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W/ALK 1986

The Annual publication of the club WALK magazine has just been released.

Published annually since I949 WALK I986 is the 37th. consecutive volume and is worthy of support of all members. WALK I986 contains articles of interest to all Walks.

- + Recipes for food to take on walks.
- + Historical notes on Cape Otway.

A selection of its contents for this year are:-

- + Liloing on the Shoalhaven River.
- + Aboriginal Relics in the Flinders Ranges.
- + Solo walking the Bogong High Plains.
- + PLUS Track Notes on walks in the Moroka, Ararat,
 Bogong High Plains and many other interesting areas.

GET YOURS NOW

Available in the Clubrooms for just \$3.00 (Sales tax excluded.)
Buy one or several, great idea for anyone as a Christmas Gift.

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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 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Sunday 8th December

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

AUSTRIA HOUSE

'Celebration for Children' at Austria House. St. Nikolaus and his helper Krampus will provide seasonal entertainment and presents for the children. Commencing 12 noon. Reasonably priced meals available from 12 to 2 pm. Admission \$2.00. Add a continental flavour to this year's Christmas festivities. See you there.

Venue: Austria House, 419 Spencer Street, Melbourne

Date: Sunday 8th December.

Time: 12 noon

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Cost: \$2.00 plus food and drinks - children's

portions available

Bookings: With Tracy in clubrooms or by phone 20 5795

by Wednesday December 4th please.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

AT THE CUCKOO - OLINDA

We have been informed by the Cuckoo that they will be unable to accept any cancellations later than 2 weeks prior to the 14th.

Accordingly I will be returning any unsold places on the 1st.

Please take note and book now, as it will be too late when the places have been relinquished. Please take heed!! There are still plenty of seats available. It looks as if the van will not be going, as there have been few enquiries.

Cost: \$25.00

Time: 7 pm - 12 midnight
Venue: The Cuckoo Pestaurant,

Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road, Olinda. (Licensed)

Date: Saturday 14th December

Bookings: By 1st December to Tracy, either by post or in

the clubrooms.

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Wednesday 18th December

END-OF-YEAR CLUBROOM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget Wednesday 18th December for end-of-year breakup. Raffle will be drawn. 4 prizes - Fruit Cake, Basket of Fruit, Mystery Tin, Plum Pud. Tickets 20 cents each or 6 for \$1.00. Tickets on sale in clubrooms.

WHATSON THE CLUBROOMS

Wednesday 29th January

Erstwhile club member John Davis has just returned from two years in W.A. John has made two films which he thinks would interest us. One is of W.A. National Parks and Reserves (Part 1) 32 minutes, and the other of the Avon Descent, which covers a two day, 133 km boat race starting at Northam and finishing near Perth, about 20 minutes. Boats include canoes, surf-skis, dinghies and power boats. 8 pm start. Supper 9 pm.

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Saturday March 22nd 1986

A group of us are going up to Sydney to see this excellent show on March 22nd. We depart on Thursday night train, stay Friday and Saturday nights in a Kings Cross hotel and have three days free to look around, then return Sunday night, arriving in Melbourne on Monday morning. Total inclusive cost of ticket, train and hotel is about \$210 (deposit \$70).

If interested please contact me ASAP.

Graham Harding - 266 4222 (H)

Also - "THE GONDOLIERS" - Friday 22nd November. See last "News".

DAYWALKS 1) E C E M B E R 1 9 8 5

SUN. NOV. 24

KOBICIKE TRACK -- 7 ACRE ROCK --POWELLINO

EASY-MEDIUM AND MEDIUM

LEADERS

FRED HALLS & DAVE LEGERTON

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00 pm

MAP REFERENCE F.C.V. YARRA VALLEY AND GEMBROOK FOREST APPROX. DISTANCE 16 HM

Starting from the junction of Kobiolke Track and the Pioneer Creek Road, where the forest was burnt during the Ash Wednesday fires, the route is upwards along the Kobiolke Track. Higher up, the track penetrates the glorious ash forest along Pioneer Creek valley, the mountain ash trees here reaching giant size. It could also be quite wet in this region, depending on the previous weather.

