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A DONKEY  
PAY YOUR  
SUBS!*



*If this donkey  
has a red nose this is your  
last copy of news*

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S O C I A L     C O L U M N

**MARYSVILLE WEEK-END**  
at the  
MOUNTAIN LODGE  
**FRIDAY 22 JUNE - SUNDAY 24 JUNE**

DAY ACTIVITIES:

Walking, Golfing, Cycling, Horseriding, Tennis (Tennis shoes only on the court) or just relaxing.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:

Table Tennis, Snooker, Games, Fireside Reading, Sing-Songs (piano players bring music please and your favourite cassettes). Pleasant Company.

DINING ROOM:

Excellent meals (fast before and diet after the weekend).

SUZETTE AND HUBERT NASSL ARE YOUR CHARMING HOSTS. BOOKINGS OPEN MAY 2, 7.30 p.m. at the Clubrooms. Full Amount Only, First Come - First Served.  
Cost: \$93.00 per person, rooms with private facilities \$18 per room extra.  
Official Arrival Time is after dinner Friday night, with supper provided, around 9.30 p.m. You may check in during the afternoon and dine locally at the Cumberland, the Hotel or the milk bar. The weekend finishes after the Christmas lunch on 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 bookings.

Contact Alison Blaker (484 6532) or Michael Humphrey (598 7317 AH), after 7.30 p.m. Bookings, however, can only be accepted in person in the Club Rooms.

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**\*\* DATE TO REMEMBER \*\***

**RAWSONS LODGE WEEKEND. 3-5 AUGUST.** A booking has been made for 24 persons (12 twin bedrooms) in the Lodge. The tariff will be \$55.00 per person bed and Breakfast, Friday night to Sunday Morning.

The weekend will include options for ski tours on both Saturday & Sunday, catering for easy, medium and medium standard of skiing ability. These tours will not be on prepared tracks and will cater for those who are able to handle these conditions. They are not suitable for beginners or skiers with little experience. Bookings can be made by sending (full amount) cheque for \$55.00 to Sandra Mutimer, 27 Mincha Street, West Brunswick. 3055. Sandra will be at the Club rooms on the night of 23 May, Phone for further information on 387 5363 (5.00- 6.00 p.m. preferred, not mornings) NOTE: PHONE BOOKINGS NOT ACCEPTED. Letter in Club room.

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Regular Friday night Ballroom Dancing get together in Coburg. Bushies regularly attend this venue - corner of Bell Street and Melville Road, Coburg 8.30 p.m. start. The entrance fee of \$5 includes tuition.  
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**NOTE INFORMATION ON EXTRA WEEKEND WALK MAY 18-20 ON PAGE 5**



**SUN. 17 JUNE                      KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK                      EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM**

LEADER:                      MAX CASLEY & PENNY STAPLEY  
 TRANSPORT:                  BUS FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN:          7.30 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE:              PHEASANT CREEK, FLOWERDALE 1:25 000. Yea 1:1000,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE:          16 - 20 KM

The walk is mainly on forest tracks which become more firendly to the feet as the walk goes on.

There are occasional distant views, a disused mine and a climb to Mt. Robertson (which takes about 2 minutes). If time permits, we will continue on to Flagpole Hill in farmland, along the ridge, from where there are magnificent views, and finish near the Flowerdale Hotel. Property owners, however, are proving hard to locate so far. On the preview we saw many kangaroos, flame robins, an echidna and many wildflowers. So be there, and be prepared for a longish walk.

**WED.20 JUNE                      WERRIBEE PARK/POINT COOK PARK                      EASY/EASY**

LEADER:                      MARGARET BORDEN (690 3104)  
 TRANSPORT:                  SHARE CARS FROM EITHER JEAN GIESE'S (890 2189) AT SURREY HILLS AT 8.30 A.M. OR TODD ROAD CAR PARK, WESTGATE PARK, MELWAY 56 F1 (UNDER WESTGATE BRIDGE). EXIT FROM WESTGATE FREEWAY AT NEW TODD ROAD, TURNOFF AT SERVICE STATION, BEFORE ACTUAL BRIDGE  
 EXPECTED RETURN:          4.00 P.M.  
 APPROX. DISTANCE:          12 KM.

