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WITH "SHEARER'S TALLY".

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FRIDAY 30TH MARCH 1984 - 8.00 PM

TICKETS \$5.00 EACH.

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FOR TICKETS SEE MICK MANN.

DON'T FORGET!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8PM WEDNESDAY 29TH FEBRUARY IN THE CLUBROOMS.

NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS.

WILKY - WINTER 1984

Please note that bookings for Winter this year will open
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th March.

A booking list for each week will be made available. The number
of people for each week should be limited to 8-10. If any more
wish to go in one week, a ballot will have to be held. Each group
should have their food, briquettes etc up at Wilky by early May.

Rod Mattingley.

Correspondence should be directed to:-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 17510 G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE, 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 368 Lt. Bourke Street, entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night 7-9pm.
Visitors are always welcome.

DAY WALKS MARCH 1984.

4TH MARCH 1984 KING FALLS - SEAWINDS - DROMONA EASY

LEADER: ART TERRY

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9.00 AM.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN : 8.30 PM

MAP REFERENCE: BROADBENTS NO 229, OR DISCOVERING THE PENINSULAR (NATIONAL PARKS).

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 KM.

A Scenic walk taking in several small National Parks of the Mornington Peninsular. Our lunch spot will be in the grounds and gardens of beautiful "Sea-Winds" once privately owned now a National Park. The afternoon will find us heading down hill to a delightful lake nestling in the foothills, from here we do a traverse through the "Rosebud Golf Course", hence by van to the Rosebud pier. From here it is a swim/walk to Dromana, or should anybody so feel inclined then the van will transport the to Dromana.

12th MARCH (MONDAY) 1984 BRIGHTON - MORDIALLOC EASY

LEADER: ATHOL SCHAFER

TRAIN FROM FLINDERS ST, 9.00AM.

Meet under the clocks in time to catch the 9a.m. train from Flinders St., Card: inner plus one. Returning 5pm.

A bayside walk of 12km along beaches and parks. Cliff-top views and swim-stops along the way.

MAP - MELWAYS.

17th MARCH (SATURDAY) 1984 FOOTSCRAY - MARIEYNONG RIVER - HISTORICAL WALK EASY.

LEADER: ATHOL SCHAFER

TRAIN: FROM FLINDERS ST 2 pm.

TICKET: INNER RETURNING APPROX 5pm

We will look at notable landmarks of the settlement that grew around the ford above the swamp on the route to Geelong in the early days. Incidentally, this completes the round of tours described in "Melbourne on Foot".

MAP: MELWAYS.

18TH MARCH, 1984 ACHERON GAP EASY/MED.

LEADER : JIM HEDSTROM

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9.00am.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: APPROXIMATELY 7PM

MAP REFERENCE: JULIET

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14KM.

see over for description of this walk.

The highlights of this walk are the huge trees, the cool rain forest, and the awe inspiring view from the tower on Mt. Donna Buang.

We start with a reasonable climb from the Acheron Gap up a wide jeep track to the Knobs and follow a well defined track along the ridge through the Boobyalla Saddle to Mt. Boobyalla and on to Mt. Donna Buang, then down to the winter turntable just below the summit, where we pick up the van, which saves us that awful scramble down the precipitous-track to Warburton. Bring water for lunch.

18th March 1984. WARBURTON - DONNA BUANG - CEMENT HARD
CREEK

SUB-LEADER: ALEX DIXON

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9.00am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 5pm (turntable) 7pm Melbourne.

MAP REFERENCE: JULIET - VICTORIA 1:50,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12.5 KM

This walk involves about 4000 feet of climbing, so a fairly strenuous day should be anticipated. From Warburton, a 3,600 ft climb up a ridge track, will lead to the summit of Donna Buang in about 7kms. There'll be about ½ km of scrub bashing near the summit, so perhaps long pants should be carried.

