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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDS 24 FEBRUARY 1993, 8.00 P.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.) will be held in the Horticultural Hall (entrance from the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St) on Wednesday 24 February at 8.00 p.m.

Business to be transacted will be:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Half-yearly General Meeting held on 26 August 1992.
2. Special Resolutions to change the Club's Statement of Purposes and Rules:
  - 2.1 14.(2) The Officers of the Association shall be:  
(i) delete "a Magazine Editor"  
insert "an Assistant Walks Secretary"
  - 2.2 Appendix 1 Form of Appointment of Proxy

Add "†" before the second paragraph of the form and the words  
"† Delete if not applicable."

The amended form would then be as shown on page 2.

3. Receive and consider the Committee's reports upon the transactions of the Association during the preceding year, including the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement).

4. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee for 1993.

5. Determination of Annual Subscription.

6. Election of Life Members.

Motion: "That Art Terry be made a life member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc) in appreciation of the exceptional services he has given to the Association over the past 27 years."  
Proposed Spencer George, Seconded Neil Priestly

Motion: "That Robert Ayre be made a life member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc) in appreciation of the exceptional services he has given to the Association."

Proposed Sylvia Wilson, Seconded Rosemary Cotter

7. Election of Honorary members

8. Election of Auditors

9. General Business

Jean Giese, President  
Derrick Brown, Secretary

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Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.  
PO Box 1751Q  
MELBOURNE 3001

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 February edition is Wednesday 3 February 1993.

**Appendix 1**

**FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

I ..... of ..... being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated), hereby appoint ..... of ..... being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated), as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the  
 \* annual general meeting  
 \* half-yearly general meeting  
 \* extraordinary general meeting  
 to be held on the ..... day of ..... 19.. and at any adjournment of that meeting.

† My proxy is authorised to vote \* in favour of  
 \* against  
 the following resolution(s):

Signed:.....  
 Date : .....

\* Delete as appropriate.  
 † Delete if not applicable.

(See explanatory notes on the proposed changes in December News or President's Notes this issue.)

***SOCIAL COLUMN***

***WHAT BIRD CALL IS THAT?***

You've heard it in the bush - now identify the bird!

A fun evening team quiz, presented by Will Rolland.

Will is an expert ornithologist who has amassed tapes of Australian bird songs.

***WEDS 10 FEBRUARY AT 8.00 P.M.  
in the garden outside the Clubrooms.***

***1993 SIDNEY MYER FREE CONCERTS***

Magic Flute Sunday 31 January at 7.30 p.m.  
 Free concerts Weds 10, Sat 13, Weds 17, Sat 20  
 February at 7.00 p.m.

Some Bushies have been seen in the past congregating on the grass in the middle of the middle of the music bowl for these occasions, bringing their rugs and their tea and often nibbles to share. I think we ought to do it again. Come near early if you can.

*Sylvia Wilson*

## **PROPOSED LIFE MEMBERS**

### **ART TERRY**

Art Terry joined Melbourne Bushwalkers in 1965. Art's first walk with the Club was a weekend trip from Fernshaw via Mt St Leonard to Healesville from 2-4 July 1965. His second Club walk was the following Sunday 11 July from Macedon to Woodend through Black Forest. Sunday 18 July 1965 was his third trip to Murchison Falls and Diggers Gully.

Then for 27 years, Art has walked frequently with the Club on weekend trips, Sunday walks and extended trips. Accurate navigation and the ability to light a fire in rain or snow make him a valuable member of a party. Art led his first weekend trip on 10-11 September 1966 from Tallarook to Mt Marianne and Yea. On 13 November 1966 he led his first Sunday walk to Little Rive Gorge, Durdi and Warrah Reservoir. Christmas 1966 he led his first extended 4-day walk for the Club from Bennies to Cobbler, The Razor, Crosscut Saw and Howitt.

Art has led more than 115 walks for the Club totalling more than 170 days of leadership. A feature of his leadership is his care for all members of his party.

