

THE NEWS

OF THE

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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SAVE MT.STIRLING!

Protest march against the proposed developments at Mt. Stirling.....

12.00 mid day Weds. Oct. 18th. and finishes on the steps of Parliament House. For further info. contact ANDY BROOKES (054.412342).

SOCIAL SCENE

PENNY'S SATURDAY ARVO MOVIES

14th. October

SWEETIE

At the KINO CINEMA, Collins Place. Ring Penny 578-5623. Time 5.15pm.

MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE SAT. 21ST. OCT.

Meet at the wet end of Wingfield Street, Footscray at 12.45. We go up river as far as Avondale Heights and back. There is a commentary by the Skipper as we go along and we get back about 3.00 pm. Contact Stuart on 741 5592 if you'd like to come. \$10.00 Adults \$3.00 Child.

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LOOKING AHEAD: The next bushdance with Paradiddle is Friday 17th.
November - make a note in your diary now!

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SLIDE EVENING
In the Clubrooms. OCTOBER 25th. at 7.45 pm. Rob Ayre has just returned from his trip to Alaska and will be showing slides thereof.

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16MM MOVIE NIGHT SAT. 29TH OCT.

This time, we'd like to concentrate on more recent, Australian productions. Some possibilities include:Love Letters From Teralba Road - Blood Money - Mouth to Mouth Temperament Unsuited - Dirty Business - other options include George Orwell's Animal Farm and a selection of short comedies to fill in the gaps.

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 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Social Scene continued:

Our cinema for the evening will be at Jean Giese's place :-

9 Albert Crescent Surry Hills Saturday 29th Oct. at 7.30 pm

B.Y.O. drinks and a supper contribution. Don't forget, these are projected movies on the <u>big screen</u> NOT videos. Ring Jean 890 2189 or Stuart 741 5592. All members and visitors are most welcome. Admission is free. See you there.

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KEEP SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH CLEAR

Don't forget our END-OF-YEAR DINNER DANCE at ALEXANDERS. \$25.00. Bookings are now open. Contact Stuart on 741 5592.

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NOSTALGIA NIGHT

Wednesday 14th. February

Old Slides - Personality Slides - Old Photographs - dredge up the old and not so old members!! Always an enjoyable evening.

DAY WALKS

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

EASY/

SAT. 28 OCTOBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER - OLINDA STATE FOREST MEDIUM

LEADERS
TRANSPORT
PRIVATE OR FLINDERS STREET AT 9.29 am to
UPPER FERNTREE GULLY

EXPECTED RETURN 4.00 - 4.30 pm.

MAP REFERENCE OLINDA STATE FOREST (FORESTS COMMISSION VIC.)

APPROX. DISTANCE 12 kms. (approx.)

Meet at Olinda Falls picnic area car park at 11.15 am. (Melway 66K1). The Olinda State Forest contains some interesting contrasts in vegetation, including rain forests and ferns, and drier forests with wildflowers. A brief detour will be made into the Hamer Arboretum, with its deciduous trees and views of the Great Dividing Range. Because some steady climbs are involved, the walk has been given an easy/medium grading. Please wear strong walking shoes and bring drinking water. As neither of us will be in the clubrooms beforehand, bookings should be made with one of us, at home. Marie 5923125 or Pam 5834476. Arrangements can be made to meet those travelling by train if transport is required, from Upper Ferntree Gully Station, (train arrives at 10.34 am.). Please advise leaders when booking.

| SUN. 5 NOVEMBER | HUGHES CREEK - MT. BERNARD -
MT. ROSE - THE RAZORBACK | EASY/MEDIUM
& MEDIUM |
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| LEADERS
TRANSPORT | SYLVIA WILSON & IAN NEWBOLD
BUS FROM NOLAN ST. AT 9.00 am. | |
| EXPECTED RETURN | 8.30 pm. | |
| MAP REFERENCE
APPROX. DISTANCE | VICMAP - MT. BERNARD 1:25,000
E 8k, E/M 12k, M 20k. | |

Hughes Creek - Mt. Bernard - November Day Walks continued: Mt. Rose - The Razorback.

