



# THE NEWS

OF THE

## MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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A N N U A L  
G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

The Annual General Meeting of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held in the Clubrooms, 2nd Floor, 377 Little Bourke Street, at 8 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 1986.

Business to be transacted will include:

1. Elections for the following positions:
  - President
  - Vice Presidents (2)
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Walks Secretary
  - Membership Secretary
  - Social Secretary
  - "Wilky" Manager
  - "News" Editor
  - "Walk" Editor
  - Ordinary Committee members (5)
2. Consideration of the Committee reports and the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement).
3. Determination of Annual Subscription.
4. Determination of whether "Walk 87" will be published.
5. Presentation of souvenir spoons to couples from the club who were married during the last year.

Geoff Mattingley  
PRESIDENT.

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.

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

Saturday 22nd March  
" C A T S "

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 Graham Harding -266 4222 (H) ASAP.

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Saturday 12th April

BALLAARAT OBSERVATORY

Have spoken to the Secretary, Ballaarat Observatory and it's All Systems Go for Halley's Comet on Saturday 12th April. As planned, a B-B-Q (B.Y.O.E. including cooker) in the observatory grounds, commencing at 5pm will start the ball rolling. Actual viewing is preceded by an introductory talk and a tour of the observatory at approximately 7pm. The B-B-Q is optional. There will be additional demonstrators depending on the numbers and we will be broken up into smaller groups, as necessary. There are three telescopes of varying capacities. School? age children are welcome. There is a \$5 fee and I presume children would be half price. Because of the popularity of this event, bookings at present are only open to club members. After the A.G.M. on 26th February any remaining places may be filled with non-members. A total of 40 places are available. Bookings close Wednesday 20th March.

There is to be a club walk on the Sunday, led by Rosemary Cotter, in the vicinity of Mt. Beckworth/Mt. Bolton. This is approximately 30 km N.W. of Ballaarat and will probably start round 11 am.

Accommodation for Saturday night is the responsibility of the individual; however, the Goldfields Caravan Park is fairly close to the Observatory and is known to the writer, so in the interests of expediency? might I suggest this caravan park be used:-

Goldfields Caravan Park,  
108 Clayton Street (off Midland Highway)  
Phone (053) 32 7888

Rates: Cabin-van for 4 adults \$24.00 night  
Caravan x 6 berth (2 adults, 4 children) \$22.00 night  
          x 4 berth (2 adults, 2 children) \$20.00 night  
Deposit: Full cost is required as deposit when booking.  
Prop: Ken & Judy Morrison.

Oh yes, they also have camp sites at \$8.00 per 2 man tent. Additional fee more than two persons per site. Tracy will provide participants with a map showing both the caravan park and observatory.

For bookings or further information see Tracy in clubrooms or contact her by post. \$5 fee required on booking.

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SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

Friday 14th March

BUSHIES' BALL

The YHA Bushies' Ball is on again this year. It's at Malvern Town Hall, and the band is Shearer's Tally. They show and tell you how to do the dances, and are a very good dance band. Numbers will be limited to 300 so there'll be plenty of room. The cost is \$6 per person and it's BYO supper, drink and glass. Contact Merilyn Whimpey in the clubrooms if you're interested and we'll get together a table of Bushies. But be early, because of the limited numbers.

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If Bruce Fowler contacts Tracy he will receive his refund for the Christmas Dinner. At time of cancellation it was not possible to retrieve cheque.

D A Y W A L K SMARCH 1986

SAT. 1ST MARCH	DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 12	EASY
	MENZIES CREEK - PADDY TRACK - BLACK HILL ROAD	

LEADER	WINIFRED DE SOUZA
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN	5 pm
MAP REFERENCE	MELWAYS MAPS 75 & 124
APPROX. DISTANCE	9 KM

We will meet at the Puffing Billy Picnic Ground (opposite Puffing Billy Railway Station, Melway map reference 75 G9) at 12.30 pm. From there we will walk along shady tracks to Grants Picnic Grounds for lunch. The rest of the afternoon we stroll along various tracks in Sherbrooke Forest Park, making a round trip back to the cars. I saw lots of rosellas and parrots in the park, also lots of other birds I couldn't identify. So come along and see how clever you are at recognising the bird life (of the feathered variety)!

