

**WARBY RANGE
PROTECTION SOCIETY
1989**

VANDALS HIT THE RANGES

Chronicle 22/2/89

The Warby Ranges are being threatened by a foe as potentially devastating as fire and just as difficult to stop - vandals.

The problem, according to Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands spokesman John Chapman, has reached an alarming level and can't get much worse.

He said picnic areas, road signs, the bush and native animals had all been subjected to senseless destruction, however the greatest concern was the continued vandalism of the Warby fire tower.

The tower is used during the summer months to check the surrounding area for fires. The tower man also relays radio communications, a particularly important job during emergencies.

Because the tower is occupied during daylight hours, seven days a week, over the fire season, most of the damage is done at night.

The list of vandalism includes setting fire to one of the supporting pylons, removing the radio aerial, smashing windows and stealing essential maps and equipment.

Consequently the tower man has arrived at work unable to plot fire spottings or communicate with head office.

Until the necessary equipment is replaced the area around the tower, including state park and private land, cannot be effectively patrolled.

Warby tower man, Peter Brennan, explained that taking a tower out effectively rendered an area of 50 square kilometres blind.

"These people cannot possibly know what they are doing. It is not just a radio and a few maps as far as we are concerned," Mr Brennan said.

At risk

Warby park ranger, John McDonald, agreed

BY Jennifer Garrett

when facilities such as the fire tower were vandalised, it put a lot of other things and people at risk.

In addition, he said, the destruction of road signs throughout the park made it difficult for emergency vehicles to get to a fire or accident quickly.

Mr McDonald said during the recent Warby fire tankers were delayed because they were not familiar with the roads and the signs had been removed.

As the ranger, Mr McDonald has also had to contend with people dumping trailer loads of rubbish in the park, cutting down trees for wood and subsequently de-

stroying natural habitat, indiscriminately shooting locks and signs, the destruction of public facilities such as toilets and picnic areas and various other offences.

He said in the last 12 months vandalism in the park had cost the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands approximately \$2000.

Mr McDonald said although the park was continually patrolled, it was difficult to catch vandals and it was up to the public to look after the facilities.

"Most people who come to the park respect and enjoy it, it is only the minority who do the damage and ruin it for other people," Mr McDonald said.

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Cr Ted Webb pointed out that as the Ranges area is a State Park, the Government be responsible for provision of fire tracks.

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The matter will also be raised with the Regional Office.

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Benalla Shire Council will contact the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, requesting that vehicle tracks be provided in the Warby Ranges, north of Glenrowan, for use by the CFA and other services in the event of fire or other emergency.

The matter will also be raised with the CFA Regional Office.

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The 95th meeting of the Committee of Management of the Warby Range Protection Society Inc. at Froh Crt, Wangaratta on 13 March 1989.

The President (P. Larkins) opened the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Present J. Butler, R. Heetel, B. Kelly, P. Larkins, B. Wilkinson, H. Curtis.

Apologies C. Ferguson.

Minutes Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read.
Minutes confirmed and accepted R Heetel/J. Butler.
Carried

Business Arising. 1. Common Seal is now available. The Cost was \$16-00.

2. The name change for incorporation for the bank will be made for the new committee.

3. H. Curtis is to obtain information about "Friend's" groups and invite the Warby Range ranger to the Annual General Meeting.

4. R. Heetel expressed an idea for a member to participate in a Renella Walking club walk to explore unknown areas to us. R. Heetel will contact B Cohen to see if he is interested.

Inward Correspondence 1. Conservation Council of Victoria - 3 March 1989.
Apologies regarding communication from CCV to members.

Inward Correspondence (cont) 2. Conservation Council of Victoria - 1989 Campaign to boost Victorian Govt. commitment to nature conservation.

Outward Correspondence 1. Reply to J.C.(1). declining to forward membership lists because:
(A) unnecessary use of paper; and
(B) messages can be effectively presented to members verbally.

