

WARBY RANGE
BUSHWALKERS
1998

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

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- March 23*
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Contact Murray Shaw. 5721 3730 or Alan Raison. 57217886.
- March 29th.** Walk Against Want - Wangaratta. Easy.
Contact Joy Rosser. 5722 1947.
- April*
- ~~March~~ **18th-19th.** Mt. Cobbler. Easy. Medium.
Camp at Mt.Cobbler or day trip.
Contact David Banks. 5721 6558.
- May 3rd.** Powers Lookout. Medium. Hard.
Contact Joy and Bill Rosser. 5722 1947.
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WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Stockbridge Bistro, Wangaratta on Monday March 23 rd. 1998 commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Murray Shaw - President

Mesdames - Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore, Val Kemp, Sue Blair, Leilia Bade, Olwen Turnbull, Alison Tavare, Margot Thompson. Joy Rosser, Joan Butler, Laurice Kneen.

Messrs. - Alan Raison, Bill Rosser, David Banks, Rolf Heetel.

APOLOGIES T.Kentman, J & M Ussher, A & H Twitt.

WELCOME President Murray Shaw extended a warm welcome to all members present.

MINUTES The minutes of The twenty- Second Annual General Meeting were confirmed on the motion of Sue Blair and seconded by Rolf Heetel. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE Elaine passed around correspondence for members' perusal. Correspondence included Wangaratta Out and About Newsletter - TRACKS, Vic News and various brochures advertising trips overseas and in Australia. The correspondence was received on the motion of Sue Blair and seconded by Rolf Heetel. **CARRIED**

REPORTS **Treasurer** : Isobel Moore circulated the Financial Report for the year ending 28th February 1998 as prepared by Mr. G. Hodge. F.C.A. The Financial Report was adopted on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Rolf Heetel. **CARRIED**
Walks Co-ordinator : Alan presented attached report. The report was received on the motion of D.Banks and seconded by Joy Rosser. **CARRIED**
On behalf of everyone Rolf Heetel thanked Alan for all his work as Walks' Co-ordinator.

ELECTION OF Nominations for the year 1998/99 were called.

OFFICE

BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Murray Shaw was nominated by E.Jacobsen and seconded by V.Kemp. In the absence of any further nominations was declared **PRESIDENT**.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Val Kemp was nominated by I.Moore and seconded by B. Rosser. In the absence of any further nominations was declared **VICE-PRESIDENT**.

SECRETARY

Elaine Jacobsen was nominated by S.Blair and seconded by J.Rosser. In the absence of any further nominations was declared **SECRETARY**.

TREASURER

Isobel Moore was nominated by J. Butler and seconded by D. Banks. In the absence of any further nominations was declared TREASURER.

WALKS CO-ORDINATOR

Rolf Heetel was nominated by A. Raison and seconded by D. Banks. In the absence of any further nominations was declared WALKS' CO-ORDINATOR.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sue Blair was nominated by I. Moore and seconded by B. Rosser

Joy Rosser was nominated by A. Raison and seconded by S. Blair

Margot Thompson was nominated by S. Blair and seconded by J. Rosser

There being no further nominations the three members were duly elected as COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Annual Subscription

R. Heetel moved that the annual subscription remain the same as last year. (Single \$15, Family \$20, Life Member \$10 and Visitors \$2) Seconded L. Kneen. CARRIED

2. Auditor

Rolf Heetel moved that Garth Hodge be appointed auditor and that a book token at the value of \$50 be presented to him as a token of the club's appreciation Seconded by D. Banks. CARRIED

3. M. Shaw moved that we send some flowers to T. Kentman for her 90th birthday. Seconded by E. Jacobsen. CARRIED

4. R. Heetel suggested that we think about name change.

5. Promoting the club.

It was moved by D. Banks and seconded by R. Heetel that we investigate having our name in the Yellow pages. CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Annual General Meeting. 23rd March.

1998

Present.

Elaine Jacobsen.

M. Shaw

Val Kemp

Isobel Moore

Lilla C. Bade

Olwen Turnbull

Alison Tavaré

MARGOT THOMPSON

Laurice Kneen

Sue Blair

Joy Rosser

○ BILL ROSSEY.

Rolf Gatt

ALLAN RAISON

Jean Butler.

○ David Banks

ELAINE JACOBSEN.

MURRAY SHAW.

VAL KEMP

ISOBEL MOORE

LILLA BADE

Olwen Turnbull.

