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SOCIAL COLUMN

MID-YEAR DINNER

The details for the 1987 MID-YEAR DINNER are as follows:

Date: Location: SATURDAY, 25TH JULY AT 7.30 PM

YUM CHA RESTAURANT & SUPPER CLUB

150 ALBERT ROAD, SOUTH MELBOURNE

Menu:

9 COURSES BANQUET FEAST

Entree Spring roll and pork dim sim

Soup Chicken sweet corn

Main courses Fish with black bean sauce

(Fresh seaperch cooked with a delicious

black bean sauce)

Beef hot pot

Flaming spare ribs

(Foiled pork spare ribs in plum sauce,

flambé with rum)

Honey chicken

(Braised chicken deep fried in batter,

topped with honey sauce)

Special fried rice

Dessert

Banana fritters

Coffee or tea

Cost:

\$22 per head (licensed bar)

There will be a DJ providing dance music.

Contact:

DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms, or the committee member on duty.

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SLIDE SHOW

8 pm Wednesday, 9th September

NATIONAL PARKS AND SCENIC AREAS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

presented by Jopie Bodegraven and Jenny Ross

See page 8 for more details.

FOUND -

or rather, LEFT BEHIND AT MARYSVILLE -

Size 9 joggers, Bata - blue/silver

Ring Brian Busby 354 2094 (Home).

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 WALK

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST SEE PAGE 4

DAYWALKS

AUGUST 1987

SAT. I AUGUST

SKI TRIP - LAKE MOUITAIN

EASY

LEADER

PETER BULLARD

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

LAKE MOUNTAIN SKI TRAILS

We will meet at Lilydale station at 7.00 am and take as few cars as possible. Hopefully there will be some snow by the time of this trip. For those trying skiing for the first time, skis, etc. can be hired at the car park at Lake Mountain.

I plan to firstly do some easy trails and teach the beginners the basics, then perhaps later in the day go further out on some of the harder trails.

Beginners MUST see me before booking.

SUN. 2 AUGUST

COBAW RANCES

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

IAN NEWBOLD AND ALEX VOLTAN

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATHAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

MAP REFERENCE 1:50,000 REDESDALE

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 pm

APPROX. DISTANCE 24 km

We will start off in Cobaw State Forest, making our way to some rocky outcrops in private property. The view promises to be wonderful from here.

From there we follow the ridge to our pick up point on the main road.

SUN. 9 AUGUST

GEIBROOK -- EIERALD LAKE

LEADER

WINIFRED DE SOUZA

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN

MAP REFERENCE

MELWAYS MAPS 188, 127 & 125 - 14th Edition (1982)

APPROX. DISTANCE 16 km

We start at Gembrook and head towards Lake Treganowah (Emerald Lake). Unfortunately we have to cross a main road twice, but the rest of the track is quite secluded and picturesque.

Thence we walk towards Avard picnic ground, partly along dirt tracks and partly along very muddy walking tracks. Despite the mud, this is the best and most interesting part of the walk. Wear appropriate footwear. We should be back in Melbourne early. See you there.

SAT. 15 AUGUST

HISTORICAL WALK -- CHINATOWN

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT

RENDEZVOUS UNDER THE CLOCKS BY 1.45 pm

Melbourne's Chinatown became established during the Gold Rush Era of the 1850s, when many Chinese migrants arrived. The birth of Federation heralded a long period of decline for the area, but later years have seen its renewal, as exemplified by the opening in 1986 of the Museum of Chinese Australian History. The main feature of this walk is an inspection of the museum (entry \$2). Walk finishes 4.30 pm.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 16 AUGUST LONDON BRIDGE - RYE BACK BEACH EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER GRAHAM MASCAS

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVEHUE, 9.00 am
MAP REFERENCE

MELUAYS PAGES 156/7 AND 166/7

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 km

I have ordered a sparkling sunny winter's day for this invigorating walk along the ocean beach. It is not an easy beach walk as we have several scrambles along the low cliffs at this part of the coastline, but it is a splendid walk with a good variety of walking and superb views across the ocean. As this is the only walk on this Sunday and I will not be taking extras in cars I recommend you book early so as not to miss out on a good walk.

