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ORDINARY MEMBERS \$20
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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

YHA BADMINTON & PORTABLE HOSTELS

presents a

BUSH DANCE

starring

THE MICHAEL HARRIS QUINTET

FRIDAY 29TH MAY 1987

SOUTH MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

BYO SUPPER, DRINK & GLASS. TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED.

TICKETS \$6.00

We have booked two tables (i.e. 24 tickets) for this excellent function. The NEW band, by all reports is fantastic. There will be no square dancing.

If you would like to purchase one or all of the remaining seven tickets, CONTACT DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms. DON'T DELAY.

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"CATS"

THE MISICAL OF THE CENTURY

IS

COMING TO MELBOURNE

The seats that we have booked for this show are going like hot cakes. There are now THREE left.

The details are:

LOCATION: HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1988 COST: \$36.00 (a saving of \$3.00)

ENQUIRIES - DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms.

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WINE FOR SALE

There are still FOR SALE a few bottles of red wine remaining from the wine bottling last year.

The details are:

- 1. 1982 Cabernet Shiraz \$2.60 per bottle
- 2. 1983 Bleasdale Malbec \$2.80 per bottle

To purchase contact DAVID PICKUP in the clubrooms.

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SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

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:

12 QUARTOK AVENUE, WERRIBEE

REFRESHMENTS:

BYO GRUB & GROG.

COST:

COFFEE & TEA (INCLUDING "EARL GREY") PROVIDED 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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ADVANCE NOTICE

MID-YEAR DINNER

This regular function will be held in the second half of July. All the details will be published in next month's newsletter.

"WALK" MAGAZINE

Please send articles, track notes, photos, anything pertaining to bushwalking to

The Editor
"Walk '88"

Box 1751Q, G.P.O. MELBOURNE. 3001.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Leonie and Hugh Duncan re Catherine, who was born earlier than anticipated, but apparently all are well.

SLANDER & LIBEL COLUMN

When Sylvia Wilson goes walking, She amazes with never-stop talking. She natters for hours . . . Smells all the flowers . . . And stands around constantly gawking.

from GOOD FRIENDS

VAN DEPARTURE TIME

This article is a general comment without reference to anyone in particular.

The van is scheduled to <u>LEAVE</u> at 9 am on Sundays. It is the discretion of the leader as to how many minutes shall be waited for late arrivals.

A suggestion for those arriving after 8.50 and finding a parking problem - drive to the pick-up point, notify the leader and leave your pack.

When looking for a park (if Batman Avenue is full close by), try the service lane in St. Kilda Road. It's no further to walk and usually quite empty.

It would be a pity to miss the van and a walk by not heeding the above advice.

WALK CHARGES

A motion was passed at the May committee meeting to increase walk charges as follows:

Sunday bus trips \$10 Cycle, bus trips \$14

Visitor fee \$2 (unchanged)

This will be effective from the first day walk in June (Sunday, June 7th).

This is the first increase in walk charges since we purchased the club bus in September 1984, and is necessary to cover unexpectedly high servicing costs due to two major repairs (new braking system and gear box).

Unfortunately, the winter program has been printed with the current walk charges prior to the decision. We hope to over-stamp this information before distribution.

DAY WALKSJUNE 1987

SUNDAY 24 MAY COLIBAN FALLS - GRANITE CREEK FALLS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

CHARLES ANDERSSON & IAN NEWBOLD
TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.15 PM APPROX. DISTANCE 10 OR 15 KM

The easier walk, led by Ian, will walk to the spectacular falls and then south along the river. It should be a beaut sunny day north of the Divide.

The medium walk will mainly cover distance as there's minimal up and down. A diversion to the State Forest will keep us busy.

SUNDAY 7 JUNE KINGLAKE CENTRAL - JEHOSAPHAT GULLY EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ROD TOPOR & MAUREEN HURLEY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 PM

MAP REFERENCE STRATHEWEN 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 15-18 KM

Kinglake National Park contains an attractive mixture of forest, fern gully, and cleared land. Also many hills. The current plan is for both walks to visit Mt. Beggary, Mt. Everard, Steels Creek picnic ground, Mt. Jerusalem, and end at Jehosaphat Gully picnic ground. The easy walk will be entirely on tracks, but both walks may be on the hard side. See the leaders in the clubrooms for more details.

