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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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SKIING PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

MARK II

Disregard the official Walks Programme - THIS IS IT (for now. Blue tack it on your fridge)

JULY					
5-6	Pot Luck ski trip	E	Merilyn Whimpey	386	0150
12-13	Beginners' ski weekend,	E	Otto Christiansen	459	7695
	Lake Mountain				
12-13	Base camp in snow, Falls Ck.	E/M	Mark Tischler	25	6607
Sun 20	"A real ski trip"	M	Rod Mattingley		1793
26-27	Beginners' snow camping, Baw Baws	E	Sylvia Wilson	836	6342
AUGUST					
2-3	Mt Feathertop, pack carry	M/H	Bill Metzenthen	578	1062
Sun 3	Lake Mountain day trip	E	Graham Harding	266	4222
9-10	Mt Stirling ski-in base camp	E &	Keith White	534	7439
	or 2 day trips	E/M			
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	454	1516
30-31	Hotham area base camp below snow, day trips	M	Otto Christiansen	459	7695
30-Sep		M	Mark Tischler	25	6607
SEPTEM					
		M/H	Bill Metzenthen	578	1062
		M	Merilyn Whimpey		0150
		M/H	Mark Tischler	25	6607
	Show Day - Niggerheads, Fainter	M	Graeme Thornton	878	0660
NOVEMBER					
1-4	Cup Day - Snowy Mountains	M	Graeme Thornton	878	0660

CLUB NIGHTS

Otto 459 7695

June 25, 8 pm July 2, 7.30 pm Snow enthusiasts' slide night
The Sylvia & Otto Show: Beginner skiing and
introduction to snow camping.

Come and hear about the basic techniques of cross country skiing from Otto. He'll explain the hows, whys and what to take for day trips. Sylvia will convince you that snow camping is not wet, awful and cold, but can be really quite comfortable and terrific fun. Practical sessions follow both - see programme.

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

BOOK NOW

MID-YEAR DINNER

This annual function will be held this year in the München Keller at the Hotel Victoria, cnr. Beaconsfield Parade and Kerferd Road, Albert Park, on SATURDAY 19TH JULY 1986 at 7.30 pm.

The set menu is as follows:-

ENTREE

Soup

Paté Maison

Avocado Vinaigrette

MAIN COURSES

Lamb Fillet Wellington

Fish of the Day

Chicken Breast - Paprika Sauce

Kassler Rippere (smoked pork ribs with potatoes and sauerkraut)

SWEETS

Apfel Strudel Cheese Cake Chocolate Mousse

COFFEE

COST: \$20 per head. (This restaurant is licensed)

The HOTEL VICTORIA is a well-known Melbourne jazz spot, and there will be a band to entertain us.

BOOKINGS: Contact DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms.

BOOK NOW

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 8 PM - IN THE CLUBROOMS

SLIDE NIGHT - SNOW AND XC SKIING

To stir up your interest in XC skiing for the coming season, we will show slides of beautiful winter scenes and XC skiing in Australia and Europe. If you have any interesting slides relevant to this evening's theme, please bring them along.

WEDNESDAY JULY 2, 7.30 PM - IN THE CLUBROOMS

TALKS ON SKIING FOR BEGINNERS

For newcomers to XC skiing there will be two talks on skiing basics, one on ski equipment and the other on snow camping. Please note the early starting time of 7.30 pm. If you are coming on either the BEGINNERS' SKI WEEKEND (JULY 12/13) or the INTRODUCTION TO SNOW CAMPING WEEKEND (JULY 26/27) then these talks should be of special interest to you.

DAY WALKS JULY 1986

BRITANNIA CREEK - MT. MYRTALIA -

POWELLTOWN

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

SUN. JULY 6

ROD TOPOR & PHILIP LARKIN

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN

VICMAP 1:25,000 GLADYSDALE MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 km

These are both pleasant walks along tracks through the Yarra State Forest, with fine views across valleys. Both walks involve a substantial climb (of about 500 metres) and a similar descent. No tramlines will be seen (after Burke Road). Hopefully, no trailbikes or leeches will be seen either (I didn't see any on the preview).

