



**SUN 12 AUGUST      ENFIELD STATE PARK      E/MEDIUM & MEDIUM**

LEADER               : PETER BULLARD  
SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

**WED.15 AUGUST      STRATH CREEK FALLS      E/MEDIUM**

LEADER               : SPENCER GEORGE  
TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE CARS  
MAP REFERENCE       : STRATH CREEK 1:25,000  
APPROX.DISTANCE     : 15 KMS

The Falls should be in full flow in this lovely area. A reasonably rigorous walk of medium standard. Meet at Jean's (890 2189) if coming from Eastern suburbs or ring Spencer (836 4225) (or Jean) for Northern meeting place.

**SAT. 18 AUGUST      SKIING LEARNERS' DAY TRIP(NOW SAT.21 JULY)**

LEADER               : MICK MANN  
NOTE; NOW POSTPONED TO 21 JULY, 1990

**SUN. 19 AUGUST      McIVOR RANGE - MT. IDA STATE FOREST      E/MEDIUM & MEDIUM**

LEADER               : JEAN GIESE & MAX CASLEY  
TRANSPORT           : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M. SHARP  
EXPECTED RETURN     : 6.30/7.00 PM.  
MAP REFERENCE       : VIC MAP HEATHCOTE 1:25,000, LADY'S PASS 1:25,000  
APPROX. DISTANCE:   14 & 18/20 KMS

Grevillias, greenhood orchids and other early spring flowers should be there to greet us as we make our way along the Mt.Ida Range. Part of the walk is on tracks, part through open bush with good views along the way and especially from Mt. Ida after a 200m climb.

If it's not too wet, we'll walk beside Cornella Creek to finish. The area is North of Heathcote, East of the Northern Highway.

**SAT.25 AUGUST      DANDENONGS EXPLORER-CHURCHILL NATIONAL PARK      EASY**

LEADER               : PAT & PAUL GRAY  
TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE CARS  
EXPECTED RETURN     : 4.00 P.M.  
MAP REFERENCE       : MELWAY MAP 82  
APPROX. DISTANCE:   11 KM

This is a pleasant walk along formed tracks through undulating country with a few short, medium climbs. The area provides some extensive views, varied vegetation and a multitude of birds.

We will meet at the picnic shelter (Melway Page 82, C10) at 12.00 noon for an hours walk before lunch, then continue to explore the area for a couple of hours. Please see Pat & Paul in club rooms on **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22** or phone them on 809 2445 for more information or to arrange transport.

SUN. 26 AUGUST DAYLESFORD-HEPBURN-TIPPERARY TRACKE/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS : ALAN CLARKE & ALAN MILLER  
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 PM  
 MAP REFERENCE : DAYLESFORD & EGANSTOWN 1:25,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 & 16 KMS

Both walks follow good paths through an old gold mining area along Sailors Creek. There are no steep slopes and in places the walks follow old water races. At this time of year wildflowers and wattle should add to the normally beautiful scenery.

W E E K E N D W A L K SA U G U S T3-5 AUGUST RAWSON VILLAGE SKI TRIPMEDIUM

LEADER : SANDRA MUTIMER  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE CARS  
 MAP REFERENCE : BAW BAW TOURING MAP AND VMTC BAW BAW NATIONAL PARK

Most of those coming on this weekend are familiar with what happens on a Rawson Ski weekend, and that it never really goes according to plan, but for the uninitiated:

- \* There are others who would like to go on this weekend so could you please let me know if you are not able to come ASAP;
- \* I will be in the clubrooms on the Wednesday before this weekend (Wednesday 25th July). If this is not suitable could you please contact me (H) 387 5363 before the Wednesday. Will not be available on Thursday 26th July **NO MORNING PHONE CALLS PLEASE!**
- \* If making own arrangements about transport, **PLEASE** let me know;
- \* The snow conditions will influence where our trips will be going. It is anticipated that three tours of different standards will be available each day;
- \* Be prepared for poor weather conditions and make sure that you carry protective clothing. Chains should be carried in cars;
- \* Organise ski hire beforehand if required. Smith's Skinny Skis (051 22 2430) are on the mountain. It might be an idea if you check beforehand to see if they have the size or length of the equipment you require;
- \* Rawson Holiday Resort is 174 KMS from Melbourne, almost 5 KMS from Erica. It is possible to have dinner there on Friday night if you arrive before 7.30 p.m. Rawson's Phone No: 051 653200. Almost certainly we will be staying in Coranderrk Lodge.
- \* Please check the notice on the Fridge in the Kitchen of the Lodge for what's happening on Saturday.
- \* A cooked breakfast will be on from 8.00 - 9.00 a.m. We will be ready to set off skiing at the beginning of the trail at Mt. St.Gwinear at 9.30 a.m. if chains are not required. It will take you approx. half an hour to get from the Lodge to the Mountain.