We will firstly do a short walk around Westgate Park to look at the birds and the river. Then in cars to either Werribee or Point Cook Parks, whichever is first depends on tides. There is only approx. 4K of walking in the lovely grounds of Werribee Park with views of the animals in the open zoo. Bring binoculars for closer views of these and the birds at Point Cook, where we have approx. 6 KM of a mixture of beach and wetlands. It is all very flat and easy walking as unable to find any hills, but plenty to see including old homesteads and outbuildings at both parks.

**SUN. 24 JUNE                      MT. DORAN - CHAMPION HILL                      EASY/MEDIUM  
 MOORABOOL RIVER                      & MEDIUM**

LEADER:                      KEITH WHITE & VERONICA SHEEN  
 TRANSPORT:                  BUS FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN:          7.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE:              SEE LEADERS FOR THIS INFORMATION  
 APPROX. DISTANCE:          14 - 18 KM.

Pleasant walking through open eucalyptus forest south east of Ballarat. We will try to walk off-track as much as possible.

Points of interest include Champion Hill (thats if I can find it this time), the first and perhaps the only blast furnace built in Victoria, Lal Lal Falls and if time permits, Moorabool Falls.

Bring water for lunch and your balaclava and gloves or whatever else you may need for a winter walk, e.g. a thermos of piping hot tomato soup.

**SAT.30 JUNE**                    **DANDENONGS EXPLORER**                    **EASY**  
**MONBULK TO JOHNS HILL**

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LEADER:                    CERI LAW  
 TRANSPORT:                PRIVATE CARS  
 MAP REFERENCE:            MELWAYS 124,125  
 APPROX. DISTANCE:        14 KM

Meet at Moxhams Picnic Ground at 10.00 a.m. (Melways Map 124 H3). The walk will follow along the Sassafras Creek walking track which is very pretty, but could be a bit muddy. Then along Menzies Creek walking track to Avarad Picnic ground. Its then a climb up to Johns Hill Reserve which has excellent views especially to the south. The rest of the walk is along quiet roads back to Moxhams Picnic Ground.

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## W E E K E N D    W A L K S

### JUNE

**18-20 MAY**                    **WALHALLA**                    **EASY/MEDIUM**

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LEADER:                    JEAN GIESE  
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOMS OR RING ON 890 2189 for details

Realising we had only one weekend walk planned for May, we have organised a base-camp in the Walhalla area, probably camping at Cooper's Creek. At the time of writing the days are sunny so here's hoping it stays that way.

We will walk the first fiew km's of the Alpine Walking Track and along disused railway easements, taking in some of the history of this old mining area as we go.

**8-11 JUNE**                    **WYPERFIELD NATIONAL PARK - QUEENS BIRTHDAY**                    **MEDIUM**

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LEADER:                    KEITH WHITE  
 TRANSPORT:                PRIVATE CARS  
 MAP REFERENCE:            ALGONA: WYPERFELD NATIONAL PARK  
 APPROX. DISTANCE:        40 KM

If you are a supreme optimist, then dust off your langlaufers and head for the hills - good luck. But if you are a more sober bod then consider a weekend exploring the subtle delights of the Mallee where the days are clear and sunny, the nights a touch chilly but the sky magnificent. Over the weekend we will cover a wide variety of Wyperfeld during two full day medium standard walks. Last time the park ranger provided an interesting slide show on Saturday night. Otherwise there is the temptation of a moonlight stroll across the dunes. On Monday we can visit Lake Albacutya before returning home.

Facilities in the large camping area include toilets and cold water for hand washing. Dont forget your day pack.

**22-24 JUNE**                    **MARYSVILLE GUEST HOUSE WEEK-END**

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See article begining Social Column.

