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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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#### SOCIAL COLUMN

#### "CATS"

All the tickets have now been sold. Would the people who still have to pay, pay DAVID PICKUP by the 30th June 1987, so that we can collect the tickets.

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#### WINE FOR SALE

There are still six bottles of 1983 Bleasdale Malbec remaining from last year's wine bottling.

They will be auctioned on Wednesday 17th June in the clubrooms at 7.30 pm.

BE THERE WITH YOUR MONEY.

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#### FILM NIGHT

#### "LOCAL HERO"

This very entertaining feature film, produced by David Puttnam (Chariots of Fire, The Killing Fields, The Mission, etc.), tells the story of an American oil executive's visit to a remote village on the west coast of Scotland with a view to purchasing land on which to build an oil refinery. Is he successful or not? If you would like to know the answer, come to the FILM NIGHT at Stuart Hodgson's home in Werribee.

Date:

SATURDAY, 27TH JUNE AT 7.30 PM

Location:

1.2 QUARTOK AVENUE, WERRIBEE

Refreshments:

BYO GRUB & GROG.

Seating:

COFFEE & TEA (INCLUDING "EARL GREY") PROVIDED.

BYO CUSHION.

Cost:

A SMALL LEVY WILL BE MADE TO COVER THE HIRE

OF THE FILM - PROBABLY BETWEEN \$3 AND \$4.

Contact:

DAVID PICKUP IN THE CLUBROOMS.

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#### 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 Fish with black bean sauce courses (Fresh seaperch cooked with a

delicious black bean sauce)

(Continued)

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary Melbourne Bushwalkers Box 17510, 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 (Continued)

Beef Hot Pot Main

Courses Flaming Spare ribs

(Foiled pork spare ribs in plum sauce

flambe 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 PFR HEAD (LICENSED BAR)

There will be a DJ providing dance music.

Contact:

DAVID PICKUP IN THE CLUBROOMS

\*\*SAT. 27 JUNE

DAY WALKS

DANDENONGS EXPLORER - See p.4\*\*

JULY 1987

SUNDAY 5 JULY

VAUGHAN SPRINGS - MT FRANKLIN

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

STAN ATTWOOD & TRISH ELMORE

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 PM

MAP REFERENCE CASTLEMAINE & DAYLESFORD 1:63,360

APPROX. DISTANCE 16 & 18 KM

The walk is in the old gold mining area to the north of Daylesford where gold was discovered in 1856. It is mostly in dry eucalypt forest and old water races bear evidence of past activity.

The medium group will start in the crater of the extinct volcano, Mt. Franklin, and climb to the peak for a view of the surrounding countryside, before joining the route of the easier group in Tarilta Creek.

At the end of the walk you will be able to sample the mineral waters of Vaughan Springs, which is better than some I have tasted.

SUNDAY 12 JULY

PYRITES CREEK -

EASY & MEDIUM

MT LITTLE BULLENGAROOK

LEADERS TRANSPORT

GRAHAM HARDING & ROSEMARY COTTER BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 PM

MAP REFERENCE

TOOLERN VALE & BULLENGAROOK 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 KM

Farmland and bushland, on and off track, make for interesting variety in this walk. Taking in Mt. Gisborne, Mt. Little Bullengarook and Mt. Bullengarook, this wilk will provide ample opportunity for exertion and the views are excellent.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

# SATURDAY 18 JULY HISTORICAL WALK - RICHMOND

EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION,

AT 1.30 PM

We will climb to Vaucluse, once bastion of the colonial respectable, set above the cluttered nineteenth century cottages of the artisan classes. We will take a peep at some of the old haunts of Squizzy Taylor, visit landmarks noted for their association with the colourful figures that once dominated the area. Afternoon tea in early bluestone cottage. Returning to the city about 5.30 pm.

#### SUNDAY 19 JULY MT DISAPPOINTMENT STATE FOREST

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS HUGH DUNCAN & WENDY BARNES

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 PM

MAP REFERENCE UPPER PLENTY & KINGLAKE WEST 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 & 18 KM

Both walks, easy and medium, will be at the south end of the state forest, near Whittlesea. This will give us a short van trip, and a longer time for walking. We will climb from cleared farmland around Upper Plenty, through open forest, and on to the wet mountain ash forest around Mt. Disappointment, home of lyrebirds, mists and rains. From here we will descend again to the Whittlesea-Wallan road, not far from Whittlesea. The walks will be nearly all on tracks, and offer a variety of countryside in an area close to Melbourne.