After several kilometres of pleasant walking, there will be lunch, quite late, at the Seven Acre Rocks, with good views across the forested Bunyip River valley. It could be guite pleasant up there in the sun with some strange plants blooming among the rocks.

Then on along the Bunyip Road, through the dense forests over Worlley Hill, down the Worlley Track through silvertop ash and messmate to the van at Torbet Road. Carry a small quantity of water for drinking purposes.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. DEC. 1 WILD DOG CREEK - EASY/MEDIUM OLD STRZELECKI RAILWAY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

JENNY ROSS & JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

MAP REFERENCE POOWONG AND MT. WORTH 2:25,000, WARRAGUL 1:100,000

This walk will appeal to those who enjoy open, undulating farmland, offering panoramic views. After lunch we will follow part of the Old Strzelecki railway which has long since been dismantled but adds interest to our walk. Then, as a finale, more magnificent views along a ridge.

There is not a great deal of difference between the easy-medium and medium walks, the medium being a little longer and the easy/medium having its share of climbs.

You will need to bring water.

SUN. DEC. 8 FAIRHAVEN - LORNE EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ED LAWTON & ANNE BULLARD

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm APPROX. DISTANCE EASY - 12 km MEDIUM - 15 km

Easy Walk: This walk is a beach walk. We start at the Great Ocean Road bridge. Then we walk along the beach and around the rocks, gradually wending our way to Lorne. Do bring your bathers and towel, water for drinking and lunch, and if you have a camera of any description, make sure it is loaded and your trigger finger is fully operational. The shots from some of the rocks and cliffs are well worth the effort.

At the end of the walk we meet Dennis and the bus outside a supermarket, so bring 50c or more for a cold fruit juice. I am sure you will be ready for it.

P.S. Do bring your own supply of (a) 1 wide brimmed hat; (b) 1 pair of sunglasses; (c) plenty of sunburn cream; (d) an appetite for fun and a relaxing day's walk.

Medium Walk: A nice pleasant walk along the beach with some rock hopping. Many beautiful specimens of beach life may be observed scattered along the shore. Swimming will be allowed during the rest stops. Bring water for lunch.

SUN. DEC. 15 MOUNT GRANT - PARADISE PLAINS - EASY/MEDIUM MOUNT STRICKLAND - MARYSVILLE & MEDIUM

LEADERS PHILIP LARKIN (MEDIUM)

IAN NEWBOLD (EASY/MEDIUM)

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00 pm

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:25,000 MARYSVILLE, STEAVENSON

APPROX. DISTANCE 17 or 22 km

This walk offers you spectacular mountain scenery from a number of vantage points in the surrounding ridges of Marysville. The vegetation varies from lush fern gullies with ancient tree ferns, majestic mountain ash on the higher slopes, to graceful snow gums around Mount Strickland.

Both walks start from Mount Grant and proceed to Paradise Palins for lunch. Please make sure to bring enough water for your needs.

After lunch the medium walk will continue along Paradise Plains across to Mount Strickland and down to the tranquil Acheron River via an old tramway mill, through mountain ash and stringybark forest. If the weather is hot enough the medium walk will finish with a swim.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

The easy walk will proceed to Marysville via the majestic Steavenson Falls, through stringybark and mountain ash forest with splendid views of Marysville from De La Rue Lookout.

SUN. DEC. 22

LADES FALLS - SWITZERLAND RANGE

EASY & MEDIUM

- JACKS CREEK

LEADERS

ROB AYRE & BRIAN COSTA

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE YEA 1:50,000 APPROX. DISTANCE 12 KM & 14 KM

The Switzerland Range is a favourite walking area, a ridge standing high over the Goulburn River just north of Yea, with broad views in most directions. This time we have discovered new attractions - a a waterfall just to the west of Mt Broughton, and a series of falls in a pretty gorge at the eastern end of the range.

Exact details of the walks will be determined by the weather on the day. However it is most likely that the medium group, being an enthusiastic bunch, will slog it up Mt. Broughton from the Goulburn, a 1500 ft climb. The group will detour to the west to visit the falls before proceeding eastward along the range.

The easy party will do their climbing in the bus, visiting the falls and then setting out along the range. At the eastern end of the range, both parties will descend into the cool gorge of Jack's Creek for more waterfalls and granite boulders. The bus will meet us at the end of Jack's creek.

