

THE NEWS

OF THE

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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IMPORTANT NOTICE NO. 1

The Half-Yearly General Meeting of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.) will be held in the clubrooms at 8 pm on Wednesday 27th August 1987. All members are invited to attend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE NO. 2

The next issue of "Walk." may be the last. See page 2 for more details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE NO. 3

If you want to keep "News"' as the Club newsletter, then your help is needed to produce it. See page 8 for more details.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Saturday 6th September, 10.00 am

TRAIL RIDE

"Glenelgin", Sunday Creek

ON HORSEBACK

near Broadford

Cost \$30 for whole day (BYO lunch)

Bookings by Wed. 28/8: David Pickup

(See last month's "News" for more details)

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

WINE BOTTLING AND SPIT ROAST

SATURDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER

36 WESTERN ROAD, BORONIA

Wine Bottling: Commencing at 12 midday

Approximately 10 people are required to help with the wine bottling. Wine orders will be taken in the clubrooms or

phone Robyn Kennedy 211-1213 (H).

Spit Roast \$12 per person 40 people maximum

Commencing at 7.30 pm. Salads and drinks included.

If fish is preferred, please make this clear when booking. Fish will only be provided to those who have ordered it.

Bookings: Contact Robyn Kennedy in the clubrooms or phone 211-1213 (H).

WINE SELECTION

1984 Browns White Hermitage 1984 Bests Rhine Riesling 1984 Browns Moselle	\$/bottle \$2.15 \$2.25 \$2.15
1981 Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz	\$2.40
1982 Bests Cabernet	\$2.45
1983 Bleasdale Malbec	\$2.60
Barossa Old Tawny Port	\$2.25
Old Liqueur Port	\$2.75
Old Liqueur Muscat	\$2.75

"WALK" MAGAZINE IN CRISIS

No, this isn't an exaggeration. Faced with a hefty increase in production costs, yet with static advertising revenue and a static circulation, "Walk 87" is likely to run at a substantial loss next year, <u>unless members assist in selling it</u>. A loss which the club can ill afford, given the continuing high level of maintenance costs on the bus.

The 'Walk" Editor's budget as originally presented to committee proposed a loss of about \$1500 on the estimated first year's sales - too much to make up by selling back-issues (production costs up by \$2400 over last year for the minimum economical print run of 2000). Increasing the cover price to \$4 reduces the loss to about \$800, assuming that sales are not affected by the higher price.

The Committee accepted the budget on this basis, but resolved that unless substantial progress is made in reducing the likely loss by the A.G.M., the Committee will recommend to the A.G.M. that no further issues be published.

The only way that this loss can be reduced is by members making sure that more copies get sold than we expect! Yes, this means you. If you were in favour of producing "Walk 87", then can you be ready to help when it is printed?

More details of selling requirements, promotional activities will be in later issues.

GEOFF MATTINGLEY

SKIING FROGRAMME

AUGUST					
16-17	Mt Arbuckle, Bennison Plains	E/M	Graham Breen	758	3193
23-24	Mt Buffalo, pack carry	E/M	Phil Taylor	386	0797
Sun. 24	Lake Mountain outer trails	E	Graeme Laidlaw	459	1516
30-31	Hotham area base camp below snow, day trips	M	Otto Christiansen	459	7695
30-Sep. 6	Snowy Mountains, Jagungal	M	Hark Tischler	25	6607
SEPTEMBER					
6-7	The Bluff, pack carry	M/H	Bill Metzenthen	578	1062
12-14	Spion Kopje & Ropers Hut pack carry	M	Merilyn Whimpey	578	1062
20-21	Mt Bogong, pack carry	M/H	Mark Tischler	25	6607
25-28	Show Day - Niggerheads, Fainter	M	Graeme Thornton	878	0660
NOVEMBER					
1-4 (Cup Day)	Snowy Mountains	M	Graeme Thornton	878	0660

<u>DAY WALKS</u> SEPTEMBER 1986

SUN. 7 SEPTEMBER KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK

MEDIUM/HARD & MEDIUM

LEADER GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 pm

MAP REFERENCE STRATHEWEN 1:25,000

At last, a good medium-hard day walk, with hardly any roads or tracks. In other words, mostly straight through the bush. Some good steep climbs and descents as well, make this a good deal more challenging than the average day walk. Not recommended for inexperienced walkers.

