

THE NEWS

OF THE

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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NOTICE OF HALF YEARLY

GENERAL MEETING

The Half Yearly General Meeting will be held on August 24th, at 8.00 p.m., in the present clubrooms unless advised otherwise.

Business will include:

- election of Treasurer
- election of one other Committee member, if the election of Treasurer creates a vacancy
- discussion of new clubrooms

SOCIAL COLUMN

BUSH DANCE - WITH PARADIDDLE

HAWTHORN TOWN HALL - FRIDAY JULY 29TH, 8.00 PM

For only \$7 you can grab hands with the opposite sex and scramble your feet around the dance floor. A fun night of bush dancing.

Contact Darren Miller before July 15

PICNIC - HEDGELEY DENE GARDENS, MALVERN MELWAYS 59 H 11

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

Come along with your family or friends or by yourself. No barbeque facilities at this mark.

FILM NIGHT - AT JANET & GRAHAM HODGSON'S,

SATURDAY AUGUST 20

We will be screening a 16mm film, yet to be chosen. Details in next month's "News".

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A bushwalking club for people with impaired vision is being formed through the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, and they need sighted volunteers to come along on the walks.

The group will probably spend occasional weekends away at the Tye Estate in Romsey. Accommodation is comfortable and free and the scenery is lovely.

If you enjoy bushwalking and meeting new people, this could be an ideal volunteer opportunity for you!

For more information, ring the Coordinator of Volunteers at the RVIB on 529 3544.

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary,

Melbourne Bushwalkers,

Box 1751, 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

JULY/AUGUST 1988

SUNDAY JULY 24 PYRITES CREEK -

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT

GRAHAM HARDING & IAN NEWBOLD BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN

6.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

TOOLERN VALE 1:25,000

MT LITTLE BULLENGAROOK

APPROX. DISTANCE 14-18 KM

Excellent views and a variety of terrain highlight this walk. We will be walking through bushland and farmland (bush bashing for medium perhaps) and up and down hills. There is a good chance to see wildlife. We start near Mt Gisborne and finish after a climb of Mt Bullengarook.

SAT. AUGUST 6 SKI TRIP - MT STIRLING

MEDIUM

LEADER

BOB BELL

TRANSPORT CARS

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

SUN. AUGUST 7

O'BRIEN'S TRACK - THE TUNNEL -SHAWS LAKE - BLACKWOOD

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

RICK CHATER & STEPHEN COURTNEY BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

TRANSPORT
EXPECTED RETURN
MAD REFERENCE

7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE TRENTHAM APPROX. DISTANCE 13 & 19 KM

The walks are in the upper reaches of the Lerderderg River in an area of many disused gold mines. The first half of the walk follows an old water race built for the mines along the steep sided valley, affording views of the river. It then proceeds to a tunnel built to divert the river to expose the river bed to enable further search for gold. The easy walk then proceeds up a short hill to graded tracks for the rest of the day.

The medium walk continues along the river and includes a 1½ km section up a steep hill through fairly clear bush before further tracks.

At the end of both walks, if time permits, a short deviation can be made to an outlook with a small tower.

SUN. AUGUST 14 CAPE SCHANK TO FLINDERS

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

ART TERRY & KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN

8.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

CAPE SCHANCK 7821-2-2 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM

A bracing winter coastal walk which, like most walks of a similar nature, often turns out to be more interesting and exciting than the obvious. There will be two walks - easy and medium.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

WED. AUGUST 17 MT TANGLEFOOT - MT ST LEONARD CIRCUIT EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER BOB AUJARD - 509 6164

TRANSPORT CARS

DEPARTURE TIME 8.30 A.M. FROM OUTSIDE JEAN GIESE'S HOME -

9 ALBERT CR, SURREY HILLS - MELWAY MAP 46 J11

EXPECTED RETURN 5.15 P.M. AT SURREY HILLS

MAP REFERENCE MONDA 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 17.5 KM

We expect to start walking at about 10.15 a.m. from the gate to Mt St Leonard on Monda Road. The walk will start down Quarry Road which is a 4WD track blocked to traffic with gates. Lunch will be at Mt Tanglefoot picnic area on Sylvia Creek Road (tables provided). We then complete the circuit back to the cars along Tanglefoot track, arriving back at about 4.00 p.m. The scenery on this walk is exceptional with many large tree ferns, beech trees and giant gums.

Ring Bob Aujard at home on 509 6164 for further details.

SAT. AUGUST 20 SKI TRIP - MT ST GWINEAR

EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER SYLVIA WILSON

TRANSPORT CARS - DEPART EASTERN SUBURBS 6.00 A.M.

One thing for sure this trip will not be and that is a medium one. This will probably be the first time your decrepit leader will be on skis this year so herewith: Easy/Medium. However the nature of the snow will dictate our activities, but here are some suggestions:

Heaps and fast: check out the Morass area or at least start

in that direction.

Heaps: check out down Little Boys Creek area.

Reasonable: head towards Mt. Whitelaw (Oops, these are sounding a bit energetic.)

At least: St Gwinear, St Phillack and immediate trails.

