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THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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SOCIAL COLUMN

Friday, 24th May

Gilbert & Sullivan - "RUDDIGORE"

Loyola Musical Society
326 Church Street, Richmond
(Behind St. Ignatius' Church, Church Street)

Chicken & Champagne Supper
Approx. \$12.00

Bookings in by Wednesday 15th May
See Tracy or Graham Harding in clubrooms Graham is one of the Loyola Singers

Friday, 31st May

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YHA Badminton/Portable Hostels

BUSH DANCE

South Melbourne Town Hall - 8 pm to 1.30 pm
Tickets \$5.00 each
B.Y.O. Food & Drink & Glass
See Mick Mann or Hugh Duncan in the clubrooms

Saturday 1st June

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CHEESE & WINE NIGHT at Ingrid Hedberg's

40 Range Street, Camberwell
7.30 pm to whenever
Cost: To be advised - about the same as last time
See Tracy, Stephen Courtney or Betty Spencer
in the clubrooms

Saturday 6th July

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MID YEAR DINNER - ARABIAN STYLE

This will be a fun night. Recline on cushions at low tables in harem-like surroundings. Be lulled by the gentle minstrel strain or quickened by the swirl of the belly dancer. Whatever your bag, this should fill the bill. Arabian food - YUM!! and plenty of it. Fish available for non-meat-eaters, and there will be lots of salads. Please let us know if you want fish when booking.

People to see in clubrooms: Tracy, Betty Spencer or Caroline Strickland

SAHARA ARABIAN RESTAURANT
301 Swanston Street, City
\$15.00 (full price deposit please)

Booked for 60

BYO 7.00 pm

Correspondence should be directed to:-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751Ω, 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 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

VAN BOOKINGS

Would all walkers please note that walks should be booked on the board in the clubrooms, and if a pick-up is wanted en route, this should be entered on the walk booking list.

DENNIS BARSON MUST NOT BE CONTACTED BY PHONE TO ARRANGE PICK-UP POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE OF TRAVEL. ALL REQUESTS MUST GO THROUGH THE CORRECT BOOKING CHANNEL, I.E. THROUGH THE WALK LEADER, WHO WILL INFORM DENNIS OF ANY PICK-UPS ON THE DAY OF THE WALK.

DAY WALKS

APRIL 21 DAYLESFORD - WOMBAT STATE FOREST EASY, MEDIUM

LEADER DAVID DAVIES (EASY)
PETER FENCH (MEDIUM)

TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm

See leaders in clubrooms for final details. There will be two walks offered on this trip, an easy walk (12-14 km) and a medium walk (18 km). Both will be mainly on well-established tracks.

The Wombat State Forest is a heavily treed area with fine native forests. There are also many mineral springs and remnants of mining activities from the last century.

OTHER APRIL WALKS - SEE MARCH "NEWS"

MAY 5 NAVIGATION DAY-EXERCISE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER ROB AYRE

TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE GREENDALE 1:25,000 (Victorian Lands Department)
APPROX. DISTANCE MINIMUM APPROX. 8 km

Here is your chance to learn or refresh those navigation skills. We have planned a course of about 8 km in lightly timbered country on the southern fringe of the Wombat State Forest. The party will be divided into small groups - probably 2 or 3 in each - and these will be sent out to find a series of check-points. Most of those points will have an experienced walker "in residence" to help you with any problems. You will need a copy of the map - if you book early and advise me, I can buy one for you.

IF YOU CANNOT READ A MAP OR USE A COMPASS - don't worry, but do come to the map-reading and navigation class in the clubrooms on Monday 29 April from 7-9 pm. See the note elsewhere in this "News" for details.

IF YOU HAVE NO DESIRE TO NAVIGATE but want to come on a walk, you could walk with one of the trainee groups. In a small group you will have a better-than-usual chance of seeing some wildlife. But no responsibility will be accepted and no complaints entertained for navigational blunders!!!

ALSO REQUIRED are some dedicated check-point warmers - please see me if you can help.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

MAY 11 (SAT.) THORNBURY HISTORICAL WALK EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT TRAM
MAP MELWAYS

Meet under the Clocks by 1.45 p.m. This ramble is a continuation of the previous Northcote excursion.

Returning city 5 p.m.

