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SOCIAL COLUMN

As your newly elected Social Secretary, I feel that I should write a few lines. Unfortunately due to a lack of time and knowledge a few organizational errors have led to a shaky start to this year's social events.

Our first picnic day was not supported by family members. I put this down to several factors, not the least being the fact that we organised the picnic day on the same day as a Dandenongs explorer walk, something that we will endeavour to avoid in the future. Secondly, our advertising was not soon enough before the day, therefore not allowing the word to get around. Thirdly because these picnic days are just starting up again and we don't have a core of regulars to generate interest. I feel that we can remedy all these problems. But this does also require participation from members of the club.

In the future we hope to incorporate some regular items on Wednesday nights and Saturdays. First off, we are trying to introduce a 'gear night'. What we have in mind is that on a nominated night we will have members bring along a specified article of equipment, e.g. packs, boots, cookware, etc., and they will stand up and expound the pros and cons for a few minutes, for the enlightenment of the other members. Our first attempt at these nights fell short because not enough members remembered to bring their packs. However, I have imposed on two experienced members to help get these nights started. Mark Tischler and Jean Giese have kindly agreed to bring along their fully loaded weekend packs and they will proceed to unpack and repack their contents, therefore giving us all the benefit of their experience and some insight into what we should take with us on our weekend trips.

We have also planned a 'New Members Night'. This will be a welcome to new members and a catch up with other members at a casual social night. We supply tea and coffee and you supply the food and company.

Saturday events to come include our regular (we hope) picnic days (one per month).

A Golf Day. We hope to see both experienced golfers and those who have never hit a ball, but would like to have a go, with a group of people in the same boat. We ended the last golf day at the pub so that we could compare score cards and all have a laugh.

David Pickup has kindly offered to lead another trail ride. So for those who like horses, fresh air and good company this is the one for you. All grades of rider welcome.

Come one, come all. The YHA Bushdance is on again. We have the same great band as last time. Doesn't matter if you have two left feet. Absolutely no experience needed - the dance callers will teach you all you need to know. So come along and let your hair down and have a Colonial Ball.

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.

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

We have a 'Yum Cha' or Chinese breakfast planned. The last one was a great success, with a lively bunch eating the kitchen bare and then going for a stroll along the beach and a quiet sip at the pub before going home.

There is a progressive dinner planned. The procedure here is to have the entree at one house, walk to the next house for the main course, the next house for dessert, the last house for coffee, tea and biscuits. All in all a fun evening with food, fresh air and friends. A charge to cover cost applies for this one.

I hope that we have included something for everyone. If not, don't be disappointed - put your suggestions on paper and slip it into the social suggestion box.

Again I ask for your support in these activities. Please take note of the dates and give the organiser notice as soon as possible. This makes our job easier and allows us to obtain more tickets, etc. where needed.

Further details of the above mentioned activities are listed below or will be in upcoming 'News'.

BOB BELL

CAFE PONTI

6.00 p.m.

Little Bourke Street, just down from clubrooms.

Come in and have coffee, tea or a meal before proceeding on to the clubrooms.

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL 7.30 p.m. in clubrooms

Welcome new members, or catch up with those from the past at our social night. We'll set up the tables for you to gather around and see everyone. All you need to do is

Just bring a plate, and lots of chatter. You may even go home fatter. But you'll have had a real good night At our 1988 members' social night.

Contact Jan or Bob

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SATURDAY, 23RD APRIL 12.30 p.m. - Bellbird Dell

Our first picnic at Kalorama was not well attended; we hope to see more of you at forthcoming picnics. If you have a favourite park that you would like to share with other club members please let me know.

Contact Jan

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL

12.30 p.m.

Waverley Municipal Golf Course

Melbourne Bushwalkers Pro Am. I would like to invite experienced and beginner golfers to a fun day of golf around the very pleasant Waverley Municipal Golf Course. The 19th hole will be the Wheelers Hill pub.

