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S O C I A L C O L U M N

**** DATES TO REMEMBER ****

**THE BUSHIES 50TH BIRTHDAY GATHERING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 1990**

AN ALL DAY BARBEQUE PICNIC AT GILWELL PARK, GEMBROOK (MELWAY 256 R4/R5)

11.00 - 5.00 P.M.

SPEECHES, AND CAKE AT 3.00 P.M.

ALL MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT ARE EXPECTED!

UPDATE:

- * Due to popular request there will be an ARCHIVES TENT wherein ancient Bushie relics will be on display (have you got any old pictures, or anything?) Marion Siseman is in charge of this. Phone (AH) 878 1839. All the old Newses will be there, and Athol has even done a BUSHIES MATRIMONIAL LIST, and the old Wilkie Log Books and, and..... .
- * T.Shirts, the design, colours etc. have all been organised and are Fantastic! See inside for increased size range. Orders are due now. Terrific value at \$12.
- * Pre BBQ dinner at Penguins, 225 Victoria Street, West Melbourne (Melway 2B All) 7.30 Saturday 24th November. Bookings due in NO LATER THAN now phone Sylvia (AH) 836 6342.
- * Entrance fee to Gilwell Park will be approximately \$6. (\$3 for children under 12).
- * Don't forget to BYO meat, chair, k.f. & s, mug, plate and plonk.
- * Don't forget to look at the Birthday Cakes before they get cut (3.00 p.m.) as they are beautifully iced by Jill Breen with native flowers.
- * Do you want to walk in? See elsewhere in News.
- * Kids! if hot there is a dam to swim in, it looks a bit murkey though. There's a ripper initiatives course and rope course too, ask Belinda Wilson where they are.

- * Help-ers. Sandra Mutimer could still do with a lot more pairs of hands in the catering section. Newer members, especially, could you help out? Phone Sandra (AH) 387 5363.
- * Have you let me know if you're coming? PLEASE could you ring Sylvia after 4.30 p.m. (AH) 836 6342 or send in your slip, repeated again in case you have mislaid previous one in News, or waylay me in the club rooms.

And now the not so good news We were hoping to produce a book on the History of the Bushies for Gilwell Park, but alas-alack with the best will in the world it hasn't happened. Our noble editor, Jan Llewelyn (Pocock) found looking after those fellows, changing jobs etc.etc. just too much. Never mind, the Sydney Bushies produced their history at 60 years and the Newcastle Bushies had their big re-union at 40 years. We can do it when we like. All agree it needs to be done, have you got the time to write it or organise for it to be put together? Lots of people have offered their support one way and another already, it needs a chief though.

MISSING PERSONS FILE - For Gilwell Park

If you know where these people are could you give them a ring please? We can't find them:

Gerry McPhee	Robyn Storer	Prue Hardiman	Heather Cameron
Bob Bell	Alan Bates	Elizabeth(nee McKenzie)	Rosemary Gosling
Max Hargraves	Geoff Greenwood	Heinz Wolff	Marie Gillespie
Ken Lorking	Verna Hedges	Keith Murray	Paddy Murray
Ken Grant	Tess Madigan	Ted Kirk	Ken Middleton
Don & Tine Matthews	Rex & Ada Benn	Helen Wallace	

T.SHIRTS

Red Shirt with Navy & white
 Royal blue with white and pale blue
 Light blue with black and navy
 Emerald Green with black and white

We now have children's sizes and more adult sizes.
 No navy but very nice royal blue. A sample is being worn in the club rooms.

