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SOCIAL COLUMN

Hi Bushies!

I'm still too busy to be really social, but I thought I could squeeze in two movie nights during September. Yes, yes, I know I had said last month that I was all movied out, but that was last month.

Firstly, "QUEEN OF HEARTS", a delightful movie about an Italian family in England.

WHERE: Kino Cinema, Collins Place (corner Collins & Exhibition Streets)

WHEN: Monday 16th September, 9.20pm session (please check time on the day)

MEET: From 8.00pm onwards in the food court downstairs for a pre-movie snack/coffee (even a beer). Look for the table with 20 bushies crammed around a table which really only sits 4. Don't call, just show up.

Secondly, I would like to see "THELMA & LOUISE". Apparently it's the sort of movie you take a girlfriend along to see. So I've decided to make it a girls' night out. However, several of my best girlfriends are male, so guys, if you think it's the sort of movie you would like to see, you are welcome. And no, you cannot borrow one of my dresses.

WHERE: Greater Union, Russell Cinemas, Russell Street

WHEN: Tuesday 24th September, 6.20pm session (please check time on the day)

MEET: If "girls" are interested, we could meet at Bobby McGees in Exhibition Street (corner Lt Bourke) where after five, two drinks are for the price of one and food is free (it's usually Mexican) !!!!!?

Call me, let me know.

Rosa D'Angelo

PRACTICAL FIRST AID NIGHT

WED. 2 OCT 7.30 p.m

Dr Ric Bouvier (father of member Sally) will deal with common situations and possible emergencies in bushwalking. Come along and learn what to do and what not to do.

Everyone bring a 4" crepe bandage and a triangular bandage (half of 36cm square. If you have some old cloth, you can make one yourself, or even two - bring along a spare one for someone else).

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary
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Meetings are held in the clubrooms, Mackenzie St Melbourne (rear of the Horticultural Society building) every Wednesday night 7.00-9.00 p.m.
Visitors are always welcome.

Please note that articles for "The News" may be faxed to the News Convenor on

Closing date for the October edition is Monday 7th October.

DAY WALKS - OCTOBER 1991

SUN. 6 OCT 91 BRISBANE RANGES WILDFLOWER RAMBLE EASY

LEADER : JOAN MACMAHON
TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE : BACCHUS MARSH NATMAP 7722
APPROX DISTANCE : 10 KM

Want a gentle walk in varied terrain? Interested in learning a bit about wildflowers? Then this walk may be just what you've been waiting for.

We will start by walking a little way into historic Anakie Gorge, then head south up our one climb for the day to Nelson's Lookout. After spending a few hours 'plant watching' we will descend gently back to Stoney Creek.

SUN. 6 OCT 91 ANAKIE GORGE - LITTLE RIVER EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : DIANE WRIGHT & PAUL VELLA
TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
MAP REFERENCE : VMTc BRISBANE RANGES
APPROX DISTANCE : 15 KM

The Brisbane Ranges are a picturesque island of wilderness situated southwest of Melbourne. They feature wildflowers, koalas, caves and mineshafts set amidst a rugged scenery.

The walk will start at Anakie Gorge Picnic Area and will follow a walking track to the Little River Picnic Area where we will have lunch beside a small lake. After lunch we will have a relaxed walk along Thompsons Rd 4WD track to its junction with the Bacchus Marsh Road.

SUN. 13 OCT 91 KINGLAKE ACROSS THE GRAIN EASY/MED & MED/HARD

LEADERS : GRAHAM HARDING & DAVID PICKUP
TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
APPROX DISTANCE : 10 KM

This challenging walk will start from the Melba Highway near Dixon's Creek, and will traverse in a westerly direction the southern section of Kinglake Park and will include Mt. Jerusalem.

The walk will involve many ups and downs and will be mostly off track though lightly treed terrain.

WED. 16 OCT 91 GRAEMES GULLY - BRISBANE RANGES EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : TREVOR THOMSON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN :
 MAP REFERENCE :
 APPROX DISTANCE :

For details of this walk, please see leader in the clubrooms.

