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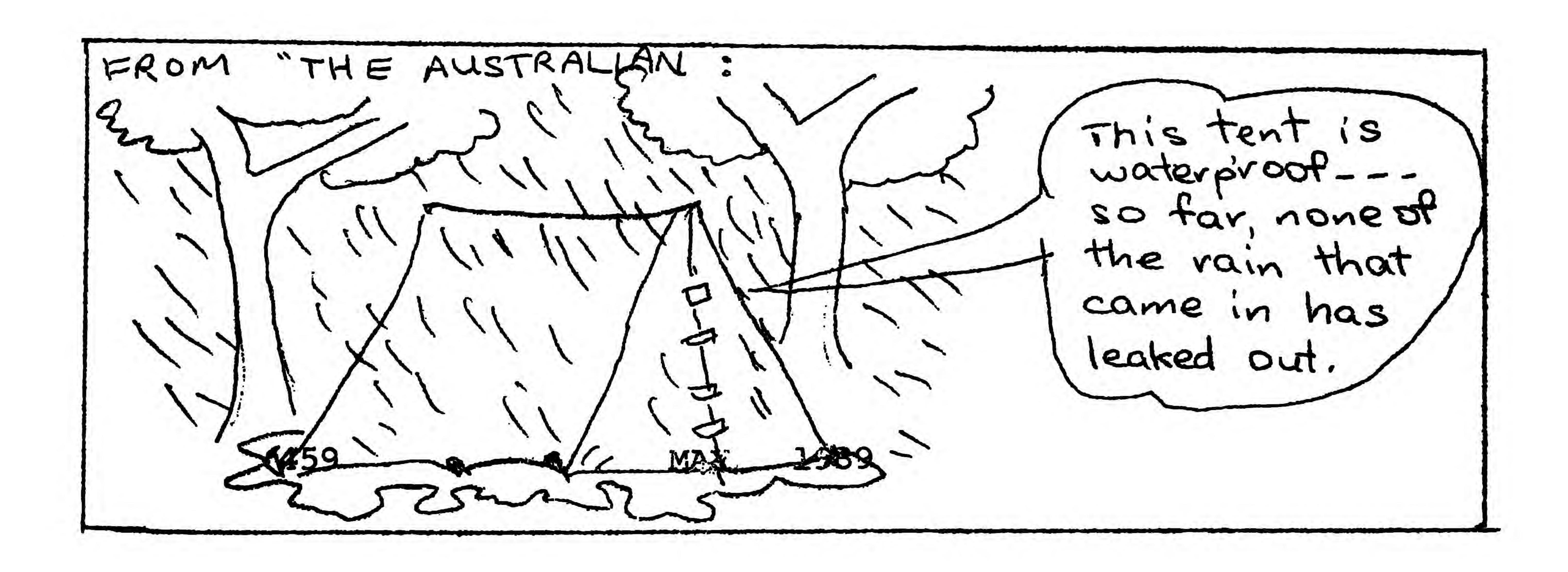
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SOCIAL COLUMN

Our night out at the Rivoli to see "Rainman" was well attended (27 people), and everyone enjoyed it, especially Dustin Hoffman's performance. Those who retired to Sylvia's place afterwards for coffee and cake enjoyed that too.

Regrettably the rafting trip had to be cancelled. The person organising the rafts on our behalf let us down very badly at the last minute and there was nothing we could do about it. We might try again later in the year with a different organisation.

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MAY'S BIG EVENT NUMBER 1

SATURDAY ARVO MOVIES

These will commence operation on May 13th and the second Saturday each month thereafter. Just the thing for those cold wet miserable Autumn/Winter afternoons. Just ring Penny around lunchtime and we'll choose a movie. Some possibilities are "The Accidental Tourist" - "Distant Voices, Still Lives" and "Rainman" for those who missed out on the club's outing.

Looking forward to meeting all you keen movie buffs.