SUN. 2nd MARCH	LORNE RIVERS WALK	EASY & MEDIUM
LEADERS	PHIL LARKIN & GRAHAM HARDING	
TRANSPORT	BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am	
MAP REFERENCE	1:25,000 LORNE VICMAP	
APPROX. DISTANCE	12 to 15 km	

This area is notable for its sheer beauty, scenic coast and peaceful forest reserves. It offers a natural forest backdrop to the ocean and includes several swiftly seaward-flowing streams. These offer numerous and spectacular waterfalls, cascades and rapids. The walking track follows approximately 24 kilometres of historic timber tramway routes and winds through fern gullies, gorges and in many places traverses cliff faces. There is also an abundance of fauna such as the echidna, platypus, possums and gliders which are all common in the Otway Ranges.

Both walks will start from the Lorne-Erskine Falls road and proceed to an old timber mill site, before heading into the magnificent rain forest of the Otways. After reaching the upper Saint George River valley, the walk will continue down through lush fern glades and passing numerous cascades along the river until reaching the Melba Falls, for a welcome swim in the pool below the Falls. If time allows we will also visit the Margaret Falls, before proceeding to the Sheoak Picnic Ground via the Canyon to finish the walk.

So bring along your bathers, and your cameras for spectacular photographs, for an enjoyable day's walk in the Otways.



W E E K E N D W A L K S21-23 FEBRUARY BOGONG BEGINNERS' TRIP

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LEADER PETER BULLARD  
 TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS  
 APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM  
 MAP REFERENCE BOGONG 1:100,000

NOTE: NO ONE WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THIS WALK UNLESS THEY FIRST HAVE A TALK WITH THE LEADER. ALSO NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS.

This is a trip for people who have always wanted to reach the top of Victoria - Mt. Bogong - 6508 feet or 1986 metres - but have not been strong enough for the harder trips.

We will leave the cars at Mountain Creek and climb up the Staircase Spur at a comfortable pace. Weather permitting, I hope to camp near the summit at the head waters of Bogong Creek some time Saturday afternoon. Sunday I plan to return via Eskdale Spur and back to our cars.

Please bring your cameras and plenty of film as there are some excellent views from the top and on the way up and down.

- NOTE:
1. Saturday we will be climbing 4000 feet.
  2. Parkas are advisable as, although it is summer, you need to be prepared for cold weather also.
  3. Bring a stove and fuel,
  4. Make sure you have containers for water as there is a creek you can fill up from on Saturday morning, or bring it from home.
  5. Keep your pack weight as light as possible by sharing with someone, e.g. one person take a stove and fuel, the other the tent, etc.

7-10 MARCH WATCHBED CREEK - CLEVE COLE - MEDIUM-MEDIUM HARD  
 MT WILLS - MITTAGUNDI TRACK

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LEADER MARK TISCHLER  
 TRANSPORT CARS FROM BATMAN AVENUE  
 MAP REFERENCE BOGONG 1:100.000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE 70 KM

Walk will proceed from Watchbed Creek early Saturday morning, over the Nelses to Ropers Hut, before dropping down to Big River for lunch. Afternoon climb to Maddisons Hut site to camp and view Howmans Falls.

Sunday will be a long day of 10 hours or so with long walking but good views as we descend Long Spur and climb Mt. Wills, hoping to find an old track off it. Camp will be New Glen Valley.

Monday a gradual climb up to the High Plains via the famed Mittagundi Track to Kellys and Fitzgeralds Track.

Walkers should be fairly fit and capable of carrying a heavy pack with a fair amount of water. This weekend can be notoriously hot and though we will camp beside water each night some or little water will be found en route; especially on Sunday.

