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THEATRE NIGHT TO -

THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER

TUESDAY, 22nd June, 1982

Just about booked out. Please hurry. Those who have booked or paid deposits please pick up tickets and pay any money owing at clubrooms from Wednesday, 2nd June. Cost \$4.50.

AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, 16th June, 1982.

Venue: Glenn College at La Trobe University.

Time: 8 p.m.

Held by: La Trobe University Mountaineering Club in conjunction with La Trobe Mountaineering and Bushwalking Club.

Auction of excess or redundant bushwalking/canoeing/climbing/ski touring equipment, etc.

For further information see Notice Board in Clubrooms.

PRAYER OF THE TIRED HIKER

"If you pick 'em up, O Lord,
I'll put 'em down."

quoted from A Guide to Hiking in the Inme Canyon
Grand Canyon National Park.

Graham Mascas

FOUND at Wilkinsons Lodge after Easter
- one pair of brown woollen socks and one lime green and white towel with a female figure - any owners?

Female committee member at committee meeting heard to say -

"I'll do it with Neil."

- best offer he's had in years!

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.

JUNE - WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

JUNE 6 SOMERS-PT.LEO-SHOREHAM-FLINDERS EASY

LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
expected time of return; 8 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Broadbents, Mornington Peninsula
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 miles.

A pleasant easy walk mostly on beaches - at times we will be up on the cliff tops, we pass Pt. Leo, and Shoreham en route so if any person has had enough walking by the time we reach these places then you may retire to Jack's van and we will meet at Flinders.

JUNE 13 MT.TOWT-DIAMOND CK.-BLACK SNAKE RANGE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Marijke Mascas
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Gembrook 1:50,000 (out of print)
Gembrook & Drouin S.F.V.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 km.

A delightful walk through State Forest east of Gembrook. There are a few ups, a few downs and a creek to cross. Most of the walk will be on tracks. Bring water for lunch.

JUNE 14 WOODEND-MT.MACEDON-MACEDON MEDIUM (Monday)

TRANSPORT: Train

For further details of this walk see newsboard in clubroom.

JUNE 26 EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL WALKABOUT EASY (SAT.) PART 2

LEADER: Athol Schafer

Unlike our first walkabout, residential East Melbourne walk has over 100 sites many of which have a National Trust Classification so we'll be walking briskly. However, bring a camera as some of the buildings have been restored recently to their pristine glory.

MEET at 2 p.m. on Collins St., corner of the Town Hall. We will catch Mont Albert Tram 2 sections to corner of Victoria Pde. and Clarendon St., from where the walkabout starts.

The EAST MELBOURNE WALKABOUT guide book may be purchased at the Newsagent in Wellington Parade, just near Powlett St. corner; (\$4.95).

JUNE 27 (1) BALLAN RESERVOIR-WHIPSTICK-MT.EGERTON EASY

LEADER: Rod Mattingley
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Bacchus Marsh 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ?

I haven't led a day walk for ages - anything could happen but it will most likely be a pleasant stroll up the East branch of the Moorabool River to the Bostock Reservoir, previously the Ballan Reservoir, and then through the Whipstick Scrub to finish at the milk bar in the small town of Mount Egerton.

JUNE 27 (2) CYCLING TRIP
BACCHUS MARSH-ANAKIE-LARA EASY

LEADER: Art Terry
 TRANSPORT: Train from Spencer St. 9.30 a.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: a good road map
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30-35 miles.

This is a pleasant easy ride mostly along the coastal plain. We do have a climb (a short one near Staughton Vale - and another on the western slopes of the You Yangs. If the weather forecast (Sunday morning on either 3LO or 3AR) is for a south wind then buy a single ticket to Lara - if on the other hand a northerly is forecast then buy a single to Bacchus Marsh a tail wind makes riding much easier. Bring lunch, etc. and a good spare tube.

WEEKEND WALKSJUNE 4/6 BLACKRANGE FOREST (NEAR YEA) EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Spencer George
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Taggerty 1: 50 000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30 km.

