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Also, if any members would like to organize a night or day out, have any good ideas or know of any interesting social or cultural events which members may like to attend and enjoy together, I would like you to feel free to contact me if you require some assistance, or else submit your offerings to the editor

Lynda Larkin. (Social Secretary MBW)



Wine & Cheese evening

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Presidential Paragraphs

The new committee is settling down into its role. There was quite a massive change over of responsibilities. Committee meetings are open and democratic. If you are interested in what goes on you are welcome to sit in and observe.

It recently came to my notice that some members had some complaints. If you have problems please discuss them with a committee member who will raise them in committee if you desire. Discussing problems around a campfire will generally not solve anything and can lead to the spread of misinformation

The huge task of saving all club records onto disc has been started by Graham Wills-Johnson. I have browsed through some of the 1946-47 walk reports and found them quite fascinating. A weekend trip Powelltown to Warburton attracted 26 walkers. They reported rain and leeches, tracks overgrown with blackberries. Sound familiar? The next weekend the trip was repeated with 15 walkers. It looked like this was a training trip for Xmas as there were two trips. One through Cradle Mt reserve with 25 members and one Harrietville to Mt. Bogong with 18 members. Australia Day weekend 1947 saw two trips with 23 and 18 members. Easter that year saw 56 members walking to the lighthouse on Wilsons Prom. This when the membership was only a bit over 100! And – shock, horror – an unofficial ski trip with 29 members.

Graham may ask for some help in this mammoth task, keep your eye open. The last records Graham copied were the Wilky logbooks; let us hope there is no jinx on copying records.

Doug Pocock

Clubrooms Duty Roster

April 14	Jan Palich, Fay Dunn
April 21	Howard Friend, David Lang
April 28	Carol Criddle, Doug Pocock
May 5	Rod Novak, Deborah Henry

Next committee meeting

Monday 3 May, 7 pm in the clubrooms

Tracks, Huts and Conservation

Notes from the VicWalk Conservation Committee meeting on 25 February 2004

Alpine Grazing: Parks Victoria have allowed several licensees to take cattle back to "non burnt" areas, and to some "burnt" areas with conditions. At present, only one licensee taking cattle back to the Bogong High Plains – 75 cattle grazing there. Owner says he will check daily that the cattle are not in the burnt area. The area is "back of Mt. Cope."

Alpine National Park: Federation Hut (Mt Feathertop). VicWalk reps met with Parks Victoria in Wangaratta to view the architect's plans for re-building. Hut is for refuge, not for accommodation. Parks Victoria do not want lofts in huts.

Bunyip State Park: A VicWalk representative is on the community recreation advisory committee. VicWalk reps and Bunyip Bushwalking Action Group met with Parks Victoria to discuss bushwalking in the BSP. Issues raised include fragmentation of the park, lack of walking opportunities, trail bikes etc.

Central Highlands, Warburton: The Curves Track to be cleared of fallen trees and new signs showing the history of the tramway. Richards Tramway will have some clearing and a new bridge over Mississippi Creek. A new track is proposed from High Lead, east along Latrobe River to Ada River Road and to camping spots.

Grampians: Grampians Walking Track Strategy – Clubs are invited to write submissions for the development of a track strategy for the Grampians. What tracks would you like to see improved? Where should new tracks be developed? What type of tracks – eg grade, features, does your club most use? Submissions to vicwalk@vicnet.net.au by 30 March. Also the Halls Gap Community Association and local interest are establishing a "Grampians Walking Tracks Group".

Mallee Parks: Queens Birthday weekend – volunteers required for project at Wyperfeld N.P.

Regent Honeyeater Project: Nesting box inspection dates: April 17 and 18, May 1 and 2, Tree planting dates are August 7 and 8, August 21 and 22, September 4 and 5. Contact Ray Thomas

TRACKS

McMillan's Track: Bayside BWC has volunteered to assist Ben Cruachan BWC with this ongoing project.

Great Divide Trail: Proposed major developments at Lerderberg State Park for Whisky and Vodka Tracks where steps are needed down to the creek. A survey to find a route between Blackwood and Mt Macedon through the East Wombat, a very interesting area with timber tramways and old Mill sites.

Otway Ranges: VicWalk rep attended a meeting with ORWTA and MP Elaine Carbines on 6th February to discuss the Trans Otway Walk and the consultant's draft report. This report, which has gone to the minister, recommends closing the track to Sabine Falls, removing any remaining vestige of the Trans Otway Walk, closing all free camping areas and the banning of picnicking in the Otways. The report also states an "oversupply of walking tracks"!! This error was pointed out at the community meeting and in discussions with the consultant, but still ended up in the report.

Great Ocean Walk: funding of \$500,000 approved to complete the walk.

*Rod Novak – Club delegate
VicWalk Conservation Committee*



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Frenchman's Cap

5th–11th January 2004

Sunday 4th January: Our group met at the Derwent Bridge Hotel which is about 5 km from Cynthia Bay at Lake St Clair NP. and the end of the Overland Track. After a very nice dinner we spent the night in the hotel back packer accommodation.

DAY 1, Monday: Lyell Highway to Lake Vera Hut 16km. A charter bus took us approximately 30km to the start of the walk and we began at 8.45am in mostly fine weather.

After just 400m we crossed the Franklin River on a suspension bridge. Elevation here approximately 360m. Shortly after this, at a creek, we were required to scrub boots and gaiters to prevent the spread of Root Rot. The track climbed steadily through intermittent rainforest to the south of Mount Mullens at approximately 600m. affording good views of the whole quartzite dome, (1443m) and ridges of the Cap just becoming clear of cloud. The vertical ridges of 450m on the south-east face are Tasmania's highest. A descent to the Loddon River crossed by another suspension bridge then across the Loddon Plains. The 'Sodden Loddons' were not as wet as expected with about 2km of water and mud about ankle deep. We arrived at Lake Vera hut about 4pm.

