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OF THE
MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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S O C I A L C O L U M N

Wednesday April 30 - in the clubrooms
WELCOMING NIGHT

An invitation is extended to all those members who have joined the club in the last twelve months, and those of you thinking of joining, to come to our special welcoming night.

Sometimes it's difficult to join a new group. We hope to break down the barriers.

We urge lots of "old" members to join us (please bring a plate or drink).

It would be a good chance for all those "old" members to meet each other again, and also meet future walking companions.

Contact Jan on 596 3976 if you have queries.

Hope to see you there.

Friday, May 23 - 8 pm

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE" (Gilbert & Sullivan)

Here is another excellent evening of entertainment by the Loyola Musical Society at 326 Church Street, Richmond (behind St. Ignatius Church). Cost is \$13.00. Be there early 7.15 pm for pro-show sherries. Cost includes chicken and champagne supper after the performance.

Bookings - Graham Harding - 266 4222 (H)

Wednesday, 28th May - 7.30 pm

THEATRE OUTING (STATE THEATRE)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

R I C H A R D I I I

The bloody chronicle of this most treacherous, deceitful,
charming murderer in English history

ANTHONY SHER AS RICHARD

We have almost filled our 20 seat allocation for the above performance. If you would like tickets, please let us know as soon as possible. The cost is \$50 per seat (a saving of \$5.00).

For bookings, enquiries and payment contact DAVID PICKUP in the clubroom as soon as possible (not later than 4th May).

MORE SOCIAL EVENTS - SEE PAGE 5.

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 Racinb Club Lane, every Wednesday night 7-9 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

D A Y W A L K S
MAY 1986

SAT. 3RD MAY	DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 14 BELGRAVE - MT. MORTON	EASY
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LEADER	BOB AUJARD - PHONE 509 6164
TRANSPORT	MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS AT 10.30 AM TO CATCH THE 10.46 TO BELGRAVE. TICKET: ANYWHERE TRAVELCARD \$4.30
MAP	MELWAYS 75 and 84
DISTANCE	12 KM

An enjoyable walk, mainly along wooded, unmade streets with fairly new houses on country size blocks. Belgrave Lake provides a good lunch spot and there are all round views from the top of Mt. Morton. Start at Belgrave Station - lunch at Belgrave Lake - then Zig-Zag Road, Mt. Morton, Koala Street, Belgrave Walking Track back to Belgrave Station.

SUN. 4TH MAY	MAP READING WALK - SHEEPWASH CREEK	EASY
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LEADER	JOPIE BODEGRAVEN
TRANSPORT	BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN	7.30 PM
MAP REFERENCE	WANDONG 1:25,000

This is to be a fun day. Everyone will individually navigate their way around a course of 9 to 11 km (one section is optional). At various points you will do exercises designed to test and reinforce your map and compass skills. The country is predominantly open ridge country with great views, great for feature identification, and is practically impossible to get lost in.

Crash hot navigators and past walkers can have a long lunch or afternoon tea by the creek or at a lookout.

A3 size photocopies of the Wandong map will be provided and they will be adequate for the exercises, but by all means buy a Wandong map if you wish.

Everyone will need a compass. If you don't have one, I would suggest a Silva type 3.

For those new to mapwork or wanting revision and practice, there will be a mapreading and navigation instruction evening at 7.30 pm, Tuesday April 28th at Barbara Weiss's flat at 8/43 Creswick Street, Hawthorn. Put your name on the list in the clubrooms or let me know (489 2221) if you're coming. You'll need a cushion, a compass, pen and paper.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SAT. 31st MAY DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 15 - EASY
 OLINDA FALLS - SILVAN

LEADER ANNE BULLARD
 MAP REFERENCE MELWAY MAPS 66, 120 & 122

All the Dandenong Explorer Walks have their own mystique. Each one is special, whether it be the ferns, flowers, trees, birds and their calls, animals or just the clear, fresh air you are greeted by as you step out of your car, having come from the pollution of city living.