2. Reply to J.C.(2) stating all correspondence can be addressed to the secretary.
Correspondence accepted R Heetel, B. Kelly.
Carried

Treasurer's Report. J. Butler stated the bank balance as at 13 March 1989 was \$583-15.
Accounts for payment:

Postage \$26-13
Copying \$ 7-00

Passed for payment H. Curtis / B. Kelly.

Walking Group Report. R. Heetel described the progress of the walking group. B. Wilkison to obtain walking book from S. Boothman.

General Business 1. P. Larkins to investigate the possibility of constructing a book about walks in the Warby Ranges.
2. The annual general meeting to be tentatively made for 17 April at 7:30 pm at the "Centre".
3. In the absence of all necessary financial information, no recommendation regarding annual subscriptions will be made at

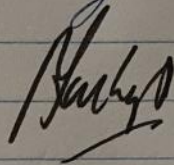
General
Business

this time, but will be reviewed at the
annual general meeting.

4 R. Hettel expressed the idea to combine a working
bee and walk to down "The Gorge" at Mt
Buffalo on 1-2 April.

Meeting closed @ 9:45.

B. Wilkinson
Acting Secretary.



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Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated held at "The Centre", Chisholm St, Wangaratta on Tuesday, 18 April 1989 at 7:30 pm.

1. WELCOME.

The President, Paul Larkings opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. PRESENT.

Leila Bade, Joan Butler, Helen Curtis, John Evans, Catriona Ferguson, David Ferguson, John Froelich, Marie Froelich, Rolf Heetel, Trudy Kentman, Joyce Larkings, Paul Larkings, Brendan Wilkinson.

3. APOLOGIES.

Sue Boothman, Sue Blair, Bernie Cowan, Peter Curtis, Barry Dunn, Graeme Fairley, Rita Fitzgerald, Brian Kelly, Arnold Piesse, Adrian Twitt, Elizabeth Walpole, Ray Walpole.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

4.1 Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting held at "The Centre" on 11 April 1988 were read.

Confirmed: Helen Curtis. Seconded: Brendan Wilkinson.
Carried.

4.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at "The Centre" on 15 August 1988 were read.

Confirmed: Joan Butler. Seconded: Brendan Wilkinson.
Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

None.

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6. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

6.1 Alpine Planning Proposal.

A reply is to be formulated by the Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated by 24 May 1989. Two copies are to be purchased by Paul Larkings for general circulation.

Proposed: Helen Curtis. Seconded: Leila Bade.
Carried.

7. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 President's Report.

The Society continues to maintain a high level of membership, no doubt due to the bushwalking activities. It has been active in promoting walks for all classes of membership and good attendance indicates the strength of this activity. Conservation remains our real objective and whilst no high profile action has been required in relation to the Warby Range, we continue to watch any development that could easily become intrusive and detrimental to the values of the Range.

We made a submission to the Shire of Wangaratta regarding the re-writing of the planning scheme suggesting changes to the definition of "Host Farm" and how it might more appropriately be dealt with to cover all the shire, but capable of variation to protect the natural resources of the Range. This alteration was duly accepted.

A major piece of government legislation, the "Flora and Fauna Guaranty", designed to give much better legislative protection to flora and fauna received our attention and was largely endorsed in a submission with some suggested changes regarding compensation and resources to ensure the workability of the Bill.

We have discussed the possibility of becoming more involved in doing something to enhance the Warby Range. This would mean involvement in working bees under the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands. To that end, we envisage the possibility of a "Friends of the Warby Range" group being formed. Another project under consideration is the production of a booklet featuring a variety of walks on the Range, which we have designed, and believe to be of benefit to others. Undoubtedly, much could be done to address issues of conservation pertaining to our State and National Parks, and members are invited and urged to bring such causes forward.

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8. REPORTS (CONTINUED).

8.1 President's Report (Continued).

Perhaps the most significant change to the Society since its birth was a move to achieve incorporation in line with current legislation designed to cover voluntary groups like ours. We have duly been advised by the Registrar of our new status and I wish to thank Brian Kelly for accepting the onerous position of Public Officer in order to comply with the Act. Also, thanks to those who assisted in the process, especially Brendan Wilkinson who provided the typing and copying.

