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ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held in the Clubrooms, 2nd Floor, 377 Little Bourke Street, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 24th February 1988.

Business to be transacted will include:

1. Elections for the following positions:

President
Vice Presidents (2)
Secretary
Treasurer
Walks Secretary
Membership Secretary
Social Secretary
"Wilky" Manager
"News" Editor
"Walk" Editor
Ordinary Committee Members (5)

- 2. Consideration of the Committee reports and the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement).
- 3. Determination of Annual Subscription.
- 4. Determination of whether a magazine will be published. In lieu of "Walk" magazine, a formal history of the club shall be written.
- 5. "Wilky" update.
- 6. Presentation of souvenir spoons to couples from the club who were married last year.

All members are urged to attend and participate.

Sylvia Wilson PRESIDENT

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.

DAY WALKS MARCH 1988

SAT. 27 FEBRUARY DANDENONGS EXPLORER - GEMBROOK - EMERALD LAKE - EMERALD

EASY

LEADER WINIFRED DE SOUZA

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS MAPS 188 AND 127

A lovely, picturesque walk along the old railway formation from Gembrook to Emerald Lake, then following Puffing Billy track to Emerald. We will start walking at Gembrook and stop at the lake for lunch. Thence on to Emerald for some nice views.

We will meet at Main Street (cnr. Main Street and Beaconsfield/ Emerald Roads) in Emerald, in time to catch the 11.05 bus to Gembrook. Please be on time as the next bus is over an hour later.

Those using public transport can catch the bus at 10.50 at Belgrave Station and pick the rest of us up at Emerald at 11.05.

The walk will be an attractive, gentle stroll, so come along and enjoy a day in the outdoors.

SUN. 6 MARCH

NOOJEE STATE FOREST

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

PHIL LARKIN & TRISH ELMORE

TRANSPORT BUS FROM MOMANI STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

SUN. 13 MARCH BUSHRANGERS BAY - CAPE SCHANK - RYE EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

PENNY STAPLEY & WINIFRED DE SOUZA
TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.30 P.M. MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS 198, 200

APPROX. DISTANCE MEDIUM 19 KM; EASY 15 KM

We shall have spectacular views and the sound of pounding surf as we walk along the ocean beaches of Cape Schanck Coastal Park. Then follows the quiet contrast of the Bushranger Bay - Main Creek walk through banksia and tea-tree. The medium group will follow Main Creek upstream through Highfields (part of the Nepean State Park).

Leader guarantees: no leeches, no fences, no scrub-bashing.

SAT. 19 MARCH HISTORICAL WALK - ROSSTOWN RAILWAY

EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH

1.44 P.M. TRAIN TO OAKLEIGH

Back in 1986 we walked from the western end of this legendary railroad. Now we are starting at the eastern junction - Oakleigh - and on to near where we finished in 1986, the site of the beet sugar mill and Melbourne's early aerodrome. We will follow the track diverging from the junction, not along iron rails, but on a mysterious new bike track (recreation path?) which follows the same route for some distance. Leader's place for afternoon tea.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SAT. 26 MARCH DANDENONGS EXPLORER - LYSTERFIELD LAKE PARK EASY

LEADER MICHAEL HUMPHREY

I am planning to have a barbeque within the Park after the walk. So mark this date in your diary. For further details please see next month's "News".

SUN. 27 MARCH FEDERATION DAY WALK - ALL GRADES

CASTLEMAINE - CHEWTON AREA

CO-ORDINATOR KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET - TIME ?

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE CASTLEMAINE 1:100,000

This is always a good day's outing with the opportunity to meet members of the other walking clubs which make up the FVWC (Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs).

We will travel to the start of the walk in the club bus in the normal way, although I do not know the meeting time as yet.

There will be three or four walks of varying standards.

One thing is certain, the goldfields in the Castlemaine-Chewton area is good walking country.

I should have more details for March "News".

WEEKEND WALKS MARCH 1988

4-6 MARCH WILSON'S PROM IN A DAY MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE WILSON'S PROMONTORY MAP (ALGONA)

APPROX. DISTANCE 50 OR 72 KM

Fairly straightforward. Start and finish at Tidal River. Purists can go down to the lighthouse, others (the smart ones) don't have to. Don't come if you aren't very fit. To the lighthouse and back 72 km, about 50 km+ for the other trip minus lighthouse. Lots of good swimming if the weather's good and you have the energy.

