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SOCIAL SCENE

BUSHDANCE

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER at the South Melbourne Town Hall, 2 Bank St. 8.30 pm - 1.00 am. BYO + Supper Basket. Tea & Coffee provided. Band - "PARADIDDLE". \$8.00 per ticket. Come and have a ball - no experience required - all dances are called. See Stuart in the clubrooms or ring him on 741 5592. Over 40 Bushies attended the last one.

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END OF YEAR DINNER DANCE

Eat, drink and be merry at our big pre-Christmas break-up. We've booked 50 places at Alexanders in Brighton at \$25.00 a head. Smorgasbord + a ten piece band & vocalist. See Stuart, or ring him on 741 5592.

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PENNY'S SATURDAY ARVO MOVIES

The Saturday Arvo Movies are in recess at the moment - back in full swing in January!
MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL!!

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BALLROOM DANCING

Don't forget our Friday night venue at Coburg. An increasing number of bushies regularly attend these fun and informal sessions. It's only \$5.00 a head (free the first time) and supper is provided. No prior experience is required and instructors show you the ropes.

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DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING

Come join the gastronomes at TOTO'S in Lygon Street, Carlton (5 minute walk from the clubrooms) for dinner before clubnights on Wednesday - 6.00 pm.

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OILED JAPARA PARKA - SIZE LARGE - HARDLY USED PRICE \$50

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MELBOURNE. 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, Mackenzie Street, Melbourne (rear of the Horticultural Society building), every Wednesday night 7-9 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Social Scene continuci:

SLIDES IN THE CLUBROOMS

Rob Ayre's slide show of his recent trip to Alaska was extraordinarily well attended. Obviously there is a demand for more of this sort of thing at our Wednesday evening meetings. Is there anyone else out there who has exotic slides of far away places with strange sounding names who would be prepared to deliver a showing with commentary? See Stuart or ring him on 741 5592, please.

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DAYWALKS

DECEMBER

SAT. 2 DECEMBER	HISTORICAL WALK - GYPSY VILLAGE	EASY
LEADER	ATHOL SCHAFER	
TRANSPORT	MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET	STATION,
	IN TIME TO CATCH THE 1.35 PM. TRAIN TO	SANDRINGHAM

Gypsy Village, an all but forgotten bayside suburb, dates from an 1852 subdivision which centred around a village square, complete with greensward and church, as in the traditional manner of Olde England.

The afternoon will be completed by a foreshore walk, finishing before 5 pm. Bring something for afternoon tea.

SUN.	3 DECEMBER	BRECH PEAK -	MILL CREEK - PILOT RO	CK EASY &
		MEADOW HILL -	GOULBURN RIVER	EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS

VERONICA SHEEN & SARAH PRINS

For details of this walk please see leaders in the clubrooms

SUN. 10 DECEMBER SAN REMO - KILCUNDRA - POWLETT RIVER EASY/MEDIUM For details of this walk please see Walks Secretary in clubrooms.

WED. 13 DECEMBER	MOLLISONS CREEK - MT. KOALA - EASY/MEDIUM TOOBOORAE
LEADER	JEAN GIESE - Phone 890 2189
TRANSPORT	PRIVATE IF COMING FROM EAST, MEET JEAN GIESE'S PLACE 9 ALBERT CRES. SURREY HILLS 8.30am. FROM NORTH OR WEST - TO BE ARRANGED
EXPECTED RETURN MAP REFERENCE	6 - 6.30 PYALONG 1:50,000
APPROX. DISTANCE	16 k

This is a lovely area. Our route will take us through cleared paddocks with great views, beside the peaceful Mollisons Creek and along a ridge broken by hugh granite boulders and marvellous old trees. Bring water for funch.