Some three to five years ago, we pressed the Government to add to the Warby State Park, by purchasing a large piece of private land which appeared available. It is pleasing to note that the said land has been purchased and a very worthwhile piece of natural environment has been saved from the developer's axe.

A serious fire occurred during February 1989 which burned about 1 500 acres. Unfortunately, the location embraced the Mount Warby area that had not been burned for 60 years and had developed an excellent flora regime. This has been destroyed and we can only wait and see to gauge the real effects of fire on the regeneration of plant life.

I would like to conclude by thanking committee members for their support during the year and all members for their continuing interest in the Society.

Paul Larkings
President.

Proposal to accept the President's Report.
Proposed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: Trudy Kentman.
Carried.

8.2 Walk Convenor's Report.

Thanks given to all members who have helped with the program. Over the past year, there have been 18 walks and 5 base camps. Mention was made of the "Friends of Buffalo" activities. A summary of the year's program including the journey to the "Warrambungles" in N.S.W. The Walk finances are approximately \$74.

Rolf Heetel
Walk Convenor.

A motion was proposed tha a first aid kit be purchased for the W.R.P.S. Inc. for use on walks. Catriona Ferguson is to investigate the requirements.
Proposed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: John Evans.
Carried.

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8. REPORTS (CONTINUED).

8.2 Walk Convenor's Report (Continued).

Proposal to accept the Walk Convenor's Report.
Proposed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: Trudy Kentman.
Carried.

8.3 Treasurer's Report.

8.3.1 Accounts To Be Paid.

Chronicle	\$ 16-20
The Centre	\$ 10-00
Paul Larkings	\$ 29-55
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Total	\$ 55-75
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Motion to allow payment of accounts:
Proposed: John Froelich. Seconded: Joyce Larkings.
Carried.

8. REPORTS (CONTINUED).
- 8.2 Treasurer's Report (Continued).
- 8.3.2 Statement of Receipts and Payments.

Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 28 February 1989.

	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>
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Subscriptions, Annual	180-00	Petty Cash, Postage, Telephone and Stationery	184-36
Walking Group	92-60	Rental, Centre	20-00
Interest -		Insurance	107-00
State Bank	11-32	Incorporation	72-00
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock	260-00	Financial Institution Duties	1-88
		Balance Brought Down	158-68
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	\$543-92		\$543-92
	=====		=====
Balance Brought Forward	158-68	Photocopying - re incorporation	45-00
Subscription - Life	35-00	Balance Brought Down	168-68
Subscription - Arrears	20-00		
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	\$213-68		\$213-68
	=====		=====
Net Receipts For Year	168-68		
Balance 28 February 1988	391-94		
Bank Balance 28/2/1989	560-02		

Commonwealth Registry of Inscribed Stock	2000-00		

	\$2560-02		
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8. REPORTS (CONTINUED).

8.2 Treasurer's Report (Continued).

8.3.2 Statement of Receipts and Payments (Continued).

Statement of Receipts and Payments received pending audit.
Proposed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: John Froelich.
Carried.

Proposal to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Proposed: Trudy Kentman. Seconded: Leila Bade.
Carried.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Election of Office Bearers.

9.1.1 President.

Nomination: Paul Larkings. Accepted.

Vice President:

Nomination: Rolf Heetel. Accepted.

Secretary:

Nomination: Brendan Wilkinson. Accepted.

Treasurer:

Nomination: Joan Butler. Accepted.

Committee:

Nomination: Helen Curtis. Accepted.

 Catriona Ferguson. Accepted.

 Brian Kelly. Accepted.

Co-opted

Member: Garth Hodge.

Public Officer:

To be appointed by committee.

9.2 Subscription Fees.

Proposal that subscription fees for the following year be:

Person: \$ 5-00

Family: \$ 5-00

Life: \$50-00

Proposed: Brendan Wilkinson. Seconded: John Evans.
Carried.