W. Rosser

ALISON TAVARÉ

Margot Thompson

LAURICE KNEEN

SUE BLAIR.

Joy Rosser

Rolf HEE TEL

Allan Raison

David Banks

O.M. TURNBULL.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

Walks Co-ordinators Report

1998

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I would like to thank all who planned and lead walks throughout the year + especially thank Rolf and Adrian for organising our trips away, Warrumbungles (Rolf) + Mittagundi (Adrian). Thank you all for great fellowship during the walks.

Alan Raison

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

INCOME and EXPENDITURE STATEMENT For Year Ended 28th February, 1998

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	415.00
Visitors Fees	36.00
Interest, Current Account	4.51
Interest, Term Deposits	107.92
	<u>\$563.43</u>

EXPENDITURE

Bank Charges	5.56
Office of Fair Trading	32.00
Gift, W. O'Callaghan	33.00
Advertising, N.E. Newspapers	12.25
Printing Newsletter(s)	20.00
Secretarial Expenses	16.40
Tribute - Florist	50.00
Vic. Walking Federation	198.40
Net Operating Income	195.82
	<u>\$563.43</u>

Net Operating Income brought down	195.82	Warrumbungles, Accommodation	250.00
Deposits, Warrumbungles	250.00	Increase Current Account	87.90
		Increase Interest Bearing Deposit	107.92
	<u>\$445.82</u>		<u>\$445.82</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 28th February, 1998

Current Account, Commonwealth Bank	930.36	Accumulations Account 28th February, 1997	3215.37
Term Deposit Maturing 9th November, 1998	2480.83	Net Operating Income 1997 / 1998	195.82
	<u>\$3,411.19</u>		<u>\$3,411.19</u>

1998/99 FEES for Affiliated Clubs

Club Name WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc

1) FEES (to 31 April 99)

These cover the costs of inquiries, submissions, promotions, newsletters, accommodation, stationery, etc, etc.

30 Adult Members at $\begin{matrix} \$7.00 \text{ (metro)} \\ \$5.50 \text{ (country)} \end{matrix}$ = \$ 165.00
(insert number)

2) PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE (to 30 June 1999)

† 30 members at \$1.25 each = \$ 37.50

3) PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE (to 30 June 1999)

† — members at \$1.90 each = \$ —

4) DONATION As agreed to by Council, clubs are now being formally offered the opportunity to make donations or grants of additional funds to VicWalk. If desired, these funds can be targeted to specific purposes, in consultation with VicWalk.

Donation/Grant \$ —

Please attach details if you wish this to be for a specific purpose.

TOTAL PAID \$ 202.50

† **PLEASE NOTE:** under the terms of the Insurance agreements, all members of a club *including children* must be included in insurance cover. Visitors/prospective members are covered by the policies – no extra premium has to be paid for them. If the number of members in your club increases during the year, an additional premium (for the increase) may be payable in June 1999.

Please complete the above and return to:

The Treasurer
VicWalk
241 Swan St.
Richmond 3121

Cheques should be made payable to VICWALK.

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.

Minutes of meeting held at the residence of I. Moore 15.6.98

PRESENT M. Shaw, E. Jacobsen, I. Moore, S.Blair, M.Thompson.

APOLOGIES R. Heetel, V. Kemp.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 18.8 97. were passed on the motion of E. Jacobsen and seconded by S.Blair. CONFIRMED

CORRESPONDENCE	98.50	Thank you letter from T.Kentman.
	98.51	Wangaratta Out & About TRACKS - April.
	98.52	NERSA
	98.53	Vic.Walk News - April & Minutes of meeting
	98.54	Bogong Equipment Advertisement
	98.55	Vic Walk Search & Rescue News - behind the Log.
	98.56	Vic Walk News - May & Minutes of meeting.
	98.57	Vic Walk - FEES & INSURANCE
	98.58	NERSA
	98.59	NERSA
	98.60	NERSA - Update
	98.61	NSW Wilderness Transit - Advertising.
	98.62	Outsports - Advertising
	98.63	Walking the Wilderness Coast . - Advertising
	98.64	Vic Walk news - June & Minutes of meeting
	98.65	Wangaratta Out & About - TRACKS
	98.66	Outdoor Rec & The Law.
	98.67	Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs 1997/8 Annual Report.
	98.68	Gore Technologies Advertising Survey.
	98.69	The Centre - Disability Access Co-ordinator Survey.

BUSINESS ARISING It was decided that the club pay membership and insurance for 30 members.

