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REPORT - THE FRANKLIN RIVER

IT TAKES TEN YEARS TO BUILD A DAM!

Though the South West is under a worse threat than ever before, it is unlikely that the Gordon-below-Franklin Dam will ever be completed. National attention and hope are too strong. But if immediate and destructive works on the Lower Gordon are to be averted, action from the Federal Government must come soon - and that won't occur until mainlanders who care, who are tired of being helpless onlookers, start pressuring their local federal members of parliament. With a federal election in the offing, such lobbying is essential and rewarding.

If you want to help save the Franklin - and the rest of the South West - here are some vitally important things YOU can do :

1. Write a letter to your local federal MP. It doesn't have to be well informed. "Save the Franklin!" would do.
2. Write a similar letter to the Prime Minister, to the Leader of the Opposition, to the Federal Minister for the Environment, to Andrew Peacock, to John Howard - the Treasurer, and to Stewart West, the Opposition spokesman on the environment. All letters C/O Parliament House, Canberra, 2600.
3. Ring "Access Age" and say something about SW Tas. or the Franklin.
4. Write letters to the editors of "The Age", "The Australian" "The Sun", "The Herald", and even your local suburban newspaper. Don't worry if they're not printed - they will probably help the chances of similar letters.
5. Ring Malcolm Fraser, Bill Hayden, Bob Hawke or ANYONE IMPORTANT on talk-back radio and ask how they personally feel about the potential flooding of the Franklin River.
6. Ring ALL the TV stations and ask -
 - (a) For information on the Franklin River dispute from the News Desk.
 - (b) For that station to show films of the Franklin River; e.g. "Franklin Last Wild River" and "Franklin River Journey".

When they do, RESPOND and thank them and say how good, bad, etc., you thought it was. Phone numbers: Channel 10 - 234 1010; Channel 9 - 429 0201; Channel 7 - 697 7777; Channel 2 - 528 4444;

7. Ring ABC "Nationwide", "PM", and "AM", and ask for more about the Franklin River. After such a segment, ring and say how good/bad you thought it was. ALWAYS RESPOND.

Correspondence should be directed to :-

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Box 1751Q, G.P.O.,
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Meetings are held in the clubroom, 377 Little Bourke Street, entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night between 7 and 9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

8. Write letters to your favourite and not so favourite publications and magazines asking for features about SW Tasmania and the Franklin River. When they appear, respond with your views. Once again, your letters do not have to be well informed regarding the details of the dispute. A simple statement of your belief that SW Tasmania should be saved in perpetuity is more than sufficient.
9. Buy "No Dams" stickers and badges for you and your friends.
10. Go into the Melbourne Wilderness Society shop in Hardware St., when buying wilderness books, maps, calendars, etc. Go in anyway and say hello and ask how things are going.
11. Join the Tasmanian Wilderness Society. Phone 67 6613 for details.
12. Ring FWS Melbourne, 67 6613, and tell them that they are doing a great job.
13. Talk to your friends about the issue. Ask them to write letters.
14. Write to the Premier and ask him to mention the Franklin River at the June Loans Council meeting.
15. Send a donation to the Tasmanian Wilderness Society via the Australian Conservation Foundation (for tax deductability), 672b Glenferrie Rd., Hawthorn.

These actions are simple, cheap and quick. It is essential that people who care carry them out. They have worked before and they will work again.

Geoff Law.

JULY - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

AMENDMENT TO THE JUNE WALKS.

WALK LISTED FOR JUNE 13 SHOULD HAVE READ JUNE 20 -
MT.TOWT-DIAMOND CRK-BLACK SNAKE RANGE -- EASY/MEDIUM
Leader: Marijke Mascas.

JULY - WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKSJULY 3 BEGINNERS SKI DAY - MT. ST.GWINEAR
(SAT.)EASY

LEADER: Ken MacMahon
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENCE: Baw Baw Plateau 1:5000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 Km.

With a bit of luck I may be able to encourage some 'old hands' along to show the finer aspects of ski touring. Depending on the weather and ability of the party we will go for a short tour around the plateau. It will be necessary to arrive at St.Gwinear car park by about 8 a.m. to avoid the crowds.

This day is yet to be fully organised and will be subject to snow conditions. Keep watching the noticeboard for details or contact me.

STOP PRESS!! Sissel Clunas has now graciously made herself available as an instructor so for all those novices intent on improving their skills, here is a perfect opportunity to improve.

