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**Half Yearly General Meeting
of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.**

**Wednesday 20th August, 1997 at 8.00 pm
In the Clubrooms**



Roti Boti

513 Hampton Street, Hampton

on

Thursday 14th August at 7 pm

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7 to 8.30pm (Exact time to be confirmed)

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13th August.**

**For more info
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Beginners Pack Carry Weekend 30-31st August

On the weekend of 30-31 August, Doug Pocock is organising an easy trip for day walkers who want to try their hand at overnight walking. Although this trip does not appear on the quarterly programme, the preview can be found in July **News**

Learn to Cook with Chin

(And help out on a sporting event)

Most of you will have noticed our recent request for volunteers to help out with a rogaïne that members of the club are organising on Saturday, September 20th. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their services, although more would be welcome.

We are now specifically looking for people who will help out on the day, and in particular for people who can assist Chin in the catering for the event, or other general admin tasks. It promises to be an enjoyable time, during which you will learn a few things about the delights of our master chef. Chin has also promised some special treatment for those involved, and you all know what that means - yum!

The catering and admin will be from about 9.00 am to 8.00 pm on the day and helpers can come for the whole day or for part of the day.

Those interested should contact Gina Hopkins () or Alan Clarke (), or turn up at a meeting at club night at 7.30, Wednesday 13th August.

From the Editor

Mea culpa

After holding forth last month on what walkers should do if they get separated from their party, I put my foot right in it. On the walk a couple of Sundays ago I managed to get separated from the rest of the group. My husband was the leader and in the disorganisation at the start he forgot the medical kit which I went back to the bus to collect. In seeking to catch up to the party I took a wrong turn, and while they waited for me, I rejoined the track ahead of them and spent the rest of the day trying to catch up with them. They just would not slow down!! Meanwhile they eventually worked out that I was ahead of them and proceeded to catch up with me. Despite appearances your editor has a fine turn of speed and was never headed on the dash to the bus. The moral is that it was very easy to lose them, and within a very short space of time become completely separated from them. In the discussion it was said that I was the Newsletter Editor and I did not head the advice given last month - TO SIT DOWN AND WAIT FOR THEM TO FIND ME

Judy Gipps

From the President

The ski season is upon us, even though it is not at its best yet - at least, I hope that it is going to improve! I was pleased to see so many beginners out at Lake Mountain for the Beginners Weekend recently, with so many helpers. Cross-country skiing - the sort of skiing that most bushies do - is

a great way to see the high country when it is covered with a mantle of snow. And it is so much cheaper than the other variety! Our club is able to offer many opportunities to indulge so for those of you who are tempted - do take advantage of the 'easy-start' options. Our best-kept secret - Wilkinson Lodge - is a unique and wonderful place to visit in winter, but you'll need to be able to ski with a pack before you can get in there.

I'm aware that the Sunday bus has been full with a waiting list for the last couple of months. As a result some members and visitors are being turned away. This happens every so often on an irregular basis but the situation then reverts to normal. The Walks Secretary monitors this and brings it to the attention of the Management Committee. If it turns out to be more than a passing phenomena then we will examine the options. It is not simply a matter of providing more transport as the walking groups are already large enough when the bus is full. In the meantime, book early!

Regarding our club venue, we are talking to the new owners regarding the use of another room in the same building. This would be a good solution providing our criteria are met. We have been unsuccessful in locating any alternative premises that are entirely suitable.

Derrick Brown

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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

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Closing Date for **SEPTEMBER 97 News** is 27th August 97

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 September Day Walks and a couple for August

Sunday 24th August **Yarra River - Wonga Pk**
Easy & Easy/Medium **Warrendyte**

Leaders: **Alan Ide & Jean Giese**
Transport: **Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am**
Area: **Warrandyte**
Expected time of return: **7.00 pm**
Approximate length of walk: **14 & 18 km**

Both walks start from Jumping Creek Reserve in Warrandyte State Park and head north east to the Bend of Islands for lunch. We continue from there to Witton Reserve before entering the newly added Mt Lofti section of the park. The medium group will explore along the banks of the Yarra while the easy group takes a shortcut. Both walks finish at Homestead Road.

Saturday 30th August **Dandenongs Explorer**
Easy

Leaders: **Debra Gomm**
Transport: **Private - Meeting location below**
Area: **Mt Evelyn**
Expected time of return: **4.00 pm**
Approximate length of walk: **12 km**

Meet at 10.30 am at Silvan Reservoir, Melway map 120 H12 (Borrow Pit Car Park)

Join me for an interesting, scenic walk along well-defined tracks to Mt Evelyn, and returning along a different route. Devonshire tea will be available at a nearby tea place.

