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SOCIAL NEWS

END OF YEAR DINNER

SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1988

ALFRED'S HOMESTEAD, WARRANDYTE

\$30 PER HEAD

Our '88 Christmas dinner will be served at this lovingly refurbished homestead in the Melbourne hills. You will enjoy a lavish smorgasbord, dancing and a floorshow, while drinks are sold at reasonable prices.

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE IN BY 21ST OCTOBER.

NO PAY NO GO. See Darren in clubrooms or phone him on 391 5089.

THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER to be held on the 22nd October has been cancelled through lack of interest.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER

MITTAGUNDI TALK
by IAN STAPLETON

BUSH PICNIC

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 22-23 OCTOBER

HELD AT KINGSBORNE PROPERTY, MERRIJIG (BEYOND MANSFIELD)

Starting: 11.30 a.m., October 22nd

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BYO: Tent, sleeping bag, drinks and breakfast

for Sunday morning.

Supplied: Lunch and dinner on Saturday and

entertainment.

Cost: \$18.00 single) if pre-pay

\$30.00 family) ______\$
\$20.00 single) ______

\$20.00 Single) pay on day \$35.00 family) pay on day

Entertainments . . to name a few:

chook chasing, log splitting, egg throwing, salada eating.

A Mittagundi Fund Raising Event. Further information - Sylvia Wilson, 836 6342. 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.

SOCIAL NEWS (Continued)

SATURDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER BALNARRING PICNIC RACE MEETING

Anyone interested please let Darren know, and we will see if we can organise something.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 8 PM - 1.30 AM

YHA BUSH DANCE

SOUTH MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

FEATURING PARADIDDLE

BYO Supper Basket

TICKETS NOW ON SALE \$8 - SEE DARREN

COMING UP

TRAIL RIDE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

WITH DAVID PICKUP

Watch next month's "News" for details.

WANTED

I think we're still looking for 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 not required to run the Gestetner.

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

DAY WALKS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1988

SUN. 23 OCTOBER BLOWHARD RANGE - COCKPIT CREEK TRACK EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS FRED HALLS & RICK CHATER

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE MONDA 8022-4-4

APPROX. DISTANCE 18 KM

An excellent forest walk, much of it on soft forest tracks or earth roads. From Yea River - Cockpit Creek Track - Sam's Hut Track - Blowhard Range - Starlight Flat - Yea River.

It is usually the best time of the year to walk through this section of the Toolangi State Forest and along the Blowhard Range, with its misty valleys of giant mountain ash, lovely groves of myrtle beech, blackwood, and tall flowering shrubs.

SUN. 6 NOVEMBER WHITE SWAN RESERVOIR - SLATY CREEK - EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

PHIL LARKIN & MARTIN WILLIAMS

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE WARRENHEIP & CRESWICK 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 12/16 KM

The walks start at or near the White Swan reservoir near Ballarat, on the upper reaches of Slaty Creek, and proceed north to Creswick through open eucalypt forest. The topography is undulating and the geology synonymous with gold mining. There is a picnic area midwalk along Slaty Creek but it is still advisable to carry water. The walks take in the picturesque St. Georges Lake before ending in the historic gold mining town of Creswick, birthplace of John Curtin, Norman Lindsay and no doubt other unsung ratbags.

SUN, 13 NOVEMBER MT. FRANKLIN - HEPBURN SPRINGS - EASY & MEDIUM DAYLESFORD

LEADERS MAX CASLEY & BARBARA WEISS

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

MAP REFERENCE DAYLESFORD 1:25,000, GUILDFORD 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 & 17 KM

We will be walking across both farmland and forested areas mainly on tracks, including a climb up Mt. Franklin and a visit to the mineral springs. Mt. Franklin is an extinct volcano (in which you may play cricket on the old ground) with 360 views.