10. MEETING CLOSED.

Meeting closed 8:48 pm

B. Wilkinson
Brendan Wilkinson
Honorary Secretary.

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[Signature] 10/5/89
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Minutes of the 96th Committee Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated held at the residence of Rolf Heetel, 14 Froh Crt., Wangaratta on Tuesday, 10 May 1989 at 8:00 pm.

1. WELCOME.

The President, Paul Larkings opened the meeting at 8:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. PRESENT.

Joan Butler, Helen Curtis, Catriona Ferguson, Rolf Heetel, Brian Kelly, Paul Larkings, Brendan Wilkinson.

3. APOLOGIES.

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Minutes of the 95th Committee Meeting held at 14 Froh Crt Wangaratta on 13 March 1989 were read.

There was an alteration to the minutes in General Business stating that H. Curtis was to obtain information about Friend's Groups. This was changed to P. Larkings. Confirmed: Helen Curtis. Seconded: Brendan Wilkinson. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

None.

6. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

6.1 Hawthorn Institute of Education - 21 April 1989.
Regarding database program - Endangered Species.
No Action.

6.2 City Of Wangaratta - 17 April 1989.
Regarding Public Radio.
No Action.

6.3 Wangaratta Base Hospital.
Regarding official launch of Fund Raising Campaign on 30 April 1989.
No Action.

6.4 Conservation Council of Victoria (C.C.V.).
CCV News.
No Action.

7. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 Treasurer's Report.

8.1.1 Bank Balance.

Joan Butler Reported a balance as at 8 May 1989 of \$560.02.

8.1.2 Accounts For Payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

B Kelly - Report of AGM to Registrar	\$23-00
Wangaratta Chronicle - AGM	\$10-00
"The Centre"	\$10-00
Total	<u>\$43-00</u>

M. Kelly

~~to 20/53 00~~
BW.

Correction to Account of P Larkings from \$29-55 to \$35-05 made at Annual General Meeting.

Motion to accept accounts for payment.

Confirmed: Helen Curtis. Seconded: Catriona Ferguson.
Carried.

8.1.3 Audit of Accounts.

The financial audit is to be done by J Francis.
Joan Butler to arrange for signatures at the bank to be altered.

8.2 Walk Convenor's Report.

8.2.1 Rolf Heetel described the walk at Mt Buffalo around Chalwell Galleries which was used to survey a track for the rangers.

The walk on 16 April on the Wabonga Plateau (along the Wabonga track) was described and the diversity of fungi was noted. The walk was approximately 20 km return.

Twenty-eight people attended the Warby Range walk to Mt Warby and return on 7 May 1989.

8.2.2 Rolf Heetel has been enquiring about accomodation on a host farm for the Warrumbungles week from 9 - 15 October. A letter indicating interest to a host farm has been sent and a reply is expected shortly.

8.2.3 A revised walk program has been made and will be distributed to all members.

Proposal to accept the Treasurer's Report and Walk Convenor's Report.

Proposed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: Brian Kelly.
Carried.

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9. GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Appointment of Public Officer.

The President and Secretary are to draught a list of suitable people to be approached for this position.

9.2 Reply to Proposed Management Plan, Alpine Area Bogong Planning Unit.

The following motion was put forward as concerns of the W.R.P.S.I. with regard to the above document to be sent to the Manager of the Alpine Planning Project by 24 May 1989.

9.2.1 Refer p 208, section 7.2.3, paragraph 1:

"All volunteer projects or tasks will be defined as 'conservation work', will be carried out by 'conservation workers', and will require the written approval of the Director-General, under section 56 of the Consevation, Forests and Lands Act 1987."

Written approval from the Director-General is unnecessary, where permission from the Park Ranger would suffice.

9.2.2 Refer p 29, final paragraph:

It is considered that Economic and Social Justice Strategies would cause a possible conflict of interest with the Consevation Strategy. As a consequence, the Economic and Social Justice Strategies may be detrimental to the Conservation Strategy. It is considered that the Conservation Strategy should be the primary issue above Economic and Social Justice Strategies.

