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HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESLAY, 24TH AUGUST

AT 8.00 PM

IN THE CLUBROOMS

Business will now include:

- Motion "That a publication to commemorate the Melbourne Bushwalkers Club (Inc.) 50 years be published and that an editor be appointed" Proposed Sylvia Wilson Seconded Phil Taylor
- 2. Election of a new Treasurer
- 3. Election of a new Social Secretary
- 4. Election of any new Committee members should the need arise
- 5. New clubrooms information
- 6. Wilkinson Lodge update

N.B.

WILKYFEES

HAVE BEEN INCREASED THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS \$5.00

VISITORS \$8.00

Would anyone who has paid at the previous rate please make up the difference.

MICK MANN WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER

WE'RE MOVING!

As from Wednesday 21st September we'll be meeting in our new clubrooms -

HORTICULTURAL HALL LODGE MACKENZIE STREET MELBOURNE

(b side the Russell Street Police Station)

See Committee Notes, page 7, for further details. See also Social Column, page 2, for details of break-up party in our present clubrooms.

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751, GPO,
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

THE TALE OF RUBY ROSE

When: Thursday, 1st September at 7.30 p.m.

Where: State Film Theatre - 1 Macarthur Place, East Melbourne

Cost: \$2.75 (if 15 people at least) or \$4.80

This is a well spoken of movie which was filmed in the Cradle Mountain National Park of Tasmania. If only to reminisce or dream of being there, this is certainly one to mark in your diary.

Payment must be finalised by 24th August.

Contact Darren Miller in clubrooms or 391 5089.

PICNIC DAY FOR EVERYONE

When: August 13th - 12 noon onwards

Where: Hedgeley Dene Gardens (meet near Tollington Avenue lake)

Melways 59 Hll

Hopefully now that the weather's getting better we will be able to see more of you out for our forthcoming picnics. These magnificent old gardens are well established with lots of exploring to be done.

HODGSON BROTHERS FILM NIGHT: "84 CHARING CROSS ROAD"

When: August 20th (Saturday) - 8 p.m. (film begins at 8.30 p.m.)
Where: Graham and Janet Hodgson's - 9 Benwerrin Road, Surrey Hills
Cost: \$5.00

Based on an autobiographical novel, this is the story of a writer who has an intimate and extraordinary relationship with a man thousands of miles away. A superb movie starring Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins.

We shall provide munchies and drinks - perhaps even candy floss girls with choc-dipped ice-cream cones! Don't forget - this is a film, NOT a video.

Contact: Jan Mattingley (596 3976) or Darren Miller in the clubroom.

FINAL CLUBROOM NIGHT (sob, sob;)

This momentous occasion shouldn't be missed by anybody in our club. You can help to create club history by joining everyone else in a clubroom farewell. Please contribute to the night by bringing a plate of nibbles. Who knows what this night will bring - there may be surprises in store for you!

See you there - Wednesday 14 September.

Jan & Darren

DAYWALKS

SEPTEMBER 1988

SUN. 4 SEPTEMBER GOULBURN RIVER - CHERRY TREE RANGE EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

GRAHAM HARDING & DAVID PICKUP

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE YEA 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 14-16 KM

This walk is one of the classics. Panoramic views, rocky outcrops, lightly treed farmland will be encountered as we walk along the top of the range. We start near Mt. Faglehawk and finish near the Goulburn River. This is a good chance to see wildlife.

SAT. 10 SEPTEMBER CYCLE TRIP

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE A GOOD ROAD MAP

APPROX. DISTANCE 50-70 KM

As always we will be aiming for a wind-assisted ride. If the wind is from the north we will start at Wallace (near Ballarat) and pedal through this pleasant countryside to Gordon, Mt Egerton, Meredith and Steiglitz, crossing the Moorabool River a couple of times. A westerly may find us starting at Pyalong and following the Mollison Creek to Tallarook and beyond. A southerly could find us starting at one of several places. You will be required to carry a spare tube, and please have tyres, oiling and all adjustments completed the day before the ride so that we can move off as soon as the unloading is completed. At the least you need a five-speed cycle.