Art led track clearing weekends when Club members cleared some of the thick undergrowth which was hiding the remains of timber tramlines in the Ada Valley. Weekend walks by train from Broadford Railway Station to Yea Railway Station gave Art the idea which became the Broadford to Yea marathon run, when the 45 kilometre trip between the two stations is completed in one day of about six hours running, with Mt Marianne and Mt Jimmy being two of the many hills climbed.

Over the years Art has led many Club bike rides. Most of these were by van when some of the seats were removed so that there was space for the bikes. The direction of riding was decided on the day so that the wind was pushing onto the backs of the riders and not blowing into their faces.

Since 1985 Art has led a yearly weekend to Cape Schank National Park. Walkers spend Friday and Saturday in the former Highfields homestead with beds, hot showers and indoor cooking facilities. There are long walks in the Green Bush area, walks along ocean cliffs and time for surfing and swimming in rock pools.

Art wrote articles for our Club magazine "Walk". "Recipe for a good walk" appeared in 1967, "Long dry out" in 1967, "Bicycle touring or sit down running" in 1980 and "Pedal power" in 1985. Art was on the Club Committee during 1969, 1972, 1981 and 1982.

I have pleasure in nominating Art Terry as a life member of Melbourne Bushwalkers.

Proposed: Spencer George  
Seconded: Neil Priestley

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### **ROBERT AYRE**

Fellow Club members, I would like to recommend to you that we make Rob a Life Member of our Club. Rob's contribution to the actual running of the Club was as follows:

He was an Ordinary Committee Member in 1981 and '86, Treasurer in '78,'79,'80 & '85 and was Vice President in '87,'88,'89,'90 & '91. He led walks, several a year from 1978 onwards to 1990. He put together numerous Navigation Days, and a Navigation Weekend, with their theory session back in the Clubrooms over the years and will continue to do so into the future. Rob is not an up-front person, but works tirelessly and quietly in the background. On Committee he was always full of good advice and had an excellent memory and understanding of how the Club worked. He often stepped into the breach when needed (like when David Davies and Brian Marriott ceased to be treasurers in mid-term). He was chief liaison person for the bus for years, it was one of his special jobs while Vice President, and a thoroughly competent job he did too. While on the Wilky sub-committee during the "Troubles" with the EPA he was the one who actually wrote to the Ombudsman and negotiated the compromise that eventuated in our keeping Wilky.

I feel such a dependable, reliable and long-serving Committee member who has given so much time and care to the Club deserves the honour of becoming a Life Member. I hope you agree.

Proposed: Sylvia Wilson  
Seconded: Rosemary Cotter

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

### PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

We had a great weekend despite Saturday's heat and Sunday's rain. My thanks to all who helped - Porters: Dave, Spencer, Paul; Walk leaders: Sylvia, Janet, Keith, Max, Jopie, Alan; Entertainers: David, Geoff, Stuart, George, Dave, Derrick; Preparers of food: Sylvia A., Gina, Rosemary, Sylvia, Derrick; and in fact everyone who contributed to this happy occasion.

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### CLUB'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

After 4 years on the job, **Anne Bullard** is hanging up the receiver (but not her boots, we hope) as the contact listed in the telephone book. This is a constant (and sometimes onerous) Club job and our sincere thanks to you, **Anne (and Peter)**, for keeping it going for so long.

Our Club provides a real service to the community in introducing many visitors to bushwalking. Being listed in the phone book and taking the calls is a very important aspect of this service. Unfortunately the new Yellow Pages are printed and the 1993 White Pages won't hit our doorsteps until April or May, but when anyone rings the old Bushies' number, Anne's answering machine will inform them that the new number for the Melbourne Bushwalkers is . On calling that number **Margaret Borden** will tell them all they want to know and invite them to join us in our joyous pursuits. Thanks Margaret for taking on the job.

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### TRANSFERRING TO GERALDTON WA

After 17 years with the Club, including many as organisers of the Saturday Dandenong Explorer walks, leaders and auditor, **Pat and Paul Gray** have tendered their resignations. In their letter they say: "We will always look back with pleasure on the many enjoyable social and walking experiences we have had with the Club and on the lasting friendships we have established with its members over the years. Our best wishes to you and your Committee for the continuing success of the Club."

