

**WARBY RANGE  
PROTECTION SOCIETY  
1988**

WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY  
BUSHWALKING PROGRAMME 1988

NOTE: CONTACT LEADER IN ADVANCE TO CHECK STARTING TIMES, OR ANY CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY. ALL WALKS ASSEMBLE AND LEAVE FROM THE CENTRE, CHISHOLM ST, WANGARATTA.

- Jan 16-17 Bogong High Plains, Base Camp. Grades: Easy and hard day walks. Leader: Paul Larkings 253242.
- Jan 31 Rocky Creek. Grades: Medium to hard. Leaders: Helen & Peter Curtis 218937
- Late Jan/early Feb ✓ Kosciusko. Special group if available. Late Jan, early Feb. Organiser: Paul Larkings 253242
- Feb 14 ✓ The Twins. Grade: Easy to hard. Leader: Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130
- Feb 27-28 Mount Buffalo, Base Camp. Grades: Easy to hard. Leader Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130 ✓
- Mar 13 Red Gum Forest. Grade: Easy. (Camp if desired.) Leaders: Bill & Joy Rosser 257272 21
- ~~Apr 1 Burrowa Pine Mt., Base Camp. Grade: Medium. Leader: Graeme Fairley 215752~~
- Apr 17 Pyramid Hill. Grades: Easy to medium. Leader: Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130
- ~~Apr 30/2 May 1 Nug Nug, Base Camp. Easy on Sat, <sup>Med</sup>hard on Sun. Leader: <sup>Paul Larkings</sup>Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130~~
- May 15 ✓ Warby Ranges. Grades: Easy & medium. Leader: Paul Larkings 253242
- Jun 5 X Chiltern area. Grade: Easy. Leader: John Froelich 214200.
- Jun 19 with Benalla Black Range. Grade: Hard. Contact: Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130 John Evans
- Jul 3 with Benalla Powers Lookout. Contact Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130
- Jul 17 The Rock (NSW). Grade: Easy. Leader: Graeme Fairley 215752
- Aug 7 Mt Emu. Grades: Hard. Leaders: Helen & Peter Curtis 218937
- Aug 21 Mount Meg. Leader: Graeme Fairley 215752
- Sep 4 Warby Range. Grade: Medium. Leaders: Bill & Joy Rosser 257272
- Sep 18-24 with Benalla Wyperfield - Hattah National Parks. Grade: Easy. Contact Paul Larkings Bookings need to be early. Also a local walk organised by John Evans. June 82
- Oct 2 Clover Dam - Greene Creek. Leaders: Brian & Elizabeth Kelly 216992
- Oct 16 Cathedral Ranges. Grades: Easy & hard. Leader: Paul Larkings 253242
- Nov 6 Lake Cobbler to Mt Cobbler. Grade: Medium to hard. Contact Rolf Heetal B 212266 H 214130
- Nov 20 Base Camp - Sheep Yard Flat - Mt Thorn. Contact Rolf Heetal B 212266 A 214130
- Dec 4 Hotham Area. To be decided. Brian Kelly Brandy Creek
- Jan 1989 Bogong High Plains

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31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1988

Rocky Creek track  
Buffalo extended Park  
to Mollisons.

Map. ref. DV 731305 on map Dandongdale 8224-3-1  
headers: Helen + Peter Curtis

No. attending 11 - Barry Dunne, Ken Axelby,  
Katonia + David Ferguson, Toudie Kentman,  
Mike Heuson, Gareth (Hodge) Mair, Dickie's,  
Sean Butler

Distance: 12 <sup>approx.</sup> kms. + 2500 ft. (750 m)

Left Centre at approx. 7.30. The weather was overcast. Drove through Myrtleford, along Lake Buffalo Rd, keeping to the left of lake after Reserve along gravel road for approx 1 kms. past Reserve, to Rocky Creek track which starts just before bridge near "ruins".

The walk followed a 4-wheel-drive track, climbing all the time. Approx. 2 kms. up the track narrowed + was very steep + rough. After another km the track widened again + we were on the plateau in lovely forest. We continued to the turn off to Mollisons Galleries + lunched a little below the Galleries. The party feeling we had climbed enough, the return was along the same route. 3 of the party had returned earlier



14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1988

The Twins

leader: Rolf Heibel

No. attending: 25

Distance 11-15 kms. from Mt. St. Bernard to  
the Twins along the Alpine Track,  
+ 360 m.

left Centre at approx. 7.45. Parked at Dargo Rd. turnoff.  
Walk was Along jeep track - up spur to little turn,  
across to other turn + down other spur  
joining 2-wheel track again. The views were  
magnificent. Gentians + saxifages out.

The walk catered for all walkers - Rolf  
providing something for the fast walkers,  
those wanting an easier walk, as well  
as the medium walkers.

The weather was cold as the wind was  
very keen, but although there was no sun  
~~in~~ it was a great day.

Back at St Bernard Ben Axelby had the  
key to the Ski lodge where he provided  
us with tea and coffee + a comfortable rest  
before starting back home.



Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting of the Marley Range Protection Society, held at the home of H. Curtis Riverside Co. Warrigatta on Monday 22 Feb 1988 at 8pm.

Present H Curtis (chair) Joan Butler Brian Kelly Rolf Heetel  
Sue Boothman Arnold Piene Bernice Cowan Paul Jarbung

Apologies Brendan Wilkinson

Minutes Confirmed on motions of B. Cowan/Sue Boothman.