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of M. Thompson and seconded by S. Blair CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance @ 28/2/98	\$ 930.36
Subs	\$235.00
	\$ 1165.36

Payments

Secretary's Expenses Postage	\$68.45	
Stat.	\$4.75	
Photo Copy	\$37.00	
Buffalo Camp Fees	\$8.60	
Flowers for T. Kentman	\$50.00	\$168.80
Balance 15/6/98		\$996.56

The Treasurer's Report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of I. Moore and seconded by S. Blair. CARRIED

**WALKS
COORDINATOR'S
REPORT**

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nil

**GENERAL
BUSINESS**

Larking's Corner. Isobel suggested that a date should be put on the plaque. It was decided to further investigate the possibility of adding the date.

European Wasps. Discussion concerning the problem with European Wasps mainly concerned whether we should include anti. histimine in our First Aid Kit. It was decided to alert members to the problem of European Wasps and that members should carry their own if allergic.

The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

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JUNE 1998 - FEB 1999

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| June 6th - Sat | Strathbogie Ranges. Easy / Medium.
Contact Alan Raison. 5721 7886. |
| June 21st - Sun | Mt. Jack. Medium / Hard
Contact Bill Rosser. 5722 1947. |
| July 5th - Sun | Eldorado. Easy or Medium.
Contact Rolf Heetel. 5721 4130. |
| July 19th - Sun | Mt. Pilot. Easy or Medium.
Contact Rolf Heetel. 5721 4130. |
| August 1st. - Sat | Warby Ranges. Easy / Medium.
Contact Alan Raison. 5721 7886. |
| August 16th - Sun | Mt. Glenrowan. Easy / Medium.
Contact Isobel Moore. 5721 4443. |
| Sep 6th - Sun | Clover Dam. Quartz Ridge. End of Aquaduct. Easy Medium or Hard . You can choose which walk you would like to do.
Contact Rolf Heetel. 5721 4130. |
| Sep. 20th - Sun | Chiltern State Forest. Easy.
Contact Val Kemp. 5721 9409. |
| October 11th - 17th | Little Desert National Park. Anyone interested in this week away should contact Bill and Joy Rosser. 5722 1947 by the end of June as a deposit will have to be made After this date contact Rolf Heetel. 5721 4130. |
| October 25th - Sun | Mystery Walk. Easy.
Contact Leilia Bade. 5721 4896. |
| November 7th - Sat | Black Range.
Contact Adrian Twitt . 5721 5327. |



Nov 16th - Mon.	Planning meeting at Sydney Hotel. 6.30 pm. Contact Elaine Jacobsen. 5722 1096.
Nov 21 - 22	Sheephard Flats Weekend Camp. All Grades. Contact. Rolf Heetel. 5721 4130.
Dec 5th - 6th	Mt. Buffalo Weekend Camp. All grades. Contact Murray Shaw. 5721 3730.
Dec 13th - Sun	Christmas Break-up at Heetels' place. Don't forget your bathers!
Jan 16th - 17th	Mt. Bogong / High Plains. All Grades. Contact David Banks. 5721 6558.
Feb 13th - 14th	Weekend at Wangaratta Ski Club. Mt. St. Bernard. All Grades. Contact Adrian Twitt. 5721 5327.

All walks leave and return to the 'The Centre' Chisolm St. Wangaratta.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CONTACT PERSON IN ADVANCE (PREFERABLY TWO DAYS) FOR DETAILS OF THE WALK. MANY OF THE WALKS CAN BE ADAPTED TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE GROUP. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE CONTACT PERSON THEN ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE WALKS CO-ORDINATOR. Rolf Heetel on 5721 4130.

GRADING OF WALKS.

EASY

About 12 km. generally on tracks in flat to undulating terrain with climbs to 200 m. These walks are suitable for most people of average fitness.

MEDIUM - (LONG)

As for easy but with distances to 18 km., possibly with some cross country sections and/or climbs over 200 m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.

MEDIUM - (CLIMBS)

12 to 18 km. May include some rough terrain, scrub bashing and possibly sustained climbs up to about 600 m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.

HARD

Distance greater than 18 km. and/or climbs over 600 m. in any combination. These walks generally should only be undertaken by experienced walkers.

Seek the advice of the Walks Co-ordinator and/or Walks Leader if you are unsure whether to tackle a walk or not.

