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Track Clearing Yarra Ranges NP

14th June

Contact Anne Wilkins

Flinders Ranges

visiting probably the Gammons; Arkaroola and Freeling Heights; Mt Hack and Wilpena Pound.

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Sylvia Ford

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Everyone is Welcome

Saturday 18th July

See Inside for details

From the President

I have some news this month regarding the clubrooms. The would-be new lease-holders now have a lease to examine. (For reasons unknown it has taken the Victorian Government a year to produce it). They are producing plans which will then have to be agreed. It seems that there are probably several more months of negotiation to go - they may be able to tell us more within a month. They expect to be able to offer us accommodation within the existing building. I'll keep you informed...

We've had another episode of walkers getting lost on a Sunday walk. Two episodes, in fact, on the same walk. These situations can become most confusing and stressful for the leader. They can waste a lot of time and become most annoying for the other innocent walkers caught up in a situation not of their making. The cause is an old one; walkers go ahead of the group and lose contact, then make their own decisions regarding the route. This is at best careless, at worst - selfish. The remedy is simple - a bushwalk is a group activity and walkers have a responsibility to remain in contact with the group at all times. This rule holds even on a straightforward walk - these latest incidents happened on a beach walk! Members should already be aware of this; visitors will need to be told. Leaders may need to be very clear on this when they make their walk introduction. If the walk is not fast enough then I suggest that the walkers go on tougher walks - there is much scope in weekend walking, and we have the ski season coming up.

The training sub-committee are at work and a navigation day was held in April. We shall be seeing

more of their plans soon. They are considering training in the widest sense - leaders and walkers.

Derrick Brown

Vale Gwynnyth Taylor

It is with sadness that we note the death of a wonderful lady, Gwynnyth Taylor. It was Gwynnyth's efforts that started the ball rolling leading to the Bushies acquiring Wilkinson Lodge, described by a Past president as "the jewel in the crown of Melbourne Bushwalkers".

Gwynnyth was committed to Conservation and was President of VNPA 1967-71. She was especially interested in the alpine areas.

The club has decided to donate \$5,000 to the VNPA in Gwynnyth's memory to fight for Conservation issues in the alpine areas.

Our sympathy is extended to Sue and Peter.

Doug Pocock

Anyone interested in weekend snow (show) walks, contact Lance in clubrooms

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Previews for June Day Walks and one for May

Saturday 30th May 1998 **Dandenong's Explorer**
Easy **Emerald to Gembrook**

Leaders: **Michael Humphrey**
Transport: **Private**
Area: **Dandenongs**
Expected time of return: **4.30pm**
Approximate length of walk: **13kms**
Map Reference: **Melways Maps 127,188 & 189**

We will meet promptly at 10.45am at Gembrook Park (Melway Map 189 H 11) which is off the Belgrave-Gembrook Road and Redwood Road. If you are coming by Public Transport the train arrives at Belgrave Station at 10.02am - please ensure that you ring me at home on so that I can meet you at the station.

Please note that this is not a circuit walk so we will need to organise a car shuffle - so bearing this in mind we will take sufficient cars to get us all to the beginning of the walk which is at Emerald Reserve. As this is not a circuit walk I would appreciate it if everyone intending to come on this walk give me a call at home in order to book in.

We follow the Puffing Billy Railway track all the way from Emerald to Gembrook, so this is a good walk for this time of year, especially if it is very wet under foot. We finish the walk at Gembrook where some of us may care to call into the now "renowned" Gembrook Pottery (well - at least the leader will) then we make our way to the cars and the return journey to Emerald but not before having our traditional Devonshire Tea - so why don't you come along and join us !!

Sunday 7th June 1998 **Andersons Picnic Ground**
Easy & Easy/Medium **Sunday Ck-Reservoir**

Leaders: **Peter Havlicek & Alan Miller**
Transport: **Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am**
Area: **Clonbinane (10 km east of Hume Highway, 15 km north of Wandong)**
Expected time of return: **6:00 to 6:30 pm**
Approximate length of walk: **12 km & 16 km**
Map Reference: **Wandong 7973-3-4 & Reedy Creek 7973-3-1, 1:25000**

Both walks start from Anderson's picnic ground eastward along Harry's Nose West Rd. The E/M walk continues up to Main Mountain Rd, before coming back towards the Reservoir along Wescott Creek Rd. The easy walk descends towards the reservoir from the high point of Harry's Nose Rd.