ORDER FORM Size	Children			Adult							
	2-6	8-14		12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Colour				S	S	M	M	L	XL	XL	XXL
Red											
Royal Blue											
Light Blue											
E. Green											

NAME: ADDRESS:

Phone:

\$12 each. \$1 more if you want it posted otherwise pick up in clubrooms Wednesday 21st November or at Gilwell Park. Please enclose cheque/money order payable to Melbourne Bushwalkers and post to Emily Wilson, 34 Doonkuna Avenue, Camberwell 3124

Booking form for Gilwell Park:

NAME: ADDRESS
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HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY:
WHEN DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

PLEASE POST TO: SYLVIA WILSON, 34 DOONKUNA AVENUE, CAMBERWELL VIC 3124

COMMENTS ON ARTICLES IN THE NEWS (OCTOBER)

Two items in the October issue of "The News" that displeased me were:

1. That our Committee has decided to cease printing Committee Notes. Committee Notes have for quite a few years now kept members informed of what goes on at Committee level in matters that were not generally known before. I suggest that Committee matters be printed in "The News", already some negative fool who no doubt is too tired even to read "The News" considers the emission of Committee Notes an improvement, well that is a hollow opinion for sure, particularly in view of the fact that he didn't state why or put his name to it. His opinion is of no value whatever, a more positive approach was made by another member who though he didn't put his name to it had the courage and the sense to state why he likes reading Committee Notes. He is quite right in saying that the Notes help him to keep in touch with how the Club is going.

Committee Notes give members an insight of what is happening at Committee level and also how our elected Office Bearers are doing their jobs and it gives everyone a chance to criticize or applaud their performance. I think we have a democratic right to receive a monthly report through "The News" on Committee matters and the sooner Committee Notes make their reappearance in the News the better it will be for members so interested and I'm sure there are many. Displaying Committee News on the Notice Board is not good enough!

2. Advertising In "The News". In The News we are fortunate in having an unspoilt news letter which puts members in the picture as to coming walks, general news, social events etc. It is all news, untainted in anyway with visual pollution in the form of adverts. We don't have to wade through junk to get to the important parts, put adverts in "The News" and it would become as far as I am concerned another item of junk mail. I have a sign on my letter box that states **NO JUNK MAIL** and what exactly is junk mail? It is advertising material and that is what some genius on our Committee has come up with. Wake up sport! I don't want any junk mail being posted to me through the medium of "The News". I am amazed that Committee Members who watch TV, read newspapers and who must find advertisements associated with this news media very tiresome are even considering such a proposal, keep "The News" pure.

The implication as I see it that the Committee would have us believe that we are unable to afford to have "The News" printed. I find that very difficult to accept, surely this outfit is better off moneywise than it has ever been since it was founded 50 years ago. I think you folk are going off half-cocked - forget this crazy idea and leave "The News" as it is.

ART TERRY

Congratulations to GT and Mark Walters on completing the Hotham to Falls Creek Ski Race on 15th September and a special pat on the back for GT on winning the event in his class - well done the pair of you.

TRISH ELMORE

BUSHDANCE

We've had good roll-ups for all the bush dances we've attended this year. Just for a change, the next one will be with 'THE COBBERS' at UNION HALL, LATROBE UNI. on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17, at 8.15 p.m.

This is probably a better venue than the South Melbourne Town Hall - its not so crowded, the acoustics are better, and "THE COBBERS'S" music is more authentically colonial than "Paradiddle". It's not so ear-splittingly loud either. Supper is provided, together with tea and coffee. Ring Stuart on 741 5592 to make a booking, or see him in the club rooms.

ATTENTION**ATTENTION****ATTENTION****ATTENTION**

Flat to rent at "Aireys Inlet". It is fully self contained for up to 6 people. Beds for 3 and room for 1 on the floor comfortably. Out in the large backyard there is room for a tent or 2. All you need to bring is your sleeping bag, food and fun. Cost is \$15.00 per night, divide that 6 and all you pay per night is \$2.50.

Remember Melbourne Cup Weekend 2nd-6th November. Attractions: Wildflowers, walks, sea swimming and relaxation. This flat is not only open for cup weekend but all the year round. If you would like more information about this flat phone Anne Bullard (03) 568 5972 city contact.