JULY 4 (1) MT.BLAKWOOD-LONG POINT-DARLEY FORD EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Max Casley
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Lederderg Gorge Forest Park, Forest
 Commission 1:25,000 Bacchus Marsh
 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 km.

Starting near Mt.Blackwood we will walk along a track through a forest, with occasional views of the You Yangs and Mt.Macedon. Then we walk down into the gorge along the Long Point track to where there is a dam and diversion tunnel. The last bit is steep and scrambly for a short distance. From there we walk along the gorge down to Darley Ford, past sandy beaches and rock pools. Some rock-hopping and just a little bit of scrub to make it interesting.

JULY 4 (2) MT.BLAKWOOD-AH KOW GULLY-LERDERDERG RIVERMEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9 a.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: F.C.V. Lerderderg Gorge Forest Park.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km.

This is a walk for the mildly adventurous. Enough of this sissy following tracks stuff. The bulk of this walk will be off tracks, exploring ridges, gullies and the river. If time overtakes us, only then will we succumb to the more traditional style of walking.

JULY - WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKSJULY 11 TURPIN FALLS-BARFOLD-MITCHELL FALLS-PIPERS CREEK

LEADER: Alan Kitchener EASY
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Castlemaine 1" to 1 mile and
 Woodend 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km

We follow the Campaspe all the way on this trip, walking in the gorge where possible (depth of water permitting) and along the edges where not. The gorge tends to be a bit rocky so great speeds will not be attained, at least by me. Some very good waterfalls and rocky swimming pools to be seen. If you want good swimming holes in summer, come along and have a look at these. There are some interesting rock formations associated with this area; Looks like "left-over lava" rocks whose geological name I never learnt. It will be a good walk to see an area which isn't all that well known and which is very interesting when you actually get right down in the gorge.

JULY 18 EAST WARBURTON-BIG PATS CREEK-STARLINGS GAP EASY

LEADER: Phil Larkin
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.00 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.
 MAP REF: Healesville 1:100,000; Neerim 1:50,000 NatMap.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km.
 FURTHER MAP REF: Yarra Valley & Gembrook Forest F.C.V.
 & Forest Commission Information Sheet.

This walk offers you some of Victoria's magnificent and spectacular rain forest. The vegetation along the tracks varies from wet gullies, containing tall tree ferns and myrtle beech, majestic mountain ash forests on the slopes. With numerous amount of wild life within the forest including native birds and deer. The walk starts from east Warburton beside one of the timber mills, walking up to Big Pats Creek then following along one of the old tramlines. As the walk proceeds, it engenders a feeling of admiration for ingenuity and determination shown by the timber pioneers. So bring along your cameras. Don't forget your wet weather gear and fresh water for a pleasant day's walking into past history.

JULY 24 EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL WALKABOUT PART 3 EASY
(SAT.)

LEADER: Athol Schafer
 TRANSPORT: Foot
 MAP REFERENCE: Melways
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 5 km.

Meet under the Clocks, Flinders Station at 2 p.m. We will walk out to Yarra Park and finish the last of East Melbourne. Then Hoddle St. will be crossed and Richmond Hill area explored. The route of the latter is to be found in the historical guide "Melbourne on Foot" - still available at some city book shops.

JULY - WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKSJULY 25 MT. BULLAMALITE-JUNCTION HILL-MT. CAROLINE (YEA AREA)

LEADER: Mark Tischler MEDIUM
 TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE. 9 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
 MAP REF: National Mapping 1:100,000 Yea.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 km.

This walk though a longish one is over relatively easy country changing from bush to open rolling hills all day long giving us good views. We climb three mountains(?) on our journey and as we touch little water, water bottles should be brought. Winter is a time for foul weather so be prepared but an interesting day will be had by all.

WEEKEND WALKSJULY 2-4 MT. STANLEY-YACKANDANDAH MEDIUM

LEADER: Graham Mascas
 TRANSPORT: Private

For further details of this walk see Leader in Clubrooms.

JULY 9-11 SKI TOURING: BLUFF-MT. LOVICK AREA MEDIUM

LEADER: Pearson Cresswell
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REF: VMTC "King, Howqua and Jamieson"
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 km

Party limit 12. Snow camping. A tough start to this one with a walk and a climb before we can put skis on. Both the Bluff and Mt. Lovick offer excellent skiing but come prepared for blizzards at this time of year. Start praying now for good snow and good weather.

