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SOCIAL COLUMN

PICNIC DAY

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

Cheltenham Park is the next venue for our picnic. We would like to see many members, whether you have a family to bring or not. Meet at the playground just inside the gate off Park Road.

Phone: Jan (596 3976)

FILM NIGHT THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER THURSDAY 23RD JUNE, 7 PM See this acclaimed film in the company of friends. \$5.00 (if more than 10 people).

Payment to Darren Miller (391 5089)

SKIING GEAR NIGHT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29TH, 8 PM

If you are contemplating buying ski equipment, or just hitting the slopes, this year - this night's for you. Together with his 4½ pairs of skis, our resident Austrian, Otto Christiansen, will take us through some pros and cons of selecting ski gear. Also, Keith White will discuss with us what should go into a skier's day pack. Anybody else (women) willing to assist these two men on this night, please contact them.

MID-YEAR DINNER PASA TURKISH RESTAURANT SATURDAY 9 JULY, 7.30 PM (BYO) 528 SYDNEY ROAD, BRUNSWICK

A vast selection of delicious dips and savouries, a choice of four Mediterranean main courses, completed by Turkish dessert. Yes, you can get this PLUS the company of your bushwalking pals, for just \$15 per head. Of course there is a limit to numbers, so book now for your middle-eastern banquet.

See Darren in clubrooms or phone Jan (596 3976)

CLUBROOM NIGHT

MAMMALS AROUND WILKY

13TH JULY

David Hespe has studied the array of mammals which live around (and some will say in) Wilky. This should prove to be an interesting night for all of us.

Contact Mick Mann (49 4782)

PARRADIDDLE DANCE HAWTHORN TOWN HALL FRIDAY JULY 29TH, 8 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 15th

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers, Box 1751, G.F.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.

DAYMALKS JUNE/JULY 1988

SUNDAY JUNE 26 YOU YANGS

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRISH ELMORE & ALEX VOLTAN

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M. TRANSPORT

EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M. APPROX. DISTANCE 10-12 KM

The You Yangs are a distinctive feature consisting of a number of low granite peaks between Melbourne and Geelong.

The area can be divided into three distinct zones; the open woodland to the south and south west, the cleared undulating hills to the north and the granite peaks in the centre. The views from the latter two are superlative.

A circular route shall be taken by both groups, the general idea will be that each group travel counter to each other. The medium group shall explore the area around the peaks, the easy shall explore the open woodland and cleared areas. Both groups will, of course, bag Flinders Peak.

PCRTARLINGTON -- INDENTED HEAD --

EASY & MEDIUM

EDWARDS POINT

LEADERS MAX CASLEY & ALEC GLOGOWSKI

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M. TRANSPORT

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M. MAP REFERENCE MELVAYS

APPROX. DISTANCE EASY GROUP 14 KM; MEDIUM GROUP 20 KM

This is a very pleasant beach walk along the foreshore reserve of the Bellarine Peninsula from Portarlington to the Edwards Point Flora and Fauna Reserve. On the preview there were swans, pelicans, many other birds, views across the bay to the You Yangs and Arthurs Seat, passing ships and the shipwreck of the paddlesteamer "Ozone".

The Edwards Point Reserve is particularly nice to walk through. Civilisation is never far away, with holiday houses on one side (not at Edwards Point) and Melbourne's tall buildings looming through the mist on the other. However civilisation does have compensations the coconut cakes at the St. Leonards Bakery are very tasty.

SUNDAY JULY 3

THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY FOOK OF EUTTERFLIES PORT





A special gift from Michael Leunig to The Wilderness Society and to you. . a "Book of Butterflies" Port Crock. A fine ceramic port crock filled with St Annes classic "Show Port". St Annes is a small boutique winery near Myrniong, Victoria. They specialize in quality wines produced in small volumes. Normally available only through cellar door sales, this special offer is exclusive to Wilderness Society members and supporters.

Order from The Wilderness Society, 59 Hardware Street, Melbourne 3000 Telephone 670 5229 (Enquiries).