SUN. JULY 13 LERDERDERG GORGE AREA

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

ROB AYRE & GRAHAM HARDING

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE

FCV LERDERDERG GORGE FOREST PARK

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 & 16 KM

Regular walkers know the Lerderderg for its spectacular gorges and massive rocky outcrops. Plans must depend on the weather and river conditions in the few days before the walk.

The likely routes we will travel along are the Lerderderg and the ridges to the south and east of O'Brien's Crossing, the medium party going further, and both parties travelling at a brisk pace to ward off the winter chill.

(In the event of dry weather and low river height, the medium party may undertake a shorter (11 km), challenging "stroll" in the Old River region to the east of Mt. Blackwood, but this is not an option if weather is or has been poor.)

SAT. JULY 19

HISTORICAL WALK - WILLIAMSTOWN

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT

MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH THE 1.42 PM

TRAIN TO NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN

This is our third visit to the area. We commence with a tour of the Railway Historical Museum which is at North Williamstown. There is an entry donation of \$1.50 each. The remainder of the afternoon will be taken up by a walk around the peninsula, returning to the city about 5.30 pm.

SUN. JULY 20

MT EGERTON - BOSTOCK RESERVOIR

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT MAP REFERENCE TO BE CONFIRMED & JENNY LOFT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

BACCHUS MARSH 1:100,000

This walk includes open eucalypt forest, a river, a reservoir, a pine forest and a mountain. A few bits of road join the rest together. It's an old favourite that hasn't been done for some time. The mountain's not too big so don't be deterred. Come along for a pleasant and varied day.

SUN. JULY 27

MT BULLENGAROOK - SCOTTIES GULLY

EASY & MEDIUM

(GISBORNE AREA)

LEADERS TRANSPORT MAX CASLEY & STEPHEN DAL-MOLLE BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm

BULLENGAROOK 1:25,000

MAP REFERENCE APPROX. DISTANCE 10 km

DAY WALKS (Continued)

MT BULLENGAROOK (Continued)

We will start with a brisk climb up Mt Bullengarook from which there are good views. We will then follow Scotties Creek and Goodmans Creek. The water is stagnant in creeks - bring water for drinking. Area is reputed for kangaroos.

MARYSVILLE WEEKEND - JUNE 27-29

"MOUNTAIN LODGE"

This weekend is now fully booked.

Arrival is after dinner on Friday night. You may come during the afternoon, but have your dinner in the pub or milk bar.

Supper is provided about 9.30 pm Friday evening. All meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday are provided.

Transport

Mark King - 697 3733 (work) has room in his car for two passengers. Please contact him direct.

If you have trouble with transport, Whites Bus Service, phone 654 3311 runs a regular service. You may have to book.

Times: Dep. Melbourne Fri. 6.30 pm

Arr. Marysville 9.00 pm

Bus drops you off and picks you up at the Lodge.

Dep. Marysville Sun. 3.30 pm Arr. Melbourne 5.45 pm

See you all there.

- MARIJKE & GRAHAM MASCAS Phone 29 3923

WEEKEND TRIPS JULY 1986

JULY 5-6

POT LUCK SKI TRIP

EASY

LEADER
TRANSPORT

MERILYN WHIMPEY PRIVATE CARS

We'll go where there is snow, which might mean some distance away - say Falls Creek or Hotham. The place may not be decided till after the Thursday night snow reports on TV. What is for sure is that we won't carry packs for long, and we won't do anything very serious this early in the season. Raw beginners and people who have skied before but have forgotten everything since last season are welcome, as are experts.