4-6 MARCH MT BUFFALO - TWIN FALLS BASE CAMP MEDIUM

LEADER REQUIRED

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE BUFFALO 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 36 KM

This promises to be an interesting weekend, if only we can find a leader. The plan is to camp at Porepunkah on Friday night.

On Saturday, drive part way up the Mount Buffalo road and spend the day exploring down Buffalo Creek. Saturday night's camp will be at Lake Catani. Perhaps a swim.

Sunday's walk to Mollison's Galleries will include many other popular features on the Buffalo plateau.

If you are interested in coming on this weekend then put your name on the booking list as we should be able to find the missing leader by then.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

MT BOGONG FROM THE OMEO HIGHWAY 11-14 MARCH HARD

BILL METZENTHEN LEADER

TRANSPORT CARS

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

FOR DETAILS, THE 1:25,000 MAPS: TRAPPERS CREEK,

SNOWY CREEK, NELSE, AND MT WILLS

APPROX. DISTANCE 47 KM

"Not another Bogong trip!", you might say. Well, yes, but this time a little different to our usual programmed walks in this area.

I have had an ambition to try this walk for some years now and the long weekend provides a good opportunity to try it. The start of the walk is about a 410 km drive from Melbourne (compare with 360 km or so to Mountain Creek).

It is possible that this trip will turn out to be a little easier than "hard" but since it contains extensive un-previewed sections it may turn out to fully justify the rating.

The first day should be the hardest when we climb about 1524m (5000 feet) to the summit of Mt Bogong. A few hills on our 19 km route will ensure total climbing of more than 6400 feet. Most of the day will be spent on tracks, starting with the Rootsey Spur Track, which is a little-used 4-wheel-drive track but should give pleasant walking. We finish the day with a stroll over Mt Bogong to our first camp, probably in Stirling Gap.

The second day is somewhat of a diversion. Instead of staying high on the mountain we will descend to Big River then climb back onto the mountain, finally camping somewhere near the ruins of Maddisons Hut.

On the last day we will follow The Long Spur to the top of Muhlhausser Spur where we will hopefully pick up a track which we will follow down to the blackberry-choked Mt Wills Creek. The blackberries were still flowering in early January and will hopefully provide us with a feast when we get there. After this indulgence we will walk up the little-used road to Bogong Saddle where we end the walk.

Please note that there will probably be no water available along the track on the first and last days. Come prepared for the worst excesses of alpine weather. Our proposed camp site for Saturday night is very exposed so make sure that your tent is suitable. Of course, there is no firewood available at this camp site.

11-14 MARCH	BRIDGEWATER BAY BONZA BUSH BASH E / EM / M
LEADER TRANSPORT	SYLVIA WILSON CARS
MAP REFERENCE	"THE GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK" MAPS AND TRACK NOTES, \$2.00 - VICTORIAN INFORMATION CENTRE, 2nd FLOOR, LITTLE BOURKE STREET (BESIDE MYERS) VERY GOOD VALUE
APPROX. DISTANCE COST	8, 12, 20 KM CAR SHARE: \$30 APPROX. BUSH BASH: \$10

A COMBINATION OF WALKING, DANCING, AND GENERAL ENJOYMENT

* Walks of various standards will commence at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday; an extra easy one will start at 1.00 p.m. for those arriving on the Saturday. Much the same thing will happen on the Sunday, excluding the easy afternoon one. Half day walks will be run on the Monday to conclude at approximately 2.00 p.m. so people can pack up in good time for the trip home.

CHURCH ACCOMMODALTON ONLY:

MEDIUM

THE GREAT BRIDGEWATER BAY BUSH BASH (Continued)

- * The walking area will be from the Swan Lakes on Discovery Bay south east to Mt Richmond then following the Great South West Track to Descartes Bay, Cape Duquesne, Cape Bridgewater, Bridgewater Bay and Cape Nelson. Mt Richmond (National Park), the extinct volcano, has many tracks worth exploring and Cape Nelson has a pleasant short nature trail and a smashing lighthouse. In between are many outcrops of petrified forest, cliffs, beaches and inland walks.
- * The Bush Bash proper is in fact a bush dance in the local hall (i.e. right beside where you're camping) with the local band. Dancing will start at 8.00 p.m. and supper will be served later in the evening.
- * Accommodation: BYO everything for base camping OR stay in the beautifully converted nearby St. Peter's church and do your own catering OR go for your evening meal to the Bridgewater Bay kiosk approximately 3 km away, but this must be pre-booked. Directions for getting there when you book.