DAY 2: 9 km to Lake Tahune. First around Lake Vera then a 360m climb in 3 km over Barron Pass at 950m, through dense rain forest, several waterfalls, rocky overhangs and some good track-work including notched logs to climb on some steep sections. Great views of lakes. Spires and cliffs of the Cap were cloudy. We arrived at the hut at about 1pm. As the forecast was for rain tomorrow, three of us did the 450m climb and some steep scrambles to the summit. There were cold winds and mist at first but this cleared to give great views. A few snow drifts around the top.

DAY 3: The weather closed in with rain, hail, light snow flakes and mist nearly down to down to the hut for most of the morning. Temperature, 5 degrees in the early morning falling to 2 degrees later. We spent the morning in the hut. The weather cleared a little in the mid afternoon and some ventured up the track as far as possible but the mist prevented them reaching the summit. There are superb views from the hut towards Mt. Ossa in the clear periods.

DAY 4: Return to Lake Vera Hut. With the weather clearing there were nice views on departure and bright patches in the dark sky. Quite wet after the rain and increased flows in the waterfalls descending Barron Pass.

DAY 5: An early start for the return to Lyell Highway and our bus arranged for 3pm. A few sections of the Loddon Plains are knee-deep after the rain. Although the weather was dissapointing at Lake Tahune Hut it was still a fantastic walk with the climbs over Barron Pass definitely a highlight.

Thanks to Quentin for his attention to every detail and for leading this great walk.

Bob Oxlade



At Lyell Highway near Artists Hill. Left to Right: Myself, Quentin Tibballs, Max Casley, David Easton (back), Susan McGinnis, Liz Devlin, Bill Donald, Di McKinley, Tracey Jamieson, and Peter McGrath.

Mount Tabletop – Dargo High Plains, pack carry

7–8 February 2004

We camped on the Ovens river on Friday night, then drove up Mt Hotham, shuffled the cars, and set off from J.B. Plain on what was looking like a hot day. I had never explored this area, so I was looking forward to it. The leader had decided to do the walk in reverse sequence from that described in the preview, for the sake of easier navigation. Some gentle walking, avoiding a somnambulant snake, and a gentle climb saw us on the well-named Mt Tabletop. The bushfires had destroyed the canopy, so we had little shade for lunch, searching for a wide-girth tree trunk instead. We then followed a broad spur, fairly ill-defined at first, down to the Dargo River. Much of this area had been badly burnt, with much dead standing timber, and blackened branches and tree trunks on the floor, looking like scaly serpents in our path. On a positive note, there was plenty of regrowth from the base of trees, and from epicormic shoots. And there was no scrub to bash through! The final part of the descent was very steep, and we slipped and slithered our way to the river, that we

then crossed to China Flat, on a bend of the river. This was an old goldmining area, with remains of mine shafts and a diversion creek to be explored. This was camp, so having cleared some tent sites, we found a deep swim hole – where we swam and lazed, washing off the sweat and dirt. We cooked our gourmet dinners, sat back with a cup of tea... and watched the stars appear. It was a warm night.

We decided to avoid the heat of the day so we started out at 7 am on Sunday, climbing the Tuckalong spur. This was a good strategy, and we were on the top by 10.30 am, having morning tea in the shade. With fantastic navigational skills, not to mention a GPS, Bill had us homing onto exactly the place where we'd left the car. The drivers then had a long car shuffle to do while the others lounged and lunched. As we drove down the mountain the temperature rose, and it must have been 40 degrees when we met at Harrierville for ice creams. We decided that it was a little public for a dip – without bathers – so we retired back to the Friday night campsite on the Ovens where we found a private swim hole to cool off in. A deep hole afforded a swim against the current where we swam like crazy and didn't move a metre! Afternoon tea was at the King River Cafe at Oxley (I recommend the lemon meringue pie).

Thank you Marilyn, for leading this most enjoyable weekend, and to Bill for the faultless navigation.

The group: Marilyn Whimpey (leader) with Bill Metzenthien, Ralph Blake, Marianne Watt, Rod Novak, Gina Hopkins, Derrick Brown.

Derrick Brown

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Five swims in a day (and a walk around the Prom)

28–29 February 2004

The Tidal River campsite seems to be more popular each year. Arriving after dark we had trouble finding a site for three small tents – there were cars and people everywhere. We squeezed in a small gap and were soon asleep. I was woken from my dreams at 6.15 and after a quick breakfast we met up at the Rangers hut – Bill Metzenthien, Marilyn Whimpey, Fang Fang, Peter Galvin, Ray Thomas, Gina Hopkins, and myself.

Setting off soon after 7 am for our west – east crossing of the Prom we walked up to Mt Oberon car park and onto Windy Saddle. It was already quite warm on the saddle as we paused for breath before dropping down on the track to Sealers Cove. This is a beautiful track and was much cooler as we went through Ferny Glade, reaching the temperate forest and the boardwalk towards the shore. As soon as we reached the beach we (well, most of us) were in the water for swim number one. The remains of an 800 foot jetty, built in 1903 to service a community of some forty people and a timber operation, are still there. There's no obvious evidence of the community hall or the township. A swim in this most beautiful and now isolated cove is sensational. Then we were off to the lookout on Horn Point and down to the beach and a second swim at Refuge Cove. This time we all went in! The breakers were good for body surfing, and the water was declared warm, even by the chief water wimp! The overnight campers were just about leaving as we passed through the campsite, and there was one boat moored in

the anchorage. The parks people provide a board fence for the boaties to record their boat names, to avoid graffiti on the rocks.

Kersop Peak was the next stop, where the views were forever, the sea blue, the sky clear. A skink came by, and was still, as if waiting for something. The march flies were bothering us, so we reduced the population by one and fed it to the skink. And another, and another... we realised why the skink was so fat. By now it was quite warm, and the sweat was running off me, so I was more than ready for the next swim at North Waterloo Bay. The breakers were huge here, and much fun was had. Peter and Ray came in on the breakers at a great rate and Ray had a few forehead scrapes by the end of the day. We lunched here and Ray found a small tiger snake, curled up in the sun. Then we took off for Little Waterloo Bay – and another swim! The sand here is so fine – like talcum powder – and the water is crystal-clear.