This walk will be only two hours drive from Melbourne, so if you like your own bed you may drive up on Saturday morning, arriving at the start before 9 a.m. With the help of the car drivers we will be walking without packs.

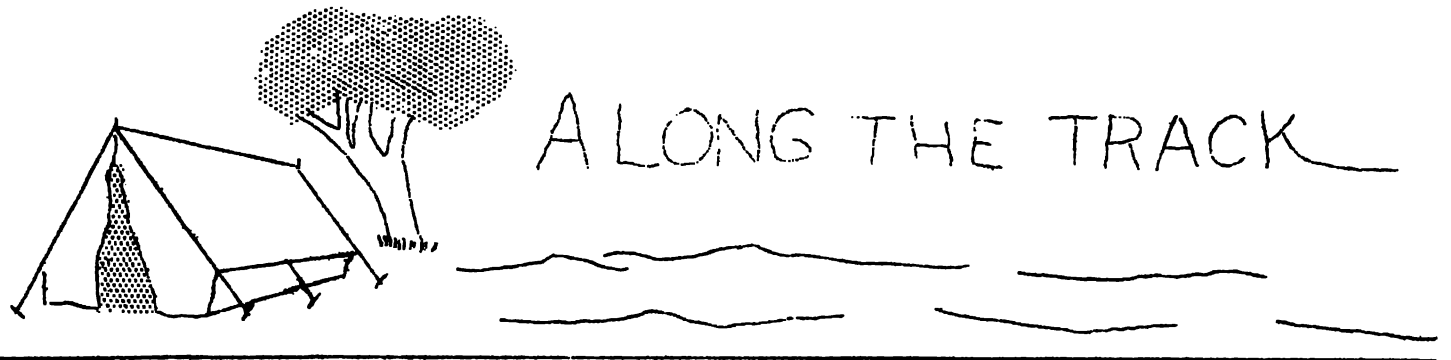
Our trip will be through forests of tall trees and we will climb a couple of mountains and visit a waterfall. I dislike scrub so we will avoid it, as well as dodging hard forest roads. There will be a few fences and some little used tracks.

Saturday's camp is a large grassy clearing in the middle of forest with plenty of water and firewood. We will camp alongside our cars, so you may bring all your heavy food and goodies.

JUNE 11/14 LOWER GLENELG RIVER RAMBLE EASY
(1)

LEADER: Ken MacMahon
 TRANSPORT: Bus from Batman Ave., 6.30 p.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Nelson 1:100 000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30 km.

Come with us on a grand walkabout in an area this club rarely visits - the extreme south-west corner of Victoria.



TASSIE FOR EASTER

Tassie for the first time (except as a tourist), me! I had thought I would never get there, but an Easter trip seemed sufficiently short for me to manage, I hoped, with Graeme's reassurance about the pace and distances although not about the weather (our met. bureau rep. had assured me that the weather was consistent in Tassie at Easter - consistently awful).

However Peter and Graeme both turned out to be wrong about the weather. Apart from a little of what we agreed was only 'condensation' on Friday morning, the weather was fine and even sunny most of the time. And my presence assured a sedate pace.

The legendary Dennis met us at Devonport airport Thursday night and transported us to our starting point, two hours away. We woke next morning to see blackened forest all around us and walked all morning through a totally burnt out beach forest - a depressing, disappointing sight, despite our beginning-of-the-trip high spirits. Even the large thick beds of moss were burnt out and the trees on an island in the middle of a lake. The route had already been re-marked with stone cairns, although the fire had gone through only five weeks before. However all this caused a slight detour around Lake Myrtle, which ended with a scramble down a steep hill to very welcome greenery and a lunch stop; with fire, thanks Bob. The Tasmanian bush looked all the more beautiful to me because of the contrast with the blackness we had been through. Joan was ecstatic with her new plant discoveries, especially the deciduous beech indigenous to Tasmania, and the Tasmanian snow gum with its green striped bark.

After a look at Cloister Lagoon we pushed on up a steep animal track (the animal getting smaller all the way?) towards our first campsite at Chalice Lake - an idyllic spot. On the way a cold tricky river crossing sorted out the boots-off and boots-on brigades.