The reservoir itself is fully enclosed, so no paddling, but some reasonable water views. The return to Anderson's Picnic Ground is along a very pleasant bush track.

Climbing is up moderate grades, little or no bush bashing. No serious muddy sections

Sunday 14th June 1998 **Track Clearing**
Easy/Medium **Yarra Ranges NP**

Leaders: **Anne Wilkins**
Transport: **Private**

I want chicks with attitude and blokes with big pec's (no tats), experience not required.... to clean up part of our backyard (in the Yarra National Park). The real reason is to help out the hardworking rangers and do some trimming/ keeping open of tracks - many of which in this area we in the MBW's use often, especially on Sunday walks. There'll be some walking and a great opportunity to exercise and tone those upper body muscles - even it up a bit.

If you don't come (yes you valued club member) the treasurer/track clearing rep will lose face! We will probably be working around the Keppel Track area - real gorgeous! Equipment supplied.

Sunday 14th June 1998 **Ti Tree Creek- Dunns Hill**
Easy/Medium & Medium **Mt Bullamalita(YEA)**

Leaders: **Brian Crouch & Max Casley**
Transport: **Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am**
Area: **Yea**
Expected time of return: **7.00 pm**

This area in winter provides beautiful views and great hill walking in this area north of Melbourne.. Talk to the leaders about this walk in the Clubrooms

Wednesday 17th June 1998 **Lysterfield**
Easy **State Park**

Leaders: **Alister Rowe**
Transport: **Private**
Area: **Birds Land Reserve - Belgrave Heights**
Expected time of return: **4.00pm**
Approximate length of walk: **15km**
Map Reference: **Dept of Conservation Map**

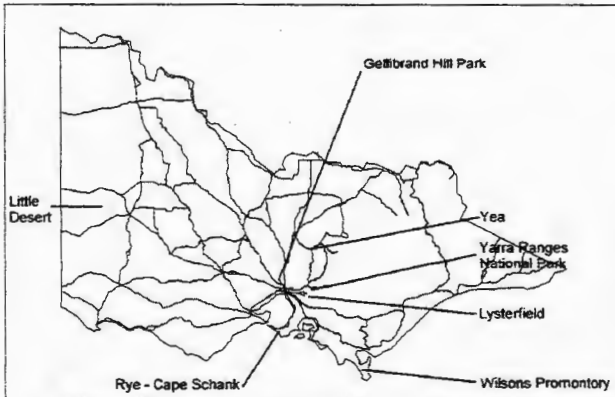
Meet at Birds Land Reserve car park at 9.30am Melway Ref 84 C2. Enter through gate off McNicol Rd. The walk through Birds Land and Lysterfield Parks will include lakes with wild life, city views, granite rocks, interesting tree varieties and points of historical interest. All tracks are well graded. A most pleasant and interesting walk close to town.

Sunday 28th June 1998
Easy & Easy/Medium

Rye Beach -
Cape Schank

Leaders: Glenn Berry & Joan Haigh
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Mornington Peninsula
Expected time of return: 7.00pm
Approximate length of walk: 13 & 18 kms

The easy medium group will start from Boneo Road and head for Cape Schank along small creeks towards the ocean then turn along the coast into sheltered tea tree groves and a salt sprayed cliff top. Cape Schank is reached in fairly short order where the group can check out the local geology and lighthouse. This is where the easy group will start. Each group will have the chance to see the Cape and lighthouse. Both groups then proceed NW along the water towards Rye Ocean Beach, passing Gunnamatta Beach along the way. Depending on the tides there may be some light scrambling around headlands. Fun fun fun and a popular area!



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Previews for June Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks

5-8th June 1998
Easy/Medium

**Little Desert -
 Pack Carry**

Leaders: Pearson Cresswell
Transport: Private
Area: Little Desert National Park
Expected time of return: Late Monday
Approximate length of walk: 60 kms

This three day trip will cover sections of the "Desert Discovery Walk", starting from the Kiata campsite with overnight stops at the Mallee and Yellowgum campsites which are for walkers only. Most of the walking is on good foot tracks, not much in the way of hills to worry about but the days will be fairly long at 18-20km. We will be hoping for some interesting flora and bird life now that the drought has broken.