On this Olinda Falls-Silvan walk we leave from the picnic area that leads to the falls at the junction of Falls Road and Doughtys Road (Melway No. 15, Map 66 K1), It is well marked and will be in clear view. We follow walking tracks that intertwine over creeks, roads and in among the lush greens and brown tonings of this lovely area.

On the day of the walk I propose to have afternoon tea at one of the picnic areas (Map 120 F12) that are well laid out and all of which have conveniences. Up until this time the walk is undulating, but after this we encounter a few steep hills. They are gradual though, and we will take our time about them, as this walk is in my mind too restful to race over and we are not going to be trying to beat a Land Speed Record.

We end up back at the picnic area we started from, and I would be only too pleased if you would have a barbeque tea with Peter (my husband) and me on a BYO everything basis. I intend to make some scones Saturday morning and Peter has offered to have the billy on at the afternoon tea area.

So please do come and see what a lovely backyard Melbourne has, if only just a small slice. It will whet your appetite.

N.B. May is a very changeable time of the year so do wear, or at least bring with you a good parka, warm clothes and, of course, sensible shoes.

W E E K E N D W A L K S
MAY 1986

9-11 MAY POTATO PATCH - MITCHELLS - EASY/MEDIUM
 JAMIESON RIVER MINING TRACK

LEADER JEAN GIESE
 TRANSPORT CARS

The leader was unable to preview the walk by the "News" deadline, but by the time you get your copy she will have done so, so please see her in the clubrooms for details.

17-18 MAY TERRICK TERRICK - MT. HOPE - PYRAMID HILL EASY
 BASE CAMP

LEADER ROSEMARY COTTER
 TRANSPORT CARS
 MAP REFERENCE MITIANO 1:100,000 (COHUNA 1:100,000)

Terrick Terrick State Forest is 74 km north of Bendigo, with Pyramid Hill and Mt Hope being 25-40 km further on. This should be an interesting and easy weekend with all the attractions of base camping. (If you don't know what these are - ask a seasoned walker:) The surrounding area is flat, with the three hills being notable granite outcrops, each of which affords panoramic views.

I plan to make a circular trip through the Terrick Terrick State Forest (? good navigation practice for those wanting to check their use of the compass) on one day, and visit the other areas the other day.

N.B. There are no streams in the State Forest, so bring all your water for the weekend.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

23-25 MAY LERDERDERG GORGE FULL TRIP MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER BILL METZENTHEN

TRANSPORT CARS

I usually prefer the grandeur of the tops of mountains, but a walk through a gorge is almost as good. This one has the advantage of being only a short distance from Melbourne. Come along on what promises to be an enjoyable walk through the whole length of the gorge.

S O C I A L C O L U M N

(Continued from page 1)

YHA BADMINTON & PORTABLE HOSTELS

present

PATERSON'S CURSE BUSH BAND

COLONIAL DANCE

FRIDAY 30TH MAY 1986

SOUTH MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

BYO Supper, Drink & Glass. Tea and coffee supplied.

TICKETS \$5.00

We would like to support this excellent function. If you are interested in making up a table or two (12 to a table), contact DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms.

Saturday May 31st - 8 pm

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

A social evening has been organised to sample a selection of wines, delicious cheese. There will be a variety of bottled wines and a range of tasty cheeses. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

There will be a charge of \$10 for this function, payable to either Jan Mattingley or Phil Larkin.

It will be limited to 40 people.

Location: Graham & Janet Hodgson
9 Benwerrin Road, Surrey Hills

Saturday June 14th

TRAIL RIDE

ON

HORSEBACK

On Saturday 14th June, 1986, a day's trail ride on horseback organised on Chester Wallis' property at Clonbinane near Broadford.

We shall ride out at 10 am.

There will be horses available for both novice and experienced riders.

The cost for the day is \$30. (BYO lunch.)