Business arising Insurance cover

Secretary reported on enquiries through a local insurance broker, to ascertain alternative companies and premiums, but the result was negative. Upgrading existing cover with CMI from \$1m to \$2m would cost an extra \$50.

Attention was directed to insurance cover provided by Vicwalk.

Motion R. Heetel/A Piene that enquiries be instituted as to who Vicwalk might be, the extent of their insurance cover, and whether they would comment on the present level of cover over the Society by CMI cd

- Course
- (1) Benalla Bushwalking Club Inc. re programme for season, and a mention of Vicwalk.
  - (2) Commission for the Environment - comment sought on marine + inland waterways.
  - (3) East Gippsland Co-alition - Thank you for donation
  - (4) C.C.V. Flora + Fauna Bill
  - (5) Joan Kerner - C.F.H. re the future for East Gippsland.

Motion B Cowan/R Heetel that course be



Treasurer.

Treasurer reported on current balance of \$~~2145.96~~  
2419.83  
Muhling 7/31/88

Moved Cipriani/S. Boothman that following account be passed for payment, and that the Executive recommend to the Annual Meeting a subscription for 1988 of \$5 per single or family. ccl.

P. Larking

Postages etc \$38.34

Additional Insurance (C.M.) \$6

Insurances

Rolf reported that the Easter walks would be better cancelled, and that all other walks had been successful.

Car charges.

It was suggested that a new formula was required on the cost of car sharing.

The most favored option was ~~for~~ based on four people per car.

Moved R. Heitel / B. Gavan that the standard rate for dinner reimbursement be set at 5¢ per kilometre per person. ccl.

Rules

It was suggested that a small handbook of rules and information could be produced for distribution to members. Also each leader should recad details of walks for future refer. c.

S. Bus.

Review of Constitution for incorporation.

The review and re-write of the Society's Constitution to meet the purpose of incorporation was tabled for comment.

After discussion regarding the financial year, it was agreed to change from the calendar year to 1 March to 28 Feb.

The objectives of the Society to be known at the Statement of Purposes was discussed. It was agreed to expand (c) m-4 to include " + other natural environments."



Clause 6 (b) proposed to expand by including the words "... including but not limited to, nature study, bush walking, camping and other related activities"

This was discussed at length with one view supporting the clause for the purposes of legal liability and the other relying on philosophical grounds. Moved a/Pers/ Sue Boothman that the clause as amended be adopted.

The Secretary then indicated his sterling opposition to the change for deep philosophical reasons, and indicated his intention to leave the Society if the change was carried.

The motion was put with one dissenting vote.

Further minor adjustments were made to the Rules.

A request to identify and expand fully clause 27 was put forward.

A similar request regarding clause 29 was also advanced.

Moved Sue Boothman/R. Keeler that the draft Statement of Purposes and Rules as presented and now amended be circulated to all members for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Society  
cd.

Meeting closed at approx 11pm.

M. Keeler

7/2/1988



Sen. Bus.

Flora Fauna Insurance moved that  
a letter of support be sent to the opposition  
party, indicating our support for the bill.

### Incorporation of Society

Guest Jill Mullinder  
addressed the meeting on the advantages and  
disadvantages relating to incorporation of  
voluntary organizations. Much discussion  
followed her address, and questions on a  
range of issues were put and further discussed.  
Meredith B Wilkinson / B Kelly that a  
sub. committee be set up to further explore  
& prepare for incorporation of the Society by  
drawing up a statement of purpose and  
rules, which reflect the current philosophy  
of the Society for presentation to a general  
meeting. c.d.

This sub. committee consist of J. Mullinder  
B Wilkinson Baskings.

Insurance  
Cover.

Meredith R Hallett / B Cowan that expenses  
be instituted to ascertain the cost and  
likelihood of upgrading the current  
legal liability cover with CMI or other  
company to \$2m. c.d.

Meeting closed at 10:25pm

Meredith 22/2/88

Warby Range Protection Society

22 Feb 1988

Funds at 22-2-88

Aussie Bonds, 13%	\$2000-	
State Bank, Current ac/c	<u>8419-83</u>	<u>\$2419-83</u>

Funds at 02-04 87

Term Deposits	\$2000-	
State Bank, Current ac/c	<u>145-96</u>	<u>2145-96</u>

Income.

Subscriptions 1987	\$160-00	
Subs in advance + life membership	20-00	
Interest	<u>297-24</u>	<u>477-24</u>

Expenditure

Administration	108-05	
Accident liability insurance	<u>113-<del>84</del>84</u>	<u>221-89</u>

Surplus

<u>255-35</u>
<u>477-24</u>



Base Camp Mt Buffalo 27+28<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 1988  
Leader Rolf Heetel

Left Wang. at 9<sup>15</sup> & drove to Lake Catani,  
after setting up camp we had a light lunch  
and drove to Tatra Car Park. Our aim was the  
back wall, Tom Morgan's request. Walkers were  
Arnold Piessse, Jill Mallinder, Roly Miles  
John Evans, Joan Butler, Bob Constable, Alma  
Spink, David + Sabrina Ferguson, Jenny Taylor  
Therese + Lucia Dapos, Tom + Carolin + Margaret  
Rolf Heetel. The 12 km 4 h. walk was enjoyable  
although it was very warm, when there was no  
breeze. This area had been badly burnt in the  
83? fires, but is now pleasant to walk in again,  
as the green regrowth of the snow gum is so  
refreshing. This walk was a repeat see notes  
of March the 6<sup>th</sup> 83. To join the campers  
Bill + Joy Rosser came in the late afternoon,  
Roly drove back to his caravan + family  
at Popepunkah. - For the long walk  
to Mt McLeod 20 km, Roly returned plus  
Brian Mallinder, Len Exelby, Garth Hodgr.  
Brian Mathews arrived from Wangaratta  
The weather was very warm with a welcome  
breeze. Unfortunately 5 members did not  
feel well enough to walk the 20 km.

