

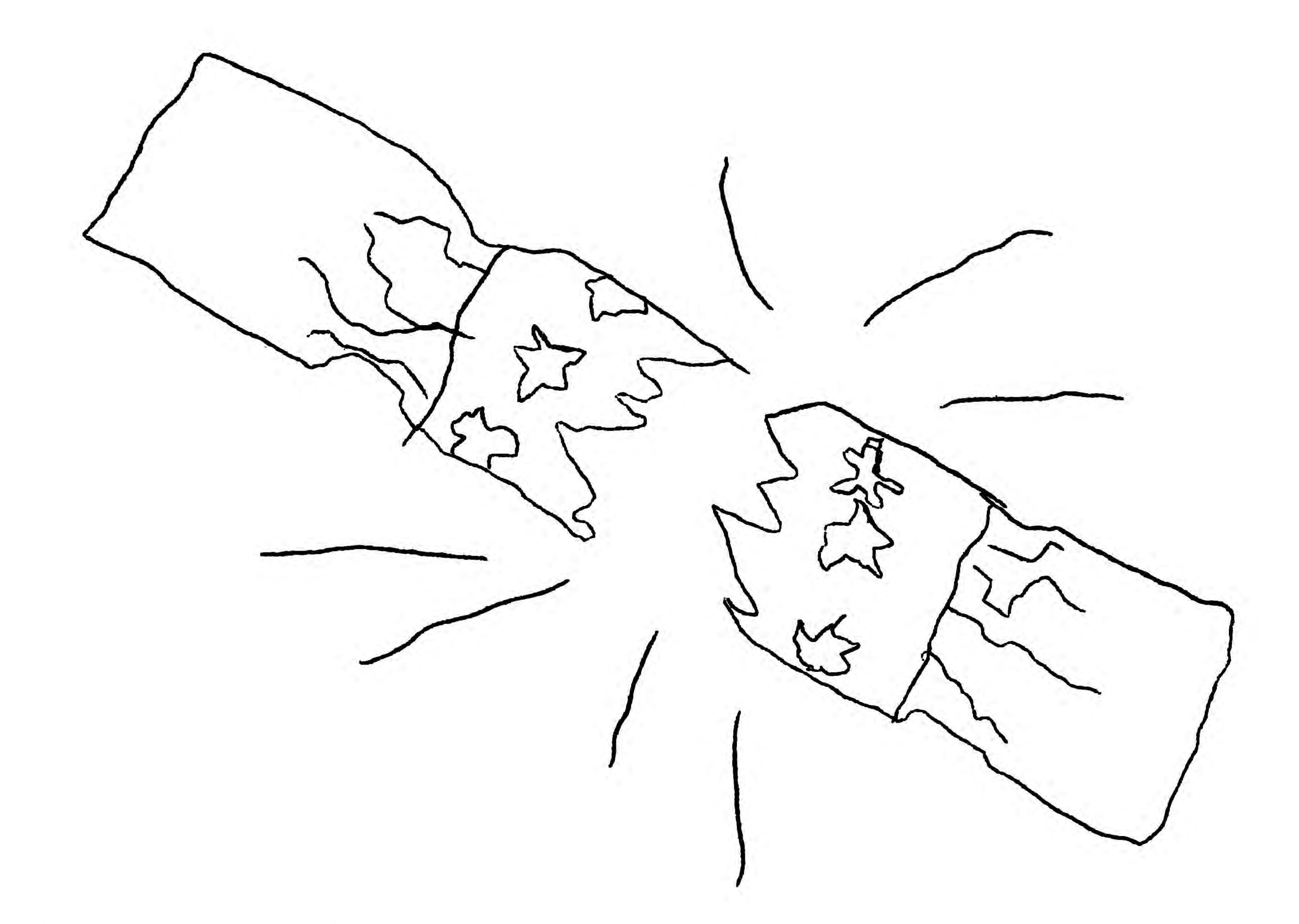
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CLUBROOMS WED 21ST DEC 7.00 PM BRING A PLATE OR SOME PLONK COME AND WISH YOUR OLD FRIENDS AND NEW A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751, GPO,
MELBOURNE, 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, Mackenzie Street, Melbourne (rear of the Horticultural Society building), every Wednesday night 7-9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

DAY WALKS JANUARY 1989

SUN. 15 JANUARY DINDI MILL - MURRINDINDI CASCADES - EASY & MEDIUM WILHELMINA FALLS

LEADERS WENDY BARNES & RICK CHATER

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 a.m.