From Donna Buang we'll follow a track to Mt. Boobyalla, which involves a 400 ft climb and a distance of approximately 2.5km. From Mt. B we'll retrace our steps for a km, and join a track which leads to the turntable where the Acheron way intersects the Donna Buang road (3km), the van will pick us up here. This walk will be in fairly dense forest; which will give pleasant shade if it's a hot day. Water should be carried, since more will be available on the climb to Donna Buang. This walk won't be pre-viewed, so anyone who can't handle a touch of uncertainty might feel happier on the other walk.

25th MARCH 1984 SAN REMO - KILCUNDA (2 walks) EASY AND MED.

LEADER: JOHN STEDMAN

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE, 9AM.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 and 16 KM.

Another beach walk in the Phillip Island area. The A walk will start from San Remo, the B from Punchbowl, both terminating at Kilcunda. Bring bathers, water, plenty if it looks as it will be hot, and sun cream. This walk may at times be quite energetic, as the tide may force us to climb up the cliffs at times and wade some headlands and several electrified fences were met on the preview.

WEEKEND WALKS

9-12th MARCH, 1984 BASE CAMP: DINNER PLAIN EASY/MED
HOTHAM AREA.

LEADER: BOB STEEL

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: WHO KNOWS!

MAP REF: DARGO 1:100,000 (DARGO 1:63,360 F.C.V.)

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 2-30KM.

If you want a lazy, liesurely base camp in the high country - this is for you. I don't know where we will be walking or camping - as I haven't been up there yet! But if you want to help me explore the area - you are welcome to come along - and you can walk as much or as little as you want.

WEEKEND WALKS CONT.

We will camp near Harrietville on Friday night and drive up in convoy on Saturday morning. We will be camping by the cars (I hope!)

9-12TH MARCH 1984 WONNANGATTA - CROOKED - MEDIUM
WONNANGATTA RIVERS.

LEADER: PHIL LARKIN PH 568 1926 Bus. 669 8314.
MAP REF: 1:100,000 DARGO NATMAP : 1:63 360
WONNANGATTA F.C.V. AND CROOKED RIVER DARGO AREA V.M..T.C.

This area has great potential for bushwalking with spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife, valleys and streams. It also offers a trip back into history, with the old gold mining sites of Talbotville, Bulltown, Hogtown, Winchester, Howittville and Grant, and the Wonnangatta homestead in the upper reaches of the Wonnangatta Valley. Over the four days we will walk along the Mt. Cynthia Spur and the Wongungarra/Crooked River Divide for breath taking views over the magnificent valleys and spectacular mountain ranges.

9th March 1st night camp at Waterford.

10th March Drive up to the Wonnangatta Valley to the starting point of the walk. Then follow the Mt. Cynthia Spur across to the Wongungarra Valley and then proceed to Talbotville for overnight camp.

11th March. If the weather is not too hot we will walk along the Wongungarra/Crooked River Divide to the Tablelands and return back to Talbotville for the night via the Basalt Knob Track. Or we will walk up the Crooked River and visit the old gold mining sites of Hogtown and Bulltown along the river for the day.

12th March. We will leave Talbotville and proceed along the Wongungarra Valley the junction of the Wonnangatta River and across to Gibbs and continue up the Wonnangatta Valley to finish the walk back at the cars.

So bring along yourselves and cameras for a pleasant weekend of walking.

P. Larking.

9-12th March 1984 MOROKA GORGE - SNOWY BLUFF - HARD.
NEILSON CRAGS.

LEADER: PHIL TAYLOR
TRANSPORT: PRIVATE
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00pm
MAP REFERENCE: HOWITT 1:100,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30KM.

We will start the walk near the horseyards on the Moroka Road by dropping down to the Moroka Gorge. This is still one of the most wildest places in Victoria. We will travel through the Gorge to have our first camp at the western end of the Gorge. It may be necessary to bush it if camp sites cannot be found. Next day we climb 1150 metres out of the Moroka Valley to the ridge top, traversing Mt. Kent and Snowy Bluff before dropping 1150 metres back down to the Moroka River. Next day will see us climb Neilsons Crags and walk back to the Main Road.

All days are long and hard traversing rough country. There is alot of climbing so be warned. Matter of fact, I think that I have just had a change of mind, anyone know any easy walks this weekend?