MONDAY 8 JUNE MT. RIDDELL MEDIUM

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT TRAIN TO LILYDALE - BUS TO HEALESVILLE

TICKET: "ANYWHERE" TRAVEL CARD TIME OF DEPARTURE - SEE LEADER

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN CITY 7.00 PM

Peak baggers! Mount Riddell, one of the more accessible peaks of the Warburton Plateau, has not been visited by the club for ten years. A defined "walkers only" track winds through magnificent forests. Whether the top will be gained depends on how early a start is made, so please contact the leader beforehand if you want to "bag" the peak, or are just content for an easy ramble around the approaches.

EASY

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DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUNDAY 14 JUNE MT. WORTH STATE PARK

MEDIUM & EASY

LEADER DAVID PICKUP
SUB LEADER STUART HODGSON

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 PM

MAP REFERENCE MT. WORTH 1:25,000; WARRAGUL 1:100,000; MOE 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE MEDIUM .6 KM; EASY 12 KM

This State Park is situated south-east of Warragul. It is one of few areas of uncleared bush remaining in the Strzeleckis, and includes farmland that is being converted back into bush.

Vegetation consists mainly of mountain ash and many ferns. Lyrebirds, olive whistlers, crimson and grey butcher birds. If we are lucky, we shall see wedge-tail eagles.

The walk will be through forest, open farmland (within the State Park) and a segment of unmade road.

There will be magnificent views across the La Trobe Valley towards Mt. Baw Baw.

SUNDAY 21 JUNE EAST WARBURTON - BIG PATS CREEK - MEDIUM/HARD & EASY STARLING GAP

LEADERS PHIL LARKIN & JIM HEDSTROM

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

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

SATURDAY 27 JUNE DANDENONGS EXPLORER -

FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK

LEADER GRAHAM BREEN

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

SUNDAY 28 JUNE GELLIBRAND STATE PARK

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT DUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 AM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 PM

MAP REFERENCE SUNBURY 1" TO 1 MILE

APPROX. DISTANCE 16 KM

An interesting and beautiful walk embracing red gum rural country with a touch of history of early settlement combined with a pleasant stroll along the Maribyrnong River but with perhaps a somewhat cold and bracing crossing of this river, which is usually shallow at this point. From the river we follow one of its tributaries, the Jackson Creek, for a couple of miles in the Sydenham Park. Last year, with several willing helpers, a bridge was constructed to make the crossing. Maybe that will be the case this year too - no guarantees though. The walk is only a short distance from the city so we should be walking by 9.45 am.

I plan to organise some weekend walks which will be suitable for beginners. I will be using these trips to introduce my own children (aged 10 and 12) to weekend walking, and invite other members to do the same. This will give children (and other beginners of course) a chance to learn the skills of bushwalking in a safe and friendly atmosphere and perhaps give us some future weekend walkers for the club. Any children who come must be in the charge of current club members who must accept full responsibility for them. As I will be putting safety and enjoyment first any walk may have to be changed or cancelled at the last minute if weather conditions turn foul.

WEEKEND WALKS JUNE 1987

5-9 JUNE (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND) HATTAH/KULKYNE

MEDIUM

LEADER

CHARLES ANDERSSON

TRANSPORT TRAIN FROM SPENCER STREET, 9.35 PM

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 AM TUESDAY

MAP REFERENCE ALGONA: HATTAH/KULKYNE NATIONAL PARK

APPROX. DISTANCE 40 KM

Hattah is a versatile park. We will arrive at sunrise and make our way to the lake campsite after lunch. There's aboriginal shield trees and beautiful red sand dunes nearby - and maybe a shiny frost in the morning.

Then we head for the Murray and leave the Mallee. People can camp here or in the bulloaks - with the wind whistling on the plains.

The final day brings us back to the main camp ground and the nature trail, if people want.

There also may be some scope for possum prowls, making pottery out of Murray River clay, and families could be accommodated in my walk.

5-8 JUNE (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND) HATTAH LAKES BASE CAMP EASY & MED.

