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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.**

Ring up your old Bushie friends and tell them they've got to come!

- \* 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.

Provided will be:

- \* Bread \* Salads \* Tea & Coffee \* Deserts \* and a super-fantastic birthday cake!!

If you'd rather be walking Phil Taylor has organised the regular Sunday walk to arrive at Gilwell Park at 3.00 p.m. the bus will leave there at about 5.00 p.m.

Gilwell Park is situated in the Dandenong Ranges 75 kms from the city. It abounds in natural beauty from its forest with its natural flora and fauna to the mountain streams and scenic walks.

Gilwell Park has a terrific initiatives course and a ropes course which will keep the kids & young at heart quiet for hours! (Big kids are being organised to look after the little ones).

A charge (very approx \$10.00 will be made at the gate.

More inside including the Missing Persons File.

Please fill in this form to say you'll come:

NAME: ..... ADDRESS .....

WHEN DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER? .....

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

We have started to gather together names and addresses of Melbourne Bushies over the last 50 years **AND NEED YOUR HELP!** We began with the current club address list and added those who have dropped out over the last two years. Athol Schafer went through the lists of 1952 and 1954, and the 1983 list has been sifted through for those people whom we think would be interested in receiving news about this.

- \* Do you know anyone who was an old member who might want to join us?
- \* Have you got any recent addresses of old members especially interstate ones?

THE COMPLETE PRINT-OUT LIST IS AT MY TELEPHONE SO GIVE ME A RING A.S.A.P. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING.

SYLVIA WILSON (03) 836 6342

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**BOB STEEL'S BACK YARD B.B.Q, SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 1990 - 15 LAIRD STREET, CROYDON MELWAY 51,D1. Phone: 752 6171**

Bob has a lovely native bush garden and he very magnaminously allowed his arm to be twisted so we could have a get together neath the spreading bows. Its a BYO everything, perhaps you could bring a salad or a sweet to share!! Dont forget your chair and eating equipment. Tea & Coffee provided. New comers to the club specially welcome.

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**BUSH DANCE**

WHERE: South Melbourne Town Hall, Bank Street.  
WHEN : SATURDAY 13th October, 1990 at 8.00 p.m.  
BYO : Supper and Drink  
COST : \$9.00 Admission  
BOOK : With Stuart Hodgson on (H) 741 5592

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**COMMITTEE NOTES:**

Please note that due to circumstances beyond control, the Committee Meeting has been postponed until the 10th September, 1990.

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A brief note of thanks to wellwishers and in particular to Jean Giese for looking after things, Peter and Anne Bullard for collecting the copies of last months News and taking over my walk. Hope to be back on deck soon.

GRAHAM BREEN, PRESIDENT

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**DENNIS BARSON**

I was very pleased that "The News printed Dennis's letter of resignation. His expression in words was a sincere portrayal of his feelings towards the Bushies and the job of driving which he loved greatly.

Congratulations to our President, Graham Breen for his excellent introduction to Dennis's letter.

ART TERRY

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**NURSERY PLANT SALE**

Due to requests from various members Notice is given of a Native Plant Sale at **BINDELONG NURSERY, 55 RAILWAY PARADE WANDIN NORTH (Melways 119 G10)** on the weekends 13th/14th and 20th/21st October, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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**Letter addressed to the Editor:**

Dear Madam,

I have always felt that one of the strong points of our club has been communication between each other, either member to member or committee to members. This is the only club I know that publishes an annual membership list and it has been valuable to me to use for contacting members on many occasions for many reasons. I urge that nobody take up the option of withdrawing their "contactability" from the membership list.

DOUG POCOCK

**Editor's Note:**

This is in response to an item reported in the Committee Notes of the August edition.

**NOTE FROM THE WALKS SECRETARY**

- \* Thanks to all the leaders who responded to last months note concerning trip reports. They have been arriving very promptly.
- \* Many thanks to Peter and Anne Bullard and Max Casley who have stood in at short notice to lead walks when leaders have suddenly become unavailable.
- \* Christmas is almost upon us. Anyone thinking of leading a walk over Christmas-New Year please see me, if they wish the walk to be onto the club's summer program.
- \* Volunteers required!!! Anyone willing to lead the Sunday walks on 23rd and 30th December, please let me know.
- \* Neil Priestly will be acting as Walks Secretary for the next month.

