

THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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SOCIAL COLUMN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th

MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE

Come along on a 3 hour river cruise which will go down as far as West Gate Bridge, taking in Appleton and Swanston Docks, and up to the old Riverview Tea Garden site. We will be aboard "Blackbird" and guided by Peter Summerville, who knows all the historic and conservation aspects of Melbourne's "other" river.

A few tickets left - see Rosemary Cotter in the clubrooms or phone at home (481 2205). Cost \$8.50.

Additional Information:

- 1) Point of departure: the World Trade Centre at 1.30 p.m. Plenty of parking space available.
- Weather permitting, we plan to re-congregate on the banks of the Yarra afterwards for a BBQ. BYO supplies.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

HORSE RIDING AT MACCLESFIELD

Fancy discovering some unused muscles, or enjoying the scenery without using your feet - or a motorised vehicle? We are planning a day horse riding at Sunny Crest Trails (Strangers Road, Macclesfield) for \$15. This gives a 2 hour ride, booked for the afternoon.

Time: 1.30 p.m. at Macclesfield

12.30, bring your own lunch and meet there and socialise beforehand.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

YACHT TRIP AROUND CORIO BAY

All aboard for a day trip on a 54' ketch (16.46 m) named The Aztec. She is an ocean going craft, has teak decks and is painted yellow. Depart from Ferguson Street Pier in Williamstown (next to the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club). Bring your own lunch (BBQ facilities, ice, fridge, etc. will be available).

Time of departure: 9.30 a.m. from Ferguson Street Pier.

We will be charging \$10 per person. Places will be limited so book soon. Bookings with Rosemary Cotter in clubrooms or at home (481 2205).

Correspondence should be directed to:-

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

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 377 Little Bourke Street, entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night 7-9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

***** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th *****

For those NOT indulging in The President's Weekend, you may be interested in:

2nd ANNUAL CONSERVATION BALL

(ACF Melbourne Chapter)

Collingwood Town Hall - 8 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.

with "SHEARER'S TALLY"

Cost: \$9 adults, \$7.50 concession, \$20 family rate. Phone: Liz 341 6344 (BH) or Joanne 657 3323 (BH).

***** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st ****

ANNUAL DINNER

POTTERS COTTAGE - WARRANDYTE

4 course meal (home made delicacies) Note: Vegetarians can be catered for

Jazz Band

All this for \$22

Booking of places will be by paying the full amount. See Mick Mann or Penny Stapley in the clubrooms, or make a mail booking by sending a cheque to Sandy Mattingley (made out to S.J. Mattingley) at 81 Oakleigh Road, Carnegie, 3163. Be sure to notify if you want a vegetarian meal (vegan or otherwise).

We need to know numbers by the end of October, so book early and be sure of your place.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS ****

More details in next month's News

- December 8th, lunch in the Botanical Gardens. Fancy dress competition for the children (under 12), with a guest appearance of Santa Claus (able bodied reindeer and 'roos permitting).
- December 19th, end of year get-together in clubrooms.

FORSALE

ROSSI BOOTS - SIZE 8

(Only 3 days' use - no bushwalks)

\$44

Ring Norm MacLeish - 758 2930

DAY WALKS NOVEMBER 1984

NOVEMBER 6 YARRA VALLEY NATIONAL PARKS

EASY

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT TRAMWAYS BUS, CNR. FLINDERS & RUSSELL STREETS - am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS APPROX. DISTANCE 14 KM

An interesting and easy walk which embraces two small National Parks in the Yarra Valley and the rugged beauty of the Warrandyte hills which at this time of the year are mantled with a variety of beautiful native orchids. Bring your bathers so you can have a swim in the Yarra at the Jumping Creek Park.

The walk commences at the junction of Jumping Creek and Warrandyte-Ringwood Roads and finishes in Warrandyte where a bus departs either for the city or to Ringwood. The Cup Day timetable will not be known until about a week before the day, so you will have to check with my deputy in the clubrooms on the Wednesday before the walk. I will be on a week's walkabout at Hattah just prior to the Cup Day walk.

NOVEMBER 11 STARLING GAP - ADA RIVER - LA TROBE MEDIUM

LEADER PHILIP LARKIN - Phone 813 2271 (H), 669 8321 (B)

TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE 1:50,000 NEERIM NATMAP;

1:25,000 ADA RIVER, MCCARTHY, NEERIM VICMAP;

ALSO FOREST COMMISSION INFORMATION SHEET

APPROX. DISTANCE 26 KM

This walk offers you an excellent opportunity to enjoy an historical experience of Powelltown and East Warburton timber tramways, while at the same time passing through some of the scenic rain forests in the Upper Yarra district. Along the walking tracks the vegetation varies from wet gullies containing tall tree ferns and myrtle beech to majestic mountain ash forests on the slopes. The abundant wild life within the forest includes native birds such as the lyrebird, rosella and eastern whip bird. Amongst the mammals are wallabies, possums and occasional deer.