10-12 AUGUST      SKIING - SNOWY PLAINS      MEDIUM

LEADER            : GRAEME THORNTON  
 TRANSPORT       : PRIVATE CARS  
 MAP REFERENCE   : V.M.T.C. SNOWY PLAINS (FROM MEMORY)  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 10-12 KMS WITH FULL PACKS  
 EXPECTED RETURN : LATE SUNDAY

Third time lucky, I hope. This trip has been programmed twice before but snow proved inadequate at the time. It will be different this year - won't it!

I plan to drive as far beyond Tambaritha Saddle as prudent (i.e. no downhill bits), unload, then perhaps drive out a bit. We will base-camp in the vicinity of the "Gorge" or nearest sheltered place. With only 2 days we will only be able to do limited exploration but there should be some delightful touring.

17-19 AUGUST      SKIING - THE BLUFF      MEDIUM/HARD

LEADERS           : BILL METZENTHEN & MERILYN WHIMPEY  
 SEE LEADERS IN CLUB ROOM

24-26 AUGUST      TERRICK STATE PARK      EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER            : PHILIP LARKIN  
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

31 AUGUST-2 SEPTEMBER      NORTHERN FRASER NATIONAL PARK      EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER            : JEAN GIESE  
 TRANSPORT       : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE   : VIC MAP COLLIER BAY 1:25,000 OR CF&L PAMPHLET  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 33 KMS (12 KMS WITHOUT PACKS)  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.

We start near the N/W boundary of the park with just 6KMS to walk to a lovely camping spot. Tents erected, we'll head off with lunch and day packs for a 4.00m climb to the highest part of Fraser National Park, along the ridge and down a wonderful spur with splendid views all the way (12KMS).

Sunday we pick up the formed walking track after 4 hours and follow this around Lake Eildon to Devil Cove on Collier Bay.

Those coming Friday night camp at Devil Cove camping area. Saturday morning starters meet at 9.00 a.m. Cnr. Skyline Drive and U.T. Creek Road (Haines Saddle), near Park entrance.

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## C O M M I T T E E   N O T E S

MEETING HELD ON 2ND JULY, 19901. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A sub-committee of Robert Ayre, Derrick Brown and Graham Breen was set up to examine printing options for the 50 years publication and report back to the next committee meeting.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- . A copy of our "1957 Walk" was forwarded to us by the Sydney Bushwalking Club in case we were looking for early copies. If we have a copy they would like that one returned to them. We will thank them for their courtesy and offer some others of our old ones if they are interested.
- . The Land Conservation Council acknowledged our submission on the Wilderness Report.
- . A letter was received from Jamie Pittock, VNPA thanking the Club for our donation and giving an update on VNPA matters.
- . Letter from a club visitor seeking contact with members interested in walking the Alpine Track.

3. REPORTS:3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE, 1990

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| BALANCE | \$37,865.16 |
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## PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

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| VNPA (Subscription)                  | \$ 38.00   |
| Rampower (May)                       | \$263.07   |
| P.Gronow (Van maintenance)           | \$601.20   |
| A.C.Printing (News)                  | \$200.00   |
| A.Bullard (Postage)                  | \$ 38.00   |
| Mountain Lodge (Marysville Weekend)  | \$4,579.00 |
| M.Humphrey (Refunds for Overpayment) | \$250.00   |
| Cleaning & Garaging (June)           | \$140.00   |
| Driving (Van)                        | \$400.00   |

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## BILLS TO BE PAID:

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| Nil | \$0.00 |
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3.2 WALKS SECRETARY:

- . The numbers of walkers for June are being compiled and will be available for next month's News.
- . The spring program has been prepared and Phil is busy organising leaders.
- . The sub-committee is not confident about using a bus but is looking at the possibility of using a mini-bus for weekend walks.