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Minutes of meeting held at the residence of I. Moore 5.10.98

PRESENT M.Shaw, E. Jacobsen, I. Moore, R. Heetel, J. Rosser, V. Kemp, M. Thompson,
A.Twitt, S. Blair

APOLOGIES NIL

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 15.6.98 were passed on the motion of
E.Jacobsen and seconded by I.Moore. **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

98.70	Vic Walk News -July & Minutes of meeting
98.71	Wangaratta Out & About Inc. Tracks - August
98.72	Outdoor Travel - Brochure
98.73	Vic Walk News - August & Minutes of meeting.
98.74	Outdoor Travel - Brochure
98.75	Vic Walk News - September & Minutes of meeting
98.76	North East Tourist News
98.77	Search & Rescue News
98.78	Brian Matthews
98.79	Federation of Walking Clubs - Change of address.
98.80	Vic Walk - Country council meeting.
98.81	Association Incorporations Act - Changes.
98.82	Environment Victoria- Support Native Forests.
98.83	Garth Hodge.
98.84	Kali Travel - Brochure.
98.85	Cartouring and bushwalking in the Flinders ranges - Brochure.
98.86	Vic Walk News Oct. & Minutes of meeting
98.87	Adrian Twitt
98.88	Federation of Walking Clubs - Membership cards.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. First Aid Kit has been updated. There is now something for European Wasp stings
2. An apology for non attendance at the Federation Council's Country Council Meeting to be sent.

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of I. Moore and seconded by M. Thompson..

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT	Balance at 15.6.98	996.56	
	Subs 98/98	110.00	
	Visitors fees	34.00	
	Bank Interest	47	
	Payments		1141.00
	Vic Walk Insurance (30)	202.50	
	Incorporation Fee	32.00	
	First Aid Kit	30.00	
	SGD's	2.76	
			267.26
			873.77

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CARRIED

WALKS REPORT

Rolf reported that he has \$40 left over in kitty (from driving people on walks).
Numbers of walkers has picked up.

Rolf wont be here for planing meeting someone else will need to organize it
Sheepyard Flats. Rolf wont be able to be there on Sat so Murray will take over as leader.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Black Range walk. Adrian reported that he anticipated starting at Carson's farm but it is rather long it has good views and an 18km. steep climb An option would be a shorter circuit but this would involve a 4WD shuffle. Rolf suggested waiting until the day before deciding.

2. Payment of fees. It was suggested that non-members after three trips should become members They will need to be told this and that they can have it refunded from their subscription. Anyone travelling on trips away must be a member. Murray will ring and inform people.

3. Newsletter - No newsletter to Life members who have not paid subscription..

Murray moved that we have the newsletter printed by Imprint (4 times a year)

Seconded by Elaine

CARRIED

4. Information Sheet. Joy will update.

- will be given out at walks.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

current year.

Rolf presented an overview of the walk's statistics for the previous year Rolf counted each day on camps as a walk - There were 29 walks in all with the number of walkers 253. There were 53 visitors so 200 club walkers average per walk was 8.72. the Rossers were the leading walkers Adrian has been on 5 walks and led 5 walks Rolf and David each led 4 and Murray 3 Val's walk had the highest number of walkers with 18.

The walks report was moved by R. Heetel seconded by M. Thompson.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Incorporation

1. Nos on cheques has to be on
2. Federation Walk Murrumbidgee is going and said any members are welcome to join him but it is the same weekend as the Walk Against Want.
3. Badges Rolf asked that we look into getting badges. Murray suggested the plastic slip in with name and grass tree It was decided to bring this to the AGM. It was decided they could be brought along to walks.
4. Murray asked anyone if they had something for the newsletter. could they give it to him by the AGM. The cost of the Newsletter was discussed Val pointed out that the newsletter keeps everyone informed.
5. Joy suggested we have some ideas of a walk away to the AGM. Grampians Shoalhaven Upper Yarra Wilsons Prom. The Koorong Nepean River. Were some suggestions. This could then be finalized at the Planning Meeting.
6. Murray thanked Val for getting a notice of our walks in CHRONICLE.
7. Rolf asked about the money we have in deposits The \$2500 matures in November we get 2.5% interest Murray suggested we do something better. Some of this money may be needed to cover Newsletter costs. We can't do anything at the moment so the committee will discuss this again later.
8. Current Office bearers indicated that they were prepared to stand again for another year.
9. Members were reminded about the planning meeting at Joy and Bill's residence.
10. It was decided that we that the club keeps the fees the same as in 1998.