The walk starts from an old forest road, then follows beside one of the old tramlines and passes some examples of what were once fine trestle bridges. As the walk proceeds, it engenders a feeling of admiration for the ingenuity and determination shown by the timber pioneers.

So bring along your cameras and fresh water for a pleasant day's walking into past history.

NOVEMBER 18 STEWART CREEK - MT. HELEN EASY & MEDIUM (2 WALKS)

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

The area is east of Seymour and north of Yea in open granite country. The walks each feature two sets of lovely cascades, good views, green grass and good company. The medium walk will be 16 km with approximately 540 vertical metres climb. Rod Mattingley will sublead a shorter walk of 13 km with only 300 metres climbing, the main difference being the 210 metres climb up Mt. Helen.

NOVEMBER 25 LABERTOUCHE CAVES

LEADER JON SAMARINE

For details of this walk see the leader in the clubrooms.

WEEKEND WALKS NOVEMBER 1984

NOVEMBER 2-4 LORNE WATERFALLS & WILD FLOWERS EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

MAIN LEADER PHILIP LARKIN -

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DIANE CODOGNOTTO - hone 314 3051 (H), 63 6212 (B)

SUB LEADERS DIANE CODOGNOTTO - hone 314

CHRISTINA THORNLEY - Phone 527 7188

TRANSPORT

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE 1:50,000 LORNE NATMAP;

1:25,000 LORNE, MOUNT COWLEY VICMAP;

ALSO LORNE FORESTS WALK MAP AND

FORESTS COMMISSION LORNE FOREST INFORMATION SHEET

APPROX. DISTANCE 20-50 KM

This area is notable for its sheer beauty, scenic coast and peaceful forest reserves. It offers a natural forest backdrop to the ocean and includes several swiftly seaward-flowing streams. These offer numerous and spectacular waterfalls, cascades and rapids. The walking track follo is approximately 24 kilometres of historic timber tramway routes and winds through fern gullies, gorges, and in many places traverses cliff faces. There is also an abundance of fauna such as the echidna, platypus, possums and gliders which are all common in the Otway Ranges.

On the first day all three walks will take the Cumberland River track up on to the divide and proceed to Mount Defiance for a spectacular display of wild flowers. Then we will return to base camp for overnight.

On the second day the three walks will visit some of the numerous spectacular waterfalls, cascades and rapids within the Lorne Forest Park. Each walk will take in a completely different area.

For this weekend you need to book early for there is a limited number of camp sites. Also anyone wishing to extend the weekend over to Tuesday 6th November (Cup Day) please let one of the leaders know as soon as possible.

So bring along your cameras, bathers and meat for a barbecue on Saturday night, for an enjoyable weekend of walking and relaxing in the Otways.

NOVEMBER 2-6 COOPRACAMBRA NATIONAL PARK EASY MEDIUM

LEADER GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE CRAIGIE 1:100,000

Actually, Coopracambra is a State Park (whatever that means). This walk will be an exploration of a completely new area for me, described by the National Parks Service as "in one of the most remote and least disturbed parts of Victoria, and much of the park is very rugged". There are several peaks to climb, and the red sandstone gorge of the Genoa River to explore. I intend to run this walk as a base camp with day walks.

Because of the short time available, we will not be visiting Croajingolong National Park, as shown in the Walks Programme. Note that this is a four-day walk (includes Cup Day), not two days as shown in the Programme.

WHAT'S ON T. V.

"A Big Country", Channel 2, Saturday, 27th October - a programme called "City Girls". This is about the Mittagundi outdoor education centre near Mt. Beauty.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

NOVEMBER 9-11 NORTHERN MT BUFFALO PLATEAU, MEDIUM/HARD
NUG NUG, MT McCLOUD

LEADER PEARSON CRESSWELL

TRANSPORT PRIVATE

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN SUNDAY LATE MAP REFERENCE BUFFALO 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 35 KM

Starting from Nug Nug we will climb the north-west spur of Mt. Buffalo which appears from the map to offer a strenuous but interesting approach. Camp will be on the North Buffalo Plateau. Sunday's walk will start with a pleasant traverse of the plateau as far as Eagle Point, followed by descent of a ridge on the western flank. Looks like a walk to get fit for.