SAT. 22 AUGUST SKI TRIP - LAKE MOUNTAIN

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER GRAHAM BREEN PHONE 758 3193 (Home)

APPROX. DISTANCE 25 km

Meet in the shelter at Gerattys Car Park, Lake Mountain at 9.00 am. Special arrangements can be made for those who cannot make that time.

There are now many trails through the skiable areas. However we will be off the trails quite often. Some fun should be experienced by those unused to slaloming through the trees.

Snow conditions will largely dictate where we go; however a pretty wide tour is envisaged. A reasonable proficiency with snow ploughs is required minimum standard.

SUN. 23 AUGUST MORNINGTON PENINSULA

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 PM

APPROX. DISTANCE 16 km

A delightful bushland walk embracing Greens Bush and Highfield National Park and if time permits an extra three to four miles along Main Creek to Bushrangers Bay and from here along the cliff tops to Cape Schank.

SAT. 29 AUGUST DANDENONGS EXPLORER - BELGRAVE - MT MORTON

EASY

LEADER BOB AUJARD

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

SUN. 30 AUGUST COLONELS RANGE - DOLLY'S BRAE

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ROBYN KENNEDY & JEAN GIESE

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 pm

MAP REFERENCE LONGFORD 1:50,000 or MT BERNARD 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 11 & 17 km

Ever heard of Callen Range & Colonel Range? Well that's where we'll be on 30th August, north east of Seymour, in sheep and goat country.

The medium walk commences with a stiff climb up Lorenz Hill then into light forest on the Callen Range where we startled some kangaroos on the preview. The easy walk begins in the Colonel Range, following ridges and climbing knolls round to Crotty Knob. The rocky outcrops are lovely, as are the views all along the way. The latter part of the medium walk will follow much the same route.

There are creeks and fences to be negotiated. If the day is sunny it will be glorious, but if cold/wet you'll need all your protective clothing 'cos there's not much shelter from the wind. Bring water for lunch.

We have a fair way to travel, so will leave promptly at 9.00 am.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 26 JULY ANGAHOOK FOREST PARK/DISTILLERY CREEK/MOGGS CREEK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS PHIL LARKIN PHONE (BUS.) 862 3526

NEIL PRIESTLEY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 8.30 am

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:25,000 AIREYS INLET APPROX. DISTANCE 15 kms EASY; ? kms MEDIUM

Angahook Forest Park forms an attractive natural backdrop to the Great Ocean Road. The park has a variety of bush tracks through forest and heathland, with some excellent views of the coast line. The area has recovered well from the devastating fires of Ash Wednesday in 1983.

Within the park, on the broad, gently undulating ridges, there is a great variety of wildflowers, from correa, bush-pea to orchids. Also there are three types of trees in the park, the most unusual being the red ironbark which is confined to a few sheltered sites on the eastern escarpment. A particularly good example of hardwood forest, where the handsome blue gum stands out, is found near Moggs Creek picnic area. All of this supports a large mammal population, of which you are most likely to see the echidna, common brushtail possum, sugar glider, and the eastern grey kangaroo. Native birds are also numerous and varied, ranging from the wedge-tailed eagle to the small southern emu-wren and the beautiful firetail.

Both walks will st rt from the Distillery Creek picnic area. The route passes by Melaleuca Swamp, rich with bird life, and continues on to the beautiful Currawong Falls. The easy walk will include Ironbark Gorge before returning to Distillery Creek. The medium group will continue across to Painkalac Creek, with some fine views of the surrounding countryside, finishing at Moggs Creek picnic ground.

PLEASE NOTE THIS WALK WILL BE LEAVING HALF AN HOUR EARLY FROM THE CITY AT 8.30 am INSTEAD OF 9.00 am. DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.

Make sure you book early, as it is a popular walk and an enjoyable day.

WEEKENDTRIPS

AUGUST 1987

7-9 AUGUST SKI TRIP - MT STIRLING MEDIUM

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS

Ski around the Mt Stirling area. The leader will make up his mind on the day.

14-16 AUGUST SKI TRIP - FALLS CREEK - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS MEDIUM

LEADER SYLVIA WILSON

TRANSPORT CARS

For <u>years</u> I have been wanting to see the Wild Horse Creek snow plain (beyond Kelly's Hut) under snow as I reckon it would be totally untracked and utterly perfect. So I'm calling this the LOST PLAINS TRIP, and we might even find some more moseying about. Quite honestly I'd like to camp there too, which means a longish pack carry, but I think it will be worth it. Then we'd return via the direct route to Johnsons, hence this is not a beginners' trip, and will need to be ultra light.