EASY/

MAY 12 MT. E'RNARD - THE RAZORBACK (2 walks) EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ANNE BULLARD (EASY)

SYLVIA WILSON (MEDIUM)

TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 pm

MAP REFERENCE MOUNT ETRNARD 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 10 km (Easy)
11 km (Medium)

Easy walk: On this day walk up near Seymour we climb firstly up a relatively easy mountain and have lunch at the top. The views at the top are wide and varied. This area is cattle and sheep country. We walk in the shape of an amphitheatre around the tops of a ridge. On the ridge as we go down to the end of our walk are some very interesting rock formations.

I do strongly advise you to bring warm clothes and parkas as the ridge is very open all the way around. I also suggest you leave a dry change of clothing in the van as the weather in May can be very changeable.

Easy/medium walk: This walk will not get the Most Scintillating Walk of the Year award, but it's all right. Mt. Bernard, the Razorback and Mt. Rose are in the Kobyboyn Range, among those lumps on your right hand side as you drive up the Hume between Seymour and Euroa.

First we blast up Mt. Rose which affords airy 360° views, top of the world stuff; then do a circuit coming back along the Razorback. There's some fascinating photography here for those into creative rocks. Then we drop smartly off the ridge and into Hughes Creek, an interesting contrast where the bird life is prolific. We follow this back to square one.

MAY 10 THE FLUFF - PARWAN VALLEY EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS PETER BULLARD (EASY)
GERALD YOUNG (MEDIUM)

TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

For details of this walk please see the leaders in the clubrooms.

MAY 25 (SAT.) DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 3 - MT. EVELYN-LILYDALE

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT Meet under the Clocks by 11 a.m. in time to catch

11.06 train to Lilydale from where the Mt. Evelyn

bus departs 12.30.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN City - 5.30 pm

After lunch at Mt. Evelyn we will walk downhill back along the Lilydale-Warburton rail reservation, recently transferred from V/Line to the Department of Conservation, Lands and Forests, with the idea of developing it as a walking track, as outlined in the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Management Strategy.

On the last Explorers walk it was agreed to levy a members' contributory fee of \$1; visitors pay \$2.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

MAY 26 TOOBERAC - EMU FLATS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

ROD TOPOR (MEDIUM) ROGER HARRIS (EASY)

TRANSPORT

VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm

Both walks traverse green rolling hills with interesting granite outcrops, some small copses, and good views. The area is described by Jopie in "Walk 85".

For more details of these walks, see the leaders in the clubrooms.

WEKKEND WALKS

CATHEDRAL RANGE BASE CAMP MAY 4-5

EASY

LEADER

PETER BULLARD

TRANSPORT

PRIVATE

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 pm Sunday MAP REFERENCE CATHEDRAL RANGE VMTC

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 km

We will be camping close to the cars at Neds Gully for both nights. On Saturday we will climb up "Little Cathedral" and onto "The Cathedral", with lunch near "The Jawbones" and then back to camp via the road.

Sunday I am thinking of climbing back up through "The Jawbones" and continuing along "The kazorback" to the other end of the range -"The Sugarloaf".

This walk will be ideal for day walkers who would like to try a weekend. Do not forget your cameras as there are very good views as we go along the range.

MAY 10-12

MT. WILLIAM - MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU

MEDIUM

- KALIMNA FALLS

LEADER

MARKTISCHLER

TRANSPORT

PRIVATE

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN Late Sunday

MAP REFERENCE GRAMPIANS 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 22 km

Starting a circuit from Bomjinna Picnic Ground, we climb 440 metres of steep terrain to the sub-alpine peak of Mt. William. Spectacular scenery will be seen as we continue along the range en route to our overnight camp at Major Mitchell Plateau. Time will be spent exploring this area on Saturday.

Sunday will see us descend from Boundary Gap to visit Kalimna Falls before continuing back to the cars. An interesting walk on some rocky parts with beautiful forests and gullies. Walking will be on tracks and roads.

MAY 25-26

LERDERG GORGE - BLACKWOOD

MEDIUM

LEADER

MARKTISCHLER

TRANSPORT

PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE SATURDAY START LERDERDERG FOREST PARK 1:25,000

Saturday morning we will meet at Bacchus Marsh to organise the car shuffle. Then we will head out on a leisurely walk along the valley, swimming if it is warm, and then climbing out of the gorge to get views into the valley along the ridge before we descend into the river to camp. Sunday we will spend walking up the valley to O'Briens Crossing and the cars. We may continue upstream, depending upon group feeling, but will have a relaxing day.

JUNE WALKS PROGRAMME -SNEAK PREVIEW

The winter walks programme is due to come out with May "News", but for those who like to plan ahead, this is what we have in store for you in June.

