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First on the program will be a visit to the Native Plants Preservation Society on Friday 19th March at 8 p.m.

Lecture and slides on Western Australian Wildflowers will be presented by Mrs. Ilma Dunn.

We will meet for tea at "Matilda's (Queen St,) at 6.15 p.m.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING 1ST MARCH

TREASURER:

Bank balance \$2,724.10 as at 28.2.82
Accounts totalling \$759.04 were passed for payment.

WALKS SECRETARY:

January figures - 100 members, 46 visitors; comprising 126 day walkers and 20 weekenders. Surplus on van fares - \$58.

- GEOFF LAW was granted Absentee Membership (He's in Tasmania working with the Tasmanian Wilderness Society.
- THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS have taken responsibility for the areas indicated -

Australian Conservation Foundation delegate - Keith White
 Victorian National Parks Association Delegate - Gail Pearson
 Native Forests Action Council Delegate - Gail Pearson
 Conservation Council of Victoria - Phil Larkin
 Ski Touring Association of Victoria - Rod Mattingley
 Search and Rescue Delegate - Graeme Laidlaw (non committee)
 Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs - Alan Kitchener
 and Keith White
 Equipment Officers - Elaine Collins and Neil Priestly
 Map Custodian - Phil Larkin
 Club Librarian - Athol Schafer

DOTY ROSTER:

10/3/82 - Gail Pearson/Phil Larkin
 17/3/82 - Geoff Mattingley/Robyn Haby
 24/3/82 - Phil Larkin/Neil Priestly
 31/3/82 - Keith White/Bob Steel
 7/4/82 - Rod Mattingley/Phil Larkin

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 5/4/1982

Correspondence should be directed to:-

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

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.

APRIL - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

APRIL 3 LITTLE RIVER GORGE (CATHEDRAL RANGE AREA) HARD
(SAT.)

LEADER: Jope Bodegraven
TRANSPORT: Private

FOR DETAILS OF THIS WALK SEE LEADER IN CLUBROOM

APRIL 4 F.W.C. DAY WALK (Organized by Y.H.A.)

FOR DETAILS OF THIS WALK SEE NEWSBOARD IN CLUBROOM

APRIL 18 (1) O'BRIENS CROSSING-EAST WALK-COWAN TRACK EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Penny Stapley
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.00 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Forests Commission 'Lerderderg
Gorge Forest Park' 1:25,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14 km

A pleasant walk all on tracks, for much of the way following the Lerderderg River. Swimming should be possible in one or two places. There is only one climb - out of the Gorge up to Cowan Track - and that is neither long nor steep.

Please make sure that your boots or runners have a reasonable tread on them, as there is a fair amount of easy rock-hopping along East Walk.

Finally, for those lucky people who were on my walk of Feb.7th (since known by some as 'The Death March'), I promise you this one will be both cooler and shorter.

APRIL 18 (2) SARDINE CK.-CLEARWATER CK.-SHAWS LAKE MEDIUM

LEADER: Peter Bullard
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.00 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: whenever
MAP REFERENCE: Forests Comm. 'Lerderderg Gorge
Forest Park 1-25,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km

The walk will start from O'Brien Rd. where we will follow a track down to the tunnel.

After crossing the river and then climbing up a spur towards Shaw's Lake from where we will go to the lookout for the view over Blackwood before going down a track to Golden Point.

The walk will finish with following a track alongside the river and back to O'Brien Crossing.

APRIL 25 LIMESTONE-MT.CUNNINGHAM-MOLESWORTHMEDIUM

LEADER: Philip Taylor
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Alexandra 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km

This is a delightful sunday walk situated in very scenic countryside. A couple of hills qualifies it for a medium walk but those not so fit should not be deterred. Lovely views are gained from which is basically a ridge walk across the nearby Goulburn River Valley. A variety of country is crossed from farmland to forest with a few fences along the way for variety. Bring water for lunch.