The medium walk will be a bit shorter.

NOTE THAT THERE IS NO EASY DAY WALK ON THIS DATE.

SAT. 13 SEPTEMBER	DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 16	EASY
	EMERALD - KALLISTA - THE PATCH - MENZIES CREEK	

LEADER MICHAEL HUMPHREY - PHONE 598 7317 (after 7.30 pm please) TRANSPORT

PRIVATE CARS

MAP MELWAYS 124 AND 125

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 4.30 pm

APPROX. DISTANCE 17 KM

After three months of Melbourne's cold winter weather come along and join me for an enjoyable day's walk in the Dandenongs - clear and fine weather has been ordered! This is a long but easy walk with a difference in that we will be going through typical Dandenongs country as well as open country with fantastic views.

We leave from Avards Picnic Ground (Melway Map 125 E12) at 10.00 am sharp and proceed up a fairly steep hill to Johns Hill Lookout where we will pause to take in the excellent view of Cardinia Reservoir. We continue along Ridge Road where we will have lunch and enjoy the tremendous view of the surrounding countryside.

After lunch we make our way along Grantulla Road to Sherbrooke Forest where we will take a 20 minute track walk which leads us to Cooks Corner. Here we will stop for a leisurely Devonshire Tea. (Who said bushwalking wasn't civilized?)

(Continued)

DAY WALKS (Continued)

We now take the Kallista-Emerald Road where we will encounter truly spectacular views. On this walk we will see what I am sure is some of the most prime real estate in the Dandenongs.. We eventually reach a walking track that skirts Menzies Creek that will take us back to the picnic ground.

As this is a fairly long walk, I am starting earlier than usual so that we can take it leisurely and really enjoy ourselves. See you there and as always excellent company is assured.

- $\underline{\text{N.B}}$. September could still be rather cool in the Dandenongs, so please bring warm clothing, and I strongly recommend boots or other sensible shoes.
- P.S. I would like to thank Dorrie Warton for all the assistance given to me as well as previewing the walk with me.

SUN. 14 SEPTEMBER GLENLUCE - GLENLYON

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS PHIL LARKIN and BILL PENROSE TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 3.00 PM

MAP REFERENCE VICMAPS 1:25,000 DAYLESFORD, COLIBAN, GUILDFORD

APPROX. DISTANCE 15-20 KM

This walk will offer you many relics from the gold mining era, which will take you through the Loddon State Forest, following the Loddon River part of the way. The wattles should be in full bloom at this time of year, giving you a spectacular display of colour on the walk.

SAT. 20 SEPTEMBER HISTORICAL WALK - INNER CIRCLE RAILWAY

EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH THE 1.50 PM

TRAIN TO RUSHALL

MAPS MELWAYS 29, 30, 43, 44

How many members can recall travelling on the Inner Circle Railway? Not many, surely, since passenger services ceased over 30 years ago. However now is your chance to say you''ve walked it. No danger - the rails were pulled up a year or two ago, and the route now makes a linear path over turf and through gardens 99% of the way.

Returning to the city approximately 5 pm.

SUN. 21 SEPTEMBER MILL CREEK - MEADOW HILL

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS JOPIE BODEGRAVEN and MARION SISEMAN TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 3 pm

MAP REFERENCE TALLAROOK 1:50,000

This is one of those areas that has been largely overlooked in the past; heaven knows why, because it's beautiful. We follow Mill Creek upstream, past its cascades and small waterfalls and under lovely eucalypts. Next is a loop up on the Tallarook plateau through lovely undulating treed farmland with rocks, a short descent down a waterfally tributary of Mill Creek, a walk along the northern edge of the plateau, littered with rocky granite outcrops and superb views northwards over the Goulburn Valley 350 metres below. Finally the descent back into the valley down a spur with constant good-look views.

