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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.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS

- * B.B.Q's are already there. So BYO meat, plate, cutlery, mug, and chair.
- * If you need transport to get there please ring Peter Bullard, phone: 568 5972.
- * Lots of space and things for kids big and little to do so bring them too.
- * Minimal charge of a few dollars will be made at the gate.
- * More inside!

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It has been suggested that we should have a get together dinner the night before especially for interstate Bushies, so I've made a booking at a most fantastic restaurant: Penguini's, 225 Victoria Street, West Melbourne (Cnr. William Street, Melway 2B, All).

Be there at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 24th November.

Deposit \$10.00 Sylvia Wilson. Bookings close Wednesday 14th November. It isn't quite "Cheap Eats, but it's not too far off.

Booking form for Gilwell Park:

NAME: ADDRESS

HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY:

WHEN DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

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

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

Re: Gilwell Park Gathering

Food Organiser:

Sandra Mutimer, 387 5363 (AH) would like any offers of help e.g. for shopping, early preparation, bringing along a salad or sweet, or chopping up slightly earlier on the day or serving or whatever. Anyway she would love to hear from you.

Transport Organiser:

Peter Bullard 568 5972 would like to hear if you have any space in your car or van going up to Gilwell Park.

Marquee Organiser

Graham Breen 758 3193 (A.H.) could do with some rope pulling power.

Car Parking/Registering:

Lots of bodies needed. Please contact - Sylvia Wilson

* Could I make a special request for newer members to be helping with these jobs? The oldies will want to be talking!. Thank you in anticipation

SYLVIA WILSON

CONTACTS (That's You)

We have an extensive number of ex-Bushies from all decades receiving this News, but it still needs you to get on the phone to see if your old mates have heard about this and that they'll come. Athol, Peter Bullard, the Filsons and all sorts of people have been showering me with names, but it requires collective effort -

LETS GET INTO IT



FABULOUS COLOURS! *DIFFERENT COLOUR PRINTING! *ORDER AND PAY FOR IT NOW IN TIME FOR THE PICNIC! *GOOD QUALITY COTTON! *ONLY \$12.00 EACH!

N.B. Design and printing colours not finalised before going to press. A sample will be worn in the club rooms shortly.

- However: Red with possibly Black printing/design
- Navy with possibly yellow printing/design
- Light blue with possibly navy printing/design
- Bright green with

ORDER FORM ON PAGE 3.

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DO YOU WANT IT TO BE POSTED? YES/NO POSTAGE \$1.00 EXTRA.

Pick up in club rooms Wednesday 21st November or at Gilwell Park. Cost \$12.00 each. PLEASE ENCLOSE CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER WITH THIS FORM TO: EMILY WILSON, 34 Doonkuna Avenue, Camberwell, 3124.

As well as the elected Committee and Office Bearers, some of whom - like the Treasurer and Walks Secretary - give an enormous amount of time and energy to the Club, there are many people who work quietly to help our large organisation run smoothly. We will feature one of these in this spot in the next few issues of "News".

This month its CLUBROOM CLEANING - MARGARET BORDEN is among the enthusiastic walkers most Sundays and goes on other programmed walks too. She says she really appreciates the club but doesn't feel able to lead walks. So about a year ago she offered to clean our club rooms regularly as her contribution. I'm sure, like me, members enjoy coming to a clean fresh place on Wednesday evenings where there are clean floors, clean toilets, soap & towels at the basin, clean tea towels etc. Our thanks to you Margaret.

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.

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.

DAY WALKS NOVEMBER, 1990SUN 4TH NOVEMBER LODDON FALLS-VAUGHAN SPRINGS-LODDON STATE FOREST E/MED & MED

LEADERS : ALAN MILLER & ROSEMARY COTTER
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

SUN. 11TH NOVEMBER LORNE-ERSKINE FALLS-CORA LYNN FALLS E/MED & MED

LEADER : BECKY MARSHALL & BOB STEEL
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 PM
 MAP REFERENCE : 1:25,000 LORNE; LORNE FOREST WALKS
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 14 & 20 KMS.

