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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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SOCIAL COLUMN

COMING ATTRACTION

MID YEAR DINNER

WHEN 2nd JULY 1983

WHERE MT LEBANON RESTURANT 177 TOORAK RD SOUTH YARRA

TIME 7.30 pm

COST \$15 PER HEAD

BYO BOOZE

THIS WILL BE A GASTRONOMIC DELIGHT:-

6 ENTREES

2 MAIN COURSES

DESERT

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**2 BELLY DANCES (NOT SURE IF THEY ARE FOR ENTREE OR DESERT).
COME ALONG MEET OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. HURRY TO
HAND OVER THE CASH -- SEATS ARE LIMITED AND FINAL NUMBERS TO
BE IN BY:-**

22ND JUNE.

WE WILL ORGANISE A ROLLER SKATING NIGHT IN AUGUST.

**SO KEEP AN EYE ON "NEWS" FOR DETAILS.
PLEASE NOTE - ITS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOUR ON
THE LIST FOR EACH.**

**WANTED - CROSS COUNTRY SKI BOOTS SIZE 6 OR 39 APPROX AND
SKIS 195 CM (WAX LESS) SEE MICK MANN.**

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO JIM AND LIBBY MARSDEN ON
THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY GIRL JANE ELIZABETH, ALL ARE WELL.**

**THANK YOU - THROUGH YOUR NEWSLETTER, I'D LIKE TO SAY "THANK-YOU"
TO THE BUSHWALKERS WHO HELPED ME SO MUCH AFTER MY ACCIDENT ON
THE RAZOR. THANKS TO YOUR COMMON SENSE AND MORALE SUPPORT,
MY INJURIES ARE HEALING WELL AND THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE WAS OF
MINIMAL TRAUMA FOR ME. I'M SORRY YOU WERE SO INCONVENIENCED,
COLD AND WET, AND THAT THE WALK WHICH HAD BEEN SO PLEASANT
ENDED UP THE WAY IT DID.**

DIANA SCHNEIDER.

Correspondence should be directed to:-

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

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

T O A L L Y O U D E G E N E R A T E S

JUNE 24 - 26

M O U N T A I N L O D G E

KINGS ROAD MARYSVILLE

(The road that runs behind "Maryland")

Transport can be by bus (Public Transport - Mackenzies)
or private - arrange your own or in the clubrooms
on Wednesday evening June 22nd.

Bring balance of payment on Friday June 24th.

Any late decision makers, please send \$30.00 per head
deposit to: 12 Hillcrest Road, Glen Iris, 3146 as
soon as possible.

Mountain Lodge is filling fast - 48 people so far!!

YET ANOTHER POSSIBILITY - COME AND PLAY GOLF

Marijke & Graham Mascas.

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DAY WALKS.....

3rd JULY DJERRIWARRH CREEK (2 WLAKS) EASY, EASY/MED

LEADER: PENNY STAPLEY

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9am

MAP REF: Sunbury 1"-1mile or Melton 1:25,000 and Toolern Vale 1:25,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 km

The walk provides interesting and varied walking in an area close to Melbourne. We follow Djerriwarrh Creek upstream from the point where it is crossed by the Western Highway. Part of the walk will follow the creek itself, and part will be on ridges providing attractive views. Time permitting, we may continue the walk north of Toolern Vale Road as far as Djerriwarrh Reservoir. Walking is quite easy, but be prepared for a number of fences (none of them electrified).

Sat. 9th JULY AFTERNOON HISTORICAL WALK - PRAHAN Easy

LEADER: Athol Schafer

Meet under clocks in time to catch 2.04 pm train to Windsor. Returning city 5pm.

Prahran comes from the Aboriginal term meaning a swamp - the sheet of water stretching from Albert Park. It developed as a plebian district, but, unlike Collingwood, each Cottage had its own front and back garden. The course of the tour will be mainly along back streets behind Chapel St.