It is proposed that thirsts should be quenched in the East Wallan pub on the way home.

Enquiries: DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms.

FROM THE
WALKS SECRETARY

Keep fit this winter - become one of the "regulars" on our Sunday walks. Here are some dates for your diary (full Winter Programme details with next "News"):-

JUNE 1st	MT WILSON - KORWEINGUBOORA RESERVOIR	Graham Breen
6-9th	GUNBOWER ISLAND BASE CAMP	Spencer George
8th	BARRABOOL HILLS - BARWON RIVER	Jan Mattingley
14th	HISTORICAL WALK - EAST MELBOURNE	Athol Schafer
15th	LOBB HILL - HOWATT LOOKOUT - STRATHEWEN	Stephen Courtenay
22nd	CATARACT CREEK - PYRITES CREEK - SUGARLOAF	Penny Stapley
27-29th	MARYSVILLE GUESTHOUSE WEEKEND	Graham & Marijke Mascas
29th	GELLIBRAND HILL - DEEP CREEK	Art Terry

The club is always looking for new leaders, so please don't hesitate to offer if you'd like to lead or sublead a walk on the Spring Programme. I'd also appreciate any suggestions for new walking areas for future programmes.

PENNY STAPLEY

VICWALK

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs will be held in the Sports Federation Building, Richmond, on Tuesday, 6th May, at 7.30 p.m. (preceded by Council Meeting at 6 p.m.) All members invited.

MIDDLE YARRA RIVER - CONCEPT PLAN

The Ministry for Planning and Environment is looking for any relevant ideas about the management of the area Dights Falls to Burke Road. Objectives include a network of paths for cyclists and walkers, developing public access, conservation and recreational facilities. Correspondence should be addressed to Peter Townsend, Coasts, Open Space and Waterways Branch, Ministry for Planning and Environment, P.O. Box 2240T, Melbourne 3001.

WARNING - BEWARE
IT'S ON AGAIN - DEGENERACY RULES

The annual pilgrimage to Marysville is on for the weekend 27-29 June 86. As before, we will be staying at the Mountain Lodge Guest House, arriving after dinner on Friday and departing after a special Christmas lunch on Sunday.

Many activities are offered including golf, tennis (wear tennis shoes), horseriding, fishing, skiing and, of course, bushwalking. For the really degenerate you can do nothing and just sit by the log fire and play games.

We have always had a completely booked-out guest house in previous years and this leads to the reduced price of \$66 per person (NOTE \$14 extra per room for private facilities).

Come along and enjoy yourself. This is a really tremendous weekend. Bookings open Wednesday 7th May. Full money please.

GRAHAM AND MARIJKE MASCAS

A LETTER FROM THE FAMILY WALKING GROUP

The President and Committee,
Melbourne Bushwalkers.

Dear fellow members,

A Problem of Perceptions

Recently I needed to discuss a misunderstanding about the Family Walking Group and its intentions with the President. It was clear to me, both during these discussions and in my research into the problem, that it is time our club considered their relationship, on a number of issues, with this Group.

First though, as background, let me outline the Family Walking Group.

- Approximately 60% members are financial Melbourne Bushies members.
- Very fluid objectives, no formal charter, structure or office bearers.
- No financial transactions.
- Yearly walk program, generated from the needs of parents currently participating or contacting the group at the time.
- A set of walking and leadership rules adapted from experienced Melbourne Bushwalker members.
- A tenuous existence, with from three to ten families attending events. (Last year's average eighteen per weekend trip.)
- Common objective: to bring together parents who want to:
 - introduce their children, and make them at home on day walks, basic bush camping and the bush environment;
 - educate their children to the pleasures, dangers and activities possible in bushwalking and basic camping;
 - a prepare children to take on bushwalking themselves when old enough to join Melbourne Bushwalkers or similar.