Crossing east-west, we were soon at Oberon Bay, where we took our last swim of the day, with more gentle breakers. To complete our circuit of the Prom, all that remained was to walk around the south and west of Mt Oberon, and back to Norman Beach and Tidal River. I needed a sit down and a cup of tea, and both were readily available as Gina had missed the last swim and had got back earlier. A little stretching was called for, followed by a shower, some tucker and a well-earned bottle of wine. I slept well.

Fierce wind and a little rain had reduced some campers' tents to ruins in the morning, but we were fine. *Some* people slept in, but some of us did a little walk along the Lizard Tongue track to get the limbs working again, before a leisurely lunch and the homeward drive. A fabulous walk in a fabulous place – just a pity about Tidal River.

Derrick Brown

The 'not so' Mt Darling pack carry trip

5–8 March long weekend

A hot weekend was predicted. After a late start from Melbourne (problems with Monash Freeway Car Park), we arrived at Traralgon's Junction Hotel for our evening meal – at 9 pm. Meals were largish but the salad bar and cooked vegies were a bit tired. We camped at a very busy Breakfast Creek and had to use Max's secret location down by the old crossing. Our visitor – Amanda (friend of Gareth Pocock from Monash Bushwalking Club days) let out a loud cry & *#%. Her tent poles were "left behind" due to a recent house move. Amanda slept out under the stars but the others opted for mosquito protection in their tents. Next morning we bumped into Mark Tischler (on a VMTC trip going to the Caledonia River) and could borrow his tent. Ralph promised an easy first day with a late start, so we enjoyed an unhurried break-

fast (at Breakfast Creek!) and then drove up to Bryce's Gorge car park, after dropping the packs at the junction to Dimmick's Lookout. We walked the 2 km back to the packs, dodging the speeding 4 wheel drives and eating their dust. We observed water in the headwaters of the East Caledonia River flowing from the extensive snow plains. Ralph speculated that water could be an issue and it certainly was!! We walked out to Dimmick's Lookout for morning tea and the great view of Mt Darling. Then along the Carey Road into the Mt Darling – Snowy Bluff Wilderness Zone. The sign said "no vehicles allowed" but had recent traffic with the bollard knocked over, tyre



marks and fallen trees chain-sawed away. We continued to Low Saddle for lunch and rested in the shade. We then walked to the Mt Darling Creek. It was bone dry and after searching the headwaters with no luck for an hour we had to backtrack to Low Saddle. After a team meeting we agreed to drop down the valley in search of water (Carey Creek headwaters) with a time limit of 30 minutes down. If no water was found then we had to turn back and walk out – back to the car. This area had been an old logging coup with lots of fallen trees and stinging nettles. A real slog and no luck – not even a muddy pool!! We then retraced our steps, for the 11 km back to the car, for a grand total of 22 plus km. And Ralph had promised us an easy first day!! It was real hot and the water containers were getting empty. Ralph found a trickle near Dimmick's Lookout and managed to get a litre of cool but dirty water. Back to the High Plains Road and we limped to the East Caledonia headwaters at 8.30 pm for a big drink after a long and very hot day. We camped at Bryce's Gorge car park and cooked dinner by torchlight. Red wine and chocolate biscuits helped to restore the team spirit.

The next morning we decided to walk down to Wonnangatta via the Dry River Track. We enjoyed morning tea at the Pieman's Creek waterfall and then walked across the escarpment to Bryce's Gorge. It was quite hot and the bush flies were very annoying. After lunch at the top of the Dry River spur, Ralph suggested we turn back and camp on Conglomerate Creek. After the previous hard day and the hot weather everyone jumped at the chance of an early camp amongst the snow gums. We found a great camp on Conglomerate Creek in a lovely valley – and had a lazy afternoon tea in the shade. Next day, we walked out via Guy's Hut (built in 1939) and back to the car. Ralph suggested an extra side trip to Mt Reynard for lunch. This mountaintop has superb views of the Victorian Alps and is well worth the visit. Then to Licola for a well-deserved ice cream and a tasty dinner at the Trafalgar Hotel completed the weekend. Thank you Ralph for organising this very interesting and challenging weekend. Party: Ralph (leader) with Max, Amanda (visitor) and me.

Rod Novak

Federation Peak

4-14 March 2004

Federation Peak at 1224 metres is by no means the highest mountain in south west Tasmania – that honour belongs to Mt Ossa at 1617 metres – but it is the hardest climb. The conspicuous peak with very rugged steep sides has beckoned me from afar on many occasions as I've explored the exciting Tasmanian wilderness over the years, so I readily agreed with Gina when she said "You know, we really ought to do this one before you get much older!"

So it was that the team comprising Alan Clarke, Ray Thomas, Ken McMahon, Gina Hopkins (our leader) and myself (abandoning my bathchair and clutching my Seniors card) were at the Huon Campground, near Scotts Peak Dam on Lake Pedder – the furthest point that one can reach by road. The plan was to 'do' the Eastern Arthurs and Federation Peak, with a few days up our sleeve in case of bad weather. If all went well, then we'd do some of the Western Arthurs as well. Off we set in fine weather. The boarded and graded track surprised us all, but after a few kilometres soon gave way to the deep mud holes that we know so well. I found the first one when I went in up to mid-thigh. I strained my leg and nearly lost my boot in the extraction process. Camp (and clean-up) that night was at Two Mile Creek, a pleasant dry spot in the trees. The next day was a 23 km slog through the buttongrass plains and mud holes. A side trip on a boardwalk took us to Cracroft Crossing, where we explored the wide river. The large quantity of timber

flotsam told of a raging river in other circumstances. Camp was at Pass Creek where we left a food drop. Leaving camp in the rain next morning we left the Arthur Plains and began the climb up Luckmans Lead to the Boiler Plates – a series of peaks overlooking Lake Leo. We made Stuart Saddle, where the unfortunate John Stuart died of exposure in 1955 – he didn't have a waterproof jacket – and is buried there, and then on to Goon Moor and the first platform campsite. This comprised four well-designed timber platforms cut into the vegetation, with water supplied from a tank. We appreciated being able to stay out of the mud, especially as it was a wet night.

