



# THE NEWS

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**A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER.....**

.....to gear yourself for action.

As stated previously in The News (April 1983, p.12,15) the Land Conservation Council (LCC) is soon to release details of their Proposed Recommendations for the Alpine Area. Conservationists across Victoria have been advocating a large alpine national park in the Victorian sector for over 40 years; however, powerful lobbying from logging, grazing and mining interests threaten to pressure the government to weaken its proposed policy of "establishing a large contiguous Alpine National Park". The Victorian National Parks Association has proposed alpine park boundaries which fall within the area being considered by the LCC.

So what can you as an individual do?

Write to the LCC within 60 days of their Recommendations being declared and send copies of the letter to a) the Minister for Conservation, b) The Premier, c) your local member. If you can't do all of this, please at least write to the LCC supporting the creation of an Alpine National Park. Watch the various news media for details of when the LCC Recommendations will be declared. I will put a series of information sheets covering the major issues of the alpine areas on the notice board in the Clubroom.

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR LETTERS TO BE RECEIVED IS 26TH JULY.  
SO HURRY AND GET THOSE LETTERS IN.

The addresses are:-

The Secretary,  
Land Conservation Council,  
464 St. Kilda Rd.,  
Melbourne 3004.

Minister for Conservation  
Hon. Evan Walker, M.L.C.,  
242 Victoria Parade,  
East Melbourne 3002.

The Premier,  
Hon. John Cain, M.P.,  
1, Treasury Place,  
Melbourne 3002

Rosemary Cotter.

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Congratulations to:-

Peter Bullard and Anne Dolly on their wedding (25th June)

Graham and Janet Hodgson on the birth on their daughter  
Catriona Louise.

Correspondence should be directed to:-

The Secretary,  
Melbourne Bushwalkers,  
Box 1715Q, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE, 3001

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 388 Lt. Bourke Street,  
entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night 7-9pm.  
Visitors are always welcome.

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SOCIAL COLUMN

SOCIAL EVENTS:-

ICE SKATING

Tuesday 8th August at Olympic Ice Skating Centre 1080 Centre Rd,  
South Oakleigh. 8pm-10pm.

Cost \$3.80 (\$2.20 if more than 15)

ADVANCE WARNING

End of year dinner 3rd December.

The night out at Mt. Lebanon Restaurant was a great success with  
54 people attending.

Any one with any interesting slides who can give a slide show  
please see me.

Mick Mann.

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WANTED - PEOPLE INTERESTED IN A TOUR TO YORKE PENNINSULA AND  
SOUTHERN FLINDERS RANGES, FROM 20TH AUGUST to 3rd SEPTEMBER, 83.  
PLEASE CONTACT BILL BACKHOUSE ON 82 5593 (B.H.) or 870 5920.

DAY WALKS

7TH AUGUST JACKS CREEK - REEDY CREEK (2 WALKS) EASY/Med.

Leader: Jopie Bodegraven  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave., 9am  
Map Reference: Yea 1:50,000  
Alexandra 1:100,000

Both Jacks Creek and Reedy Creek are sizable creeks flowing  
southwards from the granite plateau north of the Goulburn River  
Their descents are a series of delightful cascades and small  
waterfalls set in lovely open forest country. Bring your own  
camera. The medium walk will go up Jacks Creek, cut across to  
Reedy Creek and follow it down. The easy walk will spend the  
entire time in the Jacks creek catchment, enjoying it in more  
detail.

DAY WALKS CONTINUED...SAT. 13th August      Afternoon Historical Walk - Brighton      Easy

Leader: Athol Schafer

The walk around the Brighton Route has been postponed. Instead, we will visit Governor La Trobe's House near the Herbarium. The house was originally erected in the 1830's at Jolimont Square; the latter place we visited last year. Afterwards a walk through the Botanic Gardens, taking afternoon tea at the Kiosk.

Meet under clocks by 2 pm. Returning city by 5pm.

14th August      Main Creek Track - Bushrangers Bay      Easy/Med

Leader: David McFarlane (B.H. 393 0500)

Transport: Van from Batman Ave, 9am.

Distance: 10 miles

Ref Map: Rosebud 1:50,000 (7821-11)

At the start of the walk we will go to Cape Schanck by car but just to make life a little more interesting we will first go slightly further east by van till we hit the "Main Creek Track" a gentle undulating sandy track above a rocky coastline - so that we shall arrive at Cape Schanck with a sense of achievement! And just to confirm that we are true masochists we will walk right down to the very end of the cape so that we can experience the spray from Pulf Rock. Then we retrace our steps back to - horrors - a made road that will lead us to a pleasant track through "Cape Schanck Coastal Park."