After talking with the Ranger Steve  
Wellington, we drove to the Reservoir

P.T.O.



x the difference was only  
5 minutes on the way down

(out.

and left there at 9:15. After  $\frac{1}{2}$  km  
the group split to test the time difference  
of the 4 wheel drive track & the longer  
but more gentle walking track. The latter  
has not been cleared for some years, but  
was passable and is an easy grade.

The top track opened up to fields of  
white everlastings a beautiful sight. x  
The Buffalo maps description of the walk  
is: The plateau's most remote region

offers one of the best views of and  
from the plateau, particularly of  
the Owen Valley to the north. The track  
winds through stands of regenerating  
Snow Gum & Alpine Ash. Dels Plain  
surrounded by towering hills and yet  
with a view off to the west is beautiful  
We took 6-7 hours including stops.

we found a lot to see and admire  
normal walking time is supposed to be  
 $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours

The first part of the walk we covered  
last year on our way to Andersons Peak  
that was a 10 km 3 hour + walk

The last section was very steep but  
well worth the effort, one we  
should repeat (with rangers  
permission)



Special Meeting of Executive of WRPS held at  
24 Riverview Cres Mangaratta. on 7/3/88 at 8pm

Present: M Curtis (Chair) A. Pense B Cowan R Hestel  
B Kelly Sue Boothman B. Wilkinson J Bridge  
Plunkings.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting confirmed in motion  
of B. Cowan / Sue Boothman.

Bus Quang: Vicwalk - No information due to inability to  
contact.

Purpose of Meeting: President addressed the meeting, and explained  
it had been called to re-examine the relationship  
of the walking group to the Society, and its present  
relevance. Due to differences that had  
arisen regarding the interpretation of the Societies  
objects, it appeared the best solution lay in  
separating the walking group from the Society to  
allow it to develop as an independent body.  
This would entail certain difficulties, and  
may not prove in the best interests of either  
body. The President felt that a  
general recognition of the Societies role, as well  
as an acceptance of different viewpoints  
present, need not prevent further good-will  
and successful activity by all members.  
The meeting was then open for discussion.

Societys Future: Moved B Kelly / Sue Boothman, that the  
Society remain as one organization as  
presently constituted. col. (unanimous)

Brian Kelly then outlined a proposition to  
overcome objections to amending clause (5) of  
the objects of the society, now incorporated in  
rule (6) of the Draft Statement of Purposes.



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He drew attention to the Victorian National Parks Association's Statement of Purposes, in particular clause 6. and outlined that association's activities, which have a similarity to our own.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and each person expressed their own view.

Moved B Kelly/B Cowan, that clause (6) of the draft Statement of Purposes be replaced by clause (6) of the VNPA Statement of Purposes, with the addition of the words - "through formal + recreational activities" - to read thus

(6) "To promote the education of the community in matters relating to the conservation of indigenous flora and fauna and other natural resources through formal and recreational activities."

Carried with one dissenting vote.

Sub-Committee

Moved B Kelly/Sue Boothman that clause 22 of the VNPA rules be suitably adapted as clause 18.4 of the Societies rules. Thus -

"The Committee may establish standing and ad hoc sub-committees composed of Association members and may nominate a convenor for each such sub-committee." (cd)

Resolution

Moved B Wilkinson/Sue Boothman That the motion to adopt the draft Statement of Purposes + Rules at the Executive meeting of 22 Feb 1988 be rescinded.

Carried

Moved B Cowan/B Kelly That the draft Statement of Purposes + Rules as now amended be circulated to all members for adoption at the next Annual General Meeting. Ccl.

(Annual Meeting 22 Feb or 11 April)

Meeting closed 10 PM



WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
For the period ended 7th March, 1988

<u>1986/7</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>1986/7</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
	<u>Subscriptions</u>		---	<u>Rent</u>
	Current           155-		111	<u>Administration</u> 88.39
	Arrears           15-			
	In advance        5-		50	<u>Tributes</u> --
145-	Life (supp.) 15-	190-	--	<u>Donations</u> 20
			107	<u>Insurance</u>
25-	<u>Donations</u>	--		C.M.I. Ltd        113.84
	<u>Interest</u>			
	Current A/c        6.99			
	Term Deposits   144.58			
	Aussie Bonds    145.67			
<u>178</u>		<u>297.24</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>Operating Surplus</u> 265.01
		<u>487.24</u>		<u>487.24</u>
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT, 1987/88

07/07/87 State Bank		07/07/87 Australian	
Term Deposit	1000	Savings Bonds	1000-
13/07/87 do	1000	13/07/87 do.	1000-
Opening Balance,		07/03/88 Current A/c	
Current A/c	126.33	Closing Balance	391.34
Operating Surplus			
C/d	265.01		
	<u>\$ 2391.34</u>		<u>\$ 2391.34</u>
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*A.D.J. Pesse.*

I CERTIFY that I have examined the Books and Accounts  
of the Warby Range Protection Society for the year  
ended 7-3-1988

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 7<sup>th</sup> March 1988  
and of the Income and Expenditure on that date.