Our best wishes go with you, Pat and Paul, and we'll see you in Geraldton when we come for the WA wildflowers!

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks once again to **Betty Spencer** who organised our happy Christmas party, to **Sylvia Wilson** and **Joyce Dunn** for raffle organising and prizes, and to **Chris Lynch** for the drawing of that jolly, booted Santa who appeared on the front page of December News.

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### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR AGM

#### Explanatory note for AGM agenda item 2.1

The Club has not produced the magazine "Walk" since 1987. The proposed change is that we delete a magazine editor from the list of office bearers and insert "an Assistant Walks Secretary" as we need another committee member to help share the load.

#### Explanatory note for AGM agenda item 2.2

Our proxy form is ambiguous as most general meetings of the Club do not have specific resolutions to be considered. This AGM we are proposing a Special Resolution to change the Club's Rules so the second paragraph of the proxy form need only be used if applicable. All members are entitled to vote at all general meetings either in person or by proxy. Any member is entitled to ask the Secretary for a proxy form for any general meeting. The addition of a † and the insertion of the words "† delete if not applicable" will make our proxy form suitable for all general meetings.

The Associations Incorporation Act 1981 requires that a Special Resolution to change the Rules must be passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of members who vote in person or by proxy at a general meeting. The existing proxy form is attached at the end of the News for those wishing to avail themselves of it for this AGM.

*Jean Giese, President*

DAY WALKS - FEBRUARY 1993MON. 1 FEB 93 FRANKSTON - MORNINGTON EASY

LEADER : PENNY STAPLEY  
 TRANSPORT : TRAIN 9.16 A.M. FROM FLINDERS ST, OR MEET AT FRANKSTON STATION 10.23 A.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAPS 102, 101, 105, 104 (IN THAT ORDER)  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 KM

This walk has been an Australia Day club tradition for many years. We've had hot weather, cool and windy weather, rain - sometimes all in the one day. One year we had an adventurous walk as Art led us through private property, under boats in Daveys Bay Yacht Club - that year he rewarded us with an ice cream each.

This year it is my turn to provide the entertainment - I hope to see all the regulars, and shall be calling the roll just to make sure. I also hope to see lots of visitors. The walk can be as easy as you like to make it, and the bus timetable is such that you can stay and sun-bake on the beach at Mornington if you wish to.

Car drivers may prefer to meet the train at Frankston. We shall be returning there by bus from Mornington at the end of the day.

SUN. 7 FEB 93 LILO DERBY - MOORABOOL RIVER EASY & EASY/MED

LEADERS : MAX CASLEY & SYLVIA WILSON  
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : LETHBRIDGE 1:25,000  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 6-10 KM

Lilo Derbys were a notable event in the past (about 20 years ago) on the Lerderderg River. That's never deep enough these days so the Moorabool pools will be our new venue. The Derby Mug, er Cup, will be presented to the lilo rider who is fastest / driest / most competent at handling his/her steed under pressure, or whatever the judges decide is a good idea at the time.

There will be short walks up the Moorabool River from just north of Maude to a large waterhole. The easier walk will be along the ridge top on the eastern side. The easy/medium walk will be along the river side for part of its length where the vegetation is a little thicker and some rock hopping is required. There are plenty of koalas in the area. The last time I previewed for a walk up the river, one koala crossed the road in front of my car while another pair grunted (male) and squealed (female) while mating in the lower branches of a gum tree.

We hope to reach the waterhole early in the afternoon. The bus will be as close by as possible so that lilos only need to be carried a short distance. The waterhole is long enough and wide enough for everyone.

It's BYO lilo, or pinch somebody else's, and strictly for swimmers only. Paddling nearby. Great viewing for spectators.