PHIL TAYLOR

**CHANGES OF INFORMATION**

Ivana Kuraja-Tiric

Denis Kennealy

Anna Hepi

**NOTICE OF ADVANCE TRIPS****28TH DEC-1ST JAN UPPER MURRAY CANOE TRIP**

Once again canoes have been booked for this delightful part of Victoria. Depending on river levels we may start half day above Brigenbrong Bridge though with the amount of snow around this may be too exciting. Prefence will be given to people with canoe or kayak experience, the Victorian Canoe Education Board runs excellent courses. Time permitting I may also organise some Yarra or Goulburn trips beforehand. Deposits may be required on the canoe hire. For further information phone: (059) 64 4974

DOUG POCOCK

**2ND-5TH JANUARY, 1991 MT. BOGONG**

Following the canoe trip there will be a visit to Mt. Bogong which will be a "yo-yo" trip - up and down Bogong, up and down Timms Lookout, up and down Bogong. This trip gives plenty of time to explore our highest mountain. As normal for me both these trips are for members only.

DOUG POCOCK

Due to exceptionally heavy snow falls this year - and it's still snowing! The chance of there still being snow on Mt. Howitt and the Cross-Cut Saw in November is pretty high, so I am postponing my excursion there to the first weekend in December. However, I'm in the process of planning a trip to the Wabonga Plateau November 16th-18th. I'll keep you posted!!

JANET NORMAN

**NEW MEMBERS:**

The Club would like to welcome:

David Lindsay

Alan Tomsett

Therese Bunting

Valerie Graham

Patrick Scully

Carole McBride

Helen Lancaster

**DAY WALKS    O C T O B E R, 1990**

**SUN 7TH OCTOBER    MISSISSIPI TRACK - ADA RIVER                      TRACK MAINTENANCE - EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADERS                    : NIGEL HOLMES & JOHN ROSMAN  
 TRANSPORT                : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M. SHARP  
 EXPECTED RETURN        : 8.00 PM  
 MAP REFERENCE         : ADA RIVER 1:25,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 KMS.

Melbourne Bushies will be joining forces with members of the Walking Club of Victoria to clear a logging track (Richards Tramline) in the vicinity of Mississippi Creek. Ralph Algar and Bev Williams of WCV will be co-ordinating the track workers while John Roseman and Nigel Holmes will be leading walkers in the same area.

Those who'll be working on the tramline travel free on the bus while walkers pay the usual fees. Some scrub scrambling will be required of the walkers.

Track clearers should bring plenty of food and water as well as appropriate tools such as bush (bow), saws, heavy duty orchardist's shears (not the rose-bush trimming variety) or pruning saws.

**WED. 10TH OCTOBER PORTSEA BEACHES****EASY**

LEADER : JOAN HAIG  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.30-6.30 PM  
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAY MAP 156 & 157  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12-14 KMS.

Meet at Jean Giese's home 9 Albert Crescent, Surrey Hills at 8.30 a.m. phone: 890 2189, on the way by arrangement - 10.30 a.m. Sorrento.

A circular walk of Sorrento & Portsea bay back beaches, commencing either end of St. Paul's Road, Sorrento, depending on the wind direction. It will be a mixture of road, cliff & beach walking depending partially on the tide. A side walk may be made along to London Bridge.

**SUN 14TH OCTOBER MURCHISON FALLS-STRATH CREEK FALLS****EASY/MED & MEDIUM**

LEADER : SYLVIA WILSON & MARTIN WILLIAMS  
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 PM  
 MAP REFERENCE : REEDY CREEK VIC MAP 1:25;000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 14-16 KMS.

This walk is not so much a nostalgic return to Strath Creek but more a lets-have-another-bash-at-finding-that track. It was a complete mystery as to where it went and necessitated a hairy goat ascent of a creek side which almost put some people off. Anyway I think we'll keep the walks the same as they encompass lots of lovely waterfalls including one creek coming out of a tunnel! It also involves some stiffish ups and downs and rock hopping hence the up-grading of the walk, but its a varied walk through mostly open forest and has good views. We like it but come and see what you think.