9.2.3 Refer p 189, section 4.4.2 and 4.4.5.:

This organisation is opposed to all dredging and opposed to any new mining lease. The W.R.P.S.I. is concerned that an application for the renewal of a mining lease is being processed now and is opposed to it.

9.2.4 It is considered that some form of adequate compensation is required for families which have cattle moved from leases on the High Plains due to Government action. Grazing should be removed from at least, the most sensitive areas.

9.2.5 It is recommended that the effects of fuel reduction burning be monitored closely.

Proposed: Helen Curtis. Seconded: Rolf Heetel.
Carried.

9.3 A newsletter is to be posted to all members.

9.4 First Aid Kit.
Catriona Ferguson to arrange.

9.5 Warby Range Friend's Group.
Helen Curtis is to contact the VNPA regarding the establishment of such a group.

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9. GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.7 Wabonga Track.

The W.R.P.S.I. considers the Wabonga Track between the turnoff to Paradise Falls and Ryan's Paddock has deteriorated and the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands should ensure that the road is in better condition. The Secretary is to send a letter to that effect.

10. NEXT MEETING.

The 97th Committee Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated is to be held on Monday, 26 June 1989 at the residence of Rolf Heetel, 14 Froh Crt., Wangaratta.

11. MEETING CLOSED.

Meeting closed 9:50 pm

B. Wilkinson.
Brendan Wilkinson
Honorary Secretary.

Harling. President
26/6/89.

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REVISED WALKING PROGRAM 1989

- 4 June River Walk. Grade - easy. Contact Nola Meyland
(W) 21 6677 (H) 21 3924.
- 18 June Beechworth Tunnel. Grade - easy. Contact Rolf
Heetel (W) 21 2266 (H) 21 4130.
- 2 July To be decided. Contact Roly Miles 21 4259.
- 16 July Mt Big Ben. Grade - medium. Contact - Paul
Larkings 25 3242.
- 6 August Eldorado. Grade - easy. Contact John Froelich
21 4200.
- 20 August Chinaman's Creek, Warby Range. Contact Helen
Curtis.
- 3 September Warby Range. Grade - medium. Contact Catriona
Ferguson 21 2025.
- 17 September Mt. Buffalo. Grades - medium, hard. Contact
Catriona Ferguson 21 2025.
- 1 October Dangongadale. Grade - medium. Contact Brien
Kelly 21 6992.
- 9-15 October Warrumbungles Ranges. Early bookings
essential. Contact Rolf Heetel (W) 21 2266
(H) 21 4130.
- 29 October To be decided. Contact John Evans (W) 21 1121
(H) 29 7528.
- 4-5 November Base Camp. Contact Rolf Heetel (W) 21 2266
(H) 21 4130.
- 24-26 November Major Mitchell Walk, Grampians. Grade - Hard.
Contact Brendan Wilkinson (W) 21 6366
(H) 21 8167.
- 2-3 December Backpack - Mt Feathertop. Contact Catriona
Ferguson. (H) 21 2025.
- 9-10 December Mt. Buffalo. Annual Christmas Party. Stay at
Chalet or camp. Contact Rolf Heetel
(W) 21 2266 (H) 21 4130.

NOTES: Please phone early, at least 3 days in advance to check
starting times. All walks leave from the Centre, Chisholm
Street, Wangaratta.

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2. PRESENT.

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

3. APOLOGIES.

Helen Curtis.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Minutes of the 96th Committee Meeting held at 14 Froh Crt Wangaratta on 13 March 1989 were read.

There was an alteration to the minutes in Accounts for Payment - 8.1.2. The payment to the Wangaratta Chronicle should have been \$8.00 not \$10.00.

Confirmed: Catriona Ferguson. Seconded: Rolf Heetel.
Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

5.1 Alpine Planning Proposal - Submission has been sent.

5.2 Revised Walking Program/May Newsletter. This has been sent to all members along with a subscription notice.

5.3 First Aid Kit - Catriona Ferguson. Carried Forward.

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- 5.4 Warby Range Friend's Group - Helen Curtis.
Helen Curtis was not in attendance, but had submitted a written report. Helen received a very encouraging letter from Geoff Durham of the Victorian National Parks Association (V.N.P.A) with offers of assistance (e.g. notification of inaugural meeting to all local members and for him to attend). Geoff also sent a copy of the Friends Guidelines. Helen had not contacted John McDonald yet, but made suggestions for an inaugural meeting. These included:

A meeting at the "Centre" with brief talks.