Cost: \$29.95

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUNDAY JULY 10 THE SHIP ROCK - TOMAHAWK CREEK EASY & MEDIUM KURTH KILN

LEADERS GINA HOPKINS & KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:25,000 GILWELL AND BEENAK

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 AND 18 KM

An attractive walking area relatively close to town which we have not visited for some time.

Both walks will start at the Ship Rock picnic ground (toilets) and after visiting the falls will journey along forest tracks and roads to finish at the picturesque Kurth Kiln picnic ground nestled beside a small weir.

Bring water for lunch, come well rugged up and perhaps a change of shoes may be handy for leaving in the van. Otherwise it will be a cheerful winter's day.

WED. JULY 13 NEPEAN COASTAL PARK EASY

LEADER STAN ATTWOOD

TRANSPORT CARS
EXPECTED RETURN 6 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE MELWAY 167

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 KM

This month's mid-week walk will be an easy one, from Sorrento Ocean Beach to "Number Sixteen".

"An old faithful", you might say, nevertheless this section of coast is one of the most spectacular in Victoria and well worth a winter visit.

I propose to spend some time exploring the various beaches and headlands, and thus the walk will be a mix of beach, cliff and track walking, depending on time, tide, weather and the whim of the leader.

Come along for an enjoyable winter wander and bring your togs for a swim if you dare.

Meeting Place either Stud Road at the north entrance to the Mulgrave Freeway (ref Melway 81-Gl2) at 9.00 a.m. or "Number Sixteen" (ref Melway 167-J10) at 10.30 a.m.

SAT. JULY 16 SKI TRIP - LAKE MOUNTAIN BEGINNERS EASY

LEADER DOUG POCOCK

TRANSPORT CARS
EXPECTED RETURN 6-ish

APPROX. DISTANCE AS DESIRED

Now that winter is upon us, hopefully large areas of Victoria will be covered with snow and the only practical way of travelling around is with skis. Once the basics of cross country skiing are mastered a whole new world opens up.

I don't know how I got dobbed for this but I hope there will be plenty of experienced skiers there to help with instruction. Meet at the start of the ski trail at 10.00 a.m. and we will proceed to Echo Flat. Time will be spent there on basic techniques and then off on the trails for those who desire.

Once again, children are welcome if they are in the care of current members.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUNDAY JULY 17 ANGAHOOK - MOGGS CREEK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS PHIL LARKIN & STEPHEN COURTNEY
TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

SATURDAY JULY 23 SKI TRIP - EXPLORE LAKE MOUNTAIN MEDIUM

LEADER GRAEME THORNTON

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN THE SAME DAY

MAP REFERENCE ALEXANDRA (8023) AND HEALESVILLE (8022)

1:100,000; THORNTON AND MCMAHONS CREEK

1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE ?? 20-30 ?? KM

"Oh no, not another Lake Mountain ski trip", I hear you say.
"How boring", I hear added from the back. "We'd prefer to go somewhere more exciting", echoes the chorus line.

Well, in that case you could very well be interested in this trip.

In defence of Lake Mountain as a ski area, I can only say that, much to my surprise, I found it to be a delightful place to ski one afternoon after the mob left prematurely due to the onset of a severe snow shower.

Keith White in his (near) infinite wisdom has graded this as a medium trip. I don't really expect it to be much beyond easy-medium, BUT, be warned, it will almost certainly be unpreviewed as it is an exploration and I would like to add to my tally of alternative approaches.

We will approach the mountain from one of its less frequented sides. Exactly where from will have to wait until the day. If we have snow down to 1000-1100m then there is considerable scope.

So if you would like to experiment with route finding in an interesting area then come along. Lake Mountain, and environs, have many faces and don't have to be wall-to-wall humanity and cars.

SUNDAY JULY 24 PYRITES CREEK - MT. LITTLE BULLENGAROOK EASY & MEDIUM

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

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

SATURDAY JULY 30 DANDENONGS EXPLORER BELGRAVE TO KALLISTA EASY

LEADER MICHAEL HUMPHREY

TRANSPORT TRAIN DEPARTS FLINDERS STREET 8.49 A.M.,

PLATFORM NO. 4, OR PRIVATE CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 4.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS MAPS 75 and 124

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 KM

An easy and very relaxed walk starting <u>promptly</u> at 10.30 a.m. from the Puffing Billy Picnic Ground (Melway Map 75 G9). If you are coming by public transport, the train arrives at Belgrave Station at 10.03 a.m. The picnic ground is just a short walk away.