The group was created, and continues because, sensibly, an adult walking club can't cater to the above needs while focussing on adult members' interests. Walks can be unsuitable for primary and pre-school children because they may be too far, too hard, perhaps too remote, or party members rightly want an adults-only atmosphere. Most of us had these needs too, prior to our children, and will return to these needs later.

I therefore suggest that our club consider the following concepts:

- Meeting the needs of parent members who wish to remain in and active with the club, by running a few day and weekend walks (base camp) that are suitable for children.
- Canvas the needs of all financial members on the above - after all, some may return to club activities if these needs are met.
- Support the Family Walking Group simply by mutual advertising of walk programs and referral of inquiries.
- Recognise the group as satisfying members' needs within the spirit of the club, but outside its formal activity.

A number of group members have very negative opinions about the relationship with, and the committee's actions on behalf of Melbourne Bushwalkers, but I would prefer this not be encouraged by default, as I could see that it might lead to forcing debate and constitutional changes to meet their needs and vent their frustrations.

It would be fair to acknowledge that most active Melbourne Bushwalkers members don't want children, their habits and restrictions, on serious trips. It is equally realistic to accept that inactive, financial parents have a need that could be met within the club's activities.

After all, the newsletter often vocalizes a strong, unhealthy decline in weekend walkers, and this group is creating future members who will continue to value the bush, bushwalking and basic camping that first brought members into the club.

Can you keep me informed? Regards,

IAN HILL

(on behalf of Family Walking Group)

F A M I L Y W A L K I N G G R O U P
PROGRAMME 1986

Jan. 25-27	Wabonga Plateau (Australia Day weekend)	Ian & Marion Hill 786 6580
Feb. 16	Balnarring - Pt. Leo	Alex & Margaret Stirkul 850 7493
Mar. 8-10	Cape Conron (Labour Day Weekend)	Bob & Estelle Abbas 878 3332
Mar. 28-31	Hattah Lakes (Easter)	Sylvester & Rae Liem 735 5674
April 19-20	Halley' s Comet Weekend, Ballarat observatory	Warren & Maria Baker 890 3498
April 25-29	Beechworth (Anzac Day Weekend)	Warren & Maria Baker 890 3498
June 7-9	Barmah Forest (Queen's Birthday Weekend)	Barry & Gwenda Short 723 1523
July 20	Portsea Cliff Walk	Rob & Sue McCabe 786 2589
August 7	Planning Night 1987	Ian & Marion Hill 786 6580
August 16th	X-C skiing - Lake Mountain?	Ian & Marion Hill 786 6580
Sept. 25-28	Big Desert/Sunset Country	Any takers?
Oct. 11-12	Mt. Samaria	Robert Chazan 861 7562
Nov. 1-4	Snowy, Howitt or Dennison	Steve & Barbara Roberts 579 4484
Christmas	To be arranged,	

The aim is to provide the opportunity for families to get out and enjoy walking in the company of others. It is envisaged that walks other than those marked will be of a very easy standard (maximum 10km) so that children of all ages may participate.

For general information please contact Ian and Marion Hill on 786 6580 or Warren and Maria Baker on 890 3498.

System of Operation

1. If you wish to join a walk please phone the leader at least one day prior to the start.
2. You are responsible for your own transport to the start of the walk.
3. The leader will specify the starting time and place, generally about 10am start for day walks or 1pm start for afternoon walks and finish about 4pm.
4. The leader will arrange any car shuffles necessary from the finish of the walk back to the start.
5. The leader has a right to set a limit on numbers.
6. Parents are responsible for the children they bring.
7. Your family must be self sufficient and carry a first aid kit.

GENERAL: All children must carry whistles. Do not nick wildflowers. Dogs are not permitted on walks. All rubbish must be carried home.

C O M M I T T E E N O T E S
MEETING 7TH APRIL 1986

Correspondence

- Out Letters to Honorary Members advising them of their election.
Insurance claim re Wilky break-in.
Acknowledgement to Warren Baker of his letter.
- In Letter from Ian Hill representing the Family Walking Group
(see page 7 of this issue).
Letter from Graham and Sue Errey thanking the club for
Honorary Membership.