EXPECTED RETURN APPROXIMATELY 7.30 p.m.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO BE DECIDED

Your leaders have been unable to preview this walk yet, but rest assured we shall provide you with plenty of fresh air, exercise, waterfalls, cascades and tall trees in this lovely area. Just the thing to start off our 1989 day walking year and help to remove those few extra grams put on during the festive season.

WED. 18 JANUARY LITTLE RIVER GORGE (CATHEDRALS) MEDIUM

LEADER PHIL TAYLOR

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE VMTC CATHEDRAL RANGES

The Cathedral Ranges north-east of Melbourne are the objective for this Wednesday walk. Tucked away in the middle of the Ranges is the delightful Little River Gorge, a place quite different from the rest of the Ranges. Our trip should be quite relaxed and allow time for a swim at the end. Please ensure that adequate water is carried, as it may be hot. We will arrange transport closer to the time. See me in the clubrooms.

SUN. 22 JANUARY CAPE PATERSON - INVERLOCH EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS VERONICA SHEEN & STUART HODGSON BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 a.m.

EXPECTED RETURN 8.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE CAPE PATERSON AND INVERLOCH 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 EM

This is a first-rate beach walk along rugged, unspoiled coastline in the Bunurong Coastal Reserve between Cape Paterson and Inverloch. The cliffs and steep hillsides shelter a wide variety of plant and bird species. There will be some long stretches of rock-hopping so shoes with good tread are advisable.

There are some good places for swimming on Venus Bay, so bring swimming gear. And bring plenty to drink, hats, suncream, etc. as it may be hot, even if there is a sea breeze.

The easy and medium walks take the same route but the medium walk will be a few kilometres longer. More information about the length of the walks will be available when you book.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 29 JANUARY PARADISE PLAINS - STEAVENSON FALLS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER FRED HALLS

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 a.m.

MAP REFERENCE MARYSVILLE 1:25,000 & STEAVENSON 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 17 KM & 18 KM?

A walk to and from the beautiful Paradise Plains, starting from the vicinity of Marysville, and following a track easterly parallel to the Steavenson River. Near the point where Yellow Dog Creek joins the Steavenson we climb along the Yellow Dog Track. Later, turn right and reach Paradise Plains. After lunch, westwards over the timbered heights of Mt. Bismarck and De La Rues Lookout to Steavenson Falls. One group may visit the Wolfram Mine on Wilkes Creek.

MON. 30 JANUARY FRANKSTON - MORNINGTON EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS ST. STATION,

IN TIME TO CATCH THE 8.56 a.m. TRAIN TO FRANKSTON

Traditionally walked by the Club on Australia Day, the beaches between Frankston and Mornington are just the place for a swim or two, or just simply relaxing on the sand. Should be back in city by 7.30 p.m. But bring something for tea in case it is a fine summer's evening and you don't mind catching a later bus.

WEEKEND WALKS JANUARY 1989

13-15 JANUARY DINNER PLAIN - PRECIPICE PLAIN - MEDIUM
MAYFORD - MT. TABLETOP

LEADER MERILYN WHIMPEY

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 9.30 p.m. SUNDAY MAP REFERENCE DARGO 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 28 KM

Starting at the near-new resort at Dinner Plain, we follow a 4WD track down towards Mayford on the upper Dargo River. We may branch off the track and follow an interesting spur if we feel like it. Either way it's steep. We camp at Mayford, which was once a busy gold mining area. Gold can still be panned from the river - I've got a speck to prove it! Sunday another (not quite so) steep spur up to Mt. Tabletop then down to the Omeo Road and back to Dinner Plain. Be prepared for snow or hot sun or anything in between.

