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SOCIAL EVENTS

For information & bookings ring me on _____ (please leave a message if I'm not at home) or see me at the club.

Film Night

Friday 8 November
7.30 pm, Clubrooms

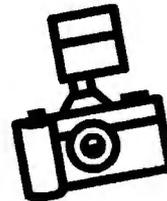
This is the third in our series of vintage Australian classics. (So far you have either seen or just missed *The Hayseeds* and *Jedda*.) This time it's *On Our Selection*, made in 1932 by Ken Hall, and based on the stories of Steele Rudd.

This film is an affectionate portrait of early life on the land: clearing, the first crop, drought, bushfires and financial uncertainty. It's also the first of the **Dad and Dave** talkies, and probably spawned the phrase "little Aussie battler." Certainly humour and determination were never better portrayed than through the antics of this dysfunctional frontier family. *On Our Selection* was warmly received on its release and has enjoyed periodic revivals ever since.

We'll start the evening with an amusing short, and a light supper will be available at intermission. Those present have a say in the choice of the next film.

N.B.: This is not a video or dvd but a proper cinematic 16 mm projection.

For further information contact **Carol Criddle** or **Stuart Hodgson**.



Slide Show
+ **Wine & Cheese**
Wednesday 23 October
7 - 9 pm, Clubrooms

No need to book.

Les Southwell will be showing slides at 8 pm of the wilds of south-west Tasmania and recent day walks. He will also have one or two of the last copies left of *The Mountains of Paradise* for sale.

Walks bookings between 7 & 8 pm on this night please.

Indoor Rock Climbing

either Fri. 15 or Sat. 16 November
depending on response

Victoria Ranges Indoor Rock Climbing
40 Mt. Alexander Road, Flemington

Please contact me if you are interested.

Includes: ½ hr Belay session (instruction on safe climbing) and then unlimited climbing time.

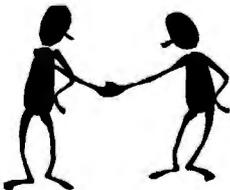
Cost for 10 or more people is \$13/person (no concessions)
Cost for fewer people is \$17 (adult) & \$15 (concession)

CAROL CRIDDLE
SOCIAL SECRETARY

CLEANING OF OUR CLUBROOMS

Please refer to the September edition of *The News* for details.

We have had two kind offers from members to clean our clubrooms - one from a walk leader and one from a member wanting to contribute to the club in a way other than leading. Many thanks to these two volunteers.



Don't miss the Social Event
of the Year!

The Melbourne Bushwalkers
Formal Dinner

29 Nov. - 1 Dec. 2002
M.U.M.C. Hut, Mt. Feathertop

Details on page 6 inside



Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.
meet on Wednesday evenings
between 7.00 & 9.00 pm in the Clubrooms,
Victorian Horticultural Society Hall,
48 MacKenzie Street, Melbourne.

Visitors are always welcome.



General correspondence should be directed to:
The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.,
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- ★ Emailing to:
- ★ Placing diskette or hand written material
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- ★ Posting diskette or hand written material to either:
The Editor, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.,
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Electronic mail is preferred.

Closing date for receipt of material for *The News*
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Only advertisements directly relating to bushwalking
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CREDIT VOUCHERS FOR SUNDAY BUS WALKS

A walker who has paid for a Sunday Bus walk and was
then unable to attend, is entitled to a credit voucher pro-
vided that the leader was informed *before* the walk. Please
note that not showing up on the Sunday does not entitle
you to a credit.

A request for a credit voucher **must be put in writing** to
the Walks Secretary, stating the following:

- your name and address
- the date and name of the walk missed
- the amount paid

Leaders must note in their walk reports the names of non-
attenders who had paid and the reason and notice given.
This information is used to validate a request for a credit
voucher.

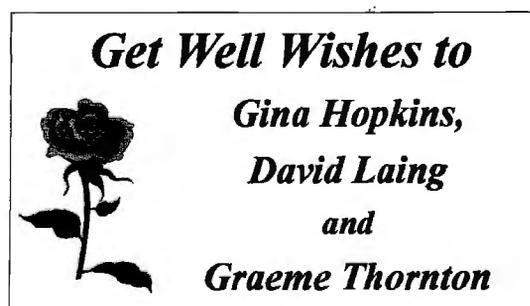
Credit vouchers are non-transferable and are only valid for
12 months from the date of the walk credited.

WALKS STATISTICS

July 2002	Trips	People	Average	July '01
Sunday Bus	4	144	36	37.4
Other Day	2	41	20.5	14
Pack Carry	1	5	5	8
Base Camp	1	6	6	8
Total	8	196	-	231 / 9

August 2002	Trips	People	Average	Aug. '01
Sunday Bus	4	146	36.5	25
Other Day	2	31	15.5	19
Pack Carry	2	15	7.5	-
Base Camp	1	6	6	-
Lodge	1	7	7	15
Total	12	207	-	152 / 12

GINA HOPKINS
WALKS SECRETARY



DAY WALKS, ETC. IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



Sunday Bus: Strath Creek Falls - Murchison Gap

DATE Sunday 27 October
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 14 & 16 km
LEADER(S) Jerry Karbownik & Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am
RETURN TIME Approx. 7.00 pm
AREA Flowerdale
MAP REFERENCE Reedy Creek 1:25,000

The medium group follows the Tunnel Hill Road to its end then drops down a very steep gravelly spur to Strath Creek. It follows the creek within a dramatic gorge past Little Strath Falls until it reaches Strath Falls where the group makes its way up the east bank.

