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WEDNESDAY WALKS BEGIN APRIL 13TH

CO-ORDINATOR JEAN GIESE

Quite a number of walkers have indicated interest in a mid-week walk so we're kicking off with one a month starting April 13th.

Bookings will be on list in clubrooms or by ringing leader, or turn up on day of walk in ample time for arranging transport.

Meet: The first walk is to Cathedral Range, so we'll meet at my place, 9 Albert Crescent, Surrey Hills (near Surrey Hills station for anyone using public transport) and cars not needed for transport can be left on my premises.

Time: 8.45 a.m. so we can organise ourselves into cars for 9 a.m. departure.

Post walk: If anyone would like to stay at Albert Crescent for a share tea (and shower?!) on return, that could be a nice conclusion to the day. Then on to clubrooms.

Any suggestions will be gratefully received.

For details of walk see under day walk previews.

JEAN GIESE

1988 PALM SUNDAY

PEACE MARCH AND FESTIVAL

Assemble 1 pm, March 27th

Treasury Gardens Spring Street

For the past few years Bushies intending to join this march have met for lunch in the gardens near the Spring Street/Flinders Street corner from 12 noon. Join us this year to support the cause of peace and have a sociable afternoon. We will march through the city to the Myer Music Bowl Peace Festival. Further information - Merilyn Whimpey 578 1062 (H).

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.

SOCIAL COLUMN

No doubt you've all heard your club has a new social secretary. Bob Bell was declared "it" at the February AGM. It hasn't taken him long to get the ball rolling, and together with Darren and Jan, he's ready to hit the Melbourne Bushwalkers with a social year in '88.

Throughout the year we will try to provide activities for all tastes and budgets. To kick off, here's a couple of dates for your diary.

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH

KARWARA

Walking tracks, native garden and open space await your picnic hamper. Join us from 12 noon onwards to explore this reserve which has been developed by the Mt. Dandenong Horticultural Society.

Location is adjacent to the Kalorama Memorial Reserve, Mt. Dandenong Road.

Contact Jan on 596 3976.

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 9.15 P.M.

THREE MEN AND A BABY

After a gruelling clubnight, come along to the Greater Union theatres in Russell Street to be entertained. If you're just going to meet us there, the film starts at 9.15 p.m.

Cost: \$8.50 (unless we can get 20 people, then it's \$5.50. If interested, contact Bob (580 3174).

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The social committee will be glad to receive suggestions for activities. To enable this to occur, we will be placing a suggestion box under the social noticeboard in the clubrooms. (What's the social noticeboard?) This is where any forthcoming events will be advertised.

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BRAND NEW SERIES

GEAR NIGHTS

7-9 p.m. selected Wednesday nights

How often have you thought you needed a new pack, tent or stove, gone shopping and been overwhelmed by choice? If you're like many of us, you'll still be looking next month! Well, we're going to try to alleviate those brain-aches. Starting soon, we'll be hosting a series of <u>qear nights</u> in the clubrooms. The aim of these nights would be to assist people in selecting new gear, after discussing it with people who already own the article.

We would like some volunteers to assist in presenting the first night. This is tentatively planned for <u>March 23rd</u>, and will be looking at <u>Backpacks</u>. If you are willing to bring your pack (any size) to the clubrooms and discuss the pros and cons of it, please contact either Bob or Jan in the next few days.

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

These events are the start of a new beginning. We need your support and enthusiasm too. Please feel free to contact any of Bob Bell's team about current or future social events, and remember to keep some time free for the bushwalking club's social events.

BOB BELL
JAN MATTINGLEY
DARREN MILLER
(unavailable till late April)

DAY WALKS MARCH/APRIL 1988

SAT. 26 MARCH

DANDENONGS EXPLORER

LYSTERFIELD NATIONAL PARK

EASY

LEADER

TRANSPORT

MICHAEL HUMPHREY

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

MELWAYS MAPS 108, 83 and 82

Just when you thought that it was impossible to come up with a totally new and different walk in the Dandenongs - get set for a real change of venue at Lysterfield Lake Park.

The park is approximately 1160 hectares in area and includes an 82 hectare lake - previously the Lysterfield Reservoir, which supplied water to the Mornington Peninsula from 1936 until the opening of the Cardinia Reservoir in 1975. Lysterfield Lake and its catchment have been developed as a Bicentennial project and contain a mixture of remnant native forest and eucalypt plantations.

Lysterfield Lake Park was opened to the public in November 1986 and has become an important refuge for wildlife, particularly water birds which frequent the shallows and reed beds of the upper reaches of the Lake. Negotiations are in progress to acquire the land to the west providing a link to the Churchill National Park.

