

# The NEWS

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### Slide Night

**Wednesday 30th April**

**8pm Clubrooms**

**John Piesse**

**(Advice President**

**Otways Ranger Walking Track Association)**

**Slide Presentation and Talk**

**Proposed Trans Otways Walk,  
World Class Walking Track**

**Lorne to Apollo Bay**



### Committee 1997

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*Editor apologises for the mistakes last month in  
the list of committee members*

### Red Cross First Aid



#### FIRST AID

One evening a week over eight weeks

Thursday April 17th - June 5th

6.30pm - 9pm

Final Numbers by Monday 14th April

The Committee has decided to subsidise members who are willing to lead walks and as a means of encouraging new leaders, on a Red Cross First Aid Course.

Several courses are available but the Senior First Aid course is one evening per week over eight weeks 6.30pm - 9pm starting on the 17th April. The cost of this course is \$115 and the club subsidy will be \$55.

Please see Marisa in the clubrooms or contact her on if you are interested in being part of a group booking

Australian Red Cross  
171 City Rd,  
Southbank 3006

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## From the Editor

I'm afraid that last month I omitted Doug Pocock's name from the committee member list and got Bernie Webster's name wrong. I do apologise for these mistakes. I always seem to get something WRONG !!!

Next Month I am going away at the time the Newsletter is finalised so I do ask everyone to get their items in early so that I can get everything set up and nearly finished before I leave.

For those with Internet access, our Internet address is on the cover sheet and Bill has set up a very comprehensive list of our Clubs activities. He is going to add our Walks programme. Bill is also setting up the Internet site for the Federation and this contains a list of all the Walking clubs and their contact addresses.

*Judy Gipps*



*Derrick (97 President) and Gina*

**The NEWS** is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly.  
Edited by **Judy Gipps**.

Articles, walk reports, poems, snippets of news, reports of new gear, book reviews, letters "to the Editor", advertisements, etc are always welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles, letters or other contributions, where space, clarity or propriety dictate. and to maintain editorial consistency

Please note that articles for **The NEWS** may be :  
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Closing Date for **MAY 97 News** is **30th April 97**

## From the President

It has been several years since I last walked at Wilsons Prom. I was there the other weekend, doing the Prom in a day. What a great place it is - that coastline, the beaches, the ferns and mosses. I was not particularly thrilled with the Tidal river campsite with its (relatively) crowded camping areas, but the others are wonderful. What a relief that the majority of the proposed developments have been knocked back. The thought of a hotel and associated services made my blood run cold. We can be grateful to all those who put themselves out to protest at the proposals that this time the protesters won. We have seen a number of substantial developments proposed in the last year or so in Victoria. As one of the largest bushwalking clubs we should be vigilant and active if we want to protect the environment from development encroachment. You may have noticed that in the last newsletter there was a notice that a Conservation sub committee be formed. Bill Metzthen currently carries the load and he could do with some help. How about it?

Regarding the possible move of clubrooms to South Melbourne we've carried out a survey of members and visitors visiting the clubrooms, on two occasions. The first results (37 responses) gave us an even split in favour and against. When the results were weighted to account for frequency of visits there was no change. The second set of responses gave a similar result. I must emphasise that at present this is only one option, and that we still do not know if we do have to move. However, after a thorough search for suitable premises it seems clear that there are not many options open to us. Stay tuned.

*Derrick Brown*



**Peter (Treasurer), Fulvia & Marisa (Social Sec)**

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St., Melbourne (rear of the Royal Horticultural Society building) on **WEDNESDAY** Evenings between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

Visitors are always welcome.

General correspondence should be directed to:  
The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.  
PO Box 1751Q, MELBOURNE 3001

## Previews for May Day Walks and a couple for April

**Saturday 19th April 1997** **Melbourne Explorer**  
**Easy** **Elwood to Black Rock**

**Leaders:** Maureen Hurley  
**Transport:** Private  
**Area:** Beach Walk from Elwood to Black Rock  
**Map Reference:** Meeting Place Melways 67 A3  
**Expected Time of return:** 4pm  
**Approximate distance:** 14 km

We will meet on the beach side of the intersection of Glenhuntly Rd and Ormond Esplanade at 10.30am. We will need to do a Car Shuffle to Black Rock.

This is a pleasant flat walk along the bike track/beach with excellent views across Port Phillip Bay. Last year we were blessed with excellent weather and the general comment was that Inner City Melbourne has some excellent walking/bike-riding facilities. We will have afternoon tea at the Black Rock Ricketts Point tea rooms. Please ring me on if you have any enquiries.

