



THE NEWS

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Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 377 Lt. Bourke St.,
entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night 7-9 p.m.
Visitors are always welcome.

JANUARY WALK REVIEWS

DAY WALKS

JAN. 9 EMERALD-JOHNS HILL-BELGRAVE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Jim Wilcock
TRANSPORT: Train from Flinders St at 9.22 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6p.m. approx.
MAP REF: Melways Street Directory
APPROX. DIST. 14 km

Walk involves a train trip by Vicrail to Belgrave and thence to Emerald by Puffing Billy, leaving Belgrave at 11.10 a.m. Meet at Flinders Street Clocks by 9.10 a.m. to catch 9.22 a.m. to Belgrave.

Fare - Flinders Street- Belgrave return \$2.60
Belgrave - Emerald \$3.00

On arrival at Emerald we follow the railway line to pick up a walking track as marked on Melways. We then follow the track, back streets and tracks to Menzies Creek, Avaré Picnic Ground, and ridge Road to Johns Hill. Views along the way are first class and the outlook from Johns Hill would be one of the best views in Melbourne. From John Hill it is necessary to continue along Ridge Road which at this stage is through a developed residential area. Eventually we reach Forest Road which gives access to Sherbrooke Forest via a couple of hundred metres of thick scrub bashing. At this stage we do a circuit of Sherbrooke Forest and emerge at the Puffing Billy trestle bridge and then walk along the track back to Belgrave Station.

Note: Puffing Billy does not run on a day of Declared Acute Fire Danger and in th s event it will be necessary to rearrange the walk through Sherbrooke Forest to Fern Tree Gully or Upper Fern Tree Gully railway stations.

JAN. 16 POWLETT RIVER-CAPE PATTERSON-INVERLOCH EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Phil Larkin
VAN FROM BATMAN AVE. - 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 10 p.m.
MAP REF: 1:25,000 Dalyston, Cape Patterson, Inverloch
Nat Map 1.100,000 Wonthaggi, Foster, Nat Map
APPROX. DIST. 20 km

This walk offers you a variety of coastline from magnificent surf beaches to rugged cliff faces. Including spectacular sea life along the rock pools and spectacular sunsets over the ocean seascape for a rewarding end to the days walk. This area has some of Victoria's most beautiful coast line and is an excellent walk for beach covers. So bring along your cameras, lunch and tea and also plenty of drinking water. Don't forget your bathers as there will be plenty of opportunity for swimming on the walk.

THERE IS A QUESTION BEING ASKED AROUND THE CLUBROOMS --

Is there going to be a death march by a certain young lady on this Summer's programme?

DAY WALKS (CONT.)

JAN. 23 NAYOOK-NOOJEE AREA EASY

LEADER: Lynne Muirhead
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9 a.m.
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FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS WALK SEE

JAN. 31 FRANKSTON-CANADIAN BAY-MORNINGTON EASY

LEADER: Athol Schafer
 TRANSPORT: Train from Flinders St. Station
 time - 8.50 a.m. Buy Travel Card 1, 2, 3
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
 MAP REF: Melways
 APPROX. DIST. 15 km

It's on again our traditional Australia Day beach walk. Swimming and cliff scrambling as well. Don't forget hat, sun cream, etc. Newcomers could be surprised.

WEEKEND WALKS

JAN. 14-16 HOWQUA R.-JAMIESON R.-GOULBOURN R. MEDIUM

LEADER: Peter Buchlak
 TRANSPORT: Private

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS WALK SEE FOLLOWING PAGE.

JAN 28-31
 (1) LOWER MOROKA BASE CAMP(EAGLEVALE) EASY

LEADER: Phil Larkin
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REF: 1:100,000 Dargo, Howitt, Natmap: Crooked R.
 Dargo Area V.M.T.C.
 APPROX. DIST. 45 km

This walk has been organized for those who like an easy and relaxing weekend, in the north-eastern high country on the Lower Wonnagatta River. Which is set in magnificent valleys and spectacular mountain country. This area offers a numerous amount of wild life within the high mountain valleys including native birds and deer. Also growing among the vegetation is wild blackberries for your evening dessert.

Over the weekend we will climb up on to the Mt. Cynthia spur for breathtaking views and walk along the river valleys of Wonnagatta, Wongungarra and the Lower Moroka for the energetic walkers. Or just spend the weekend lazing in the sun at the camps. So bring along your bathers and goodies for an enjoyable weekend.

JAN. 28-31 EASY/MEDIUM
 (2) EAGLEVALE-MOROKA RIVER-MT. SHORT-SNOWY BLUFF

LEADER: Marilyn Whimpey
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.30 p.m. Monday 31/1/83
 MAP REF: Howitt 1:100,000
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 20 km

Its going to be a long, hot, dry summer. The only sensible

WEEKEND WALKD (CONT.)

thing to do is to walk along, and in, rivers. This walk starts just below the junction of the Wonnangatta & Moroka Rivers. Saturday we'll walk a short distance from our cars to where the rivers join. We'll do a bit of lying in the sun, a bit of splashing around, a walk up the Wonnangatta, followed by a walk down the Wonnangatta for variety. Late in the afternoon we'll pick up our packs and stroll up the Moroka River to camp in Moroka Glen. Sunday we climb Snowy Bluff with day packs - it will be a long day and water for the whole day will need to be carried. Monday will be another bludge day.