BEHIND THE SCENES - NO.2

For a couple of years DOUG WILHOFT did battle with the old Gestetner, duplicating "The News", collating, stapling, labelling and posting. Now that we have changed the system, there is no duplicating to be done, but Doug continues to do the stapling, labelling and sorting into postal districts, then heads off to the Post Office to attend to the bulk mailing. It's quite a job each month and we take this opportunity to acknowledge his efforts and say "thanks".

Because of the Cup Day long weekend (for some lucky ones), the November Committee Meeting was postponed to the 12th so no news from the monthly meeting this edition.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Boots. Brand new walking boots, snow sealed and only worn once (Really!) - too small for me. Bushgear Split Leather Walking Boots to fit feet sized 6 or 6 and 1/2. \$80.00 O.N.O. Contact Anna Hepi (AH) 51 9255.

Scarpa (Italian) Walking Shoes Size 39 - Part leather, part Gortex. Hardly used \$65.00 Phone Joan MacMahon 457 4577.

Porta-Potti

The club has one lovingly cared for model 265 Porta Potti. The cap for the water tank is missing but it is otherwise in A1 condition. New Price approximately \$150.00, sell for \$80.00. But wait, don't ring just now there's more. Included is not 1, not 2 but 2 1/2 x 1. litre bottles of aqua-kem disinfectant. Phone: Graeme Thornton (W) 541 1137 or (AH) 878 0660

DAY WALKS DECEMBER, 1990NOTE: SUN 25TH NOVEMBER, GILWILL PARK, GEMBROOK AREA EASYISH

LEADER: : MARK WALTERS
 APPROX DISTANCE: YES

This has not been finalised yet but whatever else happens walkers will be at Gilwell Park for 3.00 p.m. for the Birthday Party.

SUN 2ND DECEMBER CEMENT CREEK - MT. DONNA BUANG MED & MED/HARD

LEADERS : JOHN KITSON & FRED HALLS
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : JULIET SOUTH 1:50,000

A delightful walk in Melbourne's nearby hill country. Tall timber abounds and the walking should be delightful.

SAT 8TH DECEMBER HISTORICAL WALK - SOUTH YARRA

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION BY 1.30 P.M.

Starting and finishing at the South Yarra station this walk takes in mainly the old 19th Century working class quarters, subdivided soon after the first land sales 1849-50; the Paler..... Estate; and the Jam Factory. Those who feel like it may care to continue the walk back to the city via the Yarra track.

SUN 9TH DECEMBER NEPEAN STATE PARK E/MED & MED

LEADERS : PETER BULLARD
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

WED 12TH DECEMBER MT. TUGWELL EASY

LEADER : BOB AUJARD
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE,
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

SUN 16TH DECEMBER FOREST CAVES-WOOLAMAI SURF BEACH-CAPE WOOLAMAI EASY/MED

LEADER : PENNY STAPLEY
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M. SHARP
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 PM
 MAP REFERENCE : PHILLIP ISLAND SPECIAL 1:25,000
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 18 KMS

An interesting walk encompassing beach, rocks, and beautiful coastal views from Cape Woolamai. Cape Woolamai is a reserve for a large colony of short-tailed Shearwaters (Mutton birds). These birds will be nesting during December, so it will be important to keep to the designated tracks.

From Cape Woolamai there are excellent views of Cape Patterson, San Remo, Churchill and French Islands, and the Mornington Peninsula. The walk can easily be shortened to just 10 kms for anyone who does not wish to walk the circuit of Cape Woolamai.

SUN 23RD DECEMBER LERDERBERG GORGE - O'BRIENS CROSSING - DARBY FORD E/MED & MED

LEADER: : JOHN ROSEMAN
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

W E E K E N D W A L K S D E C E M B E R, 199030TH NOV-2ND DECEMBER SNOWY PLAINS - CROSS CUT SAW MEDIUM

LEADER : JANET NORMAN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

1ST-2ND DECEMBER FRENCH ISLAND EASY

LEADERS : JOHN ROSEMAN & CHRIS CATTERALL
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE EARLY START
 MAP REFERENCE : FRENCH ISLAND
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M. SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

We have mosquito free accommodation at the French Island Recreation Camp for \$5. The hydrofall trip across to French Island will cost \$16. You will be required to bring your own portable stove and food for two days and sleeping bag. Bus transportation on the Island will be an extra cost, as yet undecided as it is dependant on numbers.