WED. 16 NOVEMBER BUNYIP RIVER VALLEY - BLUE RANGE EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER FRED HALLS

TRANSPORT PRIVATE. MEET AT GEMBROOK 9.45 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE NEERIM 1:50,000 (old), FCV YARRA VALLEY &

GEMBROOK FOREST 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 19 KM

Leaving transport at Basans Corner, we follow Fischer Track down into the Bunyip River Valley. We reach the Bunyip at a splendid myrtle beech grove. Later we follow another section of that track upwards through mountain ash and silvertop forest to Tomahawk Gap. Then on to the Blue Range Track. Further east along this range we pass through several good mountain ash groves, turning off on to the Bunyip Ridge Track. A long, but pleasant downhill ridge walk, passing through silvertop and tall bushes of the light pink boronia (Boronia muellerii). After crossing a swamp at the bottom, we reach the SEC transmission line and eventually join the return transport situated at Black Snake Creek Road, 3-4 km east of Dyers Picnic Ground. Look for cream Sigma station wagon AXDOO1 at Gembrook.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SAT. 19 NOVEMBER HISTORICAL WALK - LOWER YARRA

EASY

LEADER

ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT

MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION, BY

1.30 P.M.

Last walked in 1986, this riverside route has acquired some new features, including Flinders Walkway which was opened earlier this year. Bring picnic afternoon tea. Finishing about 4 p.m.

SUN. 20 NOVEMBER DOWNEY SPUR - NEW FEDERAL MILL -THE BIG TREE

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

JEAN GIESE & SYLVIA WILSON

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

DANDENONGS EXPLORER - SHERBROOKE FOREST SAT. 26 NOVEMBER

EASY

LEADER

DORRIE WARTON

TRANSPORT

CAR OR TRAIN FROM CITY AT 8.49 A.M., ARRIVING AT

BELGRAVE 10.03 A.M.

STARTING TIME

10,30A.M.

FINISHING TIME

the clubrooms.

4.00 P.M.

16 KM APPROX. DISTANCE

Beginning at Micawber Park (Melway Map 75, G9), we will take an easy stroll through Sherbrooke Forest. Bring water for lunch. If transport is required from Belgrave station, see Bob Steel in

SUN. 27 NOVEMBER TERIP TERIP - GOBUR FLORA RESERVE

EASY & MEDIUM

- HUGHES CREEK

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

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

WEEKENDWALKS

OCTOEER/NOVEMBER 1988

28 OCTOBER -1 NOVEMBER (CUP WEEKEND)

PARADISE FALLS - WABONGA PLATEAU -MT. TYPO - BENNIES

MEDIUM

LEADER

CERI LAW

TRANSPORT

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

WABONGA PLATEAU STATE PARK (VMTC);

NATMAP 1:100,000 WHITFIELD, BUFFALO, MANSFIELD,

HOWITT

APPROX. DISTANCE 50+ KM

Wabonga Plateau is a State Park and features a rugged sedimentary topograph of cliffs and waterfalls. The walk will extend between Powers Lookout and Bennies, so a car shuffle will be needed. En route we will visit Paradise Falls where we camp on day one, Mount View and Mt. Typo. The walking will be a combination of 4WD tracks and routes along ridges which may be scrubby in parts.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

4-6 NOVEMBER BRYCES GORGE BASE CAMP MEDIUM

LEADER SPENCER GEORGE

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 10 P.M. SUNDAY

MAP REFERENCE VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON

VMTC SNOWY PLAINS

APPROX. DISTANCE 40 KM

Two day walks:

Day 1 Mt. Howitt, Mt. Magdala, King Billy. Snow plains, mountains and glorious views. A long day's walk.

Day 2 Bryce's Gorge. A leisurely stroll with time for a swim. Waterfalls and spectacular cliffs.

We will camp near our cars, so bring your folding chairs as well as your cameras.

11-13 NOVEMBER SNOBS GAP - MT. TORBRECK MEDIUM

LEADER BRIAN MARRIOTT

TRANSPORT CARS

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

18-20 NOVEMBER WATCHTOWER - MOROKA RIVER - SNOWY BLUFF MEDIUM

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE MACALISTER RIVER WATERSHED (VMTC)

A fairly simple walk. A steep descent of the Watchtower down to the Moroka River, then a long climb up to Snowy Bluff. Then on Sunday a descent then a climb up to Doolans Plain. If nervous on rock don't come.

