceeded to make a bush stretcher while the other stretcher was a folding carryable model that one of the chaps had made himself.

We carried both stretchers with patients of course for about a mile, where we dismantled the bush stretcher and carried on with the other one down a very steep loose slope where we used a safety line on the stretcher. It took us about 2½ hrs. from where we found the couple to get them back to camp.

Just on arriving at camp the patient was thought to be thirsty so he was put in the creek whilst still attached to the stretcher, also while still in the creek we turned it upside down with patient to make sure it was all made securely.

I would like to thank all those who made it a very good learning and enjoyable weekend, especially John and Val Milligan, Merv Triese and John Retchford.

Peter Bullard.

COMMITTEE NOTES - APRIL 5th, 1982

Treasurer: Bank Balance \$6,651.50. Accounts totalling \$1,992.04 were passed for payment (Wilky \$458.14; vans \$668; Rent of Clubrooms \$850)

Walks Secretary: February figures - 172 people on walks - 120 members, 52 visitors. 149 day walkers and 23 w/enders.

Membership: now stands at 139.

Wilky: Fee rise was discussed and passed - now \$2.00 per night (\$3.00 for non-members) A lot of money - in excess of \$1,000 - has been spent on upgrading the lodge in the past few months - new windows, new shower, much painting new floor in passage etc.

Clubrooms: We have finally got an agreement in writing from Bushgear re our lease of the clubroom - it has been signed by the club and will be countersigned by Bushgear.

Next Committee Meeting: 3rd May, 1982 at 1900.

Duty Roster: 14/4/82 Phil Larkin, Neil Priestly
21/4/82 Alan Kitchener, Gail Pearson
28/4/82 Mick Mann, Bob Steel
5/5/82 Phil Larkin, Glenn Sanders

A WORD FROM THE NEW WALKS SECRETARY

I take on this post with a certain amount of trepidation, knowing that for the past 2 years it has been handled so efficiently by Ken. I will endeavour to maintain that standard with a bit of help from Ken & others.

I'm very approachable so anyone who has ideas for walks or who would like to lead a walk, whether or not you've led one before, please don't hesitate to either see me in the clubrooms or ring me anytime on 8746641. If I'm not in, my friendly answering machine will take a message. The number 99 listed in the past membership list is no longer used.

Jopie Bodegraven.

A.S. COLUMN *****

An entertainer rejoicing in the name of Rick E. Vengeance is to be featured at the Bush Music Club's next venue to which the Melb. Bushwalkers have been invited. It's on Friday, 23rd April at 8p.m. in the Curtin Centre, in garden corner of Rathdowne and Newry Sts., Carlton. Admission is \$2. Supper provided.

Those unable to help in the Mt. Feathertop track clearing may be interested in a bush dance at the Britannia Creek hall on Saturday night, the 24th April. The Walking Club of Victoria are organising the dance and have invited us to join in. Those staying overnight should arrive about 3 p.m. so as to set up camp, and a short walk before tea and evening's program. I will be calling. There is a \$5 charge to cover costs. Further details from Lynn Drake.

One way to fill in those long wintry Saturday afternoons is to join in our proposed historical rambles. The first is taken from W.H. Burchetts Guide - East Melbourne Walkabout and will take place on 15th May, starting at 2 p.m. Although these walks are non-qualifying being merely social, they will be listed on the program and previewed in "NEWS".

A.S. COLUMN (cont.) *****

THEATRE NIGHT Please keep Tuesday evening 22nd June free, when we will be going to "The Man from Snowy River" showing at Hoyts Mid-City Cinema, 200 Bourke St., tickets will be available in mid-May and will cost \$4.50 each, \$1.50 under the regular price.

SPRING & SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME

I will be drawing up the Spring & Summer Walks Programmes at a planning meeting in early/mid May. If anyone has ideas for walks, or would like to attend the planning meeting, please let me know.

Jopie Bodegraven.
(tel. 874 6641)

WILKINSON LODGE

Committee agreed to increase Wilky fees from 1st May 1982 to \$2.00 per night for members and to \$3 per night for non-members.

This increase is to help pay for the work done recently i.e. new floor in the passage, new shower, paint, new windows, etc.

Winter parties are reminded that they should get themselves organised and get their food and briquettes up before the middle of May, All food and anything else like spare clothing must all be fitted in the lockers provided. No separate boxes or tins will be permitted. Ten packets of briquettes per week should be provided.

As in previous years, a locker fee of \$4.00 each will be charged.

Rod Mattingley.

F.V.W.C. NOTICE

Nominations are required for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in nominating for these positions, please contact either Keith White or Allan Kitchener.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Elsebeth Hansen on her marriage to Len Murray on the 6th March, 1982.

WALK 83

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Well, it looks like I'm editor of Walkd this year, subject to ratification at a general meeting (come aalong and vote against me - please!) I must say the process was rather painless and it will not be necessary for Amnesty International to investigate the methods of 'persuasion' used by Ken, Bob and others.