30 JUNE - 1 JULY

NORTHERN WILSONS PROM

MEDIUM

LEADER: MARK WALTERS  
SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM FOR DETAILS

C O M M I T T E E N O T E S

MEETING HELD ON 7TH MAY, 1990

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Printing of "News" - since the previous meeting a very competitive quote was received from A. Conway to print the "news". In view of printing difficulties with the present housing of the Gestetner, it was agreed to proceed with the offer and this copy is the result. Mark Walters has obtained a sales tax exemption for the printing. The whole question of printing "News" is still under review. If we are to revert to using the Gestetner we need a volunteer who can house it, as it is far too impractical to use it in it's present location, particularly if we also acquire a scanner.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Pauline Williams expressing concern over excessive grading of tracks by MMBW contractors on the CFL controlled Mitchell Reserve and seeking support for inclusion of the reserve in the Dandenong Ranges National Park.

3. REPORTS:

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL, 1990

BALANCE	\$30,258.14
 <b>PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:</b>	
D.Deans (Timber for Wilky)	\$900.00
R. Mattingly (Wilky)	\$102.34
P. Gronow (Van Service)	\$193.26
T. Thomson (Maps)	\$ 14.05
G. Thornton (Wilky)	\$364.63
Rampower (March ACCT)	\$312.17
Rawson Lodge (Deposit)	\$100.00
R. Steel (Federation Day Costs)	\$ 51.81
P. Taylor (Federation Day Costs)	\$175.21
M. Casley (Wilky)	\$ 79.90 *
	\$ 2,293.37
 <b>BILLS TO BE PAID:</b>	
Gestetner	\$306.40
Garaging & Cleaning (April)	\$140.00
Driving (April)	\$500.00
	\$946.40

\*Payment made since Monthly Cut-Off.

3.2 WALKS SECRETARY:

- (i) Details of April walks not all received todate.
- (ii) Work will start on the Spring program next month.
- (iii) Report on Federation walk (see details Page 9).

**COMMITTEE NOTES (CONTINUED)****3.3 TRANSPORT:**

- (i) The bus is to be serviced next week.
- (ii) The painting quotes will be obtained then.
- (iii) The driver has suggested an arrangement to provide a bus for weekend walks. This will be followed up.

**3.4 MEMBERSHIP:**

Renewals are lagging. We will have to buy more red ink for all the red noses.

**3.5 NEWS EDITOR:**

The bulk of "News" had been typed up prior to the committee meeting.

**3.6 WILKINSON LODGE:**

Graeme Thornton was not available to report, however, the maintenance work is still going on. The cooking range has had a few new parts fitted.

**3.7 EQUIPMENT HIRE:**

Mark and Ian will check out the gear and make recommendations on requirements to the next committee meeting.

**3.8 FEDERATION OF VIC. WALKING CLUBS:**

A very comprehensive report was provided by Athol Schafer. Details will be in next month's "News".

**3.9 VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION:**

Considerable debate with motions and motions to amend motions - This was the reaction to a plea from the Association for a donation to assist in the funding of project officer Jamie Pittock. The argument ranged from a desire to assist with his valuable work to a desire to keep the donation to a reasonable limit relative to our member's fees. Agreement was reached on a donation of \$300.00.

**3.10 WILDERNESS SOCIETY:**

A submission on the extensive "Wilderness Report" will be prepared along the lines suggested in a leaflet provided by the Wilderness Society. This is basically to counter the lobbying of the 4 wheel drive, trail bike etc interests.

**3.11 TRACK MAINTENANCE:**

The proposed work on Thompsons Tramline has been postponed. The new arrangements will be published in the walks program.

**4. NEW MEMBERS:**

Four new members were accepted.

**5. DUTY ROSTER:**

16 May	Jean and Nigel
23 May	Jean and Gina
30 May	Mark and Graham B.
6 June	Janet and Winifred

**6. NEXT MEETING:**

4 June, 1990 at 7.15 p.m.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Pauline Williams' letter was discussed and it was agreed to write to the area manager of CF&L regarding the damage to tracks and to the Minister regarding inclusion of the Mitchell Reserve in the Dandenong Ranges National Park.

Are there any volunteers out there to provide accommodation for the Gestetner and paper supplies, to do the printing or otherwise volunteer in some way to assist. If so please contact me or a committee member. We are still looking at the possibilities for future editions of "News".

Graham Breen

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### SNEAK PREVIEW – WINTER PROGRAM, 1990

#### BEGINNERS SKIING DAY

We are planning a beginners skiing day at Lake Mountain early in the snow season (if there is any snow). We will have an experienced ski instructor to give tuition.