JULY 12-13

BEGINNERS' SKI WEEKEND - LAKE MOUNTAIN

EASY

LEADER
TRANSPORT

OTTO CHRISTIANSEN

PRIVATE CARS

If you have thought of having a go at XC skiing, come along on the Beginners' Ski Weekend and we will teach you the basic skills such as diagonal stride, snow plough, some simple turns and falling over. There will be a limit on the number of participants — so book early. Members have preference until July 2. In addition to your usual bushwalking gear, you will need to bring a hat, suntan lotion, lip protection, sunglasses or goggles, mittens and, of course, skis, stocks and ski boots. You can hire the last three items from most ski shops. If you want to bring a thermos flask for a hot drink at lunch time, make sure it's unbreakable.

The venue will be Lake Mountain provided there is enough snow, otherwise we'll go to where the snow is. On Saturday night we will be camping below the snow line, probably in a caravan park.

WEEKEND TRIPS (Continued)

JULY 12-13 FALLS CREEK SNOW BASE CAMP

LEADER MARK TISCHLER TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE ALGONA FALLS CREEK, MT NELSE; BOGONG 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE VARIOUS

This ski tour will concentrate itself in the Mt Nelse northern Bogong High Plains area. A short pack carrying trip will be made to Heathy Spur/Baker Spur area to establish a base camp, then touring and the seeking of ideal slopes and cornices will commence. We hope to at least get views from Spion Kopje and Timms Lookout on our touring.

This trip would be suitable for good skiers wanting to try snow camping early in the season for various other later season trips. If you are in this category please contact me early to organise equipment, etc. for trip on 25 6607 afternoon/early evening.

JULY 26-27 INTRODUCTION TO SNOW CAMPING - BAW BAWS EASY

LEADER SYLVIA WILSON TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 9.00 pm SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE BAW BAW PLATEAU 1:25,000; BAW BAW NATIONAL PARK VMTC;

HAND OUTS, NATIONAL PARKS & FORESTS COMMISSION

APPROX. DISTANCE 10-20 km

6 am Saturday morning start from Melbourne and driving to Mt St Gwinear Car Park (east of the Baw Baw Plateau). We'll ski off with full packs to find some delightful sheltered spot probably at Mustering Flat and erect tents early on, so leaving the afternoon for local exploring with day packs. (If the snow cover is good I'd like to go back to Little Boys Creek which is a delightful nearby area.) On Sunday we could go towards Mt Whitelaw, return to de-camp and head out in mid afternoon.

N.B. The chat session on July 2nd in the clubrooms at 7.30 pm will give you the basic low down on snow camping, e.g. what to take. It helps if you have done some skiing and ordinary camping before. Don't worry if you haven't got a snow tent, sharing is a good idea anyway, and the club has a super-duper new warm sleeping bag for hire.

AND A DAY SKI TRIP

SUN. 20 JULY "A REAL SKI TRIP"

LEADER ROD MATTINGLEY

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

FROM THE WALKS SECRETARY

A walks planning meeting will be held on June 16th, to plan the <u>Summer</u> 1986/87 program!

I would greatly appreciate -

- (i) any suggestions for new walks, or requests for repeats of previous ones;
- (ii) any offers of leadership.

Please see me in the club or ring me at home on 578 5623 with your ideas for day walks, or contact Phil Taylor with your weekend walk ideas. Phil would especially welcome Christmas/New Year walks suggestions and offers to lead.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING 2ND JUNE 1986

Correspondence In:

- 1. Department of Sport and Recreation publicising their "Let Someone Know Before You Go" scheme for all adventure type activities.
- 2. Letter from Sisemans asking if the whereabouts are known of the old Wilky log book 1960-1970.
- 3. Letter from David Dundas and Merrian McCarthy re aspects of the Wilky booking system (see later).