There was some exciting stuff the next day when we went over the Four Peaks, and we had to make use of Ray's light rope to haul our packs up some awkward rock slabs. By now we were getting close to the summit area. We dumped our packs in a saddle, where we lunched and dried out our kit in warm sunshine. Then with daypacks we went for the summit. The way was along a craggy ridge with growing exposure. The peak suddenly emerged, looking close, impressive – and to my eyes, unclimbable! We reached a cliff face where our route appeared to end abruptly. Gina encouraged us out onto a narrow ledge on the cliff face (while something inside me said should I really be doing this?), and from there we climbed up and around a corner, then onto a wider ledge. I focussed on the climb, not particularly wishing to look down, knowing that we were some 600 metres above Lake

Geeves, This is apparently the biggest cliff in Australia. After that an easy scramble took us to the top where all five of us whooped with joy. We'd made it! It was a perfect day, with warm sunshine and no wind. We spent some time there just savouring the moment, and the perfect views. We could see Lake Pedder to the north west, Bathurst Harbour to the west, and to the south Precipitous Bluff and the breakers on Prion Bay. Magic moments! We completed the logbook (a new one at January 2002), so there weren't many entries, and no Melbourne Bushies in it). I wasn't looking forward to going down, it usually being more difficult, but the handholds and footholds were good, and just required a slow and careful climb. Back at the saddle, we picked up our kit and strolled down to Hanging Lake, a beautiful camping spot, again on platforms. This time we had a loo as well. Ray went off to play his recorder – he did this at every campsite – while we cleaned up, had a cup of tea and congratulated ourselves once again.

Two nights later we were back at Pass Creek, having experienced much wet weather and fierce winds. I was looking forward to our food drop and the chocolate bars. Imagine our dismay when we discovered that some mongrel had stolen food from the bags! Alan lost two evening meals, three of us lost our lunch biscuits – and I lost my chocolate bars! We had protected the bags from possum attack, but had not attempted to hide them from people. We were able to continue, but at reduced rations. Over the next few days we explored the southern end of the Western Arthurs, visiting Lake Rosanne, Promontory Lake and finally Lake Vesta, before returning via the Arthur Plains to our start point. We spent a pleasant evening in Hobart and had the next day looking around the waterfront and the town before catching our flight home. A lovely relaxed way to end a terrific trip. Thank you leader, for a superbly organised trip. I'll now climb back into my bathchair...

Derrick Brown

Otway Coast base camp

Marengo/Cape Otway – Marengo Caravan Park.

13–15 February 2004.

Leader: Sylvia Ford.

Participants: 13 for the full walk, 21 total campers.

As members rolled up to the water-front Marengo Caravan and Camping Park on the Friday evening, there was little if any worry about Friday 13th. The major concern was just how well we would handle the forecast heat for the following day with 18 km of combined Otway wave-cut platform and forest hinterland to be negotiated. Melbourne's forecast was for the high 30's.

The Marengo Park and the low scrub lined grassy strip soon supported about ten various shaped tents and one campervan and these all mushroomed within 50 metres of a cold, pounding Southern Ocean. With the threatened heat still burning up Adelaide, it was the roar of the pounding sea that threatened sleep, not oppressive temperatures. The high rollers were all out to sea as lights quickly faded. The Great Ocean Walk with far less traffic but comparable views to its vehicular counterpart lay immediately to the south.

Following a simple but time consuming car shuffle which saw most of the vehicles stationed about twenty five road kilometres to the south at Blanket Bay, 21 "Bushies" set out along the wave cut platform approxi-

mately eight kilometres to an inappropriately named Shelly Beach; Shcllgrit Beach perhaps. The tide was perfectly positioned and no one was worried by flying spray. There was still no sign of the threatened high temperatures.

At the Elliot River, very inappropriately named, where a thin stream of amber struggled to make the sea, the walk left the coast. Doubts about the real location of the track because of an inappropriately located sign were overcome by heading up "river" for about 150 metres and all walkers were then into the general Otway forest and climbing a steepish ridge with gradually decreasing gradient. At a Park Management road, the group split with some completing the Elliot River round trip and heading back to Marengo and whatever Apollo Bay civilization might offer whilst 13 more adventurous members joined the well signed Management tracks to Blanket Bay. These tracks skirted small areas of rain forest with sandy areas sometimes wet under foot and then into the drier and thinner eucalyptus forests composed of blue and grey gum, stringy bark as well as Mountain Ash, excellent signage continued on all four-wheel drive tracks as well as the last downhill walking-only track which zig-zagged down the steep escarpment back towards the coast. We had never been any more than three kilometres inland. The muffled sounds of the surf were the first warnings of its proximity and when about five hundred metres from it, and fifty metres above it, glimpses of bright azure blue through the trees gradually increased as did the pace. Thirteen, not overly over-heated "bushies" joined the locals at about 4pm and were soon swimming in the low tidal beach area adjacent to the Blanket Bay camping area. A sighted sting-ray raised some concern but chased no one from the water. More disturbing were the number



of dead penguins found on the high tide mark. Were they natural deaths?

The first day's walk had been completed without anyone expressing concerns about elevated temperature. Soon, back in Marengo as the sun set and both groups lazed around a table bulging with nibbles and enough nobbling fluid to satisfy all, the discussion covered many topics including what additional delights would develop the following day when the Blanket Bay to Cape Otway Lightstation section of the Great Ocean Walk was completed. Temperatures were no longer a concern. The main question asked as darkness set in and sleep was attempted was "Had the surf really subsided or had 18 kilometres taken their toll?"

Day 2's walk began at Blanket Bay with the washing of boots to remove any spores of the damaging cinnamon fungus. The sound of rolling waves receded as the group of 13 hit the well made track which firstly climbed and then skirted above the limited easterly drainage systems. Minor rain forest enclaves were located at their deepest points right on the coast. Rare spectacular flowers were present beside the track and a rare, royal blue lilly/orchid and the slightly more common pink blaze of the Hyacinth orchid flower stem caught the eye.

