

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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SOCIAL COLUMN

DOUBLE BILL - DOUBLE BILL

THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER 1986

6.30 pm

EAT

at

FUNGIES

(Suitable for Pritikin & non-Pritikin Epicureans)

BYO

COST: Around \$12.00 per person

(Main course around \$9.00) (The helpings are enormous) 8.30 pm

THE MOVIE OF VERDI'S OPERATIC MASTERPIECE

OTHELLO

starring

PLACIDO DOMINGO

with KATIA RICIARELLI

Directed by FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI

COST: \$5.00 per head (Group booking)

Location for both events:

TRAK CINEMA ARCADE

TOORAK RD, TOORAK For bookings: DAVID PICKUP in clubrooms

Come to both events or one or the other.

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SLIDES

BUNGLE BUNGLES & KEEP RIVER

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12th

A small group of Melbourne Bushies visited this fascinating area of the Northern Territory and Kimberleys during July on a semi-commercial bushwalking trip. Jopie Bodegraven will show some of the slides he took.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Eltham Barrel, Main Road, Eltham

Saturday 6th December, 1986 Date:

Time: 7.30 pm

\$23 per head, including beer, wine and soft drinks

The Eltham Barrel has a hot and cold smorgasbord (as much as

you can eat), a live band and dancing.

The full deposit is required by 26th November, 1986.

Contact either Robyn Kennedy or David Pickup in the clubrooms, or Robyn on 211-1213 (A.H.).

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.

DAY WALKS NOVEMBER 1986

SUN. 2 NOVEMBER ACHERON - GLENDALE TOWER - TAGGERTY EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT PENNY STAPLEY & GRAHAM HARDING BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

MAP REFERENCE TAGGERTY 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 17 KM (MEDIUM); 13 KM (EASY)

This is a very pretty ridge walk with plenty of variety. We start off through open farmland (not many fences) with spectacular views of the Cathedral Range to the south-east. Lunch will probably be taken overlooking Taggerty Golf Course, so the superfit among the party could fit in a quick round of golf before resuming the walk. After lunch we enter lightly timbered country (sorry, we won't see Glendale Tower - it is a mythical beast) and follow the ridge south for about 5 kms before making our way down to the Acheron River, which we follow for another 5 km into Taggerty.

Members of long standing will undoubtedly be thrilled to know that this walk is an extension of the infamous "Death March". No doubt they'll go on the easy walk!

YOU YANGS

TUE. 4 NOVEMBER (CUP DAY)

EASY

LEADER

ED LAWTON

TRANSPORT CARS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.00 pm

MAP REFERENCE YOU YANGS 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE VARIOUS

A pleasant Tuesday walk across rolling hills with plenty of views and fresh air.

SUN. 9 NOVEMBER BUNYIP RIVER - MT BEENAK

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT

FRED HALLS & WINIFRED DE SOUZA BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

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

SAT. 15 NOVEMBER HISTORICAL WALK - ROSSTOWN RAILWAY

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH

1.44 pm TRAIN TO ELSTERNWICK

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS Nos. 67, 68

The Rosstown Railway was first completed as a private venture in 1883, then rebuilt to Vicrail specifications in 1890-91, and dismantled in 1916. It was part of the 1,000 acre Rosstown estate, which eventually fell prey to the "land sharks" of the 1880s; who in turn suffered heavy losses during the '90s depression. We will follow the route from Rosstown Junction (Elsternwick) to the Beet Sugar Mill site. (The Oakleigh side may be followed at a later date.) Walk ends at tram terminus - about 4.30. The walk also takes in an archeological (aboriginal) site, which is now lost.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 16 NOVEMBER MT TOWRONG - MT MACEDON & ENVIRONS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ROSEMARY COTTER & WENDY BARNES
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 pm

MAP REFERENCE WOODEND 1:25,000; MACEDON 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 18 KM & 12 KM

The medium group commences with a pleasant climb up to the top of Mt. Towrong with views in all directions, then follows the ridge north-westwards across cleared land to investigate the Sanitorium Lake, on to The Camel's Hump to view Mount Diogenes (Hanging Rock) and area north of the Macedon Forest Park. Across tracks and through pine forest to the summit of Mt. Macedon, before turning northwards again and down the slopes to Braemar College.