.....  
J.A. FRANCIS,  
Solicitor,  
Wangaratta.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

13th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY, 1988

This is the 13th. annual meeting of the Society and, as President, I wish very briefly to mention to you a brief background of the Society before coming to matters which have been before the executive during the year.

As you all know, the reason for forming the Society was to protect the Warby Range. Two of the main concerns in the early years were the mining exploration by I.C.I. and the possibility of unsuitable land subdivisions. These, and other problems as they arose were addressed with great energy by the Society's executive. It was part of our charter to "promote a knowledge, understanding and awareness of the natural environment of the Warbys, and to this end publicity of the problems was sought. The Chronicle was very supportive in this regard, and I draw your attention to the scrap book of newspaper cuttings which were collected during those years and which illustrate this. They tell of the battles and also the informative and recreational activities, like the Symposium and Walkabouts which were run by the Society in conjunction with the Centre.

In 1979 a large area of the southern part of the Range was declared a State Park, and in 1984 the L.C.C. recommended that the State Forest in the north, also be included in the Park. Although this is still to be gazetted, the Warbys is safe at present.

In 1980 the Society formed the Walking Group, and since then it has grown in membership and in the number of walks offered. Each year we are venturing to new areas as well as returning to the old well-loved areas of N.E. Victoria.

Because the threats to the Warby Range have been few and minor of latter years, any conservation input that the Society has made has been in response to L.C.C. reports, issues such as clearing of further native forests for pine plantations, especially in the Ovens Valley, and in responding to requests by Victorian conservation bodies to support the protection of the remaining Gippsland forests - all matters of importance in keeping the Government and government and other public bodies aware of the public's concern in the conservation and protection of the natural environment against over-exploitation.

And so it has been this year. The executive has involved itself in only 3 wider conservation issues. 1. It endorsed a submission to the Shire of Wangaratta Planning Scheme. 2. Paul compiled a succinct submission with the help of the executive re the Alpine Planning proposals. This emphasized the need "to protect the environmental values of this fragile area" particularly by the phasing out and restriction of grazing and timber removal. and 3. Support for the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Bill.



The largest amount of our time has been spent in considering the necessity and means of incorporation, and we are indebted to Gillian Mallinder for her advice and support on this matter. You have all been sent a copy of our proposed rules and these will come under consideration later in the meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the executive - Paul for his keen attention to the secretarial duties, Arnold for dealing so ably with our finances, Rolf for being so interested and thorough as walks' convenor, Brendan for his interest and time in typing all the material for the new constitution and Joan, Sue, Brian, Bernie and Garth for their interest & support.

*Handwritten notes:*  
To present the same  
matter relative to the  
flow of the committee  
through present and  
future work

*Handwritten notes:*  
March 15th/1964  
The committee  
will be  
convened  
at 7.30pm  
on the 15th  
at the  
club

Warby Range Protection Society

22 Feb 1988

Funds at 22-2-88

Ausii Bonds, 13% \$2000-

State Bank, current a/c \$419-83 \$2419-83Funds at 02-04-87

Term Deposits \$2000-

State Bank, Current a/c 145-96 2145-96Income.

Subscriptions 1987 \$160-00

Sub on balance +

life membership 20-00

Interest 297-24 477-24

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Expenditure

Administration 108-05

Accident health insurance 113-~~84~~84 221-89Surplus255-35477-24



Walk - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1988!

Leaders. Bill and Joy Rosser.

Area. Red-gum forest on Murray R.  
downstream from Yarrawonga.  
(Nevin's Bend area)

Distance from Wangaratta 75 k.

Travel approx. 10 km on M.V. H'way  
from Yarrawonga, turn right into  
Johnson Lane, into forest, then  
follow Nevins Track to Nevins E. beach

The Walk. Along river from Nevins E.  
to Dufty's beach, approx. 14 k. return  
Return journey along tracks away from  
river. Time. 5 hours.

Features. Red-gum forests, native grasses,  
callistemon. Sandy beaches. Popular  
camping areas.

Very easy walk, mostly on narrow  
tracks.

Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society held at the Centre, Wangaratta on 11/4/88.

Opening The meeting was attended by 22 people and was opened by Helen Curtis (president) with words of welcome to those attending at 8:05pm.

Apologies Bill and Joy Rasser, Joan Butler, Adrian Twitt, F McKeever, Graeme Fairley, Barry Purno, Margaret & Maurice Sharp, ~~XXXXXX~~ Liz Kelly, C. McCormick, R Constable

Minutes 87. Read and confirmed motion Sue Boothman / B Wilkinson  
Meeting

Reports The President discussed the history of the group - conservation issues have required less involvement. The most consuming issue has been the consideration of incorporation. Helen Curtis then thanked the executive members.  
Motion T Kentman / J Harkings

The Treasurer Arnold Piesse discussed the satisfactory state of the finances in clear terms for everyone. Assets amount to \$2391.34 - The audit report was presented. Projected Deficit \$40. Motion A Piesse / P Curtis.

