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#### SOCIAL NEWS

Our latest bush dance was a great success. About 40 Melbourne bushies attended. Obviously this is becoming a very popular activity. Next one is planned for November 17th.

The weather put a pit of a damper on our afternoon of fun, frolic and frivolity at Luna Park. However a few hardy individuals braved the Ghost Train and the Ferris Wheel. Was that really Richard Chater pretending to be like all the other 9 year olds on the Big Dipper, by crouching low down in his seat?

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#### JUNE EVENTS

Penny's "Saturday Arvo Movies" for this month only, has been transferred from the 2nd Saturday in the month to the 3rd, because of the Queen's Birthday Weekend. For this month then it's on the 19th June. Ring Penny for details.

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#### MARYSVILLE GUESTHOUSE WEEKEND

JUNE 23rd to JUNE 25th

There are a limited number of vacancies for the weekend, so if you are interested please contact Pat and Paul Gray on 809 2445 for bookings and/or further information.

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#### JULY EVENTS

#### SATURDAY ARVO MOVIE

JULY 8th

Just ring Penny (especially if it's raining) and negotiate a film.

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#### MID YEAR DINNER

# JULY 15th

We've booked 40 places at \$25.00 a head (no extra charge for bodies or legs) at the Stavros Tavers, Albert Park. It's licensed, but at bottle shop prices. There's music, dancing and traditional plate smashing (told you we're going to have a smashing time). Stavros also caters for vegetarians, but let us know when you book. Full payment required to reserve your place, no deposits. See or ring a Social Committee Member to book.

Correspondence should be directed to:-

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

# DAY WALKS

#### JUNE

SAT. 24 JUNE DANDENONGS EXPLORER - DOONGALLA ESTATE EASY

LEADER WINIFRED DE SOUZA

APPROX. DISTANCE 4 hours

A short, invigorating walk, ideal for a cool winter's afternoon. We will meet at the junction of Sheffield and Doongalla roads (Melways Ed. 19 Map 66 J6) at 11.15 a.m. Hope to be up at the "House" for lunch at 1 p.m. and then shall gently meander our way back to the starting point, via Camilia and Edgar walking tracks. Since this is the shortest weekend of the year I shall expect to finish sometime between 3 and 4 p.m.

People using public transport should contact me beforehand to arrange lifts. We saw an abundance of white heath on the preview (June 4th) so come along and see this unusual sight. There is a bit of mud too so be aware of appropriate footwear

#### DAY WALKS

# JULY

SUN. 2 JULY BARRABOOL HILLS - BUCKLEYS FALLS EASY & EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS MAX CASLEY & IAN NEWBOLD

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 a.m.

EXPECTED RETURN 7 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE MT. MORIAC 1:25,000 GEELONG 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 and 16 kms.

This walk is in a pleasant farming area just to the west of Geelong. For part of the walk we are up in the hills overlooking the Barwon River and Geelong. Alternatively we also walk part of the way beside the river. This area was settled in the 1850's and there are still old store buildings to be seen and there is an old paper mill near Buckleys Falls. Be prepared for fences and dampness underfoot.

SUN. 9 JULY WOMBAT STATE FOREST EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS KEITH WHITE & BARBARA WEISS

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 a.m.

EXPECTED RETURN 6.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:25,000 BULLARTO

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 and 20 kms.

Wombat State Forest ranges from Gisbourne to Daylesford, perhaps too far for a mid-winter Sunday walk.

We have decided on the south-west section, which spans the upper reaches of the Lerdederg and Werribee Rivers. We havn't done the preview yet, but expect to start near Mt. Wilson and finish at the

### July Day Walks continues:

Ballan to Daylesford Road. The easy walk will be 90% along forest tracks and the medium perhaps 70% on tracks. The terrain has its ups and downs.

#### GELLIBRAND STATE PARK - DEEP CREEK EASY SUN. 16 JULY

ART TERRY LEADER

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET, 9.00 a.m. TRANSPORT

EXPECTED RETURN 6 p.m.

SUNBURY OR MELWAYS MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 15 kms

Come and explore a very pretty and interesting State Park situated about 20 kms to the west of the city. This area has charm and quite a lot to offer in the way of early rural settlement.

We will visit the historic "Woodlands" homestead where, if you so desire, you can partake of Devonshire Teas. Let me know if you would like to have the Devonshire Tea when booking for the walk. After lunch we head out through Bulla for the Deep Creek which we follow for several miles.

#### WED. 19 JULY PLENTY RIVER - BLUE LAKE EASY

LEADER TREVOR THOMSON CARS OR TRAIN TRANSPORT

EXPECTED RETURN 4 p.m.