The next coastal point reached was the mouth of the Parkcr River which can claim both ocean and river swimming. The track reaches the river next to the diminutive Lower Parker River Falls, dry at this time. A number of the brave bared all or some to plunge into the amber coloured basically fresh waters of the river and after an initial gasp, enjoyed its refreshing coolness.

The walk then followed the coast, rock hopping along the wave cut platform to Crayfish Bay. The rusting anchor of the ship wreck "Eric the Red" was passed. Featuring prominently in the sandstones were iron-rich nodules or cannon ball type and sized features in no way

related to "Eric". Minor caves or over-hangs within the sandstones became more common. In these covered areas, lime crystallization became more obvious and robust and unspectacular but active stalactites and stalagmites developed. The reason was soon obvious Overlying the 130+ million year old sandstone was an approximately 10 million year old limestone, the same rocks responsible for the interesting 12 apostle type and other structures further west. Also seen in these "caves" were coalified logs.

Lunch at Crayfish Bay allowed additional swimming as well as a glimpse of a good catch of large abalone still in their lower and major shell. A Geelong family would eat well that night. Abalone's culinary appeal was not overly obvious with them in that partly blackened form.

The group climbed the well built track behind Crayfish Bay and completed the walk to the Cape Otway lighthouse by way of an older, often poorly defined track through the flax, grass and low scrub areas. The new track is relatively uninteresting as it follows the road whilst the old track cut through the normal sink hole and solution features common to any limestone underlain terrain. At three thirty and with approximately 9.7 kms covered for the day, most enjoyed a cold drink from the Kiosk whilst the cars were collected from Blanket Bay.

Another wonderful Sylvia Ford camp and walk finished as one would expect on a high note with most participants returning to Melbourne via Lavers Hill and the tree-top walkway called the Otway Fly. We were probably some of the few Melbournians who at no stage during that weekend complained about the heat. A five star Base camp with wonderful seaside and hinterland scenery combined with good company.

Note: Marengo Caravan Park has good cooking (microwave, gas and electric) and table facilities, a moderately sized refrigerator and charged \$9.00 per night for camping.

Doug Langton

Ski cross country with

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Wintergroup is a social cross country ski club which caters for all levels of skiing: from day trips at Lake Mountain to backcountry touring in the alps; for beginners to the very experienced.

Formed in 1966, it continues to encourage 'bushwalking on skis' with a varied program in the winter months.

Interested?

Contact Loch or Fay
copy of our 2004 program

for more information and a

TRANS OTWAY WALKING TRACK

Dear Members,

For a number of years as many of you would know, the Otway Ranges Walking Track Association & VicWalk have been lobbying for a long distance walking track (70 km) between Lorne & Apollo Bay, so far to no avail. This is an area of outstanding beauty and natural values; though much of the area is inaccessible to walkers.

There appears to be a perception in Government & Department circles that there is little support for this track. Now is the time for bushwalkers to show their support for the Trans Otway Walking Track by writing a letter to:-

**Hon. John Thwaites MP,
Minister for Conservation,
c/o Parliament House,
Spring Street,
Melbourne 3001.**

Points that you may like to use

- All of the regions shire councils support the project,
- Regional tourism organisations support the project,
- All of these groups recognise the economic benefits accruing from this project,
- The T.O.W. would link the Surf Coastwalk to the Great Ocean Walk making this a walking track of national significance,

- It is planned to have several short links from local towns to the main track,
- Remind the Government that their election policy prior to last election was to develop key features which included the Trans Otway Walk,
- Long distance walking tracks are supported across Australia, eg. In W.A. Bibbulmen Track (960 km), in Tasmania the Overland Track (20,000 visitors a year), in Queensland the State Government has granted \$10 million to create six world-class walking tracks, in S.A. the Heysen Track, in Victoria the Government continues to support the Great Dividing Trail now some 200 km long,
- Maintenance for the track need not be a burden on the Government, there are Bushwalking club volunteers, Dept. of Justice crews, and other organizations willing to help.

Please take a few minutes to write a letter

*Dave Rimmer
Otway Ranges Project Officer
VicWalk Conservation Committee*

Walks Secretary Report

March 2004 Walk Statistics

March 2004	Trips	People	Average	March 2003
Sunday Bus	4	126	32	133
Other day	2	31	16	51
Pack Carry	3	20	7	5
Base Camp	2	19	10	46
Lodge	-	-	-	-
Cancelled	1	-	-	-
Total	11	196	-	12/235

Winter Walks Programs

The Winter Walks Program is complete thanks to a lot of help from Gina, Peter McGrath and other coordinators.

The mid-week 'TOFS' easier walks have been successfully introduced thanks to Jean Geise.

Ken MacMahon, Walks secretary

THE ANNUAL MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS MEGA BUYING NIGHT

at The Wilderness Shop is on again, one night only!

A massive 20% off all regular prices, and 5% off those already on sale.

Door prizes, snacks and drinks are provided.

**WHERE: The Wilderness Shop,
969 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.**

**WHEN: Tuesday 20th April,
6.00pm – 9.00pm.**

The staff of The Wilderness Shop look forward to meeting you all on the night.

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PREVIEWS OF DAY WALKS APRIL/MAY 2004

DANDENONG EXPLORER: One Tree Hill and Chandlers Hill

DATE	Saturday 24 April
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	11.1 km
LEADERS	Philip and Liz Wood. Tel 9833 6012
TRANSPORT	Private (starts and finishes 1 km from Upper Ferntree Gully station, for those who prefer public transport)
RETURN TIME	3.30 pm
AREA	Upper Ferntree Gully
MAP REFERENCE	Melway map 74 H5

This walk will start at 10.30 am from the middle Car Park, which is the second on the left once through the park gates, at the Ferntree Gully Picnic Ground. (Turn off Burwood Highway on to the Mt Dandenong Tourist Road then immediately left into the access road). We will walk up the Kokoda Memorial Track, which includes the '1,000 Steps' to the top of One Tree Hill. Then we descend Tysons Track, steeply at first, to curve round below the summit, down to Mystic Road and Hansen's Track, up Chandlers Track to Macedon Track, and back via Belview Terrace and School Track to the starting point. Most of this walk is featured in *Daywalks Around Melbourne* No 38, though we take a couple of pleasant diversions from it to enjoy some distant views. There are some fairly steep ups and downs, and one or two short sections which will be slippery if the weather is wet, so we recommend shoes/boots with good grip. Although the 1,000 Steps were quite busy when we previewed the walk (on a Saturday), the rest of it was very quiet, and we even had the One Tree Hill Picnic Ground to ourselves for morning tea.