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Alan Raison

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President's Letter

Hello friends and fellow walkers. You will find enclosed in this, our Summer edition of the Newsletter, your program for the coming months to June 1999. Also included in this edition is a "Guidelines to Safe Walking" Leaflet. If you already have one maybe you could give it to a friend and encourage them to join us.

Please take time to read the walks reports and you will find, as I did, that a great time was had by all.

The attendance to the walks has been very encouraging. Although the past two planning meetings were only attended by a few, never the less a Program has been put together for the months following the present program up until June 1999.

I hope to see you all at the Heetel's for the Christmas Party and would like to thank Rolf and Lexi for their generosity in opening their home again for us this year.

A special thank you to Joy and Bill Rosser for their contribution and planning of the Little Desert week away.

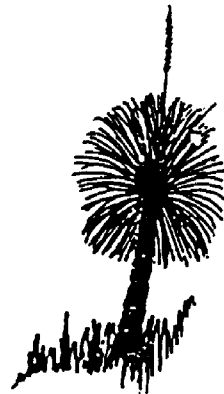
Thank you to all for your friendship during the year and a special thank you to those who organised and led walks.

May you all have a very happy, joyous and safe festive season.

Murray Shaw



Betty Handley, David Banks, Bill & Joy Rosser, Rolf Heetel and Joan Butler.
Little Desert Photo by Murray Shaw.



Warby Range Walk

Saturday 1st August, 1998

Due to foggy and overcast weather with rain threatening, the number of walkers was reduced to four. We left the Centre at about nine o'clock and drove to the Warby Ranges via Gravel Pit Road and Bacleys Road, passing orchards and a large emu farm and narrowly missed a black wallaby that hopped across the road in front of us.

We arrived at the southern end of Spot Mill Track for the start of our walk. I think it is the first time we have started a walk from this end. A short distance along the track I lead the girls off to help identify a skull, which has been staked out on an ant bed for a long time. We decided it was not human and not an animal from the Warby's, eventually on Olwen's suggestion, we agreed it was a shark, (somebody's souvenir).

We went back through the bush to rejoin the Spot Mill Track and proceeded along it to Booths Road, and walked north for about 1km to the start of Ring Tail track which is a little hard to find, as it is not used very often. Margot with her keen eyes found several orchids along this track. We followed Ring Tail Track to Boilerwood track where we turned left and walked in an easterly direction for about three quarters of a km, to the end of the fence line and turned right (south). A short distance along this track we stopped for a morning snack and then continued on passing through a gully before tuning left off the track and walking through the bush in a easterly direction towards Salisbury Falls.

We had lunch at a very picturesque spot overlooking the Gorge at the head of the falls. After lunch we had a closer look at the falls and then set off through the bush to rejoin the Boilerwood track and continued on for about 1km to a lookout, to the east.

We then returned along Boilerwood and Spotmill tracks to the car. Margot didn't find a koala today, but she found evidence where they had been. We did see some kangaroos and quite alot of birds including what we think was Turquoise Parrots and a flock of friendly Gang Gang Parrots.

Today we welcomed Louis for her first walk with our club and she said she really enjoyed it. I hope we see her on many more walks in future.

After a very enjoyable day walking (about 14kms) we arrived back in Wangaratta about 3.30pm.

Alan

Mount Glen Rowan

Sunday 16th August, 1998

Met at The Centre at 9.00am. Rolf and his harem of eight women set off for the Taminick Gap car park. Pleased to see a solid new picnic table replacing one which I noticed was vandalised when on a recent visit.

After passing the Telecom Towers, we went out to Chick Hill and saw a black tailed wallaby. From there we cut through the bush, passing a small dam then a very large one, on private property, before rejoining the Ridge Track to Mr. Glen Rowan. It was very chilly and we saw snow on Sterling and Mt. Bogong.

Found a sheltered spot near Moonlight Track for lunch, after which Rolf returned with Lielia along the Ridge Track. The rest of us took the track along the base of the western side passed fields of grape vines - a very extensive area of new poles ready for planting vines.