Then if our legs will stand it we will walk six miles along a flat made track that takes us to Gunnamatta Beach and then on to Rye Ocean Beach - which is on map of 198 of the latest Melways - so we will be back in Melbourne! End of walk.

21st August      Mystery Walk      Easy

Leader: Phil Larkin (568 1926 Home)

Transport: Van

Expected time of return: sometime

Map Ref: unknown

Appropriate distance: 12 km.

Its here at long last! Phil's mystery walk from Y to Z. This walk will take you through some of Victoria's oldest history and early pioneer days. During the day you will have plenty of opportunity to explore the country side and to enjoy the early spring flowers. An ideal walk for beginners. Bring water and meat for a bar-b-que for midday lunch.

28th August      Granite Hill-Mt. Anakie-Little Riverf      Easy

Leader Max Casley

Transport: Van from Batman Ave., 9am.

Expected time of return: 7.30pm

Map Reference: Bacchus Marsh 1:100,000

Approximate Distance 15 km.

see description over leaf.

**DAY WALKS CONT.**

This walk will be divided into two groups - an easy group and a medium group. We will start the walk across farmland (farmer's permitting) with good views across to the You Yangs from Mt. Anakie. We will then cross into the Brisbane Ranges and explore some gorges.

**WEEKEND WALKS****5th-7th August Taradale - Vaughan - Guildford - Newstead Easy**

Leader: Phil Larkin (568 1926 Home)

Transport: Private

Expected time of return : 8pm

Map Reference: 1:25,000 Drummond - Guildford - Newstead - Yandait

1:100,000 - Castlemaine

Approx Dist. 35 km.

This walk offers you many different interests during the weekend. We will be visiting the old gold mining towns of Fryerstown and Irishtown also several mineral springs in the area. Over the weekend the walk will take you through Fryerstown State Forest, which the Wattle will be in full bloom and numerous amounts of wild flowers should be in flower at this time of year. On the first day the walk will start from Taradale to finish at Vaughan and visit the gold mining towns during the day.

After the overnight camp at Vaughan we will follow the Loddon River to Guildford, then the old railway line after lunch to finish the walk at Newstead.

**August 12th - 14th Ski-touring - North Buffalo Plateau Med**

Leader: Bob Douglas

Transport: Private

Expected time of return : 9pm

Map Ref: Buffalo Plateau (Algonia); Buffalo 1:100,000

Approximate Distance: 25 km.

Camping is permitted on the Buffalo plateau at Saltlick Plain, near the Crystal Brook reservoir. We will ski in with packs (4km), set up camp, and ski with day packs in the area around the camp visiting such features as Wld Dog Plain and Mt. Dunn.

On the Sunday, we will strike camp relatively early, dump our heavy packs at the turnoff to the North Plateau, and ski out to Mt. McLeod, returning by about 5pm for the short ski back to the cars.

BRING A STOVE, as no wood fires are permitted.

**August 19th-21st Arepiles Base Camp Easy**

Leader: Peter Bullard

Transport: Private

Map Ref: Natimuk 1:100,000

Approx, Dist. Up to you.

This will be a base camp with a difference so come on be adventuresome try your hand at some rock climbing with us at one of the most favourite climbing areas. If you aren't a dare devil there are numerous walks and views around the area.

**Aug 26-28 Tabletop Range - Base Camp Easy Med**

Leader: Jopie Bodegraven

Transport: Van from Batman Ave. (continued over...)

## WEEKEND WALKS CONT.....

The tabletop range is a rugged range of sedimentary rock with steep cliffs providing spectacular views of the surrounding plains. It rises 350 metres above the plains and in many places the cliffs rise up to 120m. It is 25km north of Albury which is a fast 300km drive from Melbourne. Both Friday and Saturday nights will be spent in the Albury Caravan Park on the banks of the Murray, tenting or if you prefer, luxuriating in a caravan.

Saturday will be full day spent exploring the range. On Sunday some members will head off on their Snowy Mountains Ski-trip, the non skiers will then under a sub-leader, do a day walk around Mt. Pilot area north of Beechworth, and area of great views and granite slabs.