5-8th June 1998
Easy/Medium

**Little Desert -
 Base Camp**

Leaders: Rosemary Cotter
Transport: Private
Expected time of return: Late Monday
Approximate length of walk: Various

The base camp will be at the Kiata campground. This park stretches from Dimboola to the South Australian border and is comprised of three blocks. On account of the varying soils, each block has its own distinctive vegetation. There is a variety of wildlife including over 220 species of birds, one of which is the mallee fowl. We will be doing 2 day walks with shorter walks/exploration of Mt Arapiles on the Monday. This is my first visit to this particular park - so come explore with me! See leader in Clubrooms for map of park.

19 - 21 June 1998
Easy/Medium

**Wilsons Promontory
 Base Camp**

Leaders: Rod Novak
Transport: Private
Area: Wilsons Promontory
Expected length of walks: 15 to 19 km
Expected time of return: Late Sunday
Map reference: Wilson's Prom - Outdoor Leisure Map

Wet, wild and windy. The Prom in winter is a true delight. We will base camp at Tidal River and pending on numbers and weather conditions will have the following options:- Sat. - day hike to Sealer's Cove (19kms), or - Mt Bishop & Lilly Pilly Gully (15 kms) Sun - Cotter's Lake to Darby Beach (tide permitting - 14 kms), or - Tongue Point to Darby Beach via Fairy Cove, and - Vereker Lookout (5 kms) Come along and help celebrate The Prom's centenary year. For further information, ring Rod Novak on

Scrub and Mist

Tine Mine Area, Easter 1998

The rocky top of South Rams Head sits over Dead Horse Gap, about five kilometres west of Thredbo. As we waited for the small party that had gone there to buy the four-day passes that would allow us to legally park, a group of pack-laden walkers headed up into the mist along the track leading under the Rams Heads and north to Kosciusko. Our group of seven, however, was heading in the other direction.

A short walk led us up to Horse Flat and a series of tors covered in snow gums and grass plains. Graham left us early in the morning (as previously arranged), claiming an inability to keep up, and then was seen in front of us several times! The presence of Brumbies was obvious and a number of these impressive animals were seen during the trip.

The sun was shining and the going was steady until the last hill of the day when thicker scrub was encountered. It slowed us up enough that we were glad to see the open grassy valley where flat campsites were found before dark. As the sun sank so did the temperature. By seven it was down to two degrees, on its way down to minus five for the night. The lowering temperature brought a cold mist over the valley, illuminated by an almost full moon. During the night a slow clip-clop and snorting of brumbies crossing the valley was heard.

First light revealed a thick mist, and the valley floor carpeted in white frost. A peak out of the tent showed the other tents silhouetted in the whiteness, while a single figure roamed the campsite, Les, pausing in the early gloom to shoot another angle. Water containers were frozen and we thanked the makers of Trangiers as a hot drink made the transition from warm sack to cold clothes somewhat easier.

The sun rose and shone that day also, soon lifting the mist and evaporating the frost, although the first knoll lived up to its name. The scrub on Purgatory Hill made the going slow, and views were limited. Paradise Hill and the following ridge were just as bad and several hours of effort finally rewarded us with one last grass plain as Gina navigated us right to the Tin Mine Fire Trail. The opportunity to stretch out the legs led to a rapid approach to camp, which that evening was an average although flat spot beside the Pinch River, while the next morning an excellent spot was seen beside Peter's Creek only about a kilometre further on. Les's shoes gave up the fight that night and he continued in Derricks sandals the next day.

A side-trip to Tin Mine Falls on the morning of day three was well worth the effort. Dropping down into mossy Tin Mine Creek we followed it for only a short distance before suddenly reaching the top of the falls. A scramble down a steep slope and a walk down a convenient log had us at the bottom for morning tea. The falls are not huge but drop steeply down moss-covered rocks into a narrow ravine. Further progress down the ravine looked inviting, but necessitated a plunge into the cold waters of the creek, something we were not inclined to do as the morning was still cool.

Returning to our packs the forecast change occurred and drizzle accompanied us for the rest of the day. We were glad that we had finished the bush-bashing, and that the drizzle never really changed to outright rain. Camp on the last evening was amongst the snow gums beside Cascade Hut, where we retired for a dry meal while Graham, who had already arrived there, regaled us with conservation tales as we crouched around a tiny fire. A sign in the hut forbade any wood fires until significant rains fell. We reckoned that they fell that night!

The rain cleared by morning, although a short walk up the grassy Cascade Creek valley before we departed was met with cold winds and more drizzle. This continued as we followed the Alpine Track north along Bob's Ridge back to Dead Horse Gap. It was heads down and bums up along this very picturesque track for most of the morning, and the cars were reached in surprisingly quick time.

