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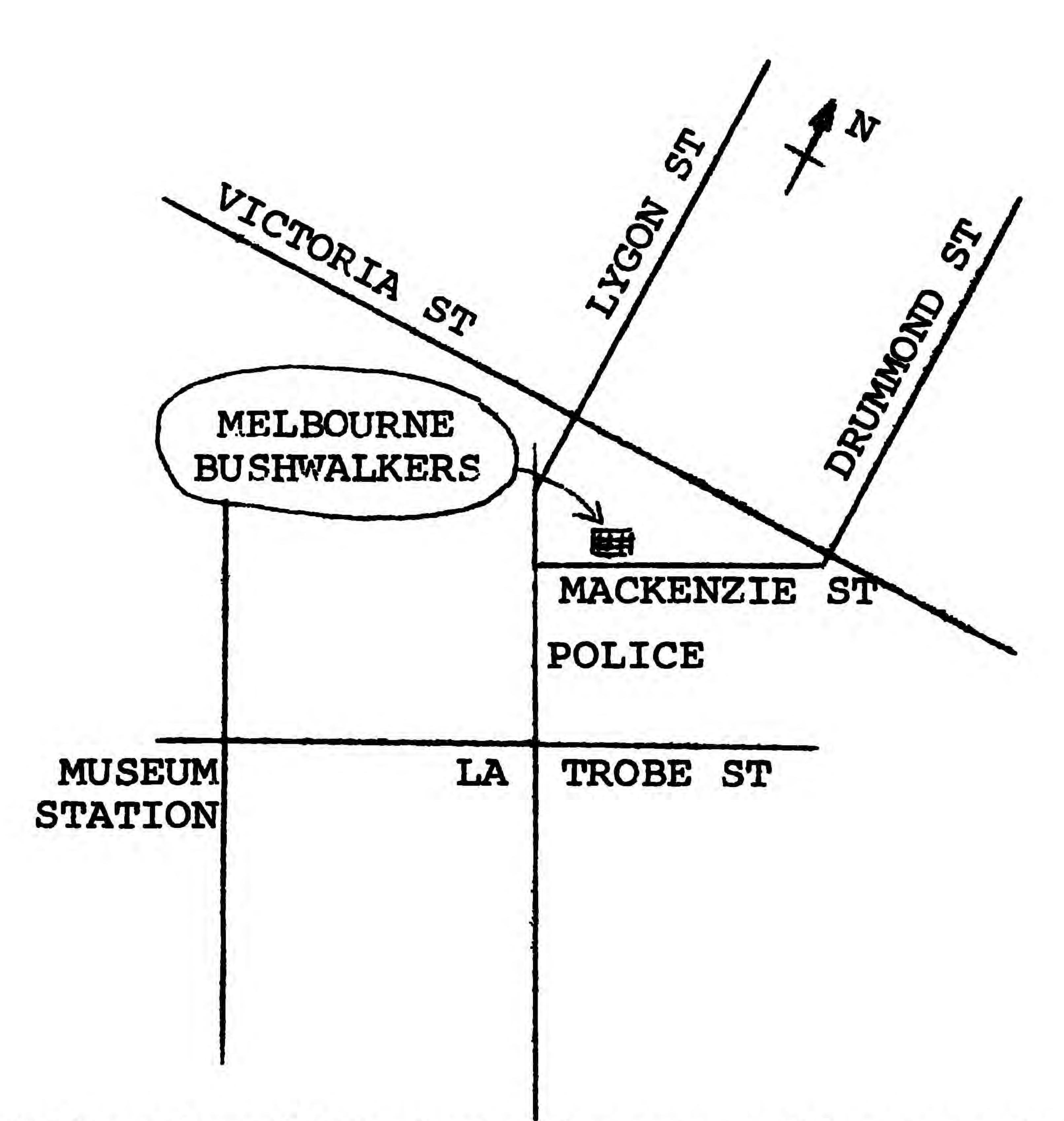
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OUR NEW CLUBROOMS



As from Wednesday 21st September we will meet in the cottage at the back of the Victorian Horticultural Society building - enter from MacKenzie Street. Moving date: Saturday, 17 September.