The walk will depend very much on the weather. I plan to have lunch at the Menzies Creek/Hermans Saddle Reserves and eventually make our way to Grants Picnic Ground for a Devonshire Tea. However, if the weather is not so good we will do the walk in reverse and head for Grants' for lunch.

I strongly recommend good footwear and warm clothing. For further details please see me in the clubrooms on the Wednesday night prior to the walk or ring me at home (598 7317) after 7.30 p.m.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUNDAY JULY 31 MT DISAPPOINTMENT EASY & MEDIUM

WENDY BARNES & GRAHAM BREEN LEADERS

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M. TRANSPORT

EXPECTED RETURN APPROX. 6.30 P.M.

1:25,000 UPPER PLENTY & KINGLAKE WEST MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 & 16 KM

This walk will be in the forested area around Mt. Disappointment, north west of Whittlesea. The easy walk will be all on tracks, but the medium may take in some bush bashing, depending on the whim of the leader. We can promise the attraction of a pleasant, wooded environment, the odd up and down to keep the walker warm on a winter's day, and a relatively short bus trip.

WEEKENDWALKS JULY 1988

2-3 JULY CATHEDRAL RANGE

EASY

LEADER DOUG POCOCK

TRANSPORT CARS 6-ish EXPECTED RETURN

ALGONA CATHEDRAL RANGE MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 10+ KM

Once again, work pressures have decreased to allow me to organise some easy weekend walks suitable for beginners or those wanting to be a bit slack. The idea is to get to the camp spot by Saturday lunch time and set up camp early. Saturday afternoon is usually a walk without packs and then Sunday pack up and an easy day walk back to the cars.

This walk will meet at Cooks Mill upper car park at 10.00 a.m. A short but steep climb will get to the camp spot. The afternoon's walk will be to Sugarloaf. On Sunday morning the walk will be to Cathedral (without packs) and back to the cars in the afternoon, exploring the ridge parallel to the main ridge before dropping into the Gorge and out to the track back to the cars.

As stated before, this walk will be suitable for anyone wanting to try out weekend walking. Also suitable for members who wish to introduce their children to the joys of weekend walking, thus grooming the next generation of bushwalkers.

22-24 JULY SKI TRIP - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS MEDIUM

RUSSELL JONES LEADER

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN SUNDAY NIGHT

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS (ALGONA) MAP REFERENCE

Meet at Windy Corner. Ski out to near Watchbed Creek, dump packs and set up tents. Then ski tour around, e.g. Mt. Nelse, Spion Kopje, Timms Lookout, Mt. Cope. A lot of it is dependent on the weather, but I am flexible.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE THE LONG-AWAITED PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT THE END OF MAY SUCH AN ENJOYABLE EVENT. THIS ESPECIALLY GOES TO JEAN GIESE WHO I SUSPECT DID MUCH OF THE OVERALL ORGANISING AS WELL AS WELCOMING US TO HER HOUSE, TWICE, AND COOKING THE DELICIOUS FISH ENTREE. AND TO LIBBY AND JIM MARSDEN FOR THE YUMMY SOUP, TO SYLVIA AND DAVE ANDREWS FOR THE EXTENSIVE MAIN COURSES IN THEIR HOUSE, AND FINALLY TO JANET AND GRAHAM HODGSON FOR OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD DESSERTS AND COFFEE. (WE ARE ESPECIALLY GLAD TO HEAR THEIR MARRIAGE STOOD UP TO THE PREPARATIONS OF THE ABOVE, AND I ONLY WISH I HAD MORE ROOM TO SAMPLE ALL OF THEM.) THERE WERE SEVERAL HELPERS - SANDRA MUTIMER AND MAX I HEARD OF, AND MAYBE OTHERS TOO. IT WAS A TRULY WARM AND COMFORTABLE EVENT, WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS VERY MUCH INDEED.

