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Margaret Borden

Slide Night

With the people from

WALK ALSACE

Wednesday 1st October
8pm
Clubrooms

Grampians Botany Base Camp
26-28 September, 1997

See new details in the weekend section of this edition

From the President

At our half-yearly meeting there was some discussion regarding some conservation issues and on several current topics. There are some notes elsewhere in this issue of 'News'.

Regarding the clubrooms, the latest news is that the would-be new lease-holders are still going through the due process of agreeing a lease and - as the building is owned by a State Government body - this is not a straightforward process. It has to have Parliamentary approval. October now looks to be a likely date for things to start moving. We will be offered a different room in the same building but no details will be discussed yet. In the meantime your committee has investigated every idea that has been put forward - and there have been scores - and there are few suitable options open to us. The best one is a venue that will become available later in the year and we are pursuing this one.

The day-walks programme continues to be very popular, with the bus full every Sunday. This situation will be examined now to see what we should do, if anything, to satisfy the demand. We have not seen a corresponding increase in weekend walking yet, but perhaps that will follow. At the time of writing we are about to run a beginners pack-carry weekend and perhaps more

day walkers would like to get into this. It's where the *really* interesting walking takes place! There are some great opportunities coming up in the Spring programme. We're working on a new publication relevant to this but in the meantime don't be shy about asking about it.

The ski season is only now in full swing and I'm off to enjoy a week in the snow at Wilky. It's a hard life!

Derrick Brown

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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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faxed to Judy Gipps on
emailed to

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Members Ads - FREE

Closing Date for **OCTOBER 97 News** is **1 October 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 October Day Walks and a couple for September

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: 12 & 18 Km
Area: North of Hanging Rock

It has been suggested to me that my original walk plan printed in the last issue of The News may have been a bit tough! The new plan is for the Easy group to walk along the length of the range from near Cobaw roughly parallel with Ridge Road. Much of this walk is cross country through the open woodland that covers this range. There is some bracken and the like so gaiters or leggings of some kind may be an advantage. The medium walkers will take a more circuitous route along the many FWD tracks that crisscross the forest to finish at the same location as the Easy group.

Victims of my last walk at Warrandyte will be pleased to know that there are no steep muddy banks to descend or slippery logs to cross..

Sunday 28 September 1997 **Yarra Glen - Christmas Hills (Sugarloaf Res)**
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leaders: David Laing & Marika Jagow
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Expected time of return 6.00pm
Approximate length of walk: 15.5 km & 18 km
Map Reference: Melway 273

These walks circle the Sugarloaf Reservoir but in opposite directions. Both will end at the picnic area in Saddle Dam Park, where there are toilets, shelters and boiling water.

Our aim is for both groups to meet for lunch at the highest point of the circuit (there is also a toilet nearby). The E/M group will walk about 2.5 km further and possibly include going over Mt Graham.

There is a moderate but relatively short climb on both walks up to the high point, where views of the surrounding areas and even the city are available.

David Laing (W) (H)

Sunday 5th October **Yankee Creek**
Easy/Medium & Medium **Upper Lerderberg**

Leaders: Jean Giese & Vincent Torley
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am
Area: West of Blackwood
Map reference: Trentham 1:25,000
Expected time of return: 6.30 pm
Approximate length of walk: 14 & 18 km

I couldn't find two good walks in the Yankee Creek area so I've slipped a few K's westward in this old goldmining area. The medium walk will commence at Sultan A mine and proceed south taking in the (disused) New Sultan, Imperial and Easter Monday mines, some

lookouts for good views and finish along the walking track beside the Lerderberg River.

The Easy/Medium will start at the "Imperial" and follow a similar route.

Sunday 5th October **Broadford - Yea**
Tough & Medium **Run & Walk**

Leaders: John Roseman
Transport: Private
Area: Yea
Expected time of return: 8.30 pm
Approximate length of walk: 50 km

Broadford to Yea cross country carrying our own water and food. This is an extremely difficult task requiring great fitness. I only expect there to be two starters. However if you would like to experience half the run arrangements can be made to pick you up at the half way mark.