Treasurer:

Balance as at end May

\$2850.86

Bills for payment:

Gestetner	438.30
Auto Brake Service (repairs to bus)	895.99
Dennis	341.80
Mid-year dinner deposit	300.00
Dennis Kennealy - see later	200.00
Art Terry - refund of deposit for Highfield	43.00
	2219.09

Walks - April 1986:

Weekend walkers Day walkers	28 192	Members Visitors	161	
	220	Income	\$1588	

(N.B. The Ballarat Observatory attendance (54 members) is not included in the above.)

Membership Secretary:

Jenny will be away from late June to end August. Wendy Barnes will stand in as Membership Secretary.

Equipment Hire:

Takings to date this year \$24.

Duty Roster:

11 June Jan/Neil
18 " David/Maureen
25 " Winifred/Rob
2 July Geoff/Winifred
9 " Sylvia/

Next Committee Meeting - 7th July

(N.B. Clubroom may not be available - please check before that date with Geoff.)

Other:

- The insurance claim for the Wilky break-in has been paid. The total amount claimed was \$730 including personal property belonging to Dennis Kennealy. After deduction of excess, a cheque for \$630 was received, of which \$200 is Dennis' share.
- 2. Anne Bullard has volunteered to be the phone contact many thanks, Anne!
- 3. Art Terry's letter in the last "News", re early starts for bus trips, was discussed. The Committee has not received any complaint from a member or visitor who has been personally disadvantaged by an early start.
- 4. David Dundas and Merrian McCarthy have written regarding aspects of the Wilky booking system. They suggest:

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

- (a) that only members (not even their wives/husbands or children) could use Wilky during the snow season;
- (b) that it be made clear that any competent skier can nominate as a leader for a week;
- (c) that leaders not have the right to decide who to allow in a particular week on any grounds except skill and fitness;
- (d) that a ballot be conducted if too many people nominate for a particular week;
- (e) that the booking procedure be published in full in "News" at the beginning of each year, so as not to disadvantage new members.

Members' comments are invited - the subject will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

In the last "News" the subject of Visitors Fees was raised. To aid discussion on this subject, walk attendance figures for the most recent 6 months (for which figures are available) are presented:

	Nov. 85	Dec. 85	<u>Jan. 86</u>	Feb. 86	Mar. 86	Apr. 86
Members	174	123	154	153	168	161
Visitors	52	64	66	51	83	59

Over this period, the average number of members attending walks is almost exactly 2½ times the average number of visitors.

PHOTO COMPETITION 1986

WITH A DIFFERENCE

All right, you shutterbugs, it's on again this year and you're getting lots of advance warning cos it's not till October. This year the emphasis will be on two elements. Firstly, participation, and to this end there will be no entry fee and no prizes except for the honour and glory and applause that goes with winning and having your name in "News". Secondly we have invented the best and fairest judging system in the world. The audience will judge. For the prints judging will be by a secret voting system over three weeks leading up to the slide night where voting for the slides will be by a revolutionary new and as yet unpatented (and untested) system to be outlined later. Final details will appear in August and September "News".

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN (Organiser)

RE - SUGGESTED INCREASE IN VISITORS' FEES

The turnover of visitors on day walks has always been high. Visitors are like the tides - they keep on rolling in, and a good thing that they do, particularly now when van repayments and expenses have to be met. Only a small percentage of visitors become members. However, it appears to me that there is a balance between them and resignations. What is very important is the continued attendance of visitors on day walks - their attendance means the difference between breaking even and making a profit on the day. Profit is what we need at present; an increase in visitors' fees from \$1 to \$3 would in my opinion discourage visitors from attending the day walks. The percentage of visitors on day walks at times is quite high - 10 to 15 visitors per day walk would be somewhere near the mark. Whatever the number, the visitors on all day walks are rather profitable to us. I say, leave the golden goose alone; it would be far better to have no visitor's fee than to increase it.

VAN DEPARTURE TIMES

RIGHT OF REPLY

As one of the offending leaders, I would like to respond to Art's article in May "News".

