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BBQ on The Yarra

Friday 10th November from 6.30pm
Good weather has been ordered.

We will meet at the BBQ nearest the Morrell Bridge on Alexandra Avenue (Melways Ref: Map 2G D 11)

BYO food, drink, chair/rug and good cheer.



Call Fiona

If you need more details

A Sunday Bus "mystery" destination

Sunday 15th October



finishing with free
sausage sizzle by
gourmet chef
Bob McLellan

Leaders: Alan Miller and Lance Mobbs

Easy walk: Distance about 11km, entirely on tracks, ends by about 3.30pm

E/M Walk: Distance about 17km, including Mount X, ends by about 4.30pm

(More details in Day Walks section of newsletter)

A Gathering of the Clan

The President's Weekend

24-26 November

Our current President, Pearson Cresswell, will be organising the Base Camp to beat all Base Camps.

It is traditional that every two years the current President holds a base camp and invites all club members. This is the time that the President shows his/her excellent organisational skills by organising an event which must surely eclipse the Olympic Games. It will be full of delightful surprises and unrivalled entertainment. Put this date in your calendar.

Watch this space for the entire program in next month's issue

WANTED

Someone with a vivid imagination, the gift of the gab, good negotiating skills and who has an interest in desktop publishing. No specialist experience necessary – learn on the job. Help and support will be provided.

A challenging and exciting position will become vacant from 1st March 2001 to edit *The News* for the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. This is an honorary position and the incumbent is elected to the Committee of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

Duties include gathering, collating and deciphering walk previews, reports, articles, photographs, etc., presenting these as a clear and coherent newsletter, arranging for same to be professionally printed and delivered to the club rooms for folding and posting.

Key Selection Criteria. An ability to read and decode scrawled notes written on the back of used envelopes, paper that has been nibbled by rabbits and moths, torn paper scraps retrieved from pockets after they have been dragged through countless creek crossings and bog fields. The incumbent will be expected to instinctively understand exactly what the author, in each case, had in mind when they committed their shorthand to paper.

The News is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly.

Edited by **Clare Lonergan**.

Articles (max 1000 words), walk reports, poems, snippets of news, photographs of club events, 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 electronic mail is preferred and that walk previews, articles, etc. for **The News** may be sent to the Editor

- ◆ By emailing to:
OR
- ◆ Placing disk (or hand written material) in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms
- ◆ By posting disk (or hand written material) to:

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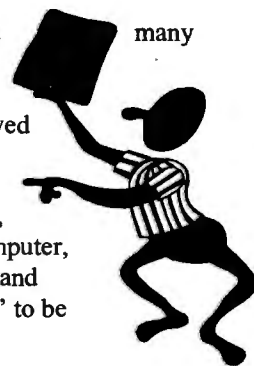
Members Ads - FREE

**Closing date for receipt of material
for *The News* is**

Last Wednesday in each month

ELECTRONIC MAIL IS PREFERRED

Now that the electronic age is with us many members have turned to their computers to provide material in this medium for *News* and this has improved things enormously. However, there is the odd hiccup of receiving 5 copies of the same article one after the other, when the member, new to his/her computer, is not sure if the article has been sent and decides to send it 'just one more time' to be sure!!!!!!



This is a great position which involves a reasonable amount of time and work but is well worth the effort for the pleasure and enjoyment received after the successful publication of each issue.

Applications: Pearson Cresswell (phone)

Enquiries: Clare Lonergan (phone)

Clare Lonergan

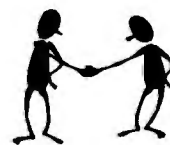
Thanks

Many thanks to David Arnold for editing September News on my behalf and doing such a great job while I was off holidaying with Alan Miller in WA National Parks in Kalbarri and the South West of WA.

Clare Lonergan

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, MacKenzie Street, Melbourne (rear of the Royal Horticultural Society Building) on **WEDNESDAY** evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm

Visitors are always



Welcome!!!

General correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

PO Box 1751Q, Melbourne, 3001

Walk's Secretary's Report

All Members please note: Of concern is the continued low patronage of the Sunday Bus by our members. The Committee has been actively promoting the Club in the Bushwalking and Map retail outlets for new members, however, it appears that our members are not using the bus, especially compared to the last two years. Refer to the walk stats. We have some exciting Sunday Bus walks on the program for October. Please come along and enjoy the wonderful Spring wildflowers. Details available when booking in at Clubnight.

Changes to the Spring Walks Program

A new leader is required for the pack carry on the 3 – 5 November to the Lerderderg Gorge. Contact Rod Novak if you can assist.

Of special interest in October

A Sunday Bus “mystery” destination will be on Sunday 15th October with Alan Miller and Lance Mobbs. There will be a free ‘sausage sizzle’ at the end of the walk with Bob as our master chef.

The Federation Weekend will be a base camp at the Grampians on 20-22 October. Details from Trish Elmore on .

A beginners pack carry will be held on 27-29 October. Contact Ralph Blake for more information on Book on a Sunday Bus during October to enjoy the delightful Spring walking and wildflowers.

Day Walks for October/November, 2000

Sunday 15 October Easy & E/Medium

Mystery BBQ

Leaders Alan Miller & Lance Mobbs
Transport Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00am
Approximate length of walk 11 & 17km
Expected time of return 7pm

Both walks average downhill. The easy walk will be entirely downhill after lunch. N.B. Bring your own lunch as usual.

When we went out on the first preview, we saw Mt. X on the map, and decided to climb it. (Does this sound like a Melbourne Bushie thing???? Ed.). We found the start of an old track and a couple of pink ribbons, but the rest was a bush bash. There is an old fire observation tower at the top, so there must have been a track in some past era.

We returned, replete with bow saw, secateurs, toe cutters and 8 metres of orange ribbon and manufactured a highway to the summit. The E/Medium walk is essentially the ascent of Mt. X followed by the easy walk.

Our preview was rewarded by seeing a large old wombat who must have modelled for Roy and H.G.'s ‘Fatso’.

Sunday 5 November E/Medium & Medium

Gum Creek – Mt Robertson

Leaders Peter McGrath & Sybille Holdheide
Transport Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00am
Area South of Flowerdale
Approximate length of walk 15km & 18km
Map reference Pheasant Creek 1:25 000
Expected time of return 7.00pm

The walk is in State Forest in open hilly country north of Kinglake. It should be a great place for a spring walk. See the leaders in the clubrooms or phone Peter McGrath for more information on

Tuesday 7 November Easy

Historical Walk: Blind Creek

Leader Nigel Holmes
Transport Public
Area Suburban Melbourne

At the time of printing *News* I have not received a preview of this walk. However I know that Nigel was intending to do one of Athol Schafer's favourite walks. I seem to recall Nigel saying that the walk starts at one railway station and goes cross country ending up at another railway station, seeing lots of interesting things on the way.

I am sure that at the end there will be coffee and cake in a nice little café and then onto the train and home.

Contact Nigel on his work number

Ed

Bus fares

Due to the hike in petrol costs and the implementation of the GST the cost of bus transport has increased and accordingly we have regretfully needed to increase the Sunday bus fares to:

Members \$18.00 Concession \$12 Visitors \$23

A late fee of \$2.00 (for both members & visitors) who have not booked on or before the Wednesday preceding the walk is applicable.

Saturday 11 November E/Medium	Cycling: French Island
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Leader	David Everitt
Transport	Private or Train, then Ferry
Distance	22km or 44km
Area	Mornington Peninsula
Expected time of return	6.30pm (private transport) or 8pm (train)

French Island is an ideal cycling location, with good dirt roads and almost no traffic. The country undulates very gently, and offers excellent views across farmland and bushland. We will catch the 10:00 am ferry from Stony point to Tankerton, then ride 11 km to the Bayview chicory kiln for morning tea in a unique location. Those who want an easy ride can relax here for a few hours, while those who want something marginally more strenuous will ride another 11 km across the island to the old McLeod Prison farm. We'll return by pretty much the same route. If we have time and energy to spare, we may also ride a few km up the coast road north from Tankerton. The return ferry leaves Tankerton at 4:30 pm.