Please ring me on (H), if you would like additional information.

Debra Gomm

Sunday 7 September **Wombat State Forest**
Easy/Medium & Medium

Leaders: **Janet Norman & Keith White**
Transport: **Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am**
Area: **Trentham**
Expected time of return: **6.30 pm**
Approximate length of walk: **15 & 18 km**
Map Reference: **Trentham 1:25,000**

This is an area popular for Rogaines as it is relatively open forest and easy to get through - except for the odd patches of Hakea (the plant from hell!). Consequently both walks will be a bit off track as well as on track. There is also a bit of up and down as there are many rolling hills in the Wombat State Forest.

Spring flowers should be emerging and hopefully well able to point out a few birds beginning to nest.

Sunday 14 September **London Bridge-**
Easy & Easy/Medium **Bridgewater Bay**

Leader: **Jean Woodger & Peter McGrath**
Transport: **Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am**
Expected time of return: **7 pm**
Approximate distance: **14 & 18 km**
Area: **Mornington Peninsula**
Map Reference: **Melways Map ref 156,166,167,251**

A spring coastal walk along this section of the Mornington Peninsula offers stunning views, beautiful beaches and fascinating rock formations.

The easy/medium walk starts at Rye Ocean Beach, and the easy at No 16 with both groups finishing at London Bridge. Track and beach walking are involved.

Wednesday 17 September 1997 **Blackwood Ranges**
Easy/Medium **Lookouts**

Leader: **Trevor Thomson**
Transport: **Private**
Expected time of return: **5.30 pm**
Approximate distance: **12 km**
Area: **Trentham**
Map Reference: **Trentham 1:25,000**

Meet 10.30 am Garden of St Erth, 2 km west of Blackwood. The historic gold mining town of Blackwood, on the southern side of the Great Dividing Range, is in the heart of the Wombat/ Lerderderg forests. Starting from the private Garden of St Erth, the circuit is over Fosters and McLaughlin's lookouts, with excellent views (weather permitting), descending to the Lerderderg River, and returning along water race tracks past the site of the former Crown dam.

Sunday 21 September 1997 **Cobaw Ranges**
Easy/Medium & Medium

Leader: **Alan Ide & Marisa Rizzuto**
Transport: **Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am**
Expected time of return: **10.00 pm**
Approximate length of walk: **19 & 29 Km**
Map Reference:

The medium group will wade through Cowbar swamp to the base of Mt Cowbar and then ascend via the NW face. From the summit we will proceed along the Cowbar range to the Cowbar plateau and on to the head of the Cowbar valley.

The easy group wades through the Cowbar river several times as they bush bash up the Cowbar valley through dense thorn scrub and blackberry to rendezvous with surviving members of the medium group.

Editor's Note: Well this is what was submitted - perhaps the leaders would like to submit an amendment for the next edition of the News

**Saturday 27 September 1997 Dandenongs Explorer
Easy**

Leaders: Lena Smarrelli
Transport: Private - see below for meeting location
Area: Dandenongs
Expected time of return: 4pm
Approximate length of walk: 10-12km
Map Reference: Melway Map 44 E1
Area: Studley Park - Fairfield Boat House

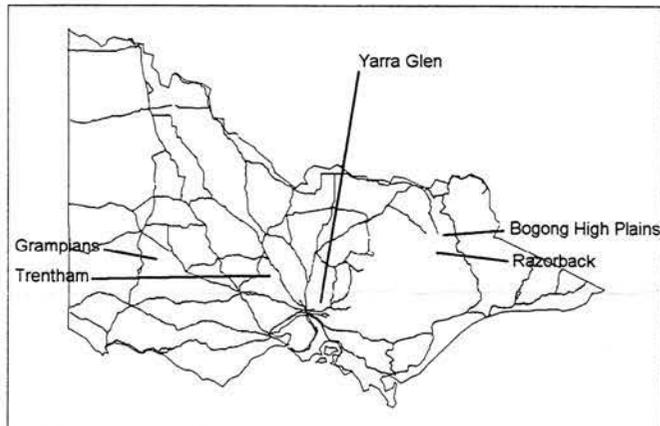
We will walk to the Studley Park Boathouse via Dight Falls. After lunch we will wander along the Yarra River to the Fairfield boathouse for afternoon tea.