EASY TO

NOVEMBER 16-18 MT. ARAPILES INTRODUCTORY CLIMBING DESPERATE

LEADER MARK LEMAIRE

TRANSPORT PRIVATE

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00 pm SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE ARAPILES ROCKCLIMBING GUIDE;

NATMAP - NATIMUK 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE UP TO 500 FT. - VERTICALLY

Here it is folks, the second annual Dangle and Thrash Weekend at the Australian rockclimbing Mecca, Arapiles.

Saturday will involve easy climbing coupled with some rope work instruction and a walk around the 'Piles, culminating on Sunday, for those so inclined, in an ascent of Tiptoe Ridge, having lunch on the Tiptoe Ridge table. This is poised 300 ft. above the Wimmera Plains. Tiptoe Ridge is described as a glorious classic that is Victoria's most delightful beginners' route.

For the resident hardmen and hardwomen there are plenty of desperate problems to be attempted.

This is also the weekend of Arapiles' 21st Birthday, so come prepared for some wild times!

NOVEMBER 23-25 PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND - EASY & MEDIUM
GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP

LEADER GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE GRAMPIANS 1:100,000

This base camp will be at Brim Springs, a few kilometres north of Glenisla Crossing. It is easily accessible by car, but as far as I know water is not available at the campsite. So either bring it from Melbourne, or be prepared to drive a short distance for it.

Day walks of various standards will be organised from the camp. For the evening, bring any musical instruments, comedy acts, recitations, etc. that you have. All members, particularly those who are no longer regular walkers, will be most welcome.

EXTENDED WALKS

APRIL 5-20, 1985 LAMINGTON & NORTHERN NSW

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

The dates have now been set. We leave on Good Friday morning and return on the Saturday two weeks later. In between we will do lots of lovely day walks at Apsley Gorge, Gibraltar Range, Mt. Warning, Lamington, Mt. Barney, Bald Rock, Girraween and possibly Wollomombi Falls. If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can arrange the time off work.

SUMMER WALKS

DEC. 28 - JAN 1 COWOMBAT FLAT - COBBERAS BASE CAMP EASY/MED./HARD

MAIN LEADER PHILIP LARKIN PHONE 813 2271 (H), 669 8321 (B)

SUB LEADERS PETER LENCH - PHONE 306 7047

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TRANSPORT PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE 1:50,000 SUGGAN BUGGAN, THREDBO, C.M.A.

1:100,000 JACOBS RIVER, BENAMBRA, NATMAP

1:63,360 COBBERAS, GLEN WILL, F.C.V.

APPROX. DISTANCE 1-70 KM

This area has great potential for bushwalking and cross country skiing, with spectacular scenery, including numerous flat, grassy plains, swiftly flowing streams in early spring, and several high peaks such as Cobberas No. 1, which is over 1,830 metres. Across the Murray to the north are The Pilot and the old tin mines from the pioneer days. There are many mammals, including grey kangaroos, red foxes and brumbies. There are also numerous native birds, from the little flame robin to the large laughing kookaburra.

If you're interested, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can arrange and organise transport and make the new year an enjoyable weekend for everyone.

OTHER POSSIBLE SUMMER TRIPS

3	?	2	CRADLE MOUNTAIN RESERVE - JANUARY 1985 Leader: Gerry Kottek	3	3
			FRANKIAND PANCE FOLLOWED by SOUTH COAST TRACK	2	2

? ? ? FRANKLAND RANGE followed by SOUTH COAST TRACK ? ? ? ? ANUARY 1985

Leader: Mark Tischler

? ?? SHOALHAVEN LILOING ???
Leader: Spencer George

WHAT'S ON IN THE CLUBROOMS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 8 pm SLIDES - WEEKEND WALKING AREAS

The aim of this evening will be to show a good cross-section of the different walking areas that the club goes to on weekend trips - essential viewing for anyone wanting to know what's available and where to go. I'll need some more slides to show, so let me know if you have some and how many.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 8 pm EQUIPMENT TALK & DISPLAY

Are you bamboozled by the latest bushwalking gear? What is the best type of tent, pack, sleeping bag, boots, etc? Two of the staff from Eastern Mountain Centre will show and talk about some of their gear. Bring along all your questions. I'm sure all of us, gear freaks or not, will learn a lot. An evening not to be missed.

WHAT'S ON IN THE CLUBROOMS

SNEAK ADVANCE PREVIEW

- OCT. 31 Slides of weekend walking areas see page 6.
- NOV. 14 Bushwalking equipment talk and display see page 6.
- NOV. 28 Slides of previous Christmas trips.