The Hughes Creek area (north of Seymour and just off the Hume H'way) is one of my favourite areas. The great rolling hills afford incredible views. Weathered granite boulders abound, the bush is open and pretty, and Hughes Creek flows through this sometimes wild and sometimes farmed country. I thought we'd go back and do a walk we did years ago: a loop north of Hughes Creek over Mt. Bernard; a loop south for the Easy/Medium taking in Mt. Rose, the Razorback and Hughes Creek; and the hardy can do a combination of the two. The distances are not great but the ups and downs substantial (e.g. 480m). BE WARNED: disposable socks or gaitors might be essential, depending on how well the grass has grown.

Tracy would like to say she remembers it well!! With six walks in the end, to accommodate the multitude, about six private cars having gone as well. Rob Ayre was shanghaied into leading the Easy/Medium with a reshuffle of leaders, which turned out to be very much a Medium. We had a great time with a campfire waiting for them to emergy from the night. And that's notwithstanding Art Terry & Co's 5k circuit sprint at the end. I can still see the runners silhouetted against a crimson sky, tearing along the Ridges. Jolly good stuff!

SAT. 11 NOVEMBER TANJIL BREN HISTORICAL TRAMWAYS EASY

LEADER PHILIP LARKIN (W) 862 3526

TRANSPORT PRIVATE

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

| SUN. | 12 NOVEMBER | ALLENVALE - PHANTOM FALLS - | EASY & |
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| | | KALIMNA FALLS | EASY/MEDIUM |

LEADERS
RICK CHATER - GINA HOPKINS
TRANSPORT
BUS FROM NOLAN ST. AT 9.00AM.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 PM.

MAP REFERENCE LORNE 1:25,000 APPROX. DISTANCE 11 & 16 KMS.

Although this is a long bus trip (approx. 2½ hrs) the area is well worth visiting. It is an area of tall trees and deep valleys. The two walks both begin at Allenvale and visit the Phantom Falls, Henderson Falls and Won Wondal Falls. The Easy/Medium group will also include the Upper and Lower Kalimna Falls. Dependant on the heights of the creeks, the Cumberland Falls may also be included. The walk is totally on tracks, however the ground will probably be wet underfoot and good treads are recommended. Again, dependant on the height of the creeks, there may be a few creek crossings.

| WED. 15 NOVEMBER | KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK - MT. EVERARD EASY |
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| LEADER | TREVOR THOMSON (232 2019) |
| TRANSPORT | SHARE CARS EITHER FROM JEAN GIESE'S (SURRY HILLS - 890 2189) AT 8.30AM, OR TREVOR'S (GLEN WAV.) AT 8.45AM, OR MEET AT YARRA GLEN NEAR HOTEL AT 9.45AM. |
| EXPECTED RETURN MAP REFERENCE APPROX. DISTANCE | 4.30 PM. KINGLAKE N.P. OR STRATHEWEN (VICMAPS) 15 KMS. |

The walk is in the southern most section of Kinglake National Park, off Buttermans Track. After following a minor track for 3km, it heads off into trackless open bushland for 5km. There should be late spring flowers, and kangaroos are usually around. In the afternoon, we will regain the minor track, passing through heathland before reaching the main Beggary-Everard track, which will lead us back to the cars.

November Day Walks continued:

SUN. 19 NOVEMBER STARVATION CREEK - NEW TURKEY SPUR - ADA TREE

A TROBE RIVER EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS FRED HALLS - MAX CASLEY

TRANSPORT BUS FROM NOLAN STREET AT 9.00AM.

EXPECTED RETURN 8.00 PM.
APPROX. DISTANCE 18 & 21 KMS.

Both walks will visit the Ada Tree - or the Big Tree - as it is often called; on the way passing through excellent southern rain forest, groves of huge mountain ash, ancient myrtle beech, sassafras etc. Although both walks are rather long, the terrain is undulating, mostly downhill, on tracks, with little scrub. This is the best time to walk through that region, so should be enjoyable.

SAT. 25 NOVEMBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER - SHERBROOKE FOREST EASY

LEADER MAUREEN HURLEY (337 3220)

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

EASY/MEDIUM SUN. 26 NOVEMBER CAMPASPE RIVER GORGE - MITCHELLS FALLS & MEDIUM

LEADERS PHILIP LARKIN - NIGEL HOLMES

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

WEEKENDWALKS

NOVEMBER

3 - 7 NOVEMBER GRAMPIANS - BRIM SPRINGS BASE CAMP MEDIUM

LEADER GEOFF MATTINGLEY

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE VICMAP "GRAMPIANS" OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP

ALSO VICMAP 1:25,000 SERIES.