Convening of small group and electing a convenor.

If weather is fine, all interested friends attend a barbecue in the Warbys with a working bee.

If weather is not fine, a barbecue at Merriwa Park.

All members of W.R.P.S.I. as well as A.C.F. and V.N.P.A. contacts.

Advertisement of meeting in newspaper.

The committee agreed to consider these options before the next meeting and to have Helen Curtis give a revised status before any action is taken.

- 5.5 Letter about the condition of the Wabonga Track has been sent to the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands.
- 5.6 Audit of Financial Records by J Francis and alteration of signatures at the Bank. - Carried Forward.

6. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

- 6.1 Sports Cover Australia.
Insurance
No Action.

- 6.2 Conservation Council of Victoria (C.C.V.) - 24 May.
Notice of the Next Meeting. Motions For June Council Meeting.
Draught Agenda.
Secretary to send Revised Walking Program and address of new secretary.

- 6.3 Australian Conservation Foundation (A.C.F.)/Friends of the Earth/The Movement Against Uranium Mining.
Greenhouse Solutions - Public Meeting - Collingwood Town Hall.
13 July 1989 at 8:00 pm.
No Action.

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- 6.4 Helen Curtis.
Suggestions to Committee Regarding Friends of the Warbys.
See 5.4.
- 6.5 Conservation Council of Victoria (C.C.V.). - June 1989.
Report to C.C.V. Council from Felicity Faris (Director).
No Action.
- 6.5 Conservation Council of Victoria (C.C.V.).
Environment Victoria - Issue 69 Winter 1989.
- 6.6 Senator Janet Powell, Australian Democrat Senator for Victoria
- 7 June 1989.
Australian Democrat Environment Policies.
No Action.

7. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

- 7.1 May Newsletter/Revised Walk Program/Subscription Notice.
- 7.2 Alpine Planning Project Submission - 23 May 1989.
- 7.3 Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands - Condition of
Wabonga Track.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 Treasurer's Report.

- 8.1.1 Bank Balance.
Joan Butler Reported a balance as at 26 June 1989 of \$560.02.

- 8.1.2 Accounts For Payment.
The following accounts were passed for payment:

Chamber of Manufactures - Insurance.	\$107.00
Postage for May Newsletter.	\$ 24.55
Photocopying for May Newsletter.	\$ 12.00
Envelopes.	\$ 4.36
Files.	\$ 2.70
Total	<u>\$150.61</u>

Motion to accept accounts for payment.
Confirmed: Helen Curtis. Seconded: Catriona Ferguson.
Carried.

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8.2 Walk Convenor's Report.

- 8.2.1 Rolf Heetel described the walk near Eldorado as a replacement to the Beechworth Tunnel due to rain. The highlight was the walk up the stream to a waterfall.
- 8.2.2 Rolf Heetel has been enquiring about accomodation on a host farm for the Warrumbungles week from 9 - 15 October. As 22 members have indicated interest, a Budget Hotel is seen as the best alternative for accommodation.
- 8.2.3 A revised walk will be lead by Paul Larkings on 29 October. More details later.

Proposal to accept the Treasurer's Report and Walk Convenor's Report.

Proposed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: Brian Kelly.
Carried.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Appointment of Public Officer.

The President and Secretary are to draught a list of suitable people to be approached for this position - Carried Forward.

9.2 State Plantation Impact Study.

Paul Larking presented an oral report~~4~~ on the State Plantation Impact Study. No action until more information is accumulated.

