



# THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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SOCIAL COLUMN

## END OF YEAR DINNER

WHEN: SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 1983

WHERE: FERGUSON'S WINERY  
WILLS ROAD  
YARKA GLEN

HOW MUCH: \$18 EACH FOR:-

- \*ENTREE
- \*SPIT ROAST
- \*PUDS AND CHEESE AND DISCUITS
- \*WINE

WHAT TIME: 7.30pm till 12 mid night

NUMBERS MUST BE IN BY 1ST NOVEMBER SO SEE MICK MANN IN CLUB ROOMS.

PHONE ENQUIRIES TO SANDY MATTINGLEY

MON, WED, FRI 10.30am-9pm 52 36311

OTHER TIMES: 578 6545

CHEQUES MAY BE SENT TO SANDY - MADE OUT TO: S.J. MATTINGLEY  
(NOT SANDY).

(IF SENDING PLEASE DO PUT IN A NOTE OF EXPLANATION OR ELSE I MAY JUST IMAGINE I HAVE RECEIVED A DONATION FOR MY RETIREMENT FUND!)

HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF PEOPLE THERE!

VAN TRANSPORT FROM THE CITY MAY BE ORGANISED IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED. A BOOKING NOTE WILL BE PUT UP IN CLUBROOMS. THERE WILL BE A FEE IF THE VAN IS ORDERED.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH

DON'T FORGET WERRIBEE PARK, MEET AT CAR PARK 11.30 (INSIDE GROUNDS)  
BRING FOOD FOR BBQ SEE LAST NEWS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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## WINE BOTTLING AND BBQ

WHEN: 12 NOVEMBER '83

WHERE: PRESIDENT'S PLACE  
81 OAKLEIGH ROAD,  
CARNEGIE.

WHAT TIME: 2pm ONWARDS

- WHAT TO BRING\*
- \* YOURSELVES (SOBER TO START WITH PLEASE).
  - \* ENTHUSIASM FOR THE BOTTLING
  - \* CASH TO BUY THE PRODUCTS OF YOUR LABOUR.
  - \* MEAT FOR BBQ
  - \* CUTLERY AND MUG OR GLASS.

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF COMING SOCIAL EVENTS SEE PAGE 2.

## GILBERT AND SULLIVAN NIGHT (IOLANTHE)

WHEN: FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 1983

WHERE: (UNSURE) ST. IGNATIUS HALL, RICHMOND.

THIS IS A GALA NIGHT SO INCLUDES SHERRY BEFORE THE SHOW - CHICKEN AND CHAMPAYNE AFTER THE SHOW. ALL FOR THE PRICELY SUM OF \$10. FOR MORE DETAILS SEE BETTY STENCER IN THE CLUB ROOMS OR GIVE HER A RING ON 233 8865. NUMBERS TO BE IN 18TH NOVEMBER.  
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR MARRIAGES:-

SUE HASTHORPE AND PETER BUCHLAK

ANGELIKA WILHELM AND COLIN BROHASKY

AND ALSO CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR VERY LOVELY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ROBYN HADY AND MICHAEL ANDERSSON ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT. ALL THE BEST.

DAY WALKS.

NOVEMBER 1ST (TUESDAY) CUP DAY DANDENONGS EASY

LEADER: DOUG CROCKER

TRANSPORT: TRAIN

Come along and enjoy the lyrebirds, tree ferns and tall trees with your gracious host Doug, one of our resident experts of this delightful area so close to Melbourne. The exact route hasn't been decided yet but you can be sure that with Doug's charm and knowledge of the area it'll be a beaut day. It's permissible to bring a tranny on this one to listen to the Cup, even champagne and fruit cake to celebrate your win. N.B. Doug didn't write this and therefore cannot be held liable for the contents.

NOV 6TH SASSAFRA - EMERALD - PUFFING BILLY EASY

LEADER: DOBBIE WARTON

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9AM.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7PM - 7.30PM.