27-30 JANUARY BOGONG HIGH PLAINS MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER BILL METZENTHEN

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE THE WHOLE WALK IS ON BOGONG 1:100,000.

FOR DETAILS, SEE THE 1:25,000 MAPS OF THE AREA.

APPROX. DISTANCE 60 KM

The weather during the Australia Day weekend is often hot. This trip has therefore been planned to be mostly in very high country where it is usually cooler.

The route for the first day will probably be: ascend Mt Bogong via the Staircase Spur, then down T Spur and up Duane Spur, making our camp near Ropers Hut. If the weather looks like being hot, we will start early and finish late, thereby avoiding climbing during the hottest part of the day. This will give us extra time to laze about in the shade, have a swim in Big River, and generally take it easy.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

There is very little climbing on the second day. We will spend the whole day above 1600 metres, making our way (exact route as yet undecided) to a campsite in the Niggerheads. Possible side trips include Wilky, Mt Cope, Mt Mackay, Mt Jim, etc.

The last day is mostly downhill as we walk over Mt Fainter and then descend to Mt Beauty.

Most, possibly all, of the trip will be on tracks. Firewood should be available but you should bring a stove in case of rain.

Very bad weather, including snow, is possible on any day of the year in this country. You should bring clothing and equipment appropriate to such conditions.

27-30 JANUARY WATCHBED CREEK - BATTY'S SPUR - MEDIUM
BIG RIVER (MT WILLS) - MITTAGUNDI TRACK

LEADER KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 8.00 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE 1:25,000 VIC MAP MT WILLS

APPROX. DISTANCE 36 KM WITH PACK, 28 KM WITH DAY PACK

This is my third try (lucky, I hope) to reach Mt. Wills in two years. Missing tracks and unseasonable snow thwarted previous attempts.

On this trip I hope to optimise the chances by camping on the Big River for two nights and climbing Mt. Wills as a day trip.

The walk starts at Watchbed Creek, 8.30 a.m. Saturday morning. We follow the Nelse track to Batty's Hut, then down Batty's Spur (of unknown quality) to camp on the Big River.

Sunday is a day trip to Mt. Wills and return.

With an early morning start on Monday, we climb the nicely graded Mittagundi track to the top of the high plains, visiting Kelly's Hut en route to Watchbed Creek.

See leader in clubrooms for more details.

EARLY WARNING

17-19 FEBRUARY MT BOGONG, WILKY, MT FEATHERTOP, ETC. HARD

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS APPROX. DISTANCE 100 KM

MAP REFERENCE BOGCNG 1:100,000

lst day: Mountain Creek, Staircase, Mt Bogong, Duane Spur, T Spur, Ropers Hut, Mt Nelse, Wilkinson Lodge.

2nd day: Wilkinson Lodge, Cope Hut, Mt Jim, Westons Hut, West Kiewa River, Diamantina Spur, Mt Feathertop, North Razorback, Mt Beauty.

Distance 100 km or thereabouts, day packs. Hopefully people will meet us in Wilky to cook food for the people who do the trip. (They could do a day trip on the Saturday on the high plains and whatever Sunday.)

Rating hard (lots of climbing and descending).

WILDERNESS SOCIETY

TASMANIAN WALK

The Wilderness Society will be conducting a "Great Tasmanian Forests Walk" to celebrate and enjoy Tassie's forests before they disappear. The walk will be on from New Year's Eve 'til 5th February 1989, structured in such a way that it can be joined for any period from one day up. Please contact our resident Tasmanian (Brian Marriott) for further details and application forms.