SUN. 11 SEPTEMBER CHEWTON AREA WATTLE WALKS

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ART TERRY & KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE EASY - CHEWTON 1:25,000

MEDIUM - CHEWTON 1:25,000 AND DRUMMOND 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE EASY 14 KM, MEDIUM 20 KM

Both the walks start and finish in the old gold mining town of Chewton situated 6 km from Castlemaine. Features of these walks are old mine workings, aqueducts and water tunnels, picturesque ruins, stonework of original bridges, the foundation of a gigantic water wheel 72 ft. in diameter used to power a multiple-head orecrushing battery, Expedition Pass Reservoir, and hopefully wattles in bloom. It is an early season for them this year so they may not be at their best on the day of the walk; however, the rest of the forest is quite pleasant to be walking in.

WED. 14 SEPTEMBER POUND BEND - JUMPING CREEK RESERVE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER ROBYN MYLIUS
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

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

SAT. 17 SEPTEMBER HISTORICAL WALK - CREMORNE GARDENS EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS BY 1.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS 44, 58

Those who have walked around Sorrento are sure to have met the name Coppin as regards a track and lookout. George Seith Coppin, 1819-1910, "Father of the Australian Stage", statesman and philanthropist, established in mid-Victorian times a pleasure garden on the north bank of the Yarra. Although you won't find the gardens on the map any more, there is, surprisingly, still a

"Cremorne Gardens Committee". Come and savour the XIX Century working class area, complete with a XIX Century powerhouse, before it succumbs completely to the bulldozer and gentrification.

SUN. 18 SEPTEMBER JAN JUC - IRON BARK BASIN -ANGLESEA

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT MAP REFERENCE

PENNY STAPLEY & MAUREEN PECK BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

"SURF COAST WALK" BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY

SHIRE OF BARRABOOL INFORMATION SERVICE

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM (EASY), 20 KM (MEDIUM)

There is a great deal of variety in this walk, which includes beach, bush and clifftop tracks. The coastal scenery is dramatic and beautiful, and worth carrying your camera for. You may also bring your surfboard if you are so inclined. I hope to extend the walk past Anglesea to Urguhart's Bluff, if possible, to cater for the medium group.

SAT. 24 SEPTEMBER DOONGALLA S.P. - KALORAMA -MT. DANDENONG

EASY

LEADER

BOB AUJARD

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

SUN. 25 SEPTEMBER BLACKWOOD RANGES

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT NIGEL HOLMES & BRIAN MARRIOTT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

WEEKENDTRIPS SEPTEMBER 1988

2-4 SEPTEMBER SKI TRIP - THE BLUFF, MAIN DIVIDE

MEDIUM

LEADER

RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

HOWITT & MANSFIELD 1:100,000 VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON

Climb up The Bluff, then ski to a sheltered campsite, then ski around the area. If the snow or weather is bad (if it is hard to get into Sheepyard Flat) the trip would be changed to Stirling. If no snow, change the trip to an area where there will be snow.

9-11 SEPTEMBER CASTLEMAINE WATTLE WALK

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER

JEAN GIESE

TRANSPORT

PRIVATE - SATURDAY MORNING

EXPECTED RETURN 6.30 P.M. SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE

CHEWTON 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 22 KM (4 KM WITHOUT PACKS)

Gold was first discovered in the Castlemaine area in September 1851. One hundred and thirty-seven years on, we plan to walk where others toiled, "discovering" the old diggings, ruins, water races, etc. There's always the outside chance of kicking up a nugget, but at least we hope the golden wattles will be in bloom.

Meet Saturday opposite the Chewton Post Office at 9.15 a.m. for a 9.30 start. 7 km will bring us to our campsite and we'll have a 4 km ridgetop walk without packs in the afternoon.

Sunday will include more ridge walking, historical sites, open forest and alpine plantation. The ups and downs necessary to negotiate this country make the "medium" part of this easy/medium walk.