Meet us at the Clifton Hill Station (cityside) at 10.45 am for a leisurely walk on a Saturday. For Further info ring Lena on tel

**Sunday 28 September 1997 Yarra Glen
Easy & Easy/Medium Christmas Hills**

Leaders: David Laing & Marika Jagow
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Expected time of return: 7.00pm
Approximate length of walk: 16 km & 20 km
Map Reference:

A preview of this walk will be in the September edition of the **News**.



*Debra Gomm and Ross Berner are happy to
announce their engagement.*

They will be married in April Next Year.

Congratulations from all of us.

VALE MERLE HALLS

Merele Halls, one of our honorary members, passed away on Tuesday 15th July. Bob Steel and I represented Melbourne Bushwalkers at her funeral.

Merle was born at Wedderburn, the eldest child in a pioneering family of that area. She came to Melbourne in the Depression to find work. It was Merle's membership of a tennis club that led her to meet Fred and they were married in 1937.

Merle was active in the Girl Guides becoming a commissioner. She was also very active in the Red Cross for many years and she received a citizenship award for her service. Another of her interests was gardening, especially rose growing, for which she won prizes.

Club members will remember Merle as a quiet friendly person, not quite as active as Fred but still walking on long Christmas walks as well as day and weekend walks. She also is remembered for her articles in Walk magazine.

The Club extends its sympathy to Fred. Also to nephews Lance and Robert (both ex-members of MBW) and to Robert's family.

Doug Pocock

**CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR TREK
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Previews for September Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks

30-31 August **Brisbane Ranges**
Easy **Beginners Pack Carry**

Leader: Doug Pocock
Transport: Private
Area: Between Geelong and Bacchus Marsh
Map Reference: VMTC Brisbane Ranges
Approx Distance: 24 km

The Brisbane Ranges has long been a favourite area of mine because of its botanical diversity. This will be an easy walk which should tempt "old hands" (and feet) as well as anyone perhaps contemplating weekend (or proper) bushwalking.

There should be plenty of wildflowers, maybe a few koalas, historical ruins (Jan's great grandfather was a mine manager here and her grandfather opened his first tailors shop here). All in all a very pleasant walk.

This will be a Saturday morning start 9.30 at Anakie Gorge Picnic Area.

12-14 September 1997 **Razorback**
Medium/Hard **-Feathertop Ski Trip**

Leaders: Marilyn Whimpey
Transport: Private
Area: Mt Hotham
Expected time of return: 10 pm Sunday
Map Reference: Bogong Alpine Area Outdoor Leisure Map
Approx Distance: 20 km

This is one of the best ski trips in Victoria. We start at Diamantina Hut on the Mt Hotham road and ski along the Razorback to camp near the top of the Champion Spur, then head towards Mt Feathertop with day packs. There are steep open slopes, and runs through trees, lots of ups and downs and fabulous views. However, in unfavourable conditions it can be about the most dangerous ski tour in Victoria. If it's icy, bad weather, or no snow we'll try somewhere else in the Hotham area.

Participants need to be experienced skiers and snow campers. There is no water at the camp site, so bring enough fuel to melt snow. No fires allowed.

12-14 September 1997 **Pyrenees Walking Track**
Easy/Medium

Leaders: Jean Giese
Transport: Private
Area: Pyrenees Ranges west of Avoca
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: approx 25 km
Map Reference: Avoca North 1:25,000

The JaJowarrong Aborigines occupied the Pyrenees prior to the European's arrival in the 1840's. Their

name for the area was Peerick. Gold was discovered in 1854 and there are relics of the, mainly, Chinese and Cornish people's activities in the way of mines, Chinese gardens and slate quarries. The footpaths of Collins St, were paved with Percydale slate until 1960.

I'm not sure yet whether we will be mainly on the Pyrenees walking track, which was completed in 1991, or whether we choose a different route. It depends if there is enough water in the creeks for our camping needs.

We will be in undulating country, elevation 350m to 750m, with some steep, hilly sections and superb views. The wildflowers should be out, the nights will be cold and the walking pace will be easy.

19-21 September 1997 **Bogong High Plains Skiing**
Easy/Medium

Leaders: TBA
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Sunday evening
Map Reference: Bogong Alpine Area Outdoor Leisure Map

This is an easy/medium trip to enjoy the Spring Skiing. Route to be chosen according to snow conditions. A leader is still required. Contact Pearson for further information.