Transport: You can choose from either private transport or the Stony Point train. Train people need to catch the 9:00 am train from Frankston (connects with the 7:56 am from Flinders St), arriving at Stony Point at 9:40 am. The return train leaves at 6:00 pm, connecting/arriving Flinders St at 7:54 pm. If you are coming by car, it takes about 75 mins from Melbourne city, and you should park at the Stony Point caravan park, for \$1.10. The ferry fare is \$19 return, including bikes (\$16 concession).

Book this trip by ringing me on _____, or see me in the club rooms. The roads are pretty good, but there are a few sandy patches, so a mountain bike is desirable, though not essential.

Sunday 12 November Easy & E/Medium	Angahook – Moggs Creek
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Leaders	Sally Bouvier & Stuart Mann
Transport	Bus from South Bank Boulevard at 9am
Distance	22km or 44km
Area	Mornington Peninsula
Expected time of return	6.30pm (private transport) or 8pm (train)

Both walks begin at the Distillery Creek Picnic Ground near Airey's Inlet. The Easy group begins with a 4km circuit up the Ironbark Gorge where we'll find orchids and pink heath on the ridge above the creek and tree ferns and

possibly leeches in the gorge.

An easy undulating walk to Painkalac Dam follows, before we reach Moggs Creek Picnic Area. Here we embark on another 4km loop to Ocean View with its spectacular vista across the roofs of the houses of Moggs Creek to the rolling surf of the Southern Ocean. Whale spotting anyone?

The total distance for the Easy group is 14km and there's an optional 1km nature walk at Moggs Creek Picnic Area before we board the bus to return to Melbourne.

The Easy-Medium walk does the 8km Currawong Falls loop from Distillery Creek before following the route taken by the Easy group.

Both walks are on tracks and there is not much up and down however the pace of the Easy-Medium walk will be reasonably quick.

If the day is exceptionally hot, we'll alter the last part of the walk and take a dip in the sea and meet the bus somewhere along the coast rather than at the Picnic Ground.

Wednesday 15 November E/Medium	Angahook Wildflowers
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Leader	Sandra Mutimer
Transport	Private Meet at Distillery Creek Picnic Ground at 10.30 am
Distance	12km
Area	Angahook State Park
Map Reference	Otways & Shipwreck Coast
Expected time of return to picnic ground	Before 5pm

I'm relying on the relaxed, flexible attitude of the Wednesday walkers when I admit I haven't devoted the necessary time and effort into previewing this walk ...yet. Rest assured, by the time Wednesday 15th November comes around I will have previewed and planned a wonderful walk in this area. The walk will include good ocean views and will capitalise on a wonderful display of spring wildflowers. [This will require me to extend my wildflower identification skills !] And of course the weather will be 'just right'.

Part of my preview will also include finding a good spot to have something to eat after the walk as an optional extra. Unfortunately I won't be able to arrange a whale-sighting off shore.

We will be meeting at the Distillery Creek Picnic Ground at 10 : 30 am. This is not far from Aireys Inlet.

Could you please contact me on _____ for further details and so that I make transport arrangements if necessary.