WEEKENDWALKS

DECEMBER 6-8

MT STIRLING - MT BULLER YOUTH HOSTEL

EASY/MEDIUM

- MT TIMBERTOP

LEADER

KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT

FRIVATE CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 pm

MAP REFERENCE

MANSFIELD 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE

25 km

We plan to stay at the Youth Hostel at Mt. Buller on Saturday night so you will not have to carry tent, mattress or sleeping bag on the walk. However you will need these items for camping on Friday night. It is essential to have a sleeping sheet and all food for the weekend, unless you would like to dine out at the local pub.

We will meet at Merrijig on Saturday morning and take some of the cars to Telegraph saddle, the start of the walk. From here we climb to the top of Mt. Stirling for some excellent views of the Great Dividing Range as we follow the ridge to Mt. Buller Hostel. On Sunday, we will continue along the ridge to Mt. Timbertop and then to the road. There will be a car shuffle to collect the cars at Telegraph Saddle.

DECEMBER 13-15

CROSSCUT SAW - DEVIL'S STAIRCASE

HARD

- HELLIS WINDOW

LEADER

MARK TISCHLER

TRANSPORT MAP REFERENCE

PRIVATE CARS HATMAP 1:100,000 HOWITT;

WITC MCALISTER RIVER WATERSHED

The walk will start at the base of Howitt Spur, up Stanley Name Spur, across the Cross Cut Saw, down to Terrible Hollow to camp in the Upper Wonnangatta River Valley. Sunday up the Devil's Staircase -Mt Howitt - Mt Magdala - Hell's Window to Howqua River. A hard walk, with rock skills being a help but not essential. A rough camp site on Saturday in interesting country. Fun will be had by all.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WALKS

ROOF OF VICTORIA - EXPLORING MT. BOGONG 26-30 DEC.

DOUG POCOCK LEADER PRIVATE CARS TRANSPORT

SUITABLE BOGONG MAP MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 40 KM

Basically up, down, up, down, up, down and return to Melbourne on 30th (not 29th as originally shown).

Starting at Mountain Creek camp spot, we will climb via Staircase Spur to camp at Cleve Cole or Maddisons. Next day down the T Spur and up Duane Spur and camp at Ropers Hut. Excellent views of Bogong next morning as we go over Timms Lookout and drop to Bogong Creek Saddle and climb Bogong up the Quartz Ridge. Depending on weather and water we may camp on Hooker plateau. So make sure you have a choofer. Last day down the Eskdale Spur, getting back to the cars for lunch.

The weather is totally unpredictable in the mountains. Be prepared for heatwave conditions and for snowstorms.

27 DEC5 JAN.	SOUTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES NATIONAL PARKS EASY/MEDIUM KOSCIUSKO - MIMOSA ROCKS - BEN BOYD
LEADER	PHILIP LARKIN - PHONE 813 2271 (Private) 569 5472 (Business)
TRANSPORT	PRIVATE CARS
MAP REFERENCE	For Kosciusko Main Range area - 1:50,000 C.M.A. BERRIDALE, EUCUMBENE, KHANCOBAN, MT. KOSCIUSKO For Kosciusko Cooleman Area - 1:25,000 C.M.A. BLOWERING, BRINDABELLA, CORIN DAM, PEPPERCORN, RENDEZVOUS CREEK, RULES POINT, TALBINGO, TIDBINBILLA, YARRANGOBILLY
	for Mimosa Rocks - 1:25,000 C.M.A. BEGA, MURRAH for Ben Boyd - 1:25,000 C.M.A. EDEN, PAMBULA

APPROX. DISTANCE From 0-15 km each day

Over the 10 days, if time allows, we will visit Kosciusko National Park in New South Wales and two coastal parks near the Victorian border.

The Main Range section of Kosciusko comprises most of the truly alpine parts of the park. This area is bounded approximately by the Geehi River, the Alpine Way, the western boundary of the ski resorts, Munyang River aqueducts and the eastern slopes of the Great Dividing Range.

The whole of the treeless alpine region makes for very pleasant walking with good views from Mt. Kosciusko over the park and towards Victoria. This area also offers several spectacular waterfalls, breathtaking glacial lakes and magnificent trees.