26-28 September 1997 **Grampian Pack Carry**
Medium **Mt Difficult - Briggs Bluff**

Leaders: Deborah Henry
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Sunday evening
Map Reference: Mt Difficult 1:25,000 & Mt Stapleton
Approx Distance from Melbourne: 260 km

To begin with this walk is super spectacular so don't forget the camera. We begin at Troopers Creek car park, do a steep climb to Mt Difficult and take in some magnificent views, weather permitting. We will then follow the cliff line north towards Briggs Bluff. Camp will be made just south of Briggs Bluff around the various tributaries of Deep Creek. Next morning we will bag Briggs Bluff and then head north down towards Baker Gap Car Park. From here we will return to Troopers Creek via the road.

This area has some lovely water falls and caves, so there is plenty to see and explore. Note the ridge is mostly cliff and rock slab walking so some agility is required.

26-28 September 1997
Easy

Grampians
Botany Base Camp

Leaders: Doug Pocock
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: 7 pm Sunday evening
Map Reference: Grampians Leisure Series

The Grampians (Gariwerd) are world renowned for their flora. On this trip we will do some leisurely walks giving plenty of time to admire and identify some of the wonderful plants photographers welcome.

At this stage we haven't decided which campsite to use but it will be in the Northern Section. This is an opportunity for people to try camping if they haven't yet done so. Being close to the cars means a few luxuries may be carried (it may be deemed mandatory to share goodies with the leader - by law 24 c ii)

CONSERVATION FORUM

The long awaited management plans for the Wilson's Prom National Park have been released. I think that the plans are very disappointing, basically disgusting. The salient features of the "plan" are:-

- A 45 bed privately owned set of cabins at Tidal River; a lodge to built near Halfway Hut on the lighthouse track; the commercialisation of the lighthouse buildings.
- A track to be cut through the wilderness between Waterloo Bay and the lighthouse.
- An expansion of the "development area" at Tidal River (where the private cabins will be located).
- A vaguely defined thing called "A Centre of Excellence" just inside the park boundary at Yanakie.

The details have not been released (possibly because they are still being negotiated with a favoured operator and/or made up on the run as the process goes along) but it is likely that there will be a commercial operator selected and given a long term (99 year?) lease option. It should be a very profitable venture for the favoured and lucky operator given the exclusive and unique settings. It seems that the main driving force for the new track through the southern wilderness to the lighthouse is to provide a circuit between the commercial lodgings. I would have no objection to the lighthouse site being operated on either a public or private commercial basis, given restrictions that the development be in keeping with the historic nature of the site. That would be one way to preserve it. But to develop additional commercial sites at Tidal River, Waterloo Bay and Halfway Hut with linking tracks to

make it a viable commercial proposition is inconsistent with the wilderness values in that part of the national park.

Doug Humann of the Vic. National Parks Assoc. (VNPA.) summarised it quite well, and to quote Doug: "The decision to allow such developments also ignores strong public sentiment that parks are for nature conservation. The state government has learnt nothing from the community outcry which erupted last year [over The Prom]". Elsewhere he wrote, "The Premier abandoned the 150 bed lodge/hotel [at Tidal River] not because it was inappropriate for a national park, but because it was not commercially viable".

I think that the later point is the essential factor in whether proposed developments succeed to the point of supporting legislation being forced through parliament. It was most certainly true of Mt Stirling. The development at Mt Stirling was, at best, dodgy. There was no way that the downhill resort could have been commercially viable as a development (let alone the operation of the resort, but that's a different and separate issue) without an enormous subsidy in the form of publicly funded infrastructure development AND a free handout of public land to the developer as freehold titles. It sounds the same at The Prom except that leasehold will be substituted for freehold. The Yanakie "Centre of Excellence" could be developed as a commercial venture outside the nearby park boundary, on private land, without compromising the integrity of a national park.

The Club supported the VNPA. "Hands of The Prom" campaign with a donation from the Club's special account. That donation was clearly a wise investment as the battle continues. It looks to me that our parliamentary representatives need a big stick tacking to them to reinforce the "Hands Off The Prom" message. The best stick is a threat to the electoral majorities of individual seats if the views of the 45,000 petitions and 3237 submissions already sent in are further ignored. Now that the "plans" have been released we can focus on its inadequacies. I hope to be able to give details of the Club's response in the next 'News'.

Graeme Thornton



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Beginners Ski Day

Lake Mountain July 19

An enthusiastic crowd of Bushies gathered at Marysville bright and early on Saturday Morning. Some even early enough to have a wake up coffee. Car sharing was quickly organised and everyone was off to the slopes. As we were early there was no waiting at the entrance and all cars went into the top car park.

