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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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SOCIAL COLUMN

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PARTY

IN

CLUBROOMS

Come to this informal end-of-year break up.

Raffle - 3 excellent prizes.

BYO Plate of food Drink provided.

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THEATRE NIGHT-OUT FOR MEMBERS AND/OR VISITORS

EDDIE BRACKEN

GARRY MCDONALD & JOAN BROCKENSHIRE

IN

"SUGAR BABIES"

AT

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE AT 8 PM

ON

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 1987

TICKETS - The very special price of \$19.00 (payable when making booking)

To enjoy the songs, gags, surprises, laughs and prancing dancing girls contact in the clubrooms either David Pickup (16 Halley Street, Blackburn 3103) or Phil Larkin (Tel: 813 2271).

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: 17TH DECEMBER 1986

ACT NOW

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE CLUBROOMS WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 24TH AND 31ST THIS YEAR.

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.

DAYMALKS

JANUARY 1987

WARBURTON - LA LA FALLS - MT BRIDE EASY & MEDIUM SUN. 4 JANUARY

LEADERS TRANSPORT

STEPHEN COURTNEY & COLLEEN ROLLS BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

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

SUN 11 JANUARY

PHILLIP ISLAND: KITTY MILLER BAY -

EASY & MEDIUM

SUNDERLAND BAY

LEADERS TRANSPORT

TRISH ELMORE & ROBYN KENNEDY BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

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

SAT. 17 JANUARY HISTORICAL WALK - GARDEN CITY

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT

MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH

1.53 PM TRAIN TO PORT MELBOURNE

MAP REFERENCE

MELWAYS NOS. 56, 57

Garden Cities were an English innovation of the late 19th Century to provide inexpensive housing in pleasant surroundings. This part of Port Melbourne is the transplanted Australian version of the concept, born by the State Bank commencing in the 1920s. There will also be time to look at some of the older parts of the town dating back to the very early days. Back in city about 5 pm.

SUN. 18 JANUARY DEVIL'S BACKBONE - BEECH CREEK -QUO VADIS

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

PHIL LARKIN & JIM HEDSTROM

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

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

SUN. 25 JANUARY STEAVENSON FALLS - MT. GORDON

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

WENDY BARNES & HELEN LOFT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM TRANSPORT

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 PM

APPROX. DISTANCE 13-18 KM

Beginning in Marysville, this walk will include the scenic Steavenson Falls and the various lookouts surrounding this lovely township, such as De La Rue, Oxleys, Keppels and Woods, plus Mt. Gordon - excellent views guaranteed. Both walks will be on tracks. The easy walk will not make the climb to Mt. Gordon but will include the few "ups" required to reach the lookout.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

MON. 26 JANUARY FRANKSTON-MORNINGTON

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT

MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH

8.50 AM TRAIN TO FRANKSTON

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 PM (APPROX.)

Bring swimming gear and cool drinks, and precautions against sunburn. Note that Sunnyside is now officially designated as an "optional dress" area - but there are no changing sheds. You may like to bring tea if it's a promise of a fine day and catch a later bus back to Frankston.

WEEKEND WALKS

SPUR - MT. FEATHERTOP - RAZORBACK

<u>JANUARY 1987</u>

9-11 JANUARY

MT. LOCH - MACHINERY SPUR - DIAMANTINA

MEDIUM

LEADER

RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT

CARS

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

CROSSCUT SAW - HOWITT SPUR

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

23-26 JANUARY

KING RIVER - COBBLER - SPECULATION -

MEDIUM

KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT

LEADER

CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8 PM

MAP REFERENCE

VMTC WATERSHEDS OF THE KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON

APPROX. DISTANCE 43 KM

A magnificent three days walking along high ridges and peaks above the headwaters of many well-known rivers in the Wonnangatta-Moroka National Park.

Starting from King River Hut, we will aim for camping at the small Cobbler Lake on Saturday after climbing, without packs, to the knobby tops of Mt. Cobbler on the way.

On Sunday, we follow back down the road for a short distance to join a 4WD track heading towards Mt. Speculation for the night's camp.

Monday will be the most spectacular part of the walk as we follow a section of the Alpine Track over Mt. Speculation, the Cross-Cut Saw and Mt. Howitt, some of the best viewing points in Victoria. Finally we descend Howitt Spur to our cars at the Howqua River.

23-26 JANUARY MITCHELL RIVER LILO TRIP

EASY

LEADER

MERILYN WHIMPEY

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

NATMAP STRATFORD 1:100,000,

FORESTS COMMISSION COBANNAH

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM

For those afraid of heights, this is an alternative to Keith's walk above. We travel in a leisurely fashion on our lilos, reclining on our packs, dipping our paddles every now and again to keep in the current, watching the river banks and cliffs drift by. There are a few rapids, the larger of which can be portaged by the faint-hearted. This was done a few years ago as a two-day trip, so the three days should leave us plenty of time for swimming, late starts and long breaks.