Walking Group Convenor Rolf Heetel gave a brief report on a year of successful activities.  
Motion S Boothman / J Rasser.

Elections The President declared all positions vacant. Results of nominations and voting as follows:

PRESIDENT	Paul Harkings	nominated	B. Wilkinson
VICE PRESIDENT	Rolf Heetel	"	J Mallinder
SECRETARY	Catriona Ferguson	"	B Wilkinson
TREASURER	Joan Butler	"	A Piesse
WALKING GRP	Rolf Heetel	"	S. Boothman
COMMITTEE	Sue Boothman, Brendan Wilkinson, B. Kelly.		



Correspondence letter from B. Cowan resigning from Executive (noted)

### General Business.

Membership subscriptions The executive recommends that the subs remain at the present rate ie

individual & family subs. \$5.

life membership \$50. (10x the annual sub.)

M. — John Evans Sec Brendan Wilkinson Carried.

Noted that conditions may change under new constitution.

Motions on Notice (ie sent out to all members with notice of annual meeting)

### INCORPORATION

There was much heated discussion as to whether incorporation was appropriate for the Group. Also as to the necessary procedures required to vitate incorporation, particularly as to what constituted a majority of the members and how that majority could make clear its wishes.

MOTION as  
Notified

"That this Society take the appropriate steps towards the incorporation of the Society. → Helen Curtis  
Sec Brendan Wilkinson  
Overwhelming majority voted in favour.

Motion

"That a Questionnaire be sent to all members of the Warby Range Protection Society requiring a vote to each of the following Questions

- ① Do you wish the Society to be incorporated?
- ② Do you endorse the Statement of Rules?
- ③ Do you endorse the Statement of Purposes?
- ④ Do you authorize a person to incorporate the association under this act → Sue Bothman  
Sec - Brendan Wilkinson



Motion. That the following paragraph be added to the proposed Statement of Purpose:-  
"to organize excursions, expeditions, journeys and bushwalks for members and their friends"  
→ Arnold Pease Sec. Gill Mallinder.

Motion Defeated.

It was agreed that the executive should have further discussions and seek further information as to the action to be taken so that incorporation can be pursued.

Meeting Closed. 10.20 pm



Committee Meeting 16/5/88 Frael Court  
The 92nd meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Warby Range Protection Society.

Present Paul Warkings, Rolf Heetal, Brian Kelly,  
Sue Boothman, Garth Hodge, Catriona Ferguson

Apologies Brendan Wilkinson, Joan Butler, Helen Curtis.

Minutes Read & Accepted. Rolf - Brian.

Correspondence Request for Information Wanganath Council.

Reports Walking Group - Rolf

- Benalla Club program presented Discussion  
re tying in with their program. - to maintain  
informal contact.

- Surplus from Petrol/travelling levy - suggested  
that monies be accumulated in a Walking  
Group account to see how much is in question.  
Suggestions included maps, gear for hire,  
first aid kit, Party.

Rolf Heetal can allocate money to leaders  
for preparation time as he sees fit

- Walking Guidelines to be retyped and  
distributed to all new comers and members.

General Business

Motion That the committee co-opt Helen Curtis  
and Garth Hodge to assist with special  
projects. Move Sue - Brian  
Both have accepted this role.

Incorporation

Paul discussed latest guidelines re  
procedures for Incorporation. There are gaps  
in the act re at what point the act



## Incorporation cont

takes over from our WRPS Constitution.  
New Amendments to the act state that members for the purpose of voting for Incorporation are those present at a meeting for which 21 days notice has been received

- We have to have another meeting with approx 1 months notice to all members.
- Draft motion in appropriate form and include an explanation of why meeting has been called with copies of relevant Section of Act IV, and amendment IV<sub>2</sub> along with an explanation of why postal and proxy votes are not acceptable.
- to save money a note is to also be included asking members who have lost their copy of the Statement of purposes to apply to the secretary for a new copy rather than send a new copy to everyone.
- It was agreed to seek legal advice about the above before going to members.
- The procedure of the Meeting will be
  - ① Vote for incorporation
  - ② Accept Statement of Purpose
  - ③ Nominate Public Officer.

Paul Larkings raised concerns re revitalizing Conservation role of Group. Emphasis to be on certain issues esp Parks and Gardens rather than broader political issues.

To rejoin Victorian Conservation Council as an affiliated body to receive their materials in Sec-Catrine  
That \$25 Petty Cash Imprest System be raised by Secretary in Council

Meeting Closed

Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday June.



Leader John Evans  
June 19 - 1988

Joan Butler

Wallace Bruce  
Leslie? Bruce  
Bernadine O'Dwyer } Yarrawongee

Jenny Taylor

Bill Wilson

Arnold Buesse

Bill Rossiter

Braeme Farley

Joan Brettan?

Truce Kentmann

Pam McIlroy

Kevin Attridge

- Attridge

Len Eselle

Joy Resser

Eileen Caldwell

Beth Curtis

Helen Curtis

Elwe? ?

Brendon Wilkinson

John Evans

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15. kms approx on upper 15 mile creek  
about 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours walking time  
about 45 minutes travel each way (110 kms)

about 12 kms on road of track adjacent to  
creek - 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

1 hour. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hour out  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour back) on Macehorse Rd.  
(towards Tolmie). Steady upward grade out  
to about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  kms.