Bookings: Trish Elmore Finances: Rob Ayre

Further information: Sylvia Wilson - 836 6342

18-20 MARCH STANLEYS NAME SPUR - MT HOWITT - SQUARE HEAD JINNY

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM

Ascend to Square Head Jinny, then along the tops. Good views and fairly easy walking, then down Stanleys Name Spur.

25-27 MARCH NAVIGATION WEEKEND / BASE CAMP, WARBY RANGES

LEADER ROB AYRE

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE WARBY RANGE 1:25,000 VICTORIAN CROWN LANDS DEPT.

APPROX. DISTANCE DEPENDS !!!!

A chance for members "new" or "old" to learn or refresh those navigation skills. Don't be deterred if you haven't tried to navigate before; this is a good chance to learn, and most people find it a lot of fun.

On each of the two days, participants will find their way around a course of about 12 km in small groups. At many of the checkpoints an experienced walker will be "in residence" to help with any problems, dispense words of solace or congratulation, and (if you are lucky), sustain you with cups of tea. Volunteers for such arduous duties are also required.

As the trip is a base camp, all the usual luxuries can be brought. Singers and songbooks for the evenings' entertainment especially welcome. Water at the campsite is unreliable, and you should bring a good supply.

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 (at about \$22) or type 3 are recommended. The shorter ones are a little cheaper, but are more difficult to use.

IF YOU CANNOT USE A MAP OR COMPASS, or would like to refresh your memory, we could arrange an instructional evening in the clubrooms if enough people are interested, or cover these on the Saturday morning. Please see me for details if you are interested.

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 and lend moral support, or, as indicated earlier, come and assist on a checkpoint. Bring a good book!

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

EASTER

31 MARCH - THE GRAMPIANS - VICTORIA RANGE ALL GRADES
5 APRIL BASE CAMP

LEADERS FRED HALLS, NEIL PRIESTLEY, PHIL LARKIN

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE GRAMPIANS 1:100,000

The leaders as stated above will lead walks of various categories to cater for different tastes and interests. Some of the points of interest we may visit from the base camp situated at Buandik camp ground are:

Glen Isla Rock - The famous rock shelter with its 2000-plus markings Cultivation Creek Gorge - An impressive gorge wilderness with huge sandstone blocks, cave overhangs and large potholes in the bed of the Cultivation Creek (Billiminah Creek).

Hollow Mountain - A very large cave blown clear through the mountain top. One of the natural wonders of the region.

Red Cave Mountain - An even larger cavernous hole is blown through a mountain. A spectacular and very interesting sandstone mountain.

Janang-en-yawi-ye (Aboriginal rock shelter) - the Camp of the Emu's Foot, where the Glenelg River passes between the Victoria Range and the Asses Ears.

<u>Kapha Cave</u> - A huge wind-blown cavern with a floor of soft white sand. The entrance is past a massive column of fluted sandstone. <u>Honeysuckle Creek Gorge</u> - The wildest gorge of all, situated south of Billywing Gorge.

<u>Matterhorn Peak</u> - an imposing sharp tipped sandstone peak situated above two southern heads of Billiminah Creek.

<u>The Fortress</u> - The most impressive mountain in the whole region.

One of the groups will probably visit -

Brim Creek Cave - Visits to about five of the seven or eight Brim Creek rock shelters.

Deep Creek Gorge. Also visit the Wallaby Rocks and the Asses Ears for good views and fantastic rock formations.

There will be visits to some of the following painted rock shelters:

Fertility Cave; Cave of Fishes; Cave of Hands; Billywing Shelter; Cave of the Emu track; Matterhorn; Muline Creek; Cultivation Creek 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10: Red Rock 1 and 2; Black Range 2, 3 and 4. Also Natural Bridge and nearby colourful caves.

Later a decision will be made as to which of the scenic spots will be visited.

31 MARCH - 5 APRIL MT JAGUNGAL

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE KOSCIUSKO 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 70 KM

Jagungal, isolated, majestic, is the most outstanding peak in the Kosciusko National Park. The view from the top is one of the best.

This is a five-day walk of moderate pace, so is suitable for weekend walkers who would like to try out an extended trip.