LEADER

KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT

CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 PM MONDAY

MAP REFERENCE ALGONA: HATTAH/KULKYNE NATIONAL PARK

Hattah seems a friendly place to walk. There are no long, sweaty spurs to climb, no icy rivers to cross or razor sharp scrub, just the gentle swell of a sand dune, the shimmer of a lake surface and the quiet beauty of the Mallee abounding with kangaroos and birds. Sound idyllic?

The three walks planned for the weekend will explore the major parts of the lake system.

Day I will be an easier walk tracing the series of lakes starting at Little Hattah to the tiny, isolated Nip Nip.

Day 2 is a medium walk starting from Lake Mournpall and walking north to Lake Bitterang, where I counted over 100 emus grazing last October. We will then follow Chalka Creek and circle around back to Mournpall.

Day 3 will be another easy day tracing around Lake Lockie and across the dry lake bed of Roonki.

Bring water for the weekend as the lake water is not suitable for drinking.

Although the distance from Melbourne is long, the roads are generally straight and flat.

13-14 JUNE

CATHEDRAL RANGE

EASY

LEADER

DOUG POCOCK

TRANSPORT.

CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN EARLY MAP REFERENCE ALGONA GUIDES

This walk will start at 10.00 am from Cooks Mill. Saturday morning is the hardest part, with a fairly steep climb to Jawbones Saddle. However, once there, camp will be set up and the afternoon spent without packs exploring along towards Sugarloaf. On Sunday walk towards the Cathedral, with side trips to the Cathedral Peak and maybe explore "The Gorge". After dropping down to Little River on the new track, we return to the cars.

This walk will be suitable for children, for newer members to be introduced to overnight walking, or for any member who feels like a pleasant, easy walk.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

19-21 JUNE MARYSVILLE GUESTHOUSE WEEKEND VARIABLE

LEADERS
GRAHAM & MARIJKE MASCAS
PRIVATE
OR BUS FROM WHIGHT'S TOURIST BUREAU,
122 FLINDERS STREET, 6.30 PM, ARR. 9.15 MARYSVILLE
RETURN MARYSVILLE 3.00 PM SUNDAY.
(BOOK YOUR OWN BUS PLEASE)
BUS TAKES YOU RIGHT TO THE GUESTHOUSE, AND
COLLECTS YOU.

ACCOMMODATION MOUNTAIN LODGE, MARYSVILLE

Guest house accommodation Singles will share

Guest house accommodation. Singles will share with one or perhaps two other persons. Couples can have a room of their own. Arrival in the guest house is Friday after tea. (You can come earlier, book in, and have tea in the pub.) Departure Sunday afternoon.

Walks will be organised for Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. If you want to go skiing, horse riding, golfing, cycling, make your own arrangements. All meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch are included (packed lunch on request only).

Cost \$70 per person.

Rooms with private facilities \$15 per room extra. For further details see page 8.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!!!

We are planning a canoe trip on the Upper Murray at Christmas for anyone interested. We are giving early notice so that anyone who is interested but hasn't had canoeing experience could try a canoe course organised by various bodies. It will be a four-or-so-day trip straight after Christmas, so will give people time for extended walks afterwards.

DOUG POCOCK & JAN LLEWELYN

FAMILY WALKING GROUP

Contact numbers: Ian & Marion Hill 786 6580

Maria & Warren Baker 890 8498

May 16-17 Melville Caves Navigation Alex & Margaret Stirkul 850 7493 Long weekend - Hattah/Kulkyne June 5-6-7 Marion & Ian Hill 786 6580 Base Camp July 26 Yarra River, Kew Barry & Gwenda Short 725 1835 Aug 29 Badgers Creek Bob & Estelle Abbas 87 8332 Long weekend - Grampians Wildflowers Marion & Ian Hill

Sept 24-27 Long weekend - Grampians Wildflowers Marion & Ian Hill Base Camp 786 6580

IT'S ON AGAIN!!!

FOR THE FIFTH!!!! YEAR

MARYSVILLE DEGENERATE WEEK-END

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MOUNTAIN LODGE

FRIDAY 19 JUNE-SUNDAY 21 JUNE

DAY ACTIVITES

WALKING, SKIING, GOLFING, CYCLING, HORSERIDING, FISHING, TENNIS

(tennis shoes only on the court)

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

TABLE TENNIS, SNOOKER, CAMES, FIRESIDE READING, SINC-SONGS

(piano players bring music please), PLEASANT COMPANY.