We'll see you there,

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

7-10 MARCH ERRINUNDRA WATERFALLS EXPLORATORY MEDIUM/HARD  
NO. 1 PACK CARRY

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LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN  
TRANSPORT CARS  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN LATE  
MAP REFERENCE BENDOC 1:100,000

This is a totally unpreviewed exploratory trip of high hopes but uncertain outcome, but it looks very interesting on the map. The plan is to descend the Errinundra River West Branch which drops 460 metres over 4 km and then ascend a major tributary which drops 560 metres over 3 km. The area is wet rainforest. The vegetation is a largely unknown quantity and I'm not making any promises. There will be lots of rock scrambling, wet feet, mossy rocks, etc. but hopefully nothing involving abseils or technical rock climbing. Campsites will undoubtedly be non-existent so we'll probably sleep under a rock on a 300 slope. Packs must be light and we'll share equipment to the maximum. If it takes us less than three days to do, we may explore Mt. Ellery or Kanuka Creek on Monday.

7-10 MARCH ERRINUNDRA EXPLORATORY NO. 2 EASY/MEDIUM

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LEADER PHIL LARKIN  
TRANSPORT CARS  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN LATE

This is for anyone keen to go to Errinundra but not so keen to tackle the rocks, vegetation and deprivation of the medium/hard trip. It will probably involve following some creeks down and up, but only as day walks and at a much slower pace.

14-16 MARCH PORT CAMPBELL - BAY OF ISLANDS EASY/MEDIUM  
COASTAL WALK

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LEADER PHIL LARKIN  
TRANSPORT CARS  
MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:25,000 BUTTRESS POINT, MEPUNGA, NIRRANDA  
AND PORT CAMPBELL

This walk offers you some of the most spectacular coastline to be found anywhere in the world. The rugged scenery consists of towering multicoloured sandstone cliffs, cut and eroded by wind and waves over hundreds of years into fantastic rock features such as The Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge, The Grotto and many more. They can be seen at all stages of their limited life span; some remain almost intact as massive square blocks; others have been reduced to needle-like spires, with their layers of red, brown, yellow and white sandstone, a photographer's delight. Also the rugged coastline is the graveyard of an extraordinary number of shipwrecks from the late nineteenth century, from Cape Otway to Port Campbell. One of the most dramatic shipwrecks is commemorated by the graves on the cliff top above Loch Ard Gorge.

On the Friday night we will camp at Port Campbell caravan park - \$4 to \$8 per site.

Saturday's walk we will explore the coast line from Port Campbell to Peterborough, with a visit to a colony of fairy penguins near London Bridge and allowing time for an occasional swim before reaching the overnight camp site in Peterborough.

Saturday night's camp will be at Peterborough Coastal Caravan Park - \$8 to \$10 per site.

Sunday's walk we will continue west along the rugged and interesting coast of Bay of Islands Coastal Park, finishing somewhere near Buttress Point.

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WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

Water will need to be carried during the day but only in day packs. The weekend packs will travel sedately by cars between Port Campbell and Peterborough. So book early for an enjoyable weekend along the coast.

27 MARCH - 1 APRIL DISCOVERY BAY - SOUTHWEST TRACK - EASY  
(EASTER) BASE CAMPING

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LEADER GEOFF MATTINGLEY  
TRANSPORT CARS  
MAP REFERENCE NATMAP 1:100,000 NELSON & PORTLAND  
ALSO SPECIAL SOUTHWEST WALK TRACK - 6 SHEETS

The Great Southwest Track covers approximately 200 kilometres in the far southwest corner of Victoria, and can be done starting and finishing at Portland. It includes open forest, the lower Glenelg with its limestone cliffs, long stretches of remote beaches and cliff top walking. We will attempt to sample the best the area has to offer on a base camp - day walk basis. It should be an interesting and varied walk in an area not often visited by the Club.

Firewood is scarce at some of the camper so bring a gas camping stove if possible. Details of where to meet, etc., will be available a couple of weeks before Easter.

EXTENDED EASTER TRIP - ETTREMA, BUDAWANGS, BLUE MOUNTAINS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

This trip will be in two parks and you can come for just the first 10 days or for the entire 16 days. The first part will take in Ettrema Gorge and the Budawangs, both very lovely sandstone wilderness areas. Ettrema will be a 3 day pack carry but we'll keep it at an easy pace and there will be a half day walk with day packs. The last day will involve some short swims through blocked up gorge sections, so I'll ensure we have a lilo or two.