16th-18th MARCH, 1984 TRAPYARD HILL - MT. WELLINGTON EASY
 SPION KOPJE

LEADER: LYNNE DOUGLAS
 TRANSPORT: PRIVATE
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9PM
 MAP REFERENCE: HOWITT AND MAFFRA 1:100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30KM.

This is an easy walk over the high alpine plains around Mt. Wellington and the headwaters of Lake Tarli Karng. Plenty of views easy walking over the open grass country and good water and wood at the campsite.

23rd-25th MARCH 1984 MT. TABLETOP - CHINA FLAT MED
 TUCKALONG SPUR.

LEADER: ROD MATTINGLEY
 TRANSPORT: PRIVATE
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: LATEISH ON SUNDAY.
 MAP REFERENCE: DARGO 1:100,000 AND DARGO 1"-1mile F.C.V.
 APPROX. DIST: 13KM

Now, I know my last walk was graded "medium" but should have been at least "medium-hard", this walk really could not be called any harder than a pleasant "medium". We will camp at Freeburg on Friday night and drive up to the Dargo road junction on Saturday morning with a car shuffle along to near JD plain. The walk will start south of Mt. Freezeout at Lankeys Plain with a walk of only 5km! down tuckalong Spur to China Flat on the Dargo River. We may even get to the camp site for a late lunch!

On Sunday, we will climb Mt. Tabletop or Square Mount - a fair climb, but the total distance for the day will only be about 8km. Mt. Tabletop is a very interesting mountain to climb, and the whole upper Dargo area was the scene of much gold mining activity 80-100 years ago.

With only 5km and downhill all the way on Saturday, there is no excuse for not bringing all the necessary luxuries.

23rd-25th MARCH, 1984 WILSON PROM CIRCUIT IN A HARD
 DAY PLUS MORE.

LEADER: MARK TISCHLER (who else?)
 TRANSPORT: VAN FROM DATMAN AVE, 9AM
 MAP REF: NATMAP 1:100,000 ALGONA WILSON'S PROMONTORY.

The weekend will be spent base camping at Tidal River with a long days walk/run on the Saturday and walk to the various beaches north of Tidal on the Sunday.

Saturdays walk will be via Oberon Bay, Roaring Meg, The Lighthouse, Waterloo Bay, Sealers Cove and optimistically Mt. Oberon if still light. Sunday could see us a little tired but out to enjoy the beaches north of Tiday with swimming if possible.

30TH MARCH - APRIL 1ST Mt. COWLEY - CUMBERLAND RIVER MEDIUM
 MT. DEFIANCE

LEADER: PHIL LARKIN
 TRANSPORT: PRIVATE
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8pm
 MAP REF: 1:50,000 LORNE NATMAP 1:63,360 DEECH FOREST F.C.V. and LORNE WALK MAPS AND INFO. SHEET F.C.V.

for description of this walk see over.....

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 24 kilometres of historic timber tramway routes and winds through fern gullies, gorges and in many places traversing cliff faces. There is also abundance of fauna such as the echidna, platypus, possums and gliders which are all common to the Otway Ranges.

The first day's walk starts from Mackie Road west of Mt. Cowley with a short climb up to Mt. Cowley. Then following Garveys Track to Lorne Forest Reserves to visit the Kalimna and Sheoak waterfalls before going on to Cumberland River Camping park for over night camp.

The second day's walk will leave the Cumberland River and take the Cumberland track up to Mt. Defiance, then cross to some old timber tramways to finish the walk at Curtis Clearing for a pleasant weekend walk.

Phil Larkin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The most significant event of 1983 was incorporation of the club under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, which gave the club a legal existence for the first time. Although no objections were raised, only 60% of the members actually voted on the proposal to incorporate.

As always, the club depends on a lot of hard work behind the scenes, and I would like to thank the members of the committee for their efforts.