Pleasant walking on graded tracks and some minor roads. Delightful fern gullies, gorges, waterfalls and cascades. Medium walk will entail some ascending steepish tracks. Bring swim suits - it may be warm enough for a dip.

This walk is particularly suitable for first-time bushwalkers. Unfortunately, it is a longish bus trip down to Lorne, but don't let that put you off!

WED 14TH NOVEMBER LAKE MOUNTAIN-ECHO FLAT - WOLLYBUT TRAILS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : SPENCER GEORGE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE, 8.30 A.M. FROM JEAN GIESE'S, 9 ALBERT CRESCENT
 SURREY HILLS (NEAR SURREY HILLS RAILWAY STATION)
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 PM
 MAP REFERENCE : LAKE MOUNTAIN 1:10;000 (ALPINE RESORTS COMMISSION)
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 15 KMS.

An alpine walk amongst the snow gums. I have ordered sunshine and spring wild flowers.

SAT 17TH NOVEMBER HISTORICAL WALK - MENTONE EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH 1.36 P.M. FRANKSTON TRAIN

In the 1880's Mentone became an "Italian Riviera" style development area with grandiose buildings going up. But in the nineties disaster struck as building societies and land banks over-reached themselves and collapsed. This tour includes a visit to the Mentone Museum, to be opened specially for us, with a local guide provided. (There is a small entrance fee). Walk starts and finishes at Mentone Station.

SUN 18TH NOVEMBER BRITANNIA RANGES-BRITANNIA FALLS EASY/MED & MEDIUM

LEADERS : ROB AYRE & IAN NEWBOLD
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : PM
 MAP REFERENCE : VIC MAP GLADYSDALE 1:25;000
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 15 KMS AND 19 KMS

Bob Aujard was to lead this one, but will be away, So I'll lead this walk with Ian Newbold. Britannia Range is SE of Warbuton and we'll be walking along the top of it. I'm told there are wonderful views in the open parts, after a gradual 600m climb (The E/M group will take this slowly!) Later we descend to follow the Britannia Creek valley through magnificent forest. On tracks all the way.

SAT 24TH NOVEMBER DANDENONGS EXPLORER - MT. DANDENONGEASY/MED

LEADER: : MARIE ORMONDE & KATH FITZGERALD
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE CARS OR 9.29 A.M. TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET TO UPPER
 FERNTREE GULLY.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 4.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS 66 & 52 OR VICMAP, KILSYTH
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 KMS

Meet at 11.00 a.m. at National Rhododendron Gardens Car Park (Melway 66 J6). The most attractive feature of this round-trip walk is the Dandenong Creek track that skirts the western side of the Mt. Dandenong ridge, above the Doongalla Estate. After leaving Olinda we pass through a varied selection of bush then climb up to Burke's Lookout (near the ABV2 tower) for lunch.

After lunch we follow another pretty track around to Mt. Dandenong, where we traverse an arboretum and then pick up a track (condition permitting) along the headwaters of Olinda Creek, down to Falls Road, which we follow back to the car park. Please wear strong footwear and bring water to drink.

Contact leaders Marie Ormonde (592 3125) or Kath (571 9787) if transport is required from Upper Ferntree Gully station (train arrives 10.34 a.m.).

SUN 25TH NOVEMBER GILLWELL PARK

LEADER: : SYLVIA WILSON
 SEE FRONT OF NEWS

THUR 29TH NOVEMBER WALKING AFTER WORK-AN EVENING STROLLEASY

LEADER: : PHILIP TAYLOR
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 7 KMS

What could be more pleasant than going for a pleasant afternoon stroll during day-light time, a nice way to unwind and relax. We will walk for a couple of hours and then stop for tea.

Meet at the corner of Albert Road and Kings Way at 6.00 p.m. next to MacRobertson Girls School.