The Budawangs will be in two options. The one that I will lead will involve two separate 2-3 day trips, each involving walking in to a base camp and then doing two separate day trips. One walk in is about 5-6 km with no big climb, the other is 6 km with 750 metres of climbing at a nice easy pace.

The second option is a 5½ day circular pack carry led by a yet unidentified leader.

Those only doing the 10 days will drive home on Sunday afternoon.

The rest of us will go on to enjoy six more days of day walking, including a night in a youth hostels a half day coastal walk at Kiama, a day walk around Katoomba, 2 days at Kanangra Walls, and maybe a look at Jenolan Caves on the way homey returning home late on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Please let me know between now and 12th March if you're coming, whether you've told me previously or not.

On Monday 17th March we will have a planning and slide evening at my place at 7.30 pm (57 Park Crescent, Fairfield).

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BUSHWALKING, IN KAKADU AND THE TOP END

The club has recently received a very interesting brochure from "Willis's Walkabouts Top End Bushwalking Safaris". Russell Willis, president and one of the founders of the Darwin Bushwalking Club, is organising a series of bushwalks in the top end ranging from two days to three weeks this year, He supplies transport to and from Darwin, evening meals, experienced leadership and advice and, of course, access to the sort of places you would never see from a Bill King or AAT tour. Areas visited include Kakadu, Bungle Bungles, Keep River,

Katherine Gorge and others. Prices vary but a week long trip costs \$195 to \$250, a two week trip \$325 to \$395 and 2-3 day trips \$100 to \$125.

A brochure with more details will be on the club noticeboard. I am going myself from June 28 to August 4th, so I will happily act as a contact for anyone else interested.

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

C O M M I T T E E   N O T E S

MEETING 3RD FEBRUARY 1986

Treasurer

Balance as at 1.2.86 \$1313.19

(N.B. Balance as at 1.2.85 was -\$4419.03, which means an operating surplus of \$5732.22 for the Club year. More information in the Treasurer's Annual Report elsewhere in this issue.)

Bills to be paid:

Omega Process Engravers	- "Walk 86" printing	\$2685.00
Gestetner	- Paper	\$ 124.26
P. Gronow	- Bus repairs (clutch)	\$ 744.06
D. Barson	- Driving & taxi exp.	\$ 323.40
Rampower Clayton	- Petrol (estimated)	\$ 200.00
R. Mattingley	- Wilky supplies	<u>\$ 99.71</u>
		\$4176.43

Walks Secretary

December 1985:	Day	144	Members	123
	Weekend	<u>43</u>	Visitors	64
		187		

Income    \$1245

Duty Roster

February	12th	Tracy/Winifred
	19th	Sylvia/Phil
	26th	Hugh/Leonie
March	5th	Rosemary/Phil

Next Committee Meeting (new committee)

3rd March

Annual General Meeting

26th February

General

Robyn Andersson has volunteered to be the telephone contact for the Club. The Yellow Pages entry will be changed.

"NEWS" EDITOR'S REPORT

Thanks to all of you who sent items for "News", particularly those who got them in early. I am especially grateful to "The Old Lady of the Rocks" who has revived the gossip column, not as libellous as some of the previous ones, and who had the idea of the food page, which appears to be very popular, judging from the unsolicited snippets of information which keep appearing in the "Red Box". Thanks also to the Walks Secretary for pressing walk preview forms on future leaders in plenty of time for them to write something for "News".

Merilyn Whimpey

C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T S 1 9 8 5PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The first full year of operation of our own bus has been very successful. As the Treasurer's report shows, our overdraft facility has not been used for most of the year. Operation of the bus is now so smooth that the Transport Sub-committee has been discontinued for lack of work. Thanks to Jim Hedstrom for helping when required, and to Dennis Barson for his reliable driving.

As with the previous year, day walks and social functions continue to be well patronised, weekend walks attracting a smaller and very variable level of support.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the running of the club during the year, particularly the Committee, but also the others who helped in many ways - the Contacts, "News" printers, Auditors, members of sub-committees, and "Walk" Business and Advertising managers.