I would also like to thank:

- Peter and Anne Bullard (News Printers)
 - Graham and Sue Errey (Contacts)
 - Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke (Contacts)
 - Jim and Libby Marsden (Contacts and also answering phone enquiries about the club)
 - Ken Biscoe (printing of address labels)
 - Jim Wilcock and Jim Hedstrom (Auditors)
 - Phil Taylor (WALK Business Manager)
 - Mark Tischler (WALK Advertising Manager)
- and those who helped on the Walks and Social sub-committees during the year. Geoff Mattingley

more Committee reports on next page.....

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BETTY SPENCER.

Minutes have been kept for 12 committee meetings usually held on the first Monday each month, and four general meeting held on the last Wednesday of February, April, June and half yearly in September.

This year was most interesting because late in 1983 the club was incorporated, which makes things much more simple and also provides protection for office bearers in the event of being sued for public liability.

The club's two year rent agreement with Dushgear expired in 1983 and we are now negotiating a new rental agreement, it is not expected to differ from the previous agreement.

The club is affiliated with the following bodies which have similar interests to ours, Conservation Council of Victoria, Australian Conservation Foundation, Victorian National Parks Association, Native Forest Action Committee, Ski-touring Association of Victoria, Tasmanian Wilderness Society.

We also receive newsletters from various other club including Brisbane Bushwalking Club, Hobart Bushwalking Club, Launceston Bushwalking Club, the Women's Walking Club, and Sydney Bushwalking Club etc. We reciprocate by sending our "News" to these clubs.

"NEWS" CONVENORS REPORT.

MAUREEN HURLEY

When I agreed to type the "News",
I did not realize that I would abuse
my fingers,
that my arms would swell
and my back would ache,
and even that I could make a mistake!

My eyes they did squint to read the fine print,
and then behold to prepare for the sprint
down to Carnegie
a place not even "by the sea"
but where I could at least enjoy "a cup of tea"
provided by Anne and Pete!

It is certainly an experience typing "News". I have heard of places that I never knew existed, and now realize how much work goes on behind the scenes to run the club as we know it.

As the "News" convenor position is a time consuming job it would be appreciated if contributors could take-up a few simple suggestions:-

- 1/ If possible, type or Print (neatly) in large hand writing your contribution, it is very difficult to read some people's handwriting.
- 2/ Please don't submit small bits of paper, they are easily lost, the standard A4 or Foolscap sizes will help to prevent this happening.
- 3/ Please print in capitals names of unusual places to avoid mistakes.

Thank you.

This year we changed typesetters and printers which resulted in a great improvement in the appearance of the magazine. Humphrey and Formula, our printers for many years, although disappointed to lose the magazine, were most co-operative in the changeover. The new typesetter has now moved to North Melbourne and is happy to continue with Walk.

To my surprise, articles were not hard to coax out of people and many contributors required no encouragement, which is as it should be considering the plethora of talent in the club. The inevitable last minute rush rather unnerved me, however. There are some unused articles for next year's editor and a few nearly finished ones. I would like to thank all those who contributed articles, printed and unprinted - I know what hard work writing can be.

The photographers, too, were generous. Unfortunately most people take colour slides nowadays, rather than black and white prints, and these print less well and are more physically vulnerable.

Subjects are hard to choose - some object to articles on overseas or even interstate walking. Others feel that we have been swamped with articles on conversation and should concentrate on walking. Many sources advised me that Walk was bought for its Track Notes so, with a great deal of help from our Walk Secretary, Jopie Bodegraven, this section was expanded and is, I think, very comprehensive. Feedback I have received confirms this.

To save money I dropped the enormously expensive (\$1,000) colour double page spread, but spent a little money on a design for the cover to aid sales. We only printed 2,000 with which Phillip Taylor Business Manager, and his helpers especially Mark Tischler and Russell Jones have done a wonderful job of distribution (nearly half are out). Phil and Hugh Duncan have also been selling the numerous back copies of Walk, both raising money and clearing space.

Spencer George gave us invaluable help by putting addresses of advertisers and distributors, and standard letters, on his word processor and printing our labels. This will help future editors. I would like to thank all those who helped me with proof reading, particularly Phil Taylor and Robert Ayre. Mark Tischler was also an effective and supportive Advertising Manager.