Sunday 12 October **Little Yarra Track**
Easy/Medium & Medium **Reids Mill**

Leaders: Gina Hopkins & Derrick Brown
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am
Area: Poweltown
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: 14 & 18 km
Map Reference: Ada River 8022-2-4

Both walks will follow the lines of the old bush railways that ran from Poweltown to the logging sites, camps and townships that existed in the early part of this century. Most of the walking is on the level, but there is one short steep ascent/descent on both walks. Gurgling creeks and tree ferns abound and Gina will be able to identify many birds for those interested. We will see what remains of Reids Mill, destroyed by fire in 1928 and the observant will see the occasional original sleeper and some timbers from the original bridges. The area had a sprinkling of snow when we did the preview but it should be good walking weather in October.

Wednesday 15th October **Ship Rock-**
Easy/Medium **Kurth Kiln**

Leader: Max Casley
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: 6 pm
Approximate distance: 15 km
Area: Gembrook
Map Reference: Gembrook South 1:25,000

The walk starts at Ship Rock Picnic Ground 10.15am. This is on the Gembrook to Launching Place Road, on the western side, about 13 km north of Gembrook, and about 6km south of Hoddles Creek. Telephone me on for details or meet at at 8.30 am.

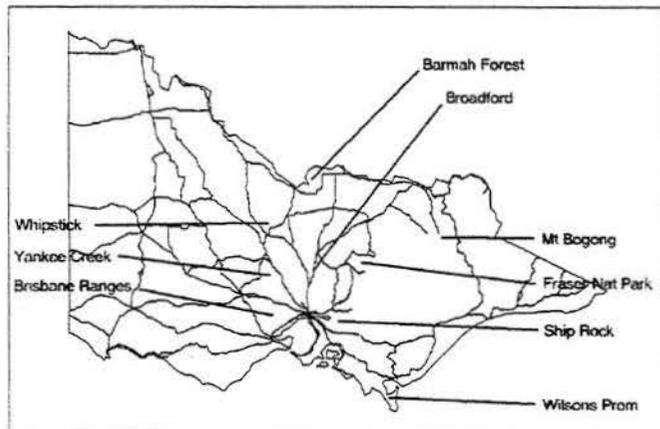
We will visit the Ship Rock Falls where the water emerges from underground just above the Falls. The walk then goes through State Forest, mainly on tracks as the undergrowth is generally quite thick. Lunch will be at the Kurth Kiln Picnic ground crossing Tomahawk Creek on the way - a log crossing, no problems. Then we will wander back beside Shepherd Creek which has magnificent Mountain Ash Gums.

Sunday 19th October 1997
Easy & Easy/Medium

Brisbane Ranges

Leader: Sylvia Ford & Anne Wilkins
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am
Expected time of return: 7.00 pm
Approximate distance: 12 & 20 km
Area: North of Geelong, W of the You Yangs,
S of Baccus Marsh
Map Reference: Straughton Vale & Eclipse Ck 1:25,000

Psst! You wanna see lovely flowers? You wanna see cuddly koalas? You wanna see beautiful scenery and get a bit of exercise? You stick with Anne and me, we show you a good time. You can't come? We got friends who do good job with concrete boots. You be there!



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Letter to the Editor

In the presidents column in last months News Derrick referred to Wilkinson Lodge as the Clubs best kept secret. I must protest!!! As Wilky manager for the last 5 years I have tried to bring Wilky to the notice of club members on many occasions. Each year I have organised an Introduction to Wilkinson weekend and National Park work parties have always been promoted as a way of getting to Wilky. Sometimes there have even been as many as five members to up the offer!!.

I must assure members that Wilky is a Club hut and is available to all members after a suitable introduction. Let there be no hint of secrecy as far as Wilky is concerned.