Geoff Mattingley.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes have been kept for twelve committee meetings as well as the two general meetings held in September and February. The Byelaws have been rewritten to reflect current practice and philosophy, and these will be presented to the incoming Committee for ratification.

The Club continues to receive numerous newsletters from other bushwalking clubs - both local and interstate, and these provide very useful information/contacts when travelling further afield. In addition other publications are received from various organisations with similar interests, e.g. skiing, conservation etc. Recent issues of the newsletters are kept in the box at the duty point on Club nights.

Rosemary Cotter.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Firstly and most particularly I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the Social Sub Committee, namely Mick and Andrea Mann, Hugh and Leonie Duncan, Betty Spencer, Stephen Courtney and Caroline Strickland, who have so loyally and generously pitched in with the social workload for 1985.

We had around 16 major functions, including two film nights, the Mid Year Dinner at the Sahara and the Christmas Dinner at The Cuckoo. Not to forget the Wine Tasting at Ingrid's and the wonderful Bolshoi Ballet. Special thanks to Mick for organising the Bush Dances and Graham Harding for his Gilbert & Sullivan nights, along with the ice skating and the forthcoming CATS in Sydney. To Betty also, a special "thank you" for attending to all the detail for the very successful Club Break Up. Wednesday evenings also had some highs with slides, and the Club Auction with Bob Douglas wielding the hammer. Thanks Bob. We netted a whole \$8.42. The Raffle, drawn at the Break Up, comfortably covered the cost of the party, 1st prize Rod Mattingley, 2nd prize David Dundas, 3rd prize Mark Tischler, 4th prize Sylvia Wilson. We made small profits on the film nights and the wine tasting.

For me it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding year and virtually pain free, thanks to everyone's co-operation and support. Thank you one and all.

Tracy Guest

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The performance of the Club's activities over the past year is summarised in the accompanying tables. All areas showed a profit this year with the exception of the general Club account, which lost \$226. Increases have occurred in most of the itemised costs. There is also a future liability of \$672 for clubroom rent due against this account. These will need to be considered in setting membership fees for next year.

The operating costs of the bus were higher than budgeted, but income from walks was also higher, and our repayment schedule is on target. Further details are presented later. Walk magazine costs were reduced this year, thanks to Marilyn's voluntary typesetting. We have not yet paid for printing of Walk '86, but at this time last year we had not paid for Walk '85, so the year-to-year results are comparable.

Operating Expenses for the Club's Bus

The average monthly expenses incurred in operating the Club's bus for day walks are tabulated below. This is the first full year of operation. For comparison, the summary from last year's annual reports, which covered only 5 months' operation, is also included.

Cost Item	<u>\$/month</u>	<u>\$/month</u>
	<u>1985/6</u>	<u>1984/5</u>
Registration, Insurance and RACV	92	100
Garaging	45	43
Petrol	242	223
Driving, Cleaning, etc.	350	324
Repairs and Parts	142	83
Improvements (ventilators, armrests, etc.)	83	-
Emergency bus hire	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>
	974	773
Income	<u>1,389</u>	<u>1,178</u>
Excess available to repay overdraft	<u>415</u>	<u>405</u>

Thus, whilst our costs have been higher this year, and we have elected to spend a significant sum to make the bus more comfortable, we have managed to sustain the (approximately) \$400/month surplus needed to repay the bus purchase cost over the estimated 3-4 years.

Interest and Bank Charges

At the time the bus purchase was being discussed in the Club, a number of members were concerned about the amount of interest the Club would be paying on the bank loan. The bus was purchased with money obtained through an overdraft on our account. This allowed us to minimise interest payments, because the amount invested in the bus is offset by the Club's reserves from other sources, and interest paid on the difference when the nett balance is not in credit. We also pay normal bank transaction fees and a service fee on our overdraft of \$45 per quarter, which will reduce to \$30 per quarter next year. For the interest of those interested by interest (sorry about that:), our monthly balance during each month was:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
End of Month	-4,070	-1,391	+ 299	+3,424	+1,326	+2,656
Minimum Balance	-4,319	-2,358	-1,903	- 780	+1,425	+ 950
	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>
End of Month	+1,787	+1,477	+2,795	+3,837	+ 730	+1,313
Minimum Balance	+ 668	+ 50	+ 947	+2,280	+ 728	+ 42

It can be seen that the Club's account has been in credit for most of the year; it will go into overdraft again in the first couple of months of our 1986/7 year, but obviously interest payments are not a major problem. However, in previous years when we have a sound credit balance, we have earned interest on that balance; that was not the case this year.

