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## FRANKLIN RIVER PUBLIC MEETING

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2 p.m. Sunday, August 22nd

Camberwell Civic Centre, 340 Camberwell Rd., Camberwell

SPEAKERS: Bob Brown, Director, T.W.S.

Tasmanian Premier Robin Gray invited

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Hopefully to be arranged films  
re Weather

8/9/82

Talk on Weather given by a chap  
from the Weather Bureau.

Correspondence should be directed to :-

The Secretary,  
Melbourne Bushwalkers,  
Box 1751Q, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE. 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 377 Little Bourke Street, entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night between 7 and 9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

## SEPTEMBER - WALK PREVIEWS

### DAY WALKS

SEPT. 4 HISTORICAL WALK - HAWTHORN EASY  
(SAT.)

LEADER: Athol Schafer  
TRANSPORT: Tram from Flinders St.  
TIME: Meet under the Clocks at 2 p.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Return to city about 5 p.m.  
APPROX. DISTANCE: 4 km.

The walk commences at Hawthorn Bridge and finishes near Glenferrie Station.

Following the notes contained in the guide book "Melbourne On Foot", this walk will take us through a 19th century suburban haven for the middleclasses. We will also obtain some views clearly showing the social frontier which Melbourne constructed between the salubrious slopes of Kew, Hawthorn and Toorak and the crowded industrial river flats of Richmond and Collingwood.

To get the most out of these walks I recommend those participating get a copy of the guide book - obtainable at city book shops.

SEPT. 5 SEVEN ACRE ROCK-MT.BEENAK-THREE BRIDGES EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Hugh Duncan  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman ave., 9 a.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Neerim & Gembrook 1:50,000  
APPROX. DISTANCE: 18 km.

This is a fairly long walk, but it is all on tracks, and there is not too much climbing. We will start just out of Powelltown on the Noojee road, and climb gradually up to Seven Acre Rock for lunch with a view. The rest of the walk follows a ridge to Mt. Beenak (more views), and then steeply down to the van at Three Bridges. Bring water for lunch.

SEPT. 12 JUNCTION HILL-YEA SPUR-MT.MARIANNE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Graham Hodgson  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.  
MAP REF.; Yea 1:50,000  
APPROX. DISTANCE: 18 km

This trip covers one of the most scenic areas around Yea: From Junction Hill we travel along the summit of the Yea spur which allows magnificent views to Mt. Buller in the East and also across to Mt. Tallarook. I promise there will not be too many fences. Remember to bring water for lunch,

DAY WALKS (CONT.)

SEPT. 19    YOU YANGS    EASY

LEADER: STUART HODGSON  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.

For details of this walk see leader in clubrooms

SEPT. 23    YARRA VALLEY MYSTERY WALK    EASY  
 (THURS.)

LEADER: Art Terry  
 TRANSPORT: Train from Princess Bridge 9.19 a.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6 p.m.  
 MAP REF: Broadbents or Melways  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 km.

A pleasant stroll along the Yarra River with a couple of parks and a golf links thrown in for good measure, should be a number of wattles in bloom by then, The walk commences at Darebin railway station and finishes in Heidelberg so if you live out in that neck of the woods meet the 9.19 a.m. train from the city - arrives Darebin at 9.35 a.m. Darebin is on the Heidelberg-Hurstbridge line. A return ticket to Darebin (Zone 1) is required.

SEPT. 24    RED ROCK-NORTH VICTORIA RANGE-VICTORIA GAP. MED/HARD  
 (FRI)

LEADER: Jodie Bodegraven  
 TRANSPORT: Private (co-incides with weekend trip)  
 MAP REF. Grampians 1: 100,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 10 km.

Want a warm up walk before Joan's easies or Spencer's mediums at Brim Creek? Feel like some spectacular views from rocky intricate crags and cliffline. Of course you don't mind a little scrub in between rocks do you? Well then, this walk is for you provided you can get the Friday off. This area is the Grampians at its finest, rocky & spectacular. Bring long trousers.

SEPT. 26    BRISBANE RANGES-NORTH END    EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Marijke Mascas  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.

For further details of this walk see leader in clubrooms.

WEEKEND WALKS

SEPT.3-5    MT.WOMBAT-SEVEN CREEKS GORGE    EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Keith White  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6 p.m.  
 MAP REF: Euroa 1:100,000  
 APPROX. DIST: 30 km

This should be a relaxing walk following along the Seven Creeks Gorge then across forested rocky ridges overlooking open grazing land in the Strathbogie Ranges.

As the distance from Melbourne is only 160 kms. or approx. a 2½hr. comfortable drive, I plan at this stage, to start the walk around 9.30 on Saturday morning.