Philip Larkin and I led a walk in the Lorne area some months ago, setting a precedent for 8 am departures. To my knowledge this earlier start was approved by the President, Walks Secretary and, most importantly, the van driver (Dennis). The trip to the start of Lorne walks takes most of 3 hours, being one of the longest day trips on a programme. Yes, the earlier start was a matter of concern to us as leaders, and every person who showed interest was told of the early start, and was promised help in obtaining transport to the city. Only ONE person was unable to make alternative arrangements, so help was organised.

As a leader, Art would realise that a walk cannot always be shortened to accommodate time without destroying the pleasure to be derived from a balanced route. I am quite certain that all early starts are requested to allow the walk to be completed in daylight for convenience and safety (pure commonsense), with the leader needing to allow a buffer time in case of the unexpected.

It is all very well to say things have been working smoothly for the past 40 years, but how many prospective members have been lost by head-in-the-sand attitudes. I am sure it never has been, or will be, considered to alter departure times on any but extreme occasions, a little variation being healthy in any aspect of life.

My last point concerns a weekend walk led by Art in February to the Highfield National Park. The van was used to transport participants on the Friday evening and again for the return on Sunday. For those people wishing to attend the Sunday day walk, departure was 8 am from CLAYTON. Although I usually drive into the city to catch the van, I was not prepared to travel to the more distant departure point with an EARLIER START, even though I was interested in the walk. However, I did not miss out on a walk that day, as what was to have been a small group and ended up with 13 (because of altered van arrangements) had an interesting and delightful walk in the Dandenongs.

In closing, as a responsible leader of growing experience, I would like to openly declare that if I felt a walk necessitated an earlier start, I would not hesitate in obtaining same, and would also endeavour to help anyone with transport problems.

- STEPHEN COURTNEY & PHILIP LARKIN

P.S. At the time of writing this reply, Philip was in exile due to ill health, and since using his name, I felt it right for him to read this article. He then also wished to endorse my comments.

In reply to Art's article about van departure times (May "News"), I would like to clarify a few points.

Art, understandably, wishes the van departure time to remain at 9 am so that public transport users are not disadvantaged.

No-one has ever suggested that early departures should become the rule. However, the <u>very occasional</u> early departure would be a distinct advantage in cases when a long van trip is involved, and during winter, when it is dark by 5 pm. A case in point is the April 30th walk (Mt. Teneriffe - Pinningers Monument) led by Harold Grave and me. This walk had to be shortened by about 5 km. With an early start this would probably not have been necessary.

Art mentions that getting back to the city early should be of no importance to participants in day walks. However, this disregards Dennis's needs and wishes. He has to begin work very early on Monday

VAN DEPARTURE TIMES (Continued)

morning, and it takes him approximately l_2 hours to drive the van from Batman Avenue to its garage, and then to drive himself home to Clayton. Dennis has said that, ideally, he would like to be back in the city by 7.15-7.30 pm.

In the event of an early start, the leader could ascertain, at time of booking, those walkers who need car transport to the city, and could arrange for them to be picked up. It would be most unusual for there to be no-one travelling by car from their area.

Finally, it should be mentioned that train timetables were irrelevant to the fact that two members missed the van on April 13th. Both of these people normally <u>drive</u> in to Batman Avenue!

- PENNY STAPLEY

ALONG THE TRACK

Errinundra Explorer is what we had advertised to us. The whole weekend promised to be exciting, from the Friday night when the two cars "lost" each other. An exploratory adventure through the Erinundra River. No-one known had traversed these waterfalls, or at least not known by our fearless leader. And all six of us were well aware of his _____ for flowing and cascading water.

Throughout the three days there was basically a calmness amongst the group. We must have been overcome by the tranquility, for the rush of water, the wind and the multitude of strips of filtered light surrounded us.

It was as easy as falling off a log to see how our weight and awkwardness were out of place in this rainforest. Everything was just so moist. I have never experienced such constant dampness. As we walked across slippery rocks, slime covered fallen logs, and rotting logs which squelched below us, we became aware of the element of time this wonderful ecology had been evolving. We were intruding!

