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SOCIAL COLUMN

BUSH DANCE - MAY 25th - 8 pm-1.30 am

There are still some tickets available for the YHA dance with Paterson's Curse at the South Melbourne Town Hall. BYO supper, glass. Cost \$5.

Bookings in clubroom - see Mick Mann or Rosemary Cotter

GILBERT & SULLIVAN NIGHT - JUNE 2nd

Tickets are available for "Patience", produced by the Loyola Music Theatre (located behind St. Ignatius Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond). Cost \$7.

Bookings in clubroom - see Rosemary Cotter or Penny Stapley

MID-YEAR DINNER - JULY 7th

Come and join us at The Greek Inn (105 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne) for an evening of fun and entertainment. In addition to the food there will be a three piece band, traditional Greek dancing, and plate smashing. Cost \$18. B.Y.O.

For bookings see Rosemary Cotter or Penny Stapley \$10 is required with each booking.

N.B. A deposit of

SLIDE SHOW - WEDNESDAY MAY 30 - 8 pm - IN CLUBROOMS

Topic - RECENT TASMANIAN TRIPS

During January-February this year a club trip traversed the Western Arthur Range and part of the group also climbed Federation Peak. In fact our Walks Secretary Mark liked the State so much he stayed another 6 weeks! The slides will be primarily of this trip but anyone else who could bring a small number of their best slides of Tasmania is invited to bring them too.

JUNE 30 - SLIDES - SKIING

Start sorting our your best skiing slides for June 20th. Depending on the response, we may have to limit the number of slides per person.

WARRUMBUNGLES & KAPUTAR SLIDES

At 8.30 on Wednesday 13th June we will be having slides of the Warrumbungles & Kaputar Easter Trip. This is primarily for people on the trip to see each other's slides and will probably be a bit chaotic and drag on. It starts at 8.30 so that people who are not interested will have had time to book on walks and socialise and then "escape". However anyone else is welcome to stay on and watch.

Correspondence should be directed to:-

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

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

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

Other groups may like to use this method of showing their slides too. The club has an excellent projector waiting to be used and Wednesday seems to be a good night for most bushies. Let me know if you want to avoid possible double booking.

Jopie Bodegraven (80 5654)

DAY WALKS - JUNE 1984

JUNE 3rd MT. WILLIAM ~ MOLLISONS CREEK GORGE

RYANS HILL - MOLLISONS CREEK GORGE

MEDIUM

LEADER: MIKE CLODE (MAIN)

DIANE CODOGNOTTO (SUB)

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVE., 9.00 am

MAP REFERENCE: PYALONG 1:50,000; WOODEND 1:100,000

The base of Mount William is some 8 km north west of Lancefield and is just over 800 metres or 2600 feet above sea level. It represents a climb of about 250 metres from where the medium walk starts. The medium walk is about 18 km long (as an erratic crow would fly) and heads mostly due north till we reach Mollison's Creek Gorge. The Gorge runs north west through Pyalong - though the bus will be there to pick up those who wish to stop earlier at the Myrtleville ford.

The terrain is undulating (apart from Mount William!) with a lot of granite outcrops The views and area in general are very pleasant - though at this time of year the wind can be bitingly cold on the ridges. The gorge itself is picturesque and is easy going. We hope to track down a quarry in the Mount William area used by the local Aboriginal tribe to produce axe-head blanks which they then traded at "fairs" held at a central point by tribes from a wide area - certainly as far away as the Gellibrand river (near Cape Otway) where there is evidence of the blanks being shaped and honed.

The easy walk joins the medium walk from the east, covering similar country but with only a couple of ridges to climb (not to be underestimated though) before joining Mollisons Creek Gorge. It is about 14 km in length.

JUNE 10th BREECH PEAK (2 WALKS)

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADER: ROGER HARRIS (MAIN)
GERRY KOTTEK (SUB)

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6.30 pm
MAP REFERENCE: TALLAROOK 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: EASY 12 km
MEDIUM 16 km

For description see Page 3.