MAP REFERENCE: MELWAYS 66, 75, 124, 125, 127.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 km

An easy walk along fern gullies and creeks, ending in a stroll through the back streets of Emerald to Puffing Billy station for return trip to Belgrave.

NOV 12 (SAT) HISTORICAL WALK - PORT MELBOURNE EASY.

LEADER: ATHOL SCHAFER

Meet under the clocks in time to catch 2.13 train to Port Melbourne. We will be travelling on the oldest (from 1854) line to one of the first sites of settlement.

Returning (probably by bus) about 5pm.

NOV 13 DROPMORE - HUGHES CREEK - CASCADES WALK EASY AND MED.

LEADER: JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9AM.

MAP REFERENCE: YEA 1:50,000

This is another of those areas with creeks, cascades open rolling hills, good views and interesting rock formations. There will be an easy and a medium walk. Both start by following Boundary Creek upstream past 2km of cascades and interesting creek walking up to a good lookout hill 200m above the start. The easy group continues via farmland, a second lower but very lovely viewing hill and cascades on Hughes Creek back to the van. The medium

DAY WALKS (CONT.)

group will do all this but also climb up Mt. Tickatory to be rewarded by views in all directions and great granite slabs and outcrops, for the price of an extra 3km and 200m of climbing. Total distance and climbs are - easy 12km and 300m climb - medium 15km and 500m climb. The easy can be further shortened for anyone who wants an even easier walk down to 8km and 200m climb if need be.

NOV 20                      STARLING GAP - NEW ADA MILL - STARLING GAP                      EASY/MED

LEADER: HUGH DUNCAN  
TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9AM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS WALK PLEASE SEE LEADER IN CLUBROOMS.

NOV 27                      LORNE WATERFALLS    EASY AND MEDIUM

LEADER: PHIL LARKIN  
SUB LEADER: JAN Llewellyn  
TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9AM.  
MAP REF: 1:25,000 LORNE VIC    MAP LORNE FOREST COMMISSION.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15KM.

This area is notable for its sheer beauty and scenic coast and peaceful forest reserves. It offers a natural forest backdrop to the ocean and includes several swiftly flowing seaward streams. These offer numerous and spectacular waterfalls, cascades and rapids. The walking tracks which follow approximately 24kms of historic timber tramway routes and windes through fern gullies, gorges and many places traversing cliff faces. There is also abundance of fauna such as the echidna platypus, possums and gliders which are all common on the Otway Ranges. Also at this time of year there is abundance of wild flowers in bloom. The medium walk starts from the ocean road following the Sheoak Creek up stream to Sheoak picnic ground for lunch. The easy group will start from the Sheoak picnic ground. Then both groups will visit the Won Wondah, Henderson and Phantom Falls and including the Cannon in this section. After leaving the Phantom Falls the walk will follow the Cora Lynn track to the cascades to finish the walk on the Erskine road above the cascades. So bring along your cameras, bathers for an enjoyable day. Do not forget to bring water.

WEEKEND WALKS.....

NOV 11-13                      STANLEY NAME SPUR - MT. HOWITT - MT, MAGDALA -                      MED/HARD.  
   HELICOPTER SPUR.

LEADER: MARK LEMAIRE  
TRANSPORT: PRIVATE  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00pm (to Melb).  
MAP REF: V.M.T.C. 1:70,000 KING HOWQUIT AND JAMIESON WATERSHEDS;  
   NATMAP 1:100,000 HOWITT.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 23KM.

The Mt. Howitt area is one of the most spectacular in the Victorian Alps, with jagged ridges and razorbacks, alpine pastures and huge cliff faces. On Friday night we will camp at the base of Howitt Spur. On Saturday we will climb to the top of the Crosscut Saw by way of the Queen Spur Road and then Stanley Name Spur. Then we shall follow the main divide across Mt. Howitt to camp near Mt. Magdala. Sunday will see us climb Magdala and King Billy and descend by Helicopter Spur to the Howqua River and cars.