To future Walk editors - don't pay attention to my complaints earlier in the year. Producing Walk is fun and satisfying, although quite hard work in the third quarter of the year. I think it has a role and an audience and would be sad to see the club drop it, either for financial reasons which I feel are unjustified or lack of an editor which is ridiculous with the abovementioned abundant talent available.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER WALK.

A concerted effort has been made in the past twelve months to sell some of the large number of back issues of Walk that the club has accumulated. A special offer was made to sell a set 1974-1983 at \$10. Information was distributed to schools which resulted in a number of requests being received. Additional sets were also sold at the Dushwalking and Backpacking Show held in December. Further efforts will be made to sell more sets during 1984. Many thanks to Hugh Duncan for his help and assistance with the sale of the sets.

WALK 1984

Walk 1984 was available from the printer mid November 1983. A total of 2107 copies were printed at a cost of \$5,476. Fourteen individual advertisements were sold at a value of \$2,323.

Distribution of the magazine commenced immediately they became available. The sales of Walk 1984 have, to date been very good with nearly 1000 copies having so far been distributed. Additional cash sales were made at the Bushwalking and Backpacking Show. Thanks to all those member who have assisted with distribution.

There appears to be a firm place for a magazine such as Walk in the market place. Its emphasis upon interesting articles and not being full of advertisements provides the opportunity to continue developing a character of its own. The large number of magazines now in the outdoors market does not make this an easy task. What Walk does do is provide the club with an opportunity for members to write articles and for the club to maintain a visability in the conservation arena.

Philip Taylor - Business Manager Walk
Mark Tischler - Advertising Manager.

WILKINSO LODGE REPORT FEB 1984

Once more the lodge has been well used throughout the year. No official communication regarding Wilky has been received from the National Parks Service, but we expect to be asked to restrict vehicle use of the access track past Wallace's to vehicles taking in winter supplies or supplies for work parties. In other words, we'll have to leave cars at the barrier and walk down to Wilky.

A working bee to assist the N.P.S. was again organised by Ken McMahon on the Australia Day Weekend. They impressed the ranger with the enormous hole they dug for a toilet just behind Wallaces. Repairs to the access track were done and the lower part of the Wilky fence removed with the intention of replacing the fence across the gully below the door but above Wilky.

Another Work party will be held in the March long weekend. The fence will be relocated as mentioned above, a vent will be installed on the septic tank, the lounge room chimney waterproofed (again), the flies cleaned and a load of wood organised from Tawonga.

Rod Mattingley.

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT.

The club has available for Hire at cheap rates a few basic items of camping equipment ranging from day packs/weekend packs to a limited number of tents, sleeping mats and sleeping bags.

Prospective and new members are particularly encouraged to avail themselves of this service whilst familiarising with equipment suitable to their needs. To assist in maintaining and updating this service, donations of new or good items of camping equipment for which one may have no further use, would be received by contacting the equipment office in the club rooms.

Consideration may be given to a moderate purchase price based on quality and age of items.

During 1983 Hiring of Equipment has been slow overall resulting in a moderate income of \$142.00. Some minor purchase repair costs were necessary amounting to \$44.13.