SUNDAY BUS Elphinstone Tunnel – Irishtown Track

DATE	Sunday 25 April
STANDARD	Easy Medium & Medium
DISTANCE	15 & 18 km
LEADERS	Nik Dow & Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT	Bus – Clubrooms McKenzie St. 9 am
RETURN TIME	18.30
AREA	Fryers Ranges
MAP REFERENCE	Drummond & Chewton 1:25000

North of the divide the weather is usually warmer and sunnier than in Melbourne, welcome by April, although this pleasant walk through the Box-Ironbark forest will be mostly shaded. Both walks cover dirt roads and some off-track, with the Medium group going off track 50% of the way and the easier walk only 20%. Plenty of birds to see and maybe some other wildlife. The area shows its history in mining especially on the route taken by the longer walk.

Note: The bus leaves from the Clubrooms owing to Anzac Day Parade

CYCLE TRIP: Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

DATE	Saturday 1 May
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	About 60 km
LEADERS	Merilyn Whimpey
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	5 pm
AREA	South-eastern suburbs
MAP REFERENCE	Melways 69, 78, 87, 88, 93, 97, 99, 100, 132, 133, 134

Starting on the south side of Oakleigh railway station at 9 am (off-road angle parking available on the south side is better than the busy north side), we will ride south and west using bike paths where possible, back roads and occasionally main roads. We will go through Brimbank Park, past the Edithvale wetlands and Seaford wetlands, stopping sometimes to view the birds. Binoculars would be handy.

At Cranbourne Botanic Gardens I highly recommend a walk to a lookout where you can see both Westernport Bay and Mt Baw Baw. We might see bandicoots and bush rats at the Botanic Gardens picnic ground. From the Botanic Gardens it's about a 5 km ride back to Cranbourne railway station where we catch the train back to Oakleigh or home. There are some places where you could drop out, but would probably mean catching a Frankston line train and changing at Caulfield if your car's at Oakleigh or Cranbourne. It's probably best to bring your lunch with you. We pass a few take-away food shops, but they may not be at a convenient time or near a nice park.

If the wind is going to be from the south-east, we'll do the trip in reverse, starting at Cranbourne station. You'll have to contact me the day before. Don't just turn up at Oakleigh or you may miss us.

SUNDAY BUS: Toolangi – Pauls Range – Schoolhouse Ridge

DATE	Sunday 2 May
STANDARD	Easy & Medium
DISTANCE	Not Sure Yet
LEADERS	Ralph Clayton & Maureen Hurley
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd
RETURN TIME	Approximately 6.30 pm
AREA	Yarra Glen/Yea
MAP REFERENCE	Toolangi

At the time of writing the walk has not yet been previewed. Fear not, it will be done a couple of weeks beforehand. We will attempt to make it a little longer than the last time it was on the program when the walk was finished by 2.00 pm and an hour or so was spent drinking coffee in Yarra Glen on the way home.

The walk is in the Toolangi State forest between Yarra Glen and Yea which, along with the neighbouring



Murrindindee State forest, is one of the nicest areas for walking close to Melbourne. The routes will be decided on when the preview is done but both walks will follow Paul's Ridge which runs South from Toolangi village. We will try and incorporate some walking in the valleys as these are quite pretty with the possibility of seeing wombats or lyre birds.

We are hoping that the Autumn weather will extend into early May so that we will see the area at its best but, of course, being May it may well rain heavily so be prepared.

Further information on the walks will be available from the Leaders when you come in to book. See you then.

THURSDAY 'TOFS': Woodlands Historic Park

DATE	Thursday 6 May
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	Approx. 11-12 km
LEADER	Janice Llewelyn
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Greenvale
REFERENCE MAPS	Melways 5, 177, 178
RETURN TO CARS	Approx. 3.00 pm

A relatively short, flat, easy walk in beautiful remnant grassy woodlands, featuring huge red gum trees, abundant bird life and granite boulders. The Park is the site of pioneering pastoral settlement. Woodlands Historic Homestead was built in 1843 and still stands. There are also ruins of two other nineteenth century homesteads, Cumberland and Dundonald. We will visit Woodlands Homestead, unfortunately only open on Wednesdays, walk along the fairly dry Moonee Ponds Creek, up Gellibrand Hill, where we will see the ruins of Dundonald, then circle back to the picnic ground. Of interest is the programme to re-introduce the Eastern Barred Bandicoot to the Park, involving a huge cyclone fence.

Meet at Somerton Road Picnic area, Melways B6, opposite the toilets, at 10.15 am Enquiries to the leader on



SUNDAY BUS:

Wombat Station Sailors Falls-Twin Bridges

DATE	Sunday 9 May
STANDARD	Easy Medium & Medium
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT	Bus - Southbank Blvd.

Please talk with the leaders in the clubrooms about this walk.



SUNDAY BUS:

Golden Gullies, Castlemaine Historic Reserve

DATE	Sunday 16 May
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	14 and 17 km
LEADERS	Alan Clarke & David Arnold
TRANSPORT	Bus - Southbank Blvd.
RETURN TIME	7 pm
AREA	Castlemaine
MAP REFERENCE	Guildford 1:25,000

This will be a lovely walk. It is virtually all on well-graded tracks through open forest with no undergrowth. There are lots of gullies, gums, gold mining remains, and good walking. Both walks are well within their ratings and the preview was a delight. For those who wish to there are also the mineral springs to sample. Both walks will be the same except for a shortcut taken by the easy group and there are no big hills.