Please come prepared for possible foul weather, and please bring boots as there may still be some snow cover around.

WEEKEND WALKS CONTINUED....

NOV 18-20

MT. BUFFALO BUS TRIP

EASY AND MEDIUM

ORGANIZER : JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT: BUS LEAVING BATMAN AVE 6.30pm

This is the weekend with something for everyone. It is our only bus trip for the year so book early to avoid missing out.

For the "easys" there will be day walks on the plateau led on Saturday by Phil Larkin and on Sunday by Peter Hamann. Phil will organize horseriding on Sunday. You can also ride on Sat. if you wish. Horses can be hired at the Chalet for \$6 per hour or \$25 per day.

Marijke Mascas will lead a medium day walk on the plateau on Saturday and then accross the plateau and down the arestern slopes to Lake Buffalo on Sunday. Any really keen souls can join me on a hard trip following Buffalo Creek up onto the plateau on Saturday and Eurobin Creek downstream on Sunday. All walks involve day packs only. An added attraction on Saturday night is Phil's demonstration (threatened) of camp cooking.

Our luxury coach will whisk us in fomfort on Friday night to the Dennis Camping Park in Forepunkah. Saturday night will see us all camped together at the National Park Campground at Lake Catani.

If you prefer to relax in camp one one or both days thats o.k.

The cost is an amazingly lowc\$28 which covers all transport, camping and park fees.

NOV 18-20

POWELLTOWN - SEVENACRE ROCK - BUNYIP RIVER  
BLUE RANGE.

Easy/

Med

LEADER: FRET HALLS

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE FROM BATMAN AVE, 8am

EXP. TIME OF RETURN: 8pm

MAP REF: GEMBROOK F.C.V. 1"=1mile

APPROXIMATE DIST.: 37km.

Leaving Powelltown we will walk south by way of Durgesorack and Kobiolkes Track to Seven Acre Roack, good views over Bunyip River Valley. Then West to Mt. Beenak and Basan's Corner (camp).

Next day, eastwards into Bunyip River Valley, then climb through verdant forest to Tomahawk Gap. Then southwest and south around the southern slopes of Blue Range to Egg Rock. From there westerly along East/Beenak Road and Tomahawk Valley Road to Soldiers Road. Most of the walk through good mountain forest.

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WINE BOTTLING

I understand from Mick Mann that there aren't many people interested in a good dry red being available at next months wine bottling.

If anyone is interested please get in touch with me and we'll try to arrange something suitable.

Bob Douglas H.898 3647

B.606 7296.

## SUMMER TRIPS

So far the following trips have been brought to my attention.

**WILKINSON LODGE - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS BASE CAMP DEC 26th to?**  
This will be fairly informal. People can come and go as it suits them. There will be a variety of activities, namely day walks, extended walks and just relaxing. Phil Larkin will lead the day walks from Dec 26-28. After that we are still looking for a leader. Roger Harris will lead a medium walk to Bogong probably 3 days but check with Roger. According to demand and leaders there may be other overnight walks.

**SNOWY MOUNTAINS Dec 26 to ?**

This trip of possibly 4 days will take in Jagungal and Kosiosko and will be led by Neil Priestly.

**SHOALHAVEN RIVER LILOING - Early January**

This always popular trip will be led by Spencer George (836 4225) the dates are uncertain but will probably be soon after Neil's Snowy Mountain trip is finished. Spencer will have more details.

**BLUE MOUNTAINS CANYONING**

Anyone interested please contact me (80 5654). Dates are vague and will depend on people's availability.

**COLO RIVER LILOING.**

If there is sufficient interest for a second lilo trip only 12 months after the first, I will organise one. I would envisage a slow leisurely trip from Wollema Creek to Hungryway Creek with lots of time for swimming relaxing or exploring some of the lovely side creeks and canyons. The Capertee and Wolgon sections would not be included!

**OTHER TRIPS**

If anyone has any other trip in mind and would like to advertise them please let me know.