The easy/medium group commences its walk at Falls Road. It descends to about half way up the falls, crosses them and also makes its way up the east bank. From here both walks will follow the same route.

A short stretch along roads is followed by a steep descent along a spur. The groups cross a "grassy" knoll and make their way to Diggers Gully. We'll follow the pebbled creek bed until we reach a lovely series of small waterfalls. Here the walks become steep and will involve some rock climbs along the falls and a great deal of rock hopping. When we reach the branch in the creek we'll climb a steep distinct spur to Allens Track which we follow until we reach Flowerdale Road and the bus.

This is a beautiful area to walk in. Although much of the walks are off track this is not bush bashing country with the steep descents and climbs offering the challenges. Lots of bird life seen on the preview as well as some kangaroos and wallabies.



Sunday Bus: Mt. Macedon - Camel's Hump

DATE Sunday 3 November
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 15 & 18 km
LEADER(S) David Arnold & Peter McGrath
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am
RETURN TIME Approx. 6.30 pm
AREA Macedon Ranges
MAP REFERENCE Macedon & Woodend 1:25,000

The name of this walk does not do it justice, but it would be difficult to include all the points of interest in the Macedon Ranges that we will be visiting! Both walks will take in the Zig Zag Track, the Sanatorium Picnic Ground and Lake, Days Picnic Ground, the Camel's Hump, McGregors Picnic Ground, Major Mitchell Lookout and the Memorial Cross. A veritable "Mt Macedon in a Day". The Easy/Medium walkers will warm up by first climbing the steepish foot track to Mt Towrong.

The picnic grounds were very pleasant and peaceful during the preview, but may be becoming a little more populated by the time we do the walk in November! Providing the weather is clear, there will be many great views to be had, such as the one from Camel's Hump looking north to Hanging Rock and beyond.



Historical Walk: South-East Gardens

DATE Melb. Cup Day: Tues. 5 Nov.
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE Approx. 10 km
LEADER(S) Nigel Holmes
TRANSPORT Public
RETURN TIME Approx. 3 pm at Ormond Station
AREA South Yarra, Prahran, Armadale, Caulfield & Ormond
MAP REFERENCE Melway p.43, 44, 58 & 68

Meet "under the clocks" at Flinders St. station for a 10 am start. The walk, including tram travel, is in public transport zone 1.

At 10 am we will walk from Flinders St. through nine Melbourne parks starting with Queen Victoria gardens and then generally south-east through parks linked with footpaths, lanes, devious short cuts and short tram rides. As well as the gardens and parks, pockets of period architecture make interesting viewing. The last part of the walk includes some of the ill-fated Ross railway line.



Navigation Training Day: Mt. Disappointment State Forest

DATE Saturday 9 November
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 10 - 15 km
LEADER(S) Quentin Tibballs
TRANSPORT Private
RETURN TIME Approx. 6 pm
AREA Near Kilmore
MAP REFERENCE Reedy Creek 1:25,000

This navigation training exercise will be conducted on the Victorian Rogaining course at Mt. Disappointment (west of Kilmore). The day will be suitable for beginners and intermediate standard participants (or experts who just want some practice). However, beginners will be encouraged to attend an instruction evening on the preceding Thursday (7 Nov.) in the clubrooms from 7.30 - 9 pm. There will also be pre-reading material which will be sent to beginners for this Thursday session.

The Saturday at Mt. Disappointment will begin at 10.30 am with initial instruction on the format of the course, following which the participants will set off either in pairs or small groups depending on need, (e.g. a novice may pair with someone more experienced) to complete a 4 hour pre-determined route that they have chosen, with the finish at around 4 pm.

I will forward instructions to participants on how to get there nearer the date. Gear to be taken will be your usual for a day walk, i.e. please bring your own lunch and your favourite compass if you have one (there will be spares if you don't). Also maps of the area will be provided.

Please phone me on _____ for further details.



**Sunday Bus:
Bungal State Forest-Moorabool River**

DATE Sunday 10 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
LEADER(S) Lynda Larkin & William Cone
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am

Please talk with the leaders in the clubrooms about these walks.



**Sunday Bus:
Airey's Inlet - Lorne**

DATE Sunday 17 November
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
LEADER(S) Ches Volpato & George Zamora
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9.00 am

Please talk with the leaders in the clubrooms about these walks.



