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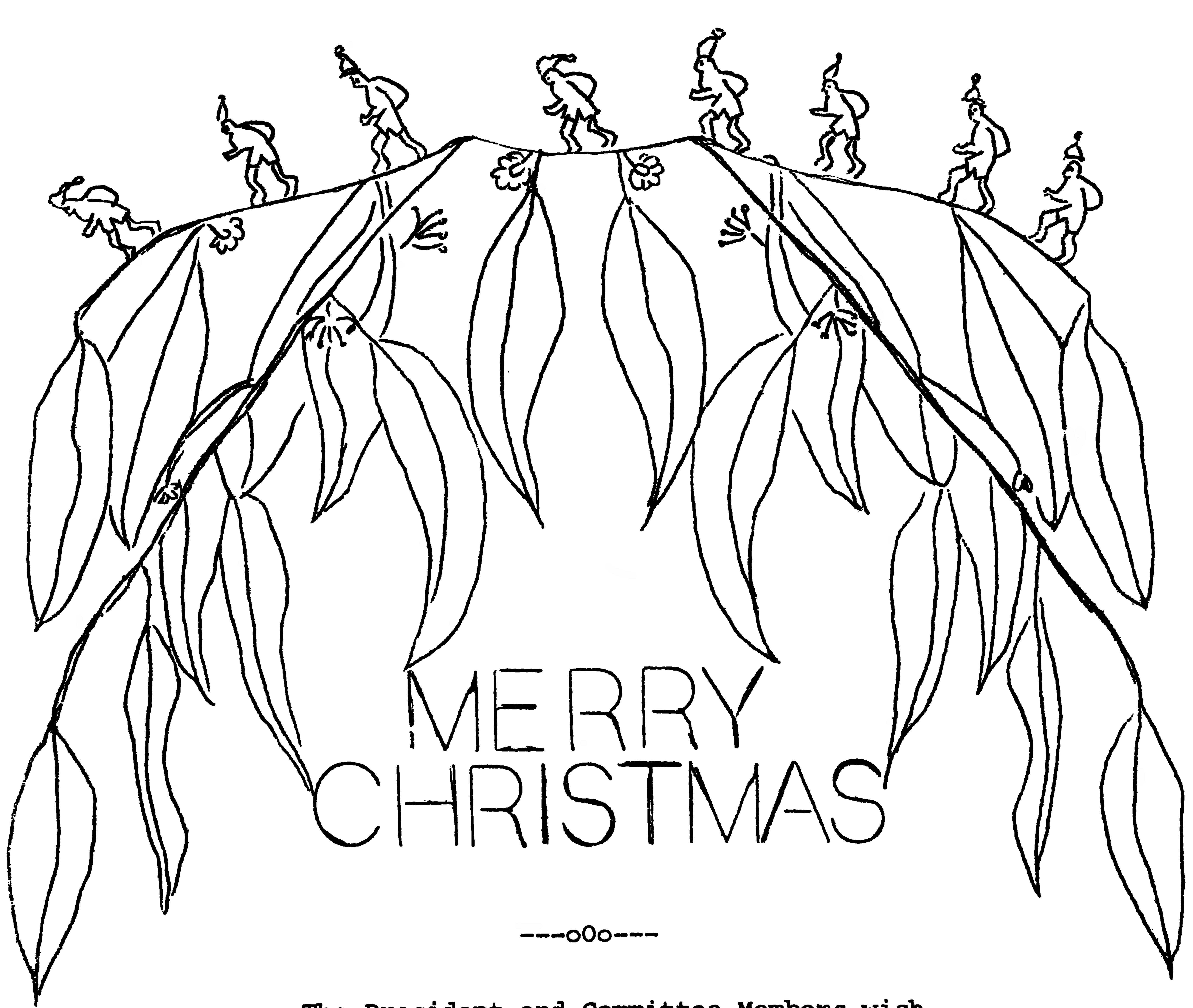
MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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The President and Committee Members wish all Melbourne Bushies a joyous and peace filled Christmas

Season

Correspondence should be directed to:-

The Secretary,
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Box 1751Q, G.P.O.,
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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.

