

**WARBY RANGE  
PROTECTION SOCIETY  
1984**

WALKING GROUPEQUIPMENT & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR DAY WALKS*discipline**P 2*

1. During the 3½ years of its existence, the Group's walks have varied widely in difficulty, i.e. in length, height and steepness, roughness of terrain, thickness or otherwise of undergrowth, weather and time of year. In general, the easier walks have been in the Warby Range in the colder half of the year, whilst in the summer we have headed for the higher mountains to avoid the heat, but in so doing usually have steeper and taller hills to climb. The leader of each walk is listed on the programme, and when you phone him a few days beforehand, he will give you an idea of the degree of difficulty and other details of the walk. Be sure to enquire about the type of clothing advisable for that walk.
  
2. You will need to have the following to cover all conditions, so that you can select the best for the day:-
  - waterproof parka, reaching down over the hips, and light-weight waterproof over-trousers
  - hat with brim all around and wool balaclava or beanie
  - walk-shorts made of tough material, and long loose fitting trousers, preferably wool (tight fitting cotton jeans restrict your leg movement when climbing and will be very cold if you are caught in rain and wind).
  - long sleeved shirt; two light pull-overs are preferable to one heavy sweater
  - wool socks, gloves
  - for dry weather, and on roads or tracks, joggers are most comfortable. For wet or broken ground and bush-bashing, boots are better, but more likely to cause blisters. For day walking only a light boot is required
    - the sole should be flexible - stiff soles are preferred when carrying a heavy pack for over-night walks, so that stones are not pressing into your feet. Some people prefer sturdy shoes. In either case, look for rubber soles with a square pattern which will grip sideways as well as fore-and-aft.
  - you will need a "day-pack" or small ruck-sack large enough to carry your waterproof parka and over-pants, woolly, lunch, snacks etc. It should be waterproof and preferably with zip closures
  - additional gear: water bottle - plastic, 750 ml., bandaids, waterproof matches, piece of candle, toilet paper, pain killers in a waterproof plastic bag. Insect repellent, sunburn preventive, map, compass, notebook and pencil. Piece of string and pocket-knife.
  
3. - In summer, you have to guard against sunburn, heat-exhaustion, flies, thirst.

- In winter, the dangers are cold and wet resulting in hypothermia (exposure)
- above the tree line, i.e. over about 1700m altitude, you can suffer both in the same day - because of the thinner atmosphere, the sun's rays cause more burning, which is not noticed because the air is cooler. The high mountains make their own weather, and thunderstorms often occur suddenly with drenching rain and stormy winds, even on fine sunny days.
- above the tree line there is little shelter, so the parka and waterproof over-trousers, balaclava and gloves are a must. Except in the hotter weather, woollen trousers are strongly recommended for the bare top country - second-hand army trousers are ideal and quite cheap.

4. On the walk, try to adjust your clothing to the degree of exertion so as to avoid getting wet with perspiration, but be quick to put on a woolly when you stop, even for a few minutes, so as not to get chilled. Don't forget to remove it when you start again.

5. Walk Discipline

On most of our walks, the individuals in the party vary widely in their strength and speed of walking. In close country, and particularly when walking off-road, it is vital that the party should keep close together. Keep looking behind you to ensure you are still in touch with the person behind you, and also to see what the route back will look like if you return the same way.

The leader may have to stop from time to time to check his position with map and compass, or to look for guide marks; if the eager beavers rush on he may lose control of them. Even in open country, it is difficult to control people three or four hundred metres away. The strongest walkers should help the leader by assisting the weaker walkers.

Contact me or any of the more experienced walkers for more detailed advice on clothing and equipment.

Arnold Piesse

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# A charm of its own

Mention Glenrowan and two things spring to mind, Ned Kelly and the wineries.

Less publicised but of great significance is the Warby Range State Park which extends for 27 kilometres north of the township of Glenrowan from the highest point of Mt. Glenrowan at 514 metres.

About 400 million years ago, a mass of molten rock pushed up into overlying rocks, meeting considerable resistance.

Subsequent weathering and erosion over millions of years stripped the less resistant sedimentary rocks exposing the granite mass.

The Warby landscape has unusual charm, and it is most apparent during the winter and spring months. With the spring come the wildflowers, nodding blue lily, common fringe, Myrtle, daphne heath. Grevillias and orchids burst into flower, to the delight of the bird and insect world.