SUN. AUGUST 21 BRISBANE RANGES - STEIGLITZ

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

BRIAN MARRIOTT & MARTIN WILLIAMS
TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE STAUGHTON VALE & ECLIPSE CREEK 1:25,000

VMTC BRISBANE RANGES

APPROX. DISTANCE MEDIUM 19 KM; EASY 14 KM

The medium group will start at the Little River, ascending its beautiful gorge and then climbing to a point with views over the plains. We will then walk through the Ranges, mostly on tracks, finishing with a descent into the old mining town of Steiglitz. The easy group will climb Anakie Gorge, which is tracked all the way, and then join the route of the medium group.

Features of the walk will include the wildflowers (such as heath, hakea, grevillea and wattle) and the wildlife (kangaroos, abundant birds and maybe a koala or two). The rocks in the gorges are also interesting - Ordovician slates and sandstones sprinkled with white quartz.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO PEREGRINE FALCON NESTING SITES AT WERRIBEE STATE PARK IN 1988

The railway side of Werribee Gorge and also Falcons Lookout track which links the Ballan-Ingliston Road to the Water Race track will be closed to public access from 2 July 1988 till 27 November 1988, date may be altered depending on breeding success.

The Department of CF&L informs us that during the period of restriction last year, two pairs of falcons raised a total of three chicks.

Enquiries: Mr David Munday (053) 67 2922.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SAT. AUGUST 27 DANDENONGS EXPLORER - MT DANDENONG AREA EASY

LEADERS MARIE ORMONDS & PAM WESTGATE

TRANSPORT CARS, OR 9.25 A.M. TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET

TO UPPER FERNTREE GULLY

EXPECTED RETURN 4.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE MELWAY MAPS 66 AND 52

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 KM

Meet at 11 a.m. at National Rhododendron Gardens car park (Melway 66 J6).

The most attractive feature of this round-trip walk is the Dandenong Creek track that skirts the western side of the Mt Dandenong ridge, above the Doongalla Estate. After leaving Olinda we pass through a varied selection of bush then climb up to Burke's Lookout (near the ABV2 tower) for lunch.

After lunch we follow another pretty track around to Mt Dandenong, where we traverse an arboretum and then pick up a track (condition permitting) along the headwaters of Olinda Creek, down to Falls Road, which we follow back to the car park. Please wear strong footwear and bring waterproof clothing and water to drink.

Contact leaders (592 3125 or 583 4476) if transport is required from Upper Ferntree Gully station (train arrives 10.34 a.m.).

SUN. AUGUST 28 TARADALE - FRYERSTOWN - VAUGHAN SPRINGS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS PENNY STAPLEY & WENDY BARNES

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 8.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE DRUMMOND AND GUILDFORD 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 17 KM (MEDIUM)

DISTANCE OF FASY WALK NOT YET KNOWN

The first part of this walk is through the Fryers Ranges State Forest, partly on tracks and partly through the bush, arriving at Fryerstown via the Cemetery (where we will leave those who can go no further).

From Fryerstown we follow a water channel at first to Glenluce Mineral Springs. There we cross the Loddon River and follow it to Vaughan Springs.

Be prepared to get wet feet crossing the Loddon, and bring a cup if you wish to sample the mineral water.

The route of the easy walk has not yet been decided on. The main difference will be in the length of the two walks.

WEEKEND TRIPS AUGUST 1988

5-7 AUGUST SKI TRIP - MT STIRLING MEDIUM

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS
APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM

We will ski out from the car park to camp, then tour around the area. Mt. Stirling is a great area to ski around, offering different standards and a variety of trails.

WEEKEND TRIPS (Continued)

19-21 AUGUST GUNBOWER ISLAND BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER PHIL LARKIN

TRANSPORT CARS

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

19-22 AUGUST SKI TRIP - BENNISON PLAINS (3 DAYS) MEDIUM

LEADER GRAEME THORNTON

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN MONDAY EVENING

MAP REFERENCE SNOWY PLAINS, MT KENT & LAKE TARLI KARNG

1:50,000 - S.R. BROOKES

APPROX. DISTANCE 44-58 KM PLUS SIDE TRIPS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TRIP IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN SHOWN ON THE WINTER PROGRAMME.

We shall drive to somewhere between Tamboritha Saddle and the Lost Plain - depending upon snow conditions. From the Lost Plain it is only 4-6 km to our base camp between Kelly's Hut and The Gorge (add 7 km if from Tamboritha Saddle). Saturday afternoon will be around the immediate vicinity of Mt Reynard which I fully expect to provide some nice open slopes to hoot down. On Sunday it is intended to ski to Bryce's Gorge. B.G. is spectacular at any time but when snow covered should be magnificent.

Monday morning will be back to the cars with play time on the way.