**Wednesday Walk:
Richards Tramline, Warburton East**

DATE Wednesday 20 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER(S) Jan Llewelyn
TRANSPORT Private
MAP REFERENCE Ada River 1:25,000

Meet at the picnic ground at Big Pat's Creek at 10 am, Grid Reference 902 195. See Melway p. 291 for turn off to Big Pats Creek.

The walk is along an old tramline from the logging days – now a benched walking track in temperate rain forest. This area is delightfully shady and cool on a hot day, but rather damp underfoot and overhead, and leechy, in wet weather. The walk climbs uphill steeply, then more gradually, then loops around to return downhill. There are some fallen logs over the track, which can be slippery – a typical walk in this area of dense lush greenery.

Ring me on _____ to let me know if you are coming or with any queries.



**Sunday Bus:
Boar Gully, Brisbane Ranges**

DATE Sunday 24 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 13 & 15 km
LEADER(S) Alan Miller & John Coe
TRANSPORT Bus - South Bank Blvd at 9 am
RETURN TIME Approx. 6.30 pm
AREA South of Bacchus Marsh
MAP REFERENCE Brisbane Ranges NP 1:50,000

This is the President's Weekend. We will be joined by those who have spent the weekend camping at Boar Gully.

The walks will be entirely on tracks, through open eucalypt forest, with a small amount of wattle. The walks are moderately hilly, hence the gradings of E/M & M rather than Easy & E/M.

The only difference between the walks will be an extra loop down into and up out of a small gully on the medium walk. We think this will be a new walk for the club. There have been walks from Boar Gully to Little River, but this will be a circular walk, ending at Boar Gully.

On our preview, we saw large numbers of parrots, lorikeets, etc., and a few wallabies. The wallabies seemed very tame; we walked very close to two of them. There are koalas, but we did not see any. It was very dry, with very few wildflowers – we previewed in September when it should have been a blaze of native flowers. Carry water, there will probably be none in any of the creek beds.



**Dandenongs Explorer:
Karwarra Gardens**

DATE Saturday 30 November
STANDARD Easy
LEADER(S) Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT Private

Meet at Kalorama Reserve at 10.30 am (Melway 120 B9). Drive around to the back of the oval.

This will be an end-of-year break up for the Dandenongs group and we will have a barbeque tea after the walk. The day will start with a visit to the Karwarra Gardens, a showpiece of Australian plants. There is an entry charge, see me for details. The walk proper will start at about 12 noon and will be along tracks at the northern end of the Dandenongs. We will finish at about 4.30 pm and will light up the barbeque and have tea in the reserve. Don't forget your car fridge to keep your evening meal cold until we start cooking.

Those who don't want to visit Karwarra can come later to join the walk.



LEVEL 2 FIRST AID COURSE

**SAT. 23 & SUN. 24 NOVEMBER
VICTORIAN AMBULANCE FACILITY,
PARKVILLE**

This first aid course will be run by the Victorian Ambulance Service and will be specifically for bushwalkers with provision for coverage of prior nominated topics.

Length of course: 8 to 10 hours per day.

Cost: approx. \$180.

Contact me on _____ for further details.

**QUENTIN TIBBALLS
TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR**

WEEKEND WALKS, ETC. IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



Pack Carry: Mt. Winstanley - Mt. Stirling

DATE	Friday 11 - Sunday 13 October
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	Approx. 26 km
LEADER(S)	Trish Elmore
TRANSPORT	Private
MAP REFERENCE	Buller - Stirling Outdoor Leisure 1:25,000

This walk has appeal for the backpackers as it has some easier walking on tracks, some off track (which may be interesting), of course some climbing and then the reward of wonderful views.

We shall start on the Circuit road near Bus Huts, climb Mt Winstanley, then wander in an easterly direction initially using a trail then venturing off track as we climb up to the Monument with a mandatory side trip to Craigs Hut to savour the breathtaking 360 degrees views. We then descend to locate a highly recommended campsite for the night. Day two will see us climb up to the top of Mt Stirling and enjoy more views then descend via the ski trails back to our starting point.

Our biggest climb is just over 400 metres and we must be prepared for some fallen timber along the way with a better than usual snow season which could make the walk a little more difficult in places. So come along prepared to expend some energy and enjoy some beautiful alpine scenery to reward you for your efforts.



Lodge: Introduction to Wilkinson Lodge

DATE	Melb. Cup Wknd: Fri 1 - Tues 5 Nov
STANDARD	Various
LEADER(S)	Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT	Private
MAP REFERENCE	Bogong High Plains 1:50,000

Wilkinson Lodge is the Club hut on the Bogong High Plains which we have owned and operated since 1961. It is set in the middle of some stunning walking country. The hut is self-contained, complete with inside toilet and shower. The kitchen is well equipped with a slow combustion stove and all utensils, crockery and cutlery. Sleeping is in the gable of the roof and mattresses and pillows are provided. (Snorers usually opt to sleep on the bunks below.)

The idea of the weekend is to initiate members into the idiosyncrasies of the Lodge thus enabling them to use the lodge when they want (there is a booking system run by the Lodge Manager). There is a limit on the numbers using the Lodge. In order to save confusion in the kitchen we will organize group evening meals, gourmet chefs especially welcome.