9.3 Fuel Reduction Burning in the Warby Ranges.

Paul Larkings expressed the view which opposed fuel reduction burning and opposed the introduction of more access tracks for fire fighting in the Warby Ranges. The Warby Ranges produces negligible amounts of litter, so fuel reduction burning will only inhibit young growth. Paul also discussed the view that some of the C.F.A.'s fire fighting methods were not compatible with fighting forest fires. A letter is to be sent to the C.F.A. asking to attend its next meeting.

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9.4 Life Memberships.

Brendan Wilkinson expressed the view that life memberships should not be by subscription and only honorary. Present life members have paid the equivalent of 10 times the annual subscription and should only be members for those 10 years. Brendan's concern stems from the financial viability of the "Society" where he believes that annual subscription members are subsidising "life" members with newsletters, etc. Brendan stated that the life membership is not explicitly stated within the "Rules of the Warby Range Protection Society".

Paul Larkings expressed the view that these life members have paid their subscriptions well in advance, so that interest is being earned by the "Society" to offset future costs.

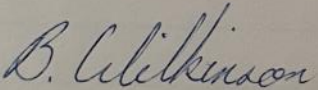
It was decided for the Committee to raise this issue at the next meeting for further consideration.

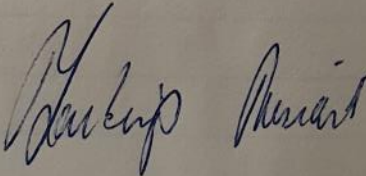
10. NEXT MEETING.

The 98th Committee Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated is to be held on Monday, 24 July 1989 at the residence of Rolf Heetel, 14 Froh Crt., Wangaratta.

11. MEETING CLOSED.

Meeting closed 10:10 pm


Brendan Wilkinson
Honorary Secretary.



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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

BUSHWALKING NOTES.

We finally re-visited Mt Big Ben, just off the Dederang Rd. As usual for weekends this year, the weather was not the best. All those who participated had been warned of the prospect of inclement weather and the possibility of snow. One group set off from Basin Creek on a shorter route, while the rest started cross country. The cross country group immediately crossed a creek before ascending a reasonably steep hill until a track was reached to make an assault on the summit. On reach about 75% of the climb, small pellets (like sago) of snow appeared. This gradually increased until small snow flakes appeared. On reaching the summit, it was completely white with snow, but no sign of the other group. We stopped for a while to marvel at the snow. The second group was found after their tracks were discovered as the descent from the summit was being made. There was a very brief stop for lunch before returning to the cars.

There has finally been an encounter with the Benalla Bushwalkers with a trip into the Strathbogies. Terry Sydes lead the group in a circuit beginning from the Ivanhoe Grammar School Camp.

WARBY RANGES FRIENDS GROUP

Following the interest shown at the Annual General Meeting of the W.R.P.S.I. regarding the formation of a Friends of the Warbys group, the Society in conjunction with the V.N.P.A. is holding a meeting to form such a group.

The Friends Group would consist of people with a special interest in the Warbys. Our objectives would be:

1. To provide support for the officers of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands and to foster public awareness of the park.
2. To assist in special projects, e.g. flora and fauna surveys, weeding and track maintenance.
3. To bring into contact people with a mutual interest in the park. Something for us all!

It is hoped that you and your interested friends will be able to the meeting to be held:

Date: Saturday, 3 September 1989.
Time: 10:30 am.
Venue: The Centre for Continuing Education,
Chisholm St, Wangaratta.

This will be followed by a B.Y.O. picnic lunch in the Warbys (BBQ facilities will be available).

PROGRAM FOR WARRUMBUNGLÉ TRIP OCTOBER 8th. to 14th. '89.

Sunday Oct. 8th. Depart Wang. approx 7.30.A.M.

800 km. say 10 hour drive to arrive before dark.

Campers travelling with Motel party would turn into Park via
Tooraweenah.

Monday Oct. 9th. Group to assemble at Camp Wambelong car park 10.30.A.M.

Walk 1. Beloungery Split Rock to include Burbie Canyon.

Approx 4 hours walking time - Lunch on top.

Some very steep track but options available.

Tuesday Oct 10th. Group to assemble at Camp Pincham car park 10.00. A.M.