Probably the rarest birds in the area are the brilliantly colored turquoise parrots. Ground feeders, they are often seen in pairs or small flocks and are easily identified by their brilliant blue facial coloring.

How often do we forget to visit and appreciate beauty in our own area. The Warbys are well worth investigating.

- A typical view from the Warby Range State Park — both enchanting and refreshing (left).
- Characteristic of the Warby Ranges are these *Xanthorrhoea australis*, the Austral Grass-tree, more commonly known as Black Boys (below).



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# WARBY RANGE STATE PARK TO BE EXTENDED?

PROPOSED recommendations for the use of public land in the Murray Valley area, were released today by the Land Conservation Council.

The area contains approximately 134 400ha of public land, most of which is concentrated along the Murray, Ovens and Goulburn Rivers and in the Warby and Terrick Terrick Ranges.

The Minister for Planning and Environment, Evan Walker, said that the public was now invited to make written submissions to the council to assist in the preparation of final recommendations for the area.

The council has proposed the establishment of State parks in the Barmah and Terrick Terrick forests and has suggested that the existing Warby Range State Park be extended.

Furthermore, it has proposed the creation of a reserve along the River Murray in order to protect the riverine landscape. This reserve containing public land adjacent to the river would also be used for a diversity of informal recreation activities.

The durable river red gum forests are an important resource and large areas are proposed for inclusion in a State Forest Reserve.

Here management plans would provide for timber production, grazing and protection of areas where par-

ticular natural values have been identified.

Other areas have been recommended as flora and fauna and wildlife reserves, for water production, for gravel extraction and other public uses.

Mr Walker stressed that these are only proposed and not final recommendations, and they are published to allow all who are interested the opportunity to comment by making written submissions to the Land Conservation Council.

Submissions received by the Council before Friday, September 14, 1984, will be considered by the Council before final recommendations are made to the Government. Submissions should be forwarded to The Secretary, Land Conservation Council, 464 St. Kilda Rd., Melbourne, 3004.

The publication of these proposed recommendations is the second stage in the process which the Land Conservation Council follows in carrying out investigations and making recommendations to the Minister about the use of public land in Victoria.

The first step was the publication of the descriptive resources report on the study area on October 3, 1983. The Council subsequently received submissions on the future uses of the public land from 278 organisations and indi-

viduals, representing a wide range of interests.

After considering the submissions and visiting the study area, the Council has prepared these proposed recommendations which will be distributed to all who made submissions.

Copies of the proposed recommendations are available, free of charge, and may be collected either from the Government Printer Sales Office, 41 St. Andrews Place, East

Melbourne, or from the Community Services Centre Bookshop, 1st Floor, 356 Collins St., Melbourne.

Written requests should be addressed only to the Government Printer, P.O. Box 203, North Melbourne, 3051, and should include a remittance of \$1.50 for each copy to cover handling and postage costs.

The recommendations are not available at the council's offices.

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## Original name range on th

A SERIES of lofty hills which run north and south, lying west of Greta and north-east of Benalla, were named the "Futter's Range," later known as the Warby Ranges.

They were named by Major Thomas Mitchell, Oct. 14, 1836, after a successful public spirited colonist and a close personal friend, Robert Futter.

Robert Futter was a Lieut. in the Royal Navy and settled in Bungonia, near Goulburn, after moving from his home land, England, in 1823.

Futter became a justice of the peace and a police magistrate.

One of his two sons (John) also

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Minutes of 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of W.R.P.S. Executive held at  
66 Lisholm St, 27-2-84.

Present. Mr J. Murphy, A. Piesse, Mrs A. Spink, Mrs  
J. Kentman, Mr J. Orsland, Mr G. Hodge.  
Apology Mrs A. Emshie, Mr P. Larkings

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A. Piesse / H. Curtis

Correspondence - As tabled. There was discussion on the  
Gas & Fuel proposed Electricity line to their Transmitter  
at Mount Glenrowan. It was restated by the  
executive that W.R.P.S. objections were the  
visual effect of the S.E.C. line at Mt Glenrowan  
and also the visual effect of a larger transmitt-  
er building and tower. Secretary to send  
letter to Minister for Planning and environment  
restating these objections and a copy of all  
previous correspondence on this matter.