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers, Box 1751, GPO, MELBOURNE, 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms every Wednesday night 7-9 p.m. NEW CLUBROOMS - FROM 21ST SEPTEMBER - REAR OF THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY BUILDING - ENTER FROM MACKENZIE STREET, CITY. Visitors are always welcome.

DAYWALKS

SEPTEMBER 1988

SAT. 24 SEPTEMBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER - CHURCHILL PARK EASY

LEADER

BOB AUJARD

TRANSPORT

CARS

12.00 FOR LUNCH, OR 1.00 TO START WALKING

EXPECTED RETURN

FINISH WALK AT 3.45 PM

MAP REFERENCE

MELWAYS MAP 82

APPROX. TIME

2¾ hours

ESCAPE FROM THE GRAND FINAL WALK

The only entrance to Churchill Park is through the main gate at Cll on map 82 in your Melways. Proceed from this entrance to the second car park on the left at about 12 o'clock if you wish to join us in a BBQ lunch (BYO steak etc.). This gives us time to have lunch and start walking by 1.00 p.m. Of course you can arrive at 1.00 p.m. and start walking straight away.

We plan to walk along every path in the park. There are about 2 dozen kangaroos inside the park which we will meet some time during the afternoon. There are also plenty of bell birds and parrots to be seen and heard. We can expect plenty of wildflowers at this time of the year.

Beats footy!

SUN. 25 SEPTEMBER BLACKWOOD RANGES

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS TRANSPORT NIGEL HOLMES & BRIAN MARRIOTT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN

6.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

FCV LERDERGE GORGE FOREST PARK 1:25,000 (1974)

APPROX. DISTANCE Easy - 12 km; Medium 16 km

Both walks begin with a view over the area from Mount Blackwood. From here the walks progress along the Blackwood Ranges Track, with splendid views over this part of the Wombat State Forest and the Lerderderg Gorge (1100 feet below the track). The medium walk takes some entertaining deviations from the main track, including several km of light scrub and gully walking. Koalas and feral goats were noted during the preview walks.

DAY WALKS OCTOBER 1988

SUN. OCTOBER 2 NAVIGATION DAY WALK/MAP-READING EXERCISE MT. DISAPPOINTMENT STATE FOREST

LEADER A DO-IT-YOURSELF DAY, CO-ORDINATED BY ROB AYRE

TRANSPORT VAN FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE REEDY CREEK 1:25,000 VIC. LANDS DEPARTMENT -

SEE BELOW

APPROX. DISTANCE 11 KM OR 14 KM (PLUS ANY SIDE TRIPS)

A chance to learn or refresh those navigation skills, and have a lot of fun at the same time. Participants will find their way around a course of about 11 km in small groups, and for those with more experience, a slightly longer option is offered. The course uses part of the permanent rogaining course established in the forest.

The course lies entirely in the forest, which varies from open to dense, and has numerous tracks. The exercise is not specifically one in following a compass course through the bush, although this is an important element. Rather, it is an exercise identifying terrain and features, and in finding the best route from one point to another. Some optional exercises in map-reading and compass work will be provided at the checkpoints, and at many checkpoints, an experienced walker will be "in residence" to help with any problems.

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. The club has a few compasses for hire, but for regular walkers, a compass is a necessary investment anyway. If you are buying a compass, one like the Silva type 3NL or type 3 is recommended. The shorter ones are a little cheaper, but not as useful.

IF YOU CANNOT USE A MAP OR COMPASS, or would like to refresh your memory, I can arrange an <u>Instructional Evening</u> in the (new) clubrooms on <u>Thursday 29 September</u>; but please see me for further details if you intend coming! This would start at about 7.30 p.m., and we would run through the basics and do a few exercises. Bring your compass, pencil and paper, and a copy of the map (or buy one on the night).

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. Volunteers to "person" the checkpoints and lend moral or practical assistance to the navigators are also eagerly sought.

SUN. OCTOBER 9 BROADFORD-YEA MARATHON TOUGH

LEADER ART TERRY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

This is a <u>run</u>, not a stroll. For details please see the leader in the clubrooms.