ROB AYRE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31/1/1986

ASSETS

Receipts relating to the accounting period and not included in cash receipts	Nil
Payments relating to future accounting periods made and included in cash payments	\$300.00
Items owned, with estimated cash value -	
Bedford Bus	\$10,800.00
Slide Projector	243.00
Typewriter	81.00
Duplicator	45.00
News Postage account, Paper & Supplies	250.00
Walking Equipment for Hire	378.00
Map Library	340.00
Wilkinson Lodge -	
Building - nil resale value	-
Equipment and Supplies	1,000.00
Walk Magazine Stocks (approximate)	
1986    1,000 @ \$2.00	2,000.00
1985      700 @ \$2.00	1,400.00
Older  4,000 @ nominal \$0.10	<u>400.00</u>
	16,937.00
Bank Balance	<u>1,313.19</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$18,250.19</u>

LIABILITIES

Payments relating to accounting period not made and not included in cash payments -	
Walk `86 Printing	\$2,685.00
Clubroom Rent to January 1986	672.00
Driving - January 1986	323.00
Repairs to Van	744.00
Petrol - January 1986	200.00
Paper for "News"	124.00
Receipts relating to future accounting periods received and included in cash receipts	<u>Nil</u>
	\$4,748.00
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$4,748.00</u>

## WANDIN FIRE BRIGADE

5 0 / 5 0 O L D T I M E D A N C E

Saturday, 15th March

Wandin Hall

Cnr. Clegg Road &amp; Warburton Highway

Remember those beaut old dances when you were a pimply teenager? (or when you were in nappies). Long, long before discos. Remember the Pride of Erin and the Evening Three Step and the suppers and all that? Come along for a night of memories.

For further details, contact Doug Pocock - (059) 64 4974

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Balance brought forward	-4,419.03	6,185.74			
<u>CLUB</u>			<u>CLUB</u> - Advertising	40.00	
Membership Fees	5,037.00		News Printing Supplies	1,339.25	
Equipment Hire	175.00		News Postage	795.13	
Creditors' Distributions	6.53		Stationery, Phone, Postage	241.95	
			Subscriptions	562.75	
			Insurance	458.00	
			Clubroom hire	672.00	
			Equipment	308.60	
			Maps	377.95	
			Interest	160.90	
			Incorporation Office Fee	20.00	
			Clubroom suppers, etc.	38.86	
			P.O. Box rental	60.00	
			Bank Charges	369.40	
	5,218.53	4,828.46		5,444.79	6,243.92
<u>SOCIAL:</u> Total Receipts	3,364.26	3,220.77	<u>SOCIAL:</u> Total Expenditure	3,207.00	3,134.40
<u>WALKS:</u> Total Fees	20,121.50		<u>WALKS:</u> Bus Fuel	2,905.73	
			Driving and Garaging	4,757.37	
			Emergency Bus Hire	245.00	
			Registration,		
			Insurance, RACV	1,095.62	
			Bus Maintenance	2,706.66	
			Refunds & First Aid Kits	256.24	
			Accommodation	3,350.00	
	20,121.50	18,492.65		15,316.62	30,631.67
<u>WALK MAGAZINE</u>			<u>WALK MAGAZINE</u>		
Sales and Advertising	3,832.29	4,804.33	Printing and Business Costs	3,593.26	2,008.60
<u>WILKINSON LODGE</u>			<u>WILKINSON LODGE</u>		
Fees Collected	2,277.25	1,343.00	Supplies and Maintenance	1,519.94	1,275.39
	<u>\$30,394.80</u>	<u>\$36,874.95</u>	<u>BANK BALANCE</u> 31.1.86	<u>1,313.19</u>	<u>-4,419.03</u>
				<u>\$30,394.80</u>	<u>\$38,874.95</u>

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

1985 was another year packed with activity. Day walk attendances were up slightly on 1984, continuing a long term trend. Weekend and extended trip attendances are down slightly, again continuing a long term trend. Several trips in the cooler months were cancelled due to lack of numbers. Maybe the increasing popularity of cross country skiing has something to do with it.