The medium walk is 17 km, 70% off tracks, with 640 metres of climbing. The easy walk will be 12 km, 90% off tracks with 520 metres of climbing.

Mark this walk with a big X in your diary -- not to be missed.

FOR SALE

FAIRYDOWN ALTIMATE largish 2-man tent. Big vestibule. Good ventilation. Weighs approximately 3 kg. Never used. New price \$430.

SELLING for \$330.

KEITH WARBURTON -- 546 9592

DAY WALKS (Continued)

THUR. 25 SEPTEMBER (SHOW DAY) WARRANDYTE

EASY

LEADER GRAHAM BREEN

TRANSPORT TRAMWAY BUS FROM CNR. RUSSELL & FLINDERS STREETS

APPROX. DISTANCE 10 KM

This will be an easy but pleasant ramble through light forest close by picturesque reaches of the Yarra. The walk will take in the tunnel at Pound Bend and extend through Jumping Creek Reserve. There is an interesting mix of vegetation and a large and varied bird population. Bell birds are common. The meeting place will be at the bridge over the Yarra at Warrandyte. Check with Metro Transit 617 0900 for show day timetable. Plan to arrive by 11 am at Warrandyte. Return between 4 and 5 pm.

SUN. 28 SEPTEMBER JUNCTION HILL -- YEA SPUR - MT MARIANNE

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER GRAHAM HODGSON

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8 pm

MAP REFERENCE YEA 1:50,000 and GLENBURN 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 18 KM

This is one of the most scenic walks that the club has to offer. The whole day will be spent on top of the Yea Spur with the result that spectacular views are guaranteed (except in the unlikely event of fog) to Mt Tallarook in one direction and to Mt Buller in the other. The walk is generally undulating with no major climbs. Don't forget to bring water.

WEEKEND TRIPS

<u>S E P T E M B E R 1 9 8 6</u>

5-7 SEPTEMBER SEVEN CREEKS - CHARMAN FALLS BASE CAMP

LEADER ANNE BULLARD

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

6-7 SEPTEMBER SKI TRIP - THE BLUFF (pack carry) MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER BILL METZENTHEN TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

For details of this ski trip, please see the leader in the clubrooms.

13-14 SEPTEMBER SKI TRIP - SPION KOPJE & ROPERS HUT

MEDIUM

LEADER MERILYN WHIMPEY TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS & ADJACENT PEAKS (ALGONA);

BOGONG 1:100,000; NELSE 1:25,000

The programme describes this as a 'pack carry', as if that was the object of the exercise. I can assure you it's not. We'll carry our packs only till we find a nice camp site on Heathy Spur. Weather and party fitness/experience will determine what happens next. Spion Kopje will have top priority - a really nice ridge ski with terrific views. Ropers on the same day as Spion Kopje is probably a bit too much, and if we visited it on the second day we would cover a lot of ground already covered on the previous day, so we might give it a miss. There's a lot of fun to be had on Heathy Spur, Bakers Spur, Marm Point, and the tracks to Kelly's, Fitzgerald's and Johnson's.

FOR SALE

CROSS COUNTRY SKIS - 210 cm Fischer Nordic Crown with bindings. Used only for 2 km.

New price \$180..... Selling complete \$130

KEITH WARBURTON -- 546 9592

WEEKEND TRIPS (Continued)

SEPTEMBER 20-21 WARBY RANGES WALK

LEADER DAVID DUNDAS TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE WANGARATTA 1:100,000

This low range to the west of Wangaratta is at its best in the spring. It features open forest, waterfalls, numerous small streams and wildflowers.

On Friday night we will camp near the northern end of the range. After a car shuffle on Saturday morning we will walk to Jubilee Falls for our Saturday night camp.

The walk on Sunday will take us to the cars at Tamnick Gap via Salisbury Falls.