DINING ROOM

EXCELLENT MEALS(fast before and diet after the week-end)

This is definatelynot a pritikin or vegetarian week-end!!

SUZETTE AND HUBERT NASL ARE YOUR CHARMING HOSTS

BOOKINGS OPEN MAY 20, 7.30 p.m.

FULL AMOUNT ONLY, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

COST: \$70 per person, rooms with private facilities \$15 per room extra

Graham & Marijke Mascas

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD ON MAY 4th

Correspondence

- 1. A letter from a new member who is also a professional group leader is who is offering her advice specifically on why we lose two-thirds of our visitors. We are inviting her to talk to the committee to start with.
- 2. A letter from Art Terry re Greens Bush Appeal. Greens Bush is a track of land on the Mornington Peninsula which if purchased would link three sections of the Nepean State Park and be of particular benefit to bushwalkers. Art has asked for a donation from the club of \$1000. While we support this concept in principle, the club does not have funds of this nature to donate, certainly at this stage. However, if individuals would like to make a donation, I'm sure Art would like to hear from them. The full appeal notice will go up on the notice board.

Treasurer

Bank balance 30/4/87 \$3467.68 (last month \$3285.69).

Bills to be paid

Driving and garaging of bus	\$430.00
Printing supplies for "News"	\$385.42
Clubroom rental	\$625.00
Oil and petrol for bus	\$214.99
Wilkinson Lodge expenses	\$199.00

Total \$1854.41

The Treasurer also gave us a comprehensive break-down of the bus expenses (no pun intended) and has recommended we raise bus fees up \$1 to \$10 (\$12 for visitors). This will become effective from the end of June.

Walks Secretary

March walkers: 260 day walkers 213 members 76 weekend walkers 127 visitors

Income \$2242.50

"Walk" Magazine

Alex Voltan is acting as business manager and is still breathlessly anticipating articles.

Duty Roster

May 13 Ceri, Sylvia

20 Rob, Wendy

27 Neil, Ted

June 3 Wendy, Rob

Next Meeting

Monday, June 1st at 7.00 pm.

Further points of interest

It seems that Melbourne Bushwalkers are conspicuous by their absence on Federation organised track clearing and maintaining exercises. The Walks Secretary, among others, thinks perhaps we should do some consciousness-raising about this issue, and will bring it up at the half-yearly general meeting in August. Meanwhile, what do you think?

ANAKIE & DISSENT

It was 29 March and raining and miserable as I set off with the easy group on the Brisbane Ranges-Steiglitz walk.

After lunching, sitting in the pool of runoff water from my cape, I was plodding happily along the track musing what good weather it was for the frog pack in front, when a voice from behind said, "Have you joined us now?".

"No", I said, "this is the easy walk . . isn't it."

"No, this is the medium walk", replied the voice.

It was too late to worry about David Pickup pining over my dissent from his easy party, and besides which it was obviously my punishment for all the rude remarks I had made about people who choose to do the harder walk on a rainy day - or was it my penance for only making it on a Dandenongs Explorer the previous weekend.

I had no choice but to slog it out with the masochists. We tramped at length across the windswept paddocks, at one point against a side wind which threatened to blow us into the thistle thickets being dodged underfoot.

Then, lo and behold, we descended into what I recognised as the Moorabool Gorge area - a place I had been to a few weeks before and fallen in love with. The sun came out to shine on the surrounding hills against the blue sky, as we munched our afternoon tea on the reedy bank of the river.

As we ascended I heard the whip mutter something to the effect that it didn't matter because the only walker behind her was an easy walker, but I was consoled by the eerie feeling that I had wanted to return to Moorabool so much that I had unwittingly chosen to follow the mob that was going there.

Approaching the van from behind I was greeted by a host of grinning faces in the back window and as we returned to Melbourne I resolved that one day I might actually choose to do the medium walk.

ROSEMARY BAXTER

NEWMBERS

We welcome the following new members.

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CLOSING DATE FOR JUNE "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE 1987