Three walks are planned, looking at the orchids (32 species on the Island), Koalas and bird life.

7TH-9TH DECEMBER HEATHY SPUR - MT NELSE-MT SPION KOPJE MEDIUM

LEADER : GINA HOPKINS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - OUTDOOR LEISURE 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KMS

What could be more delightful than an early summer walk on the High Plains. Some of the early summer flowers should be emerging from the ground. I am certain that there will still be a smattering of snow on the higher peaks.

The walk is mostly down hill with Saturday nights camp on Mt. Nelse with the opportunity for a side trip or two.

CHRISTMAS PREVIEW WALKS

28TH DECEMBER - 1ST JANUARY, 1991 UPPER MURRAY CANOE TRIP DOUG POCOCK
 2ND JANUARY - 5TH JANUARY, 1991 MT. BOGONG MED/HARD DOUG POCOCK

26TH - 29TH JANUARY, 1991 MOUNT ANNE, TASMANIA**MEDIUM/HARD**

Mount Anne, at an altitude of 1425m, is the highest peak in Tasmania's South West. The views from the summit area and Eliza Plateau are outstanding, with almost every major peak of Tasmania visible. The Eliza Plateau is one of the grandest highland plateaus of Tasmania and displays many excellent examples of herb fields and cushion plants.

The climb is very steep in parts and hence this walk is recommended for the fit. The Mount Anne circuit including Lake Judd and Mount Sarah Jane can be done comfortably in three days. This is one of the classic wild walks of Australia and should not be missed.

I plan to lead this walk over a four day period encompassing the Australia Day weekend (26-29 January, 91 inclusive). The walk will start and finish at the HEC airstrip at Scotts Peak Dam. Access to this airstrip will be by light aircraft from Melbourne. For a group of four, including myself, the estimated aircraft cost will be \$250 each. The trip down will be via the picturesque east coast and the return trip will be via the spectacular west coast of Tasmania. For further details contact Dave Vincent, Phone (AH) 819 4656.

WILKY WORK PARTY - AUSTRALIA DAY

There will be a work-party this coming Australia Day Weekend at Wilky. After all the outside activity last year, I think it best if we "spruce" up Wilky's interior with a new coat of paint. The stove will also be repaired at the same time.

I will thus be delighted to receive offers of help from people skilled at wall washing, sanding, painting. A quarter-master(mistress) to organise group food would be much appreciated. If anyone has some rags we could use for wall cleaning these would be valued also. Contact Graeme Thornton (W) 541 1137 or (AH) 878 0660.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Andrew Low
2/72 Buckingham Street, Richmond, Vic 3121 Phone: (H) 428 3223

NEW MEMBERS:

The Club would like to welcome:

Mary Ellen Kennedy

Isabel Robinson

Chris Lynch

Stephen Rowlands

COMMERCIAL TOURS, INTERESTING COURSES ETC

We receive many brochures and notices in our mail box which would be of interest to members. These are pinned on the Notice Board in the club rooms where they remain for a month or two.

NEW CLUB EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The Club now has quality tents, packs and sleeping bags for hire. Many other essential camping items are also available. Contact Mark Walters (H) 899 6644 for details, or see Ian Newbold or any committee member on the door at the club rooms Wednesday nights.

TRIP SECTION

BROADFORD TO YEA MARATHON Sunday 14th October.

With Art Terry leading we ran from Broadford across the Hume Highway past a noisy motorcycle race track through open hilly grazing farm land.

Our first real obstacle was a knee deep stagnant stream surrounded on both sides by thick foliage. Once across, Art was forced to make a route change to bypass a new farm house. Soon after lunch we encountered a large black snake that showed its fangs in clear view to Art, ready to strike.