JUNE							
Sun. 2	Gellibrand Hill Nat. Park - Deep Creek	Van	E	Art Terry	H	583	3617
7-10	Queen's Birthday W/E Hattah Lakes Base Camp Hattah Lakes Pack Carry		E	Leader required Keith White		534	7439
Sun. 9	Bass Hill - Anderson Hill (2 walks)	Van	ESM	Tracy Guest & Ian Newbold	H	509	3746
Mon.10	Healesville - Watts River	See		Athol Schafer	H	211	2649
Sun.16	Mt. Bullengarook - Pyrites Ck. (2 walks)	Van	ESM	Graham Harding & gerry Kottek	H	387	9831
21-23	Marysville Guesthouse Weekend	Cars		Graham & Marijke Mascas	H	25	6940
Sun.23	Fyansford-Batesford (2 walks)	Van	ESM	Fran Christie & Ed Lawton	H	052-	
Sat.29	Dandenongs Explorer No. 4 - Churchill NP	See		Doug Pocock	H	059- 64	1974
Sun. 30	Cherokee - Mt. Charlie	Van	ESM	Phil Larkin	H	813	2271

WHAT'S ON IN THE CLUBROOMS

& Peter Lench

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APRIL 24 - SLIDES OF JAPAN - 8 pm

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- Mt. Eliza (2 walks)

Lesley Forbes has recently been to Japan and loved it. She will share some of what she saw and experienced via her slides.

MAY 8 - GUEST SPEAKER - SANDRA BARDWELL - 8 pm

I'm sure most of us have heard of Sandra via her Age Weekender articles on bushwalking and her books. She obviously has a love of long distance walking tracks as she has walked quite a few. She has kindly agreed to come and talk about this topic, primarily tracks in Britain but also in Victoria, and how the British experience can be used.

WALK 1986

Noel, Walk 1986 Editor, is collecting articles for this year's bumper edition. So turn off the telly and get writing. Also required are good photos that will reproduce well in black and white (and one in colour for the front cover) that will make people want to get out into the bush. See Noel Tolley in the clubrooms.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

While we're on the subject . . . (or rather while we've got a bit at the bottom of the page to fill)

SINGLE MALE BUSHIE, MID 40s, URGENTLY REQUIRES SHARE ACCOMMODATION - e.g. HOUSE, FLAT, ETC. - PREFERABLY CLOSE TO CITY.

JUST HOW GOOD IS YOUR NAVIGATION?

You may be able to follow your compass, and think you don't need to know more. But how good are you at route-finding and following your progress by correlating the surrounding terrain with the map?

This year's route for the Navigation Day-Exercise (May 5) can be followed (by a walker with some navigation experience), without using a compass. Come and test yourself! But bring your compass just in case!!!

WILKINSON LODGE

The work party on the Labour Day weekend in March laboured mightily and the new load of firewood was all barrowed in to the lodge and most was split and stacked ready for use.

Unfortunately, the new wood supplier has an exaggerated idea of how long 10 inches is - the length we asked for. He cut it instead to about 15 inches, which is too long for the kitchen stove. Luckily Dougo had brought his chain saw and he cut a reasonable supply - please use the short wood in the kitchen stove only.

Other achievements for the weekend were the repairing of the fence, fixing the leak in the living room chimney, cleaning out the flues and cleaning the kitchen shelves and ceiling.

Winter parties

Leaders/organisers for the winter parties are now finalised. If you wish to go to Wilky in winter, please contact one of the leaders. The list of leaders is on the booking board in the clubrooms.

Leaders are reminded that each group must take in at least 8 packets (12 kg) of briquettes per week and supply their own toilet paper and detergent.

Winter supplies should be taken in soon; before the middle of May just in case it starts to snow!

Wilky fees

Committee agreed to increase Wilky fees as from 1st April to

\$3/day members \$4/day non members

plus \$1/day levy per person if briquettes are not supplied, for winter weekend trips only.

Wilky users are reminded that they are expected to take a packet of briquettes for a weekend stay, and proportionately more for a longer stay, to help reduce the use of firewood. Those who haven't been on a work party are reminded of the work that goes into getting the wood in to the lodge, and split and stacked.

SKI TRIPS - WINTER '85

Those sharp-eyed members who eagerly turn to the new Walks Program when released will notice something a little different in the Winter Program.