A. Spink / J. Kentman

Treasurer Report.

Bank balance \$359-73.-

Plus investments \$1000-00.-

Treasurer recommended to executive that  
fee for membership for 1984 remain at \$4-00  
individual a family. Accepted by  
executive and to be recommended to A.C.M.  
Secretary to Purchase from Chronick two member  
stamps - WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY.

Account for payment. \$19-95 petty cash - Secretary  
H. Curtis / A. Piesse.

General Business.

Report from A. Piesse that Forest Commission  
has carved out fire tracks in National Park  
with no prior notice to public. The work  
has been done very roughly with a bulldozer.

After much discussion on what form of  
protest WHP should make it was decided  
that Mr Piesse should be deputized to  
discuss this work with local National  
Parks office and seek to have the tracks  
cleared of fallen timber and have erosion  
control measures taken.

A.G.M. date 26-3-84 at "The Bente"  
Mr Mike Gardiner to be approached  
to be guest speaker.

Meeting closed 10.20.P.M..

G. G. G.

28/5/84

Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> A.G.M of W.R.P.S. held at  
"The Centre" 26<sup>th</sup> March 1984.

Present. J. HUMPHREY, J. FROELICH, E. MACKENZIE, A. PIESSE,  
J. LARKINGS, P. LARKINGS, G. FINK, A. SPINK, R. SPINK, E. KELLY,  
B. KELLY, H. CURTIS, B. WAKEFIELD, R. MEETEL, G. HODGE,  
F. SYDES, T. SYDES, T. KENTMAN, A. TWITT, D. HARRIS,  
M. BARR, B. HEINZE.

Apology J. ROSSER, B. ROSSER, J. THOMAS, A. TYLER,  
accepted P. Larkings / H. Curtis.

Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> A.G.M were read and confirmed.  
G. HODGE / A. SPINK.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Accepted as read and incorporated  
into minutes. J. HUMPHREY / H. CURTIS.

WALKING GROUP REPORT. There has been increased attempts in the  
past year at Base camp weekends but these have been  
frustrated by the weather. A new venture this year  
was a week at Kosciuszko, this was well received by  
members and will be tried again. A list of  
equipment and safety precautions, particularly  
in the High Country, was presented again for  
the use of all members.  
P. Larkings / R. Meetel.

TREASURERS REPORT. As read and incorporated into minutes.  
G. HODGE / A. TWITT.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS. PETER BOADLE IN CHAIR.

PRESIDENT.	J. HUMPHREY.	Nom.	A. PIESSE, B. WAKEFIELD.
VICE PRESIDENT.	A. EMSLIE.	"	P. LARKINGS.
SECRETARY	P. LARKINGS.	"	A. PIESSE.
TREASURER	G. HODGE.	"	H. CURTIS.
PUBLICITY.	P. LARKINGS.	"	
AUDITOR.	J. FRANCIS.	"	A. TWITT.
COMMITTEE	H. CURTIS.	"	G. HODGE.
	A. PIESSE	"	D. HARRIS.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

9th. ANNUAL MEETING OF WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY.

It is with pleasure that I present the 9th. President's Report of the Society, and indicate the activity of the Society during the past year.

Members of the Society have spent considerable time, effort and thought in the submissions we have made to the Land Conservation Council on both the ALPINE AREA and the MURRAY VALLEY AREA, and our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Helen Curtis, Mr. Paul Larkings and Mr. Arnold Piesse for their valued work. Our submission to the Land Conservation Council on the ALPINE AREA indicated our support for those propositions which we feel will lead eventually to a connection of the existing Parks to establish a large contiguous Alpine National Park. We held that the Barry Mountains should be included as it is a fine area and reasonably accessible to Victorian walkers and naturalists, and Davies Plains because it is an area surrounded by existing Parks and there is a danger from logging in surrounding areas. We expressed disappointment that by allowing mining, grazing and logging to continue, that the L.C.C. had denied the National Park Service its right to conserve and not exploit our natural resources. We marked our strong opposition to continued logging and pointed out those factors which are self-apparent to conservationists relating to the effects of incompetent Forest exploitation. We also intimated our support for "off-mountain" development of ski resorts, and concluded our submission with our firm support for the L.C.C. in recommending that "the authorities responsible for managing and protecting the public land be given the resources necessary for the task.