December Day Walks continued:

SUN. 17 DECEMBER DOM-DOM SADDLE - CLEFT ROCK -

MT. VINEGAR

EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS

NIGEL HOLMES & PHIL LARKIN

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

SAT. 25 DECEMBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER - SHERBROOKE FOREST EASY

LEADER MAUREEN HURLEY

TRANSPORT TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET STATION AT 9.29 AM

ARRIVE BELGRAVE 10.43 AM. CARS MEET 11 AM

MICAWBER PARK PICNIC GROUND - MELWAYS 75 G6

EXPECTED RETURN APPROX. 4.15 PM MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS G6 & F3.5.

APPROX. DISTANCE 9 KM

This walk is in the popular Sherbrooke Forest Park area. We will meet in the Micawber Picnic Ground at 11 am. The Picnic Ground is easily found by driving through Belgrave on the Monbulk Road to Kallista. (It is only a short drive from Belgrave to the Picnic Gnds)

The Micawber Picnic Grounds are found adjacent to the grounds of the Micawber Park Tavern which is a sharp left hand turn off Monbulk Rd. down the driveway at the Tavern Grounds. The Tavern is located directly after the Fern Glade Nursery (also on the Left Hand side of the Road.).

Unfortunately because of re-vegetation procedures, the walk has had to be re-planned and will mean that the first and last part of the walk will now have to be on the same track.

From the Picnic Grounds we walk up Hillclimb Track to Sherbrooke Falls and Falls Picnic Ground. We then continue up Edgebrook and Hackett Tracks to the Ferny Creek Picnic Ground. Our return walk is via Monument Track and Hillclimb Track along the edge at the Sherbrooke Creek. Lunch will either be in the Falls P.G. or the Ferny Creek P.G. On the preview I did see some Crimson Rosellas and a few cuddling cupples! Please wear appropriate footwear as the tracks were very muddy in October.

As this is the last Dandenong Walk for the year we may celebrate at the end of the walk with a glass of Champagne and/or a coffee and cake at the Cameo Coffee Lounge in Belgrave which is recommended by Betty Spencer!

Many thanks to Pag Gray for organizing another interesting programme of lovely Dandenong walks in 1989.

WEEKEND WALKS

DECEMBER

1 - 3 DECEMBER STAIRCASE SPUR - MT. BOGONG - BIG RIVER QUARTZ RIDGE

HARD

LEADER

ALEX VOLTAN

MAP REFERENCE

BOGONG 1:1Q0,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 25 KM

Staircase Spur - Mt. Bogong - Big River - Quartz Ridge pretty well sums it up. From Bogong we might go down Granny's Spur to Big River and make our way around (one way or another) to Bogong Creek Saddle to camp. We might go back to the cars via Little Mt. Bogong. Who knows, we might even go the other way around.

Weekend Walks continued - December:

8 - 10 DECEMBER RUBICON - ROYSTON RIVER EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER
JEAN GIESE
TRANSPORT
PRIVATE

MAP REFERENCE THORNTON 1:50,000

APPROX. DISTANCE 30 KM (5 without packs + optional 7 kms.)

Apart from the lovely forests, there's historical interest in this walk as we'll be following some of the old timber tramways and see the the tressel bridges and wooden pipeline from Australia's oldest hydro scheme. We'll make camp early afternoon on Saturday beside the Royston River allowing time to inspect remains of sawmills destroyed in the 1939 fires.

There'll be views from the Royston Range and peaceful walking beside the acqueduct and river in the Rubican valley.

There are some optional extras for those who like more of a challenge. A Saturday morning start at 9 am may be attractive for those unable to camp out Friday night with us.

The Lie of the Land (1)
Santiago de Chile, October 1986.

Under cover of Guerrilla darkness, an angry people cry freedom from the repression of a censorious regime.

Above the chanting masses, in her upstairs room, a girl lies rapt, embraced her Guevarist love.

In fear of no escaping Authority's wrath, he exercises his power over her destiny, entrusting his secrets to the sanctuary of her soul.

Outside, the Andes rise.
A luminescence born of an icy crown,
Their heights command the vision of these people;
for as September's wound has fixed
their gaze to Icons of past hopes,
so the Wall encurtain a boundless horizon.