The second base camp will be in the Cooleman Plain area in the northern section of Kosciusko. This allows for much pleasant walking on grassy plains, presenting the widest variety of scenery: caves, sinkholes, deep gorges, thermal pools and several waterfalls. This area also includes the Yarrangobilly Caves, with many wild limestone caves over a large area.

If time allows, I hope to spend one day each at Mimosa Rocks and Ben Boyd Coastal National Parks on our way home. These parks offer a colourful and rugged coastline, with cliffs, caves, jagged rocks, sweeping beaches, and a large expanse of heathland.

So come along with your cameras with plenty of film, bathers and goodies for New Year celebrations for an enjoyable 10 days with the Bushies.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WALKS (Continued)

KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK - COOLEMAN PLAIN

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER NEIL PRIESTLEY
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

Kosciusko National Park, Cooleman Plain, Cave Creek and Bluewater Hole area

The itinerary is to explore the limestone caves and visit the water-falls and waterholes along Cave Creek which has its water catchment area from Cooleman Plain.

Cooleman Station was acquired in 1975 by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and it is restoring the homestead and outbuildings - well worth visiting!

For all information, contact the leader in the clubrooms.

TASMANIA

I am organising extended walking in Tasmania in January/February 1986 in any of these areas: Southern Ranges, Western Arthurs or Lake St. Clair - Walls of Jerusalem. Walking involves heavy pack carrying, unpredictable weather, spectacular mountain scenery.

Anyone interested? Please contact Andrew Menk - telephone No. 478 2662 any time.

"The Wilderness Society is offering a range of summer trips. With the professional assistance of Wilderness Expeditions, who have been leading outdoor adventure trips for the last ten years, experienced bushwalkers from The Wilderness Society will share with you their knowledge and love of the Tasmanian Wilderness.

- from "Wilderness News" Oct/Nov 85

Walks offered are -

Mt. Field Summer School of Ecology - easy - 4 days - Jan 2-5 - \$240 ex Hobart

Gordon Splits, Western Tasmania - hard - 8 days, Feb 1-8 \$430 ex Hobart

Cradle Mountain Autumn Photography - easy - 6 days, Apr 28-May 3 \$360.00 ex Launceston

Douglas-Apsley, East Coast Wilderness - medium - 5 days, Jan 14-18 - \$300 ex Hobart

<u>Henty-Anthony Area, Western Tasmania</u> - medium - 7 days, Jan 21-27 \$315.00 ex Queenstown

Weld River Rainforest - medium - 4 days, Jan 9-12 \$225 ex Hobart

"Delicious food, all communal gear and transport are supplied."

More details are given in "Wilderness News" pinned to notice board, or contact Wilderness Travel Centre, 59 Hardware Street, Melbourne.

BUSHWALKERS TRANSPORT IN TASMANIA

Rod Barwick, 28 Criterion Street, Hobart. Phone (002) 34 2226 Hobart - Scotts Peak bus service (30/11/85 - 9/3/86) departs Hobart Tourist Bureau Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday at 9.15 am, returns from Scotts Peak 1 p.m. Fare \$15.00 single. Also transport can be arranged to other areas, any time of year.

TO ALL PURSUANTS OF THE ART OF WALKING

It is a requirement in Australia that when walking along a road that has no made footpath that you WALK ON THE RIGHT, facing the oncoming traffic.

Remember - WALK ON THE RIGHT.

EXTENDED EASTER TRIP - BUDAWANGS, ETTREMA & KANANGRA

LEADER
JOPIE BODEGRAVEN
DURATION
5, 10 or 16 days

I have worked out a tentative itinerary well in advance so that you can decide if you want to come and organise holidays accordingly. The areas visited will include some of the best sandstone areas in NSW with majestic cliffs, canyons, views and waterfalls.

There will be some pack carrying but this will be minimized where possible because I don't like carrying heavy packs when I could be bouncing around with a light day pack.

The tentative itinerary is

Friday 28 March Travel 360 km to Budawangs.

Sat.-Tues. lunch Southern Budawangs. 6 km and 750 vertical metres

with packs to a base camp, then 2½ days of day packs.

Wed.-Fri. lunch Ettrema Gorge, pools and waterfalls, very beautiful.