Neil Priestly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/1/1984

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Balance Brought Forward	2,853.49	3,081.58			
CLUB			CLUB		
Membership Fees	3,819.05		News Printing & Postage	1,550.73	
Miscellaneous Book Sales	36.25		Stationery, Phone & Postage	208.91	
Fire of Badges	6.00		Subscriptions	418.00	
Donations	48.00		Post Box Hire	52.00	
Interest	852.56		Directory Entry	45.00	
Equipment	172.00		Incorporation Meeting Fee	60.00	
			Insurance	458.35	
			Clubroom Hire	825.00	
			Projector	41 ² .15	
			Equipment	99.13	
			Maps	218.55	
			Bank Charges	71.87	
	4,933.86	4,221.05	Donations	392.00	
				4,811.69	3,934.19
SOCIAL			SOCIAL		
Total Income	3,337.20	677.50	Total Expenditure	3,134.76	634.68
WALKS			WALKS		
Club Walks	11,801.90		Van Hire	9,332.55	
Federation Walk	113.00		Bus Hire	750.00	
	11,914.90	12,650.50	Camp Fees, Refunds, etc.	466.20	
				10,548.75	12,339.00
WALK MAGAZINE			WALK MAGAZINE		
Sales & Advertising	6,694.22	5,505.68	Printing	5,476.00	
			Business & Production Costs	273.21	
				5,749.21	6,100.55
OTHER BOOKS & MAGAZINES			OTHER BOOKS & MAGAZINES		
Total Sales	47.85	151.40	Total Purchases	94.60	193.10
WILKINSON LODGE			WILKINSON LODGE		
Fees Collected	1,436.50	1,567.00	Supplies & Maintenance	693.27	1,799.70
			Bank Balance	6,185.74	2,853.49
	\$31,218.02	\$27,854.71		\$31,218.02	\$27,854.71

TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS (INCORPORATED)
AS AT 31/1/1984ASSETS

Bank Balance at 31st January, 1984		6,185.74
Receipts relating to the accounting period not received and not included in cash receipts -		
Membership		60.00
Payments relating to future accounting periods made and included in cash payments -		
Nil		NIL
Items owned, with estimated market value -		
Slide Projector	300.00	
Typewriter	100.00	
Duplicator	50.00	
News - Stencils, paper & Postage Account	50.00	
Letterhead Paper & Envelopes	10.00	
Walking Equipment for Hire	100.00	
Map Library (200 maps @ 50¢ ea.)	100.00	
Wilkinson Lodge		
* Building	NIL	
Contents (lamps, bedding, library, tools & supplies)	200.00	
Walk Magazine Stocks		
1984 (1,600 @ \$2.50 ea. - cover price)	4,000.00	
1983 (1,040 @ \$1.25 ea. - 50% cover price)	1,300.00	
older(4,000 @ 10¢ ea. - nominal)	400.00	
		<u>6,610.00</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$12,855.74</u>

LIABILITIES

Payments relating to accounting period not made and not included in cash payments		
January - Vans	660.00	
Clubroom - Rent	<u>825.00</u>	1,485.00
Receipts relating to future accounting period received and included in cash receipts		
Nil		NIL
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>\$1,485.00</u>

* Zero resale value due to location in National Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

This year the club has shown a surplus of over \$3,000, with each separate account showing a profit, with the exception of sales of books and magazines other than Walk. The main reason for the surplus is the financial success of Walk magazine, which has shown a profit of nearly \$1,000. In recent years Walk Magazine has shown a loss, and has been subsidised by profits from other accounts, mainly from walks and Wilkinson Lodge fees.

The club administration account, supported mainly by membership fees, has shown a profit of just over \$1,000 but this is largely due to the inclusion of three instalments of interest from deposit stock rather than the usual two, to correct a previous banking error. Without this effect, the account would have shown a loss of about \$200.

The surplus this year returns the club's cash reserves to about the same real value as in the late 1970's. A series of break-even years since then has steadily eroded the real value of our cash reserves.

Hugh Duncan

WALK SECRETARY'S REPORT

1983 saw a return to rain and greenery after the drought of 1981/82. Along with that came several washed out weekend walks and several very wet day walks. Nevertheless it was good to see the grass so green and to have all the creeks flowing well.

A look at the table below shows the long term trend of the club very well. Day walks are being well attended, in fact 83 saw more day walkers than any of the previous 6 years. Weekend walkers are a declining breed with the lowest total for the previous 6 years. We can only speculate on the reasons for the decline in weekend numbers. Suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

The van system for day walks continues to work well. Full marks to Jack Baxter for providing such an excellent and reliable service.

Highlights of the year included the very successful degenerate weekend at Marysville, which will be repeated in June 1984 by popular demand and the Mt. Buffalo bustrip which, as well as being well attended and enjoyed made a nice tidy profit for the club, in contrast to previous bus trips which have generally operated at a slight loss. I should also mention Phil Larkin's Lorne walk which I'm sure set some sort of record. 78 people attended, not all in the van of course.