10th JULY BELLS BEACH ANGLESEA Easy

LEADER : Alison Blaker

Transport: Van from Batman Ave, 9am

Expected time of return: 7-8pm

Approximate Distance: 12km

The length of this walk will depend on weather conditions. You may have to bring "bathers and flippers" for warmth and wet weather. I will extend the walk if it is fine and depending on the speed of the group. The walk is easy and very good for beginners who are attempting their first walk. Please bring warm change of clothers and raincoats, however you may not need them.

17th JULY	GELLIBRAND NATIONAL PARK-DEEP CREEK	SEE OVER PAGE
24th JULY	MOORABOOL FALLS - LAL LAL FALLS	EASY AND
	BUNGAL DAM	MEDIUM

LEADER: Stuart Hodgson, Sub Leader Phil Larkin

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9am

Expected time of Return: 7pm

Map Ref: Bacchus Marsh 1:100,000 or Lal Lal 1:25,000

Approximate Dist. 10/16 km.

Want to experience two big falls and a dam great lake? The come on my joyful jaunt through delightfully undulating and (now) verdant Victoria. No excessive climbs on either easy or medium walk. We'll be visiting the lesser known Moorabool Falls as well as the popular and more "Touristised" Lal Lal Falls before moving South, following the Western shore of the reservoir down to Bungal Dam. Here the easy (very) walk ends. The masochists remaining will then follow the Moorabool Rover south for a few more ks through a State Forest.

DAY WALKS.....

17th JULY, GELLIBRAND NATIONAL PARK - DEEP CREEK EASY

LEADER : Art Terry
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave, 9am
 Expected time of return: 6pm
 Map Ref: Melways Maps 177-178-4
 Approximate Distance: 16km.

An easy and interesting walk embracing Gellibrand Hill National Park in a beautiful red gum rural setting and the spectacular Deep Creek and Maribyrnong River valleys.

31st JULY, MT. TENNERIFFE - FLAT ROCK - PORCUPINE HILL
 EASY/MED

Leader: Harold Grove
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave, 9am

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS WALK SEE LEADER IN CLUBROOMS.

7th AUGUST JACKS CREEK - REEDY CREEK (YEA AREA) EASY
 EASY/MED.

LEADER: JOPIE BODEGRAVEN, SUB LEADER
 TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9am

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS WALK SEE LEADER IN CLUBROOMS.

WEEKEND WALKS.....

9-10th JULY BASE CAMP - TERRICK TERRICK, PYRAMID HILL
 AND MT. HOPE EASY

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven
 TRANSPORT: Private Cars - Saturday morning
 Map Ref: Bendigo 1;250,000

There are several good features of this trip. Firstly we will travel up leisurely in daylight on Saturday morning, erect out tents at Terrick Terrick Picnic Ground in daylight. Secondly the area is lovely. Thirdly the areas will be green, as opposed to last years brown. All three areas are granite hills with interesting outcrops and extensive views over the surrounding plains. Saturday afternoon will be a halfday ramble through the parklike Terrick Terrick State Forest visiting Regal Peak and Mt. Terrick Terrick itself. Sunday morning will be a halfday walk at Mt. Hope, similar to the You Yangs. Its Western flank is very spectacular, sloping slats suggesting Ayers Rock. Finally a brief climb and walk at Pyramid Hill completes the weekend, allowing a return to Melbourne by 6pm I hope.

15-17th JULY BEGINNERS SKI WEEKEND

EASY

LEADER: MICK MANN AND PRU HARDIMAN

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

MAP REF: CAMP AT DENNIS CARAVAN PARK - PORPUNKAH.

We hope to have two groups, one that haven't skied before (limit 10) and those that have skied a little before (those that are reasonable good will be seconded as helpers). We hope to have an instructor for the Saturday if there is one available so there could be a small charge to cover their costs.

22-24th JULY

THE GORGE - FAITHFULS CREEK - CHAIRMAN
FALLS

MED

LEADER: PRU HARDIMAN

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

MAP REF: EUROA 1:100,000

The hills are alive with the sound of bushwalkers, well now that the hills are green again that is! Come along for a meandering walk around the Strathbogie Ranges to some of the greenest country in Victoria. Come and camp at the famous Faithfuls Creek where good areas for frisbee throwing abound and excellent tent sites can be found. This will be more like an easy medium walk with good views, not too many fences to clamber over and good company. We may finish at Euroa at the Seven Creeks Cafe for hot chocolate and milk coffees.

