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## SOCIAL COLUMN

#### BIRD OBSERVERS CLUB

Mr Ap-Thomas from the above organisation has very kindly agreed to talk and show us slides about bird life in and around Melbourne.

This event will take place in the clubrooms on Wednesday 23 September at 7.30 p.m.

His material may help to add another dimension to bushwalking for you.

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#### FILM NIGHT

## "TRAVELLING NORTH"

STARRING LEO MCKERN AND JULIA BLAKE

We have arranged a group booking for this excellent film based on David Williamson's play. The details are:

Location Longford Cinema, 59 Toorak Road, South Yarra

Time 9,15 p.m.

Date 1st October 1987

Cost \$5.50 each

If you would like to come please contact David Pickup in the clubrooms. It will probably be a good idea to have a meal in one of South Yarra's bistros beforehand and David will let you know where when you make your booking.

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#### WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, 7.30 PM

Jenny Ross and Jopie Bodegraven have very kindly allowed us the use of their home for this function.

It will be an evening in which to sample some interesting wines and a range of tasty cheeses. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Cover charge \$8.00.

The evening is limited to 40 people. Location 1 Wickham Road, Croydon. Telephone 723 3632.

Contact Jopie (723 3632) or David Pickup in the clubrooms.

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 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

#### WALKS DAY OCTOBER 1987

## SAT. 2 SEPTIMBER DIMINIONS EXPLORER

FACY

LEADER

DAVID PICKUP

As the Mullum Creek walk is unsuitable, this walk will be in and around the Doongalla Forest Reserve.

For full details please contact David Pickup on or after 23rd September in the clubrooms or telephone him on 878 0414.

#### SAT. 3 OCTOBER CYCLE TRIP

MEDIUM

LEADER

ART TERRY

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00-7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE A GOOD ROAD MAP

APPROX. DISTANCE 60-80 KM

Unless wind direction dictates otherwise, our route will be what a few regular riders consider to be the prettiest of all rides. Starting from Pyalong, we will follow Mollison's Creek into Tallarook, then along the Goulburn River valley to the King Parrot Creek valley to Strath Creek, climb the Murchison Spur and finish at Broadford. As usual Dennis will be two or three miles behind us all the time, so it is possible to terminate your ride whenever and wherever you decide.

## SUN. 4 OCTOBER

#### DYERS RESERVE - MORTIMERS RESERVE

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

GRAHAM BREEN & BRIAN MARRIOTT

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7 P.M.

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM EASY; 20 KM MEDIUM

The walk traverses the Black Snake Range from east to west, ascending from the north and descending to the south. The lower slopes are poor soils and support many banksias and hakeas covered in flowers. Higher up the slopes are many other flowering shrubs and a variety of wattles. The deeper soils to the west support wet forest and fern gullies. There are many forestry tracks throughout the area. Good views can be had along the top of the range. The walk is mainly on gentle gradients and does not involve any prolonged steep climbs or descents. The medium walk involves some walking off tracks. Water should be carried.

#### FOR SALE

KARHU 200 XCD SKIS with H.D. 75mm binding and heel locators

\$130 o.n.o.

Phone Keith Warburton 546 9592

#### WANTED

FISCHER EUROPA 99 CROWN SKI (1 ski only) 210 cm

Phone 25 6607

Mark Tischler

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 11 OCTOBER MT. TALLAROOK - KING PARROT CREEK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS BILL PENROSE (592 9140) - EASY

HUGH DUNCAN MEDIUM

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE STRATH CREEK 1:25 000

APPROX. DISTANCE 13 & 17 KM

The walks are in the Tallarook State Forest - in the Brown Range - north east of Broadford on the Hume Highway. The easy walk will start with a bit of leg stretching and deep breathing. This will involve an attack on the south face of Mt. Tallarook, a climb of about 150 metres. It shouldn't be too steep.

At the top we will pause for morning tea or perhaps an early lunch. The views are spectacular. If you feel it's been a bit too easy and are wishing you'd joined the medium group - then you can climb the fire tower a few times.

The medium group (Hugh) will also climb Mt. Tallarook, but from a somewhat lower starting point. They may approach via the oddly named Daby-Minga Creek.

The rest of the walks will follow the undulating ridge top in an easterly direction - finishing in the vicinity of King Parrot Creek.

## SUN. 11 OCTOBER BROADFORD - YEA MARATHON TOUGH

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT
BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 A.M.
MAP REFERENCE
TALLAROOK 1:50,000; YEA 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 50 KM

This exercise is a 30 mile cross country run/climb embracing many hills, three mountain ranges, a few creeks and numerous fences. The scenery is superb, so if you consider yourself fit enough and like a physical challenge, then this is your cup of tea. See me in the clubrooms for further details.