**Sunday 27 April 1997** **Portsea - Sorrento**  
**Easy & Easy/Medium**

**Leaders:** John Kittson & Fay Pratt  
**Transport:** Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am

Please see the leaders of this walk in the Clubrooms.

**Sunday 4th May 1997** **Mt Beenac**  
**Easy & Medium**

**Leader:** Jean Giese & Lyn Fletcher  
**Transport:** Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am  
**Expected time of return:** 7pm  
**Approximate distance:** 14km & 20 km  
**Area:** Bunyip State Forest  
**Map Reference:** Gembrook South 1:25,000(Vicmap)

This walk was planned for the Mt Beenac and Seven Acre Rock but a reconnoitre has revealed that you can drive to the top of Mt Beenac and, apart from a man up a fire lookout, there is not a great deal to be seen. Seven Acre Rock is great but logging roads with much blue metal separate the points of interest. So we have scrubbed that. Lyn and I promise to find two interesting walks in the Bunyip State Forest before May 4th and hope you will trust us enough to come along.

### For Sale

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**Saturday 10th May 1997** **Toorak Creek**  
**Easy** **Historical Walk**

**Leader:** Athol Schafer  
**Transport:** Train, Meet under Flinders St station clocks at 1.00pm  
**Expected time of return:** 5.00pm  
**Approximate length of walk:** 5 km  
**Map Reference:** Melways Maps 58,59

The creek (now barrelled) rises from springs situated on the side of Malvern Hill, still flowing and after heavy rain capable of disruptive flooding along its valley, the last big flood occurring in February 1990. Starting at Armadale station we will follow the creek's course through Toorak, passing places of historical and current interest, to its present outlet to the Yarra. Walk ends at South Yarra station. If a fine day bring a picnic afternoon tea.

**Sunday 11 May 1997** **Bangammie Forest**  
**Easy & Easy/Medium** **(Meredith)**

**Leader:** Alan Miller & Clare Lonergan  
**Transport:** Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am  
**Area:** S.W. Merideth: Midway between Ballarat & Geelong  
**Approximate length of walk:** 13km & 16km  
**Map Reference:** 4 Maps required:  
 Grenville, Bangammie, Elaine & Medina  
**Expected Time of Return** 6.30pm

The walk is through Bangammie State Forest each side of Woodbourne Creek. This is dry eucalypt forest (no leeches!). Most of both walks will be along old vehicular tracks. There is an area of manna gums where we may be able to find a koala or two (we disturbed an echidna on the preview). We will visit the ruins of an old miner's cottage after lunch and have good views of the whole forest on the return trip to the bus.

**Sunday 18 May 1997** **Trawool**  
**Easy & Easy/Medium** **- Falls Creek Res**

**Leaders:** Peter McGrath & William Cone  
**Transport:** Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am  
**Area:** Tallarook State Forest, Goulburn Valley  
**Approximate length of walk:** 15 & 17km  
**Map Reference:** Strath Creek 1:25,000  
 and Seymour 1:25,000

The easy/medium walk will commence with a short climb to the top of Mt Hickey (Mount Tallarook) before following tracks to the start of the Easy walk.

The Easy walk will commence at Tallarook Picnic Area before proceeding along largely four wheel drive tracks.

Undoubtedly the highlight of this walk is Warragool Rocks. This walk ends beside the Goulburn River only a short distance south-east of Seymour. At this stage,



## Previews for April/May Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks

**25-27 April 1997** **Grampians Base Camp**  
**Easy, Easy/Medium & Medium**

**Leader:** Alan Miller  
**Transport:** Private  
**Area:** Central Grampians  
**Approximate distance from Melbourne:** 270 km  
**Map Reference:** Northern Grampians 1:50,000  
 (Also Southern Grampians)

Day Walks will be organised from the Boreang Camping Ground. One walk will be to the Cave of Hands and the small waterfalls close to goat track. Pearson will be leading a walk for the stronger walkers along St Rosea Creek past the Walls of China, while I will lead a walk along the Mt Rosea Track which is mainly a ridge top walk with spectacular views.

There is a camping fee of \$7.50 per vehicle. Water is scarce, so drivers should take a large container of Melbourne water.

Recommended fare: \$16 each way.

**4-6 May 1997** **Baw Baw Plateau**  
**Medium**

**Leaders:** Peter Chalkley  
**Transport:** Private

Please see the leaders in the clubrooms about this walk.

