

THE NEWS

OF THE

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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SOCIAL COLUMN

Theatre Outing
Wednesday 28th May
7.30 p.m.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

RICHARD III

with

Anthony Sher as Richard

We have booked 20 seats for the above performance at the State Theatre. The price is \$50 per seat (a saving of \$5.00). They will be allocated on a first come - first served basis. The closing date for bookings is 4th May.

Contact David Pickup in the clubrooms.

N.B. This production was a complete sell-out for the Stratford-on-Avon and London seasons.

PEACE MARCH

Sunday March 23rd

Meet in Treasury Gardens on cnr. Spring Street and Flinders Street 11.30-12.00 for lunch. Walk to Flinders Park for the rally to hear Dr. Helen Caldicott.

COME AND JOIN US

Further information: Sylvia Wilson, 836 6342.

1986 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Ordinary member	\$18.00	
Pensioner/student	\$9.00	
Couples	\$27.00	
News subscriber	\$9.00	Please tick one
Name		
Address		
Telephone No. (H)		

Members have 3 months (March, April, May) to renew membership, so please get your subs to Jenny Ross Membership Secretary, within that time. Make cheques payable to Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

**** Please note, failure to pay dues within the time specified ****
means that qualifying walks will be necessary to rejoin.

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.

DAYWALKS

APRIL 1986

SAT. 5TH APRIL DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 13 -

EASY

LEADER TRANSPORT GRAHAM BREEN TRAIN AND BUS

UPWEY - FERNY CREEK

For details of this walk please see page 8.

THE KNOBS - DONNA BUANG - WARBURTON SUN. 6TH APRIL EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT GRAHAM BREEN & JIM HEDSTROM

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

For details of this walk please see page 8.

SAT. 12TH APRIL HISTORICAL WALK - MALVERN

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH THE 1.44 PM TRANSPORT

DANDENONG TRAIN TO ARMADALE. TICKET: INNER NEIGHBOURHOOD

The walks described in "Melbourne on Foot" have all been completed more than a year ago and the present series have been compiled from other sources. This walk is based on "Malvern Sketchbook", one from a series published by Rigby.

Malvern has long been regarded as a proper habitat for the respectable middle class, civic-minded and industrious - although the industry itself was kept mainly north of the Yarra, in the slummy, smoky inner suburbs that generated the riches that endowed this south-eastern suburb with elegant old homes (many serving different functions today) and lovely public gardens, of all of which we will see a good selection.

SUN. 13TH APRIL MT. BECKWORTH - MT. BOLTON

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADER

ROSEMARY COTTER

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 8.30 AM

MAP REFERENCE

EVANSFORD 1:25,000; CRESWICK 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM & 9 KM

Although there is a long bus trip to reach this area, the country and the views it affords warrant the journey. The surrounding country is undulating sheep grazing land, with substantial granitic outcrops. We will start at the northern end of Mt. Beckworth State Forest (more than 100 bird species have been recorded - due to its situation just north of the divide - thus attracting both the northern and southern based species) and follow the ridgeline; and on the way we may be able to find an old bushranger's cave. Thence westward to Mt. Gap and then SSW to the ridge line over Mt. Bolton. All the mountains afford 360° panoramas.

- People on the Ballarat Observatory weekend are welcome to join us at the start of the walk. Please let me know if you intend coming so that I can arrange subgroups if necessary.
- N.B. 2 Remember to bring water and a windproof jacket.

DAY WALKS, APRIL 1986 (CONTINUED)

SAT. 19TH APRIL CYCLE TRIP

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7,00 PM MAP REFERENCE A GOOD ROAD MAP APPROX. DISTANCE MAXIMUM 80 KM

A wind assisted ride will again be our aim for this day's outing. Three possible routes are -

- 1. Bungaree Mt. Egerton Meredith, Durdidwarrah Reservoirs Anakie
- 2. Meredith Mt. Wallace "The Bluff" (Glenmore) Melton South Rockbank
- 3. Broadford Murchison Gap Strath Creek King Parrot Creek Valley Goulburn River Valley Tallarook Pyalong

Bring your lunch, drinks, etc. and it is essential that you have a spare tube, tools and pump to suit your cycle.

SUN. 20TH APRIL LODDON FALLS - DYERS FALLS

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRACY GUEST & STEPHEN COURTNEY
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6,30 PM

MAP REFERENCE COLIBAN 1:25,000; DAYLESFORD 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM - MEDIUM; 10 KM - EASY

The preview started near Kangaroo Hill approximately 10 km south of Malmsbury, which yielded lovely views all round. This was one of the prettiest parts of the day. Long yellow grasses (lots of seeds gaiters strongly recommended;) rippling over the hillocks gladdened the eye. Then across the Daylesford Road to the Upper Loddon State Forest, across country through open scrub to a clearing for lunch. Then off again to the junction of Swords and Ridge Roads where the easy walk starts. Both walks now follow the same track through more open scrub out of the State Forest to Dyers Falls. This area, like Kangaroo Hill, has been sub-divided. We will avoid the smaller holdings and the attending fences as much as possible. The falls, although spectacular, alas lacked a vital element - WATER. The rock formation, however, is worth seeing. Blackberries are a problem so we'll follow the river from above down to where it joins the Loddon River. Turn left up the Loddon through some lovely river gums to Loddon Falls and the three small cascades. Again lack of water detracts from the actual falls though a pleasant rock scramble to a large water hole is worthwhile. Again blackberries. The walk will finish in Glenlyon.