Saturday 18 November **Track Maintenance (and Devonshire Tea)**
Easy

Leader Fiona Gallery
Transport Private
Distance Short
Area Dandenong Ranges
Expected time of return 5pm
Map reference Melways Map 52 G12

Now's your chance to give something back to our Parks and have fun at the same time. We will be cleaning up Mechanics Track in the Dandenong Ranges – nice and close to Melbourne. We will start at 10am meeting at the Aboretum on Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road, Mt. Dandenong. Our friendly ranger will get us started and we will do what we can before its quits and we head somewhere yummy for a Devonshire Tea at about 3pm. Bring some lunch, gloves and a pair of secateurs, if you have them.
 Call me on . Please note
 change of home phone number

Sunday 19 November **Cathedral Ranges**
E/Med & Medium

Leaders Jan Palich & Fiona Gallery
Transport Bus from South Bank Boulevard at 8.30am
Map reference Cathedral Range Outdoor

The Cathedral Range State Park covers some 3600 hectares of forested ridges, open bush and rocky escarpments situated N/E of Melbourne. The direction of the walk will be decided closer to time, however it is thought that we will climb to Neds Peaks before heading south. The medium walk will take an extra detour to

some spectacular views. But the whole day is full of views affording a visual extravagance of delightful country side.

Remember: This walk is an 8.30 am start

Sunday 26 November **Murrindindi –**
Easy & E/Medium **Wilhelmina Falls**

Leaders Lynda Larkin & John Kittson
Transport Bus from South Bank Boulevard at 9am
Distance 14 & 18km
Area South of Yea
Expected time of return 7.30pm
Map reference Taggerty South 1:25 000

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!

Brace yourselves for a glorious walk in the Murrindindi State Forest in late spring.

Both walks commence at the Murrindindi Cascades. From here, the E/Medium walk follows a track which runs beside the Murrindindi River. The medium walk diverges from the river track early on, and is classified as such mainly because of a significant, (bordering on gruelling), never-the-less rewarding climb, which heads away from the river to the top of a steep spur. But don't be daunted, the painful part will be over before lunch, and after that, when the endorphins have kicked in, there is plenty of time left to day dream and enjoy the forest together as we wander along, and descend these falls, which will serve as an appropriate and awesome spot for afternoon tea. The last part of the Medium walk links up with the Murrindindi River Walk – a good way to end the day as the river currently looks and sounds like a substantial river should as a result of plenty of good spring rain.

POSITION VACANT

We need someone to organize the Sunday walks. That means finding 26 leaders each quarter. The Walks Committee meets about 4 – 5 months before the start of each quarterly program, and selects the walks. This is largely based upon old programs, though we occasionally receive suggestions for walks. The printed program is distributed with the newsletter about 6 weeks before the start of the program. This leaves about 3 months to find the leaders, and at the same time find replacements for those leaders who drop out for various reasons.

I have done the job for seven years and am retiring at the end of this year (more time to walk the dog), though I will still offer to lead walks. This leaves about five months for you Sunday walkers to talk to each other and nominate one of yourselves to stand for election at the AGM next February.



Weekend Walks for October/November, 2000

3-5 November E/Medium	Pack Carry – Lerderderg Gorge
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Leader	Leader Required
Transport	Private

A new leader is required for this pack carry. Please contact Rod Novak on

27-29 October Easy	Wilson's Promontory National Park
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Leader	Ralph Blake
Transport	Private
Distance	25km
Expected time of return	Sunday evening
Map reference	Wilson's Promontory 1:50 000

This trip will be an easy pack carry in the southern section of Wilson's Promontory. If you have never done a pack carry bushwalk before then this would be an ideal one to try. There will be a limit of six people in the group

On Saturday morning we will walk, carrying the packs, from Telegraph Saddle to Sealers Cove. Camp will be set up here and after lunch we could do a side trip to Waterloo Bay or just spend the afternoon in quiet contemplation of the magnificent scenery.

After a leisurely start on Sunday we will make our way back to Telegraph Saddle via the same route. There are quite a few shorter walks that can be done in this area. So after we have finished with the big packs we could explore Lilly Pilly Gully, Mt Bishop, Mt Oberon, Tounge Point, or Squeaky Beach.

Please make sure you bring a stove as fires are not permitted in the national park.