Our submission to the L.C.C. on the MURRAY VALLEY AREA paid particular attention to the WARBY RANGE and the KILLAWARRA FOREST, and stressed the importance of these areas for recreational and aesthetic purposes to the residents of the nearby towns and cities. We indicated that the heavy milling of timber in the past had caused considerable damage, and in view of the fact that there had been no deliberate re-forestation by planting, and reliance had been placed on natural re-seeding and rejuvenation, that it was appropriate that no further timber removal or grazing be allowed in those areas. To ensure undisturbed regeneration of these existing forests, we recommended that the northern block of the Warby Range (now State Forest) and the Killawarra Forest be placed under the management of the National Park Service to form with the existing State Park, one contiguous Park. We directed attention to the value of combining the two areas because of the exceptional geological and botanical contrasts between them. We recommended that Boweya Forest and Mt. Meg be classified as FLORA RESERVES. We made observations that sometimes River Improvement work was sometimes counter-productive, and advocated further attempts at de-salinization by such measures as the planting of Eucalyptus Camaldulenses (River Red-gum) for reversing dryland salinization. We contended that WATER RESERVES should not be leased or alienated, and that where such areas are now leased, then lessees should be required to ensure the protection of native birds using the Reserves. We emphasized the importance of ROADSIDE RESERVES being conserved because they constituted important corridors for fauna as they often contain significant remnants of original vegetation, and are sources of botanical genetic material and are a help in maintaining a balance to prevent insect denudation.

The Society participated in the 21st. Birthday Celebrations of THE CENTRE, and a static photographic display was arranged of the flora and fauna of the Warby Range. Our thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Hall for the use of his excellent colour slides, and his consent to printing from them. Members of the Society attended with officers of the Forest Commission at the Warby Fire Tower, to ascertain the intentions of the Commission relating to timber cutting on the Range, and to allay certain misgivings as to a possible re-commencement of that practice in the northern block. We were reassured to be told that the Forests Commission was sympathetic to our call for the preservation of habitat trees, and that there seemed to be no real economic value in retaining the Killawarra Forest for forestry purposes. We approached by letter the Ministry for Conservation, to support the Wangaratta Shire's Application for finance under the National Estates Program for purchase of Crown Allotment 101 and Part Crown Allotment 106 in the Parish of Taminick. We have expressed disapproval of the combination of the Conservation and Forestry portfolios in a Ministry of Natural Resources. We have made an "across the board" objection to the Dinner Plain Alpine Village Scheme.

There has been considerable correspondence, without definite result and with an unprecedented amount of dodging the issue and "passing the buck" in our concern and objections to the proposal to erect a power-line to the Gas & Fuel Radio Transmitter on Mt. Glenrowan, and to build a larger building and tower. We have questioned the necessity for such an installation, and views have been expressed by members that it constitutes an act of official vandalism. The issue is not dead, and we have sought the support of Mr. Ken Jasper for the adoption of our suggested alternatives.

The annual WARBY WALKABOUT was again conducted in association with The Centre, and although numbers were slightly down on some other years, the outing drew a number of welcome new faces to mingle with the familiar ones. Once again, our thanks go to those members for their loyal support in organising victualling and leading the Walk.

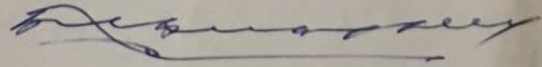
Members of the Society have been recently, <sup>Sec</sup> concerned that permanent damage may have been done to the Range by the method of bulldozing adopted by the Forests Commission in carving out fire-tracks in the National Park. We feel that the evident damage must be corrected without delay to avoid serious erosion problems and continuance of the eyesore which it is now. It is understood that work will commence soon to ameliorate the damage done, and it is hoped that the finance available will be sufficient to employ sufficient labour to satisfactorily carry out the work.

That lusty off-spring of the Society, the WALKING CLUB has again gone its pleasurable energetic way, with many day and over-night walks conducted on a regular basis. The day walks have been most enjoyable, but probably the over-night walks and camps have been the high-light of the year. The trips to Wabonga Plateau and Bogong High Plains were particularly memorable and educational for those who participated, and even for the "drop-out President". Many thanks to Mr. Arnold Piesse for his efficient organisation and to both Arnold and the willing group of leaders for their assistance in that direction.