SEPTEMBER 20-21 SKI TRIP - MT BOGONG

MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER MARK TISCHLER
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN LATE SUNDAY
MAP REFERENCE BOGONG 1:100,000
APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM

We will climb Eskdale Spur to get to the snow as quickly as possible to spend the rest of the day touring and finding ideal slopes to practice all those new techniques learnt during the season. Camp will be down near Camp Valley or on Hooker Plateau area depending on weather. Instep crampons may be necessary to

climb Eskdale, so bring them along.

SEPTEMBER 24-26 WALK - GRAMPIANS - NORTH END - BASE CAMP MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE MT DIFFICULT 1:25,000; HORSHAM 1:100,000

We will camp at Troopers Creek Picnic Area and spend Thursday and Friday exploring some very interesting creeks with many lovely waterfalls, and doing some great ridge walking on open rocky tops. It is essential that everyone who comes is reasonably confident with rock scrambling. Part of the trip is exploratory and could involve some awkward bits and scrub. One day will be spent following up the creek behind the camp area, past three excellent waterfalls, to Mt. Difficult, then following the rocky cliff tops south to Carters Gap. Some Grampians scrub will be encountered here. The other day we will go up Dead Bullock Creek (some really lovely falls on this one, and also scrub) to Briggs Bluff and then down Deep Creek which drains the south side of the Bluff. Deep creek looks very interesting on the map. I hope to have more information on it before the walk and I'll probably take a short rope.

On Saturday morning we will move camp to Golton Gorge area for a pleasant easy/medium weekend of still more lovely country but in a more leisurely style.

Bring good food and any base camp luxuries you can squeeze into the car. The medium/hard bit doesn't apply to the camping.

SEPTEMBER 26-28 MT STAPYLTON -- GOLTON GORGE BASE CAMP (WALK) EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE HORSHAM 1:100,000

Mt Stapylton is spectacular. Tyrone Thomas in his book describes a walk there as "one of Australia's best walks." There are amazing rock formations and in September the wildflowers should be out in abundance.

Camp will be at a lovely spot at Golton Gorge. Saturday will involve a circuit of Mt Stapylton and Hollow Mountain. This will involve some medium rock scrambling and tricky spots but don't be put off because you can avoid it by retracing your steps to the cars and meeting the main group at Hollow Mountain. You'll still see the best of it. Sunday will be exploring Golton Gorge and doing a circuit to Stapylton from the opposite direction to Saturday.

Bring along lots of good food, luxuries and good humour for a good weekend in a beautiful area at the right time of year.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING 4TH AUGUST 1986

Correspondence in:

Letter from Gerry Kottek advising that he can no longer act as "Walk' Advertising Manager. (Ian Newbold has taken on this job.)

Letter from Bill Penrose suggesting that the club's membership list not be published in "News ., mainly because of the risk of it getting into the wrong hands - a burglary could be planned using information from the Walks Program and the membership list. The Committee agreed that the list was of great value in facilitating member-to-member contact, and would continue to be produced. However, any member who did not want their address published should advise the Membership Secretary.

Treasurer:

Bank balance as at end July	\$5569.01
Bills for payment and ratification	
"News" printing	193.33
Mid-year dinner	380.00
Bus repairs	885.36
Bus registration and insurance	544.60
Bus driving and garaging	466.55
Membership - Friends of Bogong National Park	10.00
	\$2479.84

 $\underline{\text{N.B}}$. No account received for last 12 months' clubroom rental – estimated liability \$1300.

Walks Secretary:

June 1986	Day walkers	202	Members	161
	Weekend	24	Visitors	65
		226		

Income \$1663

Additional to above figures - 56 attended the Marysville weekend.

<u>Bus.</u>

- 1. Considerable work has been done to establish the cause of last year's brake failure and to prevent a re-occurrence. Despite the fact that the bus meets R.T.A. standards for such a vehicle, it still has no effective emergency brake. Accordingly, the Committee has agreed to expend up to \$2000 to fit a tailshaft-mounted backup brake (air-operated) as proposed by F. de Vries and approved in principle by A. Enkelman, Consulting Engineer. The work to be checked and approved by Enkelman.
- 2. The bus can no longer be parked at David Lazenby's due to his increased space requirement. It will now be parked in the open, in a locked yard at Solo service station in Dandenong Road, Clayton;, for a charge of \$30 per month.
- Committee agreed to pay \$100 per week for driving, cleaning and routine maintenance (normal single day walk).