I plan to start the walk at Wolseleys Gap on Good Friday morning and finish at Round Mountain around lunch time on Tuesday.

There are a number of route options depending on weather conditions and the fitness of the group. The various options include visits to Valentine Falls and Mawsons Hut.

We will be walking in sub-alpine terrain which can turn nasty at any time of the year, so it is essential to include warm clothing, i.e. balaclava, gloves, long trousers, parka and overpants.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

31 MARCH - SNOWY MOUNTAINS MAIN RANGE MEDIUM/HARD 5 APRIL

LEADER ALEX VOLTAN

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE KOSCIUSKO 1:100,000

Where is the Main Range? My map, Kosciusko 1:100,000 gives no indication of where it is. I presume this range includes Mts. Kosciusko, Townsend and Twynam. As well as these points of interest there is also Watsons Crags to explore. But this seems too easy. How about coming up Hannels Ridge? A 1500m climb would make things interesting, or another approach from Thredbo via Ramshead.

On my last visit to the area with a group of innocents under the tutelage of the Outward Bound, the area offered some exquisite weather. It also had the capacity of turning vicious at very short notice. It is my hope that those who join me in this venture won't be so innocent, or at least will be well prepared for the worst.

WILKINSON LODGE

BOOKINGS FOR WINTER 1988

The booking lists will be posted on the booking board in the clubrooms on Wednesday, 2nd March. Leaders are asked to nominate themselves for particular weeks. Leaders will be selected by the fourth week in March.

The booking procedure is as follows:

There is an organiser (leader) for each week. He or she should have been to Wilky at least once before in winter.

A list is posted on the booking board for organiser nominations. When there is more than one nomination for any week, the Lodge Manager will select one.

The list of winter trip organisers remains on the booking board. Anyone wishing to go on a winter trip must contact the organiser for the week concerned, and pay a deposit of \$10 to secure his/her place.

Organisers may refuse any application on the following grounds:

- (a) if their list is full, i.e. at least 8 people;
- (b) if they consider that the person is not a sufficiently competent skier;
- (c) if the person concerned has medical problems that could endanger the person's or the group's safety;
- (d) if she/he thinks that the person will not fit in with the rest of the group (this is necessary because of the very confined living conditions in bad weather).

The organisers should keep a waiting list if necessary. Any disputes are to be referred to the club executive. Those who have been on recent working bees have priority over others, and members have priority over non-members if a conflict arises in selection of organisers or party members.

All those wishing to go to Wilky in winter must have done some skiing with a pack beforehand: when the weather is bad on the high plains it can be atrocious and they must be prepared for a slow and hard trip in or out.

Leaders are reminded that they are responsible for the safe and efficient running of the week.

FOR SALE

Subaru station wagon, 1984, single range, beige, 25,500 km, one owner, no off-road use, as new condition, \$10,250. For enquiries please ring Marijke & Graham Mascas 29 3923.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 1988

Correspondence

Conservation Council of Victoria invitation to inspect land recently acquired at Green's Bush, Sunday 7th February. Sylvia to attend at least.

Treasurer

1. Bank balance 1st February 1988 = \$6873.01 (1/2/87 = \$4753.83)

2. Payments to be ratified

Bullards' "News" account \$197.00 Rampower fuel and oil - Jan. 88 272.45

469.45

3. Bills to be paid:

Driving and garabing of bus, December and January Bus service - Gronows

760.00

\$2066.45

Walks Secretary

141 Total walkers in January

89 Day walkers 106 members

52 Weekend walkers 35 visitors

Income \$876

Search and Rescue

David Dundas has resigned from being our S&R representative. Thank you for doing it for so long. Russell Jones has taken over the position.

Wilky

Leaders for winter list will go up a week after the Annual General Meeting.

Update: emergency shelter to be front entrance, annexe to be extended for storage space. Proposal to National Parks Service.

Duty Roster

February 10th Neil, Ed

17th Ceri, Wendy

24th Anne, Peter

March 2nd Merilyn, Bob

9th Rob, Hugh

Next Meeting

Monday, 7th March.

CONGRATULATIONS

Monique Mascas and David Cahill were married on 9th January on a sweltering hot day. They have now returned to Canada.