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END OF YEAR DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER at ALEXANDERS, BRIGHTON. \$25.00 per head. Licenced. Smorgasbord. 10 piece band and vocalist. <u>HUGE</u> Dance Floor. Kick off about 7.30 p.m. Still a few places left. (50 places are booked).

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WEDNESDAY 20TH. DECEMBER

Christmas Break-up. Get together in the Royal Horticultural Hall (next door to the Club Rooms). B.Y.O. Plate and drinks for supper. We hope to have a pianist on hand for Chrissy Carols and maybe a singalong this year. Come along and beat last year's phenomenal attendance record of over 100 Bushies, ex Bushies and Friends.

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DAYWALKS

JAINARY 1990

TENT			
		TRACK	& EASY
SUN.	7 JANUARY	YEA RIVER STATE PARK - CANDLEBARK	EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER GRAHAM HARDING

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET AT 9 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 6.30 P.M. APPROX. DISTANCE 14 & 16 KM.

We start on the Kinglake Plateau and descend 400 m. on the Candlebark Track, then follow Island Creek Nature walk. There is a climb over Andrews Hill (200 m.) before the finish. The walk is mostly on tracks through medium tall stands of trees, with occasional glimpses of views.

WED. 17 JANUARY	JUMPING CREEK - WITTONS RESERVE	EASY
LEADER	TREVOR THOMSON (232 2019)	
TRANSPORT	CARS - MEET AT JUMPING CREEK RESERVE	
	(MELWAYS 24 AlO) at 9.30 A.M.	
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MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS 24. EXPECTED RETURN 4 P.M. APPROX. DISTANCE 13 KM.

An opportunity to explore the country alongside the Yarra upstream from Warrandyte into Wonga Park. Pleasant bushland walking, sometimes beside the river, other times remote from it, much of it on tracks, but also parts through scrub and through grasslands. Lunch probably at the Bend of Isles (Melways 24, G2). At Wittons Reserve there is the possibility of a swim. Another option could be to continue on for a few more k's along the river and/or over Mt. Lofty to Homestead Road.

SUN. 14 JANUARY MILLGROVE TRACK - MT. DONNA BUANG MEDIUM & MT. VICTORIA EASY/MEDIUM For details of this walk see VERONICA SHEEN & MARTIN WILLIAMS in club.

Day Walks continued:

SUN. 21 JANUARY

BIG PATS CREEK - ADA NO. 2 MILL - EASY/MEDIUM

DOWNEY SPUR RD. - LA TROBE RIVER

& MEDIUM

LEADERS

PHILIP LARKIN & GINA HOPKINS

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN ST. AT 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 8.00 P.M. APPROX.

MAP REFERENCE GLADYSDALE 1:25,000 - ADA RIVER 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 17 & 24 KM.

This walk is in the forested area between Powelltown and Warburton which was the heart of a major timber industry in the early part of this century. Many relics remain from this era, and for much of the walk we will be following the tracks of the old timber tramways, over ruins of trestle bridges and passing old mill sites with interesting remains. The surrounding forest of tall mountain ash, mountain grey gum and messmate stringybark will be delightfully cool on a hot summer day. There is also an abundance of birdlife in the area, including lyrebirds. Both walks will involve a fair climb (about 500 m.) in the first half of the walk, but the easy group will have plenty of time to get there.

SUN. 28 JANUARY TIPPERARY SPRINGS - HEPBURN SPRINGS EASY/MEDIUM DAYLESFORD & EASY

LEADER PETER BULLARD

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN ST. AT 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN NOLAN ST. 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE BROADBENTS "THE SPA COUNTRY"

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 KM.

Tipperary Springs Walking Track. This walk is an easy 12km. In the walk we start at Golden Spring then onto Liberty Spring Breakneck Gorge Blowhole, Bryces Flat Fairy Dell Spring, Tipperary Spring, Suttons Spring, Wagga Spring Central Spring to Lake Daylesford to take the bus home.