Because we had plenty of experienced skiers we were able to send the beginners off with their own personal minders. Each pair made their way along the trails with the experienced partners imparting pearls of wisdom and invaluable tips to the tyros. That was the theory at least. A vague ski school assembled at Echo Flat where the mysteries of diagonal stride, kick turn and snow plough were explained, demonstrated and then quickly mastered (???). Moving along with their new skills and with lots of encounters of the snow kind, pairs went their various ways to the lunch rendezvous. The sun shone, the snow was good, and all was well with the world.

After lunch, groups reorganised. Some headed off to Jubilee Trail, some to Panorama, while others

opted to improve their skills on the slope near the lunch spot. Eventually, everyone made their way back to the cars and left the snow. We had enough time for coffee and cakes in Marysville before heading home. A beaut ending to a beaut day.

Doug Pocock

Cycle Trip

August 2nd

This trip tempted some of the Golden Oldies along to explore the upper length of the Warburton Trail. Ken and Joan McMahon brought Daniel and Rohan the next generation of Bushies. We left our cars at Launching Place pub car park and rode to Yarra Junction, on through Wesburn and Millgrove to Warburton. Ken's comment was that we rode at 120 words per minute.

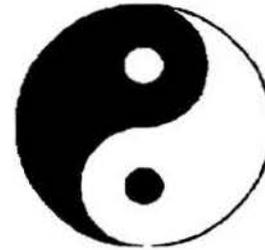
After Warburton the ride continued on the Centenary Trail and then diverted to Big Pats Creek for lunch. The uphill climb before lunch was appreciated on our return because it gave an exhilarating fast run down. We returned to our cars after an afternoon tea break at a small cafe at Yarra Junction.

Within the foreseeable future this trail will be open all the way from Lilydale to Warburton, a distance of some 32 km. Whilst not greatly challenging, this will be a very pleasant ride.

Doug Pocock

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Committee Reports

Treasurer:	Accounts for July 1997
Opening Balance	\$61,205.04
Receipts	\$4,550.14
Payments	\$5,290.09
Closing Balance	\$60,464.19

Walks Secretary: Attendances for June 97

	Trips	Av	1996
Sunday Bus	5	43.6	35.8
Pack Carry	1	10	8
Wed,Hist, Dandenong	3	16.3	10
Base Camp	1	18	15.5

Membership:

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	11
Single Memberships	340
Family Memberships (2x 44 =)	88
Total membership	450

Duty Roster

13th August	Anne & Pearson
20th August	Jean & Bernie
27th August	Doug & Derrick
3rd September	Ralph & Peter

Next committee meeting 1st September, 1997

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Half Yearly General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

Wednesday 20th August, 1997 at 8.00 pm

In the Clubrooms

All members are welcome and are urged to attend

Visitors may observe but cannot vote.

If you are unable to attend but would like to cast a vote fill in the Proxy form that appears below.

Form of Appointment of Proxy

I..... of.....
 being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc), hereby appoint
 of.....
 being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc), as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the half yearly general meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th August, 1997 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

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

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Aug 31-Sep 19	Finke-Watarrka #2	\$1695
Sep 21-Oct 11	Macdonnell Ranges #2	\$1695

Kimberley Come and see the waterfall and gorge we found in June. They don't show on the map.

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Walks in August/September 1997

Date	Location		Standard	Leader
8-10 Aug	Rawson Lodge Ski Weekend	Private	Various	Sylvia Ford
10 Aug	Bungal Dam	Bus	E & E/M	Peter Havlicek & Jordy Cuthbertson
15-17 Aug	Beginners Ski Camp	Private	Easy	Pearson Cresswell
15-17 Aug	Federation S&R Practice	Private		Peter Chalkley
16 Aug	Historical Walk: Albert Park	Train	Easy	Athol Schafer
17 Aug	Yea Spur	Bus	E/M & M	John Kittson & Fay Pratt
20 Wed	Sugarloaf Reservoir/Christmas Hills	Private	E/M	Alister Rowe
22-24 Aug	Falls Ck- Niggerheads- Mt Fainter	Private	Medium	Ken McMahon
24 Sun	Yarra R - Wonga Park-Warrandyte	Bus	E & E/M	Alan Ide & Jean Giese
29-31	The Bluff Ski Trip	Private	Medium	Ralph Blake
30 Aug	Dandenongs Explorer	Private	Easy	Debra Gomm
31 Aug	Tooborac - Mollisons Ck	Bus	E/M & M	Jean Woodger & Peter McGrath
30-31 Aug	Beginners Pack Carry	Private	Easy	Doug Pocock
7 Sept	Wombat State Forest	Bus	E & E/M	Janet Norman & Keith White

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