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MAY'S BIG EVENT NUMBER 2

BUSH DANCE

At the South Melbourne Town Hall, Friday 26th May at 8.30 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. It costs a mere \$8.00 a ticket and is BYO. Tea and coffee provided. We've been to these before and they're always great fun. The band is PARADIDDLE and the dance is organised in conjunction with the Youth Hostels Assoc. (Y.H.A.) See Stuart for tickets. Alternatively, just turn up at the door, but be early! We have booked 2 tables (24 places).

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JULY'S BIG BIG BIG BIG BIG EVENT

THE MID-YEAR DINNER SAT. 15TH JULY

We've booked 40 places at \$25.00 a head (no extra charge for bodies or legs!) at the Stavros Tavern, Albert Park. It's licensed, but at bottle shop prices. There's music and dancing and traditional plate breaking (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. Hurry.

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.

Social Column continued:

JUNE'S BIG EVENT NUMBER 1

LUNA PARK

You made a fool of yourself at the April Fools' Party - now here's your chance to go completely loony. Who said bushies were too cerebral? Cost is \$12 per adult for <u>unlimited</u> rides, or \$3.00 per single ride. If we get more than 20 people we'll get a concession. What you gain on the roundabouts you lose on the swings, so suggest you don't eat a big lunch beforehand. We'll meet outside at 2.00pm Please tell Penny if you're coming. Saturday 3rd June.

STOP PRESS: We have booked our End of Year Dinner for Saturday 9th December, at Alexanders in Gardenvale.

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Contact Persons for Social Functions:- Stuart 741 5592 Sue 259 9599

Penny 578 5623

DAY WALKS

MAY/JUNE

WED. 17 MAY HEPBURN SPRINGS - TIPPERARY TRACK - EASY/MEDIUM DAYLESFORD

LEADER
JEAN GIESE
TRANSPORT
PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE CON. FORESTS & LANDS PAMPHLET - WITH LEADER APPROX. DISTANCE 16 km.

Here's an opportunity for those living North or West of the city to join the Wednesday walkers. A pleasant walking track follows Sailor's Creek often utilising the old water races dug by the miners in the 1850's. Other evidence of the "gold fever" is to be seen and the waters from several different mineral springs sampled. The open forest consists of Stringybark, Red Box, Peppermint, with Messmate and Candlebark in other areas. I hadn't been to this area before and really enjoyed the preview.

Meet at Lake Daylesford Picnic Area (off Bleakley St.) at 10.30 am. or ring Jean for share transport arrangements. 890 2189.

FOR SALE

WALKING BOOTS (FALCON) SIZE 7½ 50kms on the clock - PRICE \$70 Phone John 417 4465

DAY WALKS MAY/JUNE CONTINUED:

SUN. 28 MAY MT. HICKERY - TALLAROOK STATE PARK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS MAX CASLEY & MAUREEN HURLEY

TRANSPORT BUS FOR NOLAN STREET, 9.00am (SHARP!)

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30pm

MAP REFERENCE YEA 1:10,000. STRATH CREEK & SEYMOUR 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE EASY 16km MEDIUM 22km.

This is one of our Club's favourite areas and we have been there twice recently. This time we will be at the southern end, in the State Forest area. We will climb Mt. Hickery and then walk along tracks to the Falls Creek Reservoir, and finish walking through farmland (with magnificent views) down to the Goulburn River. Both walks have some steep sections. The easy group starts with a climb of 200 metres (650 ft). The medium group has a 600 metre (2,000 ft) climb and will have to keep going at a fair pace to cover the distance - but it's worth the effort! It can be a bit chilly on Mt. Hickery, so be prepared.

SUN. 4 JUNE SAPLING GULLY - ANAKIE GORGE NORTHERN BRISBANE RANGES

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

LEADERS TRISH ELMORE & ALEX VOLTAN

SUN. 11 JUNE GUNAMATTA BEACH - CAPE SCHANCK - EASY & BUSHRANGERS' BAY EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER ALAN MILLER

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET AT 9.00am

EXPECTED RETURN 6.30pm

MAP REFERENCE 'DISCOVERING THE PENINSULA' (CFL \$3.00)

APPROX. DISTANCE EASY 12km MEDIUM 16km.

