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ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held at the Horticultural Hall (entrance from the Club Rooms, MacKenzie Street) at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 15th February 1989.

Business to be transacted will include:

1. Elections for the following positions:

President
Vice Presidents (2)
Secretary
Treasurer
Walks Secretary
Membership Secretary
Social Secretary
"Wilky" Manager
"News" Editor
Ordinary Committee Members (5)

- 2. Consideration of the Committee reports and the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement)
- 3. Determination of Annual Subscription
- 4. Motion: "That Rodney Mattingley be made a Life Member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.) in appreciation of the outstanding services he has given over the past 20 years"

Proposed Graham Mascas Seconded Sylvia Wilson

- 5. Election of Honorary Members
- 6. Presentation of Souvenir Spoons to couples from the club who were married last year.

All members are urged to attend and participate.

Sylvia Wilson PRESIDENT

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.

DAYWALKS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 1989

SAT. 25 FEBRUARY

DANDENONGS EXPLORER

LISTERFIELD LAKE PARK

EASY

LEADER

MAP REFERENCE

MICHAEL HUMPHREY

CARS

TRANSPORT

MELWAYS MAPS 108, 83 AND 82

APPROX. DISTANCE

15 KM

Come along and join me on the first Dandenongs Walk for the year. For those people who don't know the area then you are in for a pleasant surprise.

The park is approximately 1160 hectares in area and includes an 82 hectare lake. It is made up of remnant native forest and eucalypt plantations and has become an important refuge for wildlife, particularly water birds.

Access to the park is via the entrance and ticket office in Horswood Road (Melway Map 108 D2), off the Belgrave-Hallam Road. There is an entry fee of \$3.20 per car.

Due to the lack of toilet facilities (except for the main car park) we will have lunch before commencing the walk. If you would like to have lunch we will meet at 12.00 noon in the southern car park (i.e. near the dam wall). We will commence the walk at 1.00 p.m. sharp for those who like to sleep in!

The walk is mainly in the more remote northern areas of the park but circles back around the lake. We should arrive back at the cars at around 6.00 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 8.30 p.m., but this should give us plenty of time to have a leisurely dinner. What better way to end a walk!

Of course, if the weather is hot you may choose not to do the walk and instead just soak up the sun by the lake or you may like to meet us at the picnic area at approximately 6.00 p.m. for the barbeque only.

If you 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.

FORSALE

LADY'S BIKE, 27", USED TWICE, 10 SPEED - \$100.

JILL BREEN - 758 3193 A.H.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

SAT. 4TH MARCH WARRANDYTE - JUMPING CREEK - NORTH CROYDON EASY

LEADER GRAHAM HARDING

TRANSPORT CARS

Meet at 28 Greengable Court, Croydon (Melways Edition 17, 18, 19 page 36 G8) at 12.45 p.m. or pick up can be made at Croydon station by prior arrangement.

We start with a walk beside the Yarra river (bring bathers), before heading up Jumping Creek. Most of the walk is in bush or farmlands. The walk is expected to finish at 5 p.m. at Greengable Court, followed by optional BYO barbeque.

SUN. 5TH MARCH MYRTLE GULLY - MT. TANGLEFOOT TRACK - EASY/MEDIUM SYLVIA CREEK FALLS OR MEDIUM

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

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

SUN. 12TH MARCH BELLS BEACH - IRONBARK BASIN - EASY
SURF COAST WALK - AIREYS INLET

LEADER PAUL PHOTIOS

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

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

MON. 13TH MARCH BEACH WALK: MORDIALLOC - FRANKSTON EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION, IN TIME TO CATCH THE 8.56 TRAIN TO MORDIALLOC

Probably the first time this walk has appeared on a club program. And maybe the last. This stretch of the bayside will drown under the rising waters resulting as the "greenhouse effect" increases.

At present there is ten miles of easy barefoot walking on firm sand to enjoy. Don't forget hats and sunscreens. Back in city by seven.