WEDNESDAY WALK: Sherbrooke Forest, Dandenongs

DATE	Wednesday 19 May
STANDARD	Easy Medium
DISTANCE	12 km
LEADER	Stuart Hodgson
LOCATION	Sherbrooke Forest, Dandenongs
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	3.30 pm
AREA	Dandenongs
MAP REFERENCE	Melways 74 & 75, or, Dandenong Ranges NP Walking Tracks Guide

Last year we created a walk from Kalorama back to Susan's place in Ferntree Gully in time for afternoon tea. So this time, maintaining the pioneering spirit, we offer you the chance to be part of an inaugural expedition which will chart a path from Ferntree Gully up through the southern Dandenongs and across woodland depths to the far end of Sherbrooke Forest where Stuart has his gingerbread cottage hideaway at Selby. Again, hopefully we shall arrive in time for afternoon tea.

The walk will be partly on tracks, partly through virgin forest and inevitably pass through little pockets of suburbia, including the back garden of a very obliging Teroma resident.

Obviously there will be quite a few ups, but at least from a mathematical perspective these can be philosophically cancelled out by an approximately equal but opposite number of downs.

Bring some afternoon tea to share with other humans - resident kookaburras and parrots will happily dispose of any left-overs. Book with Stuart on

 **SUNDAY BUS: Mt Caroline – Break O’Day**

DATE Sunday 23 May
STANDARD Easy-Medium & Medium
DISTANCE 12+ km approx.
LEADERS Peter Havlicek & Mark Heath
TRANSPORT Bus – South Bank Blvd. at 9.00 am
(along Canterbury Rd, through Lilydale)
RETURN TIME 6.30 – 7.00 pm
AREA Yea area – Minto Hills
MAP REFERENCE Mt Caroline 1:25 000 – 7923-2-1

The walk is over some high hills with magnificent views. We start off near the Melba Highway and climb Mt Caroline (some 250 m) and are rewarded with great views. The land is open, populated by placid cows and sheep. The walks continue along an undulating ridge (more visual feasting) before descending into the valley of Tea Tree Creek. The last part of the walk climbs again 110 m along a fire access track among the trees.

DANDENONGS EXPLORER: Doongalla

DATE Saturday 29 May
STANDARD Easy
LEADER Warren Baker
TRANSPORT Private

Please phone Warren Baker on about this walk.

 **SUNDAY BUS: You Yangs**

DATE Sunday 30 May 2004
STANDARD Easy & Medium
DISTANCE 12 & 17 km
LEADERS Max Casley & Sara Watson
TRANSPORT Bus – Southbank Blvd.
RETURN TIME 6.30 pm approx.
AREA Near Lara and Geelong
MAP REFERENCE You Yangs 1:25,000

This is a good winter walk. When it is raining in Melbourne it is often sunny at the You Yangs.

The You Yangs are a low group of hills in the flat plains to the south west of Melbourne. In 1802 Matthew Flinders climbed Flinders peak to get views of Port Phillip Bay and the surrounding area.

The easy group will go to Big Rock and climb Flinders Peak for some good views. Then we will continue mainly along good tracks to the north returning around the eastern side of the hills. The medium group will do an extra section among the hills to the north of the main peaks and then finishing at the same place as the easy group.

This area has koalas, wallabies, possums and sugar gliders. It is noted for its bird life. An enjoyable walk.

NEW MEMBERS:
Marian Blonder

ALTERED ADDRESS/PHONE:

John Hough

Richard Chater

MarkLawrence

Bruce G Entwisle

Mark Clifton

Susan Maughan

Doug Pocock

Andrew & Irene Laing

Brian Crouch

Alister Rowe

Peggy J Lais

Mary de Salis

Nina Shedrin

David Elias

Kerry Tabor

Katrina Murphy

Trish Elmore

Mick Noonan

Ron Hampton

Peter T Hogan

Kathleen O’Hara

Ross Hoskin

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Life Members 10
Honorary Members 10
Single Memberships 375
Family Memberships 96 (= 2 x 48)
Total Membership 491
This time last year 485

Peter Havlicek, Membership Secretary

PREVIEWS OF WEEKEND WALKS APRIL/MAY 2004



PACK CARRY Major Mitchell Plateau, Grampians

DATE	30 April – 2 May
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	Approx 28 kms
LEADER	Bill Donald
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	Sunday Evening
AREA	Southern Grampians
MAP REFERENCE	Southern Grampians Leisure Series 1:50,000

Starting from Jimmy Creek camping ground we have a steady climb following part of the Major Mitchell track in the southern Grampians. Saturday night has us camping on the First Wannon Creek. Sunday morning after some more up and down we reach the top of Mt William and then have a steady descent to finish the walk.

Please come prepared for wet, cold and windy weather.

BUSHWALKERS SEARCH AND RESCUE (BSAR) Practice Weekend

DATE	1–2 May
LEADERS	Gina Hopkins
TRANSPORT	Bus, provided by Police Transport Branch
RETURN TIME	6.00 pm Sunday (approx)
AREA	Langhi Ghiran (to be confirmed)

This weekend provides an opportunity for BSAR members and potential members to:

- Familiarise themselves with S&R procedures
- Have in field day and night navigation practice (12 hour rogaine)
- Become familiar with the use of radios and GPS units
- Practice searching

The departure time and location has not been advised as yet but will be very early Saturday morning. You will need a tent and all normal weekend camping gear, lunches for both days and energy food for the rogaine, plus Sunday breakfast. Dinner Saturday night will be provided by the Victorian Rogaining Association.

Saturday activities:

- During coach transit – search organisation and planning issues
- On arrival – briefing, issue radios and set up camp
- 10.00 am – collect rogaine maps and plan route
- noon – 12 hour rogaine begins
- skills training with radios during rogaine
- meal provided by VRA

Sunday activities:

- 7.00 am breakfast / pack up tents
- 8.00 am briefing

- 8.30 am search practice begins – a full day search is proposed
- 2.45 pm briefing/conclusion

Participants are expected to be actively involved in both days' activities as well as travel on the transport provided.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending or would like further information about BSAR. Responses are required by 21 April 2004.

BASE CAMP: Tidal River, Wilson's Prom.