It will be the first appearance of a specially designed range of skiing trips. A skiing sub-committee has recently been formed to plan winter ski trips. This has been in response to some concern expressed that the club was not adequately catering for members who wished to go on ski trips other than the annual pilgrimage to Wilky.

The trips have been planned in such a way that all members can have the opportunity to participate, whatever their skills. In fact, going on trips is one way of improving ski technique as well as having an enjoyable time.

The program caters for all levels of ability. The chance to just 'have a go' on skis is there as well as the extended long distance trips.

The committee is keen to promote skiing in the club and will be advising of the availability of skill improvement courses conducted by non-profit groups.

- SYLVIA WILSON

NAVIGATION CLASS AND DAY PRACTICE EXERCISE

Have you ever wandered along with the party and wondered how (or whether) your leader knew where the party was going? Or why the leader chose a particular route? Or what those brown squiggles on the map mean? Now here is your chance to find out!

On Monday 29 April, in the clubrooms, an introductory class will show you some of the answers. The class will start at 7 pm and will probably finish about 9, depending on the needs of those attending. If you cannot come at 7 then come when you can: The class will cover aspects of map-reading and grid references, use of a compass, route-finding/route planning, and a few exercises.

You will need a map - Greendale 1:25,000 issued by the Victorian Lands Department - which will also be used on the day-practice exercise. If you advise me (Rob Ayre) well beforehand I can get one for you.

You will need an orienteering-type compass, preferably a Silva type 3 or an equivalent model. You should also bring notepaper, pencils and a ruler.

On the Sunday following the class (5 May) you will have an opportunity to put those skills into practice in a reasonably controlled environment - see the write-up in the Forthcoming Day Walks section of News.

- ROB AYRE

ROOM TO LET

I'll be overseas from mid-May to late August. Is there anyone who would like a room in a shared household with two other people and a very affectionate dog? It is close to the Yarra just past Yarra Bend National Park in Fairfield. If interested please contact me. Rent negotiable.

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN (489 2221)

COMMITTEE NOTES

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Correspondence

Letters about a computerised mailing system, a gold nugget race, and a ski lodge at Mt. Baw Baw are available for perusal in the correspondence box.

Treasurer

Overdraft is \$1391.12 at end of March.

Bills for payment -

Van driving \$451.50
Van garaging 100.00
Van petrol 232.34
Van headlights 200.11
Van maintenance 84.80
Post box hire 60.00
Wilky expenses 155.65

\$1284,40

Bills for Walk printing and van armrests to be negotiated before payment.

Walks Secretary

February - Members 148 Weekend 34
Visitors 51 Day 165

Total income from walks \$1358.50

Require one more leader for winter programme and five more leaders for spring programme.

Walk Magazine

Quotes are being obtained for Walk 1986. It is proposed to concentrate track notes on a few specific areas.

Wilkinson Lodge

A work party on the long weekend cut and stacked a load of firewood.

Leaders have been confirmed for eight weeks in winter.

A motion was passed raising fees to \$3/night for members and \$4/night for visitors, taking effect immediately, to ensure that income covers expected costs.

Search and Rescue

There will be a full practice search on October 19-21.

Duty Roster

April 10 Hugh, Leonie

17 Merilyn, Neil

24 Leonie, Tracy

May l Peter, Anne

8 Athol, Neil

General Business

Wilky keys will be held by Hugh while Rod is on holiday.

Peter has found a source of paper and supplies for "News" printing, offering good service and lower prices. It was agreed to give them a trial run.

Peter is investigating the cost of first aid kits for day walks and extended trips, to be kept by the club for the use of walk leaders.

Next Committee Meeting

May 6th.

CLUB 1985 PHOTO COMPETITION

(Sponsored by Ted's Camera Store)

The standard of entries was very high and the judges had an unenviable task in picking winners. There were a total of 59 slides entered in the four categories. The Artistic Landscape category had 20 entries, which warranted a 1st and 2nd prize. The others just had a 1st prize. There were 16 prints entered, which was disappointing. We know there are lots of people in the club who take prints. It was decided to have just one category for prints, with a 1st and 2nd prize.

The prizes are gift vouchers valid at Ted's Camera Store at 239 Elizabeth Street. Ted's kindly supplied them to us at 30% off face value, so when you're walking down Elizabeth Street wondering where to buy your film and camera gear, please keep this in mind. The five 1st prizes are vouchers for \$12 and the two 2nd prizes are worth \$6 each. Each prizewinner also received a lovely certificate kindly produced by Rosemary Cotter. In addition the entrant with the best overall photo received an engraved mounted Kodak medallion.