We start walking along the beach then climb gently to the tourist area at Cape Schanck. There may be ice creams/hot coffee at lunch on this walk! After lunch we descend to Bushrangers Bay and then walk back up Main Creek to the bus. Easy walking on tracks throughout. No fences!

MON. 12 JUNE SCOTCHMAN'S CREEK EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION

IN TIME TO CATCH THE 9.24am TRAIN TO OAKLEIGH.

MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS: G9 - 70, 71.

Another first-time walk appearing on the program. Scotchman's Creek Linear Park was created as a Bicentennial Project, providing 17 kms of linked trails and pathways through the Southeastern suburbs, taking in safe and pleasant off-street routes to parks and reserves. The section we will sample will be from Oakleigh to Glen Waverley. Walk finishes about 4.00pm.

SUN. 18 JUNE MT. BULLENGAROOK - CHARLIE'S CREEK - EASY & PYRITES CREEK EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS

GRAHAM HARDING & GINA HOPKINS

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET AT 9.00am

EXPECTED RETURN 6.00pm

MAP REFERENCE BULLENGAROOK & TOOLERNVALE 1:25,000

APPROX. DISTANCE EASY 14km MEDIUM 16km.

Panaramic views (from Mt. Macedon to the You Yangs), and wildlife are highlights of this walk. The terrain is varied, with farmland and bushland (on and off tracks), and plenty of ups and downs.

DAY WALKS CONTINUED:

APPROX. DISTANCE

WED. 21 JUNE MT. EVELYN - WANDIN

LEADER

JAN LLEWELYN - (059)64 4974

Meet at (1) Jean Giese's (890 2189) at 8.30am

9 Albert Crescent, Surry Hills (Melway Hll, 46)

to arrange cars and passengers or (2) Jan

Llewelyn's, 55 Railway Parade, Wandin North,

(Melway Cl0, 119) at 9.30am.

EXPECTED RETURN

3.00pm Llewelyn-Pococks', 4.00pm Jean Giese's

MAP REFERENCE

SILVAN 1:25,000 or approp. Melways.

This walk is in the northern foothills of the Dandenongs, looking over the Yarra Valley. It starts on the old Warburton railway line, and continues along back-roads to meet up with the railway line again, and return to the starting point in Wandin North.

SAT. 24 JUNE DANDENONGS EXPLORER - DOONAGALLA

LEADER WINIFRED DE SOUZA

12km.

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

SUN. 25 JUNE ARGYLE - MT. IDA - MT. IDA RANGE EASY & EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS

JEAN GIESE & GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT

BUS FROM NOLAN STREET AT 9.00am

EXPECTED RETURN 6.30pm

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP HEATHCOTE 1:25,000 LADY'S PASS 1:25,000 APPROX. DISTANCE EASY 12km MEDIUM 18km.

The easy walk will commence with a 180metre climb through the bush up Mt. Ida for nice views, then walk north along Mt. Ida Range through pleasant open forest. After 3kms on tracks, we will take to the bush again, where the grevillias should be blooming. They were just coming out on the preview, as were greenhood orchids and other flowers. I found long socks enough protection, as the bush is pretty open. Later we will be on cleared land and finish by walking beside Cornella Creek.

The medium group will begin 6kms to the south and walk through the McIvor State Forest before covering the same route as the easy walkers. No water available as we'll be on the top of the range most of the time.

WEEKEND WALKS

JUNE 1989

9 - 12 JUNE HATTAH - KULKYNE NATIONAL PARK MEDIUM
BASE CAMP

LEADER KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT CARS
EXPECTED RETURN 7.00pm

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP HATTAH LAKES

APPROX.DISTANCE 15km & 20km.

If I was asked for my three favourite walking areas in Victoria, then Hattah Lakes would be one of the choices. Open spaces, diverse habitat, big red gums and lots of wildlife.

Although 500kms from Melbourne, it is easy driving and you can look forward to a sleep in next morning. However, the walks will be of medium standard, so that we can do some worthwhile exploring of the different sections of the park.