Buying our own bus is proving to have been a good decision. It is popular; efficient and economical. Several improvements have been made to the bus, including better ventilation, padding of arm rests at end of seats and extra safety features on the braking system. Special thanks are due to our driver, Dennis, our mechanic, Peter, and the various club members who have worked hard to make the bus system work so well.

The programme has had quite a bit of variety. Day walks have included 51 Sunday walks, 9 Saturday Dandenong Explorer Walks, 6 Saturday historical walks (thanks to Athol) and 6 walks on public holidays. Weekend trips have included 9 base camps and 16 pack carries. Longer trips included 3 long weekend pack carries, one long weekend base camp; 4 x 4 day base camps, a 5 day Easter pack carry, a 5 day Easter base camp, a 10 day trip to Tassie, a 10 day base camp in the Snowy Mountains and a 16 day Easter base camping trip to northern New South Wales and southern Queensland.

Not content with only walking, we also had 3 cycling day trips (thank you, Art) using the bus to get us to a good area, one snow climb up Mt. Bogong.

Cross country skiing was also popular. Under the guidance of our ski sub-committee we had a day trip, 7 weekend trips and 2 extended trips.

It is important for all bushwalkers to be able to use and navigate with maps and compass, and to this end we held a map reading and navigation theory evening, followed by a Sunday practice day.

Many thanks to all the leaders and others who have helped to make the 1985 programme work so well. I hope and am sure that the new Walks Secretary will get as much willing help as I have. I also hope that he/she enjoys the job as much as I have. It is a very satisfying role.

Jopie Bodegraven

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total number of members - 367, of which 42 are new members. Last year (1984) we had 45 new members, of whom 37 renewed.

Winifred de Souza

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EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

With the almost non-existent interest in weekend walking generally, the hiring of club equipment has been very occasional, resulting in monies collected during the year of \$113.00.

Most of the existing equipment is of a rather ancient vintage, for which a covering report was submitted to the committee early in 1985, resulting in the purchase of a good quality down sleeping bag.

Apart from day packs, further consideration will need to be given to the upgrading/replacement of sleeping bags, tents and weekend packs if the service is to continue successfully.

Neil Priestley

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"WALK" MAGAZINE EDITOR'S REPORT

I am pleased that the Club decided to proceed with the 1986 issue of "Walk", although I was a little apprehensive when the Editor's job fell in my lap. The Club has established a valuable tradition of service to bushwalkers through this magazine, and I believe we should strive to ensure that it continues as a viable annual project.

I regret that I did not succeed in having "Walk 86" on sale as early as planned, perhaps because I was not active enough in chasing early contributions, or firm enough in applying deadlines. Thanks to quick action by the printer, Detail Printing, we still managed to have it on sale by Wednesday 18 December (we apologise for the premature announcement in November "News").

"Walk" is not an individual effort: the Editor merely coordinates the work of a lot of other helpful people. Special appreciation is due to Marilyn Whimpey, who typeset all of the text in her own time and at no charge, and to MacKenzie Typesetting, who made their facilities available to us for the cost of materials only. Thanks are also due to Gwenda and Barry Short (maps), Gerry Kottek (advertising), Mark Tischler (distribution), Phil Taylor (business) and all the authors and photographers who contributed material. If you enjoy "Walk 86", these are the people who deserve the credit.

I urge all Club members to support the concept of "Walk" magazine by buying copies for themselves and friends, and ensuring that it is stocked by as many shops as possible.

NOEL TOLLEY

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WILKINSON LODGE REPORT

As reported in the December "News", Wilky was broken into in November and the wheelbarrow, extension ladder, gas lamp, Coleman lamp, most of the tools, a sleeping bag and a fibrepile jacket were stolen, all told with a replacement value of about \$850.