DAY WALKS - JUNE 1984 (Continued)

BREECH PEAK (Continued)

The two walks coincide, except that the easy walk starts 4 km ahead of the medium. We start walking along dirt roads via Mount Tallarook, then in the afternoon following along a ridge. Plenty of views and kangaroos (on the preview). We finish the walk just north of Breech Peak. Bring water.

JUNE 11 (MONDAY) GARDINERS CREEK - MARANOA GARDENS

EASY

LEADER: ATHOL SCHAFER

Meet under clocks at Flinders Street Station in time to catch 9.04 am train to Hughesdale (inner neighbourhood zone).

The route described in the VicWalk book "Family Walkabouts Around Melbourne" is along a series of parks and gardens. Maranoa has an extensive display of native shrubs and trees which are labelled. This could also be one of the last walks along Gardiners Creek Valley before it is destroyed by the Road Construction Authority.

Return to City by 5.30 p.m. (via Whitehorse Road tram).

MAP REFERENCE: MELWAYS Nos. 69, 60, 46.

JUNE 24 BOUNDARY CREEK - MT. TICKATORY - HUGHES CREEK EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: ROD MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT: VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: AFTER 7 pm

MAP REFERENCE: YEA 1:50,000

Jopie's walk last November sounded so interesting that we decided to repeat it. The attractions of this area are the creeks with their cascades, open rolling hills and interesting rock formations. There will again be an easy and a medium walk. The medium walk will cover 15 km and climb Mt. Tickatory, while the easy walk will be only 12 km and omit Mt. Tickatory.

WEEKEND WALKS - JUNE 1984

JUNE 8-11 BASE CAMP - WYPERFIELD NATIONAL PARK

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS: DAVE AND SYLVIA ANDEWS

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE: ALGONA WYPERFIELD SHEET

Two walks are proposed.

The first starts from the nine mile square fire track and heads north then east through the heathlands to the western Lookout Dune. North from there to Shepherds Pines Flat then via Round Lake and Black Flat to camp. Medium - approximately 16 km.

The second is through the mallee scrub via Dattuck Track to visit the area burnt during the 1982 bushfires. The regeneration which has taken place since the fires is most interesting. We will also be inspecting the nesting mounds of the mallee fowl. Up to 15 km. Easy.

Anybody who does not wish to take part in these walks is welcome to find walks to suit themselves.

WEEKEND WALKS - JUNE 1984 (Continued)

JUNE 29 - JULY 1 BEGINNERS' SKI TOURING

EASY

LEADER: KEITH WARBURTON

TRANSPORT: PRIVATE

Wednesday 6th June Cross Country Skiing - Talk and discussion on clothing and equipment, illustrated with slides.

- Keith Warburton & Phil Colman

Wednesday 6th June Booking for Cross Country Ski Instruction on the weekend of Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July. Limited accommodation may be provided for evenings Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June.

Instruction will be aimed at improving glide, safe downhill control and effortless uphill technique.

Keith Warburton assisted by Janette Marshall and Otto Christiansen

Friday 29th June Saturday 30th June Sunday 31st July

Cross Country Skiing Instruction at Lake Mountain. See details of booking night Wednesday 6th June. All persons wishing to attend this weekend must be present on the above booking evening. Skis may be hired on club night, Wednesday 27th June, from Bushgear.

Keith Warburton assisted by Janette Marshall and Otto Christiansen

HELP WANTED!

We need someone to take over from Jim and Libby Marsden as the Club's phone contact - that is, their number to appear as "Melbourne Bushwalkers" in the Yellow Pages section "Clubs - Bushwalking".

The job involves answering phone enquiries about the Club (up to 6 a day). It is only really suited to someone who is home a fair amount of time and who is certain of being at the same address for at least the next 18 months.

For this valuable service you will earn the Club's undying gratitude and have half your phone rental paid.

Anyone who can help please contact Geoff Mattingley as soon as possible on 578 6545 (home) or 561 4100 (work).

WALK 85

Have you any articles for publication in this year's Walk Magazine (and/or slides, photographs, maps, etc.). If so, please contact the new Walk Editor, Heather Cameron, on 419 3653 (home) or 614 1077 (business) as soon as possible.