Green fee \$5

Clubs & buggy \$6

Contact Bob

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WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY
7.30 p.m. - Clubrooms

A gear night featuring the expertise of Jean Giese and Mark Tischler. These two experienced bushwalkers will show us what they take on weekend walks and how they stow it away.

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SATURDAY, 7TH MAY

David Pickup is hosting another trail ride through picturesque countryside. BYO lunch and wet weather gear (just in case). All levels catered for.

Contact Bob

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY

SLIDES

FLINDERS RANGES, LAMINGTON AND CARNARVON GORGE

Jenny and Jopie of Happy Walker Adventure Tours will be showing slides of the areas they visit on their 16 day winter trips. Please note that you are not required to be interested in doing a tour! Jenny and Jopie are very happy to advise anyone else wishing to visit these areas. There's some great scenery up there!

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FRIDAY, 13TH MAY
8.30 p.m.
South Melbourne Town Hall
COLONIAL BALL (BUSH DANCE)

The last one was a huge success so

Honour your partner and skip to the right. Come and dance through a super night. Do-si-do and bow to the middle, It's on again with Paradiddle.

Get in soon. Limited tickets available now.

\$7 per person

BYO drink and food

Contact Bob

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SATURDAY, 14TH MAY Morning Shark Fin Inn

YUM CHA

A Chinese breakfast. Price and time to be notified in next 'News'.

Contact Bob

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

SATURDAY, 21ST MAY

Another picnic day. Details in next 'News'.

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SATURDAY, 28TH MAY 6.30 p.m. Surrey Hills, close to station

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Jean Giese, Jim and Libby Marsden, Dave and Sylvia Andrews Graham and Janet Hodgson have kindly offered to host a progressive dinner.

4 course meal including wine or juice at 4 venues, commencing at Libby & Jim Marsden's, then to Jean Giese, Sylvia & Dave Andrews, Janet & Graham Hodgson.

Cost \$15

Bookings: List in clubrooms opens 4th May.

Limit 30.

Payment to be made when booking. Also indicate if vegetarian.

Contact Bob or Jan

DAYWALKS APRIL/MAY 1988

SUN. 24 APRIL TWO BAYS REVISITED

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER

ART TERRY

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

BROADBENTS MORNINGTON PENINSULA

This bush and coast walk takes in the slopes of Arthur's Seat to 'Seawinds' State Park on the summit, across the ridge to Waterfall Gully State Park, on to Baldry's Crossing State Park and then following Main Creek to Highfield State Park and then to the coast at Bushrangers Bay to Cape Schank. This walk can be terminated after approximately 13 kms at Highfield. It is about another 7 kms to Cape Schank from here.

EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM SUN. 1 MAY WERRIBEE GORGE STATE PARK

LEADERS

ROGER HARRIS & GINA HOPKINS

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

INGLISTON 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE EASY/MEDIUM 9 KM; MEDIUM 12 KM

There is no easy walk on this day as indicated on the green Autumn Programme. Please bring water as the Werribee River water is not drinkable. You may like to take precautions against scratched legs as there is some bush bashing on both walks, although not much on the Easy/Medium.

The Gorge offers spectacular views, especially from Falcons Lookout which we will reach about 3.00 p.m. A koala was seen at close range on the preview.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 8 MAY

NAVIGATION DAY WALK / MAP READING EXERCISE:

INGLISTON/WERRIBEE GORGE

LEADER

A DO-IT-YOURSELF DAY, CO-ORDINATED BY ROB AYRE

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET AT 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN

MAP REFERENCE

INGLISTON 1:25,000 (VICTORIAN LANDS DEPARTMENT)

SEE BELOW

APPROX. DISTANCE 10 KM (PLUS ANY SIDE TRIPS)

A chance to learn or refresh those navigation skills and have a lot of fun at the same time. Participants will find their way around a course of about 10 km in small groups. The country is varied, part cleared, part forest, some flat, some interesting hills and a few gorges. A number of optional exercises in map-reading and compass work will be provided at the checkpoints, and at many checkpoints, an experienced walker will be 'in residence' to help with any problems.