## SUN. 18 OCTOBER GREEN HILL - CALLAN'S RANGE - EASY & MEDIUM HUGHES CREEK

LEADERS ROB AYRE AND SYLVIA WILSON

TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE MT. STEWART & MT. BERNARD 1:25 000 (Victorian

Lands Department)

or YEA AND LONGWOOD 1:50 000 (National Mapping)

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 AND 17 KM

This walk takes in the Hughes Creek flora reserve some 20 km NNW of Yea, and generally follows Hughes Creek downstream.

The medium walk will start beside the creek just south of Green Hill, in farmland where the creek crosses huge granite slabs. This group will climb Wicket Hill and then cross to Callan's Range.

The easy group will probably start further downstream, but may need to wade the creek - a towel is recommended.

Both groups will climb Callan's range and descend into the flora reserve. From there, we will follow Hughes Creek northward, at first through bushland and then into farming country, until the end of the walk at "Booroola", near the northern tip of Callan's range.

P.S. Rob hasn't mentioned all the smashing flowers we hope to find: orchids are the specialty of the flora reserve; and the fantastic views from up on the tops: 360 sweeping stuff; and the delightful scenery along Hughes Creek. All very varied and interesting. We thought the easy walk wouldn't be suitable for newcomers to the club, it's a bit long and committing, so we won't take them, it's good substantial walking here. If you haven't already been to this corner of the earth and fallen in love with it come now, it's terrific! - SW

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUNDAY 25 OCT. GENTLE ANNIE - GREVILLEA RESERVE - EASY & MEDIUM

QUARTZ CREEK - NEERIM

LEADERS FRED HALLS AND GRAEME THORNTON
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 A.M.

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

SUN. 31 OCTOBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER - SHERBROOKE FOREST - EASY

TINDALE GARDENS

LEADER DORRIE WARTON

TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET, 8.49 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 5.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE "OUTDOORS IN THE DANDENONGS" BY TYRONE THOMAS

MAP NO. 7 (MICAWBER PARK) E.2.

or MELMAYS MAP 75, G.7.

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 EN

Beginning at Micawber Park, we walk through the beautiful Sherbrooke Forest, visiting Tindale Gardens where a voluntary donation entrance fee is appreciated.

Anyone who wishes to be picked up at Belgrave Station to be transported to Micawber Park for the beginning of the walk please ring me at 059 68 3131 or notify Peter Bullard in the clubrooms when booking.

I aim to start walking at 10.30 a.m. Roll up - especially all the "Oldies".

Note change of date for this walk - it is now one week later than listed on the Walks Program.

## WEEKEND WALKS OCTOBER 1987

18-21 SEPTEMBER KAMAROOKA STATE FOREST (PACK CARRY)
(24 KM NE OF BENDIGO)

EASY

LEADER JEAN GIESE

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE SUMMER FIELD 1:25 000; MAYREEF 1:25 000

BENDIGO WHIPSTICK FOREST PARK MAP (a bit dated)

APPROX. DISTANCE 24 KM

### First weekend walk of spring

Kamarooka State Forest Park was only proclaimed within the last 12 months, so this is a "first" for our club. Dust off those packs (or new walkers hire some gear from Neil) and come with me to explore "our" new acquisition.

This is one of the southernmost areas for Mallee. We will be able to identify four types: green, blue, bull and kamarooka. The Whirrakee wattle which grows only around here should be spectacular - in fact the park should be ablaze with wildflowers. I'm told more than 100 birds are regularly recorded in the open forests of red ironbark and box, and the mallee areas support many species of birds of the dry country.

We will be walking mainly on bush tracks. Bring water for Friday night camp.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

2-4 OCTOBER MCFARLANES SADDLE - MT. WELLINGTON - EASY/MEDIUM LAKE TARLI KARNG

LEADER PETER BULLARD

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN SUNDAY NIGHT

MAP REFERENCE VMTC SNOWY PLAINS, MT. KENT, TARLI KARNG 1:50 000

APPROX. DISTANCE 28 KM

This walk will start and finish at McFarlane's Saddle.

Friday night we will stay at Breakfast Creek before driving the rest Saturday morning.

I intend to walk across the Wellington Plains and the Spion Kopje Range and then make camp near Miller's Hut before going out to the Sentinels for a view of Tarli Karng.

Sunday I hope to walk out over Mt. Wellington and Trapyard Hill before returning to the cars.

As the views should be great into various areas cameras would be a good idea.

As weather in this area can be unpredictable, I recommend that bad weather gear be taken.