Yours faithfully

Mr D POCOCK
(Mother of eight)
(Retired)

*The millennium bug could well effect GPSs.
Towards 2000 a Silva may be a safer bet*

Stephen Lake

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Previews for October Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks and one for September

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

We have checked out our options for camping and have decided on Plantation Camping Ground. We have booked with the National Parks service, there will be a small charge. There are toilets and water, fireplaces and some tables in a pleasant setting. The camping ground is about 7km north of Halls Gap on the Mt Zero Rd. Coming from Ararat turn right immediately after the bridge.

On Saturday we plan a walk up on to the Mt Difficult Range. Should be excellent views and there will be lots of flowers. We will probably be back at camp fairly early so binoculars for bird watching would be useful.

On Sunday the program will be packing up and moving on to do some short walks on Golton gorge and Mt Zero plus whatever we feel like before leaving for home.

Weather permitting this should be an excellent walk in a very beautiful part of Victoria.

Doug Pocock

3-5 October 1997
Medium

Barmah State Forest
-Pack Carry

Leaders: Anne Wilkins (H) 9482 3069
Transport: Private
Area: Northern Victoria
Expected time of return: Sunday evening
Map Reference: Moira Lakes & Barmah (1:25,000 topo)
Approx Distance from Melbourne: 250 km

This area along the Murray River near Echuca forms the largest Red Gum forest in the world - some trees being over 300 years old, and together with a series of lakes and creeks form an area of internationally significant wetlands. The forest is also a breeding ground and major flightpath for migratory birds.

There hasn't been a club trip in this area since 1981 ! and it promises to be wonderfully different to many of the areas around Victoria where we do most of our walking.

It may be flat, but it's guaranteed to be interested and won't be a bludge, so get the tent out and come and experience some fantastic sunsets, sunrises and clean, clear fresh air. A great springtime warmup for summer ! The Dharnya centre in the forest has information on the forest ecology and the culture and history of the Yorta Yorta people who are actively involved in running it, we hope to pop in there also.

10-12 October 1997
All (Easy - Hard)

Federation W/E Walk
The Prom

Leaders: Pearson Cresswell
Area: Wilsons Prom
Expected Time of return: Sunday 9.00 pm
Approximate length of walk: Various
Map Reference: Wilsons Prom NP (Outdoor Leisure Map)

"Experience the fun of a Federation Weekend, come along and enjoy the wonders of Wilsons Prom with walkers from other clubs. Participate in walks from our extensive program, compare experiences and make new friends". So goes the invitation from Boroondara Bushwalkers who have organised a full program of walks and social events. All walks are day (or half day) walks from a base camp at Tidal River. Costs are \$5 registration fee plus \$3.25 per night for camping. Come along and show how much we love The Prom.

10-12 October 1997
Medium/Hard

Mt Bogong Skiing

Leaders: Ralph Blake
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Sunday evening
Map Reference: Bogong Alpine Area
Outdoor Leisure Map
Near Mt Beauty

This will be the usual spring time skiing trip to Mount Bogong with lots of gully skiing and exploring. However, we may have the option of staying for an extra day (on Monday 13 October) weather and enthusiasm of group permitting.

Access will be via the Staircase or Eskdale Spur. Camp will be made at an appropriate spot depending on our route and the prevailing weather conditions.

This trip is suitable for experienced skiers and snow campers only.

17-19 October 1997
Easy/Medium

Fraser National Park

Leaders: Mary Leonard
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Sunday evening

This walk to Fraser National Park in the springtime should be a delight. Catch up with Mary in the clubrooms to discuss this walk as at the moment she is off in Ireland getting married.

24-26 October 1997
Easy

Whipstick State Park
Base Camp

Leaders: Gina Hopkins
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Sunday evening
Map Reference: Epson, Marong 1:25,000
Area: Bendigo

This weekend is planned to be more of a botanising and birding kind of weekend, rather than 'real' bushwalking. The area is renowned for its spectacular wildflowers in spring, and we'll have some flora 'experts' with us (like Sylvia) to tell us what's that. The bird list for the Whipstick has 170 species of birds, including 23 honeyeaters. Please come along and help me to find some of them, and join in for a relaxing and fun weekend.