I am hopeful of seeing a variety of wildflowers at this time of the year.

WEEKEND WALKS (cont)SEPT.10-12 FEDERATION WEEKEND-BASE CAMP-ANGAHOOK FOREST PARK EASY

LEADER: Athol Schafer

TRANSPORT: Private

The Federation Weekend is being organised by the Melbourne Walking Club. They have booked the Ukranian Youth Centre "Sokil" near Angahook Forest Park and Otway Forest to give a site with toilet facilities, hall, etc. Starters are free to laze about the area or take part in half day walks on Saturday and Sunday and/or a full day walk on the Sunday. The hall is large and suitable for evening entertainment and disorganised chatter.

The program of walks will commence at 1 p.m. on Saturday but members of the Melbourne Walking Club will be present from early Saturday morning to welcome visitors.

The campsite is found by travelling through Geelong on the Princes Highway to the 90 km (from Melbourne) post, 14 km from Geelong. Turn left along the Cape Otway Road for 19 km. Turn left (south) along the Wensleydale Station Rd., opposite the Wurdiboluc Reservoir. DO NOT turn left along Gum Flat Rd. (6.5 km from Cape Otway Rd.) but continue straight ahead along Breakfast Creek Rd. This swings left in approx.x.5 km (Hammond Rd. leads off to the right). Continue 3.7 km along Breakfast Creek Road from Hammond Rd., cross the bridge and watch out for camp entrance on left.

A charge of \$2 per head is necessary to meet hiring costs. Any questions about the weekend can be directed to Tom Wallace (25-3774) or Len Jacobs (475-0045).

SEPT.17-19 BUS TRIP-PORT CAMPBELL AREA(1) TWELVE APOSTLES-PORT CAMPBELL-PETERBOROUGH EASY

LEADER: Phil Larkin

TRANSPORT: Bus from Batman Ave., 6.30 p.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.

MAP REF: 1:100,000 Princetown, Port Campbell Nat.Map.

APPROX. DIST.: 20 km

This walk offers you some of Victoria's most spectacular and rugged coast line to be found any where in Australia. The rugged scenery of Port Campbell National Park is famous throughout Australia. The best known features are London Bridge, The Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and The Arch, but these are just some of the many unusual natural sculptures which the sea has created from the soft limestone cliffs. Also the rugged coast is the graveyard of many shipwrecks.

Friday night's camp is with Jean Giese group. Then on Saturday morning a short bus trip to the Twelve Apostles for the beginning of the walk, for a liesurely stroll along the coast. To finish the first day's walk at Port Campbell, meeting with Jean's group again for Saturday night. On Sunday morning we set off, for Peterborough and Bay of Islands exploring the coastline with its many features, and at London Bridge a visit, to a colony of Fairy Penguins.

For the two days you need to bring along fresh water . Also bring along your cameras for some spectacular photographs.

WEEKEND WALKS(cont.)SEPT.17-19(2) PRINCETOWN-PORT CAMPBELL-PETERBOROUGH MEDIUM

LEADER: Jean Giese  
 TRANSPORT: Bus batman Ave., 6.30 p.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.  
 MAP REF: Pt.Campbell 1:100,000 Princetown 1:100,000  
 APPROX.DIST.: 30 km

Note: Bring container of water for Friday night camp and to fill water bottle for Saturday.

The rugged scenery of the coast around Pt. Campbell is justly famous. The medium walk will be predominately a cliff-top one, exploring the gorges and beach access points along the way between Princetown & Peterborough. Swimming togs optional - coats, gloves, caps essential.

Much of this area is now a National Park and Sat.night camp at Pt. Campbell will cost \$1.30 per head. However for this amount the delights of a hot shower can be enjoyed and we can plug in our electric shavers. We are endeavouring to arrange for a display & audio visual at the information centre to be opened in the evening or early a.m. Fireplaces limited so choofers could be useful. Water will need to be carried for lunch but only in a day pack. The weekend packs will travel sedately by bus. So it sounds like a good weekend eh? Join me.

SEPT.17-19(3) GLENAIRE-MOONLIGHT HEAD MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 6.30 p.m.  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.  
 MAP REF: Aire "B" 2" = 1 ml. Princetown 1:100,000  
 APPROX.DISTANCE: 20-30 km

This coastline has long held a fascinatin for me with names like Castle Cove, Ryan's Den, The Deep Sea, Lion Headland, The Gable, Cat Reef, Nettle Pass and others. It looks rugged & interesting on the map & the section I have seen near Moonlight Head has steep hills coming down to a wild & rocky shore with the odd tiny beach. The bulk of the walk is unpreviewed, so this will be an adventure of exploration. Who knows what geographical gems, or otherwise, we will discover. Rest assured however that there are various ways of shortening the route to meet the bus on time. Be prepared for scrub & rock scrambling & bring water for Friday night's camp.