METROPOLITAN TRAIL NETWORK

The Ministry for Planning and Environment has released the Metropolitan Open Space Plan for Melbourne, which was launched last month by the Premier. Of particular interest to walkers are the plans to create a "green network" of interlinking parks and bicycle/pedestrian pathways, based mainly on waterways and coastlines. By 1990 it will be possible to walk from the city to Warrandyte along the Yarra and to the Maribyrnong Valley Metropolitan Park along the Maribyrnong. The government will spend \$2 million a year over the next four years to buy more land and maintain the pathway construction program. Land will also be purchased to create a link between Churchill National Park and Lysterfield Lake Park and between Monbulk Creek and Lysterfield Park.

The proposed routes are listed below:

Major open space links

Yarra River: Westgate Park to Warrandyte

Maribyrnong River: Stony Creek to Brimbank Park

Port Phillip Bay: Altona to Portsea

Central Melbourne trail network

Stockyards Route: Maribyrnong River to Moonee Ponds Creek

Royal Park - Fitzroy rail reserve

Merri Creek: Yarra River to Fitzroy rail reserve

Outer Circle Rail Reserve: Yarra River to Hughesdale RS

Frankston/Dandenong Rail Line: Bentleigh to Hughesdale

Elwood Canal/Elster Creek: Bay to Bentleigh

City to Albert Park: Swanston Street Bridge to Albert Park St Kilda Rail Reserve/Albert Park: Queensbridge Sq to Fitzroy Street

Port Melbourne Rail Reserve: Ferrars Street to Station Pier Footscray Road/Charles Grimes Bridge: Br to Maribyrnong River Moonee Ponds Creek: Royal Parade to Footscray Road Royal Park to Yarra Park Link: Brunswick to Anderson Street Gardiners Creek: Yarra River to Outer Circle

Suburban Trail Network

Kororoit Creek: Bay to Western Outer Ring Road (ORR)

Western ORR &/or Sunshine to Broadmeadows Rail Line:

Kororoit Creek to Moonee Ponds Creek

Northern ORR: Moonee Ponds Creek to Darebin Creek

Edgars Creek and Maroondah Aqueduct: Upfield RL to Diamond Ck

Diamond Creek: Yarra River to Maroondah Aqueduct

Mullum Mullum Ck: Yarra R to Eastern Fwy (Warrandyte Rd)

Ferntree Gully Rail Line: Mullum Mullum Ck to Dandenong Ck

Dandenong Ck: Bay to Ferntree Gully Rail Line

Footscray to Sunshine Rail Line

Moonee Ponds Ck: Royal Park to Northern ORR

Upfield Rail Line: Royal Park to Boundary Road

Merri Creek: Fitzroy Rail Reserve to Northern ORR

Darebin Creek: Yarra River to Maroondah Aqueduct

Plenty River: Yarra River to Maroondah Aqueduct

Koonung Creek: Yarra River to Mullum Mullum Creek

Healesville Fwy Res: Gardiners Ck to Mitcham/Oakleigh Pipe Tk

Mitcham/Oakleigh Pipe Tk: Scotchmans Ck to FTG rail line

Gardiners Creek: Outer Circle to Blackburn Lake

Scotchmans Ck/Mt Waverley SEC Corridor: Outer Circle to Dandenong Creek

Princes Hwy &/or Dandenong Rail Line: Outer Circle to Dandenong Creek

Mordialloc Main Drain: Bay to Dandenong Creek

Secondary Drain: Frankston Rail Line to Dandenong Creek

Nepean Hwy &/or Frankston Rail Line: Elster Creek to

Mordialloc Main Drain

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

Wilderness Society

Postcards to send to Bob Hawke re Kakadu National Park mining.

Duty Roster

December 14th Jean, Wendy

21st Ceri, Merilyn

January 4th Wendy, Barbara & Keith

llth Barbara, Brian

Next Committee Meeting

January 9th.

Other Business

- 1. Especial welcome to our newest potential member CRAIG MATTINGLEY, and congratulations to Jan and Stuart!
- 2. Printing of "News": Doug has very kindly offered to be the printer next year when the machine will be moved into our storeroom in the clubrooms.