**SUN. 14TH OCTOBER BROADFORD TO YEA MARATHON****TOUGH**

LEADER : ART TERRY  
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : NO TIME TO READ IT!  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 50 KMS.

By popular request I am laying this stint on again. Cherrio to you Mike who I am sure will be keen to give the "Hound of the Baskervilles" a smart sprint as we come down off the Yea Spur and head for Mt. Jimmy, this is a run/climb event across 50 kms of creeks, paddocks, hills and three mountains. Hope to see you too Mark, it would be nice to have you with us well Darren. We may have to swim Sunday Creek so bring a plastic bag, have a complete change of clothing which will be left in the van.

**SUN 21ST OCTOBER WHROO - RUSHWORTH****EASY/MED & MEDIUM**

LEADERS : ART TERRY  
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN STREET) AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 PM  
 MAP REFERENCE : WHROO 1:25,000 OR MURCHISON 1:50;000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 KMS AND 16 KMS

A very interesting walk embracing the old goldfields at Whroo and the iron bark forests which are rich in wildflowers of all kinds including many varieties of bush orchids.

SAT 27TH OCTOBER      DANDENONGS EXPLORER - MT. EVELYN-MITCHELLS ESTATE      EASY/MED

LEADER:               : PAULINE WILLIAMS  
 TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN   : 4.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE      : MELWAY MAP 120  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 KMS

We meet at 15 Oak Grove, Mt. Evelyn at 12.00 noon. Bookings should be made by phone: 736 2493 as I will not be in the club rooms prior to the walk. Arrangements can be made for anyone without private transport but these arrangements would need to be made beforehand.

Mitchell's Estate, Mt. Evelyn is a tract of land on the northern slopes of the Dandenongs, classified as a "site of botanical significance". Most of the area commonly known as "the Dandenongs" is on the southern and, hence, moister slopes. The northern slopes are drier, and an interesting comparison to the rainforest growth of the sections of the Dandenongs commonly preserved from development. We will attempt to identify some of the diverse plant species in the area from a booklet put out by a local environment group. We may even be fortunate enough to sight a kangaroo. Yes! kangaroos in the Dandenongs! And echidnas too! Just a word of warning. Some of the tracks are on rather steep gradients and are not suitable to people with a less than average level of fitness.

W E E K E N D W A L K S      O C T O B E R, 19905TH-7TH OCTOBER      KOOYOORA STATE PARK      E/MEDIUM

LEADER               : FRED HALLS  
 TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE      : KOOYOORA STATE PARK MAP (DEPT. OF CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT)  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 20 KMS

Rather than being a continuous walk through, this is more a base camp and shortish walks observing native flora, fauna, rock wells, rock shelters, scarred trees etc. There is too much to see during an ordinary weekend walk; so it is better to make short trips observing as much as possible. During a good year, the number and quality of orchid species is superb. Acacias are very good, also white cockatoos and rainbow birds are plentiful, you may even see an echidna, a swamp wallaby, possums or rock wallaby. A State Park full of interest. Some maps supplied.

5TH-7TH OCTOBER      SKI TRIP - MT. BOGONG      HARD

LEADER               : MERILYN WHIMPY  
 TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE      : TRAPPERS CREEK 1:25,000; ALGONA BOGONG HIGH PLAINS AND ADJACENT PEAKS  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: IRRELEVANT

We will climb Bogong by either the Eskdale or the Staircase Spur. Then we'll go looking for thrills skiing the gullies, on spring snow. We'll camp somewhere nice in the trees, probably not on grass as there's so much snow this year.

12TH-14TH OCTOBER      SKI TRIP - MT. LOCH MEDIUM

LEADER               : GRAEME THORNTON  
 TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE      : ALGONA HOTHAM/FALLS CREEK  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 10-15 KMS WITH FULL PACKS

This trip is after the downhill skiing has finished. This year there should be any amount of snow around in October. There are generally blue skies, long days and snow grass to camp on. It if inadvertently looks like rain or someone said that it might rain then we will seek undercover shelter.

I am interested in making it a 3 day weekend either Friday or preferably Monday. Anyone else interested????