I have two very vivid memories. Firstly, of carefully lowering myself down to a log, and the whole rotted 10" diameter collapsing under me; the other, of pressing my finger 6-7 cm into a compact but rotted-through log.

For anyone interested in mosses, lichens and ferns, this is an absolute heaven. Early in the trip it was at times possible to stand in one spot and reach out to at least half a dozen different varieties of moist greenery. The denseness of the forest of fronds was amazing. At times merely the glimpse of colour from the top of someone else's pack was all that indicated the direction to go.

We all have many memories of the weekend. Some are positive and some not. Of course the times we had to swing down a slope on a rope, the icy water, the rather wet second night campsite and the masses of scratches, were far outweighed by the beauty and magnificence we walked through.

Thanks to all the other six group members. I'm sure our peer morale was a great help to the success of finding the cars.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS (INCORPORATED)

called "the Club" in these by-laws

BY-LAWS

(these can be amended by the Committee)

JUNE 1986

1. Financial

- 1.1 Bills of \$40 or more must be presented at a Committee Meeting to be approved for payment, which will normally be made by cheque. If urgent payment is required bill payment can be made by the Treasurer and ratified at the next meeting.
- 1.2 The Treasurer may, at his/her discretion, settle debts of less than \$40 in cash without reference to the Committee. The recipient shall sign a petty cash slip for the payment and provide supporting dockets where possible.
- 1.3 Where a payment is required urgently for a programmed Club function and the Treasurer has received money from the function co-ordinator to cover that payment, the payment may be made without further reference to the Committee as required in 1.1.
- 1.4 The auditing task may be shared between the two auditors as they see fit.

2. Leaders' Duties

- 2.1 Leaders of trips must be members of the Club, unless agreed otherwise by the Committee for a particular trip.
- 2.2 Leaders of trips using the Club bus are not required to pay a Walks Fee.
- 2.3 A leader must attend the Clubrooms for at least two Wednesdays prior to his/her trip, for the purpose of accepting bookings. If unable to attend he/she must request another member to take bookings on his/her behalf.
- 2.4 A leader may refuse to accept any person on a walk.
- 2.5 If a leader is unable to be at the meeting place for commencement of a trip, or is unable to lead on the day, he/she must appoint another member to take charge of the trip. If possible, the Walks Secretary or Contacts are to be advised of the change in leadership.
- 2.6 A leader has final authority as to the conduct of the trip. Where possible the published route shall be followed. Leaders are responsible for obtaining permission to cross private property.
- 2.7 A leader is responsible for giving accurate directions to the bus driver or car drivers.
- 2.8 Where there is more than one leader on a trip, one person will be designated as the main leader and will be responsible for the overall coordination of the trip, including bookings and directing bus and car drivers.
- 2.9 A leader is responsible for the welfare of those participating in the trip and shall guard against participants becoming separated from the party. Any person participating in a trip who voluntarily leaves the party relieves the leader of any further responsibility for that person.
- 2.10 In the event of an emergency, a leader may take such actions as are appropriate, and he/she or another person appointed by him/her may incur any reasonable expenditure to ensure the party's safe return.

- 2.11 The leader shall forward the booking form and completed Walk Report to the Walks Secretary as soon as possible after completion of a trip.
- 2.12 The leader shall collect the addresses and phone numbers of all visitors on Club trips. Where possible this list should remain in the bus during a trip.

3. Contacts

3.1 The Committee shall ensure that at least one "Contact", with a published phone number, will be at that phone number while walks are taking place. Leaders shall ring this person to advise safe completion of a trip, or of any delay or emergency.