WEEKEND WALKS CONTINUED:

Saturday's walk will follow the lake system from Little Hattah to Nip Nip and perhaps across to Roonki. We will then move camp to Lake Mournpass for two nights.

Sunday's circular walk will visit Lake Bitterang, Chalka Creek and Lake Lockie. We will visit the Murray River section of the park on Monday morning on return to Melbourne. Bring enough drinking water for the weekend.

23 - 25 JUNE

MARYSVILLE GUESTHOUSE WEEKEND

EASY

LEADERS

PAT AND PAUL GRAY

TRANSPORT

PRIVATE

EXPECTED RETURN

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Marysville weekend, June 23rd to 25th at Mountain Lodge, King St., Marysville where your hosts are Suzette and Hubert Nassl.

Daytime activities will include organised half day walks, with skiing, cycling, horseriding, golfing and fishing available in the area and tennis and croquet available on site. Evening activities can include tabletennis, billiards, games, sing-songs (BYO song books and music), fireside reading, chatting etc.

Official arrival time is after dinner Friday with supper provided around 9.30pm. You may check in during the afternoon and dine locally at the hotel, The Cumberland, or a milk bar. The weekend finishes after the "Christmas" lunch, Sunday.

Transport is private. If you need a lift or wish to share your car, the leaders may be able to arrange this. Alternatively, Whights bus service is available - phone 654 5311 for times and booking.

Bookings open May 24th at 7.30pm with preference given to personal bookings ahead of mail/phone bookings. Payment must be made in full with booking. Cost is \$82.00 per person and rooms with private facilities are \$16.00 per room extra.

RAWSON - MT. ST. GWINNEAR

SKI WEEKEND

Our fourth visit to Rawson Lodge will be taking place on the weekend of 4th - 6th August with hopefully better snow comditions than last year.

A booking has been made for 20 persons (10 twin bedrooms) in the lodge. The tariff for bed and breakfast Friday night to Sunday morning is \$45.00 per person.

The weekend will include options for ski tours, in the Mt. St. Gwinnear area on both Saturday and Sunday, catering for those of easy/medium and medium standard of skiing ability. The tours will not be suitable for beginners or skiers with little experience. The full amount of \$45.00 will be necessary to secure your booking and sufficient notice must be given if a refund is required.

I will be in the clubrooms on the 31st May and 7th June to take your booking, or a cheque and the relevant information, including a contact phone number, can be sent to:-

SANDRA MUTIMER, 27 Mincha Street, WEST BRUNSWICK. 3055.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD ON 1ST MAY 1989

- 1. Correspondence:
 - (i) From Rosemary Thomson thanking the people on the Easter walk for being so helpful; and making a donation.
 - (ii) Wilderness Expeditions: Their cross country winter trips and forthcoming international program. *
 - Schizophrenic Society inviting us to go on a walk with them to learn more about the problem.*
 - Ski Carnival May 28th, Albert Park Lake.*
 - Trans New Guinea Tours.*
 - * see relevant correspondence in the Yellow Box.

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Balance	\$26,274.17
Payments to be Ratified:	
National Parks Assoc. (Donation)	100.00
E. Ayre (Insurance Excess)	50.00
Rampower (March A/c)	195.31
Federation (Insurance)	710.00
Rawson Village (Deposit)	100.00
P. Bullard (Wilkie Tools)	59.45
T. Thomson (Maps)	11.10
Corporate Affairs Victoria	
(Additional Incorporation Fees)	4.10
Gestetner	120.50
R. Harris (tent)	328.57
	\$1,679.03
Bills to be paid:	
Driving - Garaging	647.50
Phil Taylor	19.95
	\$ 667.45
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February 1989	12 Walks	12 Walks	
	Total 237	304	245
	Day 182	227	191
	W/E 55	77	54
	Memb. 139	202	136
	Vis. 84	102	109
	Income \$1,934	\$2,115	\$1,607

March 1989	13 Wal	ks	12 Walks	16 Walks
	Total	227	292	340
	Day	146	198	264
	W/E	81	94	76
	Memb.	173	214	213
	Vis.	56	78	127
	Income \$1,	558	\$1,857	\$2,242

Also, Spring Program suggestions needed now - see Phil Taylor.