WEEKEND WALKS

NOTE RE Gail Pearson's walk 19/21 March. Telephone number should read 459 6094 NOT 830 5039.

EASTER TRIPSAPRIL 8/12 (1) LIMESTONE CK.-MCHARDY'S-DAVIES PLAIN-MT.MISERY
- MT.PENDERGASTMEDIUM

LEADER: Keith White
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Jacobs River & Benambra 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 50 km

The area covered by this walk is situated in the far north east corner of Victoria adjacent to the upper reaches of the Murray River (The Indi River at this point).

It is planned as a circular trip starting from Limestone Creek and following this to a camp on the Indi for the first night. From here we will climb to the open high country of Davies Plain giving beautiful views of the Australian Alps. Other features include caves, cattlemen's huts and wild horses perhaps. See leader in clubrooms for more information.

APRIL 8/12 (2) CAMP OF THE EMU FOOT-FERTILITY CAVE-BILLYWING ROCK
SHELTERSEASY

LEADER: Fred Halls
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Grampians 7323 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 40 km

Four day walks based on the Buandik Picnic Ground (Cultivation Ck.)
1st Day - Walks from Red Rock Cr. to Red Rock No.1 and No.2 Rock shelters, also to Muline Ck Shelter. Return walk from Victoria Gap to Camp of the Emu Foot (Janang-en-yawi-ye) the painted totemic shelter below coloured cliffs of the Victoria Range. There are some fine examples of aboriginal cave paintings to be seen during the four day Easter walks.

2nd Day - Nine painted shelters to be visited, also climb Hollow Mtn. and Matterhorn. Good views. Best shelters visited will be Fertility Cave (cc.No.5), Matterhorn Cave, Cave of the Emu Track and Cave of Fishes, etc.

3rd Day - Walks to Cave of Hands, and Honeysuckle No.4 situated in the wild Honeysuckle Crk. Gorge. Latter difficult to find. Also interesting blown hollow mountains along ridge east of Hands Cave. Visits Lesser Red Rock and best of all - Glenisla Rock.

4th Day - Visits to Double Head Mtn. and Black Range Caves, a natural bridge and five colourful caverns. Long trousers are preferable when walking through spiny scrub.

**APRIL 8/13 CATHEDRAL MNT.-CHINAMANS PLAINS-WALLS OF
JERUSELEM MEDIUM/HARD**

LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENDE: Mersey 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 60 km

Details of fares and travel arrangements were given on page 4 of January "News". 8 people are booked, 2 still thinking about it at the time of writing, some have room for 1 or 2 more. Denis Maxwell picks us up in Devonport at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th April - we must let him know our final numbers two weeks before that. He will supply shellite for choofers (shellite is illegal on aeroplanes). Bring full blizzard gear (the Walls of Jeruselem are the highest part of the Central Plateau) and make sure your boots are properly broken in. Although most of the going is very easy - rather like Japanese gardens with bonsai trees and little rock pools - the going across the upper valley of the Mersey is a bit prickly round the kneecaps and gaiters would be useful.

APRIL 18/19/20

WHAT? A long, hard walk on the High Plains.

WHEN? as above

WHY? 1) lots of fresh air
 2) Magnificent scenery - the best
 3) No heavy packs
 4) No dull, boring flat bits.

WHERE? Harrietteville-B on-Accord Sput-Mt.Loch-Swindlers Spur-
 Basalt Temple-Mt.Jim-Mt.Bänderg-Wilky-Watchbed Ck-
 Mt.Nelse-Duane Spur-T-Spur-Mt.Bogong-Staircase Spur.

HOW? Mini-Bus (packs will be taken at Wilky)

WHO? About 6 lucky people - so get your name down quickly with Roy Watson - Phone 233 6583(H) or 347 9744(W)

BONUS: There could be a few spare seats for people who wish to spend a quiet weekend at Wilky!

**APRIL 24/25 TRACK MAINTENANCE WEEKEND BUNGALOW SPUR
MT.FEATHERTOP**

At the last Track Maintenance Weekend in December vegetation was cleared from about half the track. The aim of this weekend is to finish the job.