29-31st JULY

SKI TOURING-THE BLUFF-LOVICK AREA

MED

LEADER: PEARSON CRESSWELL

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

MAP REF: King, Howqua and Jamison Rivers (VMTC)

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20-30km

Pray for good snow and good weather! The range between the Bluff and Mt. Covick offers very pleasant skiing opportunities. Where we shall go and where camp will be will depend on conditions at the time but do come prepared for snow camping. Unfortunately there may be a longish walk (5km) to get onto the snow so proper footwear and an early start will be required.

5-7th August '83

MT. BOGONG OR MT. BULLER

HARD

LEADER: PHIL TAYLOR

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

After rememberable trips to Mt. Bogong over the last two years, I think it might be time for a change. Hence we may attempt the West Face of Mt. Buller. However, where we go on this weekend will very much depend on snow and weather conditions.

What ever we do it is sure to be a memorable weekend, who will ever forget last years trip. For those wishing to come on the trip some basic pieces of snow climbing equipment will be necessary. An ice-axe is essential. A set of crampons is highly recommended, it may be possible to hire or borrow a pair if you don't own a pair. For those not familiar with how to use this equipment tuition will be provided. For any more details please see me in the club rooms.

S.T.A.V. (SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA)

This is an association that you may be more interested in finding more about.

Its objectives are:-

1. to encourage safe ski touring through education programs, pamphlets etc.
- and 2. to strive to maintain the limited ski touring areas in Victoria in a suitable condition for ski touring.

S.T.A.V. General Meetings are held at the A.P.I. Theatre, on the 9th Floor, 152 Elizabeth St., City (near the corner of Bourke St at a side entrance near London Stores.)

Membership fee for S.T.A.V. is \$8. Members of Affiliated Clubs (i.e. Melbourne Bushwalkers) it is \$7. The meetings start at 8.00 pm sharp and these are the planned agendas of meetings for 1983. (excluding May 4th and June 1st, which have already passed)

July 13th, Snow Camping and Safe Touring

Approaching snow camping, equipment required, maps and navigation weather, safety in the snow, awareness of hypothermia and its dangers, treatment of ski injuries.

August 10th, Bullring approach with several topics

including photographic tips. Driving in snow and ice conditions, and bar bare. Others to be suggested by members.

September 7th, Gourmet Cooking for Snow ConditionsOctober 5th, Social Evening

Looking at slides of this years ski trips, and reminiscing about early skiing in Australia.

Instruction Activities for 1983.

July 9th	Beginners Class	Lake Mountain	\$6
10th	"	"	\$6
16th)	Intermediate Skills Course (accommodation included)	Howmans Gap	\$65
17th)			
23rd)	Cross country /accommodation included	Mt. Hotham	\$85
24th)			
30th)	Club Ski Tutor /Falls Creek Course		\$12
31st)			
Aug 6th)	Touring skills	Mt. St. Gwinear	\$12
7th)			
13th)	Family Ski Weekend/Snowy Plains		\$12
14th)			
13th)	Beginners/Intermediate Skills improvement	/Mt. Buffalo	\$12
14th)			
21st	Beginners Class/Lake Mountain		\$ 6
Sep 3rd)	President's Snowcamp, Falls Creek		\$ 4
4th)			

S.T.A.V. (Cont.)

September 10th)	Ski classes and Testing/Falls		
11th)	Birkenbeiner	Creek	\$6

On Wednesday 25th May Doug Wilson, the organiser of the S.T.A.V. Instruction Program spoke about these instruction activities in the clubrooms. He gave more information about the Tutor's Course. This is intended to help people who are assisting others to learn how to ski in more of the informal type of situations that often occurs amongst members of this club.