SUN. 20 OCT 91 CHERRY TREE RANGE - GOULBURN RIVER EASY/MED & MED

LEADERS : PETER HAVLICEK & GEORGE MATTHEWS
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : SEYMOUR 1:25,000 & MT STEWART 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 & 19 KM

The walk is through open country with lots of wildlife (the farmer has asked us to take away with us any rabbits we can catch). In the first half of the easy-medium walk, there are picturesque rock formations. Later there are spectacular views of the Goulburn River from Cherry Tree Range.

The medium walk will do a more southerly first part to take in Mt Eaglehawk with some scrub-bashing, while the easy walk is mainly along farm roads.

SAT. 26 OCT 91 DANDENONGS: SILVAN AREA EASY

LEADER : JAN LLEWELYN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : EARLY
 MAP REFERENCE : SILVAN 1:25,000 OR MELWAYS PAGES 120, 122
 APPROX DISTANCE : 10 KM

A pleasant Northern Dandenongs walk with a few ups and downs.

Meet at corner Olinda Creek Rd and Silvan Rd (Stonyford Rd), Melways page 120 12F.
 Walk to commence at 10.00a.m.

SUN. 27 OCT 91 NORTH BRISBANE RANGES - SPRING CREEK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : JOHN & MARION SISEMAN
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : VMTC BRISBANE RANGES
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 KM

Easy walking along the northern edge of the Brisbane Ranges National Park offering pleasant views across farmlands, wildflowers and, with luck, plenty of wildlife in the form of kangaroos.

The walk alternates from the steep sandstone gorges of the Brisbane Ranges to the flat lava plains of the western district. Along the way we will pass through ironbark forests that should be ablaze with wildflowers and grassy meadows groomed by abundant mobs of kangaroo.

Water should be carried for lunch as a good water supply cannot be guaranteed.

WEEKEND WALKS - OCTOBER 1991**4-6 OCT 91****MT BOGONG SKIING****MED/HARD**

LEADER : BILL METZENTHEN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE CARS
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : BOGONG ALPINE AREA 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 6 TO 20 KM

In good weather this trip is magnificent. Carve turns in perfect spring snow, with views through crystal clear air to all of the higher mountains of the alps.

In bad weather... well, the weather will be good, won't it?

If we have enough 4WD vehicles available we will drive to Camp Creek Gap and ascend Bogong from there (about a 900 metre climb). Following lunch, we then have until the next afternoon to enjoy the skiing.

In perfect weather we can camp on top, otherwise we will descend to the trees to camp on Saturday night. Bring a stove!

4-6 OCT 91**WARBY RANGES****EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADER : DOUG POCOCK
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M. SUNDAY
 MAP REFERENCE : WARBY RANGE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KM

A walk with everything!! Wildflowers, views, gorges, waterfalls, good campspot, easy walking, side trips without packs, a leader who makes bad puns!! What more could you want on a walk? Yes, you can have it, Devonshire tea at the end of the walk.

The walk will start at 10.00am from Pine Gully Picnic Area which allows time for those who leave town on Saturday morning. Those who camp the night there will start with the short introductory Nature Walk.

This would be an excellent introduction to weekend walking.
 Further information from leader: (H)

11-13 OCT 91**BARNEWELL PLAINS - MT. TORBRECK****EASY**

LEADER : JEAN GIESE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : TORBRECK 1:25,000, THORNTON 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KM

This is graded easy because we will not be carrying our packs more than 9 km but we'll have a good easy-medium walk without packs each day.

Where we walk on Sunday will depend on how late the winter snows last and whether we can do the car shuffle needed. Camp on Saturday will certainly be Barnewell Plains and we'll climb Mt. Torbreck. On Sunday I would like to go round the north side of Torbreck and into Eildon State Park but if we can't we'll head for the Royston Range or Mt Bullfight.

Bring daypacks. Meet at start of walk on the corner of Snobs Creek Rd and Conn Gap Rd, 9.15a.m. (about 2.5 hours drive from Melbourne).

18-20 OCT 91 NORTHERN GRAMPIANS BOTANICAL BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER : JOAN MACMAHON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : NORTHERN GRAMPIANS 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : VARIED

We're planning to camp at Troopers Creek (near Mt. Difficult). A lovely spot and hopefully the wildflowers will be near their peak.

Walks of various standards are planned (though nothing for the super super fit!) and we hope to see lots of children.

BYO binoculars and field guides.