SUN. OCTOBER 9 STRATH CREEK FALLS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS IAN NEWBOLD & JAN LLEWELYN

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

MANTED

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.

Enquiries: Peter or Anne Bullard, 568 5972 (home) We will be giving it up as of the Annual General Meeting in Feb.

EASY

DAY WALKS (Continued)

WED. OCTOBER 12 BRISBANE RANGES EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER TREVOR THOMSON

TRANSPORT CARS

EXPECTED RETURN 4.45 P.M. FROM ANAKIE

MAP REFERENCE VMTC BRISBANE RANGES NATIONAL PARK;

VICMAP ECLIPSE CREEK

APPROX. DISTANCE 18 KM

Brisbane Ranges feature wildflowers, particularly the spring orchids, wildlife (birds, kangaroos and koalas), and evidence of old mining.

This will be a partly off-track circular walk exploring the westerly section. The start from Furze Track is through prolific wildflowers. The walk then heads towards the park-like area close to the Upper Stony Creek Reservoirs. From here it follows the Yankee Gully past old mines, and completes the circuit via Friday's picnic area and the Geebung Track.

Meeting Places: Either Sir Robert Menzies Reserve (cnr. Toorak Road, Henderson Avenue - Melways 59, D4) at 8.30 a.m. or Chirnside Park (Watton Street, Werribee - Melways 205, H9) at 9.15 a.m. or Anakie Junction (Melway 255, E4) at 10.00 a.m., or pick up en route (e.g. Nolan Street) by arrangement.

Ring Trevor on 232 2019 for more details.

SAT. 15 OCTOBER HISTORICAL WALK - WEST MELBOURNE EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS ST. STATION,

BY 1.30 P.M.

Walk commences through the Flagstaff Gardens, noted for the English style landscaping, then up the hill to the site of the old signal station to take in the historic view of the anchorages. There may not be many further opportunities for the view which is now threatened by the construction of a large building. Later there will be a visit to the site where the first Melbourne Cups were held prior to being held at Flemington. Other items of interest, including the gravitation yard, will be seen during this two-hour walk.

SUN. 16 OCTOBER DONNA BUANG - WARBURTON AREA EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS WENDY BARNES & BRIAN MARRIOTT
TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.00 P.M.

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 & 18 KM

Those of you who were looking forward to a strenuous day clearing tracks will be disappointed to hear that this exercise has been postponed to our next autumn program.

Instead, there will be two pleasant day walks, as yet to be previewed, but certain to be of good quality, in the area around Mt. Donna Buang. Walking will be mainly along tracks, with some steady climbs.

Bring water for lunch.

SAT. 22 OCTOBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER MT. EVELYN TO WANDIN

LEADER JAN LLEWELYN

This is a walk in the Dandenongs' northern foothills looking over the Yarra Valley. Half of the walk is on back roads, with the remainder on the old Warburton railway. Meet at 55 Railway Parade, Wandin North (Melways 119 C10) at 10.00 a.m. DAY WALKS (Continued)

BLOWHARD RANGE - COCKPIT CREEK TRACK SUN. OCTOBER 23

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS FRED HALLS & RICK CHATER

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M. TRANSPORT

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

LIMESTONE CREEK - MT. CUNNINGHAM - EASY & MEDIUM SUN. OCTOBER 30

MOLESWORTH

LEADERS KEITH WHITE & KELLI WENDEL

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M. TRANSPORT

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.

MOLESWORTH 1:25,000 MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 & 19 KM

Both walks start in the northern-most section of the Black Range State Park and finish beside the Goulburn River at Molesworth. The walking terrain is a mixture of open hilly farmland and tracks through tall forest, with a fair share of ups and downs. There are excellent views of the Goulburn Valley and Mt. Buller from Mt. Cunningham and Mt. Nibo. Bring water for lunch.