The group will be limited to 10/12 people and the cost will be approx. \$12.00 per person depending on numbers. If there is a need for another beginners day we will arrange it. Could interested people let me know so I can get an idea of numbers. So if you want to know how to ski like the experts, come along.

MICHAEL MANN

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#### THE MALLEE

The Victorian Government has announced that it has accepted the LCC recommendations for the Mallee including the creation of the Murray-Sunset National Park and substantial extensions to Wyperfeld National Park. The proposal will mean that a total of 963,000 ha of the Mallee would be protected in National Parks. In addition to the LCC recommendations the government has decided to terminate broombush cutting on public land in the Mallee and has included two small but significant areas around Red Lake and on the Raak Plain in the new Park. Grazing of domestic stock will be phased out in conservation reserves including the new National Park areas by 1996. It is expected that the legislation to give effect to this decision will be brought before parliament in this current session. However, it is more than likely that the legislation will be severely amended, and parts rejected, in the Upper House. Most of us live in Provinces with a Liberal/National Party member in the Legislative Council so please, everyone, write to your member urging him/her to support the new Murray-Sunset National Park and extensions to Wyperfeld National in toto, expressing opposition to continued grazing, broombrush cutting and gypsum mining on public land.

JEAN GIESE

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**Congratulations** to Monique Mascas & David Cahill on the birth of their son, Christopher David, born on 20 March. All three are very well. Monique and Dave now live at 19 Glenelg Street, Applecross W.A. 6153.

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#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE PROM

On Mondays and Fridays the 9.45 a.m. V/Line train from Spencer Street connects at Leongatha with a JJD coach to Tidal River. Coach departures from Tidal River are at 10.35 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. The cost is \$25.00 return. For further information contact Victour on 619 9444.

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REPORT ON FEDERATION DAY WALK, 1990

What more can I say but thank you to all the club members who supported the Bushies by coming along to the day walk. It is thought that 305 people came along on the day. Many from other clubs, in fact so many came that it was hard to keep a count. They came from Geelong, Bayside, CAEX, Womens, WCV, Ramblers, YHA, Maroondah, even Mildura.

The weather was ideal for walking with sun and a slight breeze. Bob Steel's signs were praised by all and were environmentally friendly and available for recycling.

When the van arrived at just after 10.00 a.m. some of the trips had already left due to the large numbers. Once the bushies had organized themselves they set out with some of the other walkers who meanwhile had also arrived. Soon after the Cascades Picnic Ground became silent except for the sound of unpacking food. And what food there was. Cakes, buns, slinces & fruit made quite a sight. Under the well organized order of Jean Giese, the cakes were cut, the buns buttered, the fruit slices sliced. For there had to be a problem, there always is: the numbers far exceeding our expectations. How do we feed 300 when we planned for 200? But with some complex, arithmetic and sharp knives, all was ready.

At 3.00 p.m. the first group appeared and headed straight for the cakes and drinks. Frantic efforts all round had their cake and cup in hand and happily munching away. In a short time non-walkers arrived and within 1 hour the whole place looked like a giant kitchen. As dusk drew in, people began to leave and the task of cleaning up commenced. In no time at all, everything had been cleared up, packed away and we left the bush the way it should always be left.

Only two minor injuries were reported, both people are O.K. with a couple of bruises and scrapes. Once again, thank you to all the leaders, Wendy Barns, Keith White, Sylvia Wilson, Philip Larkin, Gina Hopkins, Derrick Brown, Anne & Peter Bullard and Veronica Sheen.

On the catering, how did Jean Giese manage to produce such a great spread, to Bob Steel for his signs and copious amounts of hot water for the tea, to Joyce Dunn, Mick Mann, Alison Blaker and Winnifred de Souza for their great contributions. To John our driver for his patience and forbearing with driving the van on the day as well as buttering the buns. And finally, to the bushies who came along on the day.