OTHER NEWS

"SAVE THE TREES" BILL

The Australian Democrats today introduced a private member's bill to end tax deductions now paid for the destruction of native trees.

The bill brought up by the Democrat Deputy-Leader, Senator Colin Mason, would amend the Income Tax law so that no tax benefit could be gained by clearing land of indigenous trees. The bill would however not alter a situation where clearing of "scrub and undergrowth" is tax deductible.

Speaking in the second reading speech Senator Mason said Australia now had only 42 million hectares of forest land - only about one third of the forested area before European settlement of Australia. About a fifth of this was only private land, much of it corridors between tracts of publicly owned forest in state forests and national parks.

"Australia has lost vast amounts of forest unnecessarily and unwisely in the past," Senator Mason said. "We are now one of the world's worst-off countries so far as trees are concerned, and the incentives should be directed towards planting more trees, not destroying what remains. Indiscriminate tree felling on marginal land has created enormous problems. Indeed much of this type of land has gone out of farm production or even reverted to desert because of erosion of exhaustion."

Senator Mason said that the Finance Minister, Mr. Dawkins had answered a question on the matter in Parliament last week indicating that the government would consider this matter.

"In the light of this we would like to see this Bill debated and voted on as soon as possible," he said.

For further information contact: Senator Colin Mason (062) 72 7434 or a/hours (062) 47 8147.

SUMMER EXTENDED TRIPS

Now is the time to start thinking about those Xmas and other summer trips. If you have a trip in mind and wish to lead it, please let me have the details so it can be included in the forthcoming summer program. There is a gaping void there which is waiting to be filled.

Jopie Bodegraven

NEWS FROM OTHER BUSHWALKING CLUBS.

Have you ever wondered what other bushwalking clubs do, how they organise themselves, what walks they are planning or have just done. Well, we receive copies of many clubs newsletters on a reciprocal basis. They make interesting reading, are full of ideas for trips etc, current copies are generally pinned to the notice board 4 paces inside the clubroom door on the east wall and back copies are filed in the storeroom. They are particularly good for planning interstate trips or making contact with clubs if you are going interstate for a period.

Currently we receive newsletters from the following clubs:-

Sydney Bushwalkers
Brisbane Bushwalkers
Canberra Bushwalking Club
Western Walking Club (Perth)
Hobart Walking Club
Launceston Walking Club
Victorian Mountain Tramping Club (VMTC)
Walking Club of Victoria (WCV)
Melbourne Womens Walking Club
Catholic Walking Club
Melbourne Walking Club (Mens club)
Melbourne uni Mountaineering Club
Rogaining Association
Ski Touring Association of Vic (STAV)
Youth Hostels Association.

Jopie Bodegraven.

FOR SALE

1 pair knaiss/ touring skis. 205 cm Good condition \$85 or nearest offer. Keither Warburton 793 1686 or 546 9592 anytime, or P.O. BOX 165, EAST MELBOURNE, 3002.

also - Skis 1 pair of Asnes Quick Step TORSION BOX T54 200 Centimetres. Used for 4 weeks New Price \$115, Selling for \$85. Same contact as above.

ALSO FOR SALE

This is the start of winter and here's your chance for some bargain priced winter gear.

OILED WOOL BEANIE (NEW) AND 2 OTHER BEANIES \$5 THE LOT.
NEW PROOFED NYLON OVERMITTS \$3
NEW PROOFED NYLON GARTERS \$5
CHOOFER (USED) \$10
CAR RADIO AIR CHIEF THIRTEEN AND SPEAKER (SUIT HOLDEN) \$25

ALL THESE PRICES ARE NEGOTIABLE. GIVE US A RING ON 578 3942 (Home) or 419 7055 (Work).
Allan Kitchener.

GENERAL MEETING

Please note that a bi-monthly General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers will be held in the Clubrooms at 8pm on Wednesday 29th June.

All members are requested to attend.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT - WALK 84 - DEADLINES MID JULY.

As editor of WALK 1984 I would be grateful for any contributions or suggestions. If anyone has any ideas for articles they would prefer to discuss first I will try to be available on club nights (or at home on 347 6140 from 6pm on). The Absolute deadline is mid July.