- SYLVIA WILSON

WEEKEND TRIPS (Continued)

29-31 JULY

SKI TRIP - RAWSON LODGE

EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS

SANDRA MUTIMER AND CERI LAW

TRANSPORT CARS

The accommodation numbers have been extended to 36 and this means that we will have one of the lodges to ourselves (and also saves some poor unfortunates from having to share with us). It also means that there are several places not yet filled, if you're interested.

Our tariff will be \$104. This includes twin share accommodation for Friday and Saturday nights, breakfasts for Saturday and Sunday. Final payment for this is to be made at the lodge. Dinner is not included in this tariff but is available from the restaurant. You may prefer to have dinner along the way on Friday night.

With our extended group it is likely that there will be three full day tours of different standards on each day. You will be requiring lunch for these days.

I recommend STAV's (Ski Touring Association of Victoria) information leaflets. These are available from most shops selling cross country ski clothing and equipment.

I will be in the clubrooms on the Wednesday before this weekend.

MARYSVILLE GUESTHOUSE WEEKEND

This is proving to be as popular as ever, so only a few vacancies remain. Contact Pat and Paul Gray direct if you are interested.

Please note that the bus to Marysville is a public one and not the club's bus.

For those planning to dine in Marysville on Friday, 24th, an alternative to the hotel and milk bars is a well recommended four course dinner at "The Cumberland" costing \$20.

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See me in the clubrooms ROGER HARRIS

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ANTARCTIC CAMPAIGN BUSH DANCE

SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH - 7.30 P.M.

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL CORNER NORTH ROAD/WHEATLEY ROAD, ORMOND

Dance to the music of Uncle Henry and the Prickly Pair.

Supper provided, BYO drink and glass

TICKETS \$12, \$8 CONCESSION

Bookings: Phone 819 2888 - Sandra or Margaret
Raffle/Antarctic Gift Stall

NOTICE OF THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH AT 8.00 PM IN THE CLUBROOMS (WE HOPE)

Your erstwhile President will be away from mid June till late July so please direct all your praise (?!)/problems/queries to my two extremely able Vice Presidents: Rob Ayre and Hugh Duncan.

COMMITTEE NOTES JUNE 6TH 1988

Correspondence

Maroondah Bushwalkers requesting use of Wilky. Discussed at length but handed back to sub committee as developments with National Parks not finalised yet.

Letter from Senator Norm Sanders who is Australian Democrats spokesperson on the Environment and N-Issues about nuclear weapons proliferation. Please see Yellow Box.

Treasurer

Balance at 31.5.88: \$16,424.02

Payments to be ratified:

1.	Bullards' "News"	Account	\$195.92
2.	Petrol (April)		276.55
			\$472.47

Bills to be paid:

1.	Melbourne	Man	Centre
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	(maps for Navigation weekend)	88.00
2.	Printed matter	
	(winter walks programmes)	58.80
3.	Driving and garaging (May)	530.00
4.	Mountain Designs (clubroom rental)	625.00
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5. Peter Gronow (May service to van) 208.00
6. STAV (subscription) 25.00
7. ACF (subscription) 56.00
\$1590.80

\$2063.27

Other matters:

Increase in Bullards' News account limit

Walks Secretary

Figures for April

Total walkers	354	Members	263
Day walkers	235	Visitors	91
Weekend walkers	119	Income	\$2077

Membership Secretary

Figures as at June 1st - paid up members: 284
"News" subscribers: 14

"News"

With the resignation of the Bullards from next AGM (February 1989) we will be at a loss! They have done this rather time consuming job for 8 years, for which we are extremly grateful, thank you both very much indeed. Our trusty "News" editor is also looking about at other means of getting "News" out but suspects it will cost twice as much. Plea for Bullard clones!

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

Wilkinson Lodge

An agreement has been reached that the public refuge shelter will now be one and the same as the entrance lobby cum wood store. A small pot-bellied stove will be installed in spring and all the junk moved out.

More negotiations with National Parks re limited public access to the hut.