Access to the park is via the entrance and ticket office in Horswood Road (Melway Map 108 E2), off the Belgrave-Hallam Road. There is an entry fee of \$3.20 per car. We will meet promptly by 10.30 a.m. in the southern car park (i.e. near the dam wall). We will be coming back here for lunch as well as the barbeque, but more about that later.

Due to the lack of toilet facilities in the park we will be doing two walks. The morning walk of approximately 6 kms takes us to the east of the park through eucalypt plantations back to the main picnic area. After lunch we head into the more remote western and northern areas of the park and circle around the lake back to the main car park (12 kms). I am assured by the Ranger that we will encounter excellent views of the lake and park.

We should arrive back at the cars at around 5.30 p.m., where I would like to invite you all to have a barbeque with me (BYO everything). All the barbeques are electric and there are plenty of tables and general facilities. The picnic area that we will be using is located next to the only swimming beach in the park, so bring your bathers if the weather is warm. Please note that the park is closed promptly at 8.00 p.m., but this should give us plenty of time to have a leisurely dinner. This should be an excellent way to end a quite different day in the Dandenongs.

It will also be a very versatile day. In other words, people may decide to only do one of the walks, or you may like to meet us at the picnic area at approximately 5.30 p.m. for the barbeque only.

For those who can't come by private transport please ring me (at home on 598-7317 after 7.30 p.m.) and we will try to organise something. When booking, please indicate whether you can take passengers (expenses, of course, to be shared).

See you all there!

LEADER

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SUN. 3 APRIL SOMERS PARK - MT. BOOBYALLA - EASY/MEDIUM CEMENT CREEK

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

BOB BELL

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

SAT. 9 APRIL CYCLE TRIP

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

SUN. 10 APRIL MT. WORTH STATE PARK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS
DAVID PICKUP & STUART HODGSON
TRANSPORT
BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE MT. WORTH 1:25,000; WARRAGUL 1:100,000;

MOE 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE MEDIUM 16 KM; EASY 12 KM

In 1986 and 1987 this delightful walk was overshadowed by high winds and torrential rain on the former and very thick mist on the latter. However, the ranger feels there is a very good chance of perfect autumn weather on the above date.

The State Park is situated south-west of Warragul. It is one of the few areas of uncleared bush remaining in the Strzeleckis and includes farmland being converted back into bush.

Vegetation consists mainly of mountain ash and many ferns. Lyrebirds, olive whistlers, crimson rosellas and grey butcher birds may be spotted. If we are lucky, we should see wedge-tail eagles.

The walk will be through forest, open farmland and (within the State Park) a segment of unmade road.

There will be magnificent views across the La Trobe Valley towards Mt. Baw Baw.

WED. 13 APRIL WEDNESDAY WALK - CATHEDRAL RANGE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER JEAN GIESE

TRANSPORT CARS. Meet at 9 Albert Cres. Surrey Hills

or train it to Surrey Hills Station.

TIME 8.45 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 6.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE NATIONAL PARKS LEAFLET; ALGONA CATHEDRAL RANGE

APPROX. DISTANCE 13 KM OR EASY OPTION 10 KM

Not too far from Melbourne, the Cathedral Range offers a pleasant mixture of forest, rocky escarpment with great views, and ferny glades along creeks and the Little River.

Commencing at Cooks Mill site, we'll climb up to the Jawbones then along the ridge to Cathedral, Little Cathedral and Ned's Peak. Instead of the old precipitous scramble back to the river, we'll take the new more gradual track to Ned's Gully. The easy option is to pick up a car here; the medium walkers will complete the circuit along a pleasant track on the west side of Little River.

For more details, see front page.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SAT. 16 APRIL HISTORICAL WALK - NORTH MELBOURNE EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

RENDEZVOUS MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION,

BY 1.30 P.M.

The walk starts at Victoria Square, and on to the North Melbourne Town Hall and beyond. A set of three maps and accompanying booklets describing this and other walks in the area are available from the Neighbourhood Centre, 58 Errol Street, North Melbourne, for \$4. Walk will finish about 4.30 p.m.

SUN. 17 APRIL MILL CREEK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS
BRIAN MARRIOTT & TREVOR THOMSON
TRANSPORT
BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.
MAP REFERENCE
TALLAROOK 1:50,000; YEA 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 KM EASY; 17 KM MEDIUM

Mill Creek descends from the plateau of the Tallarook State Forest to the Goulburn River via a beautiful gully of granite slabs and boulders. With the anticipated April rains, this should provide many delightful pools and waterfalls. We plan to ascend this gully and then make our way across the plateau to Meadows Hill, which provides expansive views of the Goulburn River Valley and surrounding hills. The medium group will also climb Breech Peak, which has good views to the north and west.