At camp the hardier souls washed in the freezing lake and we all settled down to a cold evening around the fire. Otto retired early, to his fascinating 'no pegs' tent, in order to make up for a sleepless night sitting up on the ferry. Graeme, nervously still counting heads, thought we had lost him.

Next morning we awoke to clear blue skies. Jean and I had pitched our tent looking across the lake and facing the sunrise, and had slept with the tent open, so had a marvellous view. We all leant up and prepared to climb Cathedral Mountain with day packs. The journey up and the views from the top were remarkable, most of the party nostalgically greeting the various peaks we could see so clearly, like old friends - I felt quite out of it. The scrub bash down, my first brush with the notorious scoparia,

was a bit much for me. However I was beginning to feel like a Tassie veteran.

With packs (and gaitors this time) we set off after lunch for Triangle Lake on Chinamans' Plains in the Central Plateau. The route, although through beautiful and varied country, was uneven and scrubby. We hit further patches of black and, luckily, some of the mossy beech forest we had missed earlier because of the fire. We met more scoparia, some leeches, high beds of squelchy sphagnum moss and a large black snake ran over Sandra's toe just before afternoon tea. I was exhausted, having over-extended myself in the morning, and we finally stopped at 5.00 at a little water hole at the bottom of the climb to Chinamans' Plains, rather to Graeme's disappointment. The Attwoods also had a disappointment that evening, losing all their first course in the fire. We all offered bits and pieces, but Verl-Ann lacked her customary verve the next day.

Easter Sunday dawned with more beautiful sunshine and we cheerfully climbed our hill, Jean leading us in appropriate hymns. Graeme, despite his newly revealed early history as a chorister, would not be distracted from his navigation. Once up on Chinamans' Plains the going became easier - flatter and less scrubby. The landscape had a rocky bare lunar quality. We had views of clear silver-blue terns all around us and those up the front saw herds of kangaroos. This included me, our leader's 'number two' to keep the group at my pace - to their frustration at times, I suspect.

Joan and Ken handed out Easter eggs at morning tea from Ken's large untidy pack. Ken's transformation to a nearly-married walker was the subject of much concerned comment and observation by the tough bachelor walkers of the group, who felt his organization and timing had slipped. However I assured them that he was just going through a period of transition (and was glad to have the attention diverted from me as I packed up).

Sunday night saw us at another perfect campsite. Lake Solveig. After a dramatic pink sunset we were treated to a huge golden moon and clear sky. We checked out a few stars with Graeme. An around-the-campfire game of 'ask Bob a question' fell through and we all retired, expecting ice on our water buckets in the morning.

Monday presented us with duller weather and a steep climb up Great Fine Tier. Jean coaxed me up with glucose tablets. On the top we rested, took photographs and gossiped, then pushed on to the mountains we could see in the distance, losing four heavies on the way. They went over, rather than around, Mount Jerusalem and the Temple, for the views, leaving us to dredge up our Old Testament knowledge to elucidate the many Biblical place names. Verl-Ann's interpretations were the most colourful, Bob's the most extensive when he rejoined us and put us right on a few points.

By now we had come across cushion plant, a bright green moss-like but hard plant, which Joan instructed us to walk around, in order not to damage it. As it grew in large mounds and was widespread, this made the going a little harder.

We passed through most dramatic country on the way to our last campsite, the Pool of Bethesda at the Walls of Jerusalem. We made it for lunch, just as two parties were leaving. There was some rubbish around but it was obvious why the area was so popular. It was surrounded by clear lakes reflecting King Billy and Pencil Pines, and by bare sharp peaks. We lazed around for awhile, then wandered off at different times and in various groups to climb the peaks. Alex stayed in camp to keep the fire alight - he had been there before.

That evening Bob was trying to buy film on the blackmarket, Jean was warning us of possums who had last year stolen her empty sig bottle and Les's supply of honey for a fortnight, and Graeme was telling us horror stories about his last experiences in the area. All this was over the roar of our new MSR stove. We had had such good weather we had used hardly any fuel and did not want to carry a full bottle out. And we wanted some practice with our expensive new toy. Graeme was by now promising us snow and/or blizzards again.