Alex Voltan.

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WANTED:

LEADERS FOR CLUB TRIPS

There are several vacancies for mainly sub leaders on the Summer and Autumn 1990 Programs. If you would like to lead a trip and contribute towards everyone having an enjoyable day, let me know.

No volunteers no walk. It's that simple.

Phil Taylor.

FIRST AID IN THE BUSH

Norm Breddock, an experienced Ambulance Officer, has agreed to give us a talk in the clubrooms on

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT 8P.M.

A great opportunity to think about what you would do in an emergency in the bush - and hear what's the best thing in differing circum-stances.

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MINUTES OF THE WILKIE USER MEETING

9 OCTOBER 1989

Chairman:

S. Wilson

Sub Committee: Apologies:

R. Ayre, H. Duncan, M. Mann, G. Thornton

Gwyneth Taylor, Rick Chater

- 1. Resume of past problems: Graeme Thornton
- 2. Bogong Unit Proposals:
 - Septic)
 Emergency Shelter)
 Woodshed)
 Other Users)
 - (i) Septic system

Quote \$3 - 4,000

4,000

- (ii) Emergency Shelter with stove,) insulation, new door etc.) 2,000
- (iii) Woodshed 4.5m x ? = \$900 approx.) \$6,000

3. Finances: Rick Chater

Last seven years of unspent Wilkie funds = \$6,600.

- * Proposal: That Wilkie be retained and work proceed.
 Proposed: G. Breen Seconded: A. Terry
 Carried unanimously
- * Proposal: That an upper limit of \$10,000 be set.

 Proposed: T. Thornton Seconded: M. Mann
 Carried unanimously

(It was noted that Club funds are not necessarily directly allocated to each section of the Club, this is just an accounting procedure. Therefore, the committee may decide how money may be allocated without having to go to the Club for a mandate).

- 4. Future running of Wilkie: Rubbish and leadership problems.
- * Proposal: All garbage out with each group.
 Proposed: G. Thornton Seconded K. MacMahon
 Carried
- * Proposal: Representatives of each winter and where possible, summer, party, shall attend an education night. For 1990 only.

 Proposed: R. Ayre Seconded: D. Pocock Carried

Minuted of the Wilkie User Meeting continued:

5. Work Parites:

- (i) Meeting with government bodies on site as soon as snow goes.
- (ii) G. Breen offered to look after woodshed. H. Duncan has done plans.
- (iii) New septic to be done by contractor, negotiation done by Hugh.
- (iv) Names, telephone numbers and times available of potential workers list to be compiled. (See Addenda)

6. A.O.B.

- (i) J. Siseman pointed out that Wilkie was the 5th oldest hut on the High Plains and plans for restoration should be instigated, particularly as regards the metal cladding and the windows. The meeting noted this and the feeling of the meeting was in favour.
- (ii) R. Mattingly proposed a vote of thanks for the tremendous work done by the sub committee. Seconded: S. Wilson. Thunderous applause!
- * Other Users: It was agreed on that:
 - (i) Visitors were to be encouraged especially as guests of members.
 - (ii) Member use fees need not be increased at this stage.
 - (iii) Maroonda Bushies and other local non-member users be invited to our education night.
 - (iv) Further afield non-member users should go into Wilkie with a "fully trained" caretaker.

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 1989

1. Correspondence:

Federation's 50th Anniversary.

Thank you letter from Maroondah Bushies re. staying at Wilkie over the winter.

Department of Parks, Wildlife and Heritage, Tasmania re forthcoming summer submissions from the public regarding the management of Tasmania's World Heritage Area. Please see Notice Board for articles regarding the public participation opportunity.

Chris Binks, Devonport, Tasmania re Explorers of Western Tasmania (Revised Edition) - revised edition of Explorers now available. This book has proved to be a most useful and sought-after reference for all those who have walked or toured in Tasmania, and some people may wish to purchase it now it is back in print. Pre-publication offer, multiple orders of 5 copies or more, a further discount to \$30.00 is available. Address 238 Best St., Devonport, Tasmania 7310.