APPROX. DISTANCE VARIOUS

We will have our Base Camp at Brim Springs, about 4 km north of Glenisla Crossing. From here, we can visit places such as "Cave of Hands", "Asses Ears", "Hollow Rock", and "The Fortress" (well worth the walk). Brim Springs is a very pleasant place to camp, but there is NO WATER, so either bring your needs from Melbourne, or be prepared to drive about 3 km to the Moora Channel.

This is a 4 day trip, including Cup Day, so you will have to have the Monday off. This trip is an excellent introduction to a "non-touristy" part of the Grampians - if you havn't seen them, hire a tent from the clubrooms and come along.

3 - 7 NOVEMBER CROSS CUT SAW - RAZOR - VIKING MEDIUM

LEADER MARK WALTERS (B) 899 6644: (H) 807 0385.

TRANSPORT CARS

MAP REFERENCE WATERSHEDS OF KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON RIVERS

1:50,000

Billed in the September '87 issue of 'Wild' as one of the 11 great walks in Australia. It should be every bushwalkers aim to do this walk at least once. Starting at MacAlister Springs - Mt. Howitt - Cross Cut Saw - Mt. Buggery - Mt. Speculation (camp).

Mt. Speculation - Razor - Camp in saddle, between Razor & Viking. Viking - Wonangatta Valley (Camp) - walking out on last day.

NOTE: Important to make sure adequate water bottles and water supply are taken to this area.

November Weekend Walks continued:

3 - 7 NOVEMBER SKI TRIP - KOSCIUSKO - MAIN RANGE MEDIUM

LEADER GRAEME THORNTON (878 0660)

For details of this trip see leader in the clubrooms.

10 - 12 NOVEMBER WATCHTOWER - MOROKA RIVER - SNOWY BLUFF MEDIUM

LEADER RUSSELL JONES

Postponed until a later date - please see leader in clubrooms.

17 - 19 NOVEMBER WILSONS PROMONTORY - TIDAL RIVER EASY/MEDIUM

BASE CAMP

LEADER WENDY BARNES

TRANSPORT CARS
EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 PM.

The base camp portion of the Wilsons Promontory weekend is for those interested in doing some solid day walking in this scenic part of Victoria. Much will depend on weather conditions but the Saturday walk will either go to Sealers Cove (total 19 km.) or do the circuit from Telegraph Saddle to Oberon Bay via the Lighthouse Track and along the coast to Tidal River (16 km.).

Sunday's walk will be from Darby Saddle to Darby River, via Tongue Point (6 km.) after a visit to Mt. Oberon to take in the magnificent views (6 km.).

17 - 19 NOVEMBER WILSONS PROMONTORY - SEALERS COVE - MEDIUM
REFUGE COVE - WATERLOO BAY

LEADER MARK WALTERS (B) 899 6644: (H) 807 0385

TRANSPORT CARS

Another classic and popular walking route. Telegraph Saddle - Sealers Cove - Refuge Cove (Camp). Refuge Cove - Waterloo Bay - Tidal River.

Park rules dictate a max of 6 per group. Depending on numbers and enthusiasm a second group may go off track across to the Mt. Wilson area.

24 - 26 NOVEMBER UPPER JAMIESON RIVER - MT. MC DONALD - MEDIUM EAGLES PEAKS

LEADER PHILIP TAYLOR

TRANSPORT CARS
EXPECTED RETURN 8.00 PM.

MAP REFERENCE VMTC - UPPER JAMIESON

We will establish a base camp beside the Upper Jamieson River, this will involve about a 500 metre walk from the cars. From the camp two very good walks are planned.

The first, will be to Mt. McDonald from which spectacular views across the Alps can be obtained. On Sunday we will walk in the opposite direction to Eagles Peaks for more good views. Good weather, plenty of flowers and two good walks have been ordered. It may be even possible to have a dip in the Jamieson River.

FOR SALE AT \$400 O.N.O.