The easy group will cover much of the same territory without the initial climb. At this stage we are not sure whether we will finish at Mt. Diogenes - check with us in the clubrooms.

SUN. 23 NOVEMBER DOM DOM SADDLE - DONNELLY'S WEIR EASY/MED. & MED.

LEADERS STEPHEN COURTNEY & HUGH DUNCAN TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 pm MAP REFERENCE JULIET 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 16/22 km

Both walks will start near Dom Dom saddle and follow the Great Dividing Range westwards through mountain ash forest as far as the top of Condon's Track. Here the two walks will divide, one descending steeply down Condon's Track, the other continuing to Mt. St. Leonard, then down to Donnelly's Weir. Both walks have steep downhills, but not too much climbing, and provide pleasant walking through mature and regrowth mountain ash forest.

SAT. 29 NOVEMBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER

EASY

LEADER

DORRIE WARTON

TRANSPORT

TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET TO BELGRAVE -

9.29 am, ARRIVE BELGRAVE 10.40 am.

PRIVATE CARS - 11 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 5 pm

MAP REFERENCE

"OUTDOORS IN THE DANDENONGS" (TYRONE THOMAS)

MAPS 7 & 8;

MELWAYS MAP 75, G7

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM

The walk will begin at Micawber Park Picnic Ground (Melways 75, G7), entrance at Highwood Inn on Belgrave-Kallista Road about 1 km from Belgrave Roundabout. We will walk through Sherbrooke Forest to Ferny Creek and visit Nicholas Gardens and also Tinsdale Gardens at Sherbrooke, returning to the cars through the Forest by various routes. The gardens are particularly beautiful in spring.

Peter and Anne Bullard have kindly offered to handle bookings for me. Anyone travelling by train and requiring transport for the 1 km walk to Micawber Park can see Peter.

To all those old-timers who have deserted the Club for other interests such as orienteering, landscape gardening, wine, women and song or whatever - I issue an invitation to join me - So - Tim & Helen, Tyrone, David & Joan, Gwenda & Barry, Bob Steel, what about it?

FORSALE

NEW ZEALAND BOOTS WITH EXCELLENT SHERPA SOLES. FIT SIZES 38-39. HARDLY USED. \$50.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 30 NOVEMBER VIEW HILL RIDGE - MT WILLIAM

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER JIM HEDSTROM

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE WOODEND 1:100,000 ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD AREA

APPROX. DISTANCE 13 km

This is a ridge walk. These walks are probably the most attractive type of walks the Club has to offer. An initial, not too difficult, walk to the ridge, then open country with entrancing views. Incidentally, we do not climb Mt. William, although there are a few minor climbs along the way. Bring water and enjoy an invigorating and uplifting day.

WEEKEND WALKS NOVEMBER 1986

31 OCT - 4 NOV (CUP WEEKEND) BURROWA - PINE MOUNTAIN BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER DOUG POCOCK
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
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MAP REFERENCE CORRYONG 1:100,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE NEGOTIABLE

As far as I know, this is the first visit for the Club to this National Park. A hasty preview indicated plenty of scope for exploratory walks of all grades. Basically I intend to operate from a base camp but anyone wanting to do an overnight walk can fit in easily. There is also the possibility of organising a canoe trip on the Murray if anyone is interested.

The two sections of the National Park are joined by a narrow corridor. The southern (Mt. Burrowa 1,300m) section is basically volcanic, whilst the northern section (Pine Mt. 1,062m) is granite, which gives rise to different vegetation for each section as well as different terrain. I'd like to have a good look at both sections with plenty of emphasis on the vegetation.

Camping will be at the Cudgewa Falls Camping Ground (Bluff Falls Road, off Cudgewa-Walwa Road). <u>Club members</u> are welcome to bring children. Walks graded accordingly.

31 OCT - 4 NOV LITTLE RIVER & MINCHIN CREEK GORGES MEDIUM/HARD (SNOWY RIVER AREA)

LEADER
JOPIE BODEGRAVEN
TRANSPORT
PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE MURRINDAL 1:100,000

This trip involves challenging walking in spectacular country. There will be rockhopping and scrambling and probably scrub, but the area is worth it. Saturday and Sunday will be a two-day pack carry in the beautiful Little River Gorge, featuring some great waterfalls and clifs and one compulsory abseil, finishing with a 500 m climb up a steep slope back to the cars.