4. Booking and Transport for Walks

- 4.1 The use made of the bus is under the control of the Committee via the Walks Secretary, who will make arrangements for normal day walks. Use of the bus for any other activity must be approved by the Committee.
- 4.2 The Walks Secretary shall place a Booking Form for each trip on the Clubroom notice board at least two Wednesdays before the date of the trip.
- 4.3 For trips using bus transport, a seat is only reserved by payment of a Walks Fee.
- 4.4 Any person who does not reserve a seat on the bus and who wishes to participate in a trip may do so provided that:
 - (a) there is room on the bus,
 - and (b) the leader is prepared to accept them,
 - and (c) they pay an extra fee (Late Fee) of \$2 in addition to the Walks Fee and any Visitors Fee.
- 4.5 For trips using private cars, the cost shall be shared between the occupants. The usual Visitors Fees still apply.

5. Walk Fees

- 5.1 The fee for day walks shall be set by the Committee. Charges for other trips shall be decided upon by the Walks Secretary and noted on the Booking Form.
- 5.2 Any person who is not a member and is accepted on a trip (a Visitor) shall be charged an extra fee (a Visitors Fee) at a rate set by the Committee.
- 5.3 The Visitors Fee ceases to be payable when a person has submitted his/her application for membership.
- 5.4 Full time students, pensioners, persons receiving unemployment benefit and children under the age of 12 years pay half Walks Fee. Visitors under the age of 16 years are exempt from Visitors Fees.
- 5.5 Visitors under the age of 16 years are allowed on Club trips provided that:-
 - (a) the leader is convinced that the person can satisfactorily complete the trip,
 - and (b) the leader is willing to take the person,
 - and (c) the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 5.6 If a person pays a Walks Fee or a Visitors Fee and does not participate in the trip, a refund will only be made if he/she can satisfy the Walks Secretary or Treasurer that his/her non-participation was due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, and that he/she notified, or made reasonable efforts to notify the Leader. Payments may not be transferred from one trip to another.

6. Responsibility and Conduct of Members and Visitors

- 6.1 A person wishing to participate in a trip must satisfy the leader (or deputy) of his/her fitness and suitability for the particular trip, and must place his/her name on the Booking Form, and pay the appropriate Walks Fee.
- 6.2 Members and Visitors on Club trips shall recognize the authority of the leader, and carry out any reasonable requests made by him/her.
- 6.3 Members and Visitors on Club trips shall refrain from any behaviour, or actions likely to reflect adversely on the Club.

7. Hire of Equipment

- 7.1 The Equipment Officer (or deputy) shall be responsible for the hire of Club equipment, and all bookings for any equipment must be made in person to him/her (or deputy). Hiring charges shall be paid at the time of hire.
- 7.2 Issue and return of Club equipment shall be made at the Clubroom, unless the Equipment Officer specifies otherwise.
- 7.3 Equipment booked shall be collected from the Clubroom no sooner than one week in advance of the date of the trip and must be returned within a week of the trip for which it was hired. The Equipment Officer may demand extra hire charges for equipment not returned promptly.
- 7.4 Persons hiring equipment shall be responsible for its care while in their possession, and shall be liable for any damage to or loss of equipment fair wear and tear excepted. Any loss or damage must be reported to the Equipment Officer.
- 7.5 Persons participating in Club trips shall have priority when hiring equipment.

8. Membership

- 8.1 The proposer and seconder of an application for membership must have accompanied the applicant on at least one of his/her qualifying walks.
- 8.2 Qualifying walks must take place within the twelve months prior to an application for membership.
- 8.3 The following qualifying walks shall be considered equivalent to those specified in the Rules:-
 - (a) One weekend or long-weekend walk plus one day walk.
 - (b) One four-day (e.g. Easter) or longer walk.
- 8.4 New members joining after the 1st October shall pay half of the annual subscription.

9. General

- 9.1 There shall be no smoking on any bus used by the Club.
- 9.2 Firearms and animals are not permitted on Club trips.
- 9.3 Any rubbish shall not be left or buried, but brought back from a trip.