9-11 OCTOBER MELVILLE CAVES BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER ANNE BULLARD

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN SYNDAY

This weekend will be a base camp. On our preview we found a lovely spacious and soft grassy camp site. We can spread out and yet be near enough to feel safe.

There will be lovely wildflowers, orchids and the wattles are already out in full bloom beautifully. The area has some lovely rock formations, some of which were used by Captain Melville as his hide out and stables for his horses.

This weekend promises to be good fun and many interesting things will be seen and explored. Please come - there is something for young and old alike.

16-18 OCTOBER MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU (GRAMPIANS) MEDIUM

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE AFARAT 1:100 000; FORESTS COMMISSION GRAMPIANS

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM

A classic Grampians walk at the best time of the year. A few ups and downs, great views, spring flowers. Look out for the snow gums.

17-18 OCTOBER MT. SAMARIA WILDFLOWER WALK

LEADER DOUG POCOCK

TRANSPORT CARS

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

23-25 OCTOBER ELDORADO - MT. PILOT - BEECHWORTH EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE BEECHWORTH 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM

Good walking through some of the old gold mining areas of north eastern Victoria. On Saturday, after a short car shuffle, the walk starts near Eldorado and will mainly follow forest tracks to an early afternoon camp beside a creek. This will allow time for a cross-country side trip to Mt. Pilot. (Continued)

## WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

On Sunday, we cross open country and then follow Spring Creek past Woolshed Falls to Beechworth. There are good views of the falls and the gorge on the way.

30 OCTOBER TO 1 NOVEMBER

OTWAYS BASE CAMP

EASY

LEADER

SPENCER GEORGE

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

LORNE FOREST WALKS (FORESTRY COMMISSION)

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM EASY, NO PACKS

Creeks, fern gullies, waterfalls, some beach walking and time for swimming in rivers and the ocean are part of the menu for this weekend. Not suitable for grandmothers in wheel chairs. NO SCRUB!!

#### SPRING SKIING

Don't you worry. There's lots of snow for spring skiing this year. I'm planning my traditional Show Day + Friday + Sat/Sun trip to Tawonga Huts/Mt. Fainter. Also the mandatory Cup Day weekend trip to Kossie.

These aren't club trips (for this read completely unorganised) but anyone is welcome to come if they wish. I understand Phil Coleman will have a huge mob in at Kossie this year so some reinforcements for our side would be an advantage.

GRAEME THORNTON 878 0660 (H)

541 1222 (W)

#### CYCLISTS

Interested in riding from Stawell to Melbourne December 5 to 13 this year in the Caltex Great Victorian Bike Ride?

Overnight stops at Halls Gap, Hamilton, Port Fairy, Port Campbell, Colac, Torquay and Rosebud.

Daily cycling distances average 75 kms; two days are just over 100 kms each.

Special Group Discount entry \$177 provides:

- travel to Stawell for you and your bike
- 3 good meals each day
- free supported camping facilities
- transport of camping gear each day
- back up support by sag wagon, bike mechanics, medical and massage services, entertainment
- T shirt, badge, guide book, etc.
- membership of Bicycle Victoria for 6 months

Further details available from

KEITH LLOYD Fhone (W) 656 9915

(H) 428 4647

who will be arranging group entry with fees paid by October 23.

#### WALK PROGRAMS

#### 1. CHRISTMAS TRIPS

I would like to include some longer Christmas trips on the coming Summer Program which goes to print early October. So far we have two trips -

December 24-27 Exploring the Upper Cumberland with Phil Larkin December 26-31 Murray River Canoe Trip with Doug Pocock

Has any leader got a strenuous alpine walk or a more leisurely lilo trip up their sleeve?

An eight day moving base camp exploration of the Rodger River and Errinundra Plateau area of East Gippsland has been suggested but needs a leader.

#### 2. WALK COMMITTEE MEETING

We are having our next Walks Committee meeting on Tuesday night, 6th October at Phil Larkin's flat in East Hawthorn to plan the 1988 autumn and winter walks programs.

We would welcome some new faces at the meeting with some new ideas for walks or other activities worth considering for the program.

There are 26 Sunday walks and almost as many weekend walks to be listed.

Give Phil or me a call if you are able to attend.

KEITH WHITE

## COMMITTEE NOTES

## MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 1987

#### Correspondence

Nothing of note. What a relief!

