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SOCIAL COLUMN

THE END OF YEAR DINNER IS NOW BOOKED OUT SO IF YOU'VE MISSED OUT - SORRY.

BOOKING LIST FOR THE VAN IS GOING UP IN THE CLUB ROOMS. THE VAN WILL BE LEAVING BATMAN AVENUE AT 6 PM COST \$4 - PAID IN ADVANCE PLEASE. SEE PENNY STAPLEY IN CLUB ROOMS.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD 8.00 PM IN THE CLUBROOMS -
SLIDES OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA, BLUE MOUNTAINS, CANYONS
PLUS MISCELLANEOUS OTHER UNUSUAL WALKING AREAS. JOPIE
WILL SHOW A SELECTION OF SLIDES FROM HIS TRIPS.

THE BAD OLD DAYS

(Pat McManus, author of A Fine and Pleasant Misery, takes a witty look at the horrors of campsite cuisine).

Our provisions were not distinguished by variety. Dehydrated foods were considered effeminate. A man could ruin his reputation for life by getting caught on a pack trip with a dried apple. If you wanted apples, brother, you carried them with the water still in them. No one could afford such delicacies as commercial beef jerky. What you carried was a huge slab of bacon. It was so big that if the butcher had left on the legs, it could have walked behind you on a leash.

A typical meal consisted of fried bacon, potatoes and onions fried in bacon grease, a pan of beans heated in bacon grease, bacon grease gravy, some bread fried in bacon grease, and cowboy coffee (made by boiling an old cowboy in bacon grease). After meals, indigestion went through our camp like a sow grizzly with a toothache. During the night coyotes sat in nervous silence on surrounding hills and listened to the mournful wailing from our camp.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEONI THOMPSON AND HUGH DUNCAN ON THEIR WEDDING.

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 Street, entrance from Racing Club Lance, every Wednesday night 7-9pm.
Visitors are always welcome.

WALK 1984

The annual publication of the Melbourne Bushwalkers is now available.

Articles featured in the '84 edition include:

- * The Franklin River Blockade - a personal view.
- * A guide to foot care for walkers
- * Liloing the Colo River
- * Mt. Buffalo National Park
- * Walking the Dart-Rees Rivers, New Zealand.

In addition there are many other articles which will inform and entertain all those who like to walk. There is the usual round-up of the latest maps together with the popular walk's section featuring weekend and day walks.

All this for just \$2.50

How do you obtain your copy of Walk 1984?

Either by coming into the clubrooms or posting the order form reproduced below:-

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DAY WALKS - DECEMBER, 1983

DEC 4TH NEWHAVEN - WOOLAMAI SURF CLUB EASY/MEDIUM.

LEADER: PHIL LARKIN
TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9.00 am.
MAP REFERENCE: PHILLIP ISLAND 1:25,000 VIC MAP.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 KM.

This walk offers you a large variety of coastline from magnificent surf beaches to rugged cliff faces. Including Mutton bird rockeries, Funal Reserve and numerous amount of sea life along the rock pools. At the end of the walk you will be rewarded with spectacular sun set over the ocean seascape. This area has some of Victori's most spectacular coastline and is an excellent walk for beach lovers. So bring along your cameras, lunch and also plenty of drinking water. Don't forget your bathers as there will be plenty of opportunity for swimming on the walk.

P.M. LARKIN.

DECEMBER 11th SYLVIA CK - MT. TANGLEFOOT - MT. ST. LEONARD. EASY

LEADER: David Davies
TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9am.
MAP REF: MONDA 1:25,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 KM

This will be an easy walk from Mt. Tanglefoot to Mt. St. Leonard, and then to Sylvia Creek where we will meet the bus. This is an extremely attractive temperate rainforest area, with the bonus of good views from Mt. St. Leonard. A medium walk of about 17 km will be arranged if a leader can be found.

DECEMBER 18TH MITCHELLS FALLS - PIPERS CREEK SEE LEADER FOR GRADE

LEADER: ROBYN HABY
TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9AM.
MAP REFERENCE: WOODEND 1:100,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18KM.

Walk follows Pipers Creek and Campaspe River through undulating countryside taking in Mitchell Falls. Barb wire fences will be negotiated. Bring water.

WEEKEND WALKS

DECEMBER 9-11th 83 NORTH GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER REQUIRED
TRANSPORT: PRIVATE
MAP REF: HORSHAM AND GRAMPIANS 1:100,000 50 WLAKS IN THE GRAMPIANS BY T.T.T.

Due to unavoidable work commitments, the President can't lead this weekend, hence the change in Walk Title. Subject to getting a willing leader (s) we will have a base camp probably at Troupers Creek. The Creeks should be flowing well and there are several waterfalls to shower under if it should be hot. This is the only easy weekend trip in December so don't miss it. Bring bathers, good food, drink and camera.