A work party was held on the Australia Day weekend in January. A total of three loads of firewood were taken to Wallace's and Cope huts at the suggestion of the Ranger. A truckload of firewood for us was delivered from Tawonga and it was all barrowed in to the lodge and most of it split and stacked. The old hearth in the kitchen was removed and floorboards put in its place, and a new cowl installed on the kitchen flue.

Another work party will be held on the Labour Day weekend in March.

Use of Wilky has continued at about the same level during winter as previous years, but not many people have been there this summer. Why not? There are a lot more people getting around the high plains these days, especially on long weekends. We should not have the lodge unattended for too long under these circumstances.

Booking for winter will follow the procedure used last year - i.e. a list will be posted on the booking board on the third Wednesday in February for winter group organisers. Those wishing to go should contact the relevant organiser.

Rod Mattingley

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F O R E S T W A T C H

The Native Forests Action Council is documenting breaches of the regulations governing logging practices in Victoria. They need 10 minutes of your time and a few stamps.

The regulations, which are meant to minimize the damage caused by logging, are commonly broken and evaded. In an effort to have them enforced, the NFAC are asking forest users who come across breaches of these rules to record them on a simple form. The form will be used to report breaches to the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands and by NFAC to document forest management malpractice in this State. Report forms and self-explanatory guides are available from NFAC "Forestwatch", 285 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, 3000. Stamped, self addressed envelopes would be appreciated. PA sample guide and form are on the noticeboard in the clubrooms.

Later in the year there may be a talk in the clubrooms on this project.

For further information, contact NFAC "Forestwatch" at the Environment Centre, phone. (03) 663 1561, or Jamie Pittock on 587 1704 (H), 667 7290 (W). Volunteers and donations would be most welcome.

FOREST WATCH FIELD TRIP

The first FIELD TRIP for all interested conservationists will be held at NOOJEE, SUNDAY MARCH 16, 1986.

Expert naturalists and biologists will attend to explain the problems with current forest management and highlight breaches in logging practices.

WHAT TO BRING: Cut lunch  
 Camera  
 Binoculars  
 Notebook and pencil  
 Stout boots

For more details and a map, please contact PROJECT FOREST WATCH, Native Forests Action Council, 285 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, 3000. Tel: 663 1561 (BH) or Jamie Pittock - 587 1704 (AH), Judy Baker - 484 7728 (AH).

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E A T S P A G E

A worthwhile inclusion in this section is actually a place to sleep. If you are stuck in Hobart try the ASTOR HOTEL. Very reasonable rates (includes breakfast), plenty of hot water in showers or old fashioned deep baths. Very central location at 157 Macquarie Street.

Good places to eat are the Astor Grill (where breakfast is served) or a very good Chinese restaurant in the same block behind the hotel. Tasmanian wine is nice to try but very expensive.

The owner of the hotel is very helpful and is understanding if you have muddy boots!!

- ANONYMOUS

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Have you ever been approached by the Walks Secretary, he with list in hand and you with excuse in mouth? I hadn't, but I thought it may be interesting to lead a walk (and to help me be more involved in the Club). So I volunteered. An easy day walk, shouldn't be too much trouble. The Walks Secretary's list, and my diary found an appropriate day. I was committed.

Well, it was kind of exciting to have my name appear on the program. Then came the dreaded bit - the preview. Yes, it was a bit of a drag finding time and going there - estimating times for a group as yet invisible, but I did it. And my friend and I enjoyed our preview!

The time came for me to drive to our meeting spot. After amazement that all people found the correct meeting place, we had the usual rushed name calling - and off we strode. Although there were many complaints about the terrain (another story), I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Admittedly my first leadership was for a small group, with no need for compass navigation, but I feel it was a good icebreaker into walk requirements.

Now I'm ready to have my walk leadership qualities tested with a more involved day.

So next time you're approached, gulp down those excuses and give walk leadership a go.

Jan Mattingley.

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CHARLES ANDERSON has found and moved into a new home, but is still looking for someone to share it. The scatter-brained editor can't find the details, but if you're looking for somewhere to live, look up the ad, in last month's "News".

CLOSING DATE FOR MARCH "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

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.