This area is well known for its Health Giving Mineral Springs and Spa Baths. Not only does it owe its fame to that, but also the long time Gold Mining Boom. Much of this area is covered now by trees and re-growth over the years. Such trees as the Red Box, which are great for a superb honey. The Red Stringhy Bark, the Broadleaved Peppermint and Longleaved Box are the two more dominant types though. The Fauna and Flora have a beauty of their own and the wildflowers during Spring are magnificent and still have a good showing in Jan. If you are reasonably quiet you may be lucky and see kangaroos, wallabys or the occasional echidna digging for food. This walk will be an easy one because the weather may be hotter than walking comfortably could be, also the area is not one to be hurried over - 1st. because of its beauty - 2nd. because of the many mineshafts some of which are overgrown now by re-growth and can therefore cause some injuries not at all welcome - e.g. a twisted ankle. And who wishes to be carried out on a stretcher by some bushies anyway. Don't forget a mug for a drink along the way from the Springs.

MON. 29 JANUARY MT. ELIZA - MORNINGTON EASY
LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT TRAIN/BUS - MEET UNDER THI

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TRAIN TO FRANKSTON.

Train arrives Frankston 10.45 a.m. with time for morning tea before taking the 11.20 a.m. bus to Mt. Eliza. The route to be taken to the Walter/Griffin area varies from that of the walk of 1981. Lunch on Moondah Beach sands; afternoon tea at Sunnyside. A return bus departs Mornington at 4.30 p.m., though, if the weather is conducive, some may care to stay for tea and catch a later bus back to Frankston.

Day Walks continued:

DANDENONGS EXPLORER WALKS

We have had another enjoyable year of exploring different areas within the Dandenongs. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the leaders who have put a lot of time and thought into planning their walks. I'm sure the participants have appreciated both the exercise and the sociability on each occasion. The walks will continue to be held on the last Saturday of each month, with the first one for 1990 at Lysterfield Park on February 24th. This venue provided us with good walking and socialising facilities this year, so we look forward to its doing so next year. We hope a lot of members will join us for part or all of the day.

WEEKEND WALKS

JANUARY

12 - 14 JANUARY MT. DARLING - WONNANGATTA VALLEY - MEDIUM DRY CREEK

LEADER PHILIP TAYLOR

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN ST. AT 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 9.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE HOWITT/SELWYN 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 35 KM.

The walking starts from the Howitt Plains when we walk along a rocky ridge to Mt. Darling before descending down a spur to the Wonnangatta Valley. A visit to the homestead site and lonely cemetery before camping in a quiet place beside the Wonnangatta River. Great for swimming and relaxing.

Next day we climb out of the valley via Conglomerate Creek. A good walk for those starting weekend walking.

Australia Day

26 - 29 JANUARY MT. LOCH - SWINDLERS SPUR - PALING SPUR MEDIUM SPUR - MT. JIM - MT. LOCH

LEADERS SYLVIA WILSON & KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

MAP REFERENCE FEATHERTOP 1:25,000

VERY APPROX. DIST. 38 KM.

(W) 550 2200

A round trip from Mt. Loch car park starting at 9 a.m. on Friday 26th. Off along Alpine Walking Track past Derrick Hut down Swindlers Spur to a strategic point where we drop packs and go off to explore the little known Quinlet Mine Huts. These are on the National Parks death list, which is quite daft, as there they are quietly mouldering into the ground, not doing anybody any harm, and being historic while they're at it... hortly after this we zoom off down a spur to Swindlers Gap, where we won't stop, as the biggest mossies in the world were spotted here, and on down to Swindlers Creek, via Dungey's Track, an ancient route recently re-cut. We follow the creek to the Cobungra River, where we'll camp. Then Keith takes over for the walk up Paling Spur onto the Bogong High Plains proper. We'll probably visit Youngs Hut (site of) and the SEC Hut sometimes called Youngs Hut now, then follow Youngs Spur to Mt. Jim to camp and possibly swim in the High Plains Creek weir, a singularly cold spot. Our final day sees us going down to Cobungra Gap via the Basalt Temple and Fletcher's Yards (?) and up Swindlers Spur calling in at Dibbins Hut en route.