2.3 Social Secretary:

"Rainman" film - 27 people went, all found it very interesting. Rafting outing, stuffed, due to inefficient people at the other end. Stuart not amused.

Saturday Arvo Movies every fortnight.

Luna Park Saturday 3rd June in arvo.

Mid Year Dinner July 15th Stavros Tavern, Albert Park Lake. Bushdance Friday 26th May, South Melbourne Town Hall.

COMMITTEE NOTES CONTINUED:

Reports:

2.4 News:

Due to the Alpine Submission a letter is to be added to News for members to send off. This will not be formulated until the meeting of May 8th. So News will be a bit late this month. Thank you Doug & Tracy for being accommodating.

- 2.5 <u>Membership Secretary:</u>
 Red Noses to go to 165 people! Cops.
- 2.6 <u>Wilkie</u>: No leaders for 2 winter weeks (one is very late in the season). Suggest VMTC might like to use it, G.T. to investigate.
- 2.7 Equipment:

Eclipse tent has been purchased. Hire fees are \$10 for use and \$20 deposit.

A reminder that when hiring the club's sleeping bags, an inner sheet bag goes too, This must be washed before returning. The sleeping bag must be thoroughly <u>aired</u> (plus the tent too) prior to returning to the clubrooms. Insurance for equipment? Roger to investigate.

2.8 Maps:

Grampians, Dandenongs and Bogong High Plains maps low. New Maps purchased: - Ada River and Kinglake N.P. New borrowing system to be organised: - Phil Taylor /Trevor.

2.9 Federation:

A.G.M. May 2nd. Committee approves a hike in subscriptions from member clubs, (due to inflation, and possible hiring of paid worker to work through ORC). Federation doing a good job.

Confusion over 1990 Federation Day Walk. Bayside Club - (Daryl Sullivan, President, an ex. Melb. Bushie) thought they had it. Daryl has kindly offered to set matters right and for us to have it after all!

2.10 V.N.P.A.

Urging submissions in for Alpine Planning. I should jolly well think so too!

2.11 A.C.F.:

Are we still financial?

2.12 Friends of Bogong:

Project work on Batty's hut - to investigate its importance.

Dave & Sylvia Andrews are going to do this.

2.13 Tracks:

Clearing in Spring Program.

2.14 Duty Roster:

May 10th Jean & Mick 17th Roger & Nigel 24th Jean & Gina 31st Rob & Winifred June 7th G.T. & Maire

2.15 Next Meeting:

Monday June 5th at 7.30 (new time)

* Old Walks gone to A.P.M. (R.I.P.)

* The new "Introduction to the Melbourne Bushies" finished!
Hot off the presses soon - have a look at it on the desk, you might learn something!

A LITTLE BIT OF TASMANIA

There is a little bit of Tasmania at the Western End of Bass Strait called King Island, where the wind blows three hundred & sixty days of the year, and, when it stops all the cows fall over. At least so they say.

When I was there on a recent visit the wind had stopped and the Murray Greys were mostly standing and enjoying some beautiful autumn sunshine. They do seem to have short legs however, which would help in keeping their centre of gravity low. Whether the climate has had any bearing on local beef and diary produce I don't know, but the quality of the local produce, not to mention the famous King Island Brie, is excellent. To go there for the food alone would justly excuse the expense, but to Gourmandise was not the purpose of this trip. Although there was a lot of it about.

This trip, run by Melbourne's C.A.E. was to study some of the Ship Wreck Sights on the island, of which there are over sixty, occurring mainly on the West Coast. A subsequent loss of eight hundred lives earned King Island the title of "Australia's Marine Graveyard".

In the early 1800's sailing ships plying between Europe and Australia used the "Great Circle Route" because of the favourable winds, but this meant entering Bass Straight between Cape Wickham on the northern tip of King Island and Cape Otway, on the mainland.