I will be away until mid-October and will be staying on at Wilky after the Work party but you should be able to catch me in the clubrooms on 23 Oct. and probably on 16 Oct.



Moving Base Camp: Croajingolong

DATE	Melb. Cup Wknd: Fri. 1 - 5 or 7 Nov.
STANDARD	Easy & Easy/Medium
LEADER(S)	Jopie Bodegraven
TRANSPORT	Private

Last year we did the through walk from Thurra River to Mallacoota along the coast. It was great but we didn't have time to do the various other shorter walks in Croajingolong so this year we are going to rectify that. The activities are very flexible, consisting of a series of mainly half day or shorter walks, so that you can opt out of any if you would prefer just to relax, bird watch or do your own thing. If you don't have to be back at work on Wednesday, stay on till Thursday and do the whole trip.

We will start with Friday night at Thurra River or for the late arrivals maybe Cann River. On Saturday we will explore Point Hicks and the Thurra River sand dunes, camping a second night at Thurra. Sunday we move to Wingan Inlet to camp for 2 nights. On our way there we will climb Mt Everard and do the short Drummer walk. At Wingan there are several short walks we can do. On Tuesday the workers will have to drive home but the rest of us will drive via Mallacoota to Shipwreck Creek to camp for 2 more nights, stopping en route to do walks at Genoa Falls, Genoa Peak, Double Creek Nature Walk, Quarry Beach & Secret Beach. Wednesday will see us doing a full day walk to Seal Cove and Little Rame Head and Thursday we will return to Melbourne via the Bemm River rainforest walk and Mt Raymond. If anyone wanted to, they could do the long coastal day walk from Thurra River to Wingan Inlet.

Transport costs at 8 cents/km should be about \$85 for the 4 days and \$100 for the 6 days. There will also be camp fees which I will organise on a group basis at the time.



Pack Carry: Great South West Walk

DATE	Melb. Cup Wknd: Fri 1 - Tues 5 Nov
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	Approx. 42 km
LEADER(S)	Sakhong Wan
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mount Richard National Park
MAP REFERENCE	Cape Bridgewater 7121-2-N & S

It was seven years ago when I did this walk with the club lead by Jean Giese. Two years ago, Marika Jagow lead a similar base camp walk in this area and I heard raving reports of its beauty... I intend to relieve my seven year itch and recapture my fond memories of this special place.

Day 1 (10 km) - Due to the distance from Melbourne (approx. 4 - 5 hours drive) the group will meet at the Mt. Richmond National Park on Saturday at 12 noon. A car shuffle is necessary between the campsites of Tarragal and Trewalla. We will explore the Nat. Park before setting camp at Tarragal. Day 2 (15 km) - About half of this day's distance will involve beach walking and it will not be easy going with a pack. Camp will be at The Springs. Day 3 (15 km) - We will follow the track which is close to the cliff edge passing the Blowholes, Petrified Forest, Seal Cave, to name a few. Camp will be at Trewalla. Day 4 (2 km) - A late start plus a leisurely walk back to the cars to conclude our car shuffle.

Walkers should be fairly fit & I'll limit the party to 12. Please bring along something to share during dinner. All campsites contain a water supply & toilets. If you are interested please contacted me after 21 Oct. on



**Pack Carry:
Hotham - McNamara's Hut - Mt. Jim**

DATE Melb. Cup Wknd: Fri 1 - Tues 5 Nov
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE Approx. 60 km
LEADER(S) Jerry Grandage
TRANSPORT Private
MAP REFERENCE Map Bogong Alpine Area
 (Outdoor Leisure Series)

This walk will visit some well-known territory in the high country and also explore an area that is seldom visited. The route will be: Mt. Loch car park - Swindlers Spur - Young's Hut - a full day side trip to McNamara's Hut, returning to Young's - Mt. Jim - Blair's Hut - Red Robin Mine - Mt. Loch.



**Private Ski Trip:
Kosciuszko National Park**

DATE Melb. Cup Wknd: Fri 1 - Tues 5 Nov
STANDARD Medium
LEADER(S) Ralph Blake
TRANSPORT Private

Please see Ralph Blake in the clubrooms about this private ski trip or phone him on



**Pack Carry:
Dandongadale River - Mt Cobbler**

DATE Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November
STANDARD Medium/Hard
DISTANCE Approx. 27 km
LEADER(S) Gina Hopkins ()
TRANSPORT Private
RETURN TIME Approx. 10 pm Sunday Night
MAP REFERENCE Howitt - Selwyn 1:50,000

This walk should probably be graded medium/hard rather than medium as shown on the programme as it does involve a fair amount of off-track walking (some in thick scrub) and there will be some steep rocky sections to negotiate. This walk may be on the toughish side, but the scenery will be spectacular and well worth the effort.