Dear All,

I took the invitation of the club to write to Tracy Guest, and what a lovely reply I received. She's working very hard to save up for a deposit on a house when she comes home. (It's all work.) Anyway she certainly seems to be tolerating it to the goal and if we think we've been hot here, 50°C is not unknown, and at 65° the planes cannot leave the tarmac.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Before the Bushies became incorporated the President's term of office was for four years. This clause has not been included in the new Rules but this President hopes she will get elected for another year at least. I inherited an extremely well run organisation; there were certainly no improvements needed on that front, but I was concerned about the high turnover of visitors and possible unfriendliness towards visitors and new members. This, and improving the "quality of life" for members, was important. Also I felt the Melbourne Bushies could do more about preserving walking areas. With the former set of problems, the fortuitous offer of help from a member precipitated the definitive Walks Standard Guide, tea and coffee in the clubrooms and a committee with tables.

The Bushies have offered their services to maintain tracks, but have yet to be directed to somewhere specific; Art Terry has prompted us to become involved in the Greens Bush issue; Hugh Duncan has made submissions to various bodies and committee members keep their eye on other organisations to which we are affiliated.

Meanwhile changes occur: not producing "Walk '88", a change of venue for the bus; extensive repairs on the bus and Wilky being in a state of flux. Thank goodness members keep hassling the committee over things they see need improving; and the committee toil away patiently. I think the committee have become a terrific team, and with the sub committees and other helpers, may I say a big THANK YOU. A club is only as good as its members, and you're great:

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

SYLVIA WILSON

Overall a steady year with a wide variety of trips, including a canoe trip over Christmas.

The total number of walkers has slowly but steadily increased over the past five years, due mainly to an increase in visitors (see table below). Surprisingly, that rare species, the back packer, also showed a hopeful sign of recovery.

The big boom in day walker numbers during the first half, when booking sheets were filled by 7.15 p.m., provided much debate on committee but the sudden onset of winter put this problem into temporary hibernation.

Jopie and Jenny's two fully catered weekend trips were very successful, not to be repeated for many years. (Good luck.) The live-in style weekends at Highfield, Marysville and Rawson continue to be very popular and are programmed for 1988. Good to see a number of new faces on the ski trails during winter. Two enjoyable weekend walks visited new State Parks at Kara Kara and Kamarooka. See hw what you missed. We also had cycle trips (thanks, Art), Dandenongs Explorers (thanks, Pat), historical walks (thanks, Athol).

I have appreciated the ideas and assistance of the walks committee in putting together the quarterly programs - thanks, Phil L., Phil T., Fred and Jopie. It is also good to have many members who are prepared to lead walks without even the mildest arm twist.

Looking to the future, we hope to get a program of Wednesday walks under way. Initial interest is good but we still need someone to co-ordinate the program. Saturday exploratory walks is another project.

Also, we hope to compile a leaders' manual which could be expanded to include all sorts of other information related to club activities.

KEITH WHITE W/E (Pack) | Members | Visitors | No. Trips Total Jan-Dec Day 1987 540 (220) 1950 2800 850 2260 125 1986 530 (186) 2700 1950 750 2170 126 1985 2600 500 (204) 1860 740 2100 113 1984 2600 2050 550 1920 680 1983 2460 1760

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have provided a summary of the club's financial activities and status in the accompanying tables. The club has had a high level of unexpected expenses this year, but has still managed an overall surplus, which has enabled us to reduce our overdraft.

The club's financial activities are split into five areas, each of which is meant to be self-financing. This year, the Club, Social, and Trade ("Walk" magazine) accounts have run deficits, while Walks and Wilky have made profits. The Social account deficit is due to some monies still to come in, while the Trade account suffered from poor sales of "Walk" and advertising.

The Club account presents some problems. It is mainly financed by subscriptions, and pays for general running expenses ("News", clubroom hire, insurance, etc.). This account ran a deficit of \$1263 this year, almost all of which was due to non-recurring expenses.

Club expenses have been rising at the rate of about 10% p.a. over the past few years, and we expect this trend to continue in the coming year. As a result, club subscription fees will need to be increased by \$2 to meet these costs.

Running the club bus

It cost us \$15,460 to run the van in 1987/88, or \$286 per trip (at 54 trips per year). This means that it takes 30 walkers to break even on a trip.

Despite a second year of high maintenance and improvement costs, the Walks account ran a profit.