YOU WILL NEED a copy of the map, and a compass. I will have a number of maps available for sale, book early with me if you want one. Photocopies will also be available; these are OK but don't show coloured information. If you are buying a compass, the Silva type 3NL or type 3 are recommended. The shorter ones are a little cheaper, but not as useful.

IF YOU CANNOT USE A MAP OR COMPASS, or would like to refresh your memory, please come to an <u>Instructional Evening</u> in the clubrooms on <u>Monday 2nd May</u> at about 8 p.m., after the committee meeting, when we will run through the basics and do a few exercises. Bring your compass, pencil and paper, and a copy of the map (or buy one on the night).

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO NAVIGATE, but would like to come on a walk anyway you would be welcome to accompany one of the groups. Volunteers to 'person' the checkpoints and lend moral or practical assistance to the navigators are also required.

SUN. 15 MAY MT. CAROLINE - BREAK O' DAY EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS WENDY BARNES & MAX CASLEY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN APPROX. 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE 1:25,000 FLOWERDALE & MT. CAROLINE

APPROX. DISTANCE 12-14 KM

This walk will entail some steep ups and downs, especially around Mt. Caroline, which would make the easy walk more an easy/medium grade. However, given fine weather, the views from the said Mt. Caroline will be well worth the not inconsiderable effort required to get to the summit. The walks will take in open ridges, plus light forest and track sections. Because of the open nature of the country, adequate wet weather/windproof gear should be in your pack in case of inclement weather, and water must be carried.

As an added attraction, some interesting wildlife was seen on the preview, so join us for an invigorating and aerobic walk in a very scenic area of Victoria.

WED. 18 MAY KINGLAKE - WOMBELANO FALLS MEDIUM

LEADER PHILIP TAYLOR

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE YARRA GLEN & GLENBURN 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM

Do you have Wednesdays off, or can you organize to have the day off? If you can, there couldn't be a better way to spend the time than by being in the outdoors and enjoying a good day walk when everyone else is at work. The inaugural walk last Wednesday saw 14 enthusiastic medium walkers turn out.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

This month's walk in the Kinglake area is quite delightful for we will cross some of the pleasant country not far from Melbourne. Views across the hills are assured as well as the very pretty Wombelano Falls.

I am planning to meet at Whittlesea at 9.00 a.m. on the morning at a place to be confirmed. Please see me in the clubrooms for precise details. Those coming from the east or south meet at Jean Giese's in Surrey Hills (next station) at 8.30.

If you can't get into the clubrooms, ring Jean on 890 2189 or Phil 386 0797.

SATURDAY 21 MAY HISTORICAL WALK - SOUTH YARRA EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

RENDEZVOUS MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS BY 1.30 P.M.

TRANSPORT TRAM - ROUTE 8 - TOORAK

We continue our exploration of South Yarra from the point where we finished in February, i.e. Simmons Hall, corner of Toorak Road and Leopold Street (east of tramstop 23). Bring something for a picnic afternoon tea in the gardens. Walk finishes about 4.30.

SUNDAY 22 MAY MOLLISONS CREEK GORGE EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS STAN AND VERLE-ANN ATTWOOD

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE GOLDIE NORTH 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 16 AND 19 KM

This is a really beautiful walk over private property, mostly following Mollisons Creek. It has rolling hills, granite outcrops and good views. There are nice water-worn rocks and a few little cascades in the gorge. The medium group will probably be climbing Mount William as a little extra at the start, but the leaders still have toicontact a few more landowners before finalizing the walk.

SATURDAY 28 MAY DANDENONGS EXPLORER - DOONGALLA STATE PARK EASY

LEADER DAVID PICKUP

For details of this walk, please see the leader in the clubrooms, or next month's "News".

SUNDAY 29 MAY YEA RIVER PARK - KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

GRAHAM HARDING & IAN NEWBOLD

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

For details of this walk, please see the leader in the clubrooms, or next month's "News".