**9-11 May 1997** **Mt Buller Lodge Weekend**  
**Easy/Medium and Hard**

**Leaders:** Bill Metzthen  
**Transport:** Private  
**Area:** Mt Buller  
**Expected time of return:** Late Sunday  
**Approximate length of walk:** Various  
**Map Reference:** VMTC "Watersheds of the King, Howqua & Jamieson Rivers"

Once you get away from the buildings and ski tows, Mt Buller offers some surprisingly good walks. few are excellent.

I have arranged for us to have the Melbourne Walking Club Lodge on Mt Buller for the weekend. This is one of the newer lodges on the mountain and sleeps 16 people in bunkrooms. I expect that most people will want to do the Easy/Medium trip which Max Casley has volunteered to lead. People doing Max's walks will drive to the lodge on Friday evening and do the walk from Mt Stirling to Mt Buller on Saturday. On Sunday, the tradition has been to walk to Little Buller and visit the summit of Mt Buller. If a car shuffle can be arranged, a walk down the Klingsporn track could complete the day.

I will lead a hard walk which will start by climbing Mt Timbertop after a car shuffle on Saturday morning. We will then follow the ridge and ascend Mt Buller from the south-west. On Sunday we will have a slightly easier day, descending to Mirrimbah via Mt Stirling.

Both groups will spend Saturday night in the lodge. It is usual to go to one of the restaurants or the pub for dinner, but cooking facilities are available in the lodge for those who prefer. Bring your own food for breakfasts and lunches.

You will need to bring a pillow slip and sheets or sleeping bag. You will also need to bring your towel, toilet soap, etc. The lodge fees are \$20 for each night you spend in the lodge. The Melbourne Walking Club wants to know the numbers as soon as possible, so please book and pay your lodge fees *now*.

**16-18 May 1997** **Mt Cole-Mt Buangor State Park**  
**Easy/Medium**

**Leaders:** Sak Wan  
**Transport:** Private

This walk was cancelled last year due to poor response from members and bad weather conditions. Let's hope we have better luck this time.

Mt Cole - Mt Buangor is about 3 hours north west of Melbourne. We will meet Friday night at the Fern Tree Picnic camp ground.

Day 1. Distance approx. 14kms.

We will take the Freemans Link track and head up to Mugwamp picnic ground & camping area, enroute passing a high point at 951m, which will provide excellent views. From Mugwamp picnic area we will walk along the Mt Buangor walking track. As we will be above 900m we will get good views along the cliff face. The walk will continue south along the Wallaby Cave Road before heading back to camp. If time permits, we will explore the Wallaby cave and its nearby granite outcrops.

Day 2. Distance approx. 12kms.

We will start with the Freemans Link track and turn east to the Great Divide walking track. The Sugarloaf look out at 934m should give us good views of the surroundings. From here we will do a circuit walk from Upper Level walking track to Lower Level walking track, before heading back to camp.

Both walks will involve some steep climbing on rocks. You'll need to be fairly fit but you will be rewarded by the magnificent view. Come join me, it will be a fun weekend.

23-25 May 1997  
Easy

Beechworth Base Camp  
Navigation Weekend

Leaders: Janet Norman & Keith White  
Transport: Private  
Area: Beechworth  
Approximate distance of walks: 15 x 2 km  
Map Reference: 1:25,000 Beechworth Eldorado  
Expected Time of return: 7pm or later

We are planning a weekend to brush up or to introduce people to the skills of navigation - taking and using a compass bearing, relating features to the map and vice versa, measuring distances, finding the best route etc.

Depending on numbers we will walk in small groups to give maximum practice to navigation.

Saturday we will be in the area NE of Beechworth and on Sunday we will walk around Eldorado.

We plan to camp at the Beechworth Camping Ground (small fee, but all facilities) and probably eat out on Saturday night.

It's an interesting part of Victoria and great for walking so come along for the navigating or just to walk.

30 May - 1 June 1997  
Easy

Barjarg Base Camp

Leaders: Sylvia Wilson  
Transport: Private  
Area: North of Mansfield  
Approximate distance of walk: Max 20km daily  
Map Reference: Nillahceohe, Mt Strathbogie, Mt Samania 1:25,000  
Expected time of return: 9pm  
Dinner: \$10 plus Hut fees

Barjarg is the name of the hamlet (ex village?) approx 20km north of Mansfield on the Midland Highway. The old village school now has a bunk house and large kitchen and is used for school camps and the likes of us. From here one gets easy car access to the Strathbogies and Mt Samania National Park where we'll visit on the Saturday and Sunday respectively. The former has many logging tracks and all manner of walks can be put together through the tall tress which afford occasional views. At the latter we'll try a new John Chapman walk down a creek which he says is 'a bit challenging' Hmm!!!