Gents 12 speed Peugeot Bike. Light Weight: - 10.7 kg (23.5 lbs) 58 cm (23 inch) frame in Carbolite 103 tubing. Includes carrier, panniers, lamps, water bottle, reflectors, stand. (New price without accessories \$815.00).

COMMITTEE NOTES

MEETING HELD 2ND. OCTOBER 1989

1. Correspondence:

Bill Penrose pointing out that there is only one easy walk on the Spring Programme and he likes doing easy walks. An oversight by the Walks Committee. However, the walks programme is published first and the walks pre-viewed long afterwards and leaders work out walks according to the area and not necessarily with E, E/M or M exactly in mind. Suggest he contacts individual leader but point taken though. Clean up the Yarra big effort organised by Board of Works SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER contact KATE MANN 615 4499 or CHRIS TOWERS 889 7010

South East Conservation Working Group i.e. NSW, asking for support. As we are already supporting the Forest Action Coalition we felt this was one too many, however we (I?) just wish we could support everyone.

Save Mt. Stirling - see elsewhere (October 18th)

Reports:

2.1 Treasurer:

| Balance | \$3. | L,466.90 |
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| Payments to be ratified: Printed matter (Spring Programme) Gestetner Rampower (August Acct) CCV (Membership) D. Wilhoft (Postage) | \$ | 70.80
12.84
261.87
78.00
306.07 |
| Bills to be paid
Driving & Garaging (September)
Wilderness Society
Hugh Duncan (Septic Tank Approval) | | 440.00
33.00
45.00 |
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2.2 Walks Secretary:

Phil Taylor away, but no nos. anyway.

2.3 Transport:

A new radiator for the bus is about to be installed at approx. \$530.00.

2.4 Wilkie:

Our letter to the Alpine Observer printed in FULL with headlines!!! (See last "News" for whole story. Congraturations Wilkie Sub Committee). Also brief factual article in latest Wild Mag. outlining our troubles. Thank you Brian walters.

2.5 Federation:

Anne and Peter Bullard recognised for their effort in helping to start WHAM Bushwalking Club. Terrific.

2.6 Track Maintenance:

The first annual (?) track clearing day went off extremely well. Thanks very much indeed to all volunteers, ably led by Art Terry and special thanks to Nigel Holmes getting it off the ground

Duty Roster: Oct. 11 G.T. 18 Rob

18 Rob Ayre

25 Sylvia & Jean

Nov. Rob

8 Mick & Tracy

15 Roger & Tracy

Next Committee Meeting Monday 13th November at 7.15 pm.

HELP

The clubrooms need to be vacuumed and cleaned monthly. Has anyone got any time prior to or after a meeting on a Wednesday night? Sylvia W. would love to hear from you.

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We're 50 years old in 1990! The organisation of celebrations is underway. Due to popular demand, we shall have our official birthday dinner at POTTERS COTTAGE on Saturday 31st March 1990. Note it in that bit at the end of your diary now. Can we fill Potters Cottage with Melbourne Bushies? 110 needed!

FEDERATION DAY WALK on Sunday 8th April - we are the hosts so leaders, big turn out and arvo tea is expected.

OLD BUSHIES/CURRENT BUSHIES/POTENTIAL BUSHIES gathering in the bush. Spring 1990. Athol, Phil Taylor and I are the Sub-committee for all this so far, we could do with lots of help. Will you join us?

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SNEAK PREVIEW DECEMBER 1989

| 1 - 3 | Staircase Spur - Mt. Bogong | Hard |
|--------|---|----------------|
| | Big River - Quartz Ridge | Alex Voltan |
| SAT. 2 | Historical Walk - Gypsy Village | Easy |
| | | Athol Schafer |
| SUN. 3 | Breech Peak - Mill Creek - Pilot Rock | Easy & |
| | Meadow Hill - Goulburn River | Easy/Medium |
| | Veronica Sheen | & Maureen Peek |
| 8 - 10 | Rubicon - Royston River | Easy/Medium |
| | | Jean Giese |
| SUN.10 | San Remo - Kilcunda - Powlett River | Easy/Medium |
| | For leaders see "News" at appropriate t | ime. & Easy |
| WED.13 | Mollisons Creek - Mt Koala - | Easy/Medium |
| | | Jean Giese |
| WED.17 | Dom Dom Saddle - Cleft Rock - Mt. Vineg | ar Easy |
| | | & Medium |
| | | Nigel Holmes |
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CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR

Shoalhaven River
Cradle Mountain - Water Fall Valley
South West Tract Tasmania
Spencer George
Phil Larkin
Brian Marriott

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THE 1989 SHOALHAVEN ADVENTURE

Update Notice 18th September, 1989. The King of the Shoalhaven will be leading a select group of liloists for his next inspection of the Shoalhaven River.