So I need helo, in two ways. First, anyone with literary and/or publication and editorial experience is hereby invited to join the unofficial and assist the editor committee. We also need an advertising manager and a business manager.

Secondly, we need articles, track notes and photographs. All successful contributors get a free copy of Walk 83. Now is your chance for fame and fortune. I am willing (indeed I may insist) to assist you with spelling, punctuation and grammar, not to mention story, plot and style, so do not be hesitant, crank your old type-writer into action and jot down some of those marvellous stories I have heard around the campfire over the last few years.

Please hand all contributions in at the clubrooms or post them to me at P.O. Box 36, Parkville, Vic. 3052. If you want to talk first, see me in the clubrooms or phone me on 329 9163 (home) or 347 0464(B).

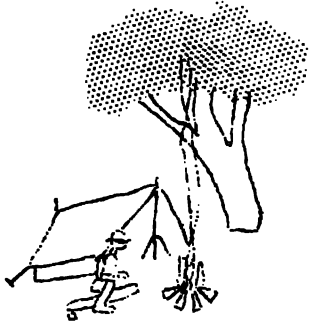
Glen Sanders.

THE FRANKLIN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Having recently completed a rafting trip down the beautiful Franklin River in Tasmania, I now know first hand what will be lost if it is flooded. It is an absolutely irreplaceable and priceless national treasure, to be enjoyed by present and future generations via personal trips, books, films, photos, memories, etc. The thought that it could be destroyed for a meager 180 MW of power (compare that to 4,000 MW for Loy Yang) by a scheme which many claim to be grossly uneconomic and serving mainly to keep the HEC alive and powerful for a few more years, I find both incredible and distressful. The Tasmanian Wildersess Society is fighting to save the Franklin both on the State and more importantly now on the federal level. They need all the support they can get. You can help by becoming a member and you will receive the excellent Wilderness Journal 4 times a year and the regular newsletter to keep you informed of developments. To join send \$15 to -

Tasmanian Wilderness Society,
129 Bathurst St.,
Hobart, 7000 Tasmania.

Jopie Bodegraven.



A LONG THE TRACK

On Monday morning as I look at my scratched and battered legs and nurse my blistered feet, I wonder about the most memorable facet of the walks to the northern section of Wilsons Prom.

You might suggest any one of the following :-

- contemplation about which was really the hard walk.
- the horizontal bush bash.
- the beautiful Hakea bushes which are thorny and ever ready to hack soft skin to pieces.
- the stunning finish of the racehorses after their 40K stint in one day.
- staggering in to Sat. night's camp by torchlight.
- swimming in the gentle waves at a gloriously deserted beach.
- diving off the boat into cool clear water.

All of these things, and more, are of no doubt, significant, but what struck me most was the caring and sharing attitudes of the club members.

It was a stinking hot weekend, walking 40K with the unrelenting sun beating down on a landscape providing little shade.

Water had to be carried as the streams are not reliable.

After reaching my campsite tired and 'beat', Marilyn produced a 4 litre cask filled with water, which she had carried for 20K. She said, "Here's some water for everyone." My mouth hung open. I thought, how could she carry it, and, what a wonderful gesture.

Ken almost burst his boiler racing to and fro in the endeavour to find "the track". He risked his neck climbing a tall Banksia, ending up tired and frazzled and with a much torn shirt. Thanks Ken.

Bob made a special effort to make sure that all of his party made it to the campsite.

At Chinamen's Creek Peter had brewed a very welcoming cup of tea for our party, as we arrived. It certainly went down well, along with the cups of cold water over the head.

The caring and sharing that I speak of, didn't just happen on the last walk; it happens all the time. I reckon that this is one of the many attributes which makes the Melbourne Bushies a great club. Keep up the good work everyone.

Lynn Ratcliffe.

A PARTY FOR REX & SUE FILSON

(who are going overseas for some time)

When - Saturday 22nd May at 6.30 p.m.

Where - At Barry & Gwenda Shorts home at 11 Wingate Ave.,
North Bayswater.

What to bring - Its a BBQ so bring your own meat and drink & glass.

Please ring us on 870 6830 if you are coming.

**** WANTED ****

A person to share house in Carnegie close to transport, shops, etc.

Contact - Peter Bullard, Work 568 3466 Home c/- 509 8359

HOUSE TO SHARE **

I'm looking for another girl to share an oldstyle 2 bedroomed house in Richmond - from the end of April.

Must be a non-smoker with a happy disposition.

Bedroom furniture is available if desired. Close to all amenities (transport, shops, library).

Rent \$35 per week plus share bills. Off-street parking.

Please phone Hilary on 428 4602, 6-7 p.m. weeknights.

WANTED - PRE LOVED

- 1. Ice Axe
- 2. Choofer

in good condition. Please contact Keith Lowe 551 1763 A.H.

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