After a dry still night we spent a few more hours climbing around, Zoltan, Bill and Bob heading off over the West Wall with packs. The rest of us descended the muddy track (meeting up with the hardies along the way) to lunch, then the delicious Fish River and a wash.

Soon Dennis turned up and we were on our way home, regaled with stories about the Hydro-Electric Commission and Tasmanian politics, interspersed with the obligatory 'bloodies'. We felt elated at our good luck with the weather, a successful but uneventful trip and a happy peaceful party. Thanks Graeme. I now see my Tasmanian Wilderness Calendar with new eyes and it was marvellous to experience real wilderness for the first time. Bad luck about the weather.

Jan Llewelyn

COMMITTEE NOTES - 3rd May, 1982

Treasurer - Bank balance end April, 1982 - \$7,631.56
Accounts totalling \$1,441.94 passed for payment - mainly transport costs. Proposed to transfer some surplus funds to a high interest term deposit.

Walks Secretary - Figures for month - 115 day walkers, 73 week-enders, 149 members, 39 visitors, total 188.
Profit \$63.00.
Spring and Summer programme planning meeting to be held at Tyrone Thomas's place on Thursday, 20th May. Suggestions, ideas for walks, etc. are welcomed - see Jopie.

Federation - This club nominating Athol Schafer for President (for second term).

Next Meeting - 7th June, 1982 at 7 p.m.

Duty Roster - 12th May, 1982 - Neil Priestly, Elaine Collins
19th May, 1982 Phil Larkin, Geoff Mattingley
26th May, 1982 - Glen Sanders, Gail Fearson
2nd June, 1982 - Keith White, Mick Mann
9th June, 1982 - Robyn Haby, Bob Steel

REMINDER (a party for Rex & Sue Filson (who are going overseas for some time.))

On Saturday, 22nd May at 6.30 p.m. at Barry & Gwenda Shorts home, 11 Wingate Ave., North Bayswater. Its a BBQ so bring your own meat and drink and glass. Please ring on 870 6830 if you are coming.

A GOLDMINE OF RESOURCES FOR LEADERS

or

WHAT IS IN THAT BACK ROOM?

You are due to lead a walk, or are looking for a walk suggestion, or merely want to plan a private trip. You need maps, information on routes, campsites, scrub, water, access, etc. Before you go elsewhere, check out the club's resources. We have heaps of useful stuff in the backroom for you to browse.

We have -

MAPS - A large range of topographical, walking, forestry and other types of maps. Our map custodian, Phil Larkin is keeping them ordered and up to date. He will be only too pleased to show you the system, help you find a map and receive any suggestion or requests.

WALK REPORTS - Each walk leader writes a report about his walk. These often include information on routes, campsites, access, water and sometimes have maps attached. We have them going back to the year dot and have most of them indexed according to areas for speedy reference. See me for more information.

WALKING BOOKS - A good selection including -

- 120 Walks in Victoria by Tyrone Thomas
- 50 Walks in the Grampians by Tyrone Thomas
- Family Walkabout by Don Baker
- Bushwalking in the Victorian Ranges by Fred Halls
- 100 Walks in Tasmania by Tyrone Thomas.

SANDRA BARDWELL'S 'AGE' BUSHWALKING ARTICLES - Over the past few years Sandra has had regular articles in the Age, Weekender describing walks and walking areas. Athol Schafer has kindly collected them all and put them into a hard cover folder. They are easy to read and a goldmine of ideas.

FORESTRY & NATIONAL PARKS PUBLICATIONS - Thanks to Athol and Phil, we also have folders containing most of the Forestry and National Park publications about topics and areas of interest to walkers.

MAGAZINES - Other clubs also put our magazines and newsletters and we have many bound collections going back many years. These are from clubs in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Newcastle, Perth, Tasmania as well as the V.M.T.C., Catholic Walking Club, Womens Walking Club and Mens Walking Club here in Melbourne.

We also have magazines dealing with conservation and environment, Land Conservation Council Reports, old 'Walkabout' Magazines, Old 'Alpine Observers' plus other odds and sods.