JULY 16-18 SHAD BOLT-CAMPING & PICNIC GROUND-BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER: Ivor Davies
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Leave base camp 4 p.m. Sunday
 MAP REF: F.C.V. "Bendigo Whipstick Forest Park Map"
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 km.

N.B. See Leader in clubroom for "How to get there" or phone 459 7545.

A quiet weekend "away from it all" exploring this 500m years old ocean bed, with no hassles, no angainsts. Saturday and Sunday strolls of historic, botanical & geological interest. Something for all. See the old mining area where eucalyptus oil is now extracted in lieu of gold. Don't bring your detectors unless you really want/must, but DO bring drinking water. Saturday the party will move off about 10 a.m.

JULY 23-25 SKI TOURING-FALLS CREEK AREA MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER: Roy Watson
 TRANSPORT: Private
 APPROX. DISTANCE: Depends on weather.

We will leave cars at Bogong Village and catch the bus to Falls Creek on Saturday morning. Where we go from there will largely depend on the weather, but Saturday's night camp will be in the vicinity of Tawonga Hut. On the Sunday we will ski/walk down over the Niggerheads/Mt. Fainter to Bogong Village and the cars.

WEEKEND WALKSJULY 30/ GUNBOWER ISLAND BASE CAMP(MURRAY RIVER)EASY/MEDIUMAUG. 1

LEADER: Phil Larkin

TRANSPORT: Private

MAP REF: Gunbower Island 1-63,360 F.C.V. Kelly; Barhan
1:50,000 Central Mapping authority of N.S.W.

APPROX.DISTANCE: 40 km.

This area offers the walker one of the largest red gum forests in Victoria, with Grey, yellow, and black box. The forest provides a natural habitat for a variety of wildlife, including the grey kangaroo, emu and the platypus. It is also one of Victoria's largest waterbird breeding areas during floods and the waterways support about 24 species of fish including large specimens of murray cod. Also the forest offers canoe trees of the aborigines and relics of the steamer days. The island has spectacular and numerous waterways, lagoons and swamps for interesting walking. The walk will consist of two day walks, one walking across to the Murray River and the other exploring the waterways. So get away from Melbourne's winter ill's and enjoy a sunny weekend. Don't forget your cameras, fishing rod, etc. I will be organizing a B-B-Q for saturday night.

FLINDERS RANGES - AUGUST SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

This is probably the optimum time to visit this rugged and beautiful area. The tentative dates are Sat. Aug.21 - Sun. Aug.29. Transport details and leader are yet to be finalised. Anyone interested please let me know. Further details will be in the next News.

Jopie Bodegraven

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Wednesday, 23rd June at 8 p.m.

Otto Christensen will give an illustrated talk on his Himalyan trip to the Mt.Everest Base Camp. Supper will be provided.

Wednesday, 21st July at 8 p.m.

Bushwalkers Mastermind. An opportunity to air and test your bushwalking knowledge. Questions will be based on general bushwalking knowledge.

Tuesday, 22nd June - Reminder - "Man From Snowy River"N.B. Dinner beforehand at The Melbournian, Block Arcade,
Elizabeth St., at 6 p.m.East Melbourne Walkabouts

Our first walkabout held on 15th May attracted a dozen walkers. We walked around Melbourne's smallest suburb, Jolimont, noting the listed historical sites, then headed to Sinclair's cottage, the home of the landscaper who designed the Fitzroy Gardens. The gardens themselves were bathed in Autumn tones and sunshine. Some of the party then sampled the afternoon teas at the kiosk, the rest spent the time watching the wedding parties. We then walked north through the gardens and looked at more notable buildings over Albert Street. The afternoon's walk finished about 5.30 p.m. at Spring Street - and after a distance of 5 k.m.

Next walkabout takes in residential East Melbourne and will be held on Saturday, (afternoon) 26th June - See May "News".

COMMITTEE REPORT - 7th June, 1982

Treasurer - \$8,356.62 in Bank.
Accounts totalling \$1,671.20 were passed for payment.
Bylaws amended to increase Treasurer's petty cash allowance to \$40.00.

Walks Secretary - April figures - 91 day walkers, 61 weekenders (109 members, 43 visitors) total 152 walkers.
Loss of \$26.00.
Spring programme completed, summer programme in preparation - leaders required.

Membership - 260 members.

Maps - Club to buy set of M.M.B.W. maps - 21 maps for \$85.