SUN. 24 APRIL TWO BAYS REVISITED EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

SAT. 30 APRIL DANDENONGS EXPLORER
FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK

EASY

LEADER GRAHAM BREEN

TRANSPORT TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET, 10.09 A.M. EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 4.19 P.M. FROM UPPER FERNTREE GULLY APPROX. DISTANCE 12 KM

This walk starts and finishes at the Upper Ferntree Gully railway station where there is ample car parking even on a Saturday market day. The route follows little-used tracks through dry forest and also lush, green, dark, dank fern gullies. There will only be one protracted climb of any steepness which will be eased by frequent rest breaks and compensated for by good views. Water or similar should be carried. A fine day has been requested.

WEEKEND WALKS APRIL 1988

15-17 APRIL MT. COBBLER MEDIUM

LEADER GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON RIVERS

The details of this walk will depend on whether we get some good rain between now and then, as the smaller streams are probably dry at the moment. If there is water, and the weather is suitable, I would like to camp near the summit of Mt. Cobbler itself - a lovely spot to view the sunrise! The only thing I can be certain of is that I intend to start walking from King River Hut.

See me nearer the date for more information.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

22-25 APRIL CENTRAL GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP EASY & MEDIUM

LEADER ROSEMARY COTTER

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE GRAMPIANS 1:100,000; MOORA MOORA 1:25,000;

HALLS GAP 1:25,000

The Central Grampians are immediately south-west of Halls Gap in an area not covered in recent trips by Jopie or Fred Halls. Some of the features we shall visit include Tower Hill, Calectasia Falls, Castle Hill, possibly the Western Wall, and a shorter trip around Wonderland on the Monday morning. . . and if it should be wet, we'll head for the Northern Grampians.

22-25 APRIL MCFARLANES SADDLE - WELLINGTON MEDIUM/HARD PLATEAU - GABLES END

LEADER BRIAN MARRIOTT

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE HOWITT AND MAFFRA 1:100,000; VMTC SNOWY PLAINS,

MT. WELLINGTON & LAKE TARLI KARNG

A 3-day circuit walk encompassing Mt. Wellington, The Sentinels and Gables End, returning via Lake Tarli Karng, Spion Kopje and Picture Point. The detailed route will be planned to suit the party.

29 APRIL - KING SPUR, MT. SPECULATION - MEDIUM 1 MAY QUEEN SPUR

LEADER SPENCER GEORGE

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 10.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON RIVERS

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM

From King River we climb steeply up King Spur to Mt. Koonika, then across the tops to the campsite below Mt. Speculation. On Sunday we descend to the Horrible Gap before climbing Mt. Buggery, then down Queen Spur over The Pimple to King River. We climb about 1000 metres vertically on Saturday and descend slightly more on Sunday.

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 1988

1. The new committee:

President Sylvia Wilson

Vice Presidents Rob Ayre & Hugh Duncan

Secretary Trish Elmore
Treasurer David Davies
Walks Secretary Keith White
Membership Secretary Wendy Barnes
Social Secretary Bob Bell
Wilky Manager Mick Mann

"News" Convener Merilyn Whimpey General Committee Jean Giese

Roger Harris
Ceri Law
Brian Marriott
Darren Millar

2. The meeting agreed to a \$2 rise in membership fees, so making them -

Member \$22 "News" subscriber \$11 Concession \$11 Couple \$30

Everyone is reminded that the financial year has started again so your subs are due.

NOTES FROM THE AGM (Continued)

3. The following members were elected:

Ken Briscoe Peter & Anne Bullard Sue & Graham Errey Sue Filson Merle Halls Jenny & Geoff Kenafacke Libby & Jim Marsden Fay Pitt Edna Richards

- 4. That a sub committee be formed to present to the Half-Yearly General Meeting the feasibility of producing a book to commemorate 50 years of the Melbourne Bushwalking Club, and that if so an editor be elected then.
- 5. Hugh Duncan gave us an update on the Wilky sata.
- 6. A souvenir spoon was presented to Monique Mascas and David Cahill.
- 7. Pat Grey asked for more leaders for Saturday walks.