Welcome to the following NEW MEMBERS:
IAN CLARE
JEAN WOODGER

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(W) 515000

INFO. CHANGES: NIGEL HOLMES (W) 881 2374

ROSEMARY COTTER (H) 4973928

GEORGE MATTHEWS, 13/1A Spray St., MENTONE.

(H) 587 2327

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD 4TH DECEMBER 1989

1. <u>Correspondence</u>:

i) Dept. C.F.& L. Submission required for the management plan of the Yarra Forests. Fred Halls has agreed to do this. Terrific.

ii) "Walk Texas" blurb from America. Booklet on notice board. T Shirt to auction at Christmas Break-up.

2. Reports:

2.1 Treasurer:

Balance:	\$	32,124.47	
Payments to be ratified: P. Gronow (Bus Maintenance) Driving 12-Nov. Gestetner Printed Matter (Summer Programmes) A. Bullard (Postage) Vict. Nat. Parks Assos. (Subs) N. Breddock (talk on First Aid)		2,054.40 100.00 72.34 70.80 41.00 35.00 30.00	
Bills to be paid.	\$	2,403.54	
Bills to be paid: Driving & Garaging (Balance Nov.) F.V.W.C. (361 @ \$2 per member) Gestetner		340.00 722.00 309.20	
	\$	1,371.20	

2.2 <u>Walks Secretary:</u>

- i) Federation Day Walk see elsewhere
- ii) Autumn Walks Program: draft has been organised; volunteers to lead and sub-lead come out of the woodwork!

iii) New walking concept: base camp <u>and</u> pack carry over a long weekend, i.e. March 9-12 Moroka Gorge.

iv) Marysville: Guest house weekend: the winter solstice (weekend of much eating, merry making and some exercise) will go on as usual despite no Pat and Paul Gray. Instead Michael Humphrey and Alison Blaker will be the organisers. Date: June 22/23/24.

2.3 Social Secretary:

- i) Annual Christmas Dinner not being terribly well patronised alas, but enough of us to make a gathering.
- ii) Christmas break-up party under the care of Betty again. It's sure to be a hum-dinger as usual.

Membership Secretary: 363 approx. members.

2.5 Wilkie:

- i) Mick Mann, a few Bushies, the plumber, the Nat. Parks man and the Omeo Health Inspector met at Wilkie Friday 1st December, where upon the septic system was all agreed upon. Hooray!! Large rubber mats will be borrowed to lay over the shrubs to minimise damage by vehicles. Nat. Parks say we can't start until February. Written quote arriving soon. However, woodshed can be twice as wide and 1 metre longer; and emergency shelter will now be the whole of the vestibule, will have narrow seats all around, probably not a stove and possibly a cement sheet floor. This sounds more like an eating shelter rather than an emergency refuge.
- ii) \$600 to Ken MacMahon for wood purchased to build woodshed
- iii) A wilkie key to the Park Ranger.
 - iv) All rubbish bins out except one for use in kitchen and a steel one for the ashes.

 (Remember all rubbish goes out with each group.)

Committee Notes continued: Reports:

2.6 Federation:

- i) Suggestions from Elizabeth Doeny (V.M.T.C.) that a new system of submission writing be adopted. Not sure we agree with this. Sylvia to phone her for a chat and report back.
- ii) Our subs. are over due? Not sure about this says Tres. All agree increase for paid employee of Federation is essential.

2.7 V.N.P.A.

Getting a campaign going to keep a closer watch on the Alpine Resorts Commission. Ski resorts are doing a lot of expanding or being investigated (Stirling). We thoroughly support V.N.P.A.

2.8 <u>Search & Rescue</u>:

New campaign by us to rally support early in the New Year. Currently we have no S & R rep., therefore no Indians either. Yes they need us. Think about it weekend walkers. More info. later.