The route starts from the Cobbler Lake Road and approaches Little Cobbler along a northern spur. Then we'll climb the steep and rocky western side of Mt Cobbler. There are wonderful views from the summit, in fine weather. Saturday night we will camp on the Cobbler Plateau, some way above the lake. On Sunday we will visit the Dandongadale Falls, the highest in Victoria, and Lake Cobbler and then make our way northwards along a ridge before descending back to the cars.

N.B.: Change of leader and telephone number.



**President's Weekend Base Camp:
Boar Gully, Brisbane Ranges**

DATE Friday 22 - Sunday 24 November
STANDARD Easy or Whatever
DISTANCE As You Like It
LEADER(S) Pearson Cresswell
TRANSPORT Private

The President's Weekend is a biennial social base camp: the emphasis is on base camping, with enough walking to keep the appetite up for more food (& wine?) and good company. This year we are going to Boar Gully in the northern section of the Brisbane Ranges. The camp is a Parks Vic site with water, toilets and fireplaces (drive in). Access details are available from me.

On Saturday there will be an E/M trip exploring some of the ridges, gullies and tracks in the area. With enough people, there may be more than one walk (there are lots of tracks to explore). On Sunday the bus will join us, so we can join Alan and John on their walks - or do our own thing.

Early bookings would be appreciated so that I can make sure that we have enough campsites. Please call me on



**Pack Carry:
Mt. Feathertop Formal Dinner**

DATE Fri. 29 Nov. - Sun. 1 Dec.
STANDARD Medium
LEADER(S) Ms Deborah Henry & Mr. Paul Beers
TRANSPORT Private



Don't miss the social event of the year: the MBW Formal Dinner atop Mt. Feathertop in the beautiful Victorian High Country.

Your leaders and hosts, Ms Deborah Henry and Mr. Paul Beers, invite you to attend a sumptuous three course meal accompanied by fine wine. Dress is most certainly black tie so pack your little black number and your best shoes. Dinner will be served in the palatial MUMC Hut, looking out over some of Victoria's most spectacular mountain ranges.

There will be a choice of routes to the dinner location. The first will head across the Razor back ridge and is a scenic and easy approach. The second and more challenging, is up the North-west spur starting at the bottom of the mountain.

The 2000 Dinner Party on Mamm Point (captured in the photo above taken by Mark Tischler) was a raging success and we are keen to repeat the event.

To avoid disappointment book now to reserve your seat by phoning Ms Deborah Henry on

QUENTIN'S QUIZ

LESSON 6: CONTOURS CONTINUED

Index Contours: Usually about every fifth contour is shown by a heavier line. These are known as index contours. When looking at the general shape of the country you need only look at the index contours. The thinner non-index contours are only of use when looking at the detailed shape of the land at a particular location. When determining how far up or down, count the index contours, not every contour.

How steep is it? You can work out exactly how steep a slope is by measuring how far apart the contours are. Say the index contours are 100 vertical metres apart. Using the scale at the bottom of the map you determine that a pair of index contours are 400m apart horizontally. The grade is then $100/400 = 0.25$ which is more often quoted as 25%, or 1 in 4, which means that for every metre you travel horizontally, you will rise 25% of that, i.e. 0.25m.

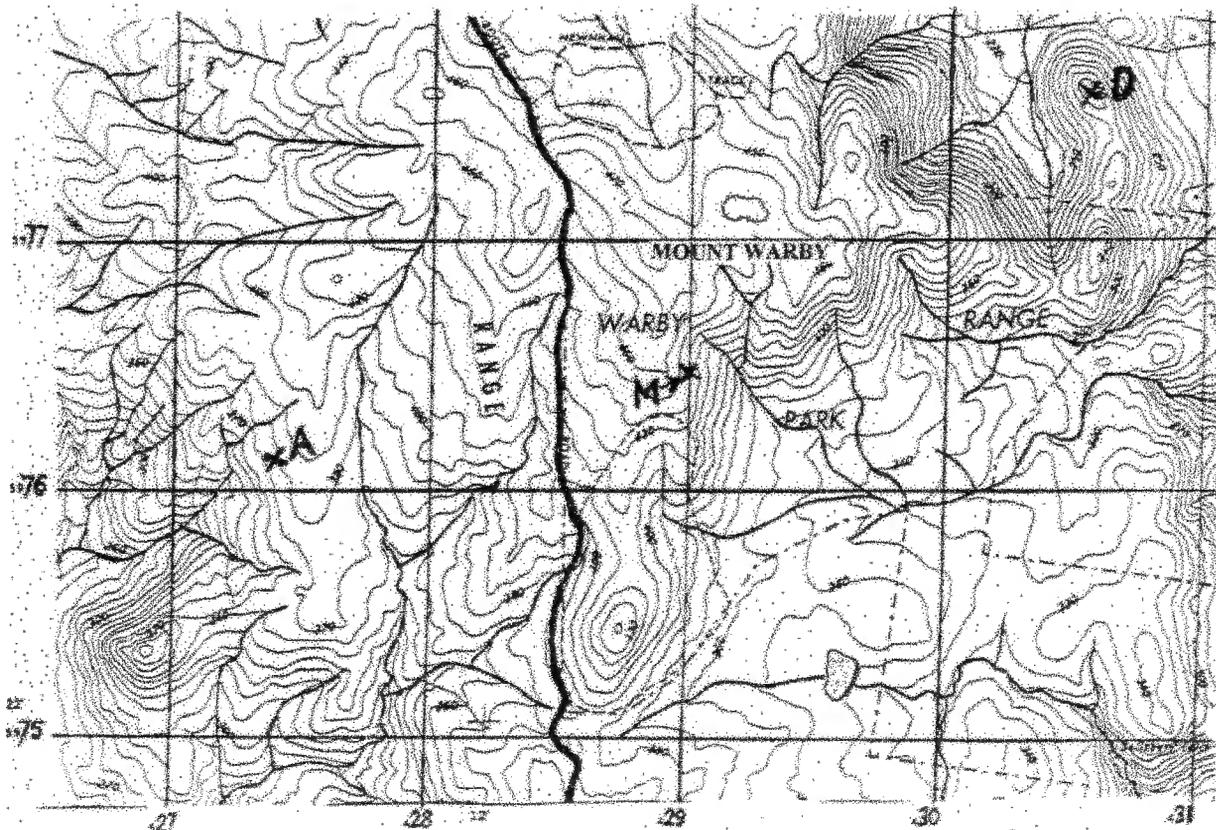
To help answer the questions below revision of the last 3 lessons (contained in *The News*, July, Aug. and Sept. 2002) may be useful.