Snow weeks are full (11 of them).

The committee agreed that petrol money for cars going on work parties be refunded at the discretion of the Hut Manager.

Equipment

\$63 balance from beginning of year.

We now have four Suunto compasses available for hire at \$3 per week (Wednesday to Wednesday) - \$10 deposit.

Tracks

Distinct possibility of doing maintenance work on Mt. Donna Buang to Cement Creek in October to be run in conjunction with a walk in that area. Darren to investigate further.

Duty Roster

June 15 Keith

22 Brian, Merilyn

29 Darren, Roger

July 6 Mick, Wendy

Next Meeting

July 4th

And Also

Flease note Max Casley's plea on page 9 re new clubrooms. He is doing a terrific job on his own but a helping hand would be much appreciated.

Should members ever feel dissatisfied with the way the club is run, feel free to talk it over with a committee member. Problems talked about at this level can often avert a major confrontation.

LETTER

Dear Members and Visitors,

I have been a club member for about twenty years. I attend some Dandenong Explorers, some historical rambles, Marysville weekends, some base camps, a number of weekend trips, some extended walks. I plan to go on some midweek walks and I occasionally go on a Sunday walk. My total walking activity with this club is about 48 days per year.

Please send me a cheque for \$336 which I calculate to be a reasonable amount to help me meet the expenses for my 48 days of walking. It is exactly the amount implied in the second letter in last month's "News" $(48 \times 7 = 336)$.

If it is reasonable for the club to subsidise visitors' bus fees then it is only fair for the club to subsidise the travelling expenses of all walkers.

We are not a charitable organisation, so neither visitors nor Sunday walkers should be subsidised by other club members.

NEW CLUB ROOM NEEDED

HELP! We need to find a new club room because we have been told to vacate our present room above the shop in Little Bourke Street. So the search is on as it is really important for the future of our club to find a suitable meeting place. If you know of a likely place or can help in the search please contact a committee member or Max Casley, who is co-ordinating the search (tel. 606 7516 W, 527 3111 H).

We would like to find a club room with the following features:

Location: Preferably in the city or an inner suburb with

good public transport and car parking possible

in the evenings.

Size: A meeting room preferably at least 500 square feet

in area, for example 16 x 30 feet or 5 x 9 metres.

Our present room has more than twice this area.

Storage space: for our map collection, camping hire equipment,

etc.

Access: Easy access to the room from 7 pm - 9 pm each

Wednesday (or Tuesday would be OK). Access at

other times to the storage space is also desirable).

We also need toilets and tea making facilities. The cost of our present room is about \$24 per night, but we may have to pay more, especially to get storage space.

Any ideas??

MAX CASLEY

VIANTED

SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE PRINTING OF "NEWS" AS PETER AND ANNE ARE GETTING TIRED OF DOING IT.

IT REQUIRES APPROXIMATELY 10-12 HOURS PER MONTH. PRINTING KNOWLEDGE IS NOT 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 AGM IN FEBRUARY.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Mary Damousi 29 Rae Street, North Fitzroy, 3068 (H) 481 2596, (W) 300 1288

Rita Mahony, 37/20 Ross Street, Northcote, 3070 (H) 489 9908, (W) 337 5311

Helen & John Hare Lot 91, Koolbirra Road, Maryknoll, 3812 (H) (059) 42 8375, (W) 555 6433 (John)

Robyn Gray 4/38 Burnley Street, Richmond, 3121 (H) 428 7399

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Anne Zagorsky - (W) 51 2593

Barbara Burton 48 Harvey Street, Prahran East, 3181 (H) 51 7487, (W) 429 3622

Pauline Williams - (W) 617 5812

Robyn Hoven, 62 Clauscen Street, North Fitzroy, 3068 (H) 481 1647

Isobella Gulotta C/- P.O. Blackwood, 3458

CLOSING DATE FOR JULY "NEW" - WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY, 8.30 P.M.

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 - if yours is a day late it will probably miss out.

COMBRATULATIONS to Barbara and Ralph Bryan on the birth of their Son Daniel. He was born on the 4th. June at Mangratta.