If anyone has a snow shovel and would like to excavate a chalet for the group on the east side of Loch, please feel free.

12TH -14TH OCTOBER      GRAMPIANS - MT. DIFFICULT RANGE MEDIUM

LEADER               : KEITH WHITE  
 TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE      : VIC MAP NORTHERN GRAMPIANS 1:50,000  
 EXPECTED RETURN    : 7.30 P.M.  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 30 KMS

The middle of the wild flower season, and with good weather this is the best time to visit the Grampians.

We will base camp at Troopers Creek camping ground on Friday and Saturday nights. Both walks will be medium standard day walks - Saturday, a circiut including Mt. Difficult, Briggs Bluff and Dead Bullock Creek, Sunday possibly starting from Golton Gorge across to Mt. Stapleton, maybe Hollow Mountain. i.e. some of the walking gems of the Grampians.

26TH-28TH OCTOBER    PT. REGINALD, MOONLIGHT HEAD MOONLIGHT BEACH (OTWAYS) MEDIUM

LEADER               : PETER BULLARD  
 TRANSPORT           : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE      : 1:25,000 WANGERRIP & PRINCETOWN  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 20 KMS

A spectacular two day walk along some of our rugged coast west of Cape Otway. The coast here features high bluffs, headlands, beaches, rock platforms, small coves and remains of wrecks. The vegetation varies from cleared farmland to thick heathland in parts with a few ups and downs. We will be camping with the cars on Saturday night so we will only have to walk with day packs.

**NOTE:** Drinking water **MUST** be brought with you for the whole trip and transport will be arranged on the Wednesday night, prior to the trip in the clubrooms so be there or find your own transport.

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**SMOKING ON WALKS**

Many years ago when I started walking with the Bushies the smoking of cigarettes, cigars and pipes in the van, clubroom and on walks was accepted and tolerated by the majority, having a low tolerance level to anything that I dislike I decided to do something about the matter so at the next General Meeting I proposed that smoking be prohibited in the van or any form of transport and in the clubroom, a seconder was soon found and the vote put to the meeting. Most people supported the proposal and since then a no smoking rule has applied to transport and the club room. I did not propose that smoking be banned from walks but from experience of late, I'm sorry that I didn't. A member who participated on a recent Saturday walk informed me that the courageous lady leader when addressing her group declared that her walk was a non smoking event, two people on that walk defied her and openly smoked as the walk progressed. I have been on many day walks on recent weeks on which people have smoked as the walk progressed and again when seated, eating lunch, to me these people are a "pain in the arse" and who, to say the least, make conditions very unpleasant and unhealthy for the majority of walkers who expect and more importantly are entitled to breathe the sweet and relatively unpolluted air of the bushland or wherever. It is my opinion that all walks should be declared a non-smoking activity either officially or on the say so of the Leader, my preference being that is official - attention please Mr. President and Committee Members.

ART TERRY

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**TRIP SECTION**

The old women of the Rocks - Rawson weekend skiing at St. Gwinnear. Why is it that Sandra's ski weekends are remarkably similar? There's always an air of relaxed co-operation, "what to do" is resolved after excessively lengthy debate. But there's always the element of bedroom farce at its very worst who is sharing rooms with whom with the combinations permutations and misunderstandings keeping us going all weekend. For instance one disorientated gentleman late one night walked into the wrong room, the lady therein says "I think your in the wrong room ..." while reflecting afterwards "What did I mean think, I knew he was in the wrong bloody room".

Our Saturday night party waxed so merry that a group of bikies who were also sharing our accommodation did not get a look in.

The snow was almost a non-event but our team did get to Baw Baw village, and played on Gwinnear flat slopes but are we only got to the first patch (after a long walk up) and then gave it away. However, at a later stage someone asked "where's GT? (our intrepid leader) "oh he's far behind." "Behind GT? "Well he's got a snow bunny to look after now." Next day at the Walhalla Cricket Groud (the snow wasn't good there either) GT had gone into the bush and we were ready to go. After much calling this strange sound almost like a song emerged from the far distance. "Ah" says a bright spark "Now I know what GT stands for "Grand Turkey".

SYLVIA WILSON

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