The 93rd Committee of Management 27<sup>th</sup> June 88  
of the Warby Range Protection Society at Frook Court.

present Helen Curkis, Brian Kelly, Rolf Heedel,  
Paul Harkings, Brendan Wilkinson, Catriona Ferguson  
apologies Joan Butter, Sue Boothman

Minutes of the previous minutes accepted by Rolf & Brian

### Business Arising

Walking Guidelines on the way.

### Correspondence

- ① Trudy Kentmann
- ② Management Plan Mid Murray Forest region.
- ③ Conservation Council of Victoria re  
Flora & Fauna Guarantee Bill - requesting support  
for case supporting compensation, Staff resources.  
Moved to write to MPs as requested

Reports      Treasurer      Accounts      Floral Tribute \$20  
Guidelines on Incorporation \$3.68  
Renewal Insurance Policy \$107

Moved accounts be paid Rolf & Brian.

Walking      one walk cancelled → weather.

Successful walk last week despite weather

### General Business

#### ① CONSERVATION

Discussion re possibility of having guest  
speakers to publicize conservation and  
walking issues.

ACTION to write to VNPA and to Grant Palosto

OR to assume responsibility for maintaining  
or developing a resource in the Warby Ranges



To approach CFEH  $\Rightarrow$  Paul Harkings.

BOOTH'S LAND Paul to verify rumours that the land has been purchased by Government.

② Wangaratta Shire is drawing up a Planning Scheme which specifies HOT FARMs in such a way that if literally interpreted would allow developments eg 50 cabins along escarpment zones of Warbys.

ACTION Paul to form submission defining hot farms and tourist farms so that only small family developments can occur in Warby escarpments.

### ③ INCORPORATION

Nomination and acceptance of Brian Kelly to position of Public officer.

Notice to be sent to all members re extraordinary meeting to enable society to begin process of incorporation.

15<sup>th</sup> August 8pm Monday at Centre.

WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY

President: Mr. Paul Larkings,  
R.M.B.7460, Wangandary.

Secretary: Mrs. Catriona Ferguson  
40 Cusack St., Wangaratta.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting of all members of the Society will be held at the Centre on 15th. August at 8 pm.

Business of the meeting. To carry resolutions as listed, to enable the Society to become an incorporated association.

1. That Brian Kelly of Ryley St., Wangaratta be authorised to incorporate the Warby Range Protection Society in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1981.
2. That the PROPOSED statement of purposes, as circulated be adopted.
3. That the PROPOSED rules as circulated be adopted.

Explanation. At the Annual General Meeting moves to incorporate the Society were uncompleted due to a doubt on the method of voting.

It was deemed necessary to conduct a postal ballot on the various questions required to be adopted by the Act.

However, following this meeting, additional information that was sought, clarified the procedures, and made it clear that a postal ballot was neither required nor constitutional.

A Special Executive meeting examined the whole issue, and decided to abandon the postal ballot, call a further meeting and pass the necessary resolutions in line with the Act.

A critical factor in the procedures is the appointing of a person to carry out the process of incorporating the Society. This person becomes the Public Officer, who is responsible to ensure that the Society complies at all times with the Act.

No such person has been available, until recently when a member volunteered for the position. It is now possible to proceed.

As all members have been circulated with copies of the current Constitution and also the proposed statement of purposes and rules, we will not post them out again. However, if any member wants a copy please contact the Secretary.



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WARBY RANGE PROTECTION  
SOCIETY AT THE CENTRE 8pm 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1988

PRESENT PAUL LARKINGS, CATRIONA FERGUSON, JOAN BUTLER,  
GRAEME FAIRLEY, ROLF HEETEL, BRIAN KELLY, BRENDAN  
WILKINSON, ARNOLD PIESSE, JOHN EVANS, DAVID FERGUSON,  
TRUDY KENTMAN, J. LARKINGS.

ABDOGIES LEILA BADE, LENE EXELBY, JILL ROSSITER, PETER & HELEN  
CURTIS, SUE BOOTHMAN.

Paul Larkings opened this extraordinary meeting at  
8.05 noting a) that all members had had 21 days notice  
of the meeting.

b) Despite the actions voted for at the 1988  
General meeting, action regarding incorporation  
had not occurred due to further information,  
(particularly an amendment to the act) had  
come to the committee's notice.

Three simple motions require a vote of the  
majority of those present at this extraordinary meeting  
are required so that incorporation can proceed.

MOTION I That Brian Kelly be nominated as the Public  
Officer for the Warby Range Protection Society.  
Proposed Rolf Heetel. Sec Brendan Wilkinson.  
Motion carried 2 against.

MOTION II "That the proposed statement of purposes be accepted.  
Proposed Rolf Heetel. Sec John Evans. Motion carried.

MOTION III That the proposed rules be accepted.  
Proposed Trudy Kentman. Sec Brendan Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Brian Kelly is to forward completed application forms  
for the society to become incorporated within 14 days.

Rolf Heetel thanked Brian for accepting the position  
and Paul Larkings for the work he has done towards

15/8/88 cont

Incorporation.

Meeting Closed 8.26 pm

Other Items

Accounts to be paid.

Paul Larkings Postage \$24.24

The Centre \$10

moved Arnold Piesse . see Rolf Meetei Passed.

Walks Mattal Kalkyne program as suggested by Tom Morgan discussed Suggested alternative Wapperfield.

Len Exelby The group agreed to send a Get Well Card to Len.