In the event of the snow line not being low enough, we could try to get to Spion Kopje - AGAIN.

15-16 AUGUST HISTORICAL GOLDFIELDS RAMBLE

LEADER DOUG POCOCK

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE DRUMMOND 1:25,000 and small part of GUILDFORD 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 22 km

(P.T.O.)

WEEKEND TRIPS (Continued)

Meet at Taradale opposite Post Office at 10.00 am. Saturday morning walk will be through the light bush of Fryers Ranges State Forest. This is good wildflower country and hopefully there will be lots to see. (Grevillea alpina was starting to bloom when we previewed the walk.) We should reach the camp spot by lunch time or early afternoon. If the creek is now flowing we will share a waterhole with the many kangaroos. In the afternoon we will walk (without packs) to Glenluce Springs where water bottles can be filled with mineral water. Those not wanting to walk in the afternoon can fossick around the old gold area along the creek. Next day's walk will be up to Fryerstown. Unfortunately most of the old ruins are now either fenced off or have been renovated into holiday homes, but it is still a fascinating area to wander through. The old Duke of Cornwall Battery chimney is well worth seeing. Leaving Fryerstown, the walk will follow mainly tracks back to the cars, but visiting Taradale Wildflower Sanctuary on the way. This should prove to be an extremely pleasant and interesting walk.

NOTES:

- Anyone wishing to go up on Friday night meet at GR 627859 on Saturday at 10.30 (pleasant camping and water here).
- 2 Anyone wishing to make a harder walk or map reading exercise can be accommodated.
- 3 Current financial members wishing to bring children are welcome.
- 4 The leader shall have 50% of any gold found.

21-23 AUGUST	KARA-KARA STATE PARK - BASE CAMP	EASY
LEADER	FRED HALLS	

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

SPRING WAIK PROGRAME

Septembe					
46	SKI - MT FEATHERTOP	Cars	H/M	Bill Metzenthen	578 1062
Sun. 6	GOULBURN RIVER CHERRY TREE RANGE	Bus	E &!·I	David Pickup & Bob Bell	530 3174
11-13	SKI - THE BLUFF	Cars	11/H	Mark Tischler	25 6607
Sun. 13	WILHELMINA FALLS ROUND TRIF	Bus	E &M	Phil Larkin & Stephen Courtney	813 2271
1821	KAMAROOKA STATE FOREST - BASE CAMP	Cars		Jean Giese	890 2189
1821	SKI - MT BOGONG	Cars	M/H	Merilyn Whimpey	573 1962
Sat. 19	HISTORICAL WALK BRIGHTON	Train	E	Athol Schafer	211 2639
Sun. 20	DYERS FALLS - LODDON RIVER	Bus	E & 1	Alex Voltan & Trish Elmore	544 4763
2527	NORTH GRAMPIANS - FULLY CATERED FOR BASE CAMP	Cars	E&M	Jopie Bodegraven & Jenny Ross	723 3632
Sat. 26	DANDENONGS EXPLORER	Cars	1 2	David Pickup	
Sun. 27	MOORABOOL FALLS - LAL LAL FALLS - MT DORAN	Bus	E &M	Keith White & Ken Baird	534 7439

CHERIO TO MIKE GRIFFIN

Hello Mike, our spies tell me that the Hounds of the Baskervilles will be ready to give chase somewhere along the Yea Spur on Sunday 11th October. I will be pleased to have your company on that day.

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY, 1987

Correspondence

- Letter in from Carolyn Maclean about retention of visitors. The Committee will meet with her at a time to be arranged.
- Letter in from FVWC, about track clearing, rubbish removal, etc. Federation offers to reimburse the cost of hiring brush cutters and chain saws, and to make a contribution to petrol costs associated with maintenance work.
- Letter in from Happy Walker Adventure Tours requesting permission for an insert in News. A short article would be okay, but not the insert, due to Post Office requirements.
- Letter in from Road Traffic Authority, advising us of the requirements for operating our bus in declared hazardous areas. These are all snow resorts, and would rarely affect our day walks program.
- Letter in from Barbara Taylor and letters out to Barbara Taylor, and Anne and Peter Bullard, about the conduct of a recent walk.
- Letter out to Penny Stapley, about retention of visitors.