I will also be looking for slides or prints which have enough contrast to print in black and white. Photographs of intrinsic interest as well as photographs to illustrate particular articles will be needed. I doubt if we will be retaining the coloured double-page spread because of the inordinate cost (\$1,000), but there may be a black and white double-page spread if we can find one good enough. Coloured prints or slides for the cover are also required, so could our more talented photographers look through their slides for something suitable. Slides and prints will be copied for printing and the originals returned.

Janice Llewelyn.

From the President's Pen.....
a very occasional series.

Wilkinson Lodge - The future.

Having noted various comments and queries in the "Wilky" logbook regarding "Wilky's" future in the Bogong National Park, I am writing this to explain why its future is still not clear. Following is a summary of what has happened so far:

1. A Permissive Occupancy Licence held by the Ski Club of Victoria was transferred to the Melbourne Bushwalkers in 1960. Every year since then (including 1983) the S.E.C. has invoiced us for an annual rental of \$2 (originally £1.)
2. The Bogong National Park was created by the National Parks (Amendment) Act 1981, taking effect from 1st October 1981. This Act specifically provides for the Scout Association to have a 20 year tenancy of the Rover Chalet together with the associated ski lift! It also empowers the relevant Minister to grant "a tenancy of or a permit to manage or occupy a building or facility" within the National Park for up to seven years.
3. In August 1981, the Club wrote to the Director of the National Parks Service requesting a seven year lease for the Wilkinson Lodge site. So far no reply has been received.
4. No communication has been received from the S.E.C. or the National Parks Authority to advise of any charges to our original agreement with the S.E.C. Accordingly, we have continued to use the Lodge as before and have continued to pay rental to the S.E.C.

Well there it is. As soon as the Committee has any further information, it will be published in "News".

Geoff.

COMMITTEE NOTES - MEETING 6th JUNE 1983.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Diana Schneider thanking the club for fher rescue (at the Razor, last Easter) and enclosing a cheque for \$30 for any expenses incurred by the Club. Since the club did not incur any expenses the committee decided that those who were on the walk should be given opportunity to submit expense claims up to this amount.

Forest Commission road closure maps for Winter 1983 f were received.

A letter was received from Ralph and Barbara Bryan enquiring about Honorary membership, since they expect to be living in Kenya for another year or so. They were granted Absentee Membership by the committee.

Treasurer

Bank Balance end May	\$7316.15
Bills for Payment	1441.90

Walks April

Members	145	W/Kend walkers	137
Visitors	56	Day Walkers	64
	<u>201</u>		<u>201</u>

Profit \$138.

Walk 1984

Articles and photos still required - some received already. A good response so far by advertisers.

Membership

Total 358.

Wilky

STAV advised that the CRB is planning to put a barrier across the High Plains Road on the Omeo side. Resolved that the club would write to the CRB querying the justification for this.

Equipment

2 sleeping bags have been dry-cleaned. Resolved that 2 new day packs and a tent fly be purchased.

Search and Rescue

Practice 30-31 July at Lake Mountain.

STAV resolved that the club write to the Ministers for Conservation and Forests complaining about the additions to and comercial use of Bluff Hut.

DUTY ROSTER

15th June	Gail/Rosemary
22nd	Neil/Phil
29th	Rod/Penny (General Meeting)
6th July	Robyn/Neil

Next Committee Meeting 4th July.

MEMBERSHIP OVERDUE??

If you didnt receive last months "News" it was because you have become an unfinancial member.

ALSO as this years address list is about to be published please ensure that any changes, however small, are passed to the membership secretary.

NEW MEMBERS

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THE NEWS CONVENOR EXTENDS APOLOGIES TO THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE
ARTICLES WERE NOT ABLE TO BE INCLUDED IN "NEWS" THIS MONTH.
THIS WAS DUE TO A LACK OF TIME, AND TIRED SHOULDERS! THEY
WILL BE HELD OVER FOR NEXT MONTHS "NEWS". THANK YOU.