Sunday and Monday nights will be a base camp at McKillops Bridge. Monday will be a long day exploring Minchin Creek. I've never been there but it sure looks interesting on the map. It will be a real exploration done, of course, with day packs. Tuesday will probably be a bludge because we could very well be a bit wiped out by then.

I'll organise some abseiling instruction beforehand for anyone who is new to it.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

31 OCT - 4 NOV SKI TRIP - SNOWY MOUNTAINS MEDIUM

LEADER GRAEME THORNTON
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

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

7-9 NOVEMBER LORNE WATERFALLS BASE CAMP MEDIUM

LEADER PHILIP LARKIN (813 2271)

TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE VICMAPS KENNETT RIVER AND WYE RIVER, LORNE,

MOUNT COWLEY AND SKENES CREEK

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, winding through fern gullies and gorges and in many places traversing cliff faces. There is also an abundance of fauna such as the echidna, platypus, possums and gliders.

Base camp will be on Grey River just a short distance from the Great Ocean Road. On each day there will be a short car shuffle before the walk. Saturday night's meal for those who wish will be in Lorne at one of the many eating establishments in town.

On the first day we will visit the waterfalls on the Upper Cumberland River, just below the T.W. Spur. These are not marked on the map. If time allows we will do some exploring along the river for possible unmarked waterfalls. We will be walking for approximately 10 kilometres during the day, mostly off tracks.

The second day will be similar, starting at the Carisbrook Falls and following the Carisbrook Creek upstream to reach Muddy Saddle. Then on to Mount Sabine Falls which are the highest in the Otways, to finish at the picnic ground above the falls.

Book early, for there is a limited number of camp sites.

Bring along your cameras and bathers for an enjoyable weekend and rewarding bushwalking in the Otways.

14-16 NOVEMBER BRYCES GORGE BASE CAMP EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER
TRANSPORT
PRIVATE CARS
MAP REFERENCE
PRIVATE 1:100,000

We will be camping Friday night at Breakfast Creek. On Saturday morning we have to drive a bit further and leave the cars near Guy's Hut and then walk a short distance to camp near Bryce's Gorge which we will explore later that day. Sunday we will explore some of the waterfalls on the East Caledonia River before driving home that night.

The pace will be moderate but not too fast, with not much climbing. Also we will only be carrying day packs for nearly all the time.

21-23 NOVEMBER MT MCDONALD - MT CLEAR MEDIUM

LEADER
GRAHAM BREEN
TRANSPORT
PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE VMTC WATERSHEDS OF THE KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 km

On the Friday night we will camp at 8 Mile Flat then drive on to Upper Jamieson Hut on Saturday morning. There will then be a rugged, steep climb up Mt. McDonald; beautiful views make this worthwhile. On recovering, the walk will follow the Alpine Track to Mt. Clear, with a short diversion to The Nobs. The walk will continue on to Chester's Yards for the overnight stop. On Sunday there will be a mystery tour back to the cars. This trip will involve a car shuffle to avoid long walks on the roads.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

28-30 NOVEMBER MURRINDINDI HEADWATERS BEGINNERS' WEEKEND EASY/MED.

LEADER STUART MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE MONDA & KLONDYKE 1:25,000

We will camp at the same spot Friday and Saturday nights, and have two walks with day packs in separate areas of the forest.

The hills here are moderate and the forest varied, and there are foot bridges over the river.

This walk is only 2-2½ hours from Melbourne, so not far to go.

EXTENDED WALKS

DECEMBER 1986/JANUARY 1987

18 DEC - CHRISTMAS SNOWY MOUNTAINS PRE CHRISTMAS TRIP MEDIUM

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT CARS

This will be mainly base camping and walking with day packs, although there will be a pack carry of 2 km each way to one base camp. I envisage 3 days base camping on the Snowy River near Charlotte's Pass visiting Townsend, Ramsheads, Blue Lake, Kosciusko and Watsons Crags, followed by visits to Cave Creek and several other spots reachable with day packs.