Results were

Slides - Victorian Landscape
- lst Phil Taylor - snow scene
- lst Mick Mann - cottage & horses
- lst Mick Mann - cottage & horses
- lst Mick Mann - cottage & horses
- lst Mick Mann - snow scene

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . ?

MICHAEL GRIFFIN notified the club of his change of address, in a letter too long to publish in full. I'll put it on the notice board for people to read, and below is a short summary of what Michael has been up to lately.

Michael spent two years as student counsellor at Canberra Grammar School during 1981-82 and then seized the opportunity to cast adrift and go exploring. He began with a solo tramping trip in New Zealand, returned to Canberra to dry out and then went off to Hawaii for three weeks on an "adventure tour".

Back to Canberra in January 1983, wandering around Melbourne, Launceston and Hobart in February, then off to USA/Canada. March was spent cross-country skiing in various National Parks. In April he got out his Greyhound bus pass visiting all the American amusement parks he could find. Back to Canberra at the end of April, severely overweight and with a dose of the 'flu.

Next he went to Fiji, and then to London to begin a walking tour through various parts of England, Norway, Switzerland, Austria and Yugoslavia. At the end of that he returned to London and roamed around the British Isles on a Britrail pass.

Back in Canberra he led a quiet life on the dole until late December when he was offered two jobs in one day, couldn't cope, said no to everyone and accepted a place at Tasmania Uni. to do a PhD.

He enrolled at the uni. in 1984 and began studying paradoxical psychotherapy which, he says, translates roughly as "reverse psychology".

This year he's a resident tutor at Jan Franklin Hall and the PhD study has turned to dyslexia. Michael would like to hear from the Bushies - so if anyone feels like writing his address is on the back page.

SNOWY RIVER LILO TRIP

This is a biased report.

When the Snowy River lilo trip for Moomba weekend was first mentioned I thought "I will go on that trip, but it is a very, very, very, very long drive so I will enjoy it more and it will be much cheaper for me if I am a passenger."

The leader obtained perfect weather: hot and sunny. Before breakfast on day one I had made a number of important decisions:

no tent poles

no wet suit

no parka

My reasoning was along these lines. Dead branches are as good as tent poles. A wet suit is very heavy to carry. On a lilo trip you frequently fall off and get wet.

Although the trip was not advertised as "down hill all the way" that would be a good description. We left the cars when the jeep track became too steep for conventional vehicles. While we waited for the drivers to park their cars under some trees I casually picked up a couple of packs and thought "I could not carry these heavy loads downhill". At the end of the walk while I was lying in the shade for two hours waiting for the rest of the party I remembered those thoughts.

Lunch was declared when we reached the Snowy River. Then came the slow task of inflating lilos, but fortunately Tracy was carrying a foot pump. Lilos with side walls are the "in" craft for this season. They require much more effort to inflate.

There is no official dress for liloing, but socks, sandshoes and some type of hat were used by all participants. Some people wore nothing while others used wetsuits, pullovers and pyjamas. Large quantities of sunburn cream were applied liberally to white flesh, so directly increasing the pollution of the water which we would be drinking for the next three days.

It was a remarkable trip. Everyone had a set of paddles. Mine were a very recent acquisition. I bought them on Friday night during the car trip to Buchan. I found they require different techniques to paddling with hands, and I was awkward for the first day, especially when negotiating rapids as I frequently paddled onto rocks. However I am now a convert and I recommend paddles for lilo trips.

For those who are unfamiliar with the pleasures and thrills of liloing I will give some basic instructions.

- 1. Place the craft in water.
- 2. Load your pack and yourself on top of the craft with feet towards the front.
- 3. Ignore the cold sensation in the vicinity of your bathers.
- 4. Paddle.
- 5. Dodge rocks.
- 6. Enjoy the views.
- 7. Negotiate all rapids with either great care or complete abandon.
- 8. If the water becomes too shallow either force the craft over the rocks using hands, bottom and feet or get off and walk.

The Snowy River cuts a narrow channel through the mountains. Frequently it is bordered with sandy beaches, but sometimes these give way to spectacular granite cliffs. The views change continuously but are always magnificent. A lilo travels at an extremely slow rate so there is plenty of time to absorb the beauty of natural formations. Continually river and mountains combine for scenes which beg to be photographed. Even the intrusion of occasional people and paddles does not spoil the peace of the area.