Duty Roster:

August 13th Neil/?
20th Phil/?
27th Winifred/Phil
September 3rd Sylvia/Winifred

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 1st September (at Phil Larkin's)

HELP NEEDED FOR "NEWS"

Peter and Anne Bollard do a tremendous job in printing "News", but they rely on assistance from others to collate and fold each issue.

If you enjoy reading "News" to keep up with club activities, then consider helping produce it. For an evening's work you can feel justifiably proud that you are one of the few members who actually contribute to the "behind-the-scenes" work, which is so essential to the continuation of a club such as ours.

To find out when you can help, ring Peter or Anne on 568 5972.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - OCTOBER 1986

This will be run to a never-before-used recipe. It will have twin themes of mass participation and judging by the audience. What could be more noble and fairer than that? Here are the rules.

Eligibility

- All club members unless they have a good excuse
- Maximum of 12 entries per person and two in any one category
- Photos that have won places in any previous competition are not eligible
- Prints to be no larger than 17 x 12 cm $\,$

<u>Categories</u>

Prints - Personality

- Australian Landscape

- Open

Slides - Personality

- Australian Landscape

- Open

Entry Fee

There is none so that eliminates one possible excuse for not being in it.

Prizes

No money, so no prizes. Who wants prizes anyway? We're in it for the fun of it. First place in each category gets a certificate. Second and third get applause and their names in "News'.

Procedure for Entering and Judging

<u>Prints</u> Entry Put name and category on back of each print. Place in entry box in clubrooms by 1st October

Judging Prints will be displayed on 8th and 15th October and up till 7.30 pm on 22nd October judging night. During this time members and visitors may vote by filling in a ballot form listing their three favourite prints in each category, signing the form and placing in ballot box. Voting closes 7.30 DM on judging night, October 22nd.

<u>Slides</u> Entry Judging is at 3 pm on October 22nd. Bring along slides on the night by 7.45 pm, labelled with name and category and give to the "slide clerk".

Judging Each slide will have a number. Each member of audience, including visitors, will have pen and paper. Score each slide out of ten. Note your four top scorers. You will vote for each of these by show of hands. The four slides with the highest votes will be shown again twice. First place decided by a show of hands. The remaining three will be reshown and voted on for second. Ditto for third.

Please direct any queries to Jopie Bodegraven (489 2221).

Help needed

- 1. We need someone to produce six certificates, one for the winner in each category.
- 2. We also need some display boards, pieces of caneite or similar.

If anyone can help please contact Jopie (489 2221).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reading the recent correspondence regarding van departure times leads us to believe that the issue has been blown out of proportion.

Our understanding of the matter is that the early departures have been only occasional and when the Walks Secretary is convinced that this is necessary in the interests of a better walk.

Where walks are to leave early this should be clearly stated in "News". Should anyone be inconvenienced surely the leader could be approached for assistance.

Where a common sense approach is adopted there should not be any problems.

WINIFRED DE SOUZA & PHILIP TAYLOR

I have read with interest the correspondence on van departure times in the May and June issues of "News".

I consider that Art has put forward a reasonable case for keeping the van departure time for Sunday walks at 9 am. His most cogent argument is that an earlier departure could deprive some who were without access to a car on Sundays.

The letters from Stephen and Penny both make the point that earlier starts are an advantage when long van trips are to be made (three hours or so), and the need to complete the walk before dark (5 pm in winter).