26-28 AUGUST SKI TRIP - THE RAZORBACK MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER MERILYN WHIMPEY

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 9.00 PM SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - ALGONA

APPROX. DISTANCE 24 KM

This is a classic ski trip. In the right weather and snow conditions you get great views and a variety of hills and gullies to ski. Parts of the Razorback are in the open, and parts in the trees. We will probably carry our packs as far as the Champion Spur to give us plenty of time in the afternoon for a trip up Mt. Feathertop. AS CREEKS DON'T FLOW ON THE TOP OF RIDGES, BRING ENOUGH FUEL TO MELT SNOW FOR ALL YOUR WATER REQUIREMENTS.

You don't have to be a champion XCD skier to enjoy this trip, but you need to be able to ski well enough not to be falling over every 50 metres, or you'll hold up the rest of the party who only fall over every 75 metres.

The Razorback is very exposed and can be dangerous, especially if icy. If conditions aren't right for this trip we will go through Hotham Heights and ski around the Wire Plain area, perhaps to Dinner Plain, or to Mt. Tabletop, or explore the cross country trails around Mt. Hotham.

27-28 AUGUST SWITZERLAND RANGES EASY

LEADER DOUG POCOCK

TRANSPORT CARS

This reserve is surrounded by private land and at present I'm still negotiating access with landholders. However there will be an easy weekend walk, even if I have to change the venue. It will be the usual format, making it suitable for beginners or members who wish to bring children.

SPRING WALKS PROGRAM

You will get your program with August "News", but here is a preview of the September activities.

September

2-4	Ski Trip - The Bluff	Cars	M	Russell Jones	386	0150
Sun 4	Goulburn River - Cherry Tree Range	Bus	E&M	David Pickup & Graham Harding	240	8660
9-11	1. Ski Trip - Mt Bogong	Cars	M/H.	Merilyn Whimpey		
	2. Castlemaine Wattle Walk	Cars	E/M	Jean Giese	890	2189
Sat 10	Cycle Trip	Bus		Art Terry	583	3617
Sun 11	Chewton area Walks	Bus	ESM	Art Terry & Keith White	583	3617
Wed 14	Pound Bend - Jumping Creek Reser	Cars	E/M	Robyn Mylius	232	5175
Sat 17	Historical Walk - Cremorne Gardens			Athol Schafer	211	2649
Sun 18	Jan Juc - Ironbark Basin - Anglesea	Bus	E&M	Penny Stapley & Maureen Peck	578	5623
Show Day						
21-25	Ski Trip - Niggerheads, Fainte	Cars	MCamo	Graeme Thornton	878	0660
Sat 24	Doongalla S.P Kalorama - Mt Dande	Cars		Bob Aujard	509	6164
Sun 25	Blackwood Ranges	Bus	ESM	Nigel Holmes & Brian Marriott	578	8105
30-2	Mt Avoca - The Pyrenees	Cars	E/M	Rosemary Cotter	481	2205

WANTED

Someone to take over the printing of "News" as Peter and Anne are getting tired of doing it. It requires approximately 10-12 hours of time per month. Printing knowledge is <u>not</u> required to run the Gestetner.

Any enquiries should be directed to Peter or Anne Bullard 568 5972 (home). We will be giving it up as of the Annual General Meeting in February.

NEWMEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Peter Roks

Ros Debenham

17 Bruce Street, Lalor 3075 (H) 465 0974; (W) 691 3863

14 Gardenia Road, Gardenvale 3185

(H) 596 2214; (W) 544 1553

Bill Loane

17 Newry Street, Richmond 3121

(H) 429 6193

GREENS BUSH

A copy of a Ministerial Statement made in Parliament on 22 April 1988 has been received and is available in the clubrooms for perusal by those interested.

CLOSING DATE FOR AUGUST "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST

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.

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING OF 4 JULY 1988

Correspondence in

- Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind want volunteers to assist with their walking group
- Department of Conservation, Forests & Lands
 - talk on long distance walking tracks
 - closure of part of Werribee State Park due to falcon breeding season
 - official history of Green's Bush project
- Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs are preparing a history of bushwalking, and want information on our club. Sylvia to liaise.
- Victorian National Parks Association want donations to prepare information on the Alpine National Park. A motion that the club donate was lost. Individual members are most welcome to assist.

Correspondence out

- To Ross House, Victorian Horticultural Society, and Victorian Walking Club, re new clubrooms
- To Mountain Designs, re progress on clubrooms
- To Carolyn Maclean, re van bookings

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$15,682.12
- Brian Marriott to act as Treasurer until Half Yearly General Meeting. An election must then be held.
- Brian to investigate details of Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs' insurance policy.

Walks Secretary's Report

In May there were 246 walkers - 193 members, 53 visitors. 230 day walkers, 16 weekend walkers. Income \$2170.

Transport

Rob Ayre to replace Brian Marriott as liaison officer.

Equipment

Receipts \$68 so far this year.

Clubrooms

- Committee agreed that we should remain in the city if possible, and that some storage space is essential (but could be less than at present).
- Therefore the Horticultural Society Lodge is the best location found so far. Max to follow this up in more detail. Brian, Rob and Hugh to assist.

Duty Roster

July 13 Ceri, Wendy
July 20 Hugh, Rob
July 27 Keith, ?
August 3 Merilyn, Jean

Next Committee Meeting

Monday, August 1