Anyway a definite plus is that Chin has agreed to cook us Saturday night dinner again! Further details on application.

## GREGORY NATIONAL PARK AND THE STOKES RANGE

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### THE STOKES RANGE

- ★ Aboriginal Land, permits required
- ★ gently rolling hills which hide ...
  - ★ deep, red-walled gorges
  - ★ magnificent pools

### 1997 — AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR

- ★ Extra heavy rains during this year's  
Wet mean extra water in the Dry.

### TWO EXPLORATORY TRIPS ONLY

- ★ Litchfield-Gregory, June 15-28
- ★ Gregory, July 20 - August 2

ASK FOR OUR BROCHURE AND  
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## THE ANGLESEA WALK

Sunday 9th March 1997

While Melbourne choked amid Grand Prix fever and drowned in the champagne toast, we walkers chose to savour fresh air by escaping to the ship-wreck coast.

The Koorie Culture Walking Track enlightened and educated, filling a void to partly bring back the dream-time that was so ill-fated.

Some of us watched as a tiger-snake slithered near tiger-snake breeding ground, to be certain, some of us quietly quivered at the prospect that more were around!

From Bells Beach our course was roughly south-west as we meandered through paperbark, until a descent to the dunes, and rest, when we'd reached the half-way mark.

As we trekked by breakers through plentiful sand, an eye was kept on the anglers, but they cast their lines with deft of hand, managing not to ensnare us.

Our ascent from the beach was somewhat timely, for the sky began to rattle, against the blue we could clearly see two tiger-moths waging mock battle.

Eroded escarpments were constantly in sight 'til Point Addis then Anglesea, where all of us welcomed a drink and a bite and a wrap-up of the Melbourne Grand Prix.

*P.S: Perhaps ironically, on the following Sunday (16/3/97), we walkers were confronted with hundreds of noisy machines - Trail bikes- being ridden through the Noojee State Forest!*

*Jill Dawson*

## Something in the Air

And who said chivalry was dead ? On a Federation Day Walk one of this club's gentlemen gallantly knelt, at his lady friends request, to tie her show laces as she stood in the middle of the track.

As they say in the classics  
"Tie me up,  
Tie me down,  
Tie me shoe laces"

*Name Withheld Upon Request*

## Wilkinson Lodge News

- The Lodge now has a coffee plunger. Coffeephiles can take up their choice of beans as there is a grinder there.
- The new lighting system is excellent. Please record battery changes on list provided.
- Who has removed the blankets and aprons? Please contact Doug.
- Do not leave food containers with small amounts of food in them (eg 1cm of jam in a jar). It only means someone else has to remove them later.
- Do not leave opened packets of biscuits, cereal etc in the Ratto locker. They go stale very quickly.
- There is no need to tape lockers shut, the latches work adequately. The locker room is clean and fresh after the spring clean work party so please keep it that way.
- There are still some places left in some winter weeks - make your mind up SOON !!!!

*Doug Pocock*

## THE SKI PROGRAMME

This edition of the news brings the Winter Walks Programme which includes our ski-trips (XC of course - is there any other kind?).

The where and when of these trips depends very much on snow conditions which are totally unpredictable this far in advance - so we take a punt. Our 'season' starts in early July. We have programmed activities of various grades for every subsequent weekend through July and August; September will follow. I hope that what we propose here is the minimum programme. If conditions are good, then the keen skiers will want to be dashing off to more and more exotic locations (anyone for Snowy Plains?).

Unfortunately we cannot plan these trips now, else we risk too many cancellations or disappointments from being in the wrong place at the wrong time. What I would like to see is the keen skiers getting together in the Clubrooms to organise more trips as the opportunities arise. But do advertise your intentions so that members can take advantage of them.

Note that we do offer introductory trips for members who want to sample the delights of XC skiing and snow-camping for the first time.

Happy Telemarking!

*Pearson Cresswell*

## Letter to the editor:

As most Bushies are probably aware by now the Assessment and Review Panel report on the environmental effects statement for the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort has just been released.

The panel found 'that the Options which include downhill skiing on Mount Stirling should be eliminated from further deliberations about the future of Mount Stirling'. The reasons were set out in the report and are quite detailed.