This is a pack carry all the way for 23 km and

450 vertical metres.

Fri. eve-Mon. morning 5 km pack carry to base camp then two day walks. Those returning to Melbourne walk out on

warks. Inose returning to merbourne wark out on

Sunday morning.

Mon. night Gerringong Youth Hostel after shopping and relaxation

Tues. night Katoomba after half day coast walk at Kiama

Wed. Half day walk near Katoomba. Camp at Kanangra.

Thur. & Fri. Day walks to spectacular waterfalls and lookouts.

Sat. Home.

Total driving distance for the 16 days will be approximately 2,300 km and likely car costs will be \$95 to \$120 depending how full cars are.

I will put final details in the February "News".

CAR COSTING ON TRIPS

As many people will know, I put a suggested cost on weekend trip lists. This is based on a distance estimate, a cost per kilometre and a loading for known rough roads. The presently used cost per kilometre is 3.6c. The suggested cost is for three people in a small 4-cylinder car or four in a larger 6-cylinder car. For fewer people, the cost should be increased. Leaders may also choose to pool costs.

It is now time to reassess costing from two angles:

- 1. Operating costs of cars
- 2. Possible alternative systems of sharing costs.

I lack the needed data on costs of operating a car and would greatly appreciate help or information from anyone. Any ideas for alternative systems would also be very welcome.

- Jopie Bodegraven (Walks Secretary)
Phone 489 2221

WANTED

TELEPHONE CONTACT

- Someone to have their phone number in the phone book (both Yellow and White pages) under the name Melbourne Bushwalkers, and to answer phone enquiries about the club. This job is only suitable for someone who is at home most of the time, and will be living at the same address for the next couple of years (to allow for directory changes).

For performing this extremely important service to the club you will earn our undying gratitude and have half your phone rental paid.

If anyone can help, please contact Geoff Mattingley.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING 11th NOVEMBER 1985

Correspondence

Letter from Marion Siseman asking to relinquish the job of telephone contact, as soon as directory entries can be changed. Alternatives to be examined.

Treasurer

Balance as at 1 November 1985	\$2795.04
Bills to be paid -	
Dennis Barson - driving and garaging	\$400.00
Rampower Clayton - petrol October 1985	186.37
M. Siseman - phone rental subsidy	35.00
	\$621-37

Walks Secretary
September 1985

Weekend	50	Members	162
Day	198	Visitors	76
	248		

\$1484.50 Income

Transport

A quote of \$800 has been obtained for supply and installation of two vents in the roof of the club bus to improve ventilation in hot weather and hopefully reduce dust penetration.

Resolved to proceed with the work - Jim Hedstrom to make detailed arrangements.

Walk

Hopefully out by Christmas.

By-Laws

A draft of new by-laws was discussed.

Duty Roster

November 20 Tracy/Neil Hugh/Leonie Mick/Phil December 4

Next Committee meeting

December 2

THE BLUFF VIA 8 MILE SPUR AND 16 MILE SPUR TO HOWQUA RIVER - 8/9/10 NOVEMBER - G. BREEN

My apologies for being unable to attend the meeting prior to the walk; nevertheless some phone calls resulted in a party of six enjoying a delightful stroll up the 8 Mile Spur, except for the hardline Peter and Peter combination who refused to accept the easy/medium classification and charged up to the Bluff in fine time.

The weather was most pleasant, but cloud cover spoilt what would have been a lovely sunset looking out from the Bluff. Conversation around the camp fire was very stimulating, with a toastmaster and a toastmistress and several natural stirrers combining.

On Sunday we walked via Bluff Hut to the 16 Mile Spur, which is a little tricky because of old tracks not indicated on the map. At the risk of angering some members, I must say that Bluff Hut and the surrounding area is much tidier and better maintained than I have ever previously seen it.

THE BLUFF (Continued)

Along the section of track to Ritchies Hut there is an extensive area where the tops of trees and whole trees have been flattened by what must have been a severe wind.

We had lunch at Ritchies and several bull ants tried to make a meal of me. After a swim at Sheepyard Flat we set out for home most refreshed.

. . A certain male bushwalker on the Lorne walk was nominated as "most eligible bachelor of the month" by several ladies at the back of the bus.