WED. 15TH MARCH MARYSVILLE - MT. GORDON EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER BOB AUJARD - 509 6164

TRANSPORT MEET AT JEAN GIESE'S (890 2189) AT 8.30 A.M.
9 ALBERT CRESCENT, SURREY HILLS (MELWAY 46 H11)

TO ARRANGE CARS AND PASSENGERS

EXPECTED RETURN 5.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE DEPT. OF CONSERVATION, FORESTS & LANDS - MARYSVILLE

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 KM

The walk is mostly along forest tracks with some 4WD track and dirt road. We park the cars at the Marysville fruit salad farm and walk along fern-lined tracks before starting upwards to Woods Lookout where we have lunch. The full length of the Cathedral Range can be seen from here. There is also an excellent view of the Acheron Valley. After lunch we walk along the mountain ridge to the TV translator which serves Marysville and from here can be seen most of Marysville. The rest of the walk is mostly downhill. I gave in to temptation at the fruit salad farm at the finish of the walk.

DAY WALKS (Continued)

FEDERA'TION DAY WALK SUN. 19 MARCH

This is the day that all the clubs affiliated with the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs get together and do several walks of various standards. No details are available as yet, but check the walks board in the clubrooms. Transport for these walks is usually by the club's bus from Nolan Street.

SUN. 26 MARCH

MT. BEGGARY - MT. JERUSALEM -

EASY/MEDIUM

MT. EVERARD

& MEDIUM

LEADERS

FRED HALLS & MARTIN WILLIAMS

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN

7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM

A walk including visits to Mounts Jerusalem, Everard and Beggary, starting from Jehosaphat Gully. Messmate-peppermint forests, some mountain ash and cool rain forest gullies.

WEEKEND WALKS FEBRUARY/MARCH 1989

17-19 FEBRUARY HIGHFIELD WEEKEND

EASY

LEADER TRANSPORT

ART TERRY PRIVATE

EXPECTED RETURN

BETWEEN 6 & 7 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE

BROADBENTS "MORNINGTON PENINSULA NO. 229"

This is a fixed camp weekend in a delightful area of the Mornington Peninsula. We will be camped in the bunkhouse which provides beds and mattresses. You will need your sleeping bag and a pillow case. The kitchen is fully equipped, including crockery and cutlery. Bring a tea towel.

You will need enough food for two breakfasts and two lunches and one evening meal if you are not dining out on the Saturday night as some of us will be doing.

The entrance to Highfield National Park is situated on the Rosebud-Flinders Road approximately one mile on the Flinders side of the Cape Schanck turn off. A coastal radio station is adjacent to Highfield so the radio masts will be a guide.

Organised walks are programmed for Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, and also on Sunday. However, if you prefer to relax and just get away from the rat race then that is fine, this is just the spot. We can take about 20 people and the cost each for the weekend is approximately \$7 for accommodation, hot and cold showers, septic toilets.

3-5 MARCH

WILSON'S PROMONTORY IN A DAY

MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER

RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS APPROX. DISTANCE 45 KM

A good standard of fitness is required. Starting at Oberon car park, walk to Sealers Cove and through to Tidal River, if the weather is good swimming at all the beaches on the way.

Sunday another walk or lazing around or whatever takes your fancy.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

3-5 MARCH MITCHELLS - JAMIESON RIVER TRACK EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER JEAN GIESE

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE SKENE 1:50,000; JAMIESON 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 27 KM + SOME WITHOUT PACKS

Saturday is the easy part: downhill 670m from the Jamieson-Licola road (with great views en route) to lunch at and cross the Jamieson River, then on a track above Mitchell Creek to the ruins of the old Mitchell Homestead, where we'll make camp and go exploring without packs.

Sunday will be an early start as we have 19 km to do but it's all very pleasant walking down the Jamieson, sometimes beside the river and at others on a benched track high above the river with beautiful views of the Jamieson valley an surrounding hills. We'll take swimming breaks if it's hot.

Walk will depart Jamieson 9.15 a.m. for those wishing to travel up Saturday morning.

10-13 MARCH MT. COPE - YOUNG'S HUT - DINNER PLAIN EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER PHILIP TAYLOR

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE BOGONG 1:100,000 OR COPE 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM

This walk will cross an interesting range of country on the Bogong High Plains. The early part of the walk will be around the Mt. Cope and Mt. Jim area, with its rolling plains and high points from which views abound. From the High Plains we drop gently down to Young's Hut and swing out towards Dinner Plain and McNamara's Hut. This quiet and remote area is pleasant walking country. Finally we drop down to the Omeo Valley and collect our cars after a refreshing swim in the creek. This walk is not hard and will be gently paced to allow plenty of time to study the flowers, views or doing whatever else you would like.