SEPT.22-26 SKI TOURING-SNOWY MOUNTAINS MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Graeme Thornton  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 10-11 p.m. Sunday  
 MAP REF: N.S.W., C.M.A. Mt.Kosciusko 1:50,000 8525 II & III  
 Thredbo 1:50,000 8524 I & IV  
 APPROX. DIST: 20 km with packs & day trips

Assuming there is snow this year we will camp somewhere between the Ramshead's and Mt.Townsend, probably near Albina. Wednesday night will be at Geehi Flats or Tom Groggin. Thursday morning up the Thredbo chairlift to camp. Day trips will be made to Kosciusko, Wilkinsons Valley, Townsend/Alice Rawson and along the main range to Mt.Twynam via Club and Blue Lakes. Detours to the Charlottes Pass Chalet cannot be guaranteed. Be prepared for bad weather but also the GWJ phenomena (sorry, effect) may apply.

WEEKEND WALKS (CONT.)SEPT. 24-26

(1)

GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP-BRIM CREEKEASYLEADER: Jean MacMahonTRANSPORT: PrivateEXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: As you likeMAP REF: The Grampians (Forests Commission)APPROX. DISTANCE: NOT FAR

Come on a springtime base camp in the grampians. The scenery, the flowers and yes, even the weather is going to be excellent. We'll be camping at the Brim Creek Camping area (access via Zumstein's)

The emphasis will be on identification of wildflowers (which should be at their peak) so bring any suitable reference works. These include (1) An Introduction to The Grampians Flora by Rodger Elliot., (2) Flowers and Plants of Victoria and Tasmania by Cochran et al, (3) Native Trees and Shrubs of South-Eastern Australia by Leon Costermans.

For those not so botanically inclined Ken will be leading more strenuous day walks to various features of the area (such as the Asses Ears). Beginners, both to bushcamping and to wildflower identification will be most welcome.

SEPT. 24-26 GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP-BRIM CREEKMEDIUM

(2)

LEADER: Spencer GeorgeTRANSPORT: PrivateEXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.APPROX. DIST: 25 km

Our camp will be on the western edge of The Grampians Forest. Bring lots of interesting foods, comfortable chairs and a large container of water. It is spring time so the ground will be covered with many colourful flowers as we climb the sandstone cliffs near the campsite. If you like strenuous walking during the day and a comfortable camp at night then this is the trip for you.

XMAS TRIPSDEC. 26-LILONG/RAFTING-SNOWY RIVEREASYJAN. 2LEADER: Bob DouglasTRANSPORT: Private

Last New Year, after a liloing trip through the Tulach Ard Gorge I decided to return to the Snowy and do a trin starting either at Willis on the NSW/Vic border or at McKillop's Bridge and finishing at the bottom end of Tulach Ard. Here are some details for those thinking about coming :-

- rafts will be used by people practising for a Franklin River trip in February 1983.
- lilos are faster than rafts - being easier to manoeuvre through rapids.
- the river is quite warm and no protective clothing is needed (except from any rain or wind).
- the rafters will be able to carry extra supplies for the liloers.
- a fairly long car shuffle will be required.

Because little physical exertion is involved, the overall standard of the trip would be EASY.

NEW ZEALAND WALKABOUT

Mid January-Mid February 1983.

Intinerary samples the Glacial and permanent snow covered areas in the South Island including the Routeburn Track to the volcanic areas of Mt. Egmont and the Tongariro National Park in the North Island.

Limited number of vacancies available - for further details contact Neil Priestley in the Clubrooms or ph (H) 861 7375 (B) 380 3247.

The Bushwalkers Mastermind held recently was an enjoyable success. Contestants were Bob Steel, Graham Willis-John, Alan Kitchener, Jopie Bodegraven, Hugh Duncan and Bob Douglas. Stuart Hodgson rigged up the electronic buzzer system which unfortunately found the cold too much to cope with and faded. Bob Douglas was winner by 2 points and scored for himself a \$10.00 gift voucher from Bushgear.

One question which caught a wellknown member out was ....

Q. After passing Mt. Mueller we round the corner in the Snowy Mts. and a beautiful lake lies reflecting the sky below our feet. What is the name of the lake?

Answer given Lake Albacutya - wrong area of Vic. Bob.

Many thanks to the organizers.

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Follow up to above ---

The map room staff of the Royal Geographic Society have had to try to answer these questions (among others).