FOR SALE, LADIES RIP CURL WETSUIT - LONG SLEEVES AND LEGS. SIZE 12 ONLY WORN TWICE! IDEAL FOR RAFTING. \$100. BOOTS AND CAP ALSO AVAIL. PHONE DIANE SCHUDMAK AFTER HOURS 26 2439.

WEEKEND WALKS CONT...

DECEMBER 16-18 EIGHT MILE SPUR - THE BLUFF - SIXTEEN MILE SPUR
 MED/HARD

LEADER: MARK TISHLER

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

MAP REF: NAT MAPS 1:100,000 HOWITT MANSFIELD VMTC WATERSHEDS KING, HOWQUA AND JAMIESON RIVER.

A pleasant walk in beautiful country, superb views. A steep climb fast or slow depending on the group will see us on the Bluff by lunch. Afternoon walks around the top will be rewarding. Sundays descent will be steep with a pleasant river walk to conclude the weekends journey.

Essentials for the weekend will be water bottles, suntan lotion, insect repellent, Japara and anything else one considers necessary for a trip into the mountains with its dubious weather.

XMAS WALKSEXTENDED XMAS/NEW YEAR WALKS:

KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK

(JAGUNGAL - MT. KOSCUISKO - THREDBO)

MAP REFERENCES: KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK 1:250,000
 KOSCIUSKO 1:100,000

The proposed itinerary is to enable one to experience the remoteness of the Alpine Scenery with its wild flowers, snowgums and magnificent views within the Kosciusko National Park.

Our departure from Melbourne will be (probably December 26th) to travel via Corryong to camp for the evening in the pleasant surroundings of Bradneys Gap picnic area (see leader for more specific details) just north of Khancoban.

The following morning while some of our party are relaxing in the Sunshine, it is planned to carry out a car shuffle to Thredbo and return, before continuing North along the Cobraurra Rd to our walk start approximately 3 kms short of the Tooma Dam.

The walk commences following a four W.D. Track Southwards via Wolsebys Gap and Snowy Plains to Wheelers hut. Heading easterly we cross the Tooma Rd and onto Jagungal, from where the magnificent views of not only the route already covered can be seen, but our route southwards towards Mt. Kosciusko and eventually down to Thredbo village for cold drinks and ice-creams.

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The itinerary is planned for a (9)/day walk and for details of the walk/transport arrangements see the leader (Neil Priestley) in the club rooms A.S.A.P.

NOTE: Never let it be said that fair warning was never given about the march flies!

They can be real beasts!

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WALKS.....

SUB LEADER REQUIRED FOR THE LATTER
PART OF THIS TRIP.DEC 25TH TO JAN 2ND WILKINSON LODGE - HIGH PLAINS EASY/MED/HARD
BASE CAMP

LEADER: PHIL LARKIN (568 1926, Bus-669 8314)

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE: 1:25,000 COPE, SHANNONVALE, FAINTER AND FEATHERTOP.

APPROXIMATE DIST: FROM 30-60 KM

This walk offers you a great variety of bush walking over the 4 to 7 days. It features all of Victoria's major peaks such as Mt. Bogong 1986M, Mt. Feathertop 1922, Mt. Nelse and 7 other major peaks. Which in fine weather a visit to some of these mountains is a rewarding experience, there is always a feeling of satisfaction to have climbed one of these high mountains.

There is also a great variety of fauna such as the snow gum often forming extensive forests with understorey. Another common feature of the Bogong High Plains is the large areas of Sphagnum Moss Bogs, kept permanently wet by under ground springs or ground water. At this time of year there is a numerous amount of wildflowers to be found in this region and they will be in full bloom.

This will all add up to be an excellent and magnificent week of bush walking. Over the week the walks will vary from Easy, Medium to hard, to offer you some of Victoria's spectacular mountain scenery to magnificent valleys below the plains. Also I hope to visit several of the huts over the different walks.

Over the 4 days the walks, will take you to a variety of country around the High Plains, from Pretty Valley - Tawongo Huts - Cobungra Gap to Langford Gap - Kelly Track - Shannonvale and many other points of interest.

Essentials for the week are summer and winter clothing for the dubious alpine weather. Visitors are most welcome on this walk. Hoping to see you.

ANOTHER SUMMER BASE CAMP

CROAJINGALONG NATIONAL PARK - 21-28 JANUARY

Lynne Ratcliffe has some campsites booked at Thurra River and is eager to get a group together to use and enjoy them. If beautiful coastline and beaches, birds and flowers and relaxation are you thing then give Lynee a ring on 830 4119 and she'll fill you in on the details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRE-CLUB NOSH

I would be interested to hear from kindred souls who are not particularly enthusiastic about the standard of the food at usual pre-club eating house.

I'm sure by experimenting around we could find better tucker. This of course may involve walking up to say a kilometre or so.