Duty Roster - 16th June - Phil Larkin, Alan Kitchener
23rd June - Elaine Collins, Robyn Haby
30th June - Geoff Mattingley, Gail Pearson
7th July - Rod Mattingley, Phil Larkin

Next Committee Meeting - 5th July, 1982 at 7 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday, 30th June, 1982 at 8 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWS IS 30th JUNE, 1982

AMENDMENT to Rules and Bylaws of Melbourne Bushwalkers
Under Financial, Payments, Clause 2.

Amend "The treasurer may, at his discretion, settle debts of less than \$20 without reference to the committee."

to read - ".....less than \$40 without ..etc....."

RULES AND BYLAWS**

The Committee wishes to remind members and participants on club walks of the following bylaws.

Under "Walks and Trips", sub-heading "Members Conduct" -

- "B.1. Members and Visitors on Club Walks shall at all times recognise the authority of the leader, and shall carry out any reasonable requests made by him.
- B.3. No member shall leave the party without first informing the leader; and in doing so, relieves the leader of any responsibility regarding the member or members involved."

DISCOUNT..DISCOUNT

Bushgear Pty.Ltd. are providing discount cards for members which will be available in due course as a one of offer. For further information and issue of card see either secretary or persons on duty.

HIMALAYAN TREKKING

Doug Pocock is organising a trek in Nepal for Late December/January. The trek will start near the Indian border and gradually climb up into the Khumbu - the Sherpa homeland. It is intended to visit Gokyo high altitude yak pastures for excellent views of Everest and surrounding peaks. Time is allowed in Kathmandu for shopping or jungle camp/rafting options. For further information ring Doug on (059) 64 4974

ANY VOLUNTEERS

The Federation of Victorian Walking Club needs a new editor for its newsletter, "ON FOOT".

For those of you who don't know much about the Federation, it is the umbrella group for bushwalking and other outdoor clubs in Victoria. It runs such things as the Search and Rescue Group, represents us on government bodies such as the Alpine Resort Development Access Committee (ARDAC) and lobbies to keep walking areas such as the Thomson Dam catchment open to walkers.

"ON FOOT" is the Federation's newsletter for keeping in touch with its members, both clubs and individuals. If you feel that you are able to give a small amount of time every couple of months to collect articles and initiate them, please contact me and I will tell more of what is involved.

Allan Kitchener - 578 3942 (H)
419 7055 (B)

MAPS..MAPS..MAPS

There is now a map supply shop in Chadstone, called "Melbourne Map Supply" 740 Waverley Rd., Chadstone, Tel. 569 5472.

Maps include Nat.Maps, Forest Commission, Algona, etc.

LOST..LOST

One whole year's walk reports for 1979!

We need them badly. Please look in your dusty drawers. They have been missing for 12 months and we must have them to complete our reference records. This is a last desperate plea.

Jopie Bodegraven.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Liz and Ian Stewart on the birth of their daughter Allison.

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS to Graeme Thornton and Kathy KEEF.

WEDDING CONRRATULATIONS to Chris Thompson and Helen Waddell.
Wedding date 12th June, 1982.

****FOR YOUR DIARY****

Tues. 22nd June - Film "Man From Snowy River"
Dinner at Melburnian, Elizabeth St., 6 p.m.

Wed. 23rd June - Himalayan Slides, Clubroom 8 p.m.

Sat. 26th June - Historical Walk - City area.

Wed. 30th June - General Meeting - Clubroom 8 p.m.

Wed. 30th June - Deadline for News.

Mon. 5th July - Committee Meeting

Wed. 21st July - Bushwalkers Master Mind, Clubrooms 8 p.m.

FOR SALE

1 Pair Size 7B Ladies "Rossi" walking boots in very good condition \$20.00.

Phone Wendi Long (B.H. 568 0388)

- Also Kenwood "Chefette" Mixer in excellent order (Phone above)

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS --

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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

I m currently holding a cheque from the Permanent Building Society of Victoria for Mr. Tingwell or Jingwell or Mr. J. Finnig or Finniger. There is no name on the computer listing to cross you off against. If you suspect that this is you please contact me, especially if you've paid and are not receiving the latest of NEWS.

Could all people paying by cheque through the mail ensure I know who the cheque is from. I'm not very good at deciphering hyroglyphic signatures.

Membership Secretary.

NOTE TO --

Pearson Cresswell -- while the club appreciates your generosity please collect \$11.00 for going past go twice.

Membership Secretary.