Peter Bullard has offered to build shelves etc. to create sufficient space to move the Gestetner into the storeroom.

A chief and indians are required for collating/stapling/addressing/posting "News" from clubrooms as from March. Please let Peter Bullard know.

- 3. "Walk" magazines, back copies
 - i. Phil Taylor to canvas more shops to take back copies now.
 - ii. Series to be made up and sold to members, leaving x sets in storeroom.
 - iii. THE END to be considered shortly.
- 4. Draft for checklist for Committee Duty Members passed with small amendment.
- 5. Clubrooms cleaning: 1st Wednesday in the month (after Committee meeting) at 9.00 p.m. Committee members take charge in turn. All offers of help gratefully received.

ALONG THE TRACK

On account of the closure of Flinders Walk for new works, the Lower Yarra walk had to be changed. After inspecting the tree fern garden, we took the new path under Princes Bridge and wandered upstream. It being the day of an open fete at Government House, we crossed the Domain to claim being the first Bushies party to walk through the grounds and building of the vice-regal residence. A glorious spring afternoon was then spent on the lawns as we sipped drinks, listening to a naval band - and the airs played on a barrel organ. The busker was life member Frank Pitt who built the organ some years ago and punches the paper rolls himself.

A.S.

WILKY

Rob Ayre to take over as Wilky manager from now until beginning of February. Mick Mann will be on holiday so all enquiries, bookings and key collection from Rob.

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING DECEMBER 5TH

Correspondence

Letter from Bev Walker wanting companions to walk over Kosci from late December '88 to mid/late January '89. This will be a pack carrying trip comprising two x ten day walks with one to two rest days in between. Bev is an experienced walker and also a BMLC graduate. Those interested phone 716 2967.

Federation: Vic Walk TV documentary on SBS December 20th.

Walk through the forest and wilderness areas of Tasmania January 1989 in 5-day chunks. Contact Fred Preston, Outdoor Recreation Centre.

Books: "Sharing the Countryside" will be purchased by the club. Come and borrow it!

New book: Mt. Evelyn Environment Protection & Progress Assoc.

New book on plants of the foothill forests of

Victoria.

Reports:

Treasurer

Balance	\$21 424.27
Payments to be ratified - "News") Bullards Phone)	363.20 24.10
	\$387.30
Bills to be paid -	
Garaging	440.00
Programme	64.88
VNPA subscription	<u>35.00</u>
	\$539.8

Social Secretary (in absentia)

The annual Christmas dinner at Alfred's Homestead was very good, 24 happy customers. Thank you, Darren. Graham Hodgson and G.T. excelled themselves as part of the floor show - a song and dance routine. Everybody else behaved themselves.

Christmas break-up party on December 21st 7-9 p.m. in main hall. Betty Spencer in charge.

Next year: BBQ in our own back yard! Saturday, February 4th. Write it in your diary now!

Also: Wednesday night speaker in March: Don Weston, on National Parks in USA. (Don is a particularly fantastic photographer, don't miss this.) Probably March 15th.

Wilky

Reply to letter re new refuge area outside store proposals requesting more details on latter.

No kero at the moment.

Mick is away till the end of January. Rob Ayre has taken over.

Conservation Council of Victoria

Notification of quarterly meeting on December 21st. Draft policy on 10/80 rabbits
Draft marine policy
Information on toxic waste, power lines, ozone