Snow Rescue - Wilky Ski Trip

On a recent trip to Wilky we had need to call out the S.E.S. and ambulance. Jan and I had taken in a group from the Melbourne Nordic Ski Club and everyone had a most pleasant week despite a few minor problems. Included in the group were Bill and Lisa Downing, MBW members many years ago.

The weather on Saturday was windy as we cleaned up ready to leave and we persuaded Bill and Lisa to leave ahead of the rest of us. When the rest of us, five people, left about 20 min later it had started to snow and by the time we reached Wallaces hut the weather was pretty foul. We followed the snow pole line and as we reached the shoulder of Basalt Hill we met 4 Rovers who told us that Lisa had fallen and probably broken her leg, they were pushing on to the Rover Chalet to radio for help. We went on down in lousy visibility to find Lisa and Bill about 100m from the bridge at Langfords Gap, Lisa was in a bivvy bag and Bill was trying to find some shelter.

At this stage I had to consider what the options were. There was a phone in the group but it was not connecting so as an insurance I sent two people off to Falls Creek, using the phone along the way, to ensure the S.E.S. were alerted. As it turned out the phone was useless and they eventually made contact with the S.E.S. as they were travelling out to us.

My options were to stay put or to move to the shelter of the S.E.C. hut. To move Lisa I could build a stretcher which would mean a lot of mucking around with my gloves off and only a fairly weak party (4) to carry the stretcher. The same applied to building a sledge. I could piggy-back Lisa to the hut but this would mean taking her out of the comfort of the bivvy bag, splinting her leg and carrying her over a very icy surface, possibly having a tumble on the way.

As we had a snow shovel with us I decided to stay put. We seemed to be in the only deep snow in Langfords Gap and I was able to dig a pit (it looked like a grave) and pile snow blocks on the windward side to make a shelter. In the meantime we had piled our packs to form a shelter after putting on extra windproofs. While digging the shelter I saw a lone skier (who didn't seem to know where he was) and I asked him to raise the alarm when he got back to Falls Ck. To ensure help was on its way.

We put Lisa and Bill into the shelter and proceeded to enlarge the pit and snow wall so that we could all get some shelter. Jan tried to use her emergency space blanket on Bill but found it simply shredded in the wind. The only suitable cover was a space ground sheet.

As I finished enlarging the shelter four skiers emerged from the gloom, one was in S&R, they had been alerted by the lone skier. I would have preferred to move Lisa and the group to the shelter hut but they felt it was better to stay in the shelter we had made. The new group had a phone and they were able to confirm that help was on its way. (incidentally, their phone was the type that is being phased out in favour of the type that didn't work).

The new people made sure Bill, and all of us, stayed sheltered and two of them went off into the gloom to show the rescue skidoos where we were. Lisa was comfy inside the bivvy bag. When the skidoos reached us the Ambo splinted Lisa's leg and loaded her into the rescue sledge, the other skidoos were able to take Jan as well as Bill and our packs to Falls Ck. Gudrun and I had lunch at the shelter hut before skiing back to Falls Ck. When we all re-united we found that Lisa's ankle had been broken in three places (Potts fracture) and that Bill had mild hypothermia though we felt some of this may have been brought about by the trip on the skidoo.

The whole experience raised quite a few interesting points, the main one being any course of action under those conditions has its downside. You have to choose what you think is the safest course of action and get on with it. The course of action I chose was because of having the bivvy bag for Lisa and having the snow shovel, without these we would have had to get to the shelter hut somehow. The other points were the uselessness of rescue blankets under those adverse conditions and of course the unreliability of the phone.

Finally I would like to say how relieved I was to see Richard of YHA and his three friends who gave such help and support.

Doug Pocock

Report of the Half Yearly AGM

On August 20th 1997 the club held the half year AGM and approved the minutes of the annual general meeting held on 26 February 1997. Copies of the AGM minutes are available from the committee members on duty at the club.