# SATURDAY 25 JULY DANDENONGS EXPLORER -

FASY

KALORAMA - MT DANDENONG

LEADER

ANNE BULLARD

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN ABOUT 4.30 PM AT ELLIS JEEVES PICNIC AREA

These walks in my personal opinion are very pleasant and relaxed ones. We will be starting and finishing at the Ellis Jeeves Picnic Area. Depending on the people and weather conditions.

- NO. 1: Starting at the picnic area, we go down Mountain Road, which becomes Singleton Terrace, until we come to a V-shaped turn which is Marshall Terrace. Turning left after a while to Old Coach Road, following this until it becomes Jasper Road Hands Road. This in turn becomes Kawarra Native Plant Garden and Kalorama Memorial Reserve. I was thinking of having some afternoon tea here to relax a little before heading back via the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road to our cars at the picnic area. This is the easier walk about 7 km.
- NO. 2: We start at the same spot, go down Mountain Road, but turn left on to a forest track signalled by a gate. We follow this road for some distance until we come to a T-intersection. We turn left and come to Ridge Road. This then does a small curve to Ornata Road and Burkes Lookout, which is a steep road. At this point we can either continue on down Ornata Road to the walking track, OR we can back track a little to Ridge Road, passing Ricketts Sanctuary the arboretum and back to Ellis Jeeves Picnic Area. This walk is roughly 9 km taking the shorter route, not continuing down the walking track. By going the longer extension back to Edward Henty Cottage Ricketts Sanctuary and the Arboretum, the walk is 12 km.

These distances are only estimates. I am going to do them exactly before the 25th so I will be able to let you know precisely how far it is.

I am not taking any phone bookings for this walk from anyone. The reason being that I wish to discuss clothes, equipment and the walks themselves with everyone in person.

The scenery around is beautifully covered by mountain ash, rough tree ferns, creeks and an everglade effect of cool and relaxing scenery.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUNDAY 25 JULY ANGAHOOK FOREST PARK

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS
TRANSPORT

PHIL LARKIN & NEIL PRIESTLEY

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

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

FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK

SATURDAY 27 JUNE DANDENONGS EXPLORER -

EASY

GRAHAM BREEN

LEADER TRANSPORT

TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET, 10.06 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN ABOUT 5 PM

APPROX. DISTANCE 10-15 KM, DEPENDING ON ABILITY OF GROUP

Commence at Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station at 11.15 am.

This walk will follow little-used tracks through open kangaroo-grassed forest to ground fern forest and into fern gullies. One short section will be off the track, so strong footwear is necessary. The park is hilly but only one steep climb is involved. Lunch and drinking water should be carried. The walk will return to the Upper Ferntree Gully Station.

NOTE: This walk is in <u>June</u> and the preview should have appeared before the July walks.

# WEEKEND TRIPS JULY 1987

24-26 JULY

SKI TRIP - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS -

MEDIUM

SPION KOPJE

LEADER TRANSPORT MERILYN WHIMPEY CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 10 PM SUNDAY

APPROX. DISTANCE WHO KNOWS?

MAP REFERENCE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - ALGONA: NELSE 1:25,000

Last year we didn't get to Spion Kopje because of poor visibility, but we had a good time skiing off Mt Nelse and doing a hut crawl. This year I intend to have another go at Spion Kopje, but if weather and snow conditions aren't right there are plenty of other places to go on the high plains - nice sheltered gullies and slopes to suit all grades of skiers.

We'll be camping somewhere on Heathy Spur in trees, so you'll need good snow-worthy equipment. Please see me in the clubrooms if you're in doubt.

31 JULY TO 2 AUGUST SKI TRIP - BAW BAW PLATEAU (RAWSON LODGE)

EASY/MEDIUM

1 WAMSON PODGE

LEADER
TRANSPORT

KEITH WHITE CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 PM, SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE VMTC - BAW BAW NATIONAL PARK

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 & 20 KM

Sandra's on safari up north this year, but the snow show must go on.

Rawson Holiday Resort is located near Erica and just 26 kms from Mt. St. Gwinnear. We have booked 5 twin rooms in the lodge for Saturday night at a tariff of \$21 per person for bed and breakfast. Saturday evening meal will cost approx. \$10. The lodge has heaters, electric blankets and colour TV for you footy fans. Friday night accommodation and evening meal can also be arranged if required.