COMMMITTEE NOTES MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH 1988

Correspondence

- 1. Ministry of Conservation re amendment bill on Errinundra and Copracambra National Parks to go before Parliament soon.
- 2. Peace Rally on March 27th. (Unfortunately the same day as the Federation Day Walk and the Navigation Weekend). A small group of Melbourne Bushies usually go. Information on notice board (near desk), or see Merilyn Whimpey.
- 3. ACF asking for funds for an information booklet. Went down like a lead balloon.
- 4. Federation:
 - 1: CAEX to host annual day walk on Sunday, 27th March. This is our listed walk for that weekend.
 - 2: Greens Bush Appeal. Although a large corridor of land has already been purchased (with donations raised from various sources) which links existing pieces of National Park, yet another block will be subdivided shortly. This would make an excellent addition to the whole. So the appeal is still open. (The land there is absolutely lovely, the concept of the park fantastic, perhaps we might do more to help! Pres.)

Treasurer's Report

1. Balance at 29.2.88: \$6929.26

2. Payments to be ratified:

K. McMahon - books for

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Rampower - fuel and oil, Jan. 88	\$186.75
Driving and garaging, Feb. 88	\$530.00
Total payments to be ratified:	\$768.15

3. Bills to be paid:

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Mercantile Mutual - insurance	\$335.12
Gestetner - supplies for "News"	
(\$58.90, \$82.80, \$238.14)	\$379.84
Printed matter - Autumn program	\$ 62.40
Total bills to be paid:	\$777.36
Total ratifications and bills:	\$1545.51

Receipts for petty cash almost obligatory.

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

Walks Secretary

Total walkers 228
Day 182

Weekend 46 Income \$1,691

Members 162 Visitors 66

Jean Giese co-ordinating Wednesday walks.

Social Secretary

Sub-Committee: Darren Millar, Jan Mattingley

Wilkinson Lodge

Approvals of \$150 for general supplies \$200 fire brick kit

The following people will be looking after these areas:

Transport Brian Marriott
Equipment Roger Harris

Maps Ceri Law and Keith White

Track maintenance Darren Millar Archives Ted Lawton

Federation of Victorian

Walking Clubs Phil Larkin, Athol Schafer

Phil Taylor

Search and Rescue Russell Jones Conservation Council of

Victoria Hugh Duncan

Victorian National Parks

Association Jean Giese

Australian Conservation
Foundation Rob Ayre

Ski Touring Association of Victoria Trish Elmore, Ceri Law

Duty Roster

March 16 Rober, Bob

50 years publication

23 Ceri, Brian

30 Jean, Merilyn

April 6 Jean, Hugh

13 Brian, Roger

Next Meeting

Monday, 11th April.

Index system for "Walk" magazine

This is being embarked upon by Rosemary Cotter. Terrific.

ADVERTISEMENT

NOW HE'S IN THE MASSAGE BUSINESS!

Noel Tolley has completed his formal training and is now qualified as a relaxation masseur. He's set up practice in a separate room at his new address at 136 Gold Street, Clifton Hill, phone 481 8361. Bushies who contact him should ask about a special discount for March'and April!

Noel has also done some training in polarity therapy, oriental massage (Shiatsu and acupressure), and foot reflexology. He is now studying Remedial Massage - a specialised 3-year paramedical course at RMIT.

NEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Jacqueline Mayer 8/42 Foam Street, Elwood, 3185 (H) 531 4707 (W) 575 2225

Margaret Borden 8/267 Beaconsfield Parade Middle Park, 3206 (H) 690 3104

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News Subscriber
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(W) Barbara 628 2028 Trevor 605 6824

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(W) 542 4500

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CHANGES OF INFORMATION

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Stacey Ford

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Maureen Adcock 4 Alfada Street South Caulfield, 3162 (H) 578 9580 Noel Tolley 136 Gold Street Clifton Hill, 3068 (H) 481 8361

Richard Chater 17 Gladstone Street Prahran, 3181 (H) 51 6841

Margaret Curry 16 Cummins Grove Malvern, 3144 (H) 500 0664, (W) 609 3291

TASMANIA ON THE CHEAP

The Astor Hotel in Hobart specialises in back-packers. Some adventure tour people stay there. You get a clean, basic room and breakfast. Some rooms have showers, but mostly you have to go down the corridor for showers and toilets. Bill and I stayed there last February and the manager was extremely helpful when we had to get a plane at 6.30 a.m., ringing up a taxi for us, lending an alarm clock, and deducting the cost of breakfast from our bill. It's in Macquarie Street, on the corner of Victoria Street, just up from the city centre.

On Bruny Island we stayed at Lumeah Hostel at Adventure Bay. Accommodation is mainly in bunk rooms, but Bill and I took the family room. There is a fully equipped kitchen, lounge/dining room with open fire place and colour TV, a few books, games, etc. The proprietor is the local school teacher and she's a nice, friendly lady. She likes you to take off your shoes to protect the carpet, but don't leave them outside - the dog takes them round to another door! You need to bring your own bedding.

MERILYN WHIMPEY

CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

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.