SUN 14 FEB 93 LAKE MOUNTAIN - KOALA FALLS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : JOHN KITSON & MARGARET BORDEN  
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : OUTDOOR LEISURE: MARYSVILLE/LAKE MOUNTAIN  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 & 21 KM

If it is a hot day it will be a lot cooler in the mountains amidst the alpine flowers; if it is cool it will still be beautiful. The easy walk will be a circuit walk from Snowy Hill car park up to the ski tracks (approx 250 m climb) and down to Gerratys car park, with some lovely views along the way; then back to the start along Lake Mountain foot tracks with various lookouts with long views and fascinating scenery.

**WED 17 FEB 93****LERDERDERG SWIMMING HOLES****EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADER : JEAN GIESE  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 MEETING PLACE : 8.30 A.M. JEAN GIESE'S,  
                   9.15 A.M. WESTGATE PARK CAR PARK (MELWAYS 56F1)  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : LERDERDERG STATE PARK  
 APPROX DISTANCE : DEPENDS ON WEATHER

We'll descend to the river via Nolan Track. If it's hot we'll spend time swimming in the lovely swimming holes along East Walk. If it's cool we'll walk further. Wednesday walks are always good. Why not join us?

**SUN 21 FEB 93****CAMPASPE RIVER****EASY/MED & MEDIUM**

LEADERS : PHILIP LARKIN & PETER DAY  
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.

For details of this walk, please see leaders in the Clubrooms.

**SAT 27 FEB 93****DANDENONG EXPLORER: LYSTERFIELD LAKE PARK****EASY**

LEADER : MICHAEL HUMPHREY  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.30 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAPS 108, 83 AND 82  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 KM

Come along and join me on the first Dandenongs Walk for the year. Access to the park is via the entrance and ticket office in Horswood Road (Melway Map 108 D2, off the Belgrave-Hallam Rd). There is a nominal entrance fee per car.

Due to the lack of toilet facilities (except for the main car park) we will have lunch before commencing the walk. If you would like to have lunch we will meet at 12.00 noon in the southern car park (i.e. near the dam wall) and will commence the walk at 1.00 p.m. sharp.

We should arrive back at the cars around 5.30 p.m. where I would like to invite you all to have a barbecue with me (BYO everything). The picnic area that we will be using is located next to the only swimming beach in the park, so bring your bathers if the weather is warm. Please note that the park closes at approx. 8.00 p.m., but this should give us plenty of time to have a leisurely dinner. What better way to end a walk! Of course if the weather is hot you may choose not to do the walk and instead just soak up the sun by the lake or you may like to meet us at the picnic area at approx. 5.30 p.m. for the barbecue only.

If you can't come by private transport, please ring me at home on: 598 7317 after 7.30 p.m. and we will try to organise something.

**SUN 28 FEB 93****CAPE WOOLAMAI - FORREST CAVES****EASY & MEDIUM**

LEADER : ALAN TOMSETT & CHRIS LYNCH  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : PHILLIP ISLAND SPECIAL 1:25,000  
 APPROX DISTANCE : ? KM

This walk involves beach, rock and track walking around Cape Woolamai. There are excellent views of Cape Patterson, San Remo, Mornington Peninsular and Churchill and French Islands. Cape Woolamai is a reserve for a large colony of short-tailed shearwaters (Mutton Birds).

WEEKEND WALKS - FEBRUARY 1993

5-7 FEB 93      AIRE RIVER - BLANKET BAY - APOLLO BAY      EASY/MEDIUM

\*\*\* This walk is cancelled. \*\*\*

12-14 FEB 93      AROUND WILSONS PROM IN A DAY      MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER : STEPHEN ROWLANDS  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : BETWEEN 7.30 TO 8.30 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : WILSONS PROMONTORY OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP  
 APPROX DISTANCE : SATURDAY 42 KM, SUNDAY ?

Saturday there will be a 7.30 a.m. start from the store at Tidal River. The circuit will then be the classic round trip of Tidal River, Sealers Cove, Refuge Cove, Waterloo Bays, Oberon Bay, Norman Bay. Swimming at all the main beaches. (Danger - nude swimmers may be seen.)