Patricia Ferguson.



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(057) 25 3242

The Manager,  
Alpine Planning Project,  
4 Ireland Street,  
BRIGHT. 3741

SUBMISSION RE ALPINE PLANNING PROPOSALS

Our Society has considered the Planning Proposals, and offers the following short comments.

Overview

We see a management plan for the Alpine Area as designated on Map 1 as a highly desirable step which needs to be taken to protect the environmental values of this fragile area. We hope such plans will be implemented in the absence of the continuous Alpine National Park, but should be drawn as if catering for such a Park now in existence.

Our major concerns lay with grazing and sawmilling. Both make their impacts, but sawmilling is the greater.

Grazing

The Society would prefer to see all grazing excluded from the sensitive high areas - say - over 3500 feet.

We understand the difficulties in achieving such a policy overnight, and therefore suggest that provision should be made to phase out grazing as the opportunity allows.

Licences

We are divided on the issued of length of tenure for licences. We oppose the suggested seven year lease, and cannot agree on the yearly lease. Therefore, suggest a two year lease.

This will give cattlemen time to adjust to changed circumstances and management a better opportunity to review any "breaking of commitments" by leasees.

A longer period (7 years) allows for a leasee to "get away" with bad practices knowing they are secure. Most farm leases are short term, for the same sort of reason. We support a realistic fee as opposed to a token charge being imposed.

Licence fees

We do not have the necessary background information to comment adequately on the level of fees or how they should be determined, but offer the following:-

Tenders could be called for certain leases, from which a mix of factors would emerge. Values offered would vary, and likewise consideration given to existing licence holders or those in close



proximity. Distance has no financial bearing, other than to limit the number of visits by a lessee to inspect and monitor the herd.

The re-issue of licences that have lapsed is difficult to support having regard to our desire to see the high country protected. However, if this trade-off to those displaced in 1991 helps remove "agro", then it must be considered.

Grazing makes less impact than sawmilling. It is a fallacy that grazing is a good management tool to reduce the fire risk. To be effective, stock numbers would need to be very high to remove combustible herbage sufficiently to reduce fire intensity. That being the case, considerable damage would occur to flora so affected.

### Timber

"Once only" timber harvesting is a joke. It gives the industry what it wants - the immediate mature trees, and the opportunity to wait 100 years for the next cut. It deprives the community of a beauty not found in re-growth forests, the grandeur of mature stands of timber, and is destructive of environmental values.

We believe it to be vital to the composition of the Alpine National Park that stands of timber so affected should be preserved. We regret so-called management plans to log National Parks. We regret any attempts to log the East Kiewa catchment.

We have no confidence in so-called logging prescriptions monitored by the Department. These fail time and again. Evidence can be found in the West Kiewa near Dungeys Gap of logging up fern gullies, and close to the river. A man on a bulldozer is in command of his environment, pays little respect to ground advice and usually pushes all before him (quietly approved from afar). Strong penalties are required against the timber industry for failing to comply.

The best way to enforce regulations in the forest, is to ban the bulldozer driver from operating. A loss of employment where it matters (not in the board room) will quickly bring discipline on to the job.

### Fire control

Wild fires can be very destructive in the Alpine area, and therefore must be contained. Provision of access roads for fire fighting purposes, whilst sometimes intrusive, are necessary. Fuel reduction burning may be useful in reducing fire intensity, but does not necessarily stop fires, especially on a "blow-up" day.

It is far from satisfactory, and now creates the extremely unhealthy and visually appalling conditions each year in Autumn - "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

### Pests

The control of feral dogs, rabbits, etc. is important and a strong programme against the wild dog in particular is required to (a) protect native fauna and (b) demonstrate to land owners that National Parks are compatible with private land.



A good result here eliminates the criticism by landowners.

### Weeds

Blackberry and St. Johns Wort are two of the worst, but there are others. It would seem that mere spray programmes are insufficient, costly and ineffective. Biological control appears the best answer.

### Four Wheel Drive & Other Activities

Some recreational activity involving 4WD vehicles can be damaging and intrusive. Some people are irresponsible and have no respect for regulations. Advertising the "do's" and "don'ts" in the Alpine area, through media and sporting clubs could reverse this attitude.

### Conclusion

We support the move to tabulate management plans for the Alpine area, but wonder how existing staff will cope with the very necessary need to enforce them.

We see the most crucial management arrangements as pertaining to the timber industry first, followed by the cattle industry.

These two man-made activities have much greater impact on the welfare of flora and fauna than a multitude of other activities, like 4WD, deer hunting, bushwalking, and should receive top priority when resources are allocated.

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# Original naming of range on this day

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 became a police magistrate, and the other son (Robert) died at the early age of 11 years.

Futter lived with his wife, Margaret Futter, on their property which they named "Lumey Park."

The range is very ancient and of great geological interest as it

**Written by Darrin Futter.**

contains many forms of minerals, such as granite and quartz. It has a wealth of native flora and now much of the range is under control of the forests' commission.

In 1844 Benjamin Warby took up the Taminick Plains run of 23 000 acres.

His property was on the other side of the range from Wangaratta and ran into the foothills of the range. It wasn't long before the name Warby was applied to part of the range, and eventually superseded the Futter's Range portion.

So it was, 152 years ago on this day, October 14, the beautiful series of lofty hills were given a name. The name of Futter's Range.