MELWAYS - MAPS 10, 20 MAP REFERENCE

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 kms

Bell birds, bushland and wallaby type country, plus a bit of parkland, following tracks bordering the Plenty River. I thoroughly enjoyed being shown around this very pleasant area by Bob Aujard, who pioneered the route. Only 20 kms from the GPO, but you could easily imagine it to be 100 kms. A spare pair of shoes and a small towel could be useful for a river crossing, if the water level happens to be high.

Meet near Greensborough station at 10 a.m. Ring Trevor for booking and precise details - 232 2019.

#### SAT. 22 JULY HISTORICAL WALK - LOWER YARRA EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS ST. STATION RENDEZVOUS

BY 1.45 p.m.

The Lower Yarra environs are among the oldest historical sites in Victoria. As well as inspecting the old and restored, we will also take in new features currently under construction (and hopefully completed in time for the walk). At the Banana Alley Vaults we will visit Leone Ryan's Gallery of Australian Bush Life - a display of 7,000 pieces of sculpture. Admission \$5. Bring something for afternoon tes. Coffee or tea supplied.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY FOR THIS TOUR.

#### SUN. 23 JULY EASY BAMGAMIE STATE FOREST - LEIGH RIVER

LEADER PHIL LARKIN

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

July Day Walks continued:

SAT. 29 JULY DANDENONGS EXPLORER - BELGRAVE

EASY

MT. MORTON

LEADERS ALISON BLAKER & DEBBIE GOMM

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

SAT. 29 JULY SKI TRIP - LAKE MOUNTAIN EASY

LEADER GRAHAM HARDING

EXPECTED RETURN 5 p.m.

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 - 20 kms

Meet at Lilydale railway station car park at 7 a.m. Lake Mountain has about 25 km a trail, mostly groomed and tracked, through snow gums. Check with leader prior to Saturday regarding snow conditions viability for this trip.

SUN. 30 JULY WARBURTON - BIG PATS CREEK EASY & EASY MEDIUM

LEADER IAN MCPHEE & PAULINE WILLIAMS

TRANSPORT BUD FRUM MULAN STREET, 3.00 a.m.

EXPECTED RETURN ?

MAP REFERENCE ADA RIVER + GLADESDALE 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 20 kms

We visit La La Falls then we have a fairly steep climb on an over grown track to Mount Bride Road. From there an easy climb to the top of Mount Bride for lunch.

We then walk down Erard spur to Burn Road and make our way to the finish at Big Pats Creek. It is a beautiful area with Furns Waterfalls. The easy walk will probably bypass Mt. Bride. Its exact route has not yet been determined.

# WEEKEND WALKS

# JULY

14 - 16 CAPE PATTERSON - BURURONG COASTAL RESERVE EASY

LEADER TO BE ADVISED

For details of this trip please see Walk's Secretary in Clubrooms.

LATE JULY WEEKEND SKI-TRIP

LEADER RUSSELL JONES 531 - 7359

LOCATION MT. STIRLING STANDARD EASY MEDIUM

We will ski around the Mt. Stirling trails doing whatever takes the party's fancy. We will camp out on Saturday night, there will be a short pack carry to the campsite.

#### EARLY SEPTEMBER WEEKEND SKI-TRIP

LEADER RUSSELL JONES 531 - 7359

LOCATION HIGH PLAINS

STANDARD MEDIUM

There will be a short pack carry out from Falls Creek to where we will camp, and then we will do day trips around the high plains.

# COMMITTEE NOTES

# MEETING HELD 5th JUNE 1989

Every now and then your President falls down badly on the job: this time I clean forgot to tell you that last month the committee co-opted Maire Naughton as our new general committee member. We warmly welcome her.

# 1. Correspondence:

- (i) Howmans Gap ski camps blurb on notice board (these are a good thing if you are seriously thinking of learning to ski (& the S.T.A.V. course too)). They have beginner/intermediate, refresher, day touring, cross country down hill both beginner, intermediate and advanced courses, plus family and general instruction days. Snow Camping too.
- ( ii) East Gippsland coalition thanking us for \$100 donation for anti-woodchipping funds.
- (iii) From Eileen Ayre thanking us for helping her out.

# 2. Reports:

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Balance \$34,037.33 Payments to be Ratified Printed matter (Winter Programme) 64.80 Alexanders (Deposit - End Year Dinner) 500.00 Rampower (April Account) 263.48 Melbourne Map Sales (Navigation Day) 100.00 M. Mann (Wilkie Supplies) 76.98 M. Mann (Wilkie Supplies) 51.27 \$1,056.53 Bills to be paid: Gestetner 185.76 Driving & Garaging (May) 440.00 625.76

And at last we have made a decision about the hall hire. We hope this will be acceptable; it will be paid up to September 1989.

2.2 Walks Secretary:

<u>secretary</u> :	April 1989	May 1989
Total	280	241
Day	260	224
Weekend	20	17
Members	158	141
Visitors	95	73
Income	\$2,321	\$2,050

Spring Walks Programme June 20th at Jean Giese's. All thoughts, suggestions and offers to do things gratefully received.