WEEKENDWALKS OCTOBER 1988

OCTOBER 7-9 EASY & MEDIUM MELVILLE CAVES BASE CAMP

LEADER FRED HALLS

TRANSPORT CARS

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

OCTOBER 14-16 GRAMPIANS - VICTORIA RANGE MEDIUM

LEADER PHIL LARKIN

TRANSPORT CARS

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

OCTOBER 21-23 BUNGALOW SPUR - MT. FEATHERTOP -MEDIUM BON ACCORD SPUR

ROBYN MYLIUS TRANSPORT CARS

LEADER

EVENING OF 23/10/88 EXPECTED RETURN

MAP REFERENCE ALGONA BOGONG NATIONAL PARK

APPROX. DISTANCE 33 KM

Pleasant walking up well graded track to Little Mt. Feathertop. Drop packs and climb to Mt. Feathertop. Excellent views all round make the climb worthwhile. The second day will be a steep descent down Bon Accord Spur, back to the starting point at Harrietville. Meeting place to be decided.

OCTOBER 28 -SKI TRIP - KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK MEDIUM NOVEMBER 1

LEADER GRAEME THORNTON

TRANSPORT CARS - FRIDAY NIGHT EXPECTED RETURN LATE P.M. TUESDAY

NSW CMA KOSCIUSKO 1:50,000 MAP REFERENCE APPROX. DISTANCE 10-15 KM WITH FULL PACKS

Normally we camp (generally, but not always, on snow grass) somewhere between the base of Kosciusko and Club Lake as this is convenient to snow in both directions along the Main Range. There are other idyllic spots - Wilkinson Valley, Lake Albina for instance, so where will be determined by the group at the time. Experience indicates that 3 out of 4 days will, on average, be fine. This doesn't exclude the possibility of there being 4 desperate days in a row, so full bad weather gear is necessary.

(Continued)

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

Last year was the poorest snow over the last 8 years due to the persistent rain for the week before - yet there was still ample snow on the steep bits. I don't expect this year to be any worse (??!!)

Friday night/Saturday morning's camp will be where the Alpine Way crosses the Swampy Plains river, 6-7 hours from Melbourne.

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP

1 NOVEMBER

EASY

28 OCTOBER -

GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT

LEADER

CARS

MAP REFERENCE

CFL "THE GRAMPIANS" & VICMAP 1:25,000 SHEETS

APPROX. DISTANCE VARIOUS

My intention is to have our base camp at Brim Springs, about 4 km north of Glenisla Crossing. From here, we can visit sites such as the Asses Ears, Cave of Hands, etc., and if we really feel energetic, the Fortress. This is a very pleasant place to camp, with lots of space, but there is no water, so either bring your needs from Melbourne, or be prepared to drive about 3 km to the Moora Channel.

This is a 4-day trip, including cup day, so you will have to have the Monday off.

This trip should be a good introduction to the wonderful Grampians if you haven't seen them, hire a tent from the clubrooms and come along.

FUTURETRIP

I am interested in organising a Sea Kayak trip around Hinchinbrook Island next year during the June school holidays. It will be a commercially organised trip, everything provided for 8 days. Flenty of time for walking on Hinchinbrook as well as snorkelling on the Outer Reef, canoeing on rainforest rivers, white water rafting, rainforest walks, etc.

If anyone is interested please contact me soon on (059) 644 974. We need a group of 12 to get the discounts and there are 4 of us, so it could be a goer!!

DOUG POCOCK

WILKY

Could people remove their winter food as quickly as possible. The lockers may have to be altered during the work party on the Cup Day weekend in November.

Does anyone know where all the Wilky glasses have gone?

MICK MANN

HOUSE MINDER WANTED?

If you are going away later this year we could possibly be of assistance! We'd like to find a house(s) or flat(s) to "mind" as we have to move out of our house for a couple of months.

Date not yet fixed, probably late October - December time.

Phone Rosemary Cotter: 481 2205 (a.h.)

660 2063 (b.h.)

COMMITTEE NOTES MEETING OF 5TH SEPTEMBER 1988

Correspondence

VNPA requests support for the Alpine National Park. The Bill requires support from the State opposition to ensure a smooth passage. Please write to Jeff Kennett, requesting that the opposition support the Bill.

Letter from South Australian Duke of Edinburgh Award organisers requesting use of Wilky for one week in July 1989.