 Designed to whet your appetite for the coming summer extended trips season. There have been some good trips walking and liloing in recent years.
- DEC. 19 Club Christmas breakup in clubrooms

 For our last clubnight for the year we ask everyone to bring a plate (with food on it) and/or drinks for a rip-snorter social occasion.
- JANUARY A possible <u>fun</u> evening modelled after Sale of the Century with audience participation.
- FEB. 13 Slides
- FEB. 27 Annual General Meeting
- MARCH Photography competition. Probable categories are landscape and personality for both slides and prints.

AUTUMN AND WINTER WALKS PROGRAMME 1985

A meeting to plan the Walk Frogramme will be held on Thursday, 21 November, at Philip Larkin's - Flat 7, 1091 Burke Road, East Hawthorn, phone 813 2271 - at 7.00 pm.

Please come if you can, or submit ideas to me. Wishing for a successful night -

MARK TISCHLER, Walks Secretary

FOR ALL YOUR MAPPING REQUIRMENTS VISIT

MELBOURNE MAP CENTRE

740 WAVERLEY ROAD, CHADSTONE, 3148

PHONE: 569 5472

- MATMAPS
- CMA (N.S.W.)
- * VICMAPS
- FOREST COMMISSION OF VICTORIA and NEW SOUTH WALES
- MAPLAND (S.A.)

TASMAPS

ALSO

- OVERSEAS MAPS COMPASSES
- # GLOBES
- TRAVEL GUIDES AND BOOKS

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING 1st OCTOBER 1984

Treasurer: Balance as at end September	\$9241.67
Bills for payment: Programme printing Subscription - "Alpine Observer"	111.60 25.00
	\$1.36.60
Bills paid during September: Van - Comprehensive Insurance Repairs for Roadworthy Certificate Registration Transfer	691.22 237.14 399.00
Dennis Barson - driving and out-of- pocket expenses Baxters - August van account Hampton Red Bus	434.80 924.00 250.00
	\$2936.16

Walks Secretary:

August 1984 Day 140 Members 111
Weekend 12 Visitors 41
152

Profit \$73 (last month using Baxter's van)

Transport Sub-committee:

In the first month of operation of our own van, substantial unexpected costs have been incurred:

Registration (fell due at time of purchase)	\$1113
2 new tyres	390
Stamp duty - transfer of registration	399
Insurance	691
Repairs for Koadworthy	237
Front-end alignment	55

Not yet carried out, but needed:

Front spring reset est. 280 Front wheels - out of true - to replace est. 300

By changing the registration from Commercial to Private, a refund of \$653 is expected.

It was resolved that Fares will no longer be charged for club walks, to comply with the requirements of the Private Omnibus Licence. Persons going on walks will pay a "Walks Charge".

General Business:

- 1. Another Auditor is required, to replace Jim Hedstrom.

 Qualifications are <u>not</u> required this is not a formal audit.

 Any member who would like to help please approach a committee member.
- 2. The nomination of Graeme Brown for Search and Rescue has been rescinded, until satisfactory navigation ability and fitness have been demonstrated.
- 3. New visitors must be encouraged to go on an easy walk first, to test their fitness.

Duty Roster:

October 10th Robyn/Merilyn October 31st Neil/Athol 17th Phil/Neil November 7th Rosemary/Jill 24th Rod/Penny 14th Geoff/Mike

Next Committee Meeting - 12th November.

A LETTER TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

PAYMENT OF LEVY TO PURCHASE JACK BAXTER'S VAN

Dear Members and Visitors,

A number of members who attended the last general meeting and who voted by a show of hands to indicate their willingness to pay a levy to pay for the van have expressed surprise and disappointment that the feeling of the meeting in respect of the levy has not been carried over and acted on by our Committee. I have been asked why I did not put the matter of the levy as a motion before the meeting and have a vote taken on it. I regret now that I did not do just that as the matter of the levy would certainly have been decided in favour that night and I would not have cause to write this letter.

However, in answer to the question: I did not put it as a motion as I felt that our President, Geoff Mattingley, when he called for a show of hands to indicate how members felt, was seeking a guideline to follow in Committee. This guideline was clearly given. I have spoken to Geoff about this matter and he assures me that the matter is far from closed - they still have matters of club finances to work out. He is quite willing to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss and take a vote on a levy, but suggests that this matter be dealt with at the A.G.M. in February 1985. It would take six weeks to arrange an extraordinary meeting providing all requirements relating to such a meeting could be complied with. He also points out that if members voted in favour of a levy the levy and the annual membership fees would be payable together - a levy is a compulsory payment by all members. I respect and accept Geoff's advice on this matter.