Sometimes I found myself stuck on a rock surrounded by swirling water. At other times my lilo climbed up a rock and threw me, my paddle and my pack into the water. On infrequent occasions I negotiated a rapid at a fast pace without incidents.

SNOWY RIVER LILO TRIP (Continued)

Camp for night one was on a sandy beach alongside a deep section of river which was good for swimming. Eight pairs of hands soon erected a miscellaneous set of tents, collected firewood and were sitting around the campfire. Wooden spoons and exotic ingredients appeared as feasts were prepared.

As soon as the sun touched our skins we were on the river for day two and we paddled until the sun left the river. A whole day on the river and we travelled many river kilometres and a smaller, but very satisfactory number of kilometres on the map. Our leader was very pleased with our increased speed.

We were passed (twice) by a group of four canoeists complete with safety helmets and lifesaving vests. They looked very professional

Our wilderness experience was also apoilt by a group of scouts who insisted on "bombing" us from some convenient rocks and also by two groups of walkers.

The highlight of the day was Tullach Ard Gorge, a narrow section with high cliffs giving clear reflections in the still water between a large number of deep and difficult rapids. This was a good spot to climb part of the way up the cliffs and sit watching the river.

Camp for this night was a high bank of sand left by the river after one of the frequent floods. Increased elevation gave a more impressive view of the river. Needless to say there was abundant firewood, the compulsory deep swimming hole and, of course, fine foods and wine.

For day three we had only two hours on the river, but this was sufficient time for a couple of punctures. All too soon we were changing into dry socks and deflating our lilos. It was the end of a trip which I will remember for a long time.

Thanks for leading the trip Merilyn. It was great.

- SPENCER

AN ESCALATING PROBLEM?

Lest anybody run away with the idea that Stuart Mattingley's misfortune at having his car broken into near Wilky was unusual, let me say that Oberon Saddle car park at Wilsons Promontory was done over four times between September and December to my knowledge, the last time being at the beginning of December when 16 cars were gone through in one night, mine included. They had all the time in the world, this was no smash and grab, consequently the camera lenses I had decided not to take with me were discovered buried out of sight under rugs etc. Only the sedans were untouched. It was the station wagons they went for because they could see what sort of pickings they offered. Since even in well used and staffed National Parks security is not adequate, how less adequate is it where we often leave our cars in the bush whilst we go off walking somewhere?

<u>Postscript</u>: The story has a happy ending. Within hours of the theft the police picked up two men in Cowes for some other reason, and in the back of the car were my camera bag and lenses. Further police investigation turned up a lot more of the gear taken from the other cars at the same time. However most people are not so lucky. So be warned, be careful, this type of theft is only likely to get worse.

- BARRY SHORT

Editor's Note: Doug Pocock and I had our cars broken into while on the Shoalhaven trip last January. We hadn't left anything of value to thieves in the cars, so only petrol and loose change were stolen. However all three locks on my car were broken, and it cost me \$135 to have them replaced. So now I leave my car unlocked and don't leave anything of value in it. - MERILYN WHIMPEY

Susan Gatti

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

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17 Holland Court, Maidstone 3012

Phone: 318 2780 (H)

Heather Hardingham 30/155 Powlett Street, East Melbourne 3002

Phone: 417 5902 (H); 429 4811 (W)

Graeme Lipback

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Merrian McCarthy 41 Plato Crescent, Mulgrave 3174

Phone: 560 4916 (H); 211 6632 (W)

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

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Michael Clode

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Phone: 785 1685 (H); 628 3855 (W)

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Jerry Grandage 4/3 Browning Street, Elwood 3184

Michael Griffin Resident Tutor, Jane Franklin Hall,

6 Elboden Street, South Hobart, Tas. 7000

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Andrew Menk
22 Erskine Avenue, East Reservoir 3073

Phone: 478 2662 (H)

Angela Tanti 1/34 Altona Street, West Heidelberg 3084

Phone: 459 1634 (H); 547 7744 (W)

ership Secretary, Winifred de Souza, know if you change your address and/or telephone number. She will then put it in "News" and update the mailing list.

Closing date for May "News" - Wednesday 8th May. Articles for "News" can be put in the red box in the clubrooms, posted to the address shown on page 2, or sent to the editor, Merilyn Whimpey, 17 Phillips Street, Coburg, 3058.

And if you went on an enjoyable walk, write a bit about it for "News" and let others know what they missed.

AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION'S NEW CONSERVATION CLASSIC

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