Walk 2. Breadknife, Grand High Tops to return via Dagda short cut.

Approx 5½ hours walk time - Lunch on top.

Extensions available for the very fit and keen !

Wednesday Oct. 11th. Group to assemble at the Warrumbungle Motel 10.30.A.M.

For Drive - to Pilliga Forest and Nature Reserve and other points
of interest. Barbeque lunch etc. Short walks.

To return to Motel by about 5.00 P.M.

Evening meal at Motel 6.00. approx cost \$15.00. P.H.

Hostess Laura Hartley.

Conducted tour of Siding Spring Observatory 7.30. P.M.

Courtesy of Malcolm Hartley. Prob. abt. 2 hours.

Thursday Oct. 12th. Group to assemble at Camp Blackman car park 10.00.A.M.

Walk 3. To Mt. Bregan in Blackman Section (fire trails and bush)

Approx 10-12km. with easier options available. Take lunch.

Poss. return via 'The Woolshed'.

Friday Oct. 13th. Group to assemble at Camp Pincham car park 10.00. A.M.

Walk 4. Bluff Mountain approx 6 hours walking time !

Harder and easier options will be open for separate groups.

(Most of the Group will now be able to 'Go it Alone'!/?).

Free day
Saturday Oct 14th.

→ Departing 9.00.A.M. for return to Wang. (?) opt.

Sunday 15th

Travel via the Park to rejoin H'way at Tooraweenah.

(Any other details available on request - Greeme 215752)

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Minutes of the 98th Committee Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated held at the residence of Rolf Heetel, 14 Froh Crt., Wangaratta on Monday, 6 November 1989.

1. WELCOME.

The President, Paul Larkings opened the meeting at 8:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. PRESENT.

Joan Butler, Helen Curtis, Catriona Ferguson, Rolf Heetel, Brian Kelly, Paul Larkings, Brendan Wilkinson.

3. APOLOGIES.

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Minutes of the 97th Committee Meeting held at the residence of Rolf Heetel, 14 Froh Crt., Wangaratta on Monday, 26 June 1989 were read.

Confirmed: Rolf Heetel. Seconded: Catriona Ferguson.
Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

None.

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6. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

6.1 Conservation Council of Victoria.

Regarding the campaign for public transport in Melbourne.
No action.

6.2 Conservation Council of Victoria.

Regarding nominations for the CCV.
No action.

6.3 Conservation Council of Victoria.

Notice of annual general meeting on 25 September 1989.
No action.

6.4 City of Wangaratta.

Complete a form for the Community Directory.
Secretary has completed and returned.

6.5 Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands.

Reply to our letter of 17 August 1989 regarding fuel
reduction burning. Refer General Business.

6.6 Conservation Council of Victoria.

Environment Victoria - September, October, November 1989.
No Action.

7. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

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8. REPORTS.

8.1 Treasurer's Report.

8.1.1 Bank Balance.

Joan Butler reported a balance as at 6 November 1989 of \$689-18.

8.1.2 Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Postage	\$ 31-20
Photocopying	\$ 15-75
Advertisements/Postage/Photocopying	\$ 34-50
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8.2 Walk Convenor's Report.

Rolf Heetel reported on the trip to the Warrumbungles. Graeme Fairley led a numbers of walks in the Warrumbungles. Altogether there were 20 participants. The walks included Belogery Split Rock, The Breadknife, the Bluff and Mt Exmouth. The group stayed at a budget hotel just outside the Warrumbungles National Park for 7 days.

8.3 Warby Range Friends' Group.

Helen Curtis ^{1989.} reported that the inaugural meeting was on the 2 September ~~1990~~ and was attended by 27 people including Geoff Durham, John McDonald and Steve McMonicle of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands. A core group of 5 people were elected. The first project day was a weeding day (26 October 1989) of which 20 people attended. The next activity day is to be 18 November 1989 which will involve monitoring of plant regeneration. Joan Butler will then lead a walk in the Warby Ranges.

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 Rolfs 3/12/88

Meeting to plan walks. 8/12/88

Meeting Closed

Barry O Chumman