1. Why is the British Empire red?
2. Where is the nearest island with three palm trees?
3. In planning to cross the Sahara what colour should we paint our 4 WD?
4. What is the latitude of the distance between two points?
5. I am a solicitor. At 5 o'clock one afternoon I reversed my car at 40 m.p.h. over the brow of a hill and struck another vehicle travelling forwards at 55 m.p.h. The brightness of the sun impaired by rear view. Was the sunlight shining in that direction at that time?

Now we know where Athol found some <sup>/of</sup> his questions for Mastermind.

A small prize (edible) is offered for the best answers to these questions (received for the next issue of news) found in Geographical Magazine, Jan. 1981.

Graeme Laidlaw

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'Twas overheard whilst having a cup of coffee by a lady member, why don't we wear fur coats while skiing. !!!!

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COMMITTEE NOTES :: 2nd August, 1982

Treasurer - Bank Balance \$7,324.68

Bills totalling \$665 passed for payment.

Walks Secretary - June figures - total of 169 walkers, comprising 113 day walkers, 56 weekenders; 135 members and 44 visitors. Loss of \$57 on vans.

Duty Roster - 11th August Elaine Collins/Mick Mann  
 18th August Neil Priestley/Geoff Mattingley  
 25th August Phil Larkin/Keith White  
 1st Sept. Alan Kitchener/Rod Mattingley  
 8th Sept. Robyn Haby/Gail Pearson

Next Committee Meeting - 6th September, 1982.

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FEDERATION NEWS ::::

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs is the umbrella organisation representing Victorian walkers. It has input to State & Federal Government and semi-government bodies and is our voice to these and other organisations.

For personal reason the Federation's Treasurer has had to resign and we are looking for someone to fill this important job. If you have some time available and would like some details of the job, contact Allan Kitchener or Athol Schafer. Our phone numbers are 578-3942 or 211-2641.

The Federation has been asked to brief the consultants who will be doing the leg work for the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Walk. This walk will re-trace the route taken by Hume & Hovell in 1824 who travelled from the N.S.W. border down to Corio Bay. This commemorative Walk could lead to the establishment of a long range walking track in the future. The Federation will be responsible for laying the parameters of the consultant's brief and will thus have great influence on the final route, and timing.

At long last the Victorian Surveyor-General's office is making a determined effort to update the Bogong High Plains 1:25,000 map. If you have any complaints or corrections to be made, contact John Hutchison, c/- V.M.T.C., P.O. Box 1340L, G.P.O., Melbourne. 3001.

A camping conference will be held on weekend of 8/10/82, 9/10/82 & 10/10/82. This will draw together Government organisations, sporting bodies, private organisations (e.g. the Caravan Park Owners Association) and others to discuss camping in Australia. For example if you feel that the design of commercial camping grounds usually ignores tent camper's needs and is, in any case, pretty awful, decide to come along and make your voice heard. Contact Ken McInnes (870-2541 A.H.) for details.

On the 11th and 12th September, The Federation weekend will be held near Angahook National Park (near Lorne, for those who didn't know) A programme of day walks and ½ day walks is being organised by the M.A.W.T.C. (Melbourne Amateur Walking & Touring Club) See News (earlier this issue) for more details, Folks.

Allan Kitchener

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a WELCOME to the following new Members :

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My apologies to Phil Larkin who due to faulty membership work by myself was overlooked on the membership listing.

If any other members (financial) are also in this category would you please contact me.

Les Kriesfeld (Membership Sec.)

#### ALSO

If the only way you're getting 'NEWS' is via the clubrooms, don't complain to others, complain to me. I'm being hassled because people are complaining that they haven't received the last three or four issues. How am I to know if YOU don't tell ME.

#### WANTED

"1/2" pairs of skis.

If anyone has any half pairs (or full pairs for that matter) of the following skis I would be interested in negotiating purchase to complete my growing complementary set(s).

1. Trak Nordic Tour - 200 c.m.
2. Trak Touring 2000 - 200 cm.
3. Rossignol Caribou AR - 203 cm. (red or grey model).

Contact - Graeme Thornton 878 0660(H) 541 1222(W)

#### \*\*FOR YOUR DIARY\*\*

Wed. Sept. 1 Films on weather, clubrooms 8 p.m.  
Wed. Sept. 8 Talk on weather, clubrooms 8 p.m.  
Sept. 11/12 Federation Weekend Bas Camp  
Mon. Sept. 13 Sir Edmund Hilary Lecture & Film  
Wed. Oct. 6 Auction of all your unused equipment.  
8/10 Oct. Camping conference - federation - see earlier this news.

NEWS ITEMS can be deposited in Red Box in Clubrooms or posted to 2 Keats St., Elwood. 3184. Deadline for next News 8th September.