Sunday will depend on the weather and how everyone feels.

12-14 FEB 93      WILSONS PROM - WATERLOO BAY BACKPACK      EASY

LEADER : LIZ TELFORD  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING  
 MAP REFERENCE : WILSONS PROMONTORY OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP  
 APPROX DISTANCE : ? KM

I've changed my mind and we are not going to Sealers Cove (as on the Walks Programme). Change is in the air - so we are going to Waterloo Bay. We will camp Saturday night at Waterloo Bay and walk out via Oberon Bay on Sunday. The walk will be nice and relaxed and hopefully time for lots of swimming.

This walk is suitable for first time backpackers. Limit of 12 people.

19-21 FEB 93      OTWAYS BASE CAMP      EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : SYLVIA WILSON & TRACY GUEST  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY 8.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : LAVERS HILL, WANGERRIP, AIRE VALLEY 1:25,000  
 APPROX DISTANCE : YES KM

It was a few years ago when Trace, Rosemary Cotter, Sandra, a few others and I did this trip, but we kept saying: must put it on the programme, must put it on the programme. What made it so good was the tremendous variety that this area offered. We camped near Weeaproinah which has the reputation of being the wettest place in Victoria, but that didn't dampen our enthusiasm.

We did a smashing forest circuit walk; went to Melba Gully State Park that's famous for its glow worms; checked out several waterfalls including the Johanna Falls on the river of the same name; did a wonderful beach walk to Sutherlands Beach which has an amazingly formed cliff, a geological curiosity of the first order. And we looked for dinosaurs. Not what you'd call a solid walking base camp, but we found it very interesting and good fun. Wanna come?

**26-28 FEB 93****TIMBERTOP - MT BULLER YOUTH HOSTEL****EASY & EASY/MED**

LEADER : ALAN CLARKE  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING  
 MAP REFERENCE : BULLER-STIRLING OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP  
 APPROX DISTANCE : VARIOUS KM

We will be staying at the Mt Buller Youth Hostel, which is quite cheap (up to \$13 per night) but still quite comfortable. At this stage it is planned to do a weekend walk to Mt Stirling and Clear Hills, plus day walks on Saturday and Sunday, but this will all depend on numbers.

Koonung Bushwalkers have also made a booking for the Saturday night, so this will be a good opportunity to meet other bushwalkers.

I need someone(s) to help me with organising this weekend, as it is a bit busy being treasurer as well. Please contact me if you can help.

### **BUSHWALKERS REQUIRED FOR EXPLORATION!**

The Australian and New Zealand Scientific Exploration Society (ANZES) is a non-profit organisation formed with the aim of launching scientifically oriented expeditions into wilderness areas of Australia.

The research undertaken encompasses various fields of science, including ornithology, botany, geology and zoology. During the expeditions data is gathered on behalf of many research and educational institutions including CSIRO and National Parks and Wildlife Services.

No scientific experience is necessary to take part in expeditions, although some experience in the bush is an advantage. Qualified scientists lead each Science group and work with expeditioners to exchange knowledge in the field. ANZSES particularly values the experience of bushwalkers, who are most welcome on their expeditions.

ANZES is launching an open-aged expedition into the **Desert Wetlands of northern South Australia** from **20 September to 9 October 1993**. They are now recruiting people to participate in this expedition to explore this unique area. The Cooper Creek floods in recent years have given rise to rich and varied communities of plants and animals. The desert is at its best: from waterholes teeming with life to sand dunes dotted with flowering Acacias. Against a background of vast horizons, spinifex

clumps and wind-patterned dunes, spectacular bird populations make their homes in stretches of inland lake wilderness.

Highlights of the 1992 expedition to this area included the recording of hundreds of aboriginal artefacts (including burial sites), observation of 52 brolgas (some dancing!) and watching fairy martins building their mud nests just a few metres from the camp site.

Expeditioners pay a fee which covers 4WD transport from the rendezvous point, tentage, food and equipment.