W E E K E N D W A L K S N O V E M B E R, 19902ND-4TH NOVEMBER TOM KNEEN TRACK-MT. FEATHERTOP-BON ACCORD SPURMEDIUM

LEADER : FELICITY TOPP
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOM

9TH-11TH NOVEMBER MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAUMEDIUM

LEADER : PHILIP TAYLOR
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : VIC MAP SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS OUTDOOR LEISURE SERIES
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 22 KMS
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.

It is nearly 10 years since the club traversed across Major Mitchell Plateau. Starting at Bomjinna Camping Ground a stiff climb up the plateau will bring us to Mt. William. Walking further on we cross the high exposed plateau with views all around and wild flowers under our feet. Camping at Wannan Creek Gorge. Next day continue to the southern end of the plateau before descending down Stockyard Track. Please be prepared for alpine conditions.

16TH-18TH NOVEMBER WABONGA PLATEAU**MEDIUM**

LEADER : JANET NORMAN
TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
MAP REFERENCE : WABONGA PLATEAU - VICTORIAN MOUNTAIN TRAMPING CLUB
APPROX. DISTANCE: 20 KMS WITH PACK
EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.

Because of exceptional snow falls the trip to Mt. Howitt has been postponed and replaced with a trip to the Wabonga Plateau.

The Wabonga Plateau is in the N.E. of Victoria between Mt. Buffalo and Mt. Cobbler. The walk will begin near Cheshunt South and go up on to the Plateau about 8 kms to the campsite. An afternoon trip to Mt. Warrick will be an option.

The next day the walk follows a track N.W. along the plateau with a side trip to Paradise Falls then back along McMillan's track off the track and down the plateau and back to Cheshunt South.

NOTES FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT

I am pleased to report that our President Graham is making steady progress and hopes to be back in the chief's chair before long. In the meantime we are keeping the show on the road.

The September Committee Meeting had to be postponed for a week so there were no "Committee Notes" in the last "News". A member suggested that that was a great improvement! Your Committee, always eager to listen to member's ideas (as well as looking at ways to shorten "News" a bit without discouraging contributions from members such as "Along the Track" reports), decided to cease printing "Committee Notes". Items of particular interest are to be inserted in News and a copy of the Committee meeting minutes pinned on the notice board for perusal by interested members.

News of this decision is percolating around. Already one member has said he disagrees with the decision as he finds the Committee Notes very interesting. He is unable to make it to the club rooms to pick up the inside information so the notes help him keep in touch with how the Club is going. We invite further expressions of opinion on how to make "News" the monthly publication you wish to read.

COMMITTEE MEETING - ITEMS OF INTEREST

The public liability insurance we have through the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs only covers scheduled, official club walks and ski trips, including winter weeks booked at Wilkie - Decision taken to procure extra insurance to protect the club against being sued by anyone staying at or visiting Wilkie at any time.

Cleaning of Bus. Because Denis is leaving the city before the end of the year we are looking for someone to take over the job of cleaning out the bus once a week, spending one to two-and-a-half hours, as needed. The club pays for this service. The bus is garaged in the Oakleigh area. Anyone interested, talk to Robert Ayre.

- . **Increased Transport Costs.** Decided that, commencing 14.10.90:
 1. Van transport be increased by \$1.00 (that is \$13.00 per trip, concession \$7.00, visitors fee of \$2.00 to remain the same). This is calculated at 60¢ for increase in price of petrol and 40¢ increase in labour and maintenance costs.
 2. Private transport. Passenger donation to driver for fuel and running costs of vehicle up from 4¢ to 5¢ per kilometer.
- . **Purchase** of lovely new weekend pack, tent & sleeping bag - see separate notice from Mark.
- . **Advertising** in "News". Committee looking at possibility of inviting paid ads. to help defray costs of production.
- . **Wilkie injury.** Brian dislocated his shoulder on Basalt Hill - hope you are O.K. now Brian.
- . **Next Committee Meeting** 12th November instead of first Monday in month (Cup Day weekend for the lucky ones).
- . **Duty Roster:**