Treasurer

Balance as at end March	\$819.19 negative
Bills for payment:	
Melbourne Map Centre	\$132.55
Rampower Clayton - petrol	286.77
Post Office box rental	66.00
Chariot Commercial Body Builders	46.00
Dennis - driving	375.00
A. Enkelman - Consulting Engineer	<u>160.00</u>
	\$1066.32
Payments to be ratified:	
Ballarat Astronomical Society	\$235.00
Refund for end-of-year dinner	25.00
Mountain Lodge Guest House	<u>100.00</u>
	\$360.00

Walks Secretary

February	Day Walkers	145	Members	153
	Weekend Walkers	<u>59</u>	Visitors	51
		204		
			Income	\$1267

Wilky

Rob Ayre is acting Wilky Manager while Rod is busy with the new baby.

Federation

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 6th May 7.30 pm at Sports Federation Building, Swan Street.

Duty Roster

April 16th	David/Sylvia
23rd	Neil/Maureen
30th	Rob/Phil
May 7th	Jan/Neil

Next Committee meeting

5th May.

Other business

Absentee Membership was granted to Neville Armstrong and Peter Arden.

Bus brakes

Following the brake failure on our bus late last year, Jim Hedstrom has been investigating alternatives for providing an effective emergency brake. Quotations have been obtained, and an opinion received from a consulting engineer.

Two power-operated emergency brake systems are available, costing approximately \$5000 and \$1500 respectively. However, before proceeding with one of these, an opinion will be obtained as to whether the existing handbrake can be improved.

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)New Members

One new member was accepted - Pat Mushet. Apologies to other applicants for membership - their forms were left at home, so the committee could not consider them this month.

BUS SEATS

A complaint has been received from a member that the seats in our bus adversely affect her back. Although it is possible to improve the seating, the committee believes this to be of low priority, when compared with the current requirements for expenditure on safety issues and maintenance.

However, if enough members suffer similar problems, the money will have to be found. Please let the committee know if you genuinely find the bus seats bad for your back, so we can gauge the need for upgrading them.

GEOFF MATTINGLEY

<p>CONGRATULATIONS TO ROD AND JANETTE MATTINGLEY ON THE BIRTH OF SON THOMAS</p>

TO JOPIE WITH THANKS

Over the years that I have been associated with the Bushies many members have served in the important and very demanding office of Walks Secretary. They all did a grand job and it is my opinion that Jopie Bodegraven has been the best of all. Every Wednesday would find Jopie in the club room attending to and helping his two or three leaders for the next walk or two and I have been told he often would stay well beyond 9 pm still working on walks programmes etc.

His navigation exercises have been excellent, his leadership and navigation expertise have been "nulli secundus". Jopie and I haven't always been in agreement on some matters but in this club and in respect of me he hasn't been lonely. Jopie wasn't the first Walks Secretary to introduce a double day walk, I think Alex Stirkul first brought it in, but it didn't get off the ground too well. But with Jopie's perseverance it is now a goer. Jopie did more than his share in obtaining permission from land owners to traverse their farm properties - a task which sometimes requires several trips for the one walk.

As the position of Walks Secretary is a most demanding and a time-consuming position, I think that my good friend Russell Jones' suggestion of having two Walks Secretaries is a very sound idea indeed. However, unfortunately when Russell submitted this suggestion at the A.G.M. he was ruled out of order as the Constitution allows only one Walks Secretary. I think the Constitution needs changing to allow two members to share this position.

I have been told by the two historians of the club, namely Athol and Fred, that Penny is the first lady of the Melbourne Bushies to be elected as Walks Secretary. Congratulations, Penny, and I'm sure the Walks Sub-Committee and your leaders will be of immense help to you. Sylvia was acting Walks Secretary while Jopie was overseas during '85 and also did a splendid job.