The panel were also very concerned about the low esteem in which the Alpine Resorts Commission were held by their 'clients'. This doesn't surprise me nor, most likely, anyone involved in the 'Saga of Wilky' who were aware of the ARC role there despite the ARC having no jurisdiction on the High-Plains.

In a covering letter (December '96) for the report from the Minister for Planning and Environment (Robert Maclellan) to the Minister for Conservation and Land Management (Marie Tehan) Mr Maclellan wrote, in response to 2 of the Panel recommendations:-

Panel:

- Government make a clear statement that Mount Stirling is no longer an option for downhill alpine skiing
- Government make a clear statement that the future vision for Mount Stirling is as an all season nature based tourist, recreational and educational resource.

Minister's assessment:

'Endorsed. It is appropriate that such a statement should be prepared and made by the Minister for Conservation and Land Management who is responsible for the Alpine Resorts Act. It is further recommended that the Victorian Government's earlier approval of the Land Conservation Council Recommendations in relation to downhill skiing on Mt Stirling be revoked.'

In February '97 the Minister issued a supplementary response to these 2 questions which was:- 'Mount Stirling will not be an option for downhill skiing for the next 15 years. Any change to this position beyond 15 years must be the result of a further government review process. In view of this, it is not necessary to revoke the agreed LCC Recommendation for Mount Stirling to be used for downhill alpine skiing: the approved LCC Recommendation will have no force for the next 15 years, nor thereafter unless a further review leads to a new Government decision.

The Government's future vision for Mount Stirling is as an all season nature based tourist, recreational and educational resource.'

This is no longer the same thing. The recommendation has been watered down and I'm not sure what binding validity the 15 year prohibition has. There were other changes between December and February, many related to not spending money, but this is the most worrying as it no longer revokes the approval for the LCC recommendations on the development of Mt Stirling.

So Bushies, congratulations on your contributions to the excellent outcome on Mt Stirling - let's just keep vigilant for when Mt Buller Ski Lifts Ltd want to have another go (with your money and a little of theirs) ... the LCC recommendations haven't been revoked.

*Graeme Thornton*

## Conservation

The first meeting of the Bushies conservation group will be held in the club rooms at 7.30 pm on 30th April. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We'll probably assemble in a corner of the room and discuss matters such as current Federation conservation activities.

*Bill Metzenth*

## Assistant Treasurer Required

Peter McGrath needs assistance. As Treasurer, Peter comes to the Clurooms every week to collect money and then takes it to the bank the next day. He needs an assistant so that he can have an occasional week off. If you have some time to assist, talk to Peter in the clubrooms.

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## Waiting for the Lighthouse Keeper

'Twas a wild and windy Saturday but the sun was shining bright  
When 12 intrepid bushies set out for the Wilsons Prom Light.

The view from the descending track was a glorious sight to see  
Stark white painted buildings above a rich blue sea.

A climb to the top of the lighthouse was our aim for an afternoon treat  
But where was the Lighthouse Keeper 'mongst the buildings and gardens so neat ?

"He always turns up" said a lodger "but sometimes you'll have quite a wait".  
We lay in the sun and we waited an hour till he finally came to his gate.

Said Anne "He's a really lovely man you'll all be pleased to know,  
But we can't go up to the lighthouse 'cause the wind does fiercely blow".

"If you go up on the top", he said, "the wind will take you away  
It has blown less than thirty knots to be safe on any day."

Back up the track was harder work as we puffed and panted and groaned  
But a most amazing sight we beheld as we stepped on to the road.

A genteel elderly lady in twin set, skirt, boots, but no socks  
With a pack as large as our rucksacks, was about to climb down the rocks.

She lives at the lighthouse, she told us and walks out twice weekly this way  
Picks up the mail and the papers and carries them back the same day.

So all you young bushies (and old ones) take note of this kind lady's fate  
For the lighthouse keeper is waiting, for the mail to arrive at his gate

Jean Woodger



## Equipment for Sale

### Canvas Backpacks

Fairydown Mistral used once. Fully adjustable Harness  
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totally waterproof tent for snow camping. Excellent  
Condition  
\$300 ono

Being sold because of injury.