The membership of the Society continues to be at a satisfactory level and our finances are sound.

Views have been recently expressed that the time may now be ripe for a re-assessment and revision of the original concepts upon which the Society was formed. I invite members to earnestly consider the role which the Warby Range Protection Society should now play in the conservation struggle. We should remember that we now have the dedicated officers of the National Parks Service to fight some of our battles, whereas in times past, the Warby Range was an unprotected and neglected area liable to destruction by pillage, vandalism, self-interest and sheer greed. There is also a local Chapter of the Australian Conservation Foundation which is demonstrating active interest in the wider field of conservation. Our Society is affiliated with that Chapter. My personal view is that there will always remain a necessity for such a Society as ours to play the part of the "watch-dog", to assist to publicise the Range, and to work in co-operation with such persons as may from time to time be charged with the onerous responsibility of protecting the Range so that it may continue for future generations as an invaluable and irreplaceable asset.

In conclusion, I would like to have it put on record that the Society sincerely appreciates the untiring efforts of our Secretary, John Froelich, our Treasurer, Garth Hodge and all other members whose literary talents were exhibited in the submissions to the L.C.C. or who have assisted in the work of Society during the past year. I would also like to express the wishes of the entire Society for the speedy return to health and strength of our long-time stalwart and friend, Alan Enslie.



PRESIDENT.

**WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

for year ended 28th February, 1984

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
<u>1983</u>			<u>1983</u>		
	Subscriptions			Subscriptions	
108	33 Family	132.00		Conservation Council	10.00
15	1 Life Membership	15.00		A.C.F.	43.00
123		<u>147.00</u>	104		<u>53.00</u>
	<u>Interest</u>		15	The Centre - meetings	13.00
	Operating a/c	25.02		Centre 21st Anniversary display	44.00
	Aust. Savings Bank	46.25		Government Charges	1.75
67	Investment a/c	15.22		Administration,	
		<u>86.49</u>		Petty Cash, postages, advertising	85.58
	Warby Walkabout		117		
	Receipts	135.85		Operating Income for year	93.48
111	Payments	79.53			<u>290.81</u>
		<u>56.32</u>	67		
2	Donation	1.00	303		
303		<u>290.81</u>			
	Operating Income c/d	93.48			
	Balance 1.03.83	760.80			
	Bank balance 28/2/84	<u>\$854.28</u>			
				<u>Assets at 28th February, 1984</u>	
				Cheque a/c balance	339.21
				Investment a/c balance	515.07
					854.28
				Australian Savings Bonds	500.00
					<u>\$ 1354.28</u>

**I CERTIFY that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Warby Range Protection Society for the year ended : 28/2/84**

**In my opinion the Balance Sheet and Revenue Statements are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as at the 28/2/84 and of the Income and Expenditure on that date.**

Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive of the  
Warby Range Protection Society held at 6 Chisholm St  
Marysville on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1984 at 8pm.

Present J. Hodge (Chair) A. Pense J. Froelich  
H. Curtis P. Larkins

Apologies J. Humphrey J. Kentman.

Minutes Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting were confirmed on  
the motion of A. Pense / J. Froelich.

Bus. Closing J. Froelich mentioned that all information  
to hand indicated that work on the transmission  
line to Mt Glenawau would proceed and the  
Society cannot take any further action.

A. Pense reported that recent made tracks in  
the Warby Range had been cleaned up and now  
in a more acceptable state.

Corresp. 1. Bush Telegraph, May 84. - listed an item regards the  
Timber Industry Inquiry.

Action: Arnold Pense to obtain information  
from Forests Commission re submission + Society  
members to formulate a response.

Subscription Mrs H. Curtis / A. Pense that Society subscribe  
to Natural Forests Action Council \$20.00. Carried  
2. Friends of Mt Buffalo.

Notice of working bees,  
members interested may attend.

Corresp. received on motion of H. Curtis / J. Froelich.

Reports Balance at present ~~was~~ \$1354.28, subscription  
revenue \$68. Total \$1422.28  
Accounts Following accounts were passed for payment on  
motion of J. Froelich / Helen Curtis 6ct.