26 DEC - 4 JAN KOWMUNG RIVER LILO TRIP & KANANGRA WALLS EASY/MED.

LEADER JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

TRANSPORT CARS

The Kowmung is in the southern Blue Mountains and flows through lovely granite gorges and a variety of more gentle scenery. There are lots of little rapids but no big dangerous ones. It is a favourite lilo trip with Sydney bushwalkers. Providing there are not heavy rains, it should be a reasonably warm river. The lilo trip will be 6 days, followed by 2 days of day walks.

TASMANIA IN JANUARY

Is anyone interested in a trip to the Walls of Jerusalem and Cradle Mountain Area in January? We are taking a car across, arriving in Devonport on the morning of January 8th. There will be a 6-day pack carry in the Walls of Jerusalem/Traveller Range area, followed by a car trip to Waldheim and a 4-day pack carry in the Cradle Mountain area, returning to Devonport late January 18 or early January 19. The limit for this trip would be 8, which is what we can shuttle from the Walls to Cradle in two trips in a Subaru.

Stage 2 involves another two weeks taking in Freycinet, Cape Pillar, Mt. Field and possibly Mt. Anne. We are looking for two extra people. If you're interested in either part, please contact me on 489 2221.

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

DANDENONGS EXPLORER WALKS

Several people have expressed interest in the continuation of the Dandenongs Explorer walks on a monthly basis.

Pat and Paul Gray have very kindly offered to co-ordinate any suggestions for Dandenongs walks, and offers to lead them. We are at present drawing up the autumn program (March, April, May), so please contact Pat or Paul on 299 2445, and they will pass your ideas on.

FROM THE WALKS SECRETARY

The	summer	program	will	be i	ssued	with	November	"News".	Meanwhile,
the	Decembe	er walks	are	liste	d for	those	who wis	sh to plan	ahead:

Dec. 6 (Sat.)	Historical Walk - Lower Yarra	Athol Schafer
5-7	Mountain Creek - Mt. Bogong	Philip Taylor
Sun. 7	Mt. Grant - Steavensons Falls - Marysville	Rod Topor
12-14	Grampians - Victoria Range	Merilyn Whimpey
Sat. 13	Cycle trip	Art Terry
Sun. 14	Cape Schank - Flinders	Bill Penrose
Sun. 21	Morleys Track - Somers Park	Phil Larkin
Fri. 26 (Boxin	ng Day) Warburton area (cars)	Phil larkin
Christmas-New	Year trips	
Budawangs Base	e Camp	Phil Larkin
	ional Park Lains - Cave Creek - Blue Waterhole Isko Peak Ramble	Neil Priestley
18 Dec Chri	istmas Snowy Mountains	
26 Dec 4 Ja	an. Kowmung River Lilo Trip & Kanangra Walls	<pre>) Jopie Bodegraven) - see page 6)</pre>
January	Tasmania	

FINALLY, A SINCERE THANK YOU to all the leaders who have contributed to the smooth running of the walks program; to "emergency" leaders who have filled last minute gaps, and to Phil Taylor for co-ordinating the weekend walks.

MAP WEEK

1986

20-26 October (City Square)
20 October - 2 November (State Museum - Victoria)

The National Mapping Council of Australia holds Map Week once every four years. You may recall previous Map Weeks held in 1979 and 1982.

The general objectives of Map Week are to show how maps are used in everyday life and to promote the value and use of maps. If you can read a map properly: you can save yourself time, frustration and energy and be completely independent in your travelling throughout life.

In Victoria, Map Week is run by a committee drawn from a broad cross-section. Activities such as education, touring and bushwalking, geared to the particular interests of the State, are arranged.

Map Week will be officially opened in the City Square on Monday, 20th October at 1.00 pm by Mr A. McCutcheon, the Minister for Property and Services. In the City Square there will be a large map of Australia made up of approximately 750 individual maps in the 1:250,000 series. Also there will be a caravan giving out further information on mapping.

The main display will be in the McCoy Hall at the rear of the State Museum at the top end of Swanston Street. Displays and activities will include Landsat Imagery, Digital Terrain, Videos and Historical Walking Maps.