During the trip you may expect sunshire, flies, warm water, sunburn (if you are not careful), pleasant campsites and excellent company.

You will need an approved rubber lilo, a wide brimmed hat and sandshoes. You may want pyjamas with long trousers and long sleeves (to keep most of the sun from your naked flesh), tent pegs suitable for sand, a camera (optional), paddles (optional), swimming togs (optional) insect repellent, suncream and lip balm, repair kit (essential) plus the usual walking gear and food.

Shoalhaven Adventure continued:

The plan is to start from Sewell Point and to continue downstream to Bungonia Creek (28 miles on the river). This part of the trip will be down river all the way. HOWEVER, if the river floods or bushfires occur we MAY be forced to leave the river early and it will be a steep 1,500 foot climb while you carry pack, lilo (and paddles).

We will meet at Bungonia State Recreation Reserve where there is good camping and hot showers. I plan to camp here on the first and last nights. Bungonia is about an hour's drive from Goulburn (on the Hume Highway). Current plans are to <u>START LILOING ON WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER & FINISH LILOING ON MONDAY 1 JANUARY. Those who have expressed interest Ian McPhee Tracy Guest Lloyd Young Jan Mattingley Doug Pocock Jan Llewelyn Sylvia Wilson Keith White Noel Tolley Spencer George</u>

Before the trip you will need to obtain advice about suitable lilos, waterproofing your gear, lilo repair kits and to practice riding on a lilo and repairing a lilo. You should also obtain a good sun tan, if this is possible. Two articles in WALK 1986 are a good introduction to the pleasures of liloing. Study carefully the photographs on pages 15 & 17. If you are definitely coming would you let Spencer know before 1st December.

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A letter to the Melbourne Bushwalkers from Barbara Whiston dated 2nd Oct. '89 reads as follows:- Dear Sir, I would like to record my thanks to Keith White who took the walk yesterday to Blackwood. Keith organised the walk after it had been cancelled and the 19 people who walked yesterday had an enjoyable day. Please pass on my thanks for a job well done.

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SPECIAL OFFER TO MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS - MOUNTAIN DESIGNS 377 LITTLE BOURKE ST. This is a BULK PURCHASE to be made through a member of the club. More blurb on N.B. For further info. - ROB WILLETTS 375 2225.

| | R.R.P. | YOUR PRICE |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------|
| GECKO DAY PACKS | 62.50 | 48.00 |
| OVERLANDER DRY JAPARA PARKA | 121.00 | 89.00 |
| ST. CLAIR GTX PARKA | 229.00 | 189.00 |
| BUSHGEAR THAR BOOTS | 169.00 | 129.00 |
| SIGG BOTTLES 1000 FUEL | 21.50 | 12.50 |
| 1000 DRINKING | 22.00 | 14.95 |

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CHANGE OF INFORMATION: EILEEN AYRE: (W) 553 4211.

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PHILIP TAYLOR (W) 698 6605

A very warm welcome to the following NEW MEMBERS:

MAUREN BECHERVAISE: ANNE & STEPHEN PETER BRANDER 4/249 Highfield Road, 18 Dawayne Street, JACKSON: 6/74 Paxton St., CAMBERWELL. 3124. EAST BURWOOD. 3151. (H) 889 6598 EAST MALVERN. 3145. (H) 233 3097 (W) 657 4916 (W) 233 8311 (H) 885 7691 Anne (W) 836 0990 Stephen (W) 690 3100

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N.B. CLOSING DATE FOR NOVEMBER NEWS, WEDNESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER 1989: NOT 15TH.

Articles for "News" should be placed in the Red Box in the Clubroom or posted to the Club's address, Box 1751Q, GPO Melbourne 3001. Please put your name on "News" contributions.