3.3 TRANSPORT:

With Rob Ayre's return the committee had the confidence to approve the work on the bus as quoted and detailed in last month's "News".

3.4 SOCIAL:

Arrangements put in place for the auction on 4th July. By the time you are reading this, it will be all over. I hope you did not miss out on the chance to dispose of and purchase new goodies.

**3.5 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

Renewals are still being received. About 370 so far have renewed.

**3.6 NEWS EDITOR:**

Jill sought advice from the committee on length of articles, what should be published etc. See her note on page 7.

**3.7 WILKINSON LODGE:**

Our trusty lodge manager was unable to attend due to a late return from Wilky, however, an emissary reported he was somewhat exasperated with the Wilky water supply! More no doubt on this next week.

**3.8 EQUIPMENT HIRE:**

Our equipment officer will be in the market for any auction items that are desirable for the club to purchase. He will also hopefully have sold some of our old equipment. (Late news - he did and for real bargain prices).

**3.9 MAPS:**

- . A new Mt. Buller Mt. Stirling 1:50,000 in the outdoor leisure series has been obtained.
- . Athol Schafer has donated a map of the Wabonga Plateau (western side of Mt. Buffalo).

**3.10 FEDERATION**

- . A letter is being sent to the Federation seeking an actual copy of the full insurance policy to clarify the issue re visitors.
- . The Federation is keen to publicise it's role to members of affiliated clubs. We will assist by inviting someone to come along to a future meeting and give a talk.
- . In future items of interest in the Federation's newsletter will be published in News.

**3.11 VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS:**

- . Tom Groggin is for sale - is there an entrepreneur out there who could buy it and donate it to the Club or the VNPA?
- . Reluctant support was given to culling kangaroos in the Hattah Kulkyne National Park. This was necessary to conserve the habitat.
- . National Estate funds have been provided to Monash University to conduct a study of cattle grazing on moss beds and snow patch vegetation on the Bogong High Plains.

**3.12 SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA:**

If you are in the market for some ski gear you could consider joining STAV, as a member of MBWC you get a discounted membership which will get you a 10% discount on gear at a number of shops.

**3.13 TRACK MAINTENANCE:**

Nigel reported that in conjunction with Ralph Edgar of the Walking Club of Victoria, Richards Tramline has been selected for the track clearing operation, more news later.

**4. NEW MEMBERS:**

5 New Members were admitted.

5. **DUTY ROSTER:**

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| 11 July  | Nigel and Rob       |
| 18 July  | Penny and Winnifred |
| 25 July  | Derek and Gina      |
| 1 August | Graham and Gina     |
| 8 August | Rob and Winnifred   |

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

6 August, 1990 at 7.15 p.m.

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- . Our Treasurer, Rick Chater raised the matter of upgrading insurance on Wilky. This was agreed and cover to \$30,000 will be sought.
- . Printing of News - Rick drew attention to the increased cost of printing News and that this would have to be considered in setting membership fees. There is approximately an additional \$5 per copy per year or 42¢ per copy which is about the cost of another postage stamp per month, per member.

**NOTICE OF HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING:**

This will be on a normal meeting night starting 8.00 p.m. on 29th August, 1990. On past performance it will only be of short duration, possibly less than 20 minutes.

G.B.

**WHO SAID THE BUSHIES WERE A BUNCH OF GREENIES?**

They obviously have not seen us in action. The work-party organised to clean up the garden around the club rooms attacked with great enthusiasm - secateurs, saws, machetes, axes and shovels were wielded with great gusto and a degree of recklessness resulting in a haystack of butchered branches and fortunately no serious injury. Many thanks to GT, the Bullards, Ian N, Jill and Max for their assistance.

G.B.