Thank you Gina for another well-led walk. Party: Gina, Derrick, Graham (sometimes) Andrew, Debbie, Les, Alan.

Anne Tekinus

Kosciuszko National Park - Easter 1998 Trip

Good Friday morning saw us picking up our permits in Khancoban and driving to Geehi Dam. Conditions were sunny and we made good progress along the track. We diverted off-track to the summit of Grey Mare mountain where we had lunch, with good views of Jagungal. Continuing towards Grey Mare Hut (we didn't visit), we saw obvious signs of wild pigs' digging in the ground. We camped near a creek in the valley close to the hut. There was a good sunset and plenty of stars.

I heard sounds during the night which could have been wild pigs but no one else heard them, so I'm not sure. The next day there was a coat of ice on all our tents and various means were used to get rid of it, from Cameron beating it with ski gloves to Peter hacking at it with a trowel. I had left one boot outside the tent so it was an effort to unfreeze it! We set off at 8.00, walking east

along the track, then south to Valentine Hut where we had morning tea and saw a huge spider. On our way again, we saw another burly spider and lovely pink-barked trees before we got to the Schlink Hilton hut. There we had lunch outside with great weather and good views. We continued to Schlink Pass and Dicky Cooper Bogong. Ross let Bill know that he wanted to turn back and walk to the track and road to the cars. The uneven uphill conditions were painful for his heel, so he thought it was for the best. The party continued to the Rolling Ground and Consett Stephen Pass. We camped there after collecting water from a creek about a kilometre away.

We woke on Sunday to very windy conditions but no rain. The Wimpey Easter bunny had left out lovely Easter eggs and Rod offered some too, yum. We broke camp at eight and walked along the Main Range track, with a steady drizzle. We then went to Mount Tate and over the Round Top and towards Twynam. At 11.00, it started to rain seriously and visibility was poor. So after the junction of Blue Lake, Bill said we should look for a camp. We set up camp at midday, somewhere near Soil Conservation creek in a semi-sheltered spot. Putting up a tent in the conditions was a challenge and the tents seemed to develop a will of their own! We had lovely Dutch curry soup for lunch. Tent-bound for the afternoon, we listened to the howling wind and hoped the tent would cope. We had our dinner later, the weather was still bad. We had a really bad night's sleep, the tent and poles continuously buffeted our faces, pegs came undone, a pole got bent and Peter spotted his overpants twenty metres away. Ken was reading a book called "Three Men in a Boat" - our tent could qualify.

Next day Bill announced to everyone's relief that we were taking the easiest and safest route out, to Charlotte's Pass crossing the Snowy. We got there at nine and saw someone in the doorway of the Kosciuszko Alpine Club Hotel lodge. They very kindly let us dry out our gear in their drying room and have tea coffee or soup in front of a blazing fire. They were very kind and heaven-sent. They even drove us to the Ski Tube at Perisher, we got the train to Bullocks Flat. Bill had organised for Bob Wilkinson to collect us there and transport us to the cars. Waiting for the other cars to arrive at the Geehi Picnic ground they collected Ross who was fine, we could see sun and clouds over Hannells Spur, where we had intended to descend. Stopping for dinner at the Blazing Stump in Wadonga, we reminisced on an adventurous and always interesting weekend. Thanks Bill!!

Party: Bill, Merilyn, Rod, David, Ross, Ralph, Fulvia, Ken, Cameron, Peter, Mary

Distintegrata

Go placidly amid the snow and mist and remember what peace there may be in a white out. Consider also sudden deceleration like pride usually goes before a fall. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all beginners. Avoid intimate relationships and inanimate objects for they too will bring pain. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to other instructors, even the dull and ignorant, for they too have their skills. Avoid loud and aggressive gurus who recommend tight lycra pants and Salomon bindings for they are vexatious to the spirit. Do not compare yourself with others lest you give up in disgust; you may become vain and bitter, for always there are greater and lesser skiers than yourself. Enjoy your snowplough turns as well as your Telemarks for each has its place. Keep interested in cornices and cliffs, however humble: for they are a real danger and verify they can be great ley downs. Exercise caution in shops for they can be full of gadgets. Be yourself. Especially do not feign great experience. Neither be cynical about yourself or your gifts. Take not kindly the council of the years; age not gracefully; surrendering not the things of youth for all these can be enjoyed in old age. Nurture strength of spirit as well as your tent to shelter you. But do not distress yourself with imaginings, your worst fears will come true by themselves. You are a child of the slopes, no less than the trees, and be it clear to you or not, no doubt a blizzard is brewing. Whatever your labours and aspirations in the muddled confusion of trip organisation keep peace in your soul. With all its bruises and broken bones it is still a natural high. Be cheerful, strive to be happy and remember, not to stab your skis in the snow, for they may delaminate.