10-13 MARCH UPPER CUMBERLAND VALLEY (BASE CAMP) EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER PHILIP LARKIN

TRANSPORT CARS

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

17-19 MARCH WATCHTOWER - MOROKA RIVER - SNOWY BLUFF MEDIUM

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE VMTC MACALISTER RIVER WATERSHED

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 KM

A steep, sometimes rocky descent off the Watchtower to the Moroka River, followed by a climb to Snowy Bluff, then down to the Moroka and up to Doolans Plains.

24-28 MARCH (EASTER) COBBERAS - SOUTHERN SNOWY MOUNTAINS MEDIUM

LEADER KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT CARS
EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE NATMAP 1:100,000 JACOBS RIVER

APPROX. DISTANCE 40 KM

Mt. Cobberas is Victoria's other six-footer, the only mountain over 6,000 ft (1800 metres) outside the Bogong National Park. The area, part of the Great Divide, is tucked away in the north east corner of the State and adjoins the southern end of Kosciusko National Park.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

The basic plan is to do a five day circular trip starting from The Playgrounds. The first two days we will cross the Cobberas high plain to camp at Cowombat Flat. Day 3 is planned as a day trip across the NSW border to Mt. Pilot, a good lookout point. Days 4 and 5 take us along tracks back to the cars.

If required, the trip can be reduced to four days by omitting the day trip.

ALONG THE TRACK

STRATHBOGIE STROLL

It was daylight when I set out for the drive to Violet Town to meet Jean Giese's party for a weekend walk in the Strathbogie Ranges. A kindly farmer allowed us to leave our cars in her paddock and then gave us a conducted tour of her garden before we set off up the gully, complete with tree ferns, onto the nearby hills. We saw wildflowers and kangaroos, then two girls living in a mud house invited us to morning tea. The leader decided the party was too large for us all to accept the invitation, but left two envoys who reported that we missed a treat.

After climbing a few more hills (and five more fences), lunch was declared. A large patch of high bracken provided an unwanted change after lunch. On the other side in open forest was a koala who could not sleep and so was out for an afternoon stroll. It ran two hundred metres before it climbed a tree and looked down at us smiling "This is my home, please go away".

Alongside the creek in the next valley was the campsite with grass, firewood, water and a waterslide for the youngest member of the party. Tents were quickly erected and then the serious business of afternoon tea began. The tea drinking continued for so long that it seemed that the promised afternoon walk might have to be abandoned. Fortunately the drinking finished and the walking began again. It was a gentle stroll down the creek to some waterfalls. Walkers scrambled onto rocks at various vantage points to see the cascading waters. At the bottom of the final drop was a deep pool which many of us sampled, swimming under the splashing waters from the waterfall.

On Sunday we followed Faithful Creek upstream, crossed some more fences and then after gaining sufficient height followed the slowly descending ridge back to our cars.

The trip was a good example of a pleasant weekend trip relatively close to Melbourne.

SPENCER GEORGE

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to John Kowarsky C.A.D.U., P.O. Box 41, East Melbourne. 3002. Phone (H) 429 4143 (W) 412 4556

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Sue Phillips: Unit 2, 46 Green Street, Ivanhoe, 3079

Phone (H) 497 3831

Pearl Champion and Edward Magen: 39 Park Crescent, Williamstown, 3016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The most noticeable happening in our year 1988/89 has of course been our change of venue for our club nights. Despite some initial doubts, I think we all agree that The Lodge is a very charming and comfortable place and it's very handy having occasional access to the big hall. We are still getting ourselves installed: slide nights will be easier now and the printing of "News" is ready to roll. Many thanks to all those who have aided and abetted. A member was heard to remark recently: "It's so nice here, how come we didn't move before?"

I hope everyone who leads walks or who is thinking about it avails themselves of the "Guide to Walk Leaders". This small but excellent publication was brought out in the middle of the year.

During the year we have included handicapped people on our walks.

The committee has kept pace with the following: The Federation, STAV, CCV, S&R, National Parks, ACF, and The Wilderness Society.

A big thank you to those who help the club tick on: Dennis, our ever-cheerful driver, the club contacts, the auditors, all the members of all the sub committees, the Federation representatives, the 50 years publication people, and to the McMahons for putting up with "Walk" in their garage till Christmas, last Christmas.

Without the valuable work of the committee this club wouldn't exist and I thank them all for their contributions of time and energy. They've been a terrific team and most rewarding to work with. Although we all officially resign at the end of the year, a substantial number will not be re-nominating due to extra study, overriding commitments, going O.S. and so on. I would like to say a special thank you and goodbye to them. Thank you too to Peter and Anne Bullard for seven years of "News" printing.