JAN. 28-31MEDIUM/HARD

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CASTLEBURN-BILLY GOAT BLUFF-SNOWY BLUFF-EAGLEVALE

LEADER: Mark Tischler
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REF: Howitt 1:100,000
 APPROX. DIST. 35 km

A walk hopefully with plenty of water views, climbs, cool winds and hot sweaty brows, (hopefully in that order). Covering an interesting area with lots of photographic possibilities and good campsites. Walk on exposed cliffs and alpine area should make this an interesting long weekend.

ANOTHER EXTENDED CHRISTMAS TRIPSNOWY MOUNTAINS, MAIN RIDGEMEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Otto Christiansen
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REF: Mt. Kosciusko 8525 - II & III 1:50,000
 Khancoban 8525 - I & IV 1:100,000

A 7-10 day trip to the Snowy Mountains is being planned; its final form will depend on the interests and walking abilities of the participants and the time available to them. An interesting walk is the following: Geehi-Hannels Spur-Main Range-Gungahra - Jagungal-Kiandra; this walk could be made easier by starting at Dead Horse Gap.

If you are interested please contact me in the club room or on 459 7695.

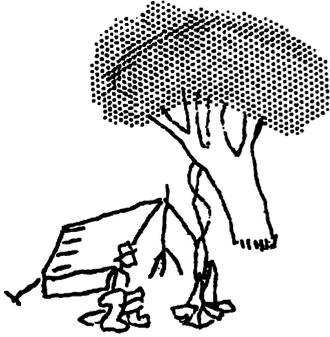
DETAILS RE WALK LED BY PETER BUCHLAK - JAN. 14-16

MAP REF: Mansfield 8123 1:100,000
 DIST.: 35 km

Starting at Howqua inlet this walk will take in the three rivers Howqua, Jamieson & Goulburn. Most of the walking will be along tracks finishing at Jamieson township.

NOTE:: CLUB CONTACTS - During January, club contacts Graham & Sue Errey will be away for a few weeks so enquiries and leaders notification should go to Geoff & Jenny Kenafacke (29 7453) or Jim & Libby Marsden

ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT CLUBROOMS WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1982.



A LONG THE TRACK

X TO Y VIA Z

Phillip's interesting walk from X to Y via Z started with a comfortable bus trip, ending in slight confusion in finding the campsite at Freeburg and a pleasant sleep on soft grass amongst the leafy trees.

On Saturday we climbed to Mount Hotham in the bus, dropping off walkers near the northwest spur and at the end of the Razorback then the bus continued towards Omeo. Again there was minor confusion as we looked for the track near Brandy Creek, but soon we were sitting in the sunshine. The track lead down hill and after ten minutes walking we left our packs (mine fell over, of course) temporarily while we investigated an old mining site. Quite soon we were at the Cobungra River and what a pleasant place it was. Lots of grassy campsites, firewood and running water. On many occasions we tried to persuade the leader that this was the end of the walk, but he continued crossing the river and then recrossing it until we all had wet feet. Walking along the river was very enjoyable and we were all sorry when the leader found his chosen spur and started climbing it.

The spur was steep and tangled with fallen logs. Up, up, trip over a log, up up walk along a couple of fallen logs, up, up. At 12.30 the leader gave up and declared lunch. Half an hour after lunch, the forest mess opened out into snow gums and alpine grass lands and we wandered happily across the High Plains towards the SEC hut. About this point the snowgums stop but our leader drove us towards Mt. Jim where revolution set in as all the party gave ingenious reasons for not climbing it. In retribution the leader ran towards the Niggerheads and on gaining the snow pole line he continued running down the track passed Weston's hut and some time later I found him erecting his tent outside Blair's hut.

I don't know what happened after sunset, because after my meal of rice and Cantonese Beef I eased my weary legs into my tent and I slept until after sunrise on Sunday.

The leader treated the trip as a bit of a mystery, but he did volunteer the information that we were not to climb Diamantina Spur, or Machinery Spur or the East Spur and that his chosen spur was a bit steep to start with but soon became a rocky path. The leader must have a vivid imagination.

In fact the spur had a slope of 60 degrees with added attractions of nettles, thistles and other prickly bushes. When the slope became less steep then the regrowth became much thicker. About

lunch time we fought our way onto the leader's rocky path. Now all we had to do was climb to the top of Mt. Feathertop. I decided that I would postpone lunch until I arrived at the MUMC hut. I must have looked very glamorous when I arrived there because three young girls offered me cups of tea with sandwiches and biscuits.