9-11 SEPTEMBER SKI TRIP - MT. BOGONG

MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER MERILYN WHIMPEY

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 9.00 PM SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE ALGONA BOGONG HIGH PLAINS & ADJACENT PEAKS

BOGONG & TRAPPERS CREEK 1:100,000

NELSE 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE THERE & BACK & A BIT OF HERE AND THERE

The hard part of this trip is getting your car via Trappers Gap to the bottom of the Eskdale Spur. After that it's a two-hour climb to the summit and then you can ski the gullies if you're into that sort of thing, or around the top if you're not so confident.

Last year we found a beaut campsite at the top of a spur below Tadgell Point, and we'll be aiming for that one again.

Good snow camping equipment and clothing are required, and a reasonable skiing standard. If you're not sure what these mean, the trip's probably not for you, but ask me anyway.

SHOW DAY LONG WEEKEND SKI TRIP

TAWONGA HUTS - THE NIGGERHEADS - MT FAINTER

MEDIUM

LEADER GRAEME THORNTON

TRANSPORT CARS

21-25 SEPTEMBER

EXPECTED RETURN LATE SUNDAY NIGHT

MAP REFERENCE ALGONA FALLS CREEK 1:25,000 and 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 25 KM WITH PACKS

We will camp in beautiful spring sunshine somewhere between Tawonga Huts and the saddle south of Mt. Niggerhead. Where will be determined by weather, wind, whim and snow grass.

One full day will be devoted to a tour out to the Fainters along the ridge between the Niggerheads and the Fainters. There are myriads of delightful slopes to ski ranging from the gentle to the desperate. The other full day will be determined by enthusiasm at the time - perhaps beyond Mt. Jim, perhaps not.

Whilst fully expecting spring weather for the duration, we should be prepared for a mixture of everything from blizzards to hot summer summer.

30 SEPTEMBER TO MT AVOCA - THE PYRENEES 2 OCTOBER

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER

ROSEMARY COTTER

TRANSPORT

CARS

EXPECTED RETURN

SUNDAY EVENING

MAP REFERENCE

BEAUFORT 1:100,000

The walking will be through forest of red stringybark and red box with views of surrounding farmland from suitable vantage points. There is even the possibility of a waterfall, tree ferns and blue gums.

The walk has not yet been previewed; see leader in clubrooms for full details.

This is a pack-carrying weekend walk and is not suitable for beginning weekend walkers.

The Mittagundi book "Something Small - the story of Mittagundi" by Ian Stapleton is now in the book stalls for \$25 and is a jolly good read! However, Sylvia Wilson has several copies for sale at the same price, which means that Mittagundi will get all the money for this instead of the reduced amount after it goes through the book shops.

SUMMER WALKS PROGRAM

Our Walks Committee will be preparing the summer program during August. We are always looking for fresh ideas from as many sources as possible, so we would like to hear your suggestions on day or weekend walks which you would like to see included on the program.

Our pool of leaders is relatively small compared to the size of our membership, so if you would like to have a go at leading a walk for the first time you will receive our full support. Offers from old-timers are always welcome.

Contact Keith White in the clubrooms or pin a note to the bookings board.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

Yes, this time of the year is not that far away. We would like to include a variety of extended trips over the Christmas/New Year holiday period, but we need ideas and more particularly, <u>leaders</u>. Some suggestions are

- Circuit the Bogong High Flains (8 days, planting half your food in Wilky)
- Kosciusko National Park Kiandra to Thredbo (6 days + 2)
- A liloing trip
- A canoeing trip
- Tasmania
- Errinundra/Rodger River exploring the area from base camps (approximately 8 days)
- A base camp close to Melbourne
- A base camp interstate, e.g. Kosciusko National Park

Could you contact Keith White before the summer program is typeset - i.e. before the end of September.

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING OF 1 AUGUST 1988

Correspondence

A letter was received about the possibility of including a disabled person on our walks. Trish to enquire further and will send a walks standard guide.

Federation: long screed about tracks and huts policy which requires some thought and participation from us. Blurb available from Trish. Held over till next month.

Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$17,069.97
Bills to be ratified: Rampower Rawson Lodge	\$206.68 580.00
	\$786.68
Bills to be paid Wilderness Society	
subscription '88	30.00
Gestetner - yellow paper	116.50
Bus driving	530.00
	\$676.50

Public liability insurance policy - changeover from previous organisation to Federation deal imminent. Brian to check small print.

Walks Secretary

Total walkers	240		
Day walkers	158		
Weekend walkers	82	Income	\$1751
Members	184		
Visitors	56		

Membership Secretary

First five months of this financial year

325 paid up full members 17 "News" subscribers 8 Life members 13 Honorary members

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Wilkinson Lodge

Winter bookings going well despite everything. Alas, one recent participant broke his arm in an awkward fall. Our condolences, Trevor.

Maps

New maps from Vicmap:

Kinglake: THE composite map - consisting of six!

Grampians: Halls Gap: composite of two

Wilson's Promontory)

Hattah Lakes) coming soon

These maps can be bought printed on TYVEK plastic paper for \$7.95 - it purports to be tear-proof, water-resistant, crack proof in freezing weather - otherwise \$4.75.

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Information nights - August 24 - Extreme skiing
September 28 - Alpine planning
Alpine planning team to explain details
of Bogong and Wonnangatta-Moroka areas.
October 26 - Skiing overseas
November 9th - AGM - another venue

Royal Society rooms, 9 Victoria Street, city.

General Business

1. We're moving! Location of new clubrooms:

Horticultural Hall Lodge, MacKenzie Street, city - i.e., beside Russell Street Police Station.

Moving day:

Saturday, 17th September, 2.00 p.m. at existing clubrooms. All available trailers, vehicles and pairs of hands most welcome.

First official meeting night in new premises:

Wednesday, 21 September.

Max Casley confirm moving-in details. Trish to give notice to Mountain Design.

The committee moved a vote of thanks to Max for all his excellent work.

2. Resignation of Bob Bell as Social Secretary (see "Resignations", page 8).

Duty Roster

August 10

10 Darren, Mick

17 Roger, Rob

24 Half-yearly meeting - Anne & Peter Bullard?

31 Merilyn, Jean

September 7 Sylvia, Wendy

Next Meeting

Monday, 5th September.

Resignations

It has caused some surprise that David Davies resigned as Treasurer two months ago. At the beginning of the year David warned the committee that there might be a clash with lecture times in the middle of the year for the M.B.S. course he was studying in the evenings. This, alas, has happened. We would like to thank David very much indeed for his excellent and untiring efforts in this position for the last 18 months. And not only with the more routine jobs, but with his valuable projections as well. We wish him luck in his studies.

Bob Bell has also offered his resignation, after handing over the reins to his valuable sub-committee Darren Miller and Jan Mattingley three months ago. Work pressures in his new job have prevented him from playing any part in the Bushies, and as they don't appear to be letting up in the immediate future, he has taken this course of action. Thanks for a good beginning, Bob.

Maps - The Bushies collection

HAVE YOU A CLUB MAP IN YOUR BOOKCASE/CARDBOARD BOX/ BUSHWALKING CUPBOARD? KEITH AND CERI ARE ABOUT TO CATALOGUE THE EXISTING MAP COLLECTION AND SOME ARE MISSING....

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Geoff Mattingley (W) 790 4712

PLANES OVER THE HIGH PLAINS

Dinner Plain Pty. Ltd. have proposed the development of an airstrip designed to take 50-seater Fokker aircraft at Horsehair Plain between Dinner Plain and Mt. Hotham. It would require full lighting and other navigational aids. It is not known how the proponents intend to keep it clear of snow and ice.

Pilots approaching and landing in whiteout conditions would be relying entirely on instruments.

Planes circling to land and taking off from the strip would almost certainly be flying low over the Young's Spur area (just south of Mt. Jim), shattering the experience of peace and solitude to be found on this lonely ridge.

They can't be serious!

CLOSING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Articles for "News" should be placed in the red box in the clubrooms, or posted to Melbourne Bushwalkers, Box 1751Q, GPO, Melbourne 3001. Please put your name on "News" contributions. Anonymous articles will not be published. Please note that the closing date <u>is</u> the last date for contributions.