We then ran across low lying ground cover that I found most difficult before arriving at our last major obstacle, a 50 minute winding climb up a steep incline that gave us breathtaking views of the surrounding Yea countryside, showing Mount Buller in the distance, covered in snow.

John, the club's bus driver had safely delivered our belongings to the Yea Hospital, where we received a warm welcome from the matron on our arrival.

We are very grateful to John for his special effort.

JOHN ROSEMAN

TALES OF YAW (Yore?)

In an exclusive interview with well known (ex) walker Alex Stirkul "News" is proud to bring details of a feat of endurance and navigation rarely equalled in these less pedestrian times.

"Yes", said the normally taciturn Mr. Stirkul warming to the task, "I once walked from Whites river hut to Albina hut (Kossy Nat. Park - ed) and had arrived by 2.30 p.m." - including 3/4 - 1 hour for lunch on Mt. Townsend", he added to drive the impact of the feat home. "Just ask Bill Metzenthén" - the latter to add credibility to the story - I think.

When this erstwhile reporter asked why Mr. Stirkul had taken lunch on Townsend (some distance beyond on the normal route) and why had he taken from lunch to 2.30 p.m. to cover the comparatively short distance back to Albina the reply was, as usual, self-deprecating. "Well I think it was Townsend, I was going very fast that day, perhaps I'd been down to the Murray".

Then, as if by way of further explanation and in almost the same sentence, "I went to Gillwell Park the other weekend" (where the 50th anniversary festivities will be on 25th November. - ed). "Supposed to be a football ground there or something isn't there? Couldn't find it".

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So gentle readers, a possible explanation for the otherwise uncharacteristically long post lunch amble. This prodigious walker lunched not on Townsend but on the 30 km further distant Mt. Pilot, which because of its similar shape (i.e. smaller at the top) he mistook for Townsend. The appearance of the Murray during his corrective trot is also thus explained.

Only two further questions remain. Will Alex actually find the 20 x 50 Club Marque on the 25th and if so, will it be because of or despite his abortive preview attempt. Come along and find out if he arrives. Alex is easy to recognise. He'll be the one saying things like "there I was, 3 days of walking and only 1/2 packet of Deb left.....". He'd very much appreciate an audience.

GRAEME THORNTON

SPRING ON THE WARBY RANGE

Doug's trip began without packs along the Pine Gully nature trail which introduced us to some of the features of the area. The soil on which we would be walking was formed from granite, an igneous rock with coarse crystals. Granite forms rough curves when it weathers. Murray Valley Pines with a symmetrical shape, black boys with 2 or 3 metre high black scaly trunks from which shoot straight flower stalks clustered with tiny white flowers and two types of eucalyptus would be the dominant species and a wattle with curved, hard spikey leaves found in Victoria only in the Warby Range would be seen in some places. Towards the end of the trail the nearby creek continued its erosion of the granite in a series of waterfalls.

Shouldering packs we headed through the open parklike forest to Mt. Warby North, frequently looking at the ground which in places was carpeted with small flowers and orchids. From the top of the range we saw the glistening white snow capped peaks of Bogong, Fainter, Feathertop and Buller.

Turning south we passed large wattles with golden coats and Grevillea alpina shrubs with red flowers. A short detour brought us to the top of Jubilee Falls where the sparkling waters exposed the red granite as they tumbled towards Wangarratta. Camp was at the side of a large grassy clearing where we watched the kangaroos feeding as we cooked our meals.

On Sunday we visited without packs Salisbury Falls and then returned to our cars via Black Spring where frogs and echidnas entertained us. The experts tell me that I saw nine species of orchids during the walk.

Afternoon tea was in the Thoona General Store which still has the appearance of a country store in the nineteen twenties; bottles of lollies, tins of biscuits, boxes of soap and rolls of dress material. This store features in the children's book "Papa and the Olden Days".

SPENCER GEORGE