Jopie Bodegraven
(Walks Secretary)

FOR SALE

CABOT WOOD STAIN, colour "Redwood"

2 x 1 litre tins \$9.00 ea. (new price).

These were bought for Wilkv but are no longer required.

See Rod Mattingley if interested.

LEARN TO NAVIGATE IN THE BUSH - ORIENTEERING

Probably the most basic and important bushwalking skill is map reading and use of a compass. Unfortunately many members seem to be lacking this skill. It should be the aim of all bushwalkers to be competent in this area. I think the best and most enjoyable way to learn map and compass use is through orienteering.

The Victorian Orienteering Association (V.O.A.) has events every Sunday. There they provide instruction for novices and provide courses of increasing difficulty for all levels of ability. Each course is a series of checkpoints marked on a map and you use map and compass to navigate around from checkpoint to checkpoint. Course lengths vary from about 2 km for novices up to about 14 km for the top class competitive orienteers. Many people amble around the easy and intermediate course singly, in pairs or small groups enjoying the flowers and birds. It is a thoroughly enjoyable activity. You can start a course normally between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The costs per event for non-V.O.A. members is \$1.00 for novices and \$3.00 for non-novice adults. To find out more about orienteering or where events are, write to -

V.O.A., Honorary Secretary,
3 Savage St.,
Belmont. Vic. 3216.
of ring (052) 439 3617.

Events are advertised in the "C.U.B. SPORTING SERVICE" section of the Herald each Friday night (usually inside the back page) and in the Age Weekender under sports.

Coming events include -

Sunday, 16th May, Gemorook Valley, continue to end of bitumen 1 km. past Gembrook, take right fork, following 'O' signs to the corner of Diamond Creek Rd., and Camp Rd., 10 km. past Gembrook.

Sunday 23rd May, Haphazard Reef., Western Highway and turn off along Daylesford turnoff. Travel north 14 km, turn right at Spargo Creek Mineral Springs Hotel and follow 'O' signs to start.

Sunday, 30th May, Mt. Egerton. Western Highway and take Ballan turn off. Travel through town, turn left at Police Station and follow 'O' signs.

Sunday, 6th June, Nerrina, Western Highway to Ballarat. After 60 k.p.h. sign turn right onto Daylesford Rd. under railway bridge and follow 'O' signs to start.

Sunday, 13th June, Castlemaine Goldfields. Calder Highway to Elphinstone, Castlemaine Rd., to Chewton, then follow 'O' signs to start.

Then, June 20 Macedon June 27 Forcupine Ridge, July 4 Canadian Forest, July 11 Olinda Craek.

I encourage everyone who isn't confident about their navigation skills to give Orienteering a go and learn in a no-pressure, fun way.

Jopie Bodegraven
(Walks Secretary)

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF VICTORIA REPORT

(419 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000. Tel. 602 4877)

The Conservation Council of Victoria is a nongovernment, non-profit 'umbrella' organisation for conservation groups in Victoria.

The C.C.V. has over 130 member organisations (who total more than 50,000 individual members). These range from bushwalking clubs (Melbourne Bushwalkers), field naturalist clubs and conservation societies to state wide action groups.

The C.C.V. acts on behalf of the conservation movement in Victoria, keeping an eye on government agencies, co-ordinating non-government conservation in Victoria and publishing books and pamphlets to promote conservation and environmental protection.

Currently, issues the C.C.V. is working on include -

1. Woodchipping in the Otways and East Gippsland.
2. The S.E.C. inquiry.
3. Development above Victoria's snowline.
4. Wetland conservation.
5. Plant varietal rights.
6. Environmental safeguards in mining projects.
7. Plantations (pine) on public land.
8. Driffield Power Station.
9. Shooting on Sundays.
10. Forests Commission's methods of controlling wallaby, and many others.

To effectively protect Victorias environment the C.C.V. needs your active support. You can help in the following ways.

1. Become an individual supporter to the C.C.V.
2. Volunteer some time to work on C.C.V. projects.

Philip Larkin

MAP AND INFORMATION SOURCES OF VICTORIA.