And a final thank you to you, the members who make this the active and happy club it is.

SYLVIA WILSON - President

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Overall a good year with a wide variety of trips including the introduction of the dazzling Discovery Bay Bonzer Bush Bash.

The total number of walkers continued its steady increase of the past six years, with a notable sharp rise for weekend trips.

Jean Giese has been successful in co-ordinating a regularly monthly Wednesday walk on the program. Pat Gray's Dandenongs Explorer program, Art Terry's cycle trips and Athol Schafer's historical walks have also been well supported during the year. Pat and Paul Gray also did an excellent organising job at Marysville.

Saturday exploratory walks remain as an idea only.

Once again I have appreciated the assistance of the Walks Committee (Phil Taylor, Phil Larkin, Fred Halls, Ceri Law, Jean Giese) in putting together the quarterly programs.

Thanks to the 62 individual members who have led walks during the year. N.B. For the statistically minded, ten members led five or more walks each, or 43 per cent of the total.

The "Guide for Leaders" has been printed and is available in the clubrooms.

Please give the same support to the 1989 Walks Secretary. Thanks.

KEITH WHITE, Walks Secretary

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)

Jan-Dec	Total	Day	W/E	(Pack)	Members	Visitors	No. Trips
1988	3030	2330	690	(240)	2280	740	127
1987	2800	2260	540	(220)	1950	850	125
1986	2700	2170	530	(186)	1950	750	126
1985	2600	2100	500	(204)	1860	740	1113
1984	2600	2050	555		1920	680	97
1983	2460	1880	580		1760	700	1111

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Numbers have fallen slightly during the year, with non-renewals outweighing new members by 10, made up of 39 new members and 49 erstwhile members allowing their membership to lapse. However, with the multiplicity of leisure activities now available to the would-be active person, it is not surprising that we should lose a little ground. The split up of current members is as follows:

Members - 337
Life Members - 8
Honorary Members - 12
"News" Subscribers - 17

WENDY BARNES, Membership Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank all the members who partook in our social functions during the year and hope that you enjoyed the little outings. A very special thanks to Jan Mattingley for organising so many of the dos and putting up with my late night calls (calls of concern). Also Bob Bell for starting the ball rolling with his golf days, yum chas and what not.

Thank you again.

DARREN MILLER, Social Secretary

"WILKY" REPORT

Wilkinson Lodge has been well used again this year; ten winter parties were in residence, but summer usage was lighter than expected.

We are obliged to provide an open refuge area in the annexe to Wilky, and will be erecting a new, larger woodshed to make up for the lost storage area. Negotiations with the National Parks Service are still going on re the refuge and woodshed, and it is hoped to construct these during the Labour Day and Easter periods. We may also be required to modify the septic system too, so there will be a need for workers on work parties - any offers?

MICK MANN & ROB AYRE

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the club's monthly committee meetings have been recorded since the club's Annual General Meeting in February 1988. There is also a record of the Half Yearly General Meeting held in August 1988. Records of important and relevant correspondence have been filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The club's financial activities for the year are summarised in the accompanying tables. I shall comment on them under the headings used in the Receipts and Expenditure report.

Club finances

These show a significant apparent profit of about \$1650. This is primarily a result of accounting the interest from our investment as "club" money rather than "walks" money, when in fact we should be using it to preserve the value of our van reserve. In addition to this, we have not yet been billed for rental for the new clubrooms. Taking these two into account leads to a small loss of \$215. In order to prevent this worsening, I think it would be prudent to provide for the future increase in costs by increasing the membership rates. I suggest that a basic rate of \$24 would keep us clear of inflation for the next year, by providing about \$600 extra.

Social finances

Aside from an amount of \$460, brought in from last financial year, the social account has been relatively idle. Most social activities have been directly funded.

Walks account

This shows a dramatic increase over last year. There are three factors involved: there have been more walkers this year, the walks fees were increased in June, and there has been no need for further safety improvements this year on the bus. (It should be noted also that there is more than \$1200 in liabilities for the walks account.)

These funds are our provision for future refurbishment and ultimate replacement of the bus, and as such it is necessary to ensure our long-term viability. As these funds have now reached a healthy value, I suggest it is time to both terminate our overdraft arrangement and establish a formal "van reserve" within our accounting, with the interest re-invested to preserve the reserve's value.