Australia's worst civil maritime disaster still remains. The sailing ship "Cataraqui" with 369 emigrants and a crew of 46 aboard, out from England, and after 3½ months at sea, struck offshore rocks in a heavy squall at 4.00am on August 4th 1845. She started breaking up half a kilometre from the shore, and not a sandy shore at that, but a fearfully sharp rocky beach. Only 9 survived. A party of Sealers looked after the near dead band of survivors, saving them from cold and starvation for a month until the cutter "Midge" called on September 7th, taking them to safety. The wreck sight even on a fine day makes one realise what some early migrants had to go through.

Prior to 1861, when Lighthouses were established on Cape Wickham and Cape Otway King Island and the Otway Coast saw the end of many a ship and seafarer. Both lights still operate, although their need is less significant now.

King Island originally named King's Island by a Captain Black, on New Year's Day 1801, after Governor King of N.S.W., is a low lying plateau 58kms long by 21kms wide. Its highest point, Mt. Stanley 700ft has a mild wet climate, with an average rainfall of 1,000mm. It occasionally has frost, or days over 32°c. Once forests of huge trees existed, but today most of the land has been cleared for farming. One small pocket of beautiful rain forest still stands near Naracoopa, on the eastern side of the island. In one of its tall gums, is a Sea Eagles nest, to which its owner returns annually. In all a pleasant, quiet and interesting island. Not a spectacular bush walking area but clean and unspoilt beaches and historically interesting with great food. I nearly forgot to mention the crays. If you go, take along an appetite - and a rain coat!

The group much appreciated the help of Jack Loney, Author, Historian and Tutor on this trip.

Brian Troke.

A WINTER'S (COLD) TAIL

The Wilky booking lists have gone up and thoughts are once again directed to winter fun.... like that enjoyed on the club trip which Merilyn led to Mt. Bogong last September.

We walked up the Eskdale Spur track, first encountering snow on the flat shortly before Michell Hut. We were also in the clouds before reaching the hut.

After resting in the hut we put our skis on and continued upwards. Unfortunately, it was necessary to take them off at one point above the tree line, because of the lack of snow. On the other hand, the large bare patches allowed the less experienced members of the party to walk for most of the way to the top.

Chris and I got to the top well before the others and waited in the freezing wind. When they arrived, they decided to go straight to Cleve Cole Hut. It seemed a pity, even in the thick mist and freezing wind, to go past Cairn Gully without paying our respects, so Chris and I did one run down the gully before following the others to Cleve Cole.

The run down Cairn Gully was fair, with easily breakable ice in spots. Chris hasn't graduated to waxless skis yet; foolishly, he didn't take his skins down Cairn Gully and as a result I had to wait at our packs for quite some time while he struggled back up.

Large bare patches punctuated the snow on the main ridge top, but it was possible to ski all the way to Cleve Cole Hut by keeping to the eastern slopes.

At the hut, there was just our party. It had now been raining for some time and the fire which they had lit was most wilcome. We had lunch and sat around chatting, then someonw noticed that it was 3pm. It was now not raining and everyone except Paul decided to ski to Wotan Creek and sample the gullies, which were sheltered from the wind.

Merilyn, Chris and I skied down the gullies for quite some distance, down below the cloud line. As we slowly climbed back up the first gully, we looked up and saw Jordy schussing for quite some distance on the slope above us using a two buttock technique.

Opinions on the quality of the snow varied. Those who were managing to handle the conditions thought that it was not too bad (particularly when they saw their fellow skiers plopping into the snow); the others were not at all inclined to make positive remarks about the snow.

When we finally climbed up out of the second gully, we all returned to the hut. It was now after 5pm.

Only eleven people stayed in Cleve Cole Hut that night. By the time we went to bed, strong winds buffeted the hut and rain fell heavily. Warm and dry, I imagined how uncomfortable it must have been for the other group - they had pitched their tents somewhere out in the storm.

The wind dropped overnight and by morning the cloud line had risen to the level of the hut. Occasionally patches of blue could be seen to the south.