Please let me or others know if interested.

Thanks....Graeme Thornton.

ALONG THE TRACK.....

Beyond the Barrier Ranges

And what is there? - you may well ask. You would probably look equally askance if I said I'd been bushwalking near Broken Hill. Broken Hill? early September I spent 4 days walking in the Barrier Ranges north of Broken Hill (B.H.). It is an area with its own intrinsic beauty, which had recently been enhanced by the heavier than usual rains resulting in a profusion of wild flowers. In particular the wild hops (*Acetosa vesicaria*) covered the hills in a pink haze.

The walk was organised by the Barrier Rangers (the B.H. club for arranging outdoor activities) to celebrate the centenary of the founding of B.H.. They planned to walk 100km in 5 days, providing water drops for each night's campsite (we were allowed 25L/day). A bus transported us to a spot 60km NNE of B.H., and we started northwest of Euriowie and walked through the Byjerkerno Gorge. We continued over hills, across plains, along deep wide-bottomed creeks, through narrow gorges, and occasionally cam across flowing water. Some of the folded rocks were reminiscent of those in the norther Flinders Ranges, and are apparently of similar origin (Adelaidian rocks). Not infrequently we passed the remains of various mine working, brick chimneys and in one place - a very solid, sandstone block shell of a former pay office. Along one creek we saw lots of aboriginal paintings on the flat sandstone surfaces.

The terrain warrants further description: most areas were widely scattered with chunks of rock or pebbles of various sizes. The unevenness and hardness underfoot proved to be the worst factor about the walk - after 20km/day plus a full pack, the soles of one's feet were extremely tender from the constant jarring, and not a few people developed blisters etc. Fortunately we were visited each night by a "patrol" from B.H., both to bring in extra walkers as well as take out those with foot problems. Another hazard were the double sided jacks which seemed to abound just where the tent was erected.

The presence of several locals made the trip more worthwhile as we had geologists, mining engineers, NP wardens etc. on hand - and someone could usually identify the samples of flora I collected. The party also included approximately 20 people from Sydney, 1 from Canberra and 5 from Melbourne: a response which somewhat overwhelmed the organisers. Perhaps we should circulate our programme more widely for the benefit of interstate visitors? Unfortunately I had to miss the last day - possibly the best as it would up in the famed Silverton pub. There are several other noteworthy areas near B.H.: the Mendindee Lakes area, Kinchiga NP, Mootwingee Aboriginal Historical Site, the ghost town of Silverton - and who knows, one day I may head northwards again.

Rosemary Cotter.

SWAT FLIES THE SCIENTIFIC WAY

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Here's a rather technical way of swatting flies, and a highly scientific explanation of why it works. (From Nature Vol.304 Aug'83).

HOW TO SWAT FLIES.....

Sir- The potential for house flies to spread disease has, of course, long been recognized. A fly, having crawled over human or animal faeces, may enter the house eventually to alight on exposed food. Usually the fly, attracted by light, whizzes up and down the window. Attempts to swat it dead are usually thwarted since the fly has a high-speed (millisecond) reflex system in its visual-brain-motor system so that it

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 centimetre or 10 kilometres on the ground.

You are more likely jto 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 Natman 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 orthophotmap (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.

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 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

Narbethong 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 sub-section, 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
(Map Custodian)

COMMITTEE NOTES - MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 1983.

1. Feasibility and cost of getting stencils for "News" professionally typed is being investigated.
2. A new stock of badges is to be ordered. It was resolved to raise the deposit for a badge to \$2 (presently 50c).
3. As the club is now incorporated, letters have been sent to the three Trustees advising them that the office of Trustee is no longer required, since the club can itself own property. In addition, since the new Rules are operational, there will not be a General Meeting in November.
4. Clubroom Duty Roster.

Nov 16th	Neil/Rosemary
23rd	Phil/Geoff
30th	Penny/Jan
Dec 7th	Robyn/Neil

Next Committee meeting 5th December, 1983.

IMPORTANT.

Contrary to the announcement in last month's News, there will not be a General Meeting in November. Under the new Rules, only Annual and Half-yearly General Meeting are scheduled.

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SWAT FLIES THE SCIENTIFIC WAY....CONT FROM PAGE 5.

responds by taking off at an avoiding angle in response to a moving approaching swat entering its visual field.

In the interest of hygiene I have experimented on the most effective way of swatting. A piece of tissue paper is taken in each hand and the fly approached from the left and right, keeping the hands equidistant from the fly and moving to and fro slightly, then both hands simultaneously pounce. The fly cannot cope with this situation since its central nervous system circuitry is geared to avoid approaching movement in only one part of its visual field at a time. Two simultaneously approaching swats render the fly immobile, for its central nervous system now cannot compute at which angle to take off. Ian Hill.