#### Treasurer

- 1. Balance at 31.8.87 \$6169.17
- 2. Payments to be ratified:

Road Traffic Authority - van registration	542.10
Victoria Conservation Trust -	
Greens Bush Appeal	200.00
	\$742.10

#### 3. Bills to be paid:

Bowyang's - maps	85.50
Rampower - fuel & oil July 1987	223.04
Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs -	
affiliation fee	250.00
Peter Gronow - repairs and inspection	
of van (2 bills)	546.35
Printed matter - printing of spring	
program	58.80
Public liability insurance	852.50
Gestetner Pty Ltd - Printing supplies	254.99
RACV membership	33.00
Driving and garaging of the van,	
keys cut	551.00
Reimbursement of D. Davies -	
van insurance	432.28

TOTAL: \$ 4029.56

\$3287.46

## COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

## Walks Secretary

July 233 Total

210 Day walkers

23 Weekend walkers

192 Members

41 Visitors

\$1722.00 income

The Walks Committee are having a meeting on Tuesday 6th October to plan March/April/May 1988 and possibly the winter program too. If you have any ideas, suggestions, favourite places to go, etc., Keith would be delighted to hear from you.

#### Duty Roster

September 16 David Pickup, Ceri

23 Jenny, Rob

30 Ed, Bob

October 7 Sylvia, Wendy

## Next Meeting

Monday, October 5th.

## HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING NOTES

#### MEETING HELD 26/8/87

Just to let you know briefly what we decided:

- 1. That "Walk 1988" would not be published.
- 2. That we would adopt a track or tracks to maintain, working in conjunction with the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs. (Bob Bell is kindly organising this.)
- 3. Hugh Duncan gave us a Wilkie update, i.e. a submission to the Alpine Planning people.
- 4. The election of Bob Bell to general committee. Congratulations.
- 5. Donation of \$200 to Greens Bush Appeal. The cheque was sent off promptly as the appeal closes shortly. Both Art and Athol have information on this. Perhaps they can keep us posted about further developments.

## CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Athol Schafer (H) 211 2649 Phil Larkin (W) 262 3526

Elaine Collins - 1 Cairinini Court, Strathdale, 3550 (W) (054) 43 0411

Alec Glowgowski - Flat 3 Ulupna Road, Ormond, 3136 578 0316

#### A LETTER FROM LESLEY FORBES

Dear Members of Melbourne Bushwalkers,

After reading the last copy of "News" which was posted to me, I do hope the Club will always remain a happy one. My first walk with the Melbourne Bushies was almost my last as we climbed Mt. Despair in pouring rain and I was utterly miserable. Peter Bullard was the leader and for the last part he walked with me and I was so grateful for the courtesy he showed me. Without his kindness I doubt whether I would have ever walked with the Club again. New members feel very much alone unless someone takes the trouble to talk to them.

Life in Canberra is different and after bringing up three children of my owr, getting back to changing mapkins and having no one to talk to except a 12 month old little girl, isn't quite what I planned for my retirement. However, there are compensations as there is a wonderful heated swimming pool within walking distance with a partly glass roof and as there is lots of sunshine in Canberra, despite the low temperatures, the sun streams in. With a lot of hard work I have got up to 20 laps in a 25 metre pool. I have also started up golf again and am practising on a public golf course not too far away. I am very fortunate to have a Casual Day Care Centre close by so Rosie is a very happy member of that small group who frequent it, and it leaves poor old granny free to do her own thing.

I have been on two walks with the Canberra Bushwalkers and both have been extremely long hard walks, but somehow I have survived. The first one was in the Brindabellas climbing Nursery Hill (600 metres) and walking along Nursery Swamp, alive with kangaroos. We started walking about 9 a.m. and finished at 6 p.m. The second one was climbing Mt. Gudgenby in Namadji National Park (800 metres), starting walking at 8.45 a.m. and finishing in the dark at 6.30 p.m., so walking with the Canberrans is not for the faint hearted. To make matters worse, we walked in quite deep snow for the last hour as the mountains around Canberra have had the best snowfalls for a number of years. I have to admit the view from the top of Mt. Gudgenby was unbelievable, but if it hadn't been for a singing Scotsman walking back to our transport I may not have made it.

After weeks of house hunting from Kiama down to Mossy Point (south of Bateman's Bay), I have now bought a wonderful house at Mollymook. It is on a hill so has views of the ocean and is only about 10 minutes walk to a lovely beach and the golf course runs along the cliff. N.S.W. conveyancing is very slow it probably won't be mine until October or November, but as I have promised to give 12 months of my life to my beloved Rosie, well I cannot be in a hurry. At least I will be able to disappear regularly on weekends.

I miss all my friends from the Club and wish you all good walking and happiness.

Kindest regards LESLEY FORBES

Thanks for your letter, Lesley. It's great to know how you're getting on. Apologies for not putting it in last month's "News" - although it arrived in good time, we had to keep "News" small to get it out on time. - ED.