HAPPY WALKER

DISCOUNT TO CLUB MEMBERS

Jenny & Jopie have advised that a 10% discount applies to all club members on Happy Walker Adventure Tours. The 16 day winter trips to the Flinders Ranges and into southern Queensland still have vacancies. They report that they're having a great time and are steadily increasing their list of satisfied customers, but they want more. Up till 10th April they have run six tours. They have 14 more planned this year! Jenny recently was interviewed on the 3AW "Escape" programme which produced a good response.

WEEKEND WALKS MAY 1988

6-8 MAY

FRASER NATIONAL PARK

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER

JEAN GIESE

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

EILDON BIG RIVER FOREST MAP OR FRASER NATIONAL

PARK PAMPHLET

APPROX. DISTANCE 22 KM + 7 KM WITHOUT PACKS

The club hasn't been to Fraser National Park for some time, so here's your opportunity. We will be walking on tracks within the park but doing some off-track exploring without packs in the northern section. The park is renowned for its kangaroos and splendid views. Friday night camp at Devil Cave camping area and Saturday outside the park on Mountaineer Creek.

Only 145 km drive from Melbourne, so anyone wishing to come up Saturday morning could meet us at 8.45 a.m.

13-15 MAY

CONNORS PLAIN - MT LOOKOUT -

MACALISTER RIVER - THE CRINOLINE

MEDIUM

LEADER

JOHN SISEMAN

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

MATLOCK & MAFFRA 1:100,000 and VMTC SNOWY PLAINS

APPROX. DISTANCE 25-30 KM

This walk will follow part of the newly opened McMillan Walking Track that runs from Woods Point to Omeo. The walk will commence with a descent from Connors Plain to the Barkly River, thence across Mt. Lookout to camp on Saturday night somewhere along the Macalister River.

Sunday will be notable for its steep climb up to the Crinoline, then a skyline walk along the ridge to Brunis Knob before descending back to the Macalister River. The area to be traversed consists of a variety of bushland, open river flats and extensive views from the high points.

THE MARYSVILLE

WEEKEND

at the

MOUNTAIN LODGE

will be held

from FRIDAY JUNE 24TH to SUNDAY JUNE 26th

This is always a fun weekend with the excellent meals and congenial company among the highlights.

Half day walks will be organised, but other activities such as skiing, golfing, cycling, horse riding, fishing and tennis are available.

Evenings can be spent playing table tennis, billiards or board games or singing, chatting or reading.

BOOKINGS OPEN MAY 25TH AT 7.30 P.M.

Full amount only on first come, first served basis.

COST: \$76.00 per person, \$16.00 per room for private facilities.

PAT & PAUL GRAY

48.00

RAWSON - MT. ST. GWINNEAR SKI WEEKEND

Our third, and hopefully not our last, visit to Rawson will be taking place on the weekend of 29th to 31st of July. A booking has been made for 24 persons - 12 twin bedrooms in the lodge.

The tariff will be \$52.00 per person for bed and breakfast Friday night to Sunday. The weekend will include options for ski tours on both Saturday and Sunday, catering for easy/medium and medium standard of skiing ability. The tours are not suitable for beginners or skiers with little experience.

If you would like to come please contact me at home 387 5363 (5.00 - 6.00 p.m. preferred and definitely not mornings).

A deposit of \$20 is required on booking.

SANDRA MUTIMER

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING HELD 11TH APRIL 1988

Correspondence

Letter from Noel Tolley suggesting improvements in Wilky booking procedure. Wilky sub committee to investigate.

Letter from Bendigo College of Advanced Education asking if we would be happy to have occasional Outdoor Ed students on our walks which would assist them in their course. Knowing the high calibre of these students, we felt they could only be an asset to our walks and we welcome them. Keith to follow this up.