The rest of the trip was pleasant. I had the odour of eucalyptus in my nostrils as I carefully walked down the steeper sections of the north west spur. At the bottom the cool water of the creek washed my feet and cooled my throat. Even a section of blackberries did not spoil the late afternoon walk back to the bus and the end of the walk was signalled by a swim in the Oven River followed by a fresh set of clothes.

Now where did you say your walk in March was Phillip? I'll try to be in New South Wales for that weekend. O.K.

Sore Legs

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS WORKING BEE

Have you ever zoomed down one of those long, exhilarating ski runs on the High Plains to find, to your horror, a rusty old fence lying in waiting just above the snow and about to cut you off at the ankles - or worse still, a steel stake protruding, poised, ready to turn you into a shish-kebab?

Well, if you would like to help make this special place safer for walking and skiing, while at the same time removing some of man's uglier intrusions, here is your chance.

I am awaiting approval from the National Parks Service to organise a work party of about 10-15 people to remove some of these disused fences on the Australia Day long weekend in January 1983. We will have the use of Wilky as a base.

Prerequisites are enthusiasm and some muscle power. Please give me a call on 452977 if you would like to be in it.

Ken MacMahon

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committee notes 6/12/82

Treasurer - Bank Balance \$8,951.99

Bills for transport passed for \$1,631.

Walks Secretary - October figures, 213 day walkers, 83 weekenders; 223 members and 73 visitors - totalling 296.

Profit on transport \$29,150.

Jopie will be on various trips till March, 1983 and Mick Mann will be acting Walks Secretary in the interim.

Membership - static at 340 members.

Maps - Committee decided to buy 56 maps to update map file.

Committee decided to investigate the purchase of an automatic slide projector, for use in clubrooms.

Mick Mann to investigate.

Committee Notes (cont)

Duty Roster - 15th December, 1982	Les Kriesfeld & Neil Priestley
22nd December	Phil Larkin/Gail Pearson
29th December	closed
5th January, 1983	Geoff Mattingley/Bob Steel
12th January	Phil Larkin/Betty Spencer

Next Committee Meeting - 10th January, 1983.

ACTING WALKS SECRETARY - JAN/FEB/MARCH

I will be out of Victoria for the first 3 months of 1983. Mick Mann will be standing in as acting Walks Secretary for that period so direct all your queries, abuse, praise, walk reports etc. to him. Unless someone else would like to have a turn, in which case I would stand aside, I will carry on as Walks Secretary for another year, so I'll be around from April onwards.

Jonie Bodegraven

VOLUNTEERS FOR TYPING NEWSLETTER NEXT YEAR.

I would like to stand down from this position next year and it has been suggested that we have two persons to type News next year. One possibly to type the walks, the other to do rest. If interested approach me for details or any other committee member. Phone no. 82 7074 (bus).

Robyn Haby

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x x	x	ocial	<u>22/12/82</u>	Christmas Party, Clubrooms
xxx	xxx			BYOPlate
x x	x	column	<u>22/1/83</u>	Visit to National Museum to see
x x	xxx			Dinosaur found in China. Meet
				under clocks (Flinders St.)
				2.p.m. Entry fee \$2.

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

has taken nout a Business Name Registration - VICWALK -

Federation is looking for somebody to answer a telephone as a contact. If anyone is available please contact any committee member or the person on duty.

NEWS ITEMS may be placed in Red Box in Clubrooms or posted to 2 Keats St., Elwood. 3184.

CHANGES OF MEMBERS INFORMATION

Stephen ENNOR, 78 Leeds Rd., Mt.Waverley3149 Tel.232 7216
 Graham Harding, 8/39 Park Crescent, Fairfield 3518
 Lance Mobbs, c/- Post Office, Forrest 3236
 B.C. Ogden, P.O. Box 554, Civic Square, A.C.T. 2608

WANTING SHARED ACCOMMODATION

I am looking for accommodation. If anybody is inetrested in sharing house and expenses please contact me. Any area except Essendon, Footscray, Fitzroy or Carlton. Will pay as much as \$38.00.

Eve Kinnear
 853A Church St.,
 Richmond.
 607 2735 (bus)

FOR SALE

DINING SUITE - Modern type, solid wood table with 6 highback chairs with fabric seats. In good condition. Cost \$110. Contact Robyn on 82 7074 (bus).

DIARY DATES ::

22/12/82 Christmas Party Clubrooms BYOPlate
 29/12/82 Clubrooms closed
 10/1/83 Committee Meeting
 12/1/83 Deadline News
 22/1/83 Chinese exhibit - dinasaur.

also

DETAILS RE WALK LED BY LYNNE MUIRHEAD (see page 3)

JAN. 23. NAYOOK-NOOJE AREA.

EASY

This promises to be a beautiful Sunday stroll with fine views of the Baw Baws and surrounding countryside. We will mostly be walking along tracks and for railway enthusiasts there is the disused Warrigul-Noojee railway line.