Nigel and Jean	10.10.90
Mark and Derrick	17.10.90
Penny	24.10.90
Mark and Graeme	31.10.90
Gina and Derrick	14.11.90

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Dianne Fagg

NEW MEMBERS:

The Club would like to welcome:

Helen Lancaster
Valerie Graham
Patrick Scully

Therese Bunting
Alan Tomsett

Carol McBride
David Lindsay

LOST PROPERTY

There is an interesting collection in the club rooms - mostly items left on the van. Also Jean Giese has found one sheepskin slipper under the seat of her car? Don't know how long its been there, but could belong to a one-legged Wednesday walker.

TRIP SECTION

SKIING THE BLUFF

Friday's night camp was at Sheeppyard Flat on level grass under tall gum trees with the Howqua River tumbling noisily beside our tents. The next morning in our cars we climbed the mountains towards the sun and snow. The four-wheel drive had no difficulty in passing Refridgerator Gap and reaching the parking area at the start of the Bluff walking track, but the conventional car was forced to park a couple of kilometres down the hill.

Donning skis we headed up the steep slope towards the cliff line of The Bluff. After much zigzagging and herringboning skis were removed for the final ascent through the snow covered rock face. What a sight. We were above the tree line, the sun was out, there was blue sky and dazzling white snow was all around us. Snow covered cliffs fell away below us whilst in the opposite direction steeply sloping snow fields lead down to the snow gums. Camp was set up amongst the snow gums near The Blowhole. After lunch we skied across the glistening snow to Bluff Hut and Mt. Lovick.

The following day was a complete contrast. Dense fog surrounded us. The top of the ridge was not visible. After a late breakfast and some snow play the party headed down amongst the snow gums following the series of clearings. After lunch we placed packs on shoulders and set off for home. Because of almost zero visibility it was hard to be sure if the snow ahead was sloping upwards or downwards. After a slight hesitation Bill lead us off the side of the mountain and down the cliff face back to our cars.

Watch the program for the next time Merilyn and Bill are skiing The Bluff.

SPENCER GEORGE

The 2nd Great Bridgewater Bay Bush Bash

Just a quick round up of this. We had 38 people on this extended Show Day weekend with a great mix of ages from 3 yrs to Spence! We managed the bushdance in the old school without a band, it was more effort but actually I preferred it. Many thanks to Peter Bullard supplier of the tape machine and two tapes. Jan Turner for calling, Mick Mann for another tape, Louise & Sue for making supper and those many helpful washer uppers and sweeper uppers. It was Maureen Hurley's birthday too and we had a great sing song to mark the occasion. Michael Griffins best joke as follows: "How many psychologists does it take to change a light bulk? Answer: Only one, but the light bulk has to really want to turn!". The Tennis Trophy was won by Jordan Hall (Jean Giese's grandson) who put an enormous amount of effort into playing anyone and everyone especially Jean early in the morning. Well done Jordan.

Lost of people asked me for the walk distances, here they are:

Top of Mt. Richmond - Tarragal Lakes	12K
Tarragal Lakes - Cape Bridgewater - Kiosk	18K
Cape Bridgewater - Kiosk	8K
Shelley Beach - Cape Nelson - Scenic Lookout	21K

Thank you Jean for leading those walks and thank you everyone else who lent a hand that made my job so much easier.

SYLVIA WILSON

THE BUSHIES GOOD FOOD GUIDE - A Continuing Saga

- DUNKELD:** Southern end of Grampians. The **Chimney Pot**. Really absolutely smashing home-made everything. Alas only open 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Also a craft shop. Reviewed previously.
- BALLARAT:** **The Eureka Pizza House**. In the middle of the first block of shops in the main drag on the left heading away from Melbourne. Open a lot. Take away or sit down, very comfortable, open fire, music to suit Rosemary. Pizzas ripper, ice-cream very good.

SYLVIA WILSON