PHILIP TAYLOR

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Federation Day In the Beautiful Murrumbidgee River Valley

Ten out of ten to Phil Taylor and his walks sub-committee, for choosing this delightful neck of the woods which has much to offer in varied walks, and what a highly successful and happy day it was for all. Jean Giese in spite of being wounded by a wild corn cob did a splendid job with the help of her willing assistants in providing the returning walkers with hot cups of tea and coffee, delicious cakes and other goodies - it was a superb effort and much appreciated by all of us. We also owe a lot to the lovely lady members of the Club who baked and provided these delicious cakes and to them we say "thank you very much for your splendid efforts and generosity". John our driver enjoyed himself immensely in spite of the difficult driving conditions, his enjoyment came from speaking to the many bushies during the day, they made a deep impression on him.

Federation Day In the Beautiful Murrundindi River Valley (Continued)

Leaders were out in force, ten of them in fact and they certainly had their hands full, our quiet and charming Veronica Sheen, a comparatively inexperienced leader, was given a Leaders Guernsey when it was decided to form an extra easy group, that was quite a challenge for Veronica who hadn't even been along the route on foot, however, she rose to the challenge and acquitted herself admirably in leading her group. I was very impressed, Veronica certainly has ability and a lot of confidence in herself. Jenny and Jopie were out with us and it was refreshing to have their bright and pleasant company for the day. Many thanks Jopie for acting as my whip. It was heart-warming to see Anne and Peter taking a blind group of people and their seeing dogs on a bush walk along the river track, the unselfish, generous and considerate attitude of this young married couple towards these blind people is indeed very worthy of notice.

Seeing this blind group of people and their dogs took me back approximately 23 years to this same area, when a pretty young lass by the name of Bev Southwood (later Mrs. Tony Morris) took a blind young man and his dog out with us on a Sunday walk somewhere in the bush above the Wilhelmina Falls, having people from different walking clubs on my walk gave me a great deal of pleasure and I was delighted to discover my lovely friend Bev Williams of the Walking Club of Victoria was one of them. I was also very pleased to meet Pam Westgate and Margaret Mythius who haven't been sighted for a long time.

As for myself, well, I felt honoured, happy and grateful for having been given the opportunity to be out front on such a memorable day of the gathering of many clans of bushwalkers. I had a ball as they say in the classics - it was indeed a highly successful operation that provided pleasure for 300 bushwalkers, again congratulations to the organizers and thanks to the ladies who baked and provided the delicious food and to Jean and her helpers in serving it up to us.

Art Terry.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

- . Noreen Dorgan
  
- . Stan Mackowiak
  
- . Diane Fagg
  
- . Alex MacLeod

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Jopie Bodegraven and Jenny Flood	Peter Havlicek
	Darren Miller
Felicity Topp	
Robyn Mylius	Darrell Rolfe
	Stephen Courtney
Ceri Law	
Keith White	Pauline Williams
	Ann & Lindsay Crawford
Margaret Curry	
Isabella Gulotta	Paul Vella
	Trish Elmore
John Siseman	
Andrea Mayes	Michael Humphrey
	Malcolm Davidson
Sue Forrester	
	Bruce Boell
Sue Phillips	
	Dennis Sherwell
Jan Gross	
	Ben McGee
Diane Schudmak	
	Ann and Darrell Sullivan

## THE CITY OF DARWIN

Darwin,  
You are a beach-head on the shores of dreaming,  
An enclave,  
You have carved yourself out of the fetid profusion of the wet.

You have no other existence,  
But purely by the will of a distant Capital,  
An exclamation to those who might otherwise claim what is not ours,  
You have no other purpose  
Though your administrators may say otherwise;  
Even those who live within your confines  
Sense the truth of their Cargo mentality  
Exhorting them from one mirage to another.

Darwin,  
You are placed at the crossroads in the twilight zone of ancient cultures,  
Yet you flinch at Contact;  
Only to condenscent behind gardens  
Created in your own image,  
Even your name betrays  
An ascendancy over those  
Whom you claim to rule.

Darwin  
Your life is plotted by the Mithraic visions of the ones who look to the Heavens  
for light,  
The Other is traced by the swathes of the hand,  
To embrace one is to deny the other,  
There is no point of contact.

Each evening, bayed in my totem place,  
I watch as you take flight through the mucilaginous air while the other affirms its  
demise at the sacred sites of Wine-Spriit Dreaming.

From Alex Voltan - Who says "G'day"