Whilst the committee gave a brief update on walkers behaviour expectations, and the search for accommodation, the main focus of discussion dealt with conservation and bus trips.

The meeting was very well attended and a number of resolutions were passed in relation to conservation. The committee had discussed the proposal, and the conservation representative Graeme Thornton has put forward in the last few issues of the **News**, the situation with the Wilson Prom developments. At the last committee meeting Graeme Thornton asked the club to consider what it did and didn't want to do ahead. The options include

- A. 45 bed lodge
- B. New halfway hut
- C. Upgrade and commercial development of the lighthouse
- D. New tracks on SW end to Waterloo Bay from the lighthouse
- E. Centre of excellence concentrating on private training in hospitality.

At the half yearly AGM the decision of the committee was reinforced with the following motions passed. Fundamentally, they centre on the acknowledgment that development has occurred in the park, but that we want to keep it to a minimum, and not for commercial concerns. Most of the proposals seem to suggest that development is in the public interest however closer inspection reveals that there are ulterior financial (and private) motives. The following is a direct translation of the motions passed.

MOTION: That this club be in favour of the proposal for a walking (non vehicular) track cut from the Wilson's Prom Lighthouse to Waterloo Bay via the coast".

Moved: Sylvia Ford, Seconded Peter Havlicek. Motion Carried.

The club also passed another motion dealing with the other proposals.

MOTION "That this club opposes any new development within the park such as the proposed halfway hut, 45 bed lodge and the centre of excellence".

Moved: Sylvia Ford, Seconded Lindsay Crawford. Motion carried.

The club seeks continued advice, discussion and action from its members. Conservation is increasingly an important concern for bushwalkers - how often have we complained about things such as trail bikes ? These bigger issues require bigger effort, and its up to us to start.

In relation to the club profile, the discussion highlighted that many of the club leaders on walks are people who have been with the club for a very long period of time. These people have our deepest thanks but it's a concern, as reflected in the heated discussion at the clubs AGM. Its hard for everyone to maintain an intensive level of involvement, but as the bus gets more and more full, we can't put on more trips because we don't have enough leaders. It is stretching the capacity of current leaders to do more than they already do - so the call went up for members to consider leading a walk - even by starting as an assistant. We also spoke about trying to encourage new people and younger people to keep coming back - so that the club does not appear daunting. After all the Melbourne Bushies is one of the largest so its harder to get to know people and not feel left out when everyone else knows each other.

Friends of Warburton Trail

The friends of Warburton Trail invite you to a sneak preview of the as yet unopened section of the Warburton Trail on October 5th. This is only a short stroll from the Woori Yallock to Killara station but can be extended by walking the recently opened section to Seville and then returning to Woori Yallock. Barbecue refreshments will be available for a reasonable cost at Killara station. Cost of this amazing adventure is a donation to the Friends Group of \$4 or \$10 per family.

For further details ring Doug Pocock on

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Gillian Tolley

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BOOKING PROCEDURES FOR TRIPS

The club's procedures for booking on trips are an important part of our system for getting people out there walking while keeping the demands on leaders to a reasonable level. As problems do occur from time to time, we list here the definitive procedures for both members and leaders to follow. These are as defined in the club By-laws with some fine detail added by the Committee.

SUNDAY BUS TRIPS

Bookings should be made in person at the clubrooms. The leader or deputy will attend the meetings on the two Wednesdays preceding the walk.

Money for bus trips (fares & visitor fees) must be given to the leader (or deputy), not to the treasurer, committee members on duty, etc. Bookings are only confirmed when all money due has been paid.

Postal bookings are acceptable in the event that a member is unable to attend the Wednesday meetings. Postal bookings, together with a cheque for the amount due payable to Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc., should be sent to the trip leader at the club's postal address

(PO Box 1751Q, MELBOURNE 3001). Bookings for more than one trip should be sent separately. To ensure a seat (see below), postal bookings should be sent to reach the club's PO box by the Tuesday 2 weeks before the walk.