Treasurer

1. Bank balance 31.3.88 \$9498.21 (cheque account \$2498.21 interest-bearing account \$7000)

| 2. | Payments to be ratified | |
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| | Corporate Affairs Commission (annual fee) | \$ 20.00 |
| | Rampower (fuel and oil Feb. 88) | 296.92 |
| | Bridgewater Bay weekend: | |
| | Tarragul Bush Band | 50.00 |
| | Hall Committee | 30.00 |
| | Hall Committee | 180.00 |
| | S. Wilson misc. expenses | 64.92 |
| | Australia Post (post office box rental) | 66.00 |
| | Mick Mann (cistern replacement for Wilky) | 62.00 |
| | | 98.00 |
| | G. Cope (replacement fire bricks for Wilky) | 163.16 |
| | Driving and garaging of bus (March 88) | 430.00 |
| | TOTAL PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED | \$1461.00 |
| 3. | Bills to be paid | |

Melbourne Map Centre (Navigation weekend)

4. Other issues

Cheques that bounce cost the club money - please help the club by making sure your cheques are sound.

A further \$3000 will be placed in interest-bearing account this month.

A decision was made to increase walk fees by \$2, to be effective for the beginning of the Winter Programme, i.e. for June 1988. (Please see explanation by David Davies on page 10.)

So: Day walks ordinary fee will be up \$2 to \$12 concession fee will be up \$1 to \$6 Cycle trips will go up \$2 to \$18.

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

Walks Secretary

February 1988 Total walkers 304 Members 202 Day walkers 227 Visitors 102 Income \$2115.00 Weekend walkers 77

Transport

Another relief driver is needed for the bus as Dennis's son has stood down. Any offers? See Brian Marriott.

Wilky

New loo works well, thank you Ken MacMahon.

New fire bricks installed, thank you Geoff Cope and Don Weston.

Bookings for Wilky in winter not frantic yet.

Reply from Alpine Planning re our letter. They have passed this on to head office for confirmation.

Equipment

Income \$26.

Federation

New track opened: Angus McMillan Walking Track in the Wonnangatta area.

Warrnambool Bushies have published "Walking Warrnambool and District - Twelve Scenic Walks".

Federation day walk attended by 170.

Conservation Council of Victoria

In their February newsletter they say that the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Bill needs support. (It's like a Human Rights for flora and fauna). Write to your local Member. Information in Yellow Box in office.

Duty Roster

April 20 Rob, Brian

27 Bob, Ceri

May 4 Roger, Sylvia

Next meeting

May 2nd. NEW TIME: 6.30 p.m.

And also

- Navigation walks. Rob Ayre suggested we buy four compasses for the club to put into hire specifically for these events. Agreed.
- 2. One of the first aid kits has gone walkabout. Who last saw them together on the bus? Is one in the back of your cupboard (or mine? Agarr!)
- 3. Two blind people went on the recent Mt. Worth trip, it being suitable terrain. Whole exercise thoroughly worthwhile, thank you Brian Marriott. Any further suitable walks? Contact Brian.
- 4. The Victorian Government have bought the Wonnangatta Station.
- 5. The Great Bridgewater Bay Bush Bash only made \$9 profit due to last minute cancellations. However, those who did get there walked and danced with great gusto (Spencer being a drongo was something to behold) and thought we ought to do it again next year. I suggest spring 1989 as the wild flowers are something else again. Thanks Jean, Stuart and Martin for leading all those walks, and everyone else's help.

COMMITTEE NOTES (continued)

6. The club has been donated a beautiful photograph of Feathertop under snow by, and from, Don Weston It was for Wilky or the clubrooms (it did look nice in my living room too . . .). It's currently above the Ongoing Walks board. A lovely idea.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

I have recommended, and the committee has accepted, that it is necessary to raise the walks charge from \$10 to \$12, commencing June 1. The reasons for this increase are:

- 1. The club needs to be able to set aside funds for a major engine overhaul/replacement, which will entail rebuilding the front of the van. This will probably need to be done within the next five years.
- 2. Our need to meet inflationary increases in vehicle running costs and increases in maintenance as the van gets older.