**INTERESTED IN HIMALAYAN TREKKING?**

Worried about the political situation in Nepal or Kashmir? The answer is at hand - a 12-day trek to Sikkim in northern India. This region of the eastern Himalayas contains Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest mountain, and is approached via the old hill resort of Darjeeling. As well as the trek, there is sightseeing in India, including Delhi, Jaipur, Bharatpur bird sanctuary, and the Taj Mahal. The trip departs on October 19 for 4 weeks.

The organisers, Discover India Tours, will have slide nights at 6.30 p.m. in their city office on 10 July and 7 August.

The address: 2nd Floor, 18-20 Bank Place (off Little Collins Street, (West of Queen Street), Phone: 670 2597. Geoff and Sandy Mattingley can also provide further information.

**EDITORIAL:**

I would appreciate if members would keep their items to be published as brief as possible, say, maximum half a page. Longer articles tend to be boring and lose the readers interest. This way we will also be able to accommodate more items and still hopefully reduce the cost of printing "News". Overlong articles risk being reduced "to extracts" and "refer to Notice Board". Please, however, keep the items coming in as without them we would have no "News".  
Thanks, News Editor.

**WALKING TOUR IN CHINA:**

The Australia-China Friendship Society is organizing its third walking tour of China on 20.10.90 to 11.11.90.

The cost of \$3,250 includes economy air fares, all meals, accommodation and travel, plus services of guides in China. Also transfers and bed and breakfast in Hong Kong. The tour visits Beijing, including The Great Wall. Walking in the scenic mountains of Lushan, Long Hu and Jinggangshan. Also visits the ancient procelain kilns at Jundezen, plus 2 nights in Hong Kong. Excellent Value!

Contact the leader, Gordon McIntyre on 857 7241 for further information.

Keith White

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The Club would like to welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS:**

C.Henry O'Connor

Alan Mann

Ingrid Mooren

Mary Damousi

Janice Lawton

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**CHANGES OF INFORMATION**

Jill Campbell

John Burton

Ross Debenham

Eleanor Weekes

Ken MacMahon

Bernadette Farrell

Mark Walters

Dianne Lawrence

Margaret Curry

Athol Schafer

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**MARYSVILLE:****NOTE:**

A yellow raincoat was found on the verandah, any takers??? See lost property cupboard - Clubrooms.

Would the following people please see Penny Stapley in the Club rooms:

Janette McLoughlin)  
 Ayin Ching            )     \$5.00 refund  
 Michael Dilks         )

Lesley Harding, Kim Colvan, Gill Roberts & Gwen Rowe - receipts for Marysville weekend are on the notice board, if you want them.

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**TRIP SECTION**

Extract of interesting letter received from Graeme Thornton entitled "Moonlight Odyssey":

Bob Wilkinson of Corryong had picked the 8 of us up at the camping ground very early and driven us up the Cabramurra Rd. as far as the snow-line. After plying us with sandwiches laced generously with garlic then diluted with hot tea and coffee he bade us a cheery farewell for 8 days. Camp was among the trees on a little knoll above an open stream. With the glow of the setting sun on the western and northern flanks of Jagungul only a few kilometres away it was idyllic.

By the time all were camped, fed and watered it was quite late and cold. Most had thus retired to their tents so the audience for Ken's suggestion to go moonlight skiing wasn't large - just me.

The evening dew had settled and frozen into long frost crystals which glistened in the moonlight as we skied across an open plain. With a little imagination, aided by squinting the eyes, the myriad reflections below the skis looked just like the myriad stars above. We were space travellers - no, just skiers, I could hear the frost crystals gently crunching beneath our skis. Anyone who has skied with Ken MacMahon in the moonlight knows that his cutting across your track and skis within a few centimetres of your toes or heels isn't malicious, only high spirits.

The cold air on the face, the ill defined shapes whipping by, the whirr of the skis, the invisible bumps and hollows make moonlight skiing addictive. When standing still and listening there is a strange pressure on the ears. Must be the absolute silence. A silence broken intermittently by our excited whoops, yells and laughter. Perhaps the silence and strange pressure on the ears was from wax - wax spirited into place by Odysseus. Perhaps he was concerned.....

Due to its length, the News Editor had to edit "Moonlight Odyssey", I am sure that GT would only be too happy to continue his story if asked.

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