Carry water and gaiters and/or long pants.

SUN. 27TH APRIL TENNERIFFE - FLAT ROCK

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS HAROLD GRAVE & PENNY STAPLEY
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 PM

MAP REFERENCE LONGWOOD 1:50,000 (north of Seymour)

APPROX. DISTANCE 12-15 KM

A walk in the north east,

Depending on the weather, this walk will range from good to terrific.

Medium walkers will enjoy a steady climb to the top of Mt. Tenneriffe, where they will have lunch whilst taking in the panoramic view.

Easy walkers will begin with a short climb up to Flat Rock.

Both walks will be in high, open country with many large boulders.

Please bring lunch, water, raincoat and, of course, a torch.

WEEKENDWALKS

APRIL 1986

5-6 APRIL MT. ARAPILES BEGINNER CLIMBING WEEKEND EASY

LEADER MARK TISCHLER

TRANSPORT PRIVATE

This introduction to climbing weekend will be aimed at showing those people who have had no climbing experience but a little rock scrambling a more intensive and safe way to handle rope techniques. Numbers will be limited and preference given to those who haven't climbed before. Also Mt. Arapiles will be an excellent place to view Halley's Comet.

Note that this weekend has been shifted to an earlier timeslot owing to commitments on 20th April.

24-27 APRIL MT. BLOWHARD - BROCKET - MARAPOSA SPUR MEDIUM

LEADER MERILYN WHIMPEY
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
MAP REFERENCE DARGO 1:100,000

We will descend the gentle but scrubby Morning Star Spur to the upper Dargo River and Brockett where, if you look carefully, you may see evidence of the gold mining settlement. There should still be a few ripe blackberries. Day 2 we will climb Maraposa Spur, which I'm told is quite nice, camping up high. On day 3 we'll do a day pack walk to Mt. Tabletop.

The walk may involve walking in the river, prickly scrub and, if I don't square Hughie up, bad weather. So come prepared! It also may involve lovely weather (usual for my walks), great views, and good fun.

25-27 APRIL MT. KOOYOORA - MT. KORUNG - MELVILLE CAVES EASY
BASE CAMP

LEADER
TRANSPORT
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 PM

MAP REFERENCE KOOYOORA RANGE (PRIVATE MAP)

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM

The purpose of this walking trip is to investigate and locate some of the more remote and difficult to find Aboriginal relic sites. These are some of the reasons why the Kooyoora Range area has been recently proclaimed (late last year) as a State Park, under the control of the National Parks Service. These relics take the form of scarred trees (shield trees, canoe trees, etc.), rock wells, stone arrangements, rock shelters, quartz scatters, etc.

It may be that because we will be walking through an area not previously searched we may find some previously undiscovered relics. A visit to some of the more remote rock shelters will be followed by climbs to summits of Mounts Kooyoora and Korong. Base camp near Mount Kooyoora. There are many interesting granite tors and rock formations in the region.

WANTED KNOWN:

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT - CHEAP RATES!

Day packs/overnight packs/tents/sleeping bags suitable for base camps. Our most recent addition is a new sleeping bag of super quality!

Ask for Neil.

NOTE:

Do you have a sleeping bag, weekend pack or tent that is not being used and you wish to sell? The club may be interested to be able to help upgrade our existing equipment for hire. Contact Neil, the equipment officer, in the clubrooms.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD 26TH FEBRUARY 1986

The following were elected to the Committee:

President:

Geoff Mattingley

Vice-Presidents:

Sylvia Wilson

Hugh Duncan

Secretary:

Winifred de Souza

Treasurer:

Rosemary Cotter

Walks Secretary:

penny Stapley

Membership Secretary:

Jenny Ross

Social Secretary:

David Pickup

"News" Editor:

Merilyn Whimpey

"Walk" Editor:

Noel Tolley

Wilkinson Lodge Manager: Rod Mattingley

General Committee:

Rob Ayre Phil Larkin Neil Priestley Jan Mattingley Maureen Hurley

The following were elected as Honorary Members for 1986:

Peter and Anne Bullard

Ken Briscoe

Graham and Sue Errey

Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke

Jim and Libby Marsden

Marion Siseman

Sue Filson

Merle Halls

Fay Pitt

Edna Richards

Club Spoons were presented to:

Stuart Mattingley and Jan Chapman

Mick Mann and Andrea Tan

Not present but eligible for spoons were:

Kendall Firth and Chris Samuel

Rod Mattingley and janette marshall

Graham Breen and Jill Duffiels

Subscriptions for 1986 are:

Individual

\$18

\$27

Couple Concession

\$9 (students, unemployed and Age Pension \$9

"News" Subscriber

recipients)

"Walk 87" will be published.