18-20 OCT 91 NORTHERN GRAMPIANS EXPLORATORY HARD

LEADER : JOPIE BODEGRAVEN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : NORTHERN GRAMPIANS 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : A BIT IRRELEVANT

This should be a rockhopper's delight. It will involve 2 daywalks following two very interesting looking clifflines, one south from Mt. Difficult, the other further to the west.

You must feel happy about rockhopping in very rough terrain, have patience and a good sense of humour and be prepared for some rough prickly hakea scrub. This is not a trip for the faint hearted but promises to be very exciting, challenging and rewarding.

Bring long pants and scrub gloves. Our base camp will be at Troopers Creek.

25-27 OCT 91 MT. TAMBORITHA - CRINOLINE - BRUNIS KNOB MEDIUM

LEADER : JANET NORMAN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : VMTC SNOWY PLAINS/MT KENT
 APPROX DISTANCE : 25 KM

The walk begins at Tamboritha Saddle then traverses the Long Spur up to Long Hill. After the descent of Long Hill we will set up camp. The next day we climb the Crinoline, so named because of its appearance in snow.

Wildflowers should be a bonus as well as river views of the Caledonia, Macalister and Wellington Rivers.

25-27 OCT 91 FRENCH ISLAND STATE PARK EASY

LEADER : JOHN ROSEMAN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING

French Island boasts a population of some 5000 koalas. It is home to the rare potaroo marsupial kangaroo rat along with 250 varieties of birds and a diverse number of wildflowers.

We will be staying two nights at the McLeod Resort Farm, formerly McLeod Prison. The farm has been restored to accommodate 100 guests and 200 campers, with a well-equipped bar, 9 hole golf course, games room and swimming pool.

25-27 OCT 91 FRENCH ISLAND STATE PARK (cont.)

Two day walks are planned to Palmer Point via Sandy Point and the historic Bayview Chicory Kiln where afternoon tea will be available.

Accommodation is varied:

Camping	\$3.00 per night
Cell	\$12.00 for two nights (double bunk)
Dormitory	\$15.00 for two nights
Officers Quarters	\$35.00 per night (full staff service and catering available)

Transport is private to Stony Point where we will depart for French Island by hydrofoil at 7.00pm sharp Friday 25th October. We expect to return to Stony Point at 5.30pm on Sunday. The return journey will cost \$12.00.

NOVEMBER 1991 - EARLY PREVIEW:**2-5 NOV 91 KANGAROO ISLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADER : DAVE VINCENT
 TRANSPORT : LIGHT AIRCRAFT - COST \$160 EACH
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M. TUESDAY 5 NOV
 MAP REFERENCE : VENNACHAR 1:50,000

This walk was cancelled in June due to wet weather and has been rescheduled to the weekend encompassing the Melbourne Cup holiday.

The walk will use a base camp at Rocky River in the Flinders Chase National Park, which is on the Western end of Kangaroo Island. Access will be by light aircraft from Melbourne. Kangaroo Island is 200 km SW of Adelaide and is only available by boat or light aircraft. For a group of six, including myself, the estimated cost will be only \$160 each.

For those who don't know the area, Flinders Chase National Park is South Australia's most important wild-life refuge. There are no rabbits, foxes or dingoes on the the island. For this reason some mammals and many bird species have been introduced from the mainland to ensure their survival. Native birds include the rare western whipbird, and the yellow-tailed black cockatoo which is found nowhere else in S.A. Three major rivers dissect the area and they flow year round. These rivers support dense forests, dominated by sugar gums.

For further details and to book a place on this walk, contact Dave Vincent at home on phone:

WALKS PROGRAMMES**SPRING PROGRAMME**

This is out now after a printing delay - apologies. In future we will avoid possible delays by printing the programme and News together.

The programme is packed with interesting walks - many thanks to all those who contributed.

As well as the tried and trusty old leaders, there are several new Sunday leaders - Robyn Gray, Lloyd Young, David Lindsay, Diane Wright, Paul Vella, Peter Havlicek, George Matthews, Andrew Low,

Michael Bauer, Gill Roberts. This is a good trend - give them your support on their walks.

SUMMER PROGRAMME

This is being drawn up now so if you have ideas, please let me know!

So far there are two extended Christmas trips:

Spencer George's Shoalhaven lilo trip from 27 Dec to 1 Jan, and
 Graham Wills-Johnson's 10 day walk in the Snowy Mountains (which can also be joined for 5 days).