Although the name soon changed, they were no longer a nameless range, and now we all know them as the Warby Ranges.



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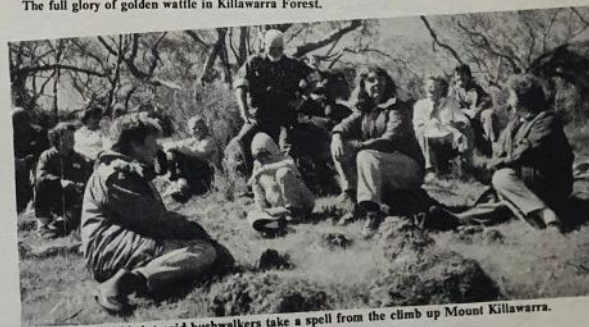
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The children who took part in Arthur's springflower bush walk were delighted with this little creek bridge.



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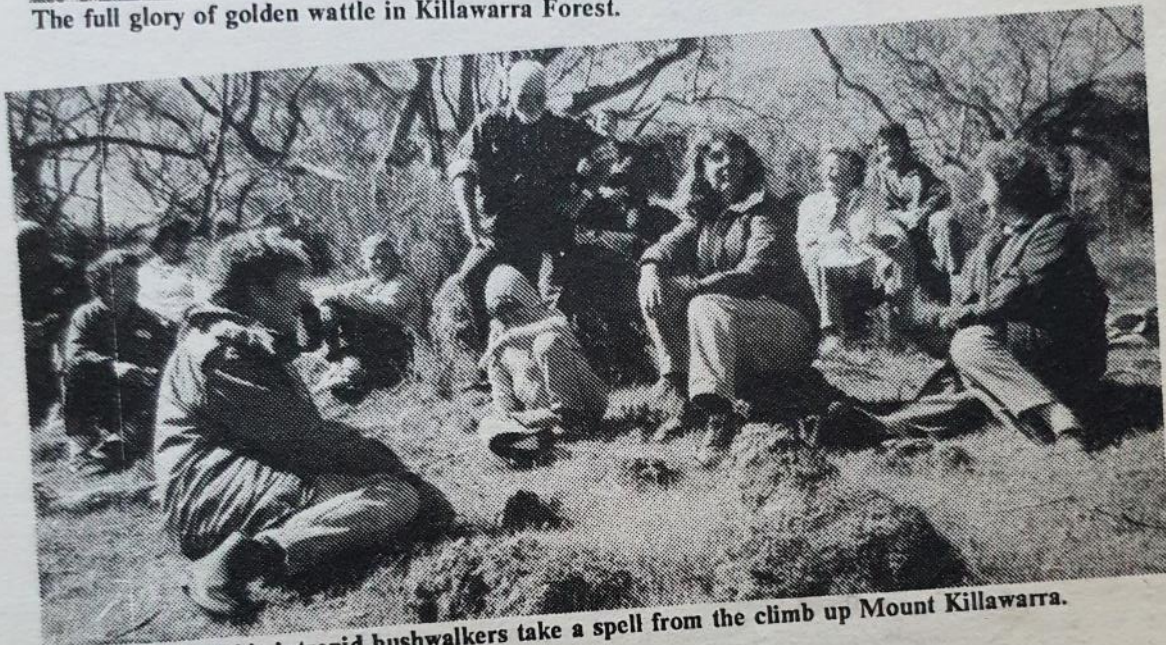
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Present. Brendan Wilkinson, Rolf Hechtel, Joan Butler, Paul Larkings,  
 Brian Kelly, Catriona Ferguson

Apologies. Garth Hodge, Sue Boothman, Meke Curtis.

Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted by Rolf & Brian.

Business Arising Warby Ranges Booths Property has been bought  
 by State Government.

Society Project in Warbie's Park Ranger interested but  
 has made a proposal yet.

Wangaratta Shire Accepted letter as forwarded by  
 Paul Larkings

Correspondence Council of Conservation Paul to answer  
 questionnaire and express support  
River Management Trust Paul to forward courtesy Reply

Received Joan Catriona.

Reports Treasurer \$461.05 in account.  
 \$75.54 given to Brian for reimbursement  
 of incorporation expenses.  
 Passed. Rolf & Brendan

Walking Group Discussion of what to do with  
 excess moneys paid for walks. inc donation to  
 drivers who damage vehicle on a walk.

To be raised at annual meeting

Camp at Nug Nug Cancelled.

Program Planning meeting on 8/12/88



General  
Business.

Govt Enquiry into Pine Planting.

Paul put a submission from WRPS to  
Consultation meeting in Beechworth 27/11/88.

Incorporation Certificate of Incorporation 27/10/88  
Documents finally passed requirements  
after three presentations.

Rolf → Thanks to Brendan for the amount of  
work they did.

Copies of Statement of purposes and rules  
tabled for records.

We still have to get a common seal. also  
to notify Bank of change to name.

Walks

Catrina discussed a proposal for a bus  
walking with packs for overnighters. Three walks  
starting with a beginners back packing trip.  
There are to be clearly set expectations for  
any one wanting to do club backpacking.

Rolf suggested joining with Benalla for more  
walks to pick up on new areas they will know.

Suggestion of Warranbundes for next years camp  
next Oct (not school holidays)

Barbeque at Rolf's 3/12/88

Meeting to plan Walks. 8/12/88

Meeting Closed

Paul Chumie