Treasurer's Report

1.	Balance a	at 31/8/88:	\$19,916,48

Payments to be ratified:

Rampower - petrol for July		191.09
RTA - van registration		433.05
Gestetner - pink paper		102.10
Horticultural Society - Xmas hall		26.00
Printed matter - spring programs		62.40
Driving and garaging - July		530.00
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Bills to be paid:

RACV	subscription	1988	35.00
			\$35.00

Additional item for discussion:

Public Liability Insurance. The renewal notice for our current policy is now in. The cost this year is \$972.88, whereas the Federation's policy would cost us approximately \$710 (355 members x \$2 each.)

Motion: That the Club cancel the existing public liability insurance policy, and take up that offered by the Federation of Victorian Bushwalking Clubs.

- Passed

Walks Secretary

There were 267 walkers in July - 221 day, 46 weekend 191 members, 69 visitors. Income was \$2357.

Transport

Bus will need two new tyres before being presented for annual inspection this month.

Membership

There are now 362 members.

Wilky

Preparations for the refuge shelter are underway. An initial allocation of \$1500 has been made for this work. This is the profit in the Wilky account so far this year.

Wilky subcommittee to meet Monday 12th to discuss the conditions for use by outside groups.

Equipment

Takings for this year are \$76.

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)

Track Maintenance

Nigel Holmes is willing to organise track maintenance, and has suitable experience.

Duty Roster

September 7 Jean, Darren

14 Wendy, Jean

21 Mick, Roger

28 Hugh, Jan

October 5 Rob, Wendy

Next Meeting

3rd October

NEWMEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Peter Chalkley 373 Howe Parade

Port Melbourne, 3207

(H) 646 1575

(W) 647 7506

Jean Bray

14 Wilson Street Bentleigh 3204

(H) 557 4025

Lloyd Young

2 Quercus Court

Mt. Waverley 3149

(H) 807 1191

Alan Miller

1 Creswick Street

Brighton 3187

(H) 592 5085

(W) 542 2266

Shirley Frost

25 Birkenhead Street

North Fitzroy 3068

(H) 481 4423

(W) 328 1196

David Ciric

13/53 Alma Road

St. Kilda 3182

(H) 534 9121

Chris gasper

1/34 Witmoth Street

Northcote 3070

(H) 489 2027

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Eileen Ayre & Brian Marriott

46 Birdwood Street

Parkdale 3194

(H) 587 3046

Ian Newbold

(147) 565 4063

Steve Sullivan

2 Lincoln Avenue

Colonel Light Gardens

S.A. 5041

Michael Mann

(H) 497 4674

(W) 669 4946

CLOSING DATE FOR OCTOBER "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER

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 is the last date for contributions.

SOCIAL COLUMN

End Of Year Dinner

WHEN: Saturday 26th November 1988.

WHERE: Alfreds Homestead, Warrandyte.

COST: \$ED per head.

Our 1988 Christmas Dinner will be served at this lovingly refurbished homestead in the Melbourne hills. You will enjoy a lavish smorgasbordand dancing, while drinks are sold at a reasonable price. We do have a limit, so if you are coming let us know ASAP— if we get numbers soon we may be able to increase numbers on our limit.

Phone Darren or see him in clubrooms.

Jump And Eat

WHEN: 23rd September, 7.30

WHERE: Jimi's Restuarant, 27I Victoria St. Abbotsford.

COST: \$25 per head.

This is a well established eatery where fine Greek food and delicious seafood is served. There is also a floorshow and dancing through the night.

Final payment to Darren by Wed. 2Ist Sept.

Picnic Day

WHEN: October 8th, 12 noon onwards

WHERE: Wattle Park, near the Chalet,

We have an increasing number of people coming along to have a great afternoon at the parks, so why not you too! Bring some lunch and meet new or known faces.

Contact Jan , 5963976

Progressive Dinner

WHEN: October 22nd 7.30

WHERE: Jan and Stuart Mattingley

Sandy and Geoff Mattingley i.e. Caulfield

Penny and Tony Stapley

For those thirty club members who act quickly there is a great night in store as we move from house to house, thus allowing adequate digestion time between courses.

Contact Jan, 5963976 by October 3rd.

NOTE TO MEMBERS:: We are looking for ideas of activities for in the clubrooms. Please let Darmen know if you have any.

Thanks.