Meeting time and place: 8 a.m. Saturday 24th April at the start of the Bungalow Spur track near Harrietteville.

Insurance: Members of Federation clubs are covered by the F.V.W.C.'s accident policy. As this weekend is supported by the National Parks Service, participants are covered by a NPS policy for voluntary helpers.

Transport: Private. If you need transport please ring Tom Kneen 859 1262.

Further inquiries regarding what tools to bring, etc. see Keith White Tel: 534 7439(H) 314 0799(W)

PLEASE NOTE: Club contacts for Easter will be Jim & Libby Marsden Tel. No. 836 3673

A NOTE FROM THE ACTING WALKS SECRETARY

- (a) The date of the F.V.W.C. Day walk has been changed so please amend your Autumn Program as follows :-

4th April : FVWC Day walk (organized by YHA this year)

18th April (1) O'Briens Crossing-Cowans Track-East Walkd
(11) Sardine Ck.-Clearwater Ck.-Shaws Lake

- (b) The formula for private transport cost sharing as it appeared in my annual report is incorrect (my mistake).

The correct formula is :-

TWICE total cost of fuel divided by number of occupants
in vehicle (including driver)

KEN MAC MAHON

A THANK YOU FROM THE SHORTS

To all of the people who helped us produce News over many years Gwenda and I would like to say thank you for your help, we couldn't have done it without you. One "helper" stands out from all the others, she hardly ever missed a night, in fact she was helping with News before we became the printers, so to Joyce we say a special "thank you". And finally good luck to Peter who has taken over the printing.

BARRY & GWENDA SHORT

WANTED

Temporary home for Mocha - super affectionate Burmese cat - from mid May to mid August - whilst owners in Europe.

Please ring 578 5623 (evenings) or see Penny Stapley in the clubroom any Wednesday

NATIVE PLANTS FOR SALE

The Tasmanian Wilderness Society has been given some native plants to sell for there funds. These are mostly in black plastic bags, are all healthy and are priced for a quick sale.

Gwynnyth Taylor, 35 Boyle St., Forest Hill is caring for them - give her a ring.
Tel: 878 3415 (Melway 48 D12)

From the wilds of Tasmania Geoff Law has managed to send us this Annual Report from last year's Walk Magazine.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EDITOR OF "WALK 1982"

Editor: Geoff Law
Advertising: Roy Watson
Business Manager: Martin Elias

3,500 copies of "Walk 1982" were printed with a cover price of \$1.60 and wholesale price of \$1.10. Advertising rates were as follows:

\$300 back page; \$250 inside front and back covers; \$200 full page; and \$120 half page. One page of advertising was given to the Tasmanian Wilderness Society free of charge. Once again, Humphrey & Formula Press was chosen for the printing. Our budget was as follows :

Expenses:	Printers	\$6,200	
	Other costs	<u>\$300</u>	\$6,500
Revenue:	Advertising	\$3,700	
	Sales	<u>2,800</u>	to break even

At \$1.10 a copy this leaves a break-even no. of less than 2,500. With a 50¢ "bonus" on copies sold in the clubrooms, the break-even point will probably be something like 2,300. If we can shift this number in Victoria it will then be a viable proposition to spend more on freight, possible selling hundreds in places like Adelaide and Sydney.

In June I felt quite strongly that the format of "Walk" should be enlarged to accomodate a greater number of advertisers and for greater impact photos. I eventually reversed this opinion on the grounds that the larger size would bring us into direct competition with publications such as "Wild", (and our photography simply is not of a standard to survive such competition) and because of the extra workload it would place on the editor and advertising manager. It is, after all, supposed to be a part-time effort. Also, there was the matter of GWJ's bookshelves to be taken into consideration. For the immediate future at least, I believe the magazine's size should not be altered.