"Walk" Magazine

We have written down the value of our holdings to represent their saleability (or lack of it).

Wilky

The new fees structure seems to be just covering the running costs and the currently proposed mandatory improvements, but any additional charges demanded by the authorities may require further fee increases.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 1/2/1989

ASSETS			LIABILITIES	
Receipts relating to the accordand not included in cash receipts		d Nil	Payments related to accounting period not made and not included	
Payments related to future adperiods made and included in		s \$150.00	in cash payments: Driving and garaging, Jan '89 "News" supplies	\$340.00 \$63.84
Items owned, with estimated cash value:			Van servicing Wilkinson Lodge supplies:	\$778.30
Bedford bus Slide projector Projector stand Typewriter	\$6,200.00 \$180.00 \$70.00 \$60.00		Kerosene and gas Lamp spares and firewood Clubrooms rent August-January (est.) Fuel and oil Jan '89 (est.)	\$66.73 \$132.56 \$625.00 \$170.00
Duplicator "News" postage account,	\$100.00			\$2,176.43
paper and supplies Walking equipment for hire Map library Wilkinson Lodge Building - nil resale	\$250.00 \$530.00 \$315.00		Receipts relating to future accounting periods received and included in cash receipts	N11
value	\$1,000.00			
		\$9,205.00		
Bank Balances Investment Account (rese future van overhaul/re Cheque account		\$14,500.00 \$6,937.49		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$30,792.49	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,176.43

RECEIPTS		1989		1988	EXPENDITURE		1989	\$	1988
Balance brought for	ward	6,873.31		4,753.83					
CLUB					CLUB				
Membership fees	6.822.00		6,125.00			1,943.02		1,488.98	
Equipment hire	156.00		122.00		"News" postage	1,470.81		1,281.80	
Interest	1,243,15				Stationery, postage, phone			453.80	
Donations	14.50				Subscriptions	468.05		497.00	
Bounced cheque fees					Insurance	710.00		1,245.29	
Sundries	25.37		180.43		Clubrooms (rent & fittings)			1,900.00	
					Equipment	296.00			
					Maps	0.00		32.25	
					Bank charges	516.96		365.62	
					Incorporation office fee	20.00		20.00	
					P.O. Box rental	66.00		66.00	
					Outdoor Education book	6.00			
					Dishonoured cheque	12.00			
					Sundries	0.00		340.02	
Total:		8,295.02		6,427.43			6,642.26		7,690.76
SOCIAL					SOCIAL				
Total receipts		845.68		1,519.70	Total expenditure		230.81		1,554.45
WAIKS					WALKS				
Van walks	21,512.45					6,045.00		5,395.90	
Bike trips	224.00					2,666.73		3,474.89	
Navigation courses	69.20					2,543.75		2,795.92	
Other trips	150.00				Van improvements (safety)			2,450.00	
Map sales (nav.)	176.40				Regist'n, insurance, RACV	803.17		1,342.50	
Accommodation	5,326.00					5,139.92		4,413.00	
Accom. Deposits					Walk fee refunds	54.00		10.00	
returned	100.00				Navigation courses	36.13			
					Maps for nav. courses	212.00		76.95	
					Sundry	2.00			
Total:		27,558.05		23,128.30			17,502.70		19,959.16
"WALK" MAGAZINE					"WALK" MAGAZINE				17,777.IV
Magazine sales		230.70		3,044.45	Business costs		14.45		3,163.38
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WILKINSON LODGE					WILKINSON LODGE				
Fees collected		3,555.00		2,310.00	Supplies and maintenance		1,530.05		1,942.65
					BANK BALANCES 1/2/89: Cheque	e	6,937.49		6,873.31
					Inves	tment	14,500.00		
		47,357,76		41,183.71			47,357.76		41,183.71
									41,103.71

NEWS

FEBRUARY

1989

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY

Correspondence: In

Outdoor Recreation Centre running advanced remote areas first aid courses which look very interesting. See notice board in the clubrooms.

Gerald Krugsman leading walks to way-out places in WA like the Bungle Bungles, Kimberley. One week duration. See notice board.

Palm Sunday peace rally: March 19th.

"Sharing the Countryside" booklet has arrived and has been pinned to the notice board (after a few of us have had a look).

Correspondence: Out

Letter written by Rob Ayre to National Parks re closing of the upper track to Wilky.

