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ITS ON!! THE DEGENERATE WEEKEND!!

DATE: 24-26th JUNE 1983

STANDARD: EASY/MED.

LOCATION: MARYSVILLE GUEST HOUSE WEEKEND

LEADER: GRAHAM MASCAS AND MARIJKE MASCAS

We've previewed some of the walks, examined the guest-house and had sufficient response to confirm that this club is degenerate - luvverly! marvellous!

The options are many:-

Arriving after dinner Friday night 24th June and a good nights sleep we will offer a variety of walks on Saturday from all day to just morning and back for lunch with gentle pm strolls. Sunday will be skiing (snow permitting) or walking at Lake Mountain, or you can change and swap about at your choice. Packed lunches are available to those wanting full days out with lunch provided for those being less energetic. No matter what you chose you can be organised in typical Mascas fashion or completely degenerate, the choice is yours.

The costs are \$56 per head (providing we have 26 or more) otherwise \$75 a head so let me know for a good time out. Rooms with private facilities are \$10 per room extra for the week end.

The price includes accommodation Friday and Saturday nights, two breakfasts, two lunches and one dinner. Deposit \$30 per head with bookings please, get in early with your choice of accommodation.

Congratulations to Bob Douglas and Lyn Muirhead on their wedding (23rd April).

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.

ADVANCE PREVIEWS.....

JANUARY 1984 CROAJINGOLONG NATIONAL PARK SAT. 21 - SAT. 28THURRA RIVER

It is rather early to be talking about Xmas trips but in order to secure a camping site at Thurra River, bookings for the Holiday period open on June 1, 1983.

It is important to book early because the sites vary in quality and size and quite a number of sites do not permit open fires.

The sites are generally large. Last year, pre Xmas, we had 4 tents on one site. Depending on the response, I could book 2 sites, which could fit up to 16 people. The cost is approx. \$8 per person per week.

Last year our group was very impressed with the variety of activities available.

- walking over the vast dunes.
- beach walking
- bird watching
- lazing in the sun/swimming in the lagoon
- canoeing/fishing on the Mueller River
- hi-loing on the Thurra River (a short walk from the campsite the river opens out to a wide expanse of deep water).
- visiting the lighthouse

I was impressed ^{by} the fact that the N.P.'s are trying to conserve the area by not allowing many people to use the park at any one time. There are only 20 sites available. It is a beautiful unspoiled area. The bird-life is prolific. Joan McMahon was able to identify species rarely seen. A first for me was watching a little marsupial mouse scamper about the camp-site when everyone else had gone to bed.

If you think you may be interested, or would like more information please ring 830 4119, before May 28th. I will not be home from school holidays until Monday May 23rd.

Lyn Ratcliffe.

BARRIER RANGE - WESTERN N.S.W. - 5 DAY WALK - 31ST AUG. to 4th SEP.

As part of the Broken Hill Centenary Celebrations, the Barrier Rangers, a bushwalking group based in Broken Hill is organising a 5 day walk in this area. To quote their brochure: "The Barrier Rangers invite you to come on a walking expedition exploring old mining settlements, coach roads, beautiful gorges and the unique flora and fauna of the Barrier Ranges.

Dates are Wed. 31 Aug. to Sun. 4 Sep, although the walk can be joined on Saturday or Sunday morning. An average day's walk is 15-20 km. Registration is requested by 7th Aug.

For more info, or to register, write to the Barrier Rangers, P.O. Box 515, Broken Hill, N.S.W. 2880. A brochure will be pinned to the permanent club noticeboard 4 paces inside the clubroom on the east wall.

Jopie Bodegraven.

Day Walks

5th June Cobaw Range - Granite Ridge (2 walks) Easy/Med
Med/Hard

Leader : Alan Kitchener
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave, 9am
 Map Ref: Woodend 1:100,000

Both walks combine 2 types of walking, firstly a forest section through fairly open stringybark forest, and then finishing off on some open green grassy spurs studded with interesting granite rocks and pleasant views. Take water as we will be mainly of ridges.

Mon. 13th June Sherbrooke Forest Lyrebird Walk Easy

Leader: Probably Doug or Athol
 Transport: Train from Flinders Street.

This is always a popular area with its fern gullies, towering trees and well kept paths. The exact route will depend on the leader, who will be known a few weeks prior to the walk, and he will have more details of train times.

Sat. 18th June Historical Walk - Collingwood Easy

Leader: Athol Schafer
 Arrangements: Meet under clocks by 2pm we will take East Preston train (88) from Bourke Street, to alight at corner of Gertrude and Smith Sts., (Stop 18).

Books: "Power Without Glory" Hardy.
 "Melbourne on Foot" Davison.

Not noted for stately houses Collingwood nevertheless offers much in the way of local history. It was the scene of Melbourne's earliest land scandals at which there is still much evidence; the fiefdom of John Wren; the home of bought politicians, corrupt councillors, polluting industrialists, jerry-builders and larikins. Come along for an interesting afternoon's walk. Returning about 5pm.

19th June Argyle-Mt.Ida-Costerfield (2 walks) Easy &
Med.

Leader: Geoff Mattingley
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave 9am
 Expected time of return 8pm
 Map Reference: Heathcote 1:100,000
 Approximate distance: 18km for the medium walk
 12km " " easy walk
 for description see over...

Committee Notes from Meeting 2nd May 1983.

Bank Balance as at end April \$6469.45
(\$3,000 in Deposit Stock)

Walks for March	151 members	110 day walkers
	<u>49 visitors</u>	90 Weekend
	200	

A Walks Planning meeting is to be held on 26th May at Tyrone Thomas's place - suggestions and ideas for future walks are welcomed.

259 Financial members so far.

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs are looking for a volunteer to be Information Officer. About 20 calls per week are received from people requiring information on bushwalking clubs. Federation will provide a phone answering machine and, if required, a separate phone. If anyone would be prepared to assist, please contact Geoff Mattingley.

Duty Roster:-

11 May Betty/Phil
18 May Athol/Geoff
25 May Rosemary/Neil
1 June Phil/Jen
8 June Phil/Neil

Next Committee meeting 6th June.

Please note that Bob Steel was omitted from the list of Honorary Members published in last month's NEWS.

New Members

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