DATE	7–9 May
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	To be decided
LEADER	Sylvia Ford
TRANSPORT	Private

I have a confession to make: the reason I put my name down to lead this walk is because I haven't visited the Prom for over 28 years so this will really make sure I get there, no excuses. We shall camp at Tidal River, hopefully the advance party will get there early enough to bag us a good posy. There are ablutions blocks galore and a barbeque area, maybe even a fireplace too.

Should you want to use a cabin you will have to organise yourselves into groups of six and ring 1800 350 552. Sorry I can't do it for you as I shall be O.S.

There's a heap of lovely walks to go on and smashing scenery as I'm sure you know. Do come and enjoy this terrific experience.



PACK CARRY: Track 96 Goldfields, Briagalong

DATE	14–16 May
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	33 km
LEADER	Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	9.30 pm Sunday
AREA	East Gippsland, north of Stratford
MAP REFERENCE	Vic Map Cobbannah – Tabberabbera & Rooftops Dargo – Wonnangatta

Track 96 was a gold mines track in the late 1800's from Brigalong to Cobbannah. The track was retraced and reconstructed in the 1990s. On Saturday we can do a circuit walk from Blue Pool of the mining area and look-out. Then a good sample of the track through light bush and along Freestone Creek to camp. On Sunday we continue along Lees Creek alluvial workings, then a climb to the main range – maximum elevation 760 m, before descending to Granite Creek mining area and the cars. We will have a flexible itinerary depending on the weather.

BASE CAMP: Terrick Terrick National Park

DATE	28–30 May 2004
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	Various
LEADER	Geoff Mattingley
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	Sunday 7 pm
AREA	North of Bendigo
MAP REFERENCE	VicMap 1:25,000 Mitiamo

This National Park consists of extensive areas of Northern Plains Grasslands with isolated granite outcrops. It is described as containing one of the largest, most intact tracts of indigenous northern plains vegetation in Victoria, together with an abundance of wildlife. Over 100 species of birds have been recorded, together with 26 rare or threatened plants.

There is only one camping area/picnic ground near Mt Terrick Terrick. We will camp there on Friday and Saturday nights; on Saturday we will do a walk of 12–14 km which will cover the main section of the park. On Sunday we will pack up and drive to the Greater Bendigo National Park (formerly Whipstick and Kamarooka State Parks) and do a half-day walk there. Like Terrick Terrick, this park has a large number of birds, but also has relics of eucalyptus oil harvesting and charcoal burning.

Campfires are permitted at the camping area, but firewood must be brought from outside the park. There is a toilet and tables but no other facilities. Bring water for the whole weekend. As for all base camps, it is a good idea to bring a folding chair.

Details of how to get there will be available in the clubrooms on the two Wednesdays prior to the walk.



Club Library Book Review

South West Tasmania, by John Chapman
1998 edition (latest one)

For Victorian bushwalkers, south west Tasmania has great appeal, offering us a very different wilderness experience with its magical mossy rainforests, rugged mountain peaks with sea views and exquisite glacial lakes surrounded by steep cliffs. This book describes the major tracks and walking routes in the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park and the South-West National Park. It is very helpful for planning walks, including day or weekend trips, but mainly extended walks requiring one week or longer.

The tracks covered in detail, with walking times, track notes and campsites, are: Huon and Arthur Plains Tracks; Port Davey Track; Frenchmans Cap; Mt Anne Circuit; Frankland Traverse; Western Arthur Traverse; Federation Peak via the Eastern Arthurs; Federation Peak via Farmhouse Creek and Moss Ridge South Coast Track; Precipitous Bluff; South West Cape; West Coast; Denison, Spires and King William Ranges

To any club leaders wanting to lead walks in this magnificent area, this book is essential reading and is yours to borrow at any time.

Gina Hopkins



Good Food Guide

DA VINCI RESTAURANT Ballarat

Lower end of main drag on the left-hand side going out of town. Very good Italian style food including pizza and pasta. Also wine by the glass and EXCELLENT coffee. Cakes also brilliant. Service O.K. Price bearable. Open until fairly late.

DAY CAFE Beaufort (between Ballarat and Ararat)

Very good coffee and cakes. Open for breakfast. Closed 8 pm Sundays, 11 pm other nights. Beside main road on the left-hand side going out of town, four shops down from the bandstand. Light snacks, looked promising.

GOLDEN AGE HOTEL Beaufort (between Ballarat and Ararat)

Almost on main drag opposite the bandstand. This has not been sampled but impressed by the ambiance. Usual pub fare, good prices. Meals: 6 pm–8.30 pm Friday and Saturday. Monday to Friday and Sunday 6 pm–8 pm.

Sylvia Ford

WALKS PROGRAM APRIL 2004

Sun 4	Creswick Miners Walk (Ballarat – Creswick)	BUS	E/M & M	Howard Friend & Jean Woodger
Easter Weekend				
8-12	Base camp: Lower Glenelg National Park	Private	E/M	John Coe
8-12	Canoe trip: Lower Glenelg River	Private	E/M	Doug Pocock
9-12	P/carry: Glenelg River Gorge – Discovery Bay	Private	E/M	Rod Novak
8-12	P/carry: Square Head Jinny/Howitt/Stanley Name Spur	Private	Medium	Jerry Grandage
Sun 11	Andrew Hill – Kinglake	BUS	E & E/M	David Laing & Nick Chatz
Sat 17	Conservation day with CVA	Private	Easy & fun	Rod Novak
Sun 18	Red Hill Winery Walk	BUS	E/M & M	Tom Wilanowski & Paul Logsdon
Wed 21	Wednesday Walk: Sugarloaf Reservoir, Christmas Hills	Private	E/M	Alister Rowe
Anzac Weekend (2 day)				
23-25	Lodge: Mt Buller, West Ridge & other spurs	Private	E/M & M	Dianne McKinley
Sat 24	Dandenongs Explorer: One Tree Hill	Private	Easy	Philip & Liz Wood
Sun 25	Elphinstone Tunnel – Irishtown Track	BUS	E/M & M	Nik Dow & Doug Pocock

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