ANZSES will also be running a youth expedition (for 17-25 year olds) into North Queensland rainforest from 13 December 1993 - 13 January 1994.

For further information and application forms, contact:

ANZES The Exploring Society  
 PO Box 174  
 Albert Park 3206

Tel. 690 5455  
 Fax. 690 0151

**THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND - HUGHES CREEK 12-13 DEC 1992**

I reckon we're jolly lucky having such an energetic President as Jean Giese. Presidents gave up the traditional big production weekend years ago as the number of weekend walkers dropped off. Undaunted, our Jean organised a cast of 1000s, or so it seemed. She plotted the area, sought permission from the numerous land owners, roped in walk leaders, organised food to be bought and brought in, ditto plonk, and even a Tilly Lamp arrived and as stage lighting it was indispensable. Then there were teams of choppers and makers for the nibbles and fruit salad for the Saturday night. And what a fruit salad, murder was about to be committed for second helpings. Then again there was a team who got together the makings of arvo tea on the Sunday. A mammoth effort, brilliant organisation that ran like clockwork.

Mind you, there was a bit of a sweat on beforehand as Hughes Creek ran at flood level on and off for weeks. It is impassable then and many of our walks crossed it. But no, Jean must have a friend up there, it was just right, easy enough to cross but deep enough to find swimming holes which were much in demand on the Saturday.

About ten people made their way in on the Friday night across the paddocks and over the hill to the river flat on Crown Land. Jean chose a good spot with a sandy patch where a fire could be lit and the natural amphitheatre behind meant that the sandy bit was the stage for the evening production.

Some more of us rolled in early on Saturday morning and two walks left the campsite a bit later. Both crossed the creek and went straight up onto the Callen Range opposite. This is open woodland and several spring flowers were still very much in evidence. But it was hot. My team walked north along the ridge a fair way then dropped down a spur for a way. And there was Hughes Creek merrily burbling away far below us with a long steep slope covered in slippery grass between us, and the sun beating mercilessly down. You've never seen people strip off so fast and jump in when at last we got to the bottom, except for Wendy, who with agonised yells struggled to undo her shoe laces; they'd got all knotted up with the burrs and grass seeds. The other group didn't fare so well. They omitted to take a right turn on the Callen Range and headed due east instead of north (ho hum) and then got themselves in deep and tangled grass on Wicket Hill. It made walking most unpleasant and we subsequently abandoned plans for going into that area next day. So they, the hard group, got back before the easy group and were positively smirking and making comments like "Where have you been?" just because we looked exhausted. At least we were clean.

That night was the concert. This is definitely a Bushies tradition and people were fore-warned to have an item up their sleeves. A newcomer, American David, brought his guitar along. "What shall I play? I can play you anything," he says, breaking into another blues, or was it Country & Western number. The audience was well-primed by this time and dare I say some members were getting positively a bit rowdy, but they were sufficiently sat upon during the more serious moments. Then we had some wonderful recitations - from Geoff Mattingley, from Stuart Hodgson doing a faithful rendition of Albert and the Lion in broad Lancashire, from Dave Andrews and from Derrick Brown who gave us the Ballad of Idwal Slabs. All terrific stirring stuff. Then the highlight came when George, accompanied by David, gave us a Flamenco Dance. I really haven't laughed so much in ages, he was superb, he got masses of hand-clapping and Olé encouragement from the audience, and for our pains we were invited to join in the encore. No troubz there, lots of helpers. We could have done with a sing-song too, but alas the leading voices were absent, they'd better make sure they come next time. The evening ended with games, much falling over in the sand and shrieking.

Next day loomed dark, colder and gloomy. Just as some of us struggled out of bed and into breakfast, up rolled the day walkers from the bus ready for lunch. Oops then the rain fell. Never mind, it made a change from dehydration. Jopie led the more difficult walk. Up onto the Callen Range and off the other side to follow the beautiful Eaglevale Creek which enters a small and delightful gorge before it joins Hughes Creek. I took the middling group down stream to the cliff area, then we went up one side of it onto the ridge which we followed back staying high and keeping to the woodlands as much as possible. The easy walkers followed the creek down a bit and then back all the way to the waiting bus; very pretty it was they said. So those who were left congregated for that very welcome cup of tea, piece of excellent fruit cake and piece of fruit.