2.9 Transport:

- i) Another offer of a temporary driver! All drivers/potential drivers to get together soon.
- ii) Bus Manifesto: Winifred and Phil T. to start writing so temporary drivers have a better idea of how everything runs/works.
- iii) Drivers other than Dennis are not insured fully comprehensively. Others recommended to get themselves organised.
 - iv) Water container in bus died. Phil T. to replace. Also russel up a poly-tarp.
 - v) Blanket in bus Jean G. to donate. Ta.

2.10 Club Rooms:

- i) Mind how front door locks or <u>doesn't</u>. Peter Hine to investigate.
- ii) Cleaning thereof. Gina to start the ball rolling and organise a monthly rosta.

Duty Roster:

13 Dec. Gina & Jean
20 Mick & Jean
27 CLOSED
3 Jan. Sylvia

1990 3 Jan. Sylvia Tracy & G.T.

Next Committee Meeting Monday 8th January at 7,15 p.m.

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N.B. Change of addresses!! PLEASE NOTIFY MEMBERSHIP SEC. FAST as we are having to pay for returned Newses.

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WE ARE CLOSED WEDNESDAY 27TH. DECEMBER.

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WANTED

People to join a walking trip in the South Island of New Zealand late February to Mid March - 3 weeks - limit 6. Tracks - Rees - Dart - Routeburn, 3 Passes and maybe more. We havn't made up our minds yet. Standard - Medium/Hard. Contact Russell Jones 531-7359

Robyn Hobson 598-5239

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Congratulations to Anne and Andrew Field on the very premature birth, 13th November, of lovely VERY TINY Stephanie Louise. The happy and proud mother is best known to Bushies as Anne Zagorski.

HI DENNIS:

The Sunday Walks are just not the same without you. We miss you. And now for the first time we realise the amount of work that you have put in, behind the scenes, to keep the bus ship-shape. Thank you.

And a big thanks to Ted Lawton for stepping in at short notice to drive the van and therefore keep the Sunday walks going. Thanks Ted.

Whilst thank yous are being handed out, Tracy would like to say a big Thank You to Emily Wilson for the charmingly original Christmas Message Design, which I have endeavoured to reproduce faithfully, (front page).

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL. From Your Editor.

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WILKIE SEPTIC TANK WORK PARTIES

Due to the work the Club has to perform in providing a new septic system, woodshed and emergency shelter, general bookings of Wilkie will have to be suspended until the work has been completed. The only exceptions will be for small parties wishing to take their winter supplies out. To help avoid clashes with work parties, the dead-line for removing supplies will be extended from the normal lst January til the end of March 1990.

The new septic tank is planned to go ahead in the beginning of February, weather permitting. The health inspector, National Parks and plumber have all agreed on the installation. Therefore it is unlikely that people who volunteered for work parties will be called upon until mid January, EXCEPT Ken MacMahon has building materials (approx. % tonne) which need to be transported onto the site as soon as possible, i.e. either over the Christmas or New Year period. Could anyone with a suitable vehicle and the time, please contact either Mick Mann or Ken MacMahon to make arrangements. Apart from that there's nothing to do until mid January at the earliest. So thank you - and PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!

FCRSALE

- * Emergency kit for car: hoses, drive belts, points, plugs, booklet \$30. (Toyota Tercel 40D/F0D).
- * Snow chains to suit 175/70R13 tyres e.g. Toyota Tercel or Subaru. Contact Tony Stapley (H) 578 5623: (W) 819 8139.

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OBITUARY

We are very sad to receive the news of the recent and sudden death from cancer of Peter James. Peter was a day walker often in the company of his delightful daughter Jacqueline. Coming from Werribee they often boarded the bus at funny places. He had been a member of the club for four years. On several walks that he was on, there were minor injuries, Peter was always there first, quietly and competently administering first aid and comfort. He was good at cheering on the weary too, in fact, he was one of those good value people who will be sorely missed. We extend our deepest sympathies to Jacqueline and the rest of the James family.