3-7 November Medium Hard	Pack Carry: Crosscut – Viking – Razor
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Leader	Jerry Grandage
Transport	Private
Distance	Approx 40 km
Expected time of return	Late Tuesday evening
Map reference	Howitt-Selwyn 1:50 000
Area	Alpine National Park

We will walk the circuit Howitt Plains-Mt. Howitt-Macalister Springs-Crosscut Saw-Mt. Speculation-Mt. Despair- the Razor-the Viking- Wonnangatta River-Howitt Plains. If that sounds like hard work, it is! This is one of the best areas of our high country. Not a trip for beginners.

3- 7 November Various	Base Camp: Discovery Bay
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Leaders	Marika & Sak-Hong Wan
Transport	Private
Area	Distance from Melbourne 362km
Approximate length of walk	45 km
Map reference	Cape Bridgewater & Chaucer VicMap 1:25 000
Expected time of return	Late Tuesday

We will leave for Portland Friday evening. I plan to set up camp at a local caravan park. We will need to drive to the start of walks each day with some car shuffling also required. Day walks will be in the surrounds of Discovery Bay walking along parts of the Great South West Walk. Including Mt Richmond (a former volcano) expect views to the coast and the Grampians; Bridgewater Lakes with a petrified forest; Cape Dunesque; and Cape Nelson which has a historic lighthouse. This is a new area for the leader suitably named Discovery Bay. Please contact the leader for more information

3- 7 November E/Medium	Pack Carry – Bogong High Plains
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Leader	Lance Mobbs
Transport	Private
Map reference	Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000 (Outdoor Leisure Map)
Expected time of return	Late Tuesday

This walk will start and finish at Bogong Village, going via the Springs Saddle, Tawonga Huts, Cope Hut, Wilky Lodge and Ropers Hut. We will visit most of the major peaks such as the two Mt Fainters, the Niggerheads, Mt Jim, Mt Cope, Marme Point and the two Mt Nelse's. There are some wonderful views of Mt Feathertop from the east, and of Hotham, Mt Wills and surrounding area of the High Plains. I am hoping the wildflowers that the High Plains are famous for will be in bloom.

On Friday night, I hope we will be staying at Wilky Lodge, if not then we will camp across the other side of the track. It might be possible that we could be staying at Wilky Lodge on Sunday night also. Please check with me on the camping arrangements before we leave. People could also meet us at Bogong Village on Saturday morning 9am sharp.

This is a golden opportunity to see the High Plains in spring, so come along and enjoy yourselves.

I can be contacted either at the club rooms on Wednesday nights or on the phone after 6pm during the week.

17- 19 November **Wilkinson Lodge: Spring Clean Party**

Leader Doug Pocock
Transport Private
Area N. E. Victoria
Map reference Bogong National Park
 1:50 000

Wilkinson Lodge is a comfortable hut owned by The Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. In order to keep it running smoothly regular work parties are held. This work party will be carrying out cleaning and maintenance. Numbers are limited. A group evening meal will be organised.

17-19 November **Pack Carry: Advanced Beginners – Mt. Buffalo**

Leader Brian Crouch
Transport Private

At this point in time I have not received a walk report from Brian with respect to this pack carry. However, Brian enjoys a good time, and I am sure this weekend will be a very enjoyable and entertaining one. Speak with Brian in the club rooms or phone him on for further information.

WALKS STATISTICS FOR AUGUST

August 2000	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Total Participants</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>c/f August 1999</u>
Sunday Bus	4	123	30.75	42.6
Pack Carry	2	12	6	7
Base Camp	1	7	7	9
Lodge (Ski)	1	15	15	10
Other Day	3	24	8	10
- Hist 3				
- Wed 12				
- Dand 9				
Cancelled	2 ski w/ends			1 ski w/end
Total	13	181		269



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Starting in Delhi, visit Dharamsala, attempt audience with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. Manali, Shimla, pink city of Jaipur. Then Kathmandu, Pokara, Chitwan N.P. 29 Dec - 23 Jan ex Delhi \$5223

NANDA DEVI TREK (INDIA)