One ancient member tells me he thinks it was one of the very best President's Weekends he'd ever been on, the way how Jean involved the Sunday walkers, the Saturday walkers, the Wednesday walkers as well as the weekend walkers by campaigning hard and choosing an area not so far from Melbourne to make it accessible to all.

Good on ya, Jean, we had a terrific time, we enjoyed it so much. Will you do it again? Please?

*Sylvia Wilson*

## TIN MINE HUTS, KOSCIUSKO N.P. (*Private Xmas trip*)

We set out from Melbourne about midday Monday 4 January; destination Geehi for an overnight stop and then Dead Horse Gap for 4 days of walking in the Tin Mine Huts area. We arrived at Geehi after dark to be confronted with gravelled carparks, paved, riverside walking tracks and treated pine viewing platforms over the river; all very different from last time.

After leisurely last minute (hours) sorting of walking gear in the morning we set out from Dead Horse Gap at 12.39. In the first 2 km along the Thredbo River we saw a group of 5 horses and one foal; very auspicious. They were quite unconcerned, grazing between the track and the river about 70 m down the slope. A pleasant lunch spot where the track leaves the river and up the hill (200m climb) to spectacular views back over the Ramsheads and south over the Park into Victoria. Climbed up the nearby rocky outcrop (1800+m) for even better views. Down to Cascade Creek (300m descent) to Cascade Hut and our resting spot for the night, 8 km total - a very easy day. We shared the hut area with a young girl on her first overnight walk with her father - the next generation.

Just as we were leaving in the morning we were descended upon by four mountain bike riders - fast, flashy and noisy. The next leg of 16 km to Tin Mine Huts undulates its way from 1500m to around 1200m. Lots of wildflowers including some orchids; plenty of birdlife - robins, wattlebirds, bush pigeons, currawongs, kookaburras and of course crows; a number of interesting lizards; and of course a lot of insects - flies, ants, March flies, mosquitoes. We arrived at Tin Mine Huts in time to see a display of head wind flying from a group of swallows. At different times they were almost stationary, in mid-air, only a few feet from where we were quietly seated.

We ended up sharing the huts area with a bush-walking couple from the Wangaratta area. An evening walk down the Ingeegoodbee trail found two groups of horses - 3 mares and 1 foal, and 5 mares and 1 foal. The foal in the second group was very young - still slightly wobbly and not grazing. Overnight the horses came in amongst the tents and huts. A nocturnal ramble was greeted with explosive snorts, echoing off the surrounding trees, and some intimidatory behaviour - the horses obviously felt they owned the night-time.

Next morning all four of us, Wangaratta couple included, set out to find Tin Mine Falls. They had carried in the full guide book by a well known

walker which recommended approaching the falls from travelling west from the gauging station (CMA Thredbo map 1:25,000) then north. Of the two guide books I had read, one suggested west from a point on the track 1 km south of the gauging station, then north; the other suggested start well north, go west then come back south to the falls. So we set out heading roughly north-west from the gauging station. This was a mistake. After 2 hours stomping around, finding various interesting lizards, a 45 cm copperhead, and the top of the falls (from which you can't see much at all), we found the "official" viewing spot and a 3 ft tiger snake. Great view, well worth it. To get back we simply headed straight, grid east and came out on top of the gauging station in 20 minutes - much simpler!

A short side trip to look at the site of the diggings - not much to be seen by the uneducated eye - and back to camp for the night. No horses tonight but sounds of howling dogs in the distance. The horses may have been deterred by the all-night candle of the Sydney bushwalker who was disturbed by the dogs.

The 24 km walk out on the next day was largely uneventful walking through pleasant country. The last 4 km were much degraded by an excess of Nat Parks vehicles - three 4WDs, a tipper truck and a bulldozer.