2.3 The Van: Needs to have our current address painted on the side. While thinking about this I remembered Graham Todd's idea about bringing the van into the 20th Centuary by writing "Melbourne Bushies" on it in beautifully done graffiti style writing. What do you think?

Paul Photios is ready and organised to start to be co-co-driver for the van, so will drive one journey occasionally.

# 2.4 Social Secretary:

The Bushdance was attended by 40 people; quite a few less went to Luna Park; but both occasions were much enjoyed Saturday Arvo Movies the 3rd Sat. this month.

July dinner underway.

# 2.5 Membership Secretary:

159 Red Noses went out, still 73 not renewed. Some still might especially when they remember they've forgotten - Graham.....

# Committee Notes continued:

2.6 News:

Membership List - auto laser printer -? (Good heavens, high tech bushies?). Rick to investigate.

2.7 Wilkie:

We are in the shit (oops, pardon) with the E.P.A. now. Sub committee and friends doing an excellent job of taking necessary steps.

2.8 Maps:

New booking yourself maps system: ORANGE folder in FRONT of file in cabinet has a page for recording inwards and outwards. Please use.

2.9 Federation:

I had a fruitful talk with Phil Waning (Sec.) at the ski-show. From this: 1. Federation Day Walk area (i.e. next Palm Sunday) discussed. The Dandenongs as a suggestion has been investigated by Pat Gray (thanks Pat), but committee deliberations are perhaps more in favour of Murindindi area. Phil Taylor to ruminate further.

- 2. We have ordered 1,000 to 2,000 "Walk Softly" leaflets they are out of print to include with Introduction to the Melbourne Bushies literature. This is a very good environmentally conscious code of ethics.
- 3. New fee structure: now \$2 per head instead of \$1 (we had already agreed this was a good idea).
- 4. Quote from Vic Walk Newsletter. Sylvia to start ball rolling:-

"Dept CFL continues to be busy preparing management plans: in the last few days the Federation has received three documents. Firstly, from CF&L's Bendigo Region came a copy of Whipstick Public Lands -Proposed Management Plan. This land features "colourful wildflower displays, a great diversity of bird life as well as relics of the gold mining and eucalyptus oil production industries". It covers the Whipstick and Kamarooka State Parks, the proposed Eaglehawk Regional Park, and the Bendigo Eucalyptus Oil Production Area. Secondly, a letter from CF&L's Yarram Region invites registration of interest in the South Gippsland Marine and Coastal Parks. The area includes underwater communities around Wilsons Prom, and on land Gellions Run and many islands. Finally, from CF&L's Orbost office came a Registration of Interest form for the East Gippsland Forests. The Plan "will consider and plan for the full range of forest values and uses", both exploitative and conservational. The area includes all public land east of Lakes Entrance, the Timbarra River and the Great Divide and covers mainly State Forests - any NPs will have separate plans."

2.10 STAV:

Winter courses, see elsewhere.

2.11 Tracks:

Clearing, see Spring Programme - Wombat State Forest.

2.12 Archives:

Walk Reports 1957 to 1969 have gone to the Archives Vault - i.e. - under Ted Lawton's bed. The mind boggles!!

Duty Roster:

June 14 Tracy & Winifred

21 Nigel & Sylvia

28 Jean & Mick

July 5 Gina & Rob

Next Committee Meeting on 3rd July at 7.15 p.m.

N.B. Half Yearly General Meeting - August 16th.

Welcome to potential new member ROWAN DUNCAN a mere 7%lbs. on 17th May, but there's hope. And congratulations to Hugh & Leonie.

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# CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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# A warm welcome to the following New Members:

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CLOSING DATE FOR JULY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY 1989: Articles for "News" should be placed in the Red Box in the clubrooms or posted to the club's address, Box 1751Q, GPO Melbourne. 3001. Please put your name on "News" contributions.

Keith's weekend camp at Hattah Lakes was really most enjoyable, notwithstanding howling gale force winds, mosquitos bigger and more numerous than any Texas could boast of, freezing water walking, and light rain. Tracy lost her red hat (R.I.P.) in "the wilds" between the Friday night camp site and the "conveniences" (3 a.m.) due to getting thoroughly lost on the way back. Funny how everything seems so simple in the daylight! Spencer kept us constantly amused and edified regarding a variety of subjects, striding majestically along, brolly ever at the ready to serve a multiplicity of services. Monday dawned a lovely sunny day which we enjoyed enthusing along the Mighty Murray. A magic morning. Gina led the bird watching contingency midst lots of oohs! and aahs: Gastronomically our campfires were enjoyed by all, not to mention the not infrequent imbibing or two. All in all a great w/end. Thanks to Keith & Spencer.....Tracy.