The car cost sharing policy still appears to be working well. In brief, the walk secretary arrives at a suggested trip cost per person based on 3.3¢ per km per person with allowance for rough roads and assuming 3 people in a 4 cylinder or 4 in a 6 cylinder. The amount can then be varied for more or fewer people in the car or the leader may choose to pool costs.

I will not be seeking re-election for a third year as walk secretary. I have enjoyed my term very much but I feel it is better for the club to have a new Walks Secretary at least every second year to get fresh ideas and a varying approach to the job.

Thanks finally to all the leaders, those who have come up with walks ideas & those who helped put the programmes together.

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONT.)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Day Walkers</u>	<u>Weekend Walkers</u>	<u>Total Walkers</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>No. of Trips</u>
1978	1,668	779	2,447	876	105
79	1,518	733	2,251	673	98
80	1,484	666	2,150	700	94
81	1,749	739	2,488	747	114
82	1,699	645	2,339	638	122
83	1,876	590	2,466	697	111

Jopie Bodegraven

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total membership for 1983 stands at 366 plus 19 News Subscribers; new members being 46. Throughout the year there were over 120 enquiries to the club.

Robin Haby

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well the year has gone very quickly. It must be because we were having fun!

Many thanks for my team behind the scenes, Sandy, Allison and Helen. Without their help things would not have happened. Also thanks to Rosemary and Betty who organised events of special interest to them.

Most of the events this year were very successful and well attended. Good Luck to the new Social Secretary.

Mick Mann

CHANGES OF INFORMATION FOR THIS MONTH:-

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JENNIFER COUPE, 5/34 WEIR ST, DALWYN 3104.
Tel (H) 630 4782

SHIELA BONNELL 55 THE RIGHI, EAGLEMONT 3084

GRAEME TEL (W) 611 1410
BROWN TEL (W) 602 5511

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MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT AN UPDATED MEMBERS ADDRESS LIST IS KEPT IN THE CLUBROOMS FOR MEMBERS REFERENCE. THIS LIST IS UPDATE EACH MONTH.

TAKE NOTE!

A few items of odds and sods having been lost or strayed etc. have accumulated with the equipment officer, and if you think you may lay claim to any thereof, this is your last chance to check before the aforesaid items are submitted for Auction in March.

Neil Priestly,
Equipment Officer.

COMMITTEE NOTES - MEETING 6.2.84**TREASURER**

Bank Balance as at end of January \$6185.74
 Bills for payment Baxters 659.80
 Wilky 179.82
 Bushgear 825.00
 Rent
 News 200.00
 postage.

Walks Sect.**Walks December**

Day walkers	137	members	112
Weekend	19	visitors	44
	<u>156</u>		

Loss \$17.20

Winter walks program now being drawn up - leaders are required.

WALK

Approx 1000 copies distributed. Money received for about half of these.

WILKY

Work party held on January long w/kend, assisting National Parks. Jobs done included excavation of pit for toilet at Wallace's, removal of lower barrier, and partial removal of wire fence round Wilky. Next work party will be March long weekend, to fence off Wilky water supply, put a vent on the septic tank. A truckload of firewood will be purchased.

The ranger said that he would like vehicles to be left at the road barrier unless absolutely necessary to take them down the track, and that a refuge would probably have to be constructed at or near Wilky in future. The National Parks Service will be contacted to ascertain if an official policy has yet been developed for Wilky.

Annual Subscriptions

The Committee will recommend to the Annual General Meeting that Annual Subscriptions remain the same for 1984.

Bushgear.

The committee meeting could not be held in the clubrooms as Bushgear were using it. They are to be reminded of our requirements.

<u>Duty Roster</u>	Feb 8th	Rosemary/Betty	Mar 7th	Phil/Neil
	15th	Phil/Athol		
	22nd	Neil/Penny		
	A.G.M.29th	Rosemary/Jan		