2. Reports: 2.1 Walks Secretary: Walk Numbers:

September:		October:
Total	2.25	225
Day	185	201
Weekend	40	24
Members	157	160
Vis.	68	65
Income	\$1,396	\$2,333

Leaders: We are short of sub leaders for summer program - any offers?

Please Note: If walks change for any reason PLEASE inform Walks Secretary who gets paranoid when he is the last to know.

Federation Day Walks: April 8th 1990 - MORE LEADERS required & helpers generally - location Murundindi/Cascades area.

Committee Notes continued:

2.2 Transport:

Dennis is ill in hospital and expecting to be out of action for quite awhile. David Baxter to be approached re. bus - action - Winifred.

2.3 Social Secretary:

Dinner & Dance at Alexanders on 9th December Club Break up in clubrooms Wednesday 20th December - bring a plate - drinks provided - Raffle

- "News": Please note the closing dates for "News". Late entries will just miss out. The date is always published the preceding month, so please look and take note.
- "Wilkie": "Re-afforestation" program, we are allowed to take cuttings Doug Pocock in charge. Possible meeting with Authorities mid November. No news on work party arrangements yet, see next "News".
- 2.6 Maps: Mt. Bernard 1:25,000 2 bought for club.
- 2.7 Federation:

\$2.00 per head for members - \$710 - for next year Track Notes - \$25.00 paid to persons/clubs for track notes. "Tread Softly" pamphlets - 500 ordered.

2.8 Track Maintenance:

10th September - well attended 16 walkers; 16 (free) track clearers

Iron Balls Track - Lerderderg Gorge 1.6k - climbs 600m. Next year: N.E. side of Mt. Vinegar to Acheron Way in Autumn.

2.9 Treasurer:

Balance	\$34,27.00
Payments to be ratified: Microtech (E. Coli Analysis) Rampower (September Ac.) Driving & Garaging (October) Potters Cottage (Deposit)	87.00 162.27 640.00 400.00
	\$1,289.27
Bills to be paid Gestetner Rampower (October Ac.) P. Gronow (Bus Maintenance)	309.20 242.55 2,054.40 \$ 2,606.15

Nicolas Kinsman - policy - insurance. Rick has a copy. Surplus for "Wilkie" - \$6,000. Decision not to acredit interest to "Wilkie" A/c, as it's too complicated to follow through.

Duty Roster: 22nd G.T. & Tracy

29th Maire & Gina

December: 6th Winifred & Nigel

Next Committee Meeting Monday 4th December at 7.15 pm.

A.O.B.

Russel Willis - talk on walking in the Top End. Wednesday 6th December at 8.00 in Clubrooms. This should be very interesting and informitive even if you're not actually planning a trek into our northern regions.

Preview of Brian Marriott's walk in Tasmania over Christmas:

23 - 31 DECEMBER (APPROX.) - TASMANIA'S SOUTHERN RANGES - HARD PRECIPITOUS BLUFF - SOUTH COAST TRACK

LEADER:

BRIAN MARRIOTT

area.

APPROX. DISTANCE: Irrelevant - it may take us a day to cover 2km

DESCRIPTION:

if we come down off P.B. at the wrong place. This walk was described to me by a denizen of the area as "the best walk in S.W.Tasmania for variety and beauty of scenery". It's also at least 8 days walking with full wet & cold weather gear, so be warned.

We will start out from the Exit Cave car park at Lune River and head up on to Moonlight Ridge. From there we walk around the ridge lines (to keep out of the worst of the scrub) to P.B. We camp one night on top of P.B., then descent into (literally) the New River Lagoon. Several hours wading down the lagoon will get us to the South Coast Track, about 2 day's walk from Cockle Creek and 'civilisation'. With luck and reasonable weather we'll be back to my place near Hobart for a New Year's celebration.