How did he earn this reputation? By announcing to all who would listen that he had waiting on his return from the walk - roast lamb with mint sauce, potatoes, carrots and pumpkin, followed by self-saucing pudding!

The only thing this nimble fingered chap had to do was heat it up and make the custard.

This was announced on a walk expected to return about 9 pm without a tea stop!

If you would like further details of this saucy male, write to "Most eligible bachelor of the month"
P.O. Box Y.U.M.
Melbourne. 3000.

- ... Overheard on the phone ... (relax, it's all right, the Old Woman of the Rocks hasn't gone in for phone tapping, yet. It's just that a little bird told me ... and it was more of a heron than a wren, you understand) that our splendid social secretary Tracy has recently set up house with a certain sea-faring gentleman, the one and only Brian Troke. I'm not sure if it's quite in order to congratulate the two, but it sounds like a good idea and I'm ever so pleased for you both.
- Rod Mattingley and Janette Marshall who got married recently. As the father of the bride said, "We are very pleased . . . AT LONG LAST . . ." So are we all, tremendously pleased for you both. It was the most super wedding, Janette wore an apricot wild silk dress with a lace collar and lots of pin tucks and looked a picture, and Rod scrubbed up well too. The food was all vegetarian; delicious and interesting. Amongst the guests were the next generation of Melbourne Bushies as yet at ankle biting height but coming along well with lots of happy gurgling noises and lots of activity. Now isn't that the epitome of the perfect bushwalker? Good luck, Rod and Janette and every good wish for your future happiness.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Patricia Elmore 37 Tanner Street, Richmond, 3121 428 6305 (H); 418 2346 (W)

Lan Douglas Mohan 14 Booth Street, West Preston, 3072 354-8455 (H); 391 1788 (W)

Isabella Gulotta 28 Parkside Avenue, East Keilor, 3033

337 2721 (H)

Barbara Whiston

38 Park Grove, Burnley, 3121 429 4706 (H); 428 3111 (W)

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Roger Abbott Sgts. Mess, RAAF Base

Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. 2651

Noel Tolley 23 Gordon Street, Clifton Hill, 3068

481 1017 (H)

Monique Mascas 6/114 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn 3122

Maureen Adcock 2/370 Stephenson Road, Mt. Waverley, 3149

277 6497 (H); 875 0409 (W)

Egan Donath 155 Power Street, Hawthorn, 3122

Grant Nicholson 27 Lucas Street, Brighton East, 3187

Valerie Elder 4 Watt Street, Campbell, A.C.T., 2601

062-572 884

Tracey Guest 11 Walnut Street, Malvern, 3144

205 795 (H)

FOOD STOPS

Seems like the idea is a popular one. Two more people have contributed suggestions.

Ballarat - The Malt Shop

Formerly Middle Eastern Shop. Still a good place to eat, though has pop music. Yummy milk shakes in various unusual flavours. Middle Eastern foods at good prices with lots of options for usual take-away foods also.

On main road - corner shop sharing with gift shop before Esso Station. (On the way out from Melbourne, you go through the main Ballarat shopping centre - past the Hamilton turn-off, on the left, and before the arch, if I remember rightly. - ED)

Euroa

Turn left off the Hume Highway - the road sign says 'Shopping Centre' or something like that. It's before the 7 Creeks bridge, anyway. The shop is on the right, half way through the shopping centre. It's rather breezy - get out your fibrepile jacket - but the food is OK and you don't have to fight busloads of yo-yo skiers to get to the counter.

= Mark Tischler

Bacchus Marsh

Oriental food fanciers heading out along the Western Highway should consider trying the Majestic Restaurant in Bacchus Marsh, on the south side of the main street just past the "tudor style" hotel. If you can force yourself past the exterior decor (which is a quite awful Australian approximation to a Chinese or Indian palace), you will dine in pleasant surroundings, on excellent food, for a moderate price.

Only problem - the locals also are aware that it is the only decent place to eat in town, and it does get crowded on Saturday (and occasionally Sunday) nights. - Rob Ayre

Closing date for December "News" - Wednesday, 4th December. Articles should be placed in the red box in the clubrooms or sent direct to the editor, Merilyn Whimpey, 17 Phillips Street, Coburg, 3058.