## WEEKEND TRIPS (Continued)

Given good snow conditions, there will be two full day snow trips, one in the Mustering Flat - Mt. St. Phillack area and the second along the plateau to Mt. Erica.

NOTE: There is a limit of 10 for accommodation but other skiers can join in the day trips on Saturday or Sunday.

#### COMMITTEE NOTES

#### MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE

# Correspondence

There were several letters which the Committee hasn't finished discussing.

#### Treasurer

Balance 31/5/87 \$7818.86

Payments to be ratified Nicholas Kinsman - liability insurance	
extension for cross country skiing	58.85
Printing supplies for "News"	166.02
Bills to be paid	
K. White - Rawson Lodge reimbursement	100.00
Rampower - April fuel and oil	249.90
Printer matter - Winter 87 programme	58.80
- envelopes (overprinted)	282.00
Gronow - gearbox repairs, misc. work	1444.57
Van driving and garaging	530.00
	\$2890.14

#### Walks Secretary

April 244 walkers - 202 day, 42 weekend 168 members, 76 visitors \$1521.00 receipts

#### Duty Roster

June 10th Hugh, Neil
17th Ceri, Ted
24th Wendy, Merilyn
July 1st Hugh, Alex
8th Merilyn, Wendy

#### Next Meeting

Monday, July 6th, 7.00 pm.

# Other points of interest

(1) The club subscribes to several organisations and the committee has been assessing each organisation as to the worth of continuing our support. So far we are definitely in favour of the Conservation Council of Victoria as it offers the largest amount of information on the broadest of topics. We also need to keep this avenue open for airing our views. Also, the Australian Conservation Foundation, being a national body, is worthy of our subscription (and Habitat an interesting publication). The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs and Ski Touring Association of Victoria will, of course, be supported, being our umbrella bodies. We will no longer subscribe to the Native Forests Action Council, and they will be sent an explanatory letter. We felt the CCV covered them. Still for review are Victorian National Parks Association, Wilderness Society and Friends of Bogong National Park.

# COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

If you have any views, please lobby the following:

Federation:

Phil Larkin & Athol Schafer

STAV:
CCV:
ACF:

Sylvia Wilson Hugh Duncan

ACF:
Wilderness Society: Alex Moltan
Friends of Bogong: Wendy Barnes

Or if you want to know about them or read their publications look into the YELLOW BOX (currently being rejuvenated/renewed by Keith, thank you) in the office, or perhaps it should go on the desk at the door.

- (2) Ceri Law has kindly offered (?!) to be Publicity Officer.
- (3) Alex Voltan is Acting "Walk" Editor, hence the vacancy on General Committee.
- (4) The bus continues to be full on most Sunday walks (good), however sometimes people can't get on (not good); so book early with your money in your hot little hand. Booking procedures are being looked into, again.

#### NOTICEOF

#### HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

The Half-Yearly General Meeting of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.) will be held in the clubrooms at 8 pm on Wednesday 19th August 1987. All members are invited to attend.

Nominations are open for one General Committee Member.

MOTTON:

"That although the 1987 Annual General Meeting gave the mandate to the new Committee to produce 'Walk 1988', it is unable to do so because of a lack of contributions."

Proposed: Sylvia Wilson Seconded: Keith White

#### UPDATE ON PEOPLE

The Old Lady of the Rocks refuses to lie down and die, despite scurrilous runes, anyway I've got lots of news for you.

First, the delightful news that Monique Mascas and Dave Cahill are getting married after Christmas - here, in Melbourne. This has been an across the world romance, both are in Canada now, and I, for one, am very pleased indeed for them.

Those of you who remember Gerry Kottek will be pleased to hear he and Marnie Forster (whom he met at Wilkie one winter years ago, faithfully reported by this column), have had a baby boy, André Lothar, in May. Time we had a third generation, Melbourne Bushies.

You've probably heard Jim Hedstrom had a heart attack a fortnight ago and was in hospital. He's back home now and making a steady recovery, thank goodness. Keep it up, Jim, we miss you no end!

Mick Mann should be severely beaten over the head for not reporting on the wedding of Jill Strickland. The editor was unable to find out more details, so if you want to know, ask Mick or the lady herself.

Terrific vote of thanks to Rob Ayre who ran a first rate navigation day to the You Yangs in May. We all benefited enormously.

# NEWMEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

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