Since the meeting I have spoken to a number of members about the payment of a levy. Those who are in favour of a levy, like myself, want the van paid off as quickly as possible so as to -

- (a) pay as little interest as possible;
- (b) keep a loan to a minimum amount;
- (c) keep our bank balance healthy;
- (d) keep van fares down, which will be impossible if we are encumbered with a big loan and large amounts of interest;
- (e) have money in the bank in the event that the van requires amount of money to be spent on it.

The members to whom I have spoken who do not favour a levy objected on the grounds that they do not go on day walks and so consider it an unjust imposition.

An example of the above could be applied to Wilkinson Lodge. If a levy was struck to provide money for materials, etc., for the hut some members would possibly say that they never use Wilky so why should they pay a levy. Another example of selfish and negative thinking would be if a levy was struck to purchase new hire equipment to replace old and worn-out gear and some members said, "I have my own walking equipment. I never hire gear, so why should I pay a levy?"

My answer to that is simply that all members owe it to the Club to support a levy, whatever it is to pay for. It needs to be a team effort, and we as members have full rights and privileges to use and enjoy whatever assets and facilities the Club owns. In my opinion it is not a valid excuse for members to exempt themselves from a levy if their interest and pleasure centres on a club activity which in their opinion has nothing to do with the levy in question. Likewise members with no interest at all in the particular activity for which a levy was called. As members we are part of the Melbourne Bushwalkers, not just part of any particular activity of the Bushies, even if our interest lies solely in that activity.

PAYMENT OF LEVY TO PURCHASE JACK BAXTER'S VAN (Continued)

I mentioned at the general meeting that a levy of \$37 on each of our 375 members would pay for the van at a price of \$14,000 outright. I did break this down to two payments of \$18.50 to be made twelve months apart. Really, it is such a small amount for each of us to pay. All I'll say is, let's get on with it and pay it. That is what most of us want to do anyway.

Should you have any ideas for raising money such as fetes, auctions, competitions, then let us know about it. If we can raise money to help pay for the van the levy would be less. Debentures have been mentioned, which involves paying interest. Let's keep away from that sort of thing as much as possible.

If there are any members who, after reading these pages of wisdom, are still grizzling about paying a possible small levy, then digest this. It is a fact, not an opinion, that the day walkers and visitors on day walks, along with our van providing reasonable fares, are keeping the Melbourne Bushwalkers alive today. This will only continue if the van fares can be kept to a minimum, and the answer to that is to pay the van off quickly. Look after the goose who is bringing in the cash - don't kill her.

If any member is unable to pay a possible levy then I would pay it with pleasure.

Thank you for reading this letter. I do hope we all make it a team effort in raising money to pay for our van.

Yours sincerely, ART TERRY

WEEKEND IN THE STRATHBOGIES (8-9 SEPTEMBER) A BEGINNER'S REPORT

ALONG THE TRACK

Beginners' Walk = Beginners' Luck? Certainly the beginners' weekend at Euroa had all the essential ingredients to make it an ideal example for those of us trying out a "weekend" instead of a day walk.

The area itself afforded some really marvellous views, and from any of the many vantage points we visited you could enjoy green rolling pastures, rugged rock outcrops, dense state forest and meandering creeks. Atop Mt. Wombat we surveyed a clear 360°, with Mt. Buller on one horizon, snow-capped and distinct behind distant hills.

In the more immediate sense, our walking treated us to both an abundance of wild life and a fascinating botanical journey, thanks to the knowledge of two experienced members of the group, and with both walks close to water, cascades and waterfalls were a feature.

Add to this a warm camp fire, good company, clear, starry skies and perfect warm, sunny days and I, for one, am "hooked" on weekend walking.

So, to those who may be hesitating - reconsider! A weekend gives you a longer break from smog-bound Melbourne, more time to explore an area and pleasant evening hours to enjoy the company of those who, at the very least, have the love of bushwalking in common.

- JENNY ROSS

CHANGES OF

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CLOSING DATE FOR NOVEMBER NEWS IS WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER (One week later than usual because of Melbourne Cup Weekend). Articles may be placed in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms, sent to the club, Box 1751Q, GPO, Melbourne, 3001, or direct to the editor, Merilyn Whimpey, 17 Phillips Street, Coburg, 3058. I'm always grateful when people submit articles before the closing date so that I can type them at my leisure and avoid late nights on the Wednesday and Thursday after closing date.