Barry and Glenys Earle, with apologies to Max Erhamann

Wilson's Prom

On the 17 -19th April, four Bushies walked down to the south-east point of mainland Australian to visit the Lighthouse. Built in 1859 to guard the eastern entrance of Bass Strait, this is a magnificent building, and now a popular destination for bushwalkers with many staying overnight at the lighthouse cottage. We enjoyed the sunny and calm conditions as we looked across to Tasmania (Rodondo Island). After a sumptuous breakfast of apple and cinnamon pancakes by Chef Peter, we journeyed down to the 'south point' for another fine panorama. One special highlight of the trip was the floral display with Coast and Silver Banksia, Correa, Fringe Myrtle, Common Heath and

Sweet Wattle all in bloom. The parrots were having a real feast on the banksia. After some 44 kilometres, a great campsite at Roaring Meg and some beach walking, we arrived back at Tidal River all invigorated. Thank you to Judy and Peter for leading the walk and Tony for his commentary on beer and the Portsmouth F.C.

Rod Novak

Letter to the editor

Have you heard ?

Congratulations to Premier Kennett for finding another way of raising revenue - namely absolute prohibition for the whole twelve months of lighting fires - except in almost non-existent created fireplaces - inside National and State Parks *

This is another blow at our Anglo-Celtic way of life. Why is it we are being told that we should respect the Aboriginal way of life, that we must respect (if not encourage) the ways of life of Jews, of Chinese, of Greeks, of Muslims et alia, yet at the same time our leaders are destroying our's?

*according to "Rumour File" on 3AW 7/4/98

N R Cole

Huts and Food

Imagine about six to eight plastic supermarket bags of bushwalking food. Soup, noodles, rice, milk, tea, sugar, cereal, muesli, a few tins, biscuits, spreads - I hope that you get the drift. Now imagine that you come into a hut, starving, no food left, and the six to eight bags of bushwalking food are there, available for public use, in solid plastic drums. Finally, imagine that none of it is edible except in dire straights: two to three years past the use-by-date, tins bulging and ruptured, sundry packets opened, vermin got in some drums, droppings throughout, and smelling quite ghastly.

This is what I found at Mac Springs at Easter. It has been my experience that food left for the mythical 'foodless walker' goes off well before this being arrives. In short, I strongly suggest not leaving any food in public huts. On a related topic, Mac Springs hut does not meet modern design standards. No air lock, doors that open into the prevailing wind, and an open fireplace that can do little to heat up the cavernous hut interior. The hut managers will do nothing. But then, they left the food for several years, didn't they?

Stephen Lake

CONSERVATION FORUM

In this issue of 'NEWS' is an announcement by the VNPA of a demonstration against the excision of land from the Alpine National Park. It will be held at noon on Saturday 6 June, the Queen's Birthday weekend. This is the traditional opening of the ski season and there will no doubt be news helicopters buzzing around. Please consider attending. You don't have to be a skier or interested in skiing, there will be ample opportunity for pedestrians to demonstrate.

If the snow is poor then the TV crews will be looking for other items with a lot of colour and movement for the TV news. It's therefore an excellent opportunity to raise the public profile on this issue but a large number of walkers/skiers/protesters is essential. If the snow is good then the VNPA would like as many as possible to ski to Mt McKay. The brighter, bigger and more flamboyant the gathering the more noticeable it will be and thus the greater the chance of making it onto the news services.

Graeme Thornton

Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations

In late April I received advice from Mark Stone, Executive Director, Parks, Flora and Fauna, Natural resources and Environment, about the Regulations. His first fact is that 30 submissions were received, which underscores what I said about *numbers* counting in government. He says that the two main issues were off-season fees and entry fees for the use of cross country trails.

He says 'In relation to the introduction of off season fees The Minister (for Conservation and Land Management) has directed the boards to ensure that the introduction and collection mechanism for such a fee will be cost-effective and provide an obvious benefit to resort users. In relation to seasonal entry or the use of cross country ski trails, the Minister has directed the Boards to ensure that a simple, cooperative system that provides discounted fees for persons regularly using multiple resorts is introduced... The Minister has determined that the Regulations should be made without amendment'.