I am now sitting here with an upset stomach caused either by drinking suspect water on the walk or by the eating of overrich Christmas leftovers on return, pondering the logistics of a ski trip to the area: If there is skiable snow at 1200m the Dead Horse Gap road will be inaccessible. How do you get reliable snow reports on remote areas? etc...

*Ian Dunnadge, Sue Cooke*

### HOUSE TO SHARE PRAHRAN AREA

Male to share two bedroom house with one female and one cat.  
Must be a non-smoker and like animals.

\$185 fortnightly, plus expenses  
\$200 bond

Phone Margaret (H)

**FORM FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE****Nomination for .....**

(President / Vice-President / Treasurer / Secretary / Walks Secretary / Social Secretary / News Convenor / Wilky Manager / Committee Member)

**Nominee .....****Proposed by .....****Seconded by .....**

I agree to stand for this position

..... (signed by nominee)

**Torres del Paine National Park***One of the most beautiful Andean parks in South America*

Willis's Walkabouts will spend about ten days trekking through this spectacular park as a part of our five-week tour to southern Chile and Argentina beginning in December 1993. On our last trip we enjoyed magnificent views of huge glaciers, snow-covered mountains, beautiful lakes, dense forests and sunny meadows covered in wild flowers. We walked through herds of guanacos and watched condors soaring above. It was the high point of a trip full of high points.

This tour is unlike any other on the market. The itinerary is not rigidly fixed. If some place is especially nice, we have the flexibility to spend extra time there. You pay only \$950 for the guide for the full five weeks. Everyone, including the guide, shares the rest of the expenses. If you have a few extra days, you can include a visit to Easter Island in the itinerary. If you have a few more weeks, you can include our Amazon basin wilderness expedition.

Write for full details.

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**COMMITTEE NOTES - 18 JANUARY 1993****BUSINESS ARISING:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Pat & Paul Gray - resignation  
 Spencer George - life membership  
 Waverley Bushwalking Club - Federation Day 1993  
 Spencer George - life membership nomination  
 Sylvia Wilson - life membership nomination  
 Conservation Council of Victoria

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

None

**TREASURER'S REPORT AT 31 DEC 1992:**

	\$	\$
DECEMBER RECEIPTS:	1,098	
DECEMBER PAYMENTS:	3,424	
 BALANCE:		
Current Account	5,642	
Reserves Account	52,000	
Postage float	<u>500</u>	<u>58,142</u>

**WALKS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:**

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
214	166	48	170	44	\$1954

The number of Sunday walkers has been very low.

**TRANSPORT**

New arrangement with McKenzies going OK, but bus is fairly slow.

**50 YEAR PUBLICATION:**

Final edits still being input. Advertising to start soon.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

None

**DUTY ROSTER:**

Jan	27	Mary & Merilyn
Feb	3	Gina & Derrick
Feb	10	Jean & GT

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** 8 February 1993 at 7.00pm

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## **FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

The Secretary  
Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.  
PO Box 1751Q  
MELBOURNE 3001

I ..... (Block Letters)  
of .....

being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated),  
hereby appoint ..... (Block Letters)  
of .....

being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated), as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the twenty-fourth day of February 1993 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

**My proxy is authorised to vote      \* in favour of      the following resolution:**

## **Special Resolution to change the Club's Statement of Purposes and Rules**

**Rule 14(2) (j)** delete "a Magazine Editor"  
insert "an Assistant Walks Secretary"

**My proxy is authorised to vote      \* in favour of      the following resolution:**

## **Special Resolution to change the Club's Statement of Purposes and Rules:**

**Appendix 1** add “†” before the second paragraph of the form and the words “† Delete if not applicable.”

**My proxy is authorised to vote      \* in favour of      the following resolution:**

That Art Terry be made a life member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc)

**My proxy is authorised to vote      \* in favour of      the following resolution:**

That Robert Ayre be made a life member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc)

Signed:.....

Date : .....

\* Delete as appropriate.

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