CAVEAT:

The scenery there is truly magnificent, but the weather can be equally wild. When it comes from the South there's nothing between you and Antarctica, and the snow isn't frightened off by Summer. Full wet & cold weather gear is mandatory. In addition to that, most of the territory is a Fuel Stove Only

BOOKINGS:

Numbers on this trip will have to be limited to about 8, because of the size of some of the campsites. I already have 1 definite & 1 possible from Hobart, as well as Trish, Felicity, Mark &Gina from Bushies, so contact me soon if you are interested. Leave a message for me any time on (002)399240, and I'll call you back.

Brian Marriott.

"MYVANWY" IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

About 10 years ago four MBW members Robert Ayre, Doug Pocock, Martin Elias and myself came to the Whitsundays for a weeks walking on the islands. At that time the only way to visit the islands was by charter boat. So we hired a small sailing boat and sailed for a week round these islands. We didn't do much walking but lots of sailing, swimming, snorkeling, fishing and exploring and all voted it a great success. So much so that the following year 12 bushies left Melbourne for a week's sailing in two boats, one skippered by Jim Marsden and the other by myself.

For Marijke and I that started a change in our interests and eventually in our life style, as now, 10 years later, we are here again but in our own boat. In April last year we left Melbourne in our 30 foot boat (9.2m.) "Myvanwy" and sailed north as far as Brisbane, calling at most places on the way. We left the boat in Brisbane for 4 months during their very wet "wet season", and returned to Melbourne overland. This year we continued our voyage north and got as far as the Whitsundays by late July and have been here ever since.

This time we have managed to get some walking done, mostly in the company of bushie friends that have joined us. The pilot strike curtailed the number of visitors, but Dave and Sylvia Andrews made it, as did Geoff Mattingley, to enjoy the beauty of these islands. For walking the islands are not ideal with dense scrubby undergrowth and craggy peaks, but no tracks. However, the rewards for climbing to the tops of the various peaks are superb views over the islands, beaches, inlets, mountains etc. The sailing is excellent with superb weather, (last rain was late July), good winds and safe calm anchorage.

"Myvanwy" continued:

After 3 months we certainly havn't tired of it. It is a very sociable life style and seldom do we enter an anchorage or bay without meeting someone we have met previously on the way north, or since our arrival here. For example, yesterday we joined the crews of 4 other boats having a BBQ on the beach with freshly caught fish, freshly smoked oysters and fresh fruit. Today we were joined by the crews of 2 small boats anchored close by, for morning coffee, on board "Myvanwy".

The wildlife is fantastic and we have sighted and sailed through a pod of over 100 pilot whales, had dolphins swimming round the bows of our boat, turtles everywhere and the never ending spectacle of sea eagles gliding over the anchorages, fishing. The enormous variety of birds among the islands is of constant interest and Slaters field guide our most referred to book. Soon however we will have to think about heading south again to find a secure berth for our "Myvanwy". We can then leave her safe from cyclones and storms, while we travel to Melbourne to catch up with family and friends, perhaps even try a few club walks. We hope to be back for the Bushies Christmas do. So, see you there.

Graham and Marijke Mascas Yacht "Myvanwy".

CHANGE OF INFORMATION:

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BRIAN KILNER: No longer has work number.

A very warm welcome to the following New Members:

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CRAIGIEBURN. 3064.
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For those who don't read the Committee Notes please note the following. Late entry contributions for "News" are increasing thus putting extra organisation and frustration onto my plate. Please note the closing dates for "News" which always appears in the preceding issue of "News", usually at the end of the Newsletter. All Walks Previews should be in for the whole month, including the ones for walks in the latter part - some people leave these to go into the following month's previews. It would just make it a lot simpler if all the relevant walks for the month went in together. Your consideration would be appreciated by Tracy.

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CLOSING DATE FOR DECEMBER NEWS, WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 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.