Priority of bookings: At the meetings, first priority will be given to personal bookings. Postal bookings will be accepted as they are received, provided that no one is waiting to make a personal booking.

Unreserved seats: Persons without reserved seats may be accepted on trips provided that (a) there is room on the bus, (b) the leader is prepared to accept them and (c) they pay an extra Late Fee (\$2) in addition to the Walks & Visitors Fees. Please bring correct money.

Telephone bookings are not accepted.

Cancellations: The leader should be informed of any cancellations as early as possible, so that the seat can be made available to others.

Credit in lieu of a cancellation can be obtained provided that the cancellation was due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, and that the leader was informed. Application should be made in writing to the Walks Secretary (or Assistant Walks Secretary) stating the applicant's name, the trip, fees in question and the reason for cancellation. He may, at his discretion, issue a credit note which can be used when booking for future trips.

TRIPS USING PRIVATE TRANSPORT

Bookings should be made in person at the clubrooms. The leader or deputy will attend the meetings on the two Wednesdays preceding the walk.

Telephone bookings may be made by contacting the leader at the number given on the programme.

Where members cars are used for transport, the leader will allocate passengers to cars. The owner/driver of the car will arrange details (time & place) for pick-up and return of passengers. Each passenger shall pay the driver costs at the approved rate (currently 6c/km) together with a share of any necessary expenses (eg. park entry fees). Visitor Fees will be collected by the leader.

Pearson Cresswell
Walks Secretary
21 August 1997

New members

SALLY CARLESS

DOREEN HOPKINS

MARINA CORDA

GINA HOPKINS

EAMON KELLY

ALLAN KITCHENER

JOHN LYSAGHT

JANTY TAYLOR

DIANNE MEASON

Committee Reports

SUE MORAN

Treasurer:	Accounts for August 1997
Opening Balance	\$60,464.19
Receipts	\$2,183.00
Payments	\$4,505.10
Closing Balance	\$58,142.09

BOON SU NAUGHTON

Walks Secretary: Attendances for July 97

ANNE O'DONOGHUE

	Trips	Av	1996
Sunday Bus	4	43.3	35.3
Wed,Hist, Dandenong	2	10	10.5
Ski Day	1	29	
Cancelled	4		

DAVIDE P PARKES

ALAN TRAVELL

Membership:

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	11
Single Memberships	351
Family Memberships (2x 44=)	88
Total membership	461

Add to membership list:

SUE CLARKE

Altered Address/Phone:

CHRISTOPHER CHEAH

ARESH FRASER

MARK FRASER

Committee Duty Roster

10 th Sept	Bill & Jean
17 th Sept	Stephen & Judy
24 th Sept	Anne & Marisa
1 st Oct	Pearson & Lloyd

Next committee meeting 6th October, 1997

Some Club By-Laws

Melbourne Walkers(Incorporated)

- Leaders of trips must be members of the Club, unless agreed otherwise by the Committee for a particular trip.
- A leader must attend the clubrooms for at least two Wednesdays prior to his/her trip, for the purpose of accepting bookings. If unable to attend he/she must request another member to take bookings on his/her behalf.
- A leader may refuse to accept any person on a walk.
- A leader is responsible for giving accurate directions to the bus driver or car drivers
- Members and Visitors on Club trips shall recognise the authority of the leader, and carry out any reasonable requests made by him/her.
- Members and Visitors on Club trips shall refrain from any behaviour or actions likely to reflect adversely on the Club.
- Any person who is not a member and is accepted on a trip (a visitor) shall be charged an extra fee (a Visitors Fee) at a rate set by the Committee.
- The Visitors Fee ceases to be payable when a person has submitted his/her application for membership.
- Full-time students, pensioners, persons receiving unemployment benefit and children under the age of 12 years pay a concessionary Walks Fee. Visitors under the age of 16 years are exempt from Visitors fees.
- Visitors under the age of 16 are allowed on Club trips provided that:-
 - (a) the leader is convinced that the person can satisfactorily complete the trip
 - and (b) the leader is willing to take the person
 - and (c) the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- The proposer and seconder of an application for membership must have accompanied the applicant on at least one of his/her qualifying walks.
- Qualifying walks must take place within the twelve months prior to an application for membership.
- The following qualifying walks shall be considered equivalent to those specified in the Rules
 - :(a) One weekend or long weekend walk plus one day walk
 - (b) One four-day (e.g. Easter) or longer walk
- New members joining after the 1st October shall pay half of the annual subscription.
- Applicants for membership shall receive a rebate against their membership fee of the Visitors Fees paid against their qualifying walks.
- Any rubbish shall not be left or buried, but brought back from a trip.
- Firearms and animals are not permitted on Club trips.