Questions for Novices: On the Warby Range map below first look at the drainage pattern (the heavier lines). You will see that the water flows in the opposite directions on the two sides of the map. Therefore there must be a ridge (a watershed boundary) in the centre of the map. This fact alone should help you to visualize the general shape of the land shown. The land in the grid square bounded on the south west corner by GR 290750 (or 2975) is gentle, the next grid square to the north has some medium slopes in it, and the next one to the north of that contains some steep slopes (i.e. close contours). Just how steep you can work out if you are given that the contour interval is 10m and the grid square interval is 1000m.

- 1) Why is the summit at GR 288769 called Mount Warby and not the one which seems more prominent at GR 288755?
- 2) The latter grid reference is a knoll (a small hill on a spur or ridge). Just to the north of it (at GR 288758) is a saddle (a low point in a ridge). Find the closest knoll and saddle to the knoll at GR 288755 and record the grid references of each.
- 3) What is the feature at GR 296753? Why is it located there?
- 4) The map maker has shown drainage lines down many of the gullies to aid in interpreting the contours but some have been omitted by accident. Draw in the missing gully drainage line(s) uphill from GR 305762.
- 5) Can you draw a line along the main ridge running N-S near the road? You will need to use the contours as the drainage pattern only allows you to get a general idea where the ridge is (and the road does not follow it exactly).
- 6) Check your delineation of the main watershed in the question above by extending all the drainage lines up the gullies on each side of the ridge, up to near the ridge. Does this help to define the ridge?
- 7) Look at the points M (GR 290765), A (GR 274762) and D (GR 305777) and try to visualize what the ground looks like at each point. Assume that all the area is timbered.
 - a) In which direction does the ground slope downwards?
 - b) If you face downhill would you be able to see out through the timber? (You need to estimate this on the basis of how steep the slope is.)
 - c) If rain fell at this spot, where would it end up, i.e. the grid reference where it leaves the map?
 - d) Are there any other places within 1 km (the size of a grid square) where the ground would look similar to each of the positions M, A and D? Good navigators ask themselves this question to see if they could be at another location which looks similar. (Answers on p. 11)

Question for Experts: You are navigating through the Otway rainforest and have cut off the marginal information off the map to save weight but you remember that the grid magnetic angle on the recent 1:25,000 map adjacent to the east was 12 degrees east. Would it be safe to assume that the angle was essentially the same where you are? (Answer on p. 11)

QUENTIN TIBBALLS



BOX-IRONBARK FORESTS

Would members please write a letter this week to the Premier, the Opposition Leader and your local state member asking for government support of the Box-Ironbark E.C.C. recommendations?

Last spring the Melbourne Bushies enjoyed a great weekend at the Box-Ironbark VNPA 'discovery' weekend and we really appreciate the walking and nature study opportunities in this area of central Victoria. However, there is a strong lobby group who oppose the new national parks. They are mainly firewood collectors and prospectors who bulldoze a large area then use metal detectors looking for gold.

In the spring session of parliament, the proposed legislation will be discussed. We need your support. Please write to your politicians asking them to support all of the Environment Conservation Council recommendations. *News* Editor, Vicki Scrivenger has suggested a sample letter may encourage more Bushies to participate and so I have included a sample letter here.

For more information contact me on

ROD NOVAK
CLUB DELEGATE

VICWALK CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

*Hon. Steve Bracks, MP,
Premier of Victoria,
Parliament House,
Spring Street,
Melbourne, 3000*

Dear Premier,

Re: Government support for the E.C.C. Box-Ironbark recommendations

I would like the government to fully support the Environment Conservation Council's recommendations to establish national and state parks for the Box-Ironbark forests in central Victoria.