Treasurer

Balance at 30.6.87 : \$4295.10

Payments	to	be	ra	ti	fi	≥d	0
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rayments to be ratified;	
ACF membership 1987-88	\$ 50.00
CCV membership 1986-37	60.00
Mountain Lodge Guest House (Marysville weekend)	3653.00
D. Pickup - reimbursement for hire of Local Hero	73.00
Nicholas Kinsman - Wilky insurance	333.94
	\$4174.94
Bills to be paid:	
Bus driving and garaging (June 1987)	\$ 430.00
Rampower - fuel and oil (May 1937)	250.68
STAV membership (1987)	25.00
	\$ 705.68
Total bills and payments	\$4880.52

The Treasurer notes that receipts are down in areas other than walks, and advised restraint in expenditure.

Walks Secretary

254 walkers in total 251 day walkers 178 members 3 weekend walkers 76 visitors

The spring programme is now complete.

Social Secretary

Film night attracted 17 people, and covered costs.

Mid year dinner is on 25 July. A deposit of \$200 was approved.

Transport

Vibration in the bus has been checked again. A buckled wheel rim is being straightened.

July 15	Neil, Hick
July 22	Hugh, Herilyn
July 29	Wendy, Keith
August 5	Alex, Neil

Monday August 3. Next Meeting

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Unfortunately we have recently been receiving letters of complaint about leaders. The Committee has been discussing them and has taken any action necessary, but a couple of things emerge that I think need airing.

While we have Rules of Incorporation and an excellent set of Bye Laws one cannot legislate for every occurrence (and I should think not either). We do have some "ways of doing things" that have evolved over the years - like standing in a circle and saying our names, or having a whip. Nothing written down, just our traditions. Newcomers to the club, be they visitors or leaders (yes, it is possible to have an experienced walker and leader who is new to our club) probably find this all very mystifying, but they pick things up in the fullness of time. When one takes out a bunch of newcomers one has no idea what one is going to get, but as a leader one takes them on trust, similarly they take the leader on trust. Sometimes things go wrong, stuff-ups happen, personalities clash and people lose sight of that essential trust, the working together and the making allowances for one another. The club is about people and it's inevitable disagreements occur. Still, I think we should all stand back now and then and ask ourselves, am I really being as considerate as I can be? And if I don't agree with something can I put it in such a way that it's a positive contribution.

Oh heavens, you don't really need me to be pointing this out, but I am really saddened when rifts occur. SOMETIMES YA GODDA BE NICER TO EACH OTHER.

SYLVIA

ALONG THE TRACK

DANDENONGS EXPLORER - FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK - 27 JUNE 1987 - GRAHAM BREEN

The day started off like a re-run of the Great Flood. Those of little faith in my guarantee of a fine day were good enough to phone and let me know. For the small band of the faithful the weather cleared instantly when we started and just kept getting better. We kept to the tracks because of the wet bush and no one even slipped, let alone got damp. The mist rising through the ferns and tall timber in Chandler's saddle had a mystic quality. Little-visited areas were discovered and a relaxing touch was provided near the end of the walk with Devonshire tea around a log fire.

BITS & PIECES

Congratulations to Monique Mascas and David Cahill who will be back in Australia from London in Canada at Christmas to get married at the beginning of January, before returning to Canada for a further spell.

I would like to thank all those concerned for their kind wishes expressed in so many get well cards, letters, phone calls and hospital visits during my recent health problem.

They were so helpful and appreciated and gave me a big lift in strength and confidence and contributed greatly to my steady recovery.

Kindest regards to you all and hopefully we will meet in the bush in the not too distant future.

JIM HEDSTROM

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URGENT!

4th person needed for a week's sailing holiday in the Whitsunday Passage from 21st September to 28th. For full details contact Wendy Barnes (534 4977 home) or Stuart Hodgson.

SLIDES

8.00 PM, WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL PARKS AND SCENIC AREAS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

presented by Jopie Bodegraven and Jenny Ross

Jenny and Jopie will be operating commercial camping and day walking tours to national parks and scenic areas in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and southern Queensland, commencing in January 1988. They are preparing a slide presentation of areas to be visited, to be used for promotional purposes, and need a critical audience to tell them how they can improve the presentation.