The magazine was published late due to a slow start, some advertising hitches, and some problems with the front cover, but appears to be selling reasonably well. On 30th Dec. about 1,500 copies had been either sold or distributed. "Walk 1982" received a good review from Sandra Bardwell in "The Age Weekender".

I would like to thank all those who contributed so readily with articles, photography and expertise, as well as those who helped in countless other ways. Two members, Simon Arnold and Harold Guetz, paid for ads., thereby helping with the magazine's finance. Roy did a stirring job with the advertising, despite the difficulties caused by a doubling of price and a late start. The assistance of many members in the magazine's distribution has been invaluable, (especially Ken McMahon). Keep up the good work, folks.

Good luck to the editor of "Walk 1983" - if you're like me, you'll need it!

REPORT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS, ON
WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 1982

Results of Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 1982 -

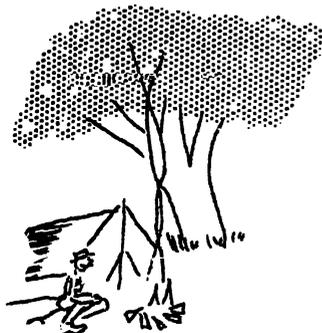
PRESIDENT: Bob Steel
VICE PRESIDENTS: Geoff Mattingley, Alan Kitchener
SECRETARY: Keith White
TREASURER: Hugh Duncan
WALKS SECRETARY: Jopie Bodegraven
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Les Kriesfeld
SOCIAL SECRETARY: Athol Schafer
WILKY MANAGER: Rod Mattingley
NEWS CONVENOR: Robyn Haby
GENERAL COMMITTEE: Gail Pearson, Elaine Collins,
Neil Priestly, Mick Mann, Phil Larkin
WALK EDITOR: No nomination
AUDITORS: Jim Hedstrom and Jim Wilcox
CLUB TRUSTEES: Fred Halls, Graham Macsas and Athol Schafer

Additional Honorary Members were elected :
Peter Bullard (News Printer)
Jim & Libby Marsden (Club Contacts)

Annual Fees for 1982 were set at :

\$11.00 ordinary membership;
\$17.00 per couple;
\$ 5.00 news subscriber
\$ 6.00 pensioners, students, etc.

PLEASE NOTE :: We still need an Editor for WALK MAGAZINE.



A LONG THE TRACK

FRANKLIN RIVER

On 29th January, 1982 the Tasmanian Government announced its intention to flood the Lower Franklin. For many observers, particularly those who are somewhat isolated, this may appear to be the end of the story.

Nothing could be further from reality.

In the Wilderness Society in Hobart, we are all extremely confident that the Franklin will never go under. The Federal Government, by re-announcing its nomination of South West Tasmania for World Heritage listing, has declared its interest in the area. It is particularly significant that it did so only a matter of days before "Dirty Harry" Holgate's pompous proclamation. Clearly, the months of lobbying and intensive letter-writing to federal M.P.'s on the issue have borne fruit. Nevertheless, the campaign must and will grow stronger on the federal scene. T.W.S. Melbourne will open a shop somewhere in the city in the coming months, thereby providing a more obvious focus for Melbourne campaigners.

Back in Hobart, the hearings of the Senate Select Committee into S.W. Tasmania have gone well for T.W.S., the harshest member being Senator Chipp, who is probably striking this pose deliberately. He is committed to saving the Franklin, and wants as many hard facts and figures as possible with which to hit the Hydro. The submission of an ex-energy Minister has also been intensely critical of this powerful bureaucracy, as has been the evidence of many other bodies. Members of the Australian Heritage Commission, who this week flew over the South West, have not been slow in condemning Holgate over the Franklin scheme.

The other Harry, the infamous Butler, has also been bucketed. Environmentalists and politicians alike have heaped scorn over his \$600-a-day appointment as consultant to the Tasmanian Government on the environment. Within days of his arrival he was having serious disagreements with the Environment Minister, Mr. Graham. Graham is on-side and will probably resign his portfolio when work starts on the Franklin River road. Chances are that Butler will have crawled back under his rock as well.