Treasurer

Balances at 1/2/89: See AGM reports

Payments to be ratified:

Rob Ayre (Wilky expenses) Gestetner (Duplicator service) Portland National Trust (deposit)		143.33 166.43 50.00
	\$	359.76
ills to be paid:		
Driving and garaging - January	\$	340.00
Gestetner - supplies		63.84
Van service rees		778.30
Wilky: Kerosene & gas (Doug)		66.73

Lamp bits, firewood extra, etc

\$1,381.43

Walks Secretary

December	figures:	Total walkers	192	Income	\$1,074
		Day	121		
		Weekend"	71		
		Members	149		
		Visitors	43		

We're a few leaders short for the autumn program. HELP!! See the new Walks Secretary.

Big Sale

"Walk" magazines are now 10c each. Come and get yours at the AGM.

Wilky

The working party on the long weekend was not well attended. Users of Wilky are reminded that winter booking preferences are given to people who have been on work parties.

Work parties will be advertised in the walks program so users can organise themselves for preferential bookings.

Gas and kero for 1989 in. Wood: 3 tonnes already in. More in later this season.

New flue hat is possum-proof. The dam has been drained and cleaned, windows rubbed back and stained.

Please don't cut up fallen snow gums for firewood - leave them where they are to look natural.

Committee notes (continued)

A letter has been received from a member of Adelaide Bushwalkers enquiring about using Wilky. Rob Ayre to write a letter in reply explaining our procedures.

Septic tank at Wilky to be pumped out soon.

Maps

Almost all catalogued - Victorian ones indexed. Trevor Thompson has offered to become map custodian. Thank you. We need another filing cabinet for maps as the present one has almost broken down. Brian Marriott has offered to donate his Victorian maps as he is moving back to Tasmania.

Conservation Council of Victoria

Private membership is available for \$20 per annum. You get information and the newsletter but no voting rights. Therefore the committee has decided not to supply them with our mailing list, which they requested in order to increase their lobbying power. Club members might avail themselves of membership of CCV.

Hugh had a copy of Stawell Times News with an article about a \$15 million, 60 hectares development at Halls Gap in the Grampians. The committee decided to keep an eye on it.

STAV

Their November/December newsletter has an article on the proposed downhill and cross country developments at Mt. Stirling. This will be summarised in next month's "News".

"Skitour" is available for members' perusal in the yellow box in the clubrocms.

Duty Roster

February 15 Eugh. Mick

22 Rob, Jean

March 1 Jean, Merilyn

8 Sylvia

Next Committee Meeting

Monday, 6th March at 7,00 p.m. in the clubrooms.

Other Business

HELP

We need someone with access to an IBM PC or compatible with dBase III software and a printer and a working knowledge of all to print monthly "News" mailing labels and maintain membership records. The time is estimated at 5 hours per month for the first three months of the club year, and one hour per month thereafter.

Talk to Brian Marriott in the clubrooms before the end of February.

URGENT

Reminder of 4c per kilometre for passengers to pay driver on private car trips.

WILKINSONLODGE

BOOKINGS FOR WINTER 1989

The booking lists will be posted on the booking board in the clubrooms on Wednesday, 1st March. Leaders are asked to nominate themselves for particular weeks. Leaders will be selected by the fourth week in March.

The booking procedure is as follows:

There is an organiser (leader) for each week. He or she should have been to Wilky at least once before in winter.

A list is posted on the booking board for organiser nominations. When there is more than one nomination for any week, the Lodge Manager will select one.

The list of winter trip organisers remains on the booking board. Anyone wishing to go on a winter trip must contact the organiser for the week concerned, and pay a deposit of \$10 to secure his/her place.

Organisers may refuse any application on the following grounds:

- (a) if their list is full, i.e. at least 8 people;
- (b) if they consider that the person is not a sufficiently competent skier;
- (c) if the person concerned has medical problems that could endanger the person's or the group's safety;
- (d) if she/he thinks that the person will not fit in with the rest of the group (this is necessary because of the very confined living conditions in bad weather).

The organisers should keep a waiting list if necessary. Any disputes are to be referred to the club executive. Those who have been on recent working bees have priority over others, and members have priority over non-members if a conflict arises in selection of organisers or party members.

All those wishing to go to Wilky in winter must have done some skiing with a pack beforehand: when the weather is bad on the high plains it can be atrocious and they must be prepared for a slow and hard trip in or out.

Leaders are reminded that they are responsible for the safe and efficient running of the week.

CLOSING DATE FOR MARCH "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH

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