Whilst it is undoubtedly attractive to walk in some areas which are three hours drive from Melbourne, I question the wisdom of including these places on Sunday walks in winter. Perhaps some figures may help to make this point:-

Normal departure	9 am	Early departure	8 am (say)
Average van journey	2 hours	Van journey	3 hours
Start walk	11 am	Start walk	11 am
Finish walk	5 pm	Finish walk	4.30 pm
Return Melbourne	7 pm	Return Melbourne	7.30 pm (latest for driver)
Walking time	6 hours	Walking time	<u>5½ hours</u>
Van sitting time	4 hours	Van sitting time	6 <u>hours</u>
Driver's duty time	13 hours	Driver's duty tim	e <u>14½ hours</u>

As Sunday walks are numerically and financially our most significant ativity, involving most of our visitors (and potential members), why not stick to the van departure time which allows all to participate, gives a good ratio of walking to van sitting and meets the driver's needs?

GERALD YOUNG

After reading Art's article in July "News", I feel I owe in part an apology to him for some comments made in an earlier article. The section concerned dealt with the Highfield weekend, as I was not aware of past practices of that weekend. The situation has since been clarified by others, but with a little more detailed walk programme this misunderstanding may not have eventuated.

On reflection, my comments may have been interpreted as witch-hunting, but this was never intended as such.

Art, please accept my apology on this matter.

However, I stand firm on all other points mentioned in that article, which I based on my own experiences as a leader.

STEPHEN COURTNEY

SHE'S BACK!

You might have been wondering what has happened to the Old Woman of the Rocks. (Then, on the other hand, you might not). Well I, too, have been grounded. Vera's thoughts in last month's 'News' expressed my sentiments as well. Thank you for sharing them. There are in fact quite a few of us altogether, some temporarily grounded, some more permanent. In the latter category one said, "Well at least ${\tt I}$ can be sociable", and he came along to a recent function. I think that's terribly important. It would be so much easier to say, "Oh I'll drop out, I have nothing in common with these people." And when you hear pesky types like Mark Tischler raving on about the perfect snow and weather and that you can see for ever from the top of the Bluff, and you could KILL him (not really), it does make it hard. But your role in the fraternity of the club is the important thing. All those walks you HAVE done, all those people whose life you have shared even for such a short time, is the essence of the club. Don't go away. But if you do have to go, remember we are always here. And if you can possibly find just one day to get away from it all it's mindblowing. I managed TWO days recently, in the snow, a riot! Sandra, an inspiration, thank you. While there, GT was spotted doing splendidly linked telemarks down death-defying slopes, the Melbourne Bushies once again wiped the floor with their bush dancing techniques and I will have to confess to eating lunch with the VMTC . . . Just because I'm not around doesn't mean to say I don't know what is going on (or, as some wits say, I'll make it up anyway. Hmph.) SO WATCH OUT !

HELP!

Who did I lend my Bogong High Plains maps to? I want them back! They were 1:25,000 Cope, Feathertop, Wills & Fainter.

SYLVIA WILSON

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER:

Bruce Gillard 53 Lower Dandenong Road, Mentone (H) 584 7810 (W) 792 5338

CHANGES OF INFORMATION:

Dot and Graeme Laidlaw 15 Joliffe Crescent Rosanna 3084 (H) 459 1516

Bob and Lynne Douglas Home phone no. 890 9922 63 Brighton Street Richmond 3121 (H) 429 3572

Monique Mascas

And Janette Marshall is still Janette Marshall.

PRITIKIN PEOPLE - DON'T READ ON . . .

Found a great icecream shop in Moe recently, after a ski trip to St Gwinear. It's not in the main drag, it's in the street parallel to the main drag, nearer Melbourne. It's called . . . wait for it . . . The Icecream Parlour. You can have Peters varieties, nicer varieties, soft serve icecream and frozen yoghurt. They also have some pictures of absolutely wicked sundaes with umbrellas and smarties and hundreds-and-thousands. You can get your main course there, too - the usual hamburgers and stuff. Tell them if you want a sit-down meal and they'll give you a plate and some salad. Sorry the directions are a bit vague. Ask me and I'll try to give more detail.

MERILYN WHIMPEY

CLOSING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER "NEWS" - Wednesday 3rd September

Articles for "News" should be placed in the red box in the clubrooms, or posted to the club's address, Box 1751Q, GPO Melbourne, 3001. Please put your name on "News" contributions. Unsigned articles will not be published.