- PHILIP M. LARKIN
FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN
WALKING CLUBS

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING 6 OCTOBER 1986

Correspondence in:

Dinner Plain Pty. Ltd. advertising freehold land for sale for ski lodges.

"Life Be In It" are planning a guide to bushwalking.

Russell Willis has sent us his 1987 program, which has been pinned up on the notice board. People interested in going on a trip would be well advised to talk to Jopie first.

Department of Lands, Conservation and Forests, National Park Service re management plan for proposed extensions of the Cape Schanck Coastal Park to include Point Nepean.

Treasurer:

	Balance at 30.9.86	+\$4382.45
	Bills to be ratified	
	Mercantile Mutual (bus insurance)	399.11
	K. Larkin - spit roast	134.48
	Vermont Winery - wine for bottling N. Kinsman - public liability for	1011.50
	\$2 million	618.50
	P. Bullard - account for printing	190.46
		\$2354.05
1	Bills to be paid	
	Melbourne Map Centre -	
	29 maps and laminating	128.30
	Rampower - fuel for August	276.59
	September	200.53
	Ecos - subscription	7.00
	Bus expenses	494.70
		\$1107.12

Walks Secretary:

August	Total	241		
	Day walkers	214	Members	164
	Weekend walkers	27	Wisitors	77

Income \$1648

Duty Roster:

October 15 Jan/Neil 22 Hugh/Sylvia

29 David/Phil

November 5 Jenny/Winifred Phil/David

Next Committee Meeting:

10th November - a week later than usual due to Cup Day.

General Business:

A letter from Marion Siseman said she recently learned that the winter skidoo rescue service on the Bogong High Plains was funded by direct government grant, voluntary contributions and was manned by volunteers. None of the money that comes from the Falls Creek car parking fees goes into this, it's channelled into the downhill rescue service. We're making further enquiries of the Federation and STAV about this. Will keep you posted.

TO ALL THE RED WINE DRINKERS

I have some wine remaining after the wine bottling. Please phone Robyn Kennedy on 211-1213 or see me in the clubrooms to place your order.

1981	Chambers Cabernet Shira	z \$2.60
1983	Bleasdale Malbec	\$2.80
	Barossa Old Tawny Port	\$2.45
	Barossa Liqueur Port	\$2.95

NEWEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

ELIZABETH WALE
4/3 Payne Street
Surrey Hills. 3167.

(H) 836 8074, (W) 658 3761

PETER HOGAN
59 Dwyer Street
Clifton Hill. 3068.
(H) 489 4087, (W) 459 9633

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

GRAHAM HARDING

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DONALD JAMES

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DENNIS KENNEALLY

(H) 870 7286

(W) 656 9111 ext. 504

IAN NEWBOLD

3 Lyndale Court
North Dandenong 3175.

BOB STEELE (W) 877 7811

MERILYN WHIMPEY
22 Parker Street
Ormond. 3163.

(H) 578 1062

It has never been mentioned for a moment that the Melbourne Bushies grapevine is not in excellent working order, but <u>just</u> in case you missed the news: we are very pleased to hear that Rosemary Cotter is getting married next month. Although David has yet to prove his walking prowess, many of us can vouch for his excellent fire making. Perhaps we might get a song from him next time.

HOUSEMATE WANTED

for 3-bedroom brick veneer house - near bush!, parks, public transport and freeway.

\$45 per week - share food: semi-Pritikin.

Could start any time November, December or January, depending on lease.

- CHARLES ANDERSSON 895 1290 (W) 850 1406 (AH)

BUSHWALKING LEADERS

FIRST AID COURSE

OCTOBER 24-26

CAMP OR STAY AT CAMPERDOWN YOUTH HOSTEL

COST \$85 o.n.o.

RING CHARLES ANDERSSON 850 1406

EATING TO SUIT ALL TASTES

For both sides of the gourmet fence: Pritikin and non-Pritikin, try the fare at the Gourmet Deli, 26c Aitken Street, Gisborne. As well as a selection of pies, croissants, paté and other sandwich fillings, they have "Pritikin" fruit cake - and, of course, much more tempting "goodies" for others.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOVEMBER "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

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