August 28 - Sept 4th Ski-Touring-Jagungal Area Med/Hard

Leader: Graeme Thornton (878 0660 not 868 0660)  
 Transport: van from Batman Ave  
 Expected time of return: Sunday night  
 Map Ref: Mt. Kosciusko 8525 II and III; Khancoban 8525 I and IV  
 1:50,000  
 Approximate Distance: 45 km and day trips

This trip will start early Monday so that anyone on Jopie's Albury area walk may join us.

I plan to ski in via Pinnacle Mountain and the Grey Mare range which, in good weather, gives spectacular views across the Geehi valley to the Main Range and Watsons Crag. We shall base camp somewhere near Grey Mare hut/mine from Tuesday night to Saturday morning. This will allow us to day trip to the magnificent and isolated Mt. Jagungal and enjoy rattling down off its long slopes. As further enticement, such names as Strawberry Hill, Ghost Hill, The Kerries and the The Rolling Grounds are within reach. We shall return to the vehicles late Saturday afternoon or early Sunday afternoon.

If perchance, a late August blizzard is still raging a softer option will be sort, so bring chains for a possible traverse of the Alpine Way. We shall be snow camping, so each tent group should be completely self contained. Ensure you have a spare ski tip, a couple of spare poles between us, map, compass and an extra days emergency rations.

September 2-4th Dead Bullock Creek Base Camp (Nth Grampians)  
 Med/Med hard

Leader: Tyrone Thomas  
 Transport: Private  
 Map Ref: Grampians and Horsham 1:100,000  
 Approximate Distance: 30 km.

This base camp trip to see Grampians Wildflowers and waterfalls will be at Grid Ref 272 055 on the Horsham 1:100,000 map sheet. The spot is at large pines trees on the roadside north of Troopers Creek Picnic Ground. Adjacent to Dead Bullock Creek.

Walks will be off tracks for some of the time so jeans may be desirable to combat low scrub.

Day one: 11 km to see some waterfalls and Briggs Bluff descending back to camp via Dead Bullocks Creek - Medium grade walk 30% scrub and rock.

Day two: 9km to see Mt. Difficult and 3 waterfalls and the rock climbing cliffs area around Talwinda Cave and Wind Cave. Returning via Troopers Creek picnic ground, medium grade walk 50% scrub & rock



Committee Notes from meeting 4th July 1983.

Correspondence during June a letter was received from a member of the Adelaide Bushwalkers requesting permission to reproduce the editorial of "Walk 83" in their magazine "Tandanya". Permission was granted.

Treasurer: Balance as at end of June \$7180.30 (Presently \$3000 on fixed deposits - another \$2000 to be added.)

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|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Walks May 1983 | 158 members        | 178 day walkers |
|                | <u>70</u> visitors | 50 weekend      |
|                | 228                | Profit \$223    |

Membership Currently 376 including Honorary and life members.

Search and Rescue Next meeting Monday 25th July.

CCV "Conservation Ball Sat 6th August

Duty Roster July 13th Betty/Geoff  
 20th Gail/Penny  
 27th Neil Priestly/Rosemary  
 Aug 3rd Phil/Athol

Next Committee meeting 1st August.

Committee notes (continued

#### Incorporation.

The associations Incorporation Act 1981 has now been proclaimed, and along with about 30,000 other sporting and community groups, the club is eligible to incorporate without the expense and obligations involved under the Companies Act.

Charges to the Constitution will definitely be required, and if possible these will be drawn up for presentation to the half-yearly General Meeting (September). Proposed changes will be published in "News" in advance of the meeting.

From the President's pen....  
 another in a slightly more occasional series.

Wilky Further to my description of the present "Wilky" situation in last months news, I should point out that the account we have just paid to the SEC is for "Rental of Wilkinson Lodge for the period 1.7.83 to 30.6.84 -" in other words, for the coming year.

#### Late fees

I should not need to remind members that the Club By-laws require leaders to charge an extra \$2 for anyone they accept on a walk if the deposit was not paid by 9 pm the previous Wednesday. This has a serious purpose - to discourage people from "just turning up" on walks and expecting to be accepted. We need to know on Wednesdays how many people are going, particularly for van trips.

So if you haven't booked by the preceding Wednesday, and the leader asks you for an extra \$2, grin and pay up! (and resolve to book early next time). Cheers.

Geoff.

New members:-

Keith Warburton, P.O. Box 165, East Melbourne, Tel. (H)  
 793 1686.