The current practices of firewood collection and gold mining/prospecting are damaging the forests. These forests provide very important habitat to endangered species and also provide excellent passive recreation and tourism opportunities.

I ask for your support of all the E.C.C. recommendations for the Box-Ironbark forests.

Yours sincerely,

John Smith



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A BLYTE ON KINGLAKE

BY SUSAN ENID MAUGHAN

Walkers on the Kinglake Walk on 21 August led by Jerry Karbownik were surprised to find themselves sharing the track with a lamb and a Rottweiler! Being in a National Park and at the mid-way point of the walk, they felt duty bound to summon the Ranger. The following is one person's account of that fateful day:

"Have you heard the latest news?" said Jan. "There's a lamb on the track."

"No, it's a Rottweiler," said Christine.

"Oh do shut up, you two!" said Alistair. "Can't you see it's both."

"You girls stay at the back and we'll go on ahead to investigate," said Bruce.

The girls waited in the woods while the rest of the Energetic Eleven strode on. Soon they came back.

"Yes," said Doug, rather excitedly, "there is a very large Rottweiler. But, don't be scared, because it's looking after the pet lamb, and it is tame."

"Goodness," said Sandra. "Do you think some foreigners let them loose?"

"It's time to have an important meeting, so gather round," said Roger.

"What's the secret password?" Susan whispered to Stuart, because she'd forgotten again.

Jerry and Roger decided that Jerry should run through the trees and get the grown-ups. "That's against the rules," said Margaret, sternly.

"Don't worry, old girl," said Jerry. "You sit here with the animals and all of you have some luncheon." So off went Jerry. Now they were the Trustworthy Ten.

Christine opened her lunch box and took out food for her pals and the dog and the lamb. Everyone was very hungry, and quickly ate the sandwiches and muesli bars and fruit that cook had prepared for them. The animals drank all the water - they were very thirsty! Roger gave all his lunch to the animals. What a nice boy.

I contacted the rangers on completion of the walk. They informed me that the owners had been identified and contacted and were coming to pick up the wayward duo. They had apparently disappeared on the previous Saturday and had been wandering ever since. No wonder they were so hungry.

Seems that the lamb had strayed through a farm fence and the Rottie (not being a herding dog) had simply gone along to protect the lamb (apparently they have been together since the lamb was born!) Both came from a farm some 10 km away! and when we found them they had made elevation changes of some 750 metres. Both should immediately qualify to join the Bushies!

JERRY KARBOWNIK



lamb Rottie

"Oh, bother," said Sandra. "We didn't bring any ginger-beer." All the time, they couldn't help thinking of home with the teapot on the hob.

The Ten tidied up, and went up the path. Sandra led the dog and Roger tucked the lamb under his arm. Soon they got to a hill, so Alistair valiantly took over carrying the bleating lamb.

Near the top, everyone paused to get their breath back, and Bruce was thinking about having another meeting, when Stuart called out, "Hooray, I can hear a motor car!" Sure enough, Jerry had returned with the grown-ups. They did have a startled look on their faces! All's well again!

Time to go home now. Mum's bound to have some tea waiting for us in the kitchen.

Goodbye Rottweiler, Lamb and Rangers.

Goodbye the Energetic Eleven. It's good to know you're all safe and sound!

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In The News (Nov. 2001) I passed on the basics of a report in New Scientist (29 Sept. 2001) of a new patent that might interest bird watchers ("twitchers" in NS parlance) - video-recording binoculars. Well, we live in a millennium when everything happens instantly, or even sooner. They are on the market already!

The columnist on the back page of the business section of The Age (1 Oct. 2002) reports on the Diginbo D B 100 and publishes a small photograph. He, however, has the stockbroking/Melbourne Cup set in his sights - presumably those who get too pie-eyed to be able to remember will find consolation in re-runs of the exact moment when they did their dough. Bushwalkers/birdwatchers will no doubt stump up the necessary when they have finished paying off their GPSs.

GRAHAM WILLS-JOHNSON

TRACKS, HUTS AND CONSERVATION ISSUES

National Threatened Species Day – held on Saturday 7th September. The Melbourne Bushies participated by attending the Regent Honeyeater Project tree-planting weekend at the Lurg Hills (near Benalla) on the weekend of 6 – 8th September. Marika Jagow organised this weekend, and had earlier invited Ray Thomas the Project Leader to an August club night, who inspired us with slides and an introduction to the project. The aim is to develop habitat for the threatened species of Brush Tailed Phascogales, Squirrel and Sugar Gliders, the endangered Regent Honeyeater, Babblers and other species by developing wildlife corridors in the Lurg Hills near Benalla.

On the Saturday we were divided into groups – you had a choice of being “diggers” or “planters”. We then helped plant 2,886 seedlings, representing some 38 species, a real community effort with 75 people attending from both the city and country. The aim of the Regent Honeyeater Project is to develop wildlife corridors between remnant woodlands and with generous farmers giving 100 metres of their land along roadsides to allow for wildlife corridors and habitat. After a hard day in the paddock we were treated to a great meal by the Benalla West Primary School parents, and late evening entertainment of an energetic bush dance, or quiet spotlighting, or bed!! The spot-lighters were rewarded with a good look at a squirrel glider.