Accounts: etc	A. Pene \$25	Challenge Rubber Stamp	\$7.70
	Wany Charante 10.90	Centre	\$5.0

### General Business

Incorporation: A Pene raised the question regarding the Society becoming incorporated. Spaced H. Guitierres A Pene that further investigation take place with a view to recommending to a General Meeting that the Society become an incorporated body. Col.

### Bushwalking:

The bushwalking programme is to be reviewed, and a meeting will take place to update the present calendar.

Meeting closed at 9.40 PM.

Secretary

21/5/84

Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive  
 Office of the Murray Range Protection Society at  
 6 Chesholm St. Margaretts on August 1984 at 8pm

V. Present J. Humphrey (chair) J. Froelich Judi Kentman  
 H. Carter Bluebirds

Cy. Apologies G. Kodge.

M. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed  
 on the motion of H. Carter / J. Kentman

Su. Bus. arising Timber Industry Inquiries: H. Carter reports  
 having submitted a lengthy response to the  
 Inquiries.

Leash. Bush Telegraph: - raising support for National  
 Parks. It was agreed to write to the  
 Minister expressing the Society's position  
 re. the forest. Moved H. Carter / J. Kentman

Car that the society contribute \$50 to the ACF  
 to assist in a campaign to save the Murrumbidgee  
 forest. ed.

66V Affiliation

It was moved J. Kentman / J. Froelich  
 that the Society membership of \$10 be paid. ed.

Reception Moved H. Carter / J. Kentman that courtesies  
 be received.

Reports: LCC Recommendation for Murray Valley:

J. Business

It was agreed to write to the LCC to  
 express disappointment that grazing had not been  
 phased out of the Kellawarra forest & once again  
 requesting consideration. Also to question the  
 real value of fuel reduction burning in a forest that  
 is rather devoid of any ground cover.

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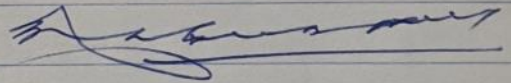
A brief discussion regarding the Society and the future resulted in a strong view emerging, that although no issues of great concern are currently evident, the Society should remain as a contact group, and available to present the case for conservation should the need suddenly arise.

It was agreed that more land should be bought to enlarge the Warby Range State Park.

To this end the Society should make approaches to Shire of Wangaratta, City of Wangaratta to enlist support for a further approach to Government to seek funding.

One suggestion regards funds was to make enquiries re funding from private companies such as BP Australia.

Meeting closed at 10 PM.



19.11.84



Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive  
Committee of the Warby Range Protection Society at  
6 Cheshelm St Manganaratta 19/11/82 at 8pm

Present

J. Humphrey (Chair) G. Hooge A. Pense  
J. Kentman H. Curtis B. King

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
confirmed on the motions of A. Pense / H. Curtis

Corresp.

Correspondence as listed was  
dealt with but no action required

1. Bush Telegraph.
2. ACF Newsletter, Habitat
3. CCV

Membership due

BHP pursuit of excellence.

CCV News

4. Roadside Conservation Committee

Corresp. received on motion of H. Curtis / J. Kentman

Reports

A. Pense provided a comprehensive  
report on recent bushwalking activities, especially  
a hard climb to the Pinnacles, that  
proved most rewarding.

Smith reported a total to date of  
36 family and 4 life memberships and  
an approximate bank balance of \$1029.

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Reports received on motion of A. Pense - H. Curtis  
A discussion regarding the future of  
the Society, reached general agreement, that  
it should remain as a separate organization  
ready to act on the occasion should it be  
necessary to defend & advance the Warby Range  
natural environment.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.

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## A charm of its own

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Subsequent weathering and erosion over millions of years stripped the less resistant sedimentary rocks exposing the granite mass.

The Warby landscape has unusual charm, and it is most apparent during the winter and spring months. With the spring come the wildflowers, nodding blue lily, common fringe, Myrtle, daphne heath. Grevillias and orchids burst into flower, to the delight of the bird and insect world.

Probably the rarest birds in the area are the brilliantly colored turquoise parrots. Ground feeders, they are often seen in pairs or small flocks and are easily identified by their brilliant blue facial coloring.

How often do we forget to visit and appreciate beauty in our own area. The Warbys are well worth investigating.

- A typical view from the Warby Range State Park — both enchanting and refreshing (left).
- Characteristic of the Warby Ranges are these *Xanthorrhoea australis*, the Austral Grass-tree, more commonly known as Black Boys (below).