Reduction of the overdraft

The club's financial position has steadily improved over the last two years, so we had our overdraft limit reduced to \$4900. If we can maintain numbers on walks at the long-term average and have no increase in van costs, we should be able to eliminate our overdraft within twelve months.

DAVID DAVIES

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31/1/1988

<u>ASSETS</u>		LIABILITIES	
Receipts relating to the accounting per and not included in cash receipts Payments relating to future accounting	Nil	Payments related to accounting period not made and not included in cash payments:	
periods made and included in cash paym Items owned, with estimated cash value: Bedford bus Slide projector	ents \$350.00 10.00 .97.00	Clubroom rent for January 1988 Driving and garaging December '87 - Jan. '88 Van servicing Fuel and oil - January	\$100.00 760.00 837.00 186.75
and supplies Walking equipment for hire 2 Map library 3 Wilkinson Lodge	66.00 40.00 50.00 97.00 51.00	Receipts relating to future, accounting periods received and included in cash receipts	Nil \$1883.75
"Malk" magazine stocks (approximate) 1987 1029 at \$3.75 3 8 1986 850 at \$2.00 1 7	00.00 58.75 00.00		
Older 4200 at \$0.10 (nominal) 4	20.00 \$15,439.75		
Bank Balance	6,873.31		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,313,06	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1883.75

RECEIPTS Balance brought forward	S	1988 \$ 753.83		1987 \$ 313.19	EXPENDITURE			<u>1988</u> \$		<u>1987</u> \$
CLUB Membership fees Equipment hire Survey Money - club office Ad in "News" (Happy Walker) Tea & coffee		427.43 519.70		259.00 686.64	CLUB Advertising "News" printing supplies "News" postage & phone Stationery, postage Subscriptions Insurance Clubroom hire Equipment Maps Bank interest Incorporation Office fee P.O. Box rental Bank charges "Greens Bush" appeal Clubrooms tea & coffee Club badges Wreath (J. Hedstrom) Coffee urn, projector cord SOCIAL: Total expenditure	1281.80 453.80 497.00 1245.29 1900.00 32.25 .30 20.00 66.00 365.32 200.00 10.23 20.00 50.00 45.79		690.76 554.45		946.09 103.48
WALKS: Total fees		128.30			WALKS: Bus fuel Driving and garaging Registration, Insurance, RACV	3474.89 5395.90 1342.50 2795.92 2450.00 10.00 4413.00 76.95		959.16		951.82
"WALK" MAGAZINE Sales and advertising	3	044.45	4	558.50	"WALK" MAGAZINE Printing and business cos	sts		163.38		986.90
WILKINSON LODGE Fees collected	2	310.00		525.95	WILKINSON LODGE Supplies and maintenance			942.65		511.66
					BANK BALANCE 31.1.88		6	873.31	4	753.83
		183.71		253.78				183.71		253.78

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

During 1987/88, fourteen social events were arranged, ranging from horseback trail rides to a slide night given by the Bird Observers' Club. Except for one event, they all received good support.

- I believe that the following three events were firsts for the social calendar:
 - i) Film night at a member's home
 - ii) A slide night with Bird Observers' Club
 - iii) Balnarring Picnic Races

and feel that they should be considered for next year's events.

Many thanks to the following people for their assistance during the year:

Stuart Hodgson (film night)
Graham Harding (mid-year dinner)
Jopie and Jenny (Wine and cheese party)
Anne and Peter Bullard (Christmas dinner)
Betty Spencer (Christmas party in clubrooms)

I have very much enjoyed my role as Social Secretary for the past two years, and would like to thank all those people who supported the events during this period.

DAVID PICKUP

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total number of members, 1987 - 323

WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER'S REPORT

There are still weekends free for the next few months, so book up now and don't be disappointed.

If any people are interested in helping in work parties, especially experienced carpenters, house builders, plumbers, etc., please speak to me about when work parties are being held.

MICK MANN

"NEWS" EDITOR'S REPORT

"News" continued to be sent to members more or less on time, and was a popular hand-out to potential members in the clubrooms. Some members couldn't wait for their copies to arrive in their mail boxes and picked up a copy in the clubrooms, with the result that we often ran out before the next edition was due. The club's typewriter is showing signs of old age, but is soldiering on.

MERILYN WHIMPEY

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barbara Cameron & Leanne Howard - 6 Burroughs Road, Balwyn, 3103.
(H) 857 9299

CLOSING DATE FOR MARCH "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH

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.