Non Victorian areas will be concentrated on and will include the Flinders Ranges, Warrumbungles, Mt Kaputar, Lamington, Carnarvon Gorge, Girraween, Springbrook, Blue Mountains, Kanangra-Boyd, Morton National Park, Snowy Mountains and New South Wales south coast.

Afterwards you will be invited to write down your constructive criticisms and suggestions for improvements.

NEWMERBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Gwenda Bellamy

3/35 Linacre Road, Hampton, 3188

(H) 598 5726

Robyn Hoven

2/41 Fenwick Street, Clifton Hill, 3068

(H) 482 1305

Wendy Ronalds

4/17 Joyce Street, Elwood, 3184

(H) 531 2528; (W) 527 5001

Marilyn Pike

24 Christine Avenue, Eltham, 3095

(H) 439 4405; (W) 490 2736

Wayne Garvey & Jennifer Birch P.O. Box 6465, Melbourne 3004

(5 Stanhope Street, Black Rock, 3193)

(H) 598 3069; (W) 268 5632

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Mike Clode

7/15 Southey Street, Elwood, 3184

(H) 5317689; (W) 3209111

Gerald Young

4 Marsh Way, Bull Creek, W.A. 6155

David Duncas

Work Phone No. 490 2626

Lorna McViety

16 Twc Bays Crescent, Mt Martha, 3934

(059) 74 2857

Steven Desiere

GPO Box 5229BB, Melbourne, 3001

Andrea Linley

2 Finsbury Way, Camberwell, 3124

299 1396

FOOD COLUMN

TASTE OF LIFE CAFE (053) 33 2788

Monday to Saturday: 10.00 am - 10.30 pm. Non-smoking. BYO.

For those of you travelling the Western Highway and feeling in need of some tasty stopping place in Ballarat - this cafe is for you! Food can be eaten there or taken away. There is an amazing choice of vegetarian/non-vegetarian, hot/cold, savoury/desserts plus. A few of us who visited the cafe on the June long weekend had trouble making a decision on what to select! Anyone familiar with Julie Stafford's "Taste of Life" cookbooks will know what to expect. At the moment the cafe is not open on Sunday, but there is a possibility that it might be if business continues to boom.

CLOSING DATE FOR AUGUST NEWS WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST 1987
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.

A FEW COMMENTS ON THE TURNOVER OF VISITORS ON DAY WALKS, ETC.

As most members no doubt are aware, the turnover of visitors on day walks is high, just as it has always been.

In my opinion, the reasons for this are as follows:

- (a) Some people discover after a walk or two that bushwalking is not their cup of tea.
- (b) Some find even the easy walks are too long or too tough for them.
- (c) Some are unfortunate in that they strike a cold, wet and windy Sunday walk and finish up feeling miserably wet, cold and covered in mud, and so give us and walking away.

It has been suggested that we are an unfriendly lot of people and this is given as another reason why people leave us. I generally disagree with this opinion, but I think it has value relative to some of our visitors. I will come back to this point later on.

Our ranks are swelled at times with a number of lonely and/or troubled people and occasionally a handicapped person. These people seek out the Melbourne Bushies to take them bushwalking. They turn to us for company, to forget their problems, and to share the pleasures and adventures of the landscapes with other Bushies, and to participate in and enjoy the social side of our activities. So, whilst I am of the opinion that visitors and new members must make an effort to mix in and establish themselves with us, I believe it is essential that we help them in this regard. Leaders do their best to make newcomers feel at home and ensure that their day's outing with us is a happy one. Most visitors do mix in because they find it no problem. However, the real lonely ones, the non-mixers, are the people who we, as members, must seek out and help.

It is at this point that I refer back to the opinion given that we are an unfriendly bunch. This may be true in relation to the non-mixers, the real lonely ones, who could feel that we are unfriendly. I repeat that we must seek out these people and make them feel at home. Perhaps it would be a good idea if leaders, when the circle of introduction is formed, were to introduce a visitor to a member who would walk and talk with his or her respective visitor for half an hour just to break the ice. What do you think?

A fine example has been set recently by several members, both new and old, who have gently assisted a young blind lady on our Sunday walks. Often the terrain has been rough, but the lady was determined and the members willing to help, and she has been able to achieve what she set out to do.

ART TERRY