Mr Stone will be sending out a more detailed response addressing the issues raised in my submission shortly. Presumably others who raised similar concerns to mine will also be advised. The Regulations took effect on 30 April.

I will wait for Mr Stone's more detailed response before commenting on the way the Regulations will be enforced by back country skiers. The Regulations *could* work for back country skiers, but much depends

on the quality of the ARC management, which has not been at an especially high level over the last few years.

But I do get a sense of fait accompli about the whole process. Regulatory Impact Statement, short time to put in submissions, short time considering submissions, the Regulations are the same as before, and effective a short time later.

Until I receive advice that indicates the contrary, I will cite Mr Stone's *written* advice that '...(trail) fee(s) will be cost-effective and provide an obvious benefit to resort users'. If I am getting no benefit, it seems that I do not have to pay for back country trail use. In any case, it might be worth a try. In addition, if the ARC give you a hard time, write to them. If enough people complain, and the letters can be collated....

Stephen Lake

EXCUSES....EXCUSES

When one organises a weekend walk one expects the odd few people not to turn up for one reason or another. I would like to share with you a novel collection of non-starters reasons:

1. I'm sorry, I forgot I had to go to a wedding.
2. I'm going to Peru instead.
3. I'm having my knees operated on (George, we need crutches to prove this one).
4. We've just had the in-laws staying and we had flue and we're exhausted (get well soon Ed and Vice Pres)

However those who came overcame:

1. An escaped cat in a tree at home.
2. A car off the road and stuck in the bush. Julie struggled through on foot to get to base camp. Now that's what I call dedication.

Sylvia Ford in the Grampians.

New members

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Committee Reports

Treasurer:	Accounts for April, 1998
Opening Balance	\$59,193.09
Receipts	\$7,489.29
Payments	\$5,663.17
Closing Balance	\$61,109.21

Walks Secretary: Attendances for February 1998

	No	Av	1997
Sunday Bus	5	39.4	33.2
Pack Carry	2	11	10.1
Base Camp	2	8.5	10
Wed/Hist/Dandenong	4	12	13.7
Lodge	7		
Lilo	18		
Cancelled	1		

Membership:

Life Members	12
Honorary Members	10
Single Memberships	394
Family Memberships (2x 49 =)	98
Total membership	514

Duty Roster

13 th May	Alan & Jean
20 th May	Jan P & Sylvia
27 th May	Marisa & Fiona
3 rd June	Peter C & Peter G
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Products offered include, seconds, samples, superseded models, ex-field test items, ex-hire, pre-loved gear and over stocked items. Most discounts start at 50% off retail prices and go as far as 70% off!

Clothing, packs, tents, sleeping bags, climbing equipment, Gore-Tex, Polartec, rainwear, footwear, cross country ski gear, accessories and more!

This is a genuine clearance sale of quality products and will run for only four (4) days, so plan ahead, tell a friend and don't miss out!

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Walks in May/June 1998

	LOCATION			LEADER
9 Sat	Glenburn - Toolangi SF	Private	M	Alan Clarke
10 Sun	Bullengrook (Gisborne)	Bus	E/M & M	Anne Wilkins & Max Casley
15-17	The Governors	Private	E/M	Pearson Cresswell
17 Sun	Mt St Leonard (Healesville)	Bus	E/M & M	John Kittson & Fay Pratt
20 Wed	You Yangs	Private	E/M	John Kittson
21-31	Great South-West Track (SW Victoria)	Private	E/M	Jean Giese
22-24	Beechworth-Mt Pilot Base Camp	Private	E/M	Keith White & Janet Norman
23 Sat	Dandenongs Explorer	Private	E	Michael Humphrey
24 Sun	Flagpole Hill (Yea)	Bus	E/M & M	Ian Hoad & Maureen Peck
29-31	Mt Tamboritha - The Crinoline	Private	M	Cameron McMillan
31 Sun	Mt Koala(NW)	Bus	E & E/M	Stuart Man & Jean Woodger
Queen's Birthday Weekend				
5-8	Little Desert -Pack Carry	Private	E/M	Pearson Cresswell
5-8	Little Desert - Base Camp	Private	E	Rosemary Cotter
7 Sun	Andersons Picnic Ground - Sunday Creek	Bus	E & E/M	Peter Havlicek & Alan Miller

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