Eager to do some skiing, the six of us decided to ski to Howman's Falls. We started by following the pole line but the lack of snow caused us to descend and to cross the creek. Merilyn led the way across a snowbridge over the creek, followed by myself and then Jordy started to cross. Unfortunately, the snow bridge gave way under him and he was then standing, still in his skis, in the creek.

A WINTER'S TAIL CONTINUED:

I waited a short distance up the hill, thinking about how amusing this was; it would have been impolite to laugh out loud. Jordy's position worsened; the snow around and under him was being washed away and as he attempted to extricate himself he fell and was immersed to above the waist in chilly water. Merilyn was rushing to help - one of the brood needed help! Fortunately Chris and Paul were already assisting; Jordy was finally helped out of the water. It was a short distance back to the hut so Jordy returned to the hut and his dry clothes whilst the rest of us skied on.

The snow ran out at the end of the valley so we left our skis and walked to the falls, over which an impressive quantity of water was passing. We filled in the rest of the morning by skiing on the spring snow back to the hut, following a large loop to the north.

After lunch, we donned packs and skied towards the Eskdale Spur. As we progressed along the ridge the cloud rose briefly, sufficient for us to see West Peak. Near the top of the Eskdale a frozen bird was lying on its vack on the snow, feet in the air, apparently a victim of last night's storm.

In dense cloud, Jordy, Peter and Paul visited the summit whilst Merilyn, Chris and I did a run down Cairn Gully. We all then descended along the Eskdale Spur to the top of the Granite Flat Spur. Merilyn, Chris and I skied most of the way, taking our skis off once. The others, being more cautious, removed their skis near the top and walked down on the bare track.

This was the end of the skiing. There was not enough snow cover to make it worthwhile trying to ski to Michell Hut. So, while we waited for the others to descend to the track junction, Chris and I had a last run down the enjoyable gully to the south-east of the track junction.

Bill Metzenthen.

NEWMEMBERS

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CHANGE INFORMATION OF

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GLENHUNTLY. 3167.

ELWOOD. 3184. (H) 531 7359

531 7359

KOSCIUSKO SKIING 21-28 JULY '89

Ian Lawson, of the VNPA bushwalking group, is looking for about 4 volunteers to complete a group to go skiing on the above dates. Accommodation is in flats in Jindabyne, with day trips to the snow from there. Group size is hoped to be 12-14, approximately \$120 (accommodation only). Bookings must be made with Ian ASAP. Ring Ian on 541 6364 (W) or 878 0014 (H) for more details, or ask Rob Ayre in the clubrooms.

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SUBMISSIONS TO THE ALPINE PLANNING PROJECT

Apropos the meeting held on Monday 8th May, regarding the above, the following is a brief outline of the <u>Club's Submission</u>. A copy of this submission is in the clubrooms - please read. Individuals are urged to write their own submission and comment as they see fit. Failing that, here also follows a letter which individuals can copy, sign and send, by the 31st May.

- 1. We agree with the principle of reference areas and special protection zones and the preservation of landscape values.
- 2. Free reduction burning must be used with care and common sense.
- 3. We disagree with the removal of pole lines that have become established features, which people would expect to find in the examination of a map.
- 4. We strongly support continuing restrictions on oversnow vehicles outside the immediate resort area and request that they be effectively enforced.
- 5. There should be no removal of huts except under exceptional circumstances.
- 6. We recognise the contribution of the cattlemen, but also the degradation of environmental values caused by grazing; lower grazing densities should be considered.
- 7. We strongly support the proposed controls on horse riding.
- 8. Fires should be discouraged in snow gum forests and above.
- 9. Maintain existing tracks but no new tracks.
- 10. Refuge facilities should be for emergency use only at Wilkinson Lodge; non member groups should meet the same standards or competence and safety as our own members.

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Individual's address etc. Date.

The Manager,
Apline Planning Project,
4 Ireland Street,
BRIGHT. 3741.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to comment on the Alpine Area, Bogong Planning Unit Proposed Management Plan.

I support the submission put in by the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

Yours faithfully,

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