Before we look at how to find the right map or information you need, it will be necessary to quickly explain some map scale terminology.

Many terms often misunderstood, are freely used in referring to the scale of Maps "50 thou", "large scale," "one in a million", of those units on the ground.

"Small" and Large" are comparative terms referring to the image size appearing on maps of different scales.

Examples: Large Scale 1:10,000 - one centimetre on the map equals 10,000 centimetres, or 100 metres, on the ground.

Small Scale, 1:100,000 - one centimetre on the map equals one million centimetres or 10 kilometres on the ground.

You are more likely to get the maps you want if you know how Victorian Mapping is organised. Victorian mapping in turn is more clearly understood if we start with an overall view of Australian mapping.

In general the Division of National Mapping and the Royal Australian Survey Corps map Australia at 1:50,000, 1:100,000 and 1:250,000 and produced imperial series at 1:63,360 before

metrication.

Each state makes maps for its own purposes, usually including maps of the whole state at small scales, medium scale maps of major cities, and large scale maps for cadastral and engineering purposes. Each state has an agency whose major purpose is mapping and many other agencies that produce maps in the process of carrying out their major works purposes.

Topographic map coverage of Victoria is generally provided by the Victorian Division of Survey and Mapping, Department of Crown Lands and Survey, and by the Division of National Mapping. They sell standard series and provide information about maps in progress. However, large scale maps are made by works agencies, such as the M.M.B.W., the Gas and Fuel Corporation, the S.E.C., the S.R. & W.S. Commission, the Forests Commission, the Department of Minerals and Energy, and the Ministry for Conservation or National Parks for information.

Hence, if Lands and Natmap mapping are not adequate to your needs, you may be able to find that some works agency, as part of its operations, has mapped the area you want.

How do you find out which agency is mapping where?

The Division of Survey and Mapping can tell you where detail mapping of the area you are interested in may be found.

Also check the Lands Department Map Sales Officer (tel.651 3024) to find out what published maps are already available. When you can say what area you are interested in, and unless you are reasonably certain of what you want, why you need it, the information you are seeking might not be found on a topographic map. An aerial photograph or orthophotomap (a map made up of many aerial photographs) may be more appropriate. All this information is necessary to help the map officer help you get the best available mapping and information. Always try the Maps Sale Officer first, or for information, try National Parks Services and Forests Commission first.

Philip Larkin
Map Custodian.

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS MAP FILE

1. The file is divided into sections and subsections.
2. The sections are named according to the 1:250,000 Series maps.
3. The subsections are named according to the 1:100,000 Series maps.
4. Included in each Section are the six subsections (i.e. the six 1:100,000 sheets) that correspond with the 1:250,000 map sheet.
5. Included in each Subsection are all maps of any scale up to 1:100,000 that cover some portion of the particular 1:100,000 map sheet.
6. Where a map overlaps two or more subsections, it is included in the subsection which constitutes the major portion of the map. A cross-reference card is included in the other subsection(s).

How to find a Map

1. Consult the Key Map to pin point the area which you are interested.
2. Ascertain, firstly the 1:100,000 sheet for the area, then the 1:250,000 sheet.
3. Consult the main index in front of the file to find out if the map is available, (or in the course of preparation).
4. Go to the map file, find the section required (1:250,000 sheet name) and in that folder will be map(s) covering your particular area.

Example**Narberthong Area:**

On consulting the Key Map, you will find it is on the Juliet 1:50,000 sheet, which is included on the Healesville 1:100,000 sheet, which is included on the Warburton 1:250,000 sheet. In the map file seek Warburton Section, then the Healesville subsection, and in there you will find the Juliet Sheet.

**N.B. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE MAPS FROM CLUBROOMS.
PLEASE ENSURE THAT MAPS ARE RETURNED TO FILE IN THEIR
CORRECT SECTION AND SUBSECTION.**

Should you experience difficulty in locating maps or you have any inquiries or suggestion about the map file please see the map custodian.

Philip Larkin

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Shakespeare St., Karratha, W.A. 6714.