(Continued over)

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

MITCHELL RIVER LILO TRIP (Continued)

You need a good lilo. Your brother's lilo that has been sitting in the spare room for years will go into holes on the first rapid, and probably explode when we stop for lunch. Even with a new lilo there's a very strong chance that you will hole it, so bring large sheets of repair material (an old lilo is ideal) and a tube of contact adhesive. It's not uncommon to get a tear half the length of the lilo, and it can be repaired. A paddle makes the trip much easier than trying to push yourself along with your hands. Satisfactory paddles can be bought at Clark Rubber - they have light aluminium shafts and plastic blades. I have several home-made paddles which I'm willing to lend out, also patching material. You also need a shady hat and loose clothes that cover you from head to foot as there's no shade in the middle of the river. Punners are ideal footwear.

Packs should be lined with large, heavy garbage bags, well sealed with knots or rubber bands. Very thick bags are often hard to seal, so the bags you get in supermarkets for leaves and garden rubbish are the best. Inside the liner bag/s you should have things in smaller, sealed bags. It's also a good idea to carry things you are going to need during the day in more accessible, less well-sealed places, e.g. the top pocket of your pack. Carry a few spare plastic bags in case some develop holes. I often tie my pack to my lilo in case of spills.

If your lilo cannot be repaired, or if it blizzards and the water's too cold, a walking track runs the length of the section of river we are going to paddle, so there's an escape route.

Please don't be put off by all this info. Lilo trips are fantastic, and even better with good equipment and preparation.

<u>COMMITTEE NOTES</u> MEETING 1ST DECEMBER

Correspondence

Letter from Edna Brown thanking us for helping her when she broke her ankle on a walk.

Treasurer

Balance as at end November \$4772.81 (less bank charges)

Bills for payment

M. Siseman - phone rental \$40.50 Printed matter - summer program \$58.80 Driving and garaging (estimated) \$530.00 Group booking for "Sugar Babies" \$348.00

\$1027.30

Walks Secretary

October 1986 Weekend 12 Members 141
Day 206 Visitors 77

218

Income \$1484.50

(N.B. Mark Tischler's walk not included - no report received.)

"Walk" Editor

"Walk 87" now in typesetters' hands - hope to be available for sale by 17th December. Will be 64 pages and covers, with five pages of advertising (only 6 advertisers).

Wilky

Sink drain has rusted, will need replacing. Still looking for replacement Warmray.

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

Duty Roster

December 10th David/Neil

17th Sylvia/? 24th Closed

31st Closed

January 7th Geoff/Rod

Next Committee Meeting

5th January

General

Emergency brake on bus was to be checked by consulting engineer on Monday 1st.

Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th February 1987. All committee positions are open for nominations. In addition, a decision must be made about the future of "Walk" magazine.

Ted Lawton's request to act as Club Archivist was agreed to.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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LETTER FROM EDNA BROWN

"On Sunday, 26th October, while walking with your club at Lorne, I fell and injured my ankle. I would like to thank the people who helped me, in particular those who "piggy backed" me out to the picnic ground, and arranged to have me driven back to the bus by some equally kind and helpful people.

I'm sorry to have taken so long in getting this written, but I ended up in hospital with two broken bones in my ankle, and most of my leg in plaster, with a further six weeks to go. It has taken me a while to adjust to my changed daily life!!

However, I haven't forgotten the help I received, and I wonder if you would be good enough to pin this to your club notice-board to pass on my thanks once again to those concerned, and to let them know that I am most grateful.

Sincerely, EDNA BROWN

SCHOOL TERM/SEMESTER DATES 1987

Victoria	3		<u>Tasmania</u>				
Term 1	Wed.	4 February - Thurs. 16 April	Term	1	Tue.	17/2	
2	Mon.	27 April - Fri. 26 June				29/5	
3	Mon.	13 July - Fri. 18 September	Term	2		15/6	
4	Mon.	5 October - Tue. 22 December				28/8	
South Australia			Term	3	Thu.	17/9	
Term 1	Mon.	2 February - Thurs. 16 April			TIUU.	17/12	4
2		27 April - Fri. 3 July					
3		20 July - Fri. 25 September					
4		13 October - Fri. 18 December					

New South Wales

Term 1 Tue. 3 February - Wed. 15 April

- 2 Mon. 27 April Fri. 3 July
- 3 Mon. 20 July Fri. 25 September
- 4 Mon. 12 October Fri. 18 December

The Department of Flora has written to the Club asking for aid in preparation of a volume on the <u>Flora of Australia</u>. There is <u>very</u> little information on naturalized conifers in this country. Naturalized refers to a species that is reproducing outside of cultivation - i.e. without being tended by humans.

If members see introduced conifers growing outside of plantations and gardens, i.e. in areas of native vegetation, or roadsides, or paddocks, then please take note of them. What is needed is:

- 1. location so that occurrence can be mapped
- 2. a specimen for identification. A specimen needs to be 25-30 cm long with leaves or needles and a terminal bud. If possible a cone too.
- 3. who collected it and when.

Any response prior to December 1987 should be directed to -

Assistant Director, Flora, Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment, G.P.O. Box 1383, CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2601.