Geoff Mattingley PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING 3RD MARCH 1986

Correspondence: In: Letter from Warren Baker who is unhappy with the attitude of some club office bearers over the phone.

Out: Letter to ANZ Bank enclosing copies of financial statements; also requesting correction of account name.

Treasurer:

Balance as at 1 March 1986 minus \$1398.32

Bills for payment:

Dennis - driving etc. \$440.80
- bus garaging \$100.00
Program printing \$50.40
Gestetner \$22.55
Rampower Clayton - petrol \$310.13
\$923.88

Accounts have been audited to 31 January 1986.

Bank signatories will be changed to reflect new office bearers.

Walks Secretary:

January Walkers: Weekend 36 Members 154

Day 184 Visitors 66

220

Total Income \$1372.50

Wilky Work Party:

March long weekend.

Duty Roster:

March 12th Noel/Neil

19th Maureen/Jan

26th Phil/David

April 2nd Neil/Rod

9th Geoff/Hugh

Next Committee Meeting:

7th April.

General Business:

At Phil's request, the club will write to Mr. Callaghan at Lorne, stating that we do use tracks in the area. He apparently has trouble convincing organisations in the area that people from Melbourne are interested in walking there.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome the following new member:

Dorise (Dot) Schofield 15 Jolliffe Crescent

Rosanna, 3084

Phone: 383 2896 (H)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Gary Wills 3 Gracie Street, Northcote, 3070.

Phone: 489 5790 (H)

Brian Troke
11 Walnut Street, Malvern, 3144.

Phone: 20 5795 (H)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS (Continued)

Malda & John Burton

46 Nightingale Drive, Werribee, 3030.

David Cahill

22 Moorehead Street, Camberwell, 3124. Phone: 830 1417 (H), 344 7157 (W)

OLD WOMAN OF THE ROCKS

(and a couple of other gossip-mongers)

During the holidays while I was away in far flung places checking up on people I understand things were happening around here, or to be more precise. The Bluff. It seems an ex membership secretary and a prospective 1988 walks secretary were in such remote areas as this ON THEIR OWN. The club strongly disapproves of such practices; after all they could get lost, or be caught in bushfires, or bitten by snakes, or gosh, well, anything might happen. Don't forget folks: safety in numbers.

At a recent social function an ex-secretary was seen clutching an armful of teddy bears and dolls - please check the notice board for VISUAL PROOF. Does this mean she is getting nesting instincts?

Heard on a very recent walk, from a newly elected committee member - "My shoes are wet." We had been river walking for at least 1 km at the time. Several members standing nearby replied in unison - "Ooohhhhh!!"

You may not have seen Gerry Kottek lately - and you won't see him for a few weeks at least. He took off on 14th March for Kashmir with a lady from Frankston way and two other real climbers. They'll be doing some ice climbing and skiing and yeti-hunting.

FOOD SECTION

THE ROASTHOUSE, ALBURY

On the NSW side, attached to an Ampol service station. Actually is the first you meet on the east side as you come from NSW.

Delicious home cooked food - pork roast was my choice - it was good, the fruit salad was unbelievable, <u>AND</u> percolated coffee.

Valerie Elder.

CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

Articles for "News" should be placed in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms, or posted to the club's address, Box 1751Q, G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001.

Apologies for the lateness of this issue - the editor was wallowing in the mud of Tasmania's Cradle Mountain National Park.

LEADER

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DAY WALKS, APRIL 1986 (Continued)

SAT. 5TH APRIL DANDENONGS EXPLORER NO. 13

EASY

UPWEY - FERNY CREEK

TRANSPORT TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET, 8.46 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN TEA TIME

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS OR ANY REASONABLE LARGE TOURIST MAP OF THE

GRAHAM BREEN - PHONE 758 3193

DANDENONGS

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM

The walk starts from the Upwey Railway Station through countrified suburbia along Mast Gully Road, named that because of the tall, slender, straight trees, to a track along the ridge overlooking Ferntree Gully National Park from which we proceed past interesting old homes and gardens to Sherbrooke Forest and lunch. The return is all downhill, passing many interesting homes and all within a bushland environment.

SUN. 6TH APRIL THE KNOBS - DONNA BUANG EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS GRAHAM BREEN & JIM HEDSTROM - PHONE 846 1316

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

MAP REFERENCE JULIET 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 KM - MEDIUM; 9 KM - EASY

The medium walk will start from near Somers Park on the Acheron Way. There will be a long, steep ascent up Mt. Vinegar, including half a kilometre off track through dense rainforest. From there it is all on good track via The Knobs and Mt. Boobyalla to Mt. Donna Buang. The easy walk is all on tracks. It starts from higher up at Acheron Gap and joins the route of the medium walk at The Knobs. There are a few climbs but most of the walk is gentle, along the crest of the Great Dividing Range. Water should be carried.