Thank you, Jopie, for a job well done.

- ART TERRY

A L O N G T H E T R A C K

Following a long drive on Friday night and camping at the base of the mountain, ten intrepid keen walkers of varied experience started the climb of Mount Bogong, on a crisp Saturday morning.

The weather was in our favour with sunshine as we commenced the steep climb up the Staircase Spur. One enthusiastic individual couldn't resist the lure of the midnight moonlight and therefore climbed in the wee, small hours to camp Friday night on the summit. The remainder of the group followed at varied comfortable paces. Personally I was aware of the demands being made on my body. My heart pounded both from the sheer effort of the climb and also in appreciation of the spectacular views afforded by the surrounding mountains. People named off all the various landmarks, mountains, points etc., but I was captured by the sheer exhilaration of being up there looking down on a beautiful, rugged and virginal area of Victoria.

Following a much needed rest and lunch stop at Bivouac Hut, the climb continued. Mount Beauty nestled beneath us and the views remained with us. To arrive at the summit was a wonderful achievement and what fun to observe the varied individuals' responses, from stunned silence to vocal exhilaration to acrobatic handstands!

A cosy, sheltered camp site was found, just off the summit, where we rested the tired legs and the crisp night air descended. When the bodies were refuelled we retired early owing to the absence of a camp fire; there isn't available fuel when you are above the snow line.

Sunday dawned and we greeted the day from above the clouds - a great start. Once again we were treated to more sunshine as the morning cleared. Leaving our camp, it was nice to discard our packs and have a pleasant, comfortable walk down to Cleve Cole Hut and Howmans waterfalls, which were very beautiful. We leisurely continued the descent via the Eskdale Spur, stopping for lunch near Michell Refuge, with our last views from the top. I'm not sure if leisurely is the correct description, as it is almost as difficult descending, with another group of muscles called to work and assist you safely to the bottom. I will admit it was great to see the cars but sad to say goodbye to such beauty.

What does one learn or experience on a weekend such as this? Plenty - like the food, clothes, etc, that should definitely have stayed at home. Technical knowledge, e.g, learning how to operate the can opener on your Swiss knife - thanks Chris: The most advantageous area to erect your tent, that means a safe distance away from the night talkers and snorers, and believe me they do exist. The varied dietary delights of a mixed group of individuals - surely that doesn't require clarification (I don't think it would be appropriate to print Mark's description of Jopie's peanut butter sandwich). Most of all the social interaction and sharing of a group of acquaintances initially, that transpires into a feeling of growing friendship by the end of the weekend.

Thanks to our leader Peter and thanks to the people that shared my first experience of weekend walking. It was special and memorable, as I hope it was to all concerned.

If you need an introduction to weekend walking, just say "Yes, I'm definitely going", and the fun is just beginning. Trust me, you won't regret it.

TRISH ELMORE

(Club's new amateur journalist)

N E W M E M B E R S

We welcome the following new members:

Jacki & Dave Hill
7/71-75 Bell Street,
Coburg. 3058
Phone: 354 7038 (H)

Alex Voltan
11 Byron Street,
Clayton. 3169
Phone: 544 4768 (H)

Vera Dieleuberg
329 Richardson Street,
Middle Park. 3206
Phone: 534 6044 (H)

Karmela Sandra
4 Keiller Street,
Moorabbin. 3189
Phone: 555 5431 (H) and (W)

Jack Reeve
10 Morinda street,
Ringwood East. 3135
Phone: 870 2762 (H)

Irene Keton
69 Graham street,
Albert Park. 3206
Phone: 699 5105 (H)

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Roleystone. 6111

Wendy Barnes
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CLOSING DATE FOR MAY "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, 7th MAY

Articles for "News" should be placed in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms, or posted to the club's address, Box 1751% G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001. I will be working on the evening of 7th May, but will either arrange for someone to pick up the copy, or call in to the clubrooms very briefly.

- ED.