Jopie Dodegraven (Walks Secretary)

**AUTUMN AND WINTER WALKS PROGRAMMES.**

In about a month I will start finalizing the autumn and winter programmes. Between now and then I will be collecting ideas, suggestions and offers of leadership so put your thinking caps on please. In particular anyone who has not let a trip but would like to give it a go please contact me. You will be given lots of advice and help and we can start you off on an easy to navigate walk or subleading an easy walk. We are constantly looking for new leaders to keep the club vital and "on the boil". Nobody is expected to lead more than two trips a year unless of course they want to. Even one trip a year is greatly appreciated. The program planning or "thrashing out" night will probably be on Thursday Nov 10th, but is to be confirmed.

Jopie Dodegraven 80 5654  
Walks Secretary.

**REMINDER FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**JAGUNGAL - MT. KOSCIUSKO - THREDBO**

To those contemplating a walk during this summer period - this is it! It will help you to rid yourself of that overindulgence usually experienced about Xmas time!

Travel across the top of the Snowy Mountains from Jagungal to Mt. Kosciusko and Thredbo, and experience the wildflowers and the magnificent views!

For information re itinerary see Neil Priestley in the Club Rooms.

## ALONG THE TRACK.....

ROUTE: BLUFF - MT. COVICK SKI TOURING

LEADER: PEARSON CRESSWELL

DATE 29-31 JULY

Those present: Alan Kitchener, Les Mesklen, Chris O'Neil,  
Bill Metzertten.

Camped Friday night at Sheeppark Flat. Saturday morning drove us as far as old hut site below the Bluff. A carpark now exists a few hundred meters further up the road at the bottom of the walking track. Climbed the bluff on foot. Plenty of snow on the top but conditions poor with no visibility, wind etc. Snow wet and slow. Made camp at midday in a sheltered spot near the Blowhole. Plenty of snow and very good slopes in this area. In the afternoon skied to Bluff Hut, being there entertained by Graeme Storey and John Brewster. They have improved the condition of the hut enormously in order to entertain parties, including provision of a comfortable new refuge section. Their style of operation appears to be entirely in accord with the character of the area.

Sunday morning conditions were no better than before with rather more wind and cold bits of wet snow. Made a late start and retraced steps over the Bluff to cars. Skiing is potentially very good in this area but needs better weather.  
Pearson Cresswell.

THE SEPTEMBER COPY OF THE VICWALK NEWSLETTER IS ON THE NEWSBOARD FOR MEMBERS INTEREST

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SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA - PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.  
PRIZES : QUALITY SKI CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO PRODUCE POSTER AND/OR DISPLAY MATERIAL FOR PROMOTION OF SKI-TOURING AND STAY OBJECTIVES.

JUDGING CRITERIA : MUST BE A SLIDE/PRINT WHICH INCLUDES A PERSON OR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SOME ACTIVITY CONNECTED WITH CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING. ENTRIES MAY BE: 35mm slides  
colour prints  
black and white prints) 20 x 25 cm

NOTE: CLOSE UPS OF  
SKIERS AND SKIING ACTION ARE BEST FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES.

FOR CONDITIONS OF ENTRY SEE THE NOTICE ON NEWSBOARD IN CLUBROOMS.

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM CLUBROOMS AND ENTRIES CAN BE FORWARDED TO SANDRA MUTIMER.

FOR SALE

1 VANGO FORCE 10 MK2 TENT. EXCELLENT 4 SEASON TENT. VERY GOOD CONDITION. WT 4 KG. \$120 (OR BEST OFFER)

1 EUREKA CADDIS, ROOMY 4 SEASON TENT, GOOD CONDITION  
\$120 (NORMAL RETAIL \$440)  
OR BEST OFFER PLEASE PHONE ANTON VALONIS 232 3915.