25-27 NOVEMBER HOWMAN'S GAP - SPION KOPJE - MEDIUM
WHITEHORSE CREEK FALLS - HEATHY SPUR

LEADER PHILIP TAYLOR

TRANSPORT CARS APPROX. DISTANCE 25 KM

The Bogong High Plains are particularly delightful at this time of the year, provided it isn't raining. The walk via Howman's Gap and Spion Kopje is very pleasant with good views into the valleys and expansive views from the top. Whitehorse Creek falls are tucked away in a secluded valley and with the winter snow melting should provide a memorable sight. Camp will be made on one of the beautiful alpine snow plains in the area. Hopefully the weather will be kind, the sun will shine and the rain will keep away.

COMMITTEE NOTES ERD OCTOBER

Correspondence

The Outdoor Activities Group has written to see if anyone wants to go on their courses to specifically become a leader. Blurb in the Yellow Box.

Check out "Common Ground" in the Yellow Box - a new publication from the CCV. Looks good.

Federation: Minimum Impact Bushwalking. A leaflet, "Tread Softly" is doing the rounds. We'll get lots more. (Don't forget we have a video about this coming next month.)

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

A letter has been sent to the Prime Minister and Senator Richardson (Environment Minister) re Greens Bush and the necessity of purchasing the wetlands immediately adjacent to the existing park. Thanks for bringing this to our notice, Athol. (See Yellow Box for background story.)

Treasurer

Payments to be ratified:		
Rampower - Petrol for August	\$170.60	
Federation Public Liability Policy	710.00	
News Account - top-up	338.27	
Conservation Council subscription	60.00	
Lock and keys for new clubroom	85.60	
	\$1,364.47	
Bills to be paid:		
Gronow - Servicing van for		
annual inspection (including	\$225.00	
2 tyres and windscreen)	\$1,143.55	
Driving and garaging - September Melbourne Map Centre -	555.00	
Navigation day maps sold	76.00	
	\$1,999.55	

Walks Secretary

204 walkers 190 Day 160 Members 14 Weekend 44 Visitors

\$1977 income

The Bus

Two new tyres and a windscreen have been bought.

Wilky

Season nearly over despite the weather, and wood and kero stocks low as so many people have used the hut.

Maps

New Leisure Maps from Vicmap 1:50,000 on Kinglake, Hattah and Wilson's Promontory on single sheets!

Coming soon: Bogong High Plains on one sheet; the Grampians on two and ditto the Otways. All 1:50,000.

Duty Roster

October 12 Roger & Ceri 19 Jean & Ceri 26 Sylvia & Wendy November 2 Jean & Darren 9 Rob & Mick

The Move

The move to our new premises started promptly at 2.00 on the appointed day. Twenty odd stalwarts fronted up and with the help of a couple of three-wheelie trollies and lots of lengthened arms and improved thigh muscles we got everything out in remarkably fast time. Everything was loaded into several combis, cars and a trailer. The last bit was easy: the short stagger up the garden path to our lovely new premises which had just been thoroughly cleaned by Max, Hugh and Leonie (and Cathy?). But where to actually put all this was another problem. Anyway by 5.30 p.m. the walls were covered with maps and noticeboards and it looked homely and lived in. Max brought

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

out the sticky buns to help celebrate with arvo tea. So apart from the look on Ken MacMahon's face when he saw exactly how many Walk magazines he was to mind till Christmas, it was all very hasslefree. A few minor improvements remain to be completed but otherwise it's business as usual.

A very big THANK YOU to all the helpers, especially those who risked their vehicle springs and those who thought to bring tools too. A very successful operation!

Car Parking

The private car park beside the Horticultural Hall is available for us to use only on one Wednesday a month. We have yet to establish which one, so avoid getting a sticky yellow sticker and avoid it. However our spies say the little man in the car park diagonally opposite shuts up his little hut at about 6.30 so that can be used. Drummond Street always looks a bit empty: I guess we just have to get the feel of the area a bit more.

Are the Melbourne Bushies an Ecological Disaster?

There have been several loud mutters recently about the proliferation of plastic and polystyrene cups used for coffee on club nights. The committee discussed this and it was pointed out that in the not-so-distant past when coffee was served in ordinary cups the washing-up system fell through. Volunteers in the end were non-existent and the chiefs got fed up with always being Indians. So regrettably we are into disposables. However, if you feel strongly, how about being entirely responsible for your own cup? A kitchen cupboard will be installed socnish, so this will be a possibility.

REMERER

We welcome Maire Naughton, 35 Tennyson Street, Kew, 3101. (H) 862 3154; (W) 651 1949

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

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