Contact Ralph Norman

## Who is doing what job in 1997

*At the committee meeting on the 3rd March it was decided the following people would either represent Melbourne Bushies in particular roles or have the following responsibilities.*

Search and Rescue	Peter Chalkley
Wilkinson Lodge Manager	Doug Pocock
Federation	Athol Schafer
	Bill Metzenthien
	Stephen Rowlands
Maps	Bernie Webster
Equipment	Jean Woodger
Track Clearing	Anne Wilkins
Conservation	Bill Metzenthien
Library	Ralph Blake

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*This is a private advertisement and is accepted as a service to Members only. These are NOT official Club trips.*

### Federation

The new Federation Administration Officer is Jenny Sykes, who is a member of the Melbourne Bushwalkers and the VMTC. Jenny will be working at the Federation offices at 241 Swan St, Richmond (tel 9421 3100).

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held on 6th May at the Royal Society Building, 9 Victoria St, starting at 7.30 pm. Nominations for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer are urgently required.

I have started the construction of a web site for the Federation. It is at ['http://www.vicnet.net.au/~vicwalk/'](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~vicwalk/).

Have a look; you may find something to interest you there. More information, e.g. on Federation activities on conservation issues will be added as it is prepared.

*Bill Metzenthien*

### Lloyd Young and the ABC

The Sunday Age, on the 22nd December, 1996 ran an article titled "Our man in the city shoots a Cuban" and this was about the night time activities of our Assistant Walks Secretary Lloyd Young. For those of you who don't know, Lloyd works at the ABC-TV as a nighttime cameraman. If you get a chance to read this article you will see the reason Lloyd sometimes appears very bleary eyed on walks. He has spent the previous nights taking shots all over Melbourne. There is a great photograph in the article of Lloyd and his camera, with the city skyline in the background. Copies of the article are available but we never seem to have space to reprint it here.

### New members

PETER CABENA

SHEENA HALL

DALE HALSTEAD

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MARK WALTERS

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**Treasurer:** Accounts for March 1997

Opening Balance	\$54,668.25
Receipts	\$5,078.94
Payments	\$3,766.08
Closing Balance	\$55,981.11

**Walks Secretary:** Attendances for February 97

	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>1996</b>
Sunday Bus	4	37.8	44
Pack Carry	4	6	10.5
Wed,Hist, Dandenong	2	9	12.5
Canoe/Lilo	2	11.5	7
Cycle	1	3	

**Membership:**

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	11
Single Memberships	380
Family Memberships (2x 48 = )	96
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>498</b>

**Duty Roster**

16th April	Doug & Ralph
23rd April	Stephen & Peter
30th April	Bill & Bernie
7th May	Jean & Anne

Next committee meeting 5th May, 1997

**Bushies Good Food Guide**

Time to revive the guide. All contributions gratefully received. Tear off sheet and put in the glove box.

**BAIRNSDALE**

**The Gateway cafe.** Behind info place, beside church, opposite Maccas. Closed 5.00pm. Coffee and cakes excellent, surroundings very pleasant

**TRARALGON**

Main drag, just down from old P.O.

Street eats. Hamburger joint. Cheap, quick, VERY edible 10/10 hamburger. Ambience nil.

**DROUIN**

**Robin Hood Inn** 03 56 254884. Pays to book. LOVELY food, smashing surroundings. Not fast

*Sylvia Ford*

## Walks in April/May 1997

Date	Location		Standard	Leader
11-13 April	Grey Hills-Quartz Ridge-Mt Bogong	Private	Med/Hard	Gina Hopkins
13 Sun	Lost Childrens Track (Daylesford)	Bus	Easy & E/M	Peter Havlicek & Alan Ide
16 Wed	Gembrook Regional Park	Private	E/M	Max Casley
18-20	Mt Bullfight-Torbek	Private	E/M	Cameron MacMillan
19 Sat	Dandenongs Explorer	Private	Easy	Maureen Hurley
20 Sun	Mt Alexander	Bus	E/M & Med	Jean Giese & Ian McPhee
25-27	Grampians Base Camp	Private	Various	Alan Miller
27 Sun	Portsea-Sorrento	Bus	Easy & E/M	John Kittson & Fay Pratt
2-4 May	Baw Baw Plateau	Private	Medium	Peter Chalkley
4 May Sun	Mt Beenac	Bus	E/M & M	Jean Giese & Lyn Fletcher
9-11	Mt Buller Lodge Weekend	Private	Various	Bill Metzenthien
10 Sat	Historical Walk: Toorak Ck	Train	Easy	Athol Schafer
11 Sun	Bangammie Forest (Meredith)	Bus	E & E/M	Alan Miller & Clare Lonergan

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