The walks charge before the van purchase in October 1984 was \$7 per trip. A \$2 increase (to \$9) was put in place at that time to help reduce the club's overdraft limit (then \$15,000). The walks charge did not change until June 1987, when it was increased to \$10. The walks charge has obviously not kept pace with inflation since we purchased the van. This, along with high maintenance expenses, can be seen in the club's overall and Walks account surpluses over the last three years:

| | Total club surplus | Walks surplus | | | |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| 1985/86 | \$5732.22 | \$4804.88 | | | |
| 1986/87 | \$3440.64 | \$1958.68 | | | |
| 1987/88 | \$2119.48 | \$3169.14 | | | |

The overall result is that the club overdraft facility has been reduced at a much slower rate than originally anticipated. The last reduction was only made possible because we did not publish "Walk 88" this year. While we will not be publishing a "Walk 89", we may have heavy commitments to alterations to Wilkinson Lodge next year. (These will be eventually funded out of Wilky fees, but the expenses will initially come out of general club funds.)

My aim is to ensure that the club's overdraft facility can be eliminated this year while leaving the club in a position to be able to - if it wishes - undertake major vehicle repairs, Wilkinson Lodge alterations, and publication of a 50th anniversary "Walk" without severely affecting our cash flow or annual balances. The proposed fare increase will put us in a position to handle long and short-term vehicle expenses.

Finally, I believe this is a good time for the club members to debate whether we want to continue to own our own transport in the long term. The van will have to be retired some day, for any of the following reasons:

old age / wear and tear (10 years?) accidental damage (?)

A replacement vehicle will not be cheap and will require us to set aside \$4,000 to \$5,000 p.a. (over and above medium and long term service costs on our present vehicle) to be able to replace the van in (say) 10 years time. Any comments?

DAVID DAVIES

From the VNPA Newsletter

EAST GIPPSLAND NATIONAL PARKS - THE FINAL TEST

The new National Parks Bill for East Gippsland will be debated in State Parliament in April. The Liberal Party has not yet announced its Parks policy. The Opposition has a majority of one in the Victorian Upper House, and hence the power to amend the Government's National Parks Legislation.

The Conservation Movement has challenged the Liberals to steal the lead from the Government and protect <u>ALL</u> the National Estate and proposed World Heritage forests. However, there is a VERY REAL danger that the Liberals will not even go as far as the Government, and will block the Parks Bill.

YOUR help is needed TODAY. Please write to your local Liberal MPs urging them to protect all National Estate and proposed World Heritage forests in East Gippsland. If you live in a Liberal-held, marginal seat, your opinion will hold great sway with your MP. If you do not live in a marginal seat, please write to Mr Jeff Kennett, and the Liberal spokesperson on Conservation, Forests and Lands, Mrs Marie Tehan, both c/- Parliament House, Spring St, Melbourne, 3002.

PLEASE WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A LETTER FROM SAUDI ARABIA

Dear All,

You know I've missed the Bushies such a lot. It's been a boon to receive "News" and keep in touch with everyone and the club's activities. I saw Doug Crocker's comments on my letter to him. His letter to me was such a pleasant surprise. Others too have written, and I know many more in the club wish me well, without writing. Having this "family" of well wishers on hand has been wonderful for the morale. A big thank you to one and all. For this alone the Saudi Experience would have been worthwhile. Everyone has shown such support and interest. From family and friends to the other Westerners working here. It has been very much a "people" experience and one I wouldn't have missed for anything, and one from which the benefits will be life long. As Sylvia would say, "all jolly good stuff"!! I'm looking forward to coming home and taking up the old threads again. Am going to Morocco on a trek when I leave here on 10th June. The High Atlas Mountains, the highlight being Mt. Toubkal (13,660'). We will be camping or staying with the local Berber people. Won't be home until the spring as I have lots of visiting to do in the U.K. and U.S.A. See you then.