This trip follows the Tilman – Shiton route. Drive to Rishikesh, trek over Kuari Pass- for outstanding views of Nanda Devi, onto Trishul bc, mystic lake of Roop Kund. 11 May–01 June 01 ex Delhi \$3245

THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF TRIPS ON OFFER, CALL FOR DETAILS ON OTHER TREKS, TOURS, CLIMBS & RAFTING IN BHUTAN - TIBET - INDIA - NEPAL - TIBET

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VICWALK NEWS SEPTEMBER 2000 SUMMARY

Vicwalk News September 2000 Summary

I was dismayed by the amount of resort activity which was this year again intruding upon the peace of the Alpine National Park. If you or members of your club are upset or annoyed by this activity then please let the Federation know. Better still, write to the resort and the national parks administration and send a copy to the Federation. Do so even if you are complaining about a continuing annoyance such as the helicopter flights or snow grooming within the National Park. We would be interested to learn if anyone has observed objectionable activity by the commercial flights into the new airport at Horsehair Plain (Mt Hotham).

Bill Metzthen President

SEARCH AND RESCUE

The early and continued snow falls this year have meant that BS&R members have been extremely busy! Of the eight callouts to date, BS&R members have gone into the field on five occasions. The last time BS&R was this active was back in 1992 with five searches and six searches in 1990.

Another search at Mt Hotham on 16th August proved successful when Stuart Page was found alive after two nights out. Conditions the day prior to his rescue were -2

degrees and strong winds. Thirty BS&R members were involved in the search. Some TV coverage showing BS&R personnel was aired that evening.

On 7th and 8th September, BS&R members were out searching a particularly rugged area near Whitfield for a missing woman. This search has not yet been resolved. On the evening of 8th September a callout for a missing man in his eighties, in the Cobaw Ranges area, was underway when word came through that he had been found. Unfortunately the news was not good as he was found deceased.

Conservation

STATE FOREST WALKING TRACK SURVEY

Forms are starting to come in, we need to keep up the momentum, with enough information we maybe able to access grant money, and further protect our bushwalking areas.

AUSTRALIAN ALPS WALKING TRACK

The 100year old Poverty Point Bridge spanning the Thomson near Walhalla is in poor condition, however a grant from Heritage Victoria will see work on restoring the Bridge begin in October.

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Bushies' Burlblings



PROJECT HINDMARSH

On the 19th and 20th August some 300+ people descended upon Kaniva in the Wimmera to plant 24,000 trees and plants raised from locally indigenous species during the 3rd Annual Hindmarsh Landcare Network weekend.

The aim is to revegetate a wildlife corridor between the Big and Little Desert National Parks and also create shelter belts and reducing wind effect to further assist with stabilising the light fragile soils of the Northern Wimmera and boost biodiversity.

Local councils, Department of Natural Resources & Environment, Greening Australia, Landcare, Parks Victoria and others supported and helped organise the weekend which was loads of fun and the locals treated us to true country hospitality – with everything and heaps of it laid on.

The planting will continue next year and it is a much recommended and satisfying weekend.

Anne Wilkins & David Durad



Alan Miller with a friend we found waiting for us when we returned to our car in a National Park in WA. This fellow was particularly friendly and was intent on eating the fresh strawberries we had just purchased from a farmer.

Apart from this fellow and his mate we found lots of wildlife on our walks through the almost deserted National Parks of WA and saw many, many, beautiful flowers in bloom. We walked through the tree tops in Denmark and wondered at the huge karri tree that fits a small mini minor into the hole in the base of its trunk. Definitely a great State to visit.

Clare Lonergan

WARBY RANGES 8-10 SEPTEMBER

As someone commented, "It's quality not quantity that matters on walks". Six of us gathered at Wenhams Camp spot in the Warby Ranges on Friday night where we competed with the kangaroos for space. Some of us were traditionalists in tents while others opted for camping in their cars. Gnat orchids were discovered near the camp and then nodding greenhoods were found just outside Jean's tent.