METROPOLITAN TRAIL NETWORK (Continued) Outer Suburban and Rural Trails Yarra River: Warrandyte to Warburton Maribyrnong River: Brimbank Park to Organ Pipes NP Port Phillip Bay: Werribee River to Altona Werribee River: Port Phillip Bay to River Bend Park Western Outfall Sewer: Werribee River to Kororoit Creek Skeleton Creek: Port Phillip Bay to Western Outfall Sewer Kororoit Creek: Western ORR to Main Road St Albans Deer Park-St Albans SEC Corridor: Kororoit Ck to Maribyrnong River Moonee Ponds Creek: Northern ORR to Gellibrand Hill Park Yuroke Creek: Moonee Ponds Creek to Greenvale Reservoir Merri Creek: Northern ORR to Craigieburn Darebin Creek: Maroondah Aqueduct to Epping Epping Rail Line: Darebin Ck to Yan Yean Pipe Track Yan Yean Pipe Track: Maroondah Aqueduct to Plenty River Plenty River: Maroondah Aqueduct to Toorourrong Reservoir Diamond Creek: Maroondah Aqueduct to Kinglake National Park Watsons Creek: Yarra River to Kinglake National Park Maroondah Aqueduct: Diamond Ck to Maroondah Reservoir Mullum Mullum Creek: Eastern Freeway to Yarra Road Lilydale-Warburton Rail Reserve Croydon Main Drain/O'Shannassy Pipe Track: FTG Rail Line to Lilydale-Warburton Rail Reserve Olinda Creek or Silvan Aqueduct: Lilydale to Silvan Reservoir Dandenong Creek: FTG Rail Line to Dandenong Ranges NP Sassafras and Emerald Creeks: Silvan-Cardinia Pipe Track to Dandenong Ranges National Park Silvan-Cardinia Pipe Track: Cardinia Reservoir to Silvan Res Hallam Main Drain/Berwick Town Drain: Eumemmerring Creek to Frankston/Cranbourne Pipe Tracks Creek

Frankston-Cranbourne Pipe Tracks: Port Phillip Bay to Cardinia

Mornington Outfall Sewer: Eel Race Drain/Boggy Creek to Frankston/Cranbourne Pipe Tracks

Eel Race Drain - Boggy Creek: Port Phillip Bay to Mornington Outfall Sewer

Lysterfield Park - Birds Land: Monbulk Creek to Lysterfield NP Monbulk Creek: Corhanwarrabul Creek to Dandenong Ranges NP Corhanwarrabul & Ferny Creeks: Dandenong Creek to FTG Rail Line Blind Creek: Dandenong Creek to FTG Rail Line Ferntree Gully (FTG) Rail Line: Dandenong to Corhanwarrabul Cks

Stud Road: Blind Creek to Dandenong Creek

Cape Schanck Coastal Park: Pt Nepean to Bushranger Bay Princes Highway &/or Dandenong Rail Line: Dandenong to Eumemmerring Creeks

Eumemmerring Creek: Dandenong Creek to Lysterfield Lake Park

(Reprinted from VicWalk Newsletter, October 1988)

HOUSE TO SHARE

Would anyone like to share a new house in Parkdale? Great house, good views, sea air, plenty of rooms to choose from! It's expensive but worth it! Contact Eileen on 587 3046.

NEWMEMBER

We welcome to the club Ian McPhee,

4/25 Bruce Street, Dandenong, 3175

(W) 566 7698

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Janet Norman, 47 Townsend Street, Glen Waverley, 3156 (H) 560 0840, (W) 25 2559

Wendy Barnes: (W) 665 7695

DID YOU KNOW . . . (recent discoveries on a day walk)

- 1. That the Lorne forests look lovely in the rain.
- 2. That the bus overtook two vehicles on the Geelong Road.
- 3. That Bob Steel wants to be reincarnated into a seagull.

There, I knew you'd be interested: - S.W.

HELP!

With the imminent appearance of the proposed Alpine National Park literature, I do feel there's a need for a small team of people to write submissions. The committee deals with more day to day letters on environmental issues but this is considerably bigger and needs more time and thought and energy. However I think it's quite important the writers do have a good background knowledge of the areas and issues involved so that our input can be from a thoroughly informed basis. If you think you can help I would be extremely pleased to hear from you.

SYLVIA WILSON

CLOSING DATE FOR JANUARY "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY

Articles for "News" should be placed in the Red Box in the clubrooms or posted to the club - Box 1751, GPO, MELBOURNE, 3001. Please make sure your name appears on copy - anonymous articles will not be published.