Love from Tracy

THE FILSONS ARE MOVING

From March 26th the Filson family will be located at "Leyton", Isaacs Poad, Booral, N.S.W. 2425, phone 049 949 163.

This area is in the heart of some of the best walking country in New South Wales: Barrington Tops, Buladelah Mountains, Gloucester Buckets, Gloucester Tops, the Wattagan Mountains, to name a few.

Also we are a convenient stopping place if you are heading further north to Dorrigo Mountains, Lamington, Queensland, Kakadu, China, etc.

We have unlimited camping facilities on our block as well as a comfortable bush hut (we will need this ourselves until October when we hope to have the house finished). Booral is only three hours north of Sydney along the freeway.

REX AND SUE FILSON

**** MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR COUPLES ****

In last month's "News" the 1988 Membership Fee for couples was listed as \$30 (last year's figure). It should have read \$33. Our apologies, but couples will have to suffer an increase in fees as well as the single members!

WENDY BARNES, Membership Secretary

NEWMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Paul Vella
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Mt. Waverley, 3149
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(W) 561 2100

Janet Norman 2/122 Stephensons Road Mt. Waverley, 3149. (H) 233 6813

(H) 233 6813 (W) 25 2549

Suzanne Clarke

1 Bourne Road

Glen Iris, 3146

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(W) 660 2070

Anne Zagorski
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(W) 699 9655

Thomas Wilcox 3/145 Cape Street Heidelberg, 3084 (H) 459 5285

Jim Moore 83 Whittens Lane Doncaster, 3108 (W) 890 1229

(W) 358 2351

Cheryl Thomas 183 Murrumbeena Road Murrumbeena, 3163 (H) 563 1097 (W) 329 5677

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

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(W) 480 0500

Rex and Susan Filson
"Leyton"
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Booral, NSW, 2425
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Alison Hatfield (nee Crawn)
21 Williamstown Road
Box Hill North, 3129
(H) 898 3239
(W) 657 2082

Pam Westgate
(W) 602 3922

50 YEARS PUBLICATION?

A meeting for this will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 8.00 p.m., 5/157 Highfield Road, Camberwell (off Amelia Street) to start the ball rolling. Any ideas, gestures of interest or you in person will be most welcome.

SYLVIA WILSON - 836 6342

MAPS

Ceri Law and Keith White are map custodians in the clubrooms this year. So see either of them if you have any queries.

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Congratulations to Doug Pocock and Jan Llewelyn on their recent marriage! Several already fit - for dancing, ex Gt. BBBB - Bushies attended the reception which was in the Wandin Hall. This was beautifully decorated with green native plant displays. An excellent 3 man bush band kept us on our toes.

Doug and Jan cut a two tiered cake after suitable speeches. Jan wore a very pretty self-striped ivory cotton dress with applique and cut lace work around the neck. Gareth and Martin were obviously thrilled to bits with the whole thing. So are we and we wish all four of you all the very best for your future happiness.

The Old Woman has been getting out sitting round the odd camp fire of late and, oh dear, conversations don't seem to be so uplifting and erudite these days. Here's a sample from an excellently run Rob Ayre navigation weekend at the Warby Ranges. A relatively new member who will remain nameless was extolling the virtues of this type of exercise and base camping too, but he did have one complaint; however he thought he'd better not make it as he wasn't well enough known to the company. Oh, we could take it. When pressed (and funny, he didn't need much pressing), he said he was very disappointed that the women present weren't wearing more leather HMMM!

In the shadow of Jagungal in Kosciusko National Park the discussion round the fire was about milk, how it didn't agree with lots of people, and so on and so on, and how humans were the only animals to drink milk after infancy. G.T. "Yes, and I think you should start breast feeding at about 20 because you don't appreciate it at that young age!" The mind boggles!

FOOD COLUMN

Ceri recently stopped at the Karmai Country Kitchen in Korumburra and recommends the food, especially the vegetarian selection. They also have a good selection of tofu icecreams.

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