On the Sunday, we planted another 1450 seedlings and then enjoyed a great BBQ lunch. The Melb. Bushies stayed back to help pack up the tools, and then Ray Thomas gave us an excellent guided walk through the Reef Hills State Park, with gold dust wattle in flower, red stringy barks, grey box, and the occasional orchid (Alan Clake found a great leopard orchid). Thanks Marika for organising a great weekend and for the following Bushies for helping on **National Threatened Species Day**.

Party: Marika, Sak-Hong, Adrian, Gina, Derrick, Alan, Jopie, Rosemary, Judith, Quentin, Max, Doug, Jan, Liz and me.

Upper Bunyip Action Group – this lobby group are trying to protect the Upper Bunyip River catchment (a reserve water supply area) from proposed logging this summer. This valley is between Tomahawk Gap, Mt Beenak and Seven Acre Rock. The group has become officially incorporated and at their August meeting Bob Thompson has been elected President. Telephone Bob Thompson on 9702 1017 if you are interested in helping with this important project. The official opening of the Fishers Loop walk is on the 27th October. All welcome – contact Bob Thompson for more info.

Thank you to the 100 Bushies who signed the petition to save this forestry block from wood chipping. Also, the Committee have donated \$100 to this worthwhile cause.

Victorian National Parks Association - are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a festival at Steiglitz on the weekend of 16 – 17th November. All welcome to attend. A variety of walks and outdoor activities will be available on the Saturday and Sunday.

ROD NOVAK, CLUB DELEGATE
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Birdwatching Bushwalks

Kakadu and the Grey Wagtail

Although there are very few confirmed sightings of the *grey wagtail* in Australia, there are rumours of other wet season sightings in Kakadu. We are offering a special January birdwatching trip to try and spot the wagtail as well as endemics such as the *white-throated grasswren*. On the first section, we return to airconditioned accommodation each night. On the second, we carry backpacks and move deeper into the wilderness.



Mitchell Plateau

In May, we are offering a special trip where we hope to spot a number of rare birds such as the *Kimberley partridge pigeon* and the *black grasswren*.

Both trips will be accompanied by Kimberley Birdwatching's George Swann as well as a Walkabouts guide. For more information, check our website trip notes or ask us for a printed copy.

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 Wednesday 6 November: D Henry & V Scrivenger

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 28 October at 7.00 pm in the clubrooms

Answers to Questions for Novices: 1) It is higher.
 2) The closest knoll is at GR 284760 and there is a saddle just to the north of it at GR 284761. I would also settle for the knoll at GR 298755 and the saddle to the west of it at GR 295756.
 3) It is a dam because it is built across a gully.
 4) The gully drainage line runs due south from this point and then forks.
 5) You had to do this.
 6) Extending the drainage lines up to the ridge helps to define the ridge, except that you have to have some idea where the ridge is so that you can stop the drainage line!
 7a) east, southwest, every direction.
 7b) possibly, unlikely, very likely.
 7c) GR 311764, GR 265757, various according to which way the water started on its way down.
 7d) Yes GR 289757 is similar to M, GR 273763 is similar to A and nothing is really similar to D.
Answer to Question for Experts: Most times its far to assume the grid-magnetic angle would be very similar in adjacent 1:25,000 sheets. However, there is a boundary of the AMG (UTM i.e. Universal Transverse Mercator) zones near the Otways which shifts grid north by about 4 degrees as you cross the zone boundary, and this same 4 degree change appears in the grid-magnetic angle.

OCTOBER 2002

Sun 6	Long Forest Flora Reserve, Bacchus Marsh	BUS	E & E/M	Brian Crouch & Millicent Henry	#
11 – 13	Pack carry: Mt Winstanley – Mt Stirling	Private	M	Trish Elmore	
Sat 12	Historical walk: Richmond	Private	Easy	Lance Mobbs	*
Sun 13	Hawkes Hill – Mollisons Creek	BUS	E/M & M	Jean Woodger & Nick Dow	#
Wed 16	Conglomerate Creek	Private	E/M	Alister Rowe	
18 – 20	Fed. Wknd Base camp: Otway Ranges	Private	Varied	Trish Elmore	
Sun 20	Labertouche, Drouin	BUS	E & E/M	Peter Havlicek & Mary de Salis	#
25 – 27	Wilkinson Lodge: Spring clean/work party	Private	Easy	Doug Pocock	
25 – 27	P/carry: Square Head Jinny - Helicopter Spur	Private	M	Mike Low	
Sat 26	Dandenongs Explorer: Bunyip State Park	Private	Easy	Alister Rowe	
Sun 27	Strath Creek Falls – Murchison Gap	BUS	E/M & M	Jerry Karbownik & Halina Sarbinowski	#

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