I would like to thank Marijke Mascas for standing in for the subleadership of the April Eth day walk for me.

I was unable to do the preparation due to hospitalization, but had recovered sufficiently to participate in the walk.

Thanks Marijke, for an interesting walk and for testing my fitness to resume walking.

Stephen Courtney

COMMITTEE NOTES - MEETING 7TH MAY 1984

- Correspondence: 1. "Friends of Bogong National Park" are now in existence and have had their first work party. Further information will be put on the notice-board.
 - 2. The Bushgear "Discount Card" scheme has been discontinued.
 - 3. "Armadale Outdoors" is in liquidation.

Treasurer:

Balance as at end April \$8,153.11 Bills for payment \$1,769.69

Walks Secretary:

For March:

Members150Weekend walkers54Visitors64Day walkers160214

Profit: \$73.50

Membership:

Total 315 paid.

"Yellow Pages" entry:

See separate item - a volunteer is required to be the information contact for the club.

Duty Roster:

May 16 Mark/Rosemary

23 Neil/Phil

30 Rod/Athol

June 6 Merilyn/Geoff

Next Committee Meeting:

4th June.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

Overhead on the van coming home from one of Art's bicycle trips:

The van was heading down Swanston Street when someone yelled out: "Look at that cinema - it's advertising non-stop sex!" To which one of the girls replied, "Oh, no, I just couldn't take it. I've had enough punishment between the legs today to satisfy me for quite some time."

FOR SALE

- 1 PADDYMADE H FRAME MOUNTAINEER MODEL PACK
- 1 FLINDERS RANGES H FRAME MEDIUM VENTURER PACK \$50.00 each

Contact PETER BULLARD (H) 568 5972

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to the following members:

DUFFIELD, Jill

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25 Irymple Avenue, Malvern, 3144

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CAMERON, Tina

46 Deane Street, Frankston, 3199

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Changes of Information:

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Phone (W) 647 9209

1/21 Wrexham Road, Hawthorn, 3122

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ARMSTRONG, Neville COHEN, Peter

DAVIS, Jan DEBNEY, Pam

LANCASTER, Eleanor

LARKIN, Philip

WALKERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

Over the last few years there has been a steady decline in the attendances on weekend walks. This has prompted us to conduct a survey to determine two things -

- 1. Why attendances are declining
- 2. What we can do to make weekend trips more appealing. In short, what do members want?

Accordingly we ask everying, including non-weekend walkers - in fact especially non weekend walkers, to complete this questionnaire. You will undoubtedly need more space to write in, so please add blank sheets as required, referring to question numbers.

Put completed questionnaires in the special box on the entrance table in the clubrooms or post to Melbourne Bushwalkers, P.O. Box 1751Q, Melbourne, 3001.

Melbourne, 3001. Note that "weekend" also includes extended walks. How many weekend walks have you been on in the last 5 years? (Please tick.) 4-10 None Over 10 Total With Melb. Bushies 3. Are you now an active (2 or more walks per year) -(a) day walker weekend walker 4. If you have not been on any weekend walks, would you like to (a) If YES - (i) What attracts you to the idea? (ii) What has prevented/is preventing you from doing so? (iii) What changes would make it more attractive or easier for you to do so? (b) If NO - (i) Why don't you wish to do a weekend walk? What changes/improvements might make you reconsider?

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5.	If you	have been on weekend walks -
	(i)	What aspects appeal to you?
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	(ii)	What aspects don't you like?
	(iii)	How could weekend walks be made more appealing to you?
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	(iv)	What prevents/dissuades you from going more often?
6.	Specifi	<u>c Issues</u>
	Please	comment on the following -
	(i)	Use of private cars on trips
	(ii)	buses
	(iii)	vans
	(iv)	Base camps
	(v)	Overnight trips leaving Melbourne Saturday morning, i.e., 1½ days pack carrying
	(vi)	Overnight trips leaving Melbourne early Saturday afternoon, camping near cars and doing a day walk on Sunday (day packs only)
	(vii)	Leaders
	(viii)	Walking areas
	(ix)	Any other issues/suggestions/comments/grouches/praise, etc.
		J.B.