Well, then, if things are looking so good, why all the concern?

Like I said, the Franklin will never go under. The economies and ergonomics of the situation will see to that - ultimately. In the meantime, however, the H.E.C.'s bulldozers are ready and waiting. Their barges are poised at Strahan for the trip up the Lower Gordon to the dam-site. They have sufficient funds, if not at this stage an act of parliament, to wreak all sorts of havoc in the pristine forests of the Elliot Range before grinding to a halt.

THEY ARE HELL BENT ON STARTING BEFORE WINTER!

That's why we need the support of everyone who feels that these rivers should be saved. The campaign, for true success, must reach a climax this year. But we are desperately short of funds: The referendum campaign, so instrumental in obliterating the ludicrous Gordon-above-Olga scheme, has drained our resources

almost completely. Please send your donations either to the Tasmanian Wilderness Society, 414 Lonsdale St., Melbourne or, for tax-deductability, to the ACF, 672b Glenferrie Rd., Hawthorn, 3122 with a note stating T.W.S. as the preferred beneficiary.

I would hope that anyone who has walked through and enjoyed Tassie's scenery is a member of T.W.S. Its effectiveness was amply illustrated when Geopeko abandoned its intention to mine near Cradle Mountain inside the National Park, despite Government approval (enthusiasm even). Membership is only \$15 a year.

Finally, should anyone wish to help, ring Karen Alexander at the Melbourne Branch of T.W.S. Phone Number is 602 4877. She will appreciate your offer. In the meantime, write to Malcolm Fraser and (most importantly) your local federal M.P. stating your concern about South West Tasmania.

GEOFF LAW

NEWS FROM MACQUARIE ISLAND

Derek Conder has sent back some tremendous prints of the wildlife on Macquarie Island - penguins, sea elephants, petrels, Cuthbert and Derek. If you haven't seen these and would like to, see Sandra Mutimer about them.

Several ships have been down there this summer but now with the "summery" weather drawing to a close this contact will also end. As well as the Thala Dan, they have had visits from the Cap Pillar with a scientific team, Dick Smith Explorer, the World Discover and the Lindblad Explorer, a luxury ship.

Derek put on an afternoon tea for those on board on the Lindblad Explorer which was appreciated by everyone as the chinese chefs are not very good at cake-making.

With all these ships arriving base routine has been very much ship to ship waiting.

The island has had a lot of rain, not heavy, just persistent drizzle propelled by a 30 knot wind. The fur seals are now increasing in number and the elephant seals are slowly decreasing in number and even the skuds are thinning out.

Derek has been down the far end of the island on a trip to Caroline Cove. He writes this about the area, "There's some fairly large mountains and ridges in that area. They may only be 2,000' or less but you have lots of ups and downs to get there." He hopes to get down there during the winter. Derek & another fellow have adopted Lusitania Bay hut for major refurbishing and painting.

There are 12 pairs of Trak Europa cross country skis with aluminium edges there so they are hoping for snow. They are expected to be handy to cross some of the feather beds around the coast but the only drawback would be carrying them in between times.

They have been rocked by an earth tremor which was not a big one but enough to shake the buildings.

There are some good South Australian wines in stock for the long, dark nights in winter. On the base there are some good card and pool players and they expect to spend some time playing these.

NAME : NAME :

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Your membership fees are now due. Please pay in Clubrooms or send a cheque to :

Membership Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers, Box 17150,
G.P.O., Melbourne. 3001.

Ordinary - \$11.00
Couples - \$17.00
Students - \$ 5.00
News Subscribers - \$5.00.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS :

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Andy PRICE, 3 Camelia St., Box Hill. 3128

Yvonne TORN-BROERS, 15 James St., West Brunswick 3055

Closing date for copy for April News is Wednesday 7th April.

Mail your articles and walk previews etc. to :

Robyn Haby, 2 Keats St., Elwood. 3184 or "Post" in the "Red Box"
in the clubroom.