FOR SALE - NEARLY NEW - NEW ZEALAND PARKA WITH HOOD, DOUBLE ZIPS. FULL VELCROES AND LARGE POCKETS.  
SUIT SMALL TO MEDIUM MALL PERSON.  
\$35 ONO. (COST \$65)  
SEE OR RING I. DAVIES P. 459 7545.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## "INCORPORATION"

At the General Meeting held on 28/9/83 the three motions dealing with the Incorporation (previously circulated to all members) were passed by the required majority of members (240 votes in favour of each motion out of a total voting membership of 354). No votes were cast against the motions. The formal application for Incorporation was approved on the 6th October 1983 - We are now

"MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS (INCORPORATED)".

It is a matter for concern that on such an important decision for the club, only 60% of the eligible members bothered to vote, either in person or by post. This was despite the provision of a free postal voting form. It is quite possible that such postal (or proxy voting) will be needed again in the future - hopefully the response will be better.

Thanks to those who took the trouble to cast a vote.

Geoff Mattingley,  
President,

## FOR SALE -

DOUBLE BED - MATTRESS, BASE, 6 LEGS	\$40
VACCUM CLEANER SANYO	\$40
DESK - EX PUBLIC SERVICE	\$30
BOOKSHELF - STAINED PINE, HOLD ABOUT 70 PAPERBACKS	\$50
COUCH/BED - FOAM RUBBER COUCH, FOLDS OUT TO GIVE DB/BED	\$50

I ALSO HAVE A LARGE SET OF PROTO AUTOMOTIVE TOOLS, SUITABLE FOR A PROFESSIONAL AUTO MECHANIC.

BOB DOUGLAS 898 3647.

1 Walks for August                    144 day walkers  
    30 weekend  
    174  
    Loss 28.80

2 WALK magazine nearly ready to be printed.

3 There will be a "Rucksack Sports Exhibition" at HILTON the weekend 3rd - 4th November. The Federation Of Victorian Walking clubs will have a stand, and are seeking volunteers to staff it, answering the public's questions about bushwalking. We may also be able to sell WALK. Anyone who can help, please see Athol Schafer in the clubrooms.

4 A proposed State Conservation Strategy for Victoria has been published. Comments are requested from organizations such as ours & interested individuals. Athol is prepared to chair a subcommittee to draw up a submission from the club, but as yet we have no other volunteers. Please help!!

5 A report on the management of huts on public land is now being considered by the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands. Among the working party's recommendations are that in most cases huts should be available for use by the public on a first come, first served basis, where the public includes commercial tour operators. They also suggest that a possible solution for the growing demand for commercial tours on public land could be a combination of existing developed areas, freehold land, and strategically placed facilities on public land to provide a basic network of hostel and chalet type accommodation. Copies of the report are available from the Forests Commission, but the club has a summary of the recommendations. Comments on the recommendations can be sent to the Minister.

6 Quotations are to be obtained for a new stock of Club badges.

7 Clubroom Duty Roster

October 12th	Rosemary / Geoff
19th	Penny / Neil
26th	Phil / Betty
November 2nd	Robyn / Rod
9th	Phil / Athol

Next Committee meeting 7th November  
(Changed to second Monday due to Cup Day).

8 Next General Meeting will be held in the Clubrooms at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 30th November.

NEWS SUBSCRIBER

Peter Lemon,  
361 Burke Rd.,  
Glen Iris, 3146.

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME TO:-

CLODE MICHAEL,  
360 Glenfern Rd.,  
UPWEY, 3158  
754 5852 (H) 651 1363(W)  
KNIGHT, CHARLES  
P.O. BOX 276, SOUTH YARRA  
3141, 267 3161 (H)

HEDBERG INGRID,  
40 RANGE ST,  
CAMBERWELL, 3124  
29 91671 (H)

MILLIGAN ANNE,  
27 ST. HELENS RD,  
HAWTHORN EAST 3123  
82 2549(H) 861 7023W.

POWER MAREE,  
P.O. BOX 145,  
SOUTH ST. KILDA 3182.