Saturday morning dawned brightly but as the walks started it became somewhat inclement. However the finding of helmet orchids on the way to Mt Warby was highly exciting, especially to the leader. Mt. Warby was covered with an excellent form of *Grevillea alpina* in full bloom. Leaving the track a compass course was set to Salisbury Falls, the inclemency ensured a good flow of water. Eucalypts were elucidated, wattles were wondered at, orchids were ogled and plants were generally pondered on. Being fairly heavily inclemented upon we returned to camp for lunch, on the way back tell-tale torpedo shaped turds told of the presence of a koala and sure enough, in the trees above was a lone koala. Excellent navigation brought us back to hot soup for lunch, sheer luxury. Jan and Jean had opted for an easier option and had found blue caladenias and moth orchids along their walk. After lunch another pleasant walk to Kwat Kwat lookout and Jubilee Falls with lots more botanicals along the way. Lots of birds at the campspot, wrens, treecreepers, cuckoos, rosellas, honeyeaters, flycatchers and choughs but no Turquoise Parrots. Grand epicurian repasts were enjoyed by all and sundry made all the more pleasant by being able to eat under the shelter of Bobs annexe. Bob proved himself to be of heroic mettle by producing one of his scrumptious apple pies in his camp oven in very adverse inclements. In fact, we found out later that Milawa, a few kms away, had had a devastating time.

Sunday dawned but it was too misty to see, however we were all soon on the way to Black Waterhole. Marianne was amazed by how thick the orchids were in places. Parting company, four made their way to Pine Gully passing through a flowering thicket of Snow Myrtle. At Pine Gully the nature trail was followed to the falls where we had lunch in the sunshine. Passing a huge patch of Donkey Orchids and some flowering *Acacia triptera* we made our way back to camp finding some errors in the map on the way. Jan and Jean had also found the same errors as they went back but skillful navigation by Jean, even though she had Jerry's northern hemisphere compass, brought them also back to camp. A leisurely pack up and then back home past flooded creeks after a beaut walk.

The group was Jean, Jan, Bob, Jerry, Marianne and Doug.

Doug Pocock

Training Report (Sept 2000)



Graham Walkden, Maria Raffaele, David Arnold, Tracey Jamieson, Howard Friend Fiona Gallery, Craig Carpenter, Marion McPherson and Brian Crouch

Mentoring System for New Leaders

There has been some response to my request for experienced leaders to act as mentors for new leaders. This is encouraging but we need more people to make a commitment to help develop some new leaders. Help is needed in the following areas:

1. Planning the walk
2. Taking the new leader on the Preview
3. Being there on the day of the walk as a "back-up"

This will assist the new leader to feel confident on the day to have a successful day.
Please call me if you can help.

First Aid Training

Congratulations to our 9 new First Aid graduates:
Graham Walkden, Maria Raffaele, David Arnold, Tracey Jamieson, Howard Friend, Fiona Gallery, Craig Carpenter, Marion Mc Pherson and MYSELF.

We all passed our assessment on Sunday 24th Sept to gain a Level 2 First Aid accredited certificate. Many thanks to our wonderful instructor Vanessa Sparke from Divers Alert Network for her patience and sustained energy in guiding us through the two weekends of training. The course was intense but thoroughly enjoyable and practical, particularly the Bush Scenarios which gave us opportunities to apply our newly gained skills in a real life situation. Again many thanks to Vanessa, assistant instructor Mick and bush emergency "victims" Terry and Robin. Also many thanks to Fiona for providing a great venue for our two Bush days. We plan to run this course again early in 2001 so let me know

if you want to be part of it.

Next Training Day

On Sat 2nd December we will be holding another enjoyable Training Day close to Melb. which will include further development of Leadership and Navigation skills. All members are welcome to participate regardless of whether you have Leadership aspirations or not. A number of current new Members have found these days to be an enjoyable intro to the Club. Equally we want experienced Leaders to share their knowledge and experiences with others.