BOGONG equipment

Bogong Equipment are currently setting up a service on the Internet which will allow visitors to purchase everything from tents and sleeping bags to rock climbing gear and skis. Their web address is

<http://www.bogong.com.au>

They are offering members the opportunity to purchase outdoor equipment at below retail prices with a special introductory offer for free delivery anywhere in Australia.

Bushies Good Food Guide

Several bushies used to eat at The Yarck (Maroondah Highway, Yarck, a few km past Yea). You got good home cooking from Pam and backchat from Alan. Then they retired, sold up and were going to travel around Australia.

Bill and I called in on Saturday night after a day's skiing at Stirling. The restaurant has been open for about 3 weeks. It's a little more expensive than before, and not quite so homely. It's being managed by a young couple, Sara and Richard Senfleben. Richard is the chief cook and fire stoker, and Sara looks after the guests.

Sara said Alan and Pam called in the other day after completing their trip around Australia. They've bought a house in Alexandra, and are renovating their house in Rosebud, where they intend to live. I didn't ask where the cat went.

Marilyn Whimpey



Trek the tropical summer.

Enjoy Kakadu and the Kimberley at their lush, green, magnificent best. Feast your senses on the flowing creeks, swollen rivers, thundering waterfalls, carpets of flowers, spectacular storms, cozy rock shelters and the warm rains that make bushwalking in the tropical summer such a delight.

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Be a part of our first wet season expedition to the Mitchell Plateau, two strenuous weeks of pure magic.

Keep your pack weight down with the helicopter food drop on our Mt Hart - Isdell trip.

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Walks in September 1997

7 Sun	WOMBAT STATE FOREST	Bus	Easy & E/Medium	Janet Norman & Keith White
12-14	RAZORBACK - FEATHERTOP SKI TRIP	Private	Medium	Merilyn Whimpey
12-14	PYRENEES WALKING TRACK	Private	E/Medium	Jean Giese
14 Sun	LONDON BRIDGE-BRIDGewater BAY (MORNINGTON PENINSULA)	Bus	Easy & E/Medium	Jean Woodger & Peter McGrath
17 Wed	BLACKWOOD RANGES LOOKOUTS	Private	E/Medium	Trevor Thomson
19-21	BOGONG HIGH PLAINS SKIING	Private	E/Medium	TBA
21 Sun	COBAW RANGES	Bus	E/Medium & Medium	Alan Ide & Marisa Rizzuto
26-28	GRAMPIANS: PACK CARRY	Private	Medium	Deborah Henry
26-28	GRAMPIANS: BOTANY BASE CAMP	Private	Easy	Doug Pocock
27 Sat	DANDENONGS EXPLORER	Private	Easy	Lena Smarrelli
28 Sun	YARRA GLEN - CHRISTMAS HILLS	Bus	Easy & E/Medium	David Laing & Marika Jagow
3-5	BARMAH FOREST (PACK CARRY)	Private	Easy	Anne Wilkins
5 Sun	YANKEE CREEK (UPPER LERDERBERG)	Bus	E/Medium & Medium	Jean Giese & Vincent Torley
5 Sun	BROADFORD - YEA RUN & WALK	Private	Tough & Med	John Roseman

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