Max Casley

FEDERATION NEWS

The Federation has now arranged for its first paid staff member to start work. She will be located at the Outdoor Recreation Centre at 332 Manningham Rd, Viewbank. The telephone number is 459 8165.

A reminder that the newsletter of the Federation (VicWalk) is now open for subscriptions, and at \$12 p.a. has to be excellent value.

Keep tuned for details of the soon-to-be released book on the history of the Federation. At about \$20 it promises to be a good read.

As part of the release of the book, some films of bushwalking dating back to the 1920s are to be shown at the Grierson Cinema, East Melbourne in October. If you are keen to attend, I suggest that you contact the Federation ASAP.

Alan Clarke

FILING CABINET WANTED

A filing cabinet with at least 3 drawers is wanted for the club's maps, to replace the one that we already have.

If you have one in good condition that you would like to sell, or if you know of a good place to buy one, please contact Jean Giese (H)

CLUB RECORDS

The club currently has some old issues of other clubs' newsletters, e.g. Sydney Bushwalker from 1985, the Brisbane Magazine from 1986 and the Hobart Walking Club from 1982 (and earlier).

It has been decided to only hold onto these for six months in future. Rather than dispose of them (by recycling) immediately, they are on offer to anyone interested. If you are interested, please contact me by the middle of October.

Alan Clarke (H)

WANTED

Good home or mate for a 210cm Karhu XCD ski.

Bill Metzenthien
(H)

PERSONAL COLUMN

Congratulations to **Graham and Mila Harding** on the birth of their son, **Nigel**

Nigel was born on 11th August, weighing a healthy 7lbs 6oz., and we look forward to welcoming him on his inaugural bushwalk.

WINTER GROUP 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Are you a former Winter Group member, or do you know any old Winter Group members?

If so, you are cordially invited to celebrate our 25th birthday with a dinner at Da Leo's Bistro in South Melbourne on the 19th October.

Please phone Becky Marshall if you are interested.

(H)

(W)

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HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING 21ST AUGUST 1991

1. Mark Walters was appointed as auditor.
2. Alick Rolph (friend of Ceri Law) died - bequeathed £100 to Melbourne Bushwalkers.
3. Bus Hire: The Committee reported that it had sought and received quotes from several bus lines for hiring a bus each Sunday. The Committee proposed to further check out these quotes and then to try out the hire arrangements for a few weeks with a view to entering into a 12 month contract. The sale of the van would then be undertaken.
There was general agreement that this course should be followed.

COMMITTEE NOTES - 2 SEPTEMBER 1991**CORRESPONDENCE IN :**

National Trust
 RACV - subs
 Accident Compensation Commission - WorkCare information
 Federation - invitation to Jean to launch of history book
 CCV - acknowledgement of subs + discount card for Greens
 CCV - invitation to participate in raffle
 Copleys Solicitors - bequest of £100 from Alick Rolph

CORRESPONDENCE OUT :

Requests to tender (9) - bus hire

BUSINESS ARISING:

Wilky insurance has been paid.

WALKS REPORT FOR JUNE:

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
234	215	19	175	59	\$2515

TREASURER'S REPORT AT 31 AUGUST 1991:

AUGUST RECEIPTS: \$ 1827

BALANCE:

Current Account	10505
Reserves Account	33000
Postage float	<u>500</u>
Total	44005

AUGUST PAYMENTS MADE/TO BE RATIFIED:

Various	3157
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SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL:

Various	1112
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50th YEAR PUBLICATION:

Derrick volunteered to take this on, and to form a sub-committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Treasurer is to purchase QuickEn, a general accounting package for a PC.

DUTY ROSTER:

Sep	11	Derrick and Nigel
Sep	18	Penny and Jean
Sep	25	Becky and Liz
Oct	2	Gina and Jean
Oct	9	Alan and GT

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 7 October at 7.00pm.

******* MEMBERSHIP LIST 1991 *******

Members are reminded that the membership list is **not** to be used for commercial purposes.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Angelika Brohaska

Ralph Blake

Bert Korpok

Marie Scomazzon

Barabara Sidey

Jan McElroy

Wendy Fortington

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Neil Priestley

Jan Gross

Rose Ovenden

Monique & David Cahill

Bill Metzenthien

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