For further details on any of these activities contact me on

Brian Crouch
Training Coordinator

Duty Roster

11 October	Doug & Rod
18 October	Pearson & Brian
25 October	Trish & Fiona
1 November	Deb & Anne

**Date of next committee meeting:
Monday 30 October 2000 at 7PM**

New Members
Robert A Davis

Jadwiga Lenzion

Nola D MacPhie

Adrian O'Hehir

Therese Pollard

Add to membership list:
Elfie Brooks

Pamela Jackson

Aiko Yoshioka

Altered Address/Phone:

Wilkinson Notes

1. There was a shortage of tea towels at Wilky towards the end of winter. Would people please make the effort to return washed tea towels with the keys. If you find this too awkward then take in your own.

2. I have only received two Wilky reports so far out of twelve winter groups, one of these was from a non MBW group. It helps the running of the lodge to get these reports in. I'm sure the Walks secretary would commiserate with me!

3. At the time of writing there is still one set of keys yet to be returned. The only way the Lodge Manager can get keys promptly to users is if they are returned promptly (with report and washed tea towels) Think of others after you.

4. The wood situation is a bit low possibly because this year there has been more bad weather causing people to stay indoors more. We may have to get a load in early this year, you may get a phone call requesting help.

5. Some people are still having trouble using the Tilley lamps. Please follow the instructions especially with regard to turning them off by NOT using the black knob and by not overfilling. (Leave the pump partly unscrewed to prevent fuel being forced up the vapourizer)

6. Winter groups remember to empty their lockers before the end of the year as after that lockers will be emptied for them and remaining food will go into group stock.

It has been a good year for the skiers with an abundance of snow. Memories of earlier days returning. Summer bookings have started coming in. I would be keen to see more people using the Lodge during the week, it is usually very quiet on the High Plains away from the weekends and a holiday at Wilky is highly recommended.

Doug Pocock, Lodge Manager

VACANCY ON GENERAL COMMITTEE

As many of you may know Pam Kirkham and Alan Ide are expecting their first baby on Wednesday 11 October at 4.15pm (according to the father) and therefore as Pam has resigned there is a vacancy on the General Committee.

Please contact Pearson Cresswell if you are interested in being on the Committee from the present time until the AGM in February 2001

Life members	10
Honorary Members	10
Single memberships	312
Family memberships	96 (=2x48)
Total membership	428
Membership this time last year	467

Treasurer: Accounts for August 2000

Opening Balance	\$49,229.76
Receipts	\$4,506.90
Payments	\$3,742.04
Closing Balance	\$49,994.62

OCTOBER

Wed 18 *Wednesday Walkers: Hepburn-La Franchi.*
 20-22 Base Camp: Grampians – Federation w/e
Sun 22 LABERTOUCHE –BORONIA RESERVE
 27-29 Pack Carry: Beginners – Sealers Cove
 Sat 28 *Dandenongs Explorer*
Sun 29 PORTARLINGTON- EDWARDS POINT

Private E/M Trevor Thomson
 Private E/M Trish Elmore
BUS E & M Peter Havlicek & Mary de Salis
 Private Easy Ralph Blake
 Private Easy Michael Humphrey
BUS E & E/M Clare Lonergan & Fay Pratt

NOVEMBER

3-5 Pack Carry: Lerderderg Gorge
Melbourne Cup Long Weekend (4 day trips)
 3-7 Pack Carry: Bogong High Plains
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 3-7 Base Camp: Discovery Bay
Sun 5 GUM CREEK – Mt ROBERTSON
 Tues 7 *Historical Walk: Blind Creek*
 Sat 11 *Cycling: French Island*
Sun 12 ANGAHOOK – MOGGS CREEK

Private E/M Leader required
 Private E/M Lance Mobbs
 Private Med/Hard Jerry Grandage
 Private Various Marika & Sak-Hong Wan
BUS E/M & M Peter McGrath & Sybille Holdheide
Public Easy Nigel Holmes
Train/ E/M David Everitt
Ferry
BUS E & E/M Sally Bouvier & Stuart Mann

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