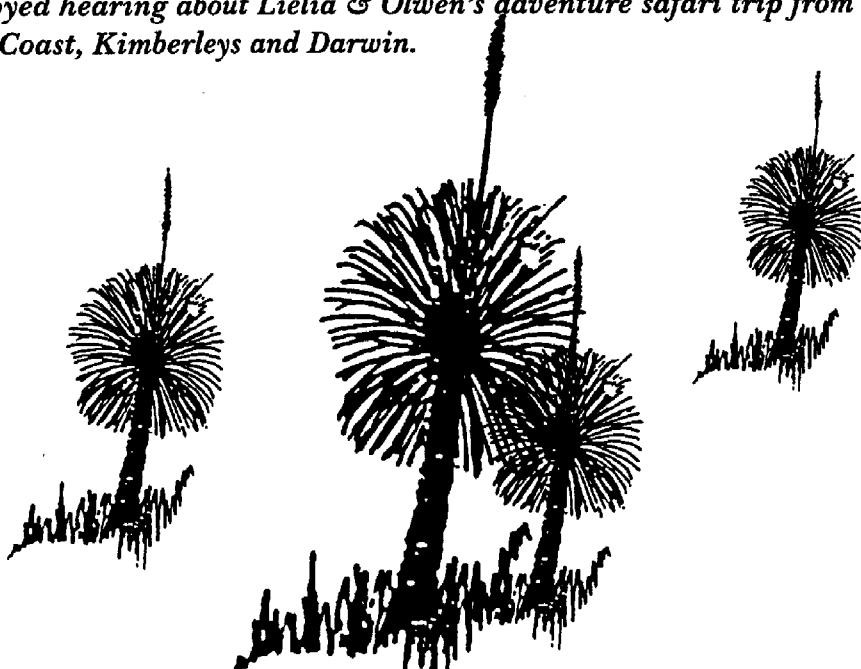
Some rough, slippery down hill sections and some short, steep climbs. Rolf met us as we neared the road and took us up across country to the car park.

Saw Tiger and Hooded orchids, Early Nancies and droppings of many animals. A prospective new member, Joanne Vaughan, enjoyed the walk as light rain set in on our return journey. We did not linger long at the cars and were back in Wangaratta about 2.30pm.

Thank you for your help Rolf, and to all who came on the walk.

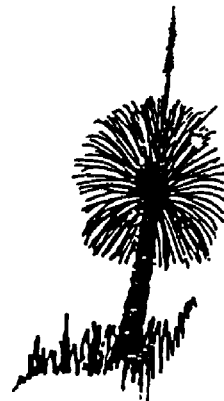
Isobel.

P.S. We enjoyed hearing about Lielia & Olwen's adventure safari trip from Ayres Rock to the West Coast, Kimberleys and Darwin.



Clover Dam

Sunday 6th September 1998



To my surprise we had a very good response for this walk, although it is a long trip and it was Fathers Day. It was great to see the prospective members, some returning for a second and third walk. We managed to fit into Murray's and my vehicle for the 250km round trip. The weather was looking perfect for good views. Instead of writing this report I expected to be able to write; read my notes of the 7-9-96, some details are relevant, however an unexpected change had to be made almost halfway during the walk. We left the vehicles at approximately 9.45am (some left sooner than others. My coffee was too hot!) Murray and Allan were keen to get to Quartz Ridge, so they had a good reason to move on and after all, we were behind schedule, due to a slower start at the Centre and several stops along the way. I was relaxed, it was Fathers Day. From the power station we followed the little used road, lined by beautiful fern trees to the Bogong Creek Aqueduct and Tramway, here was a gate, which had not been there two years ago. Our fast walkers had gone, so we also clambered around the gate, with me thinking, the gate and signs are there to keep out the vandals and as we don't fit into that category, we could go on the way we had before. We enjoyed the walk with views onto the snow on Quartz Ridge until we came to the area of the bridge, where there had been a landslide some years ago. Well there had been another landslide on the steep slope this side of the bridge, but this time they had not built a walkway around the problem area, in fact it must have been difficult to pipe the water around this problem break. A number of times we remarked, that the upkeep on the aqueducts will be very costly in the future years.

Murray and Allan managed to climb to the fire track above. I did not think it was for the rest of the group to attempt this, so we returned to the gate and this time read the signs, which let us know about the problem ahead. (*If all else fails, read instructions!*)

Here we had a choice of heading back to the planned destination via the higher fire track or follow the aqueduct to the inlet above the power station. This walk in total 11km long was chosen and certainly the easier. Through the trees and ferns we had a view of the Big Hill, Bald Hill and Mt Fainter areas. The Wattle was in full bloom, the birds in good voice, with the Lyre birds at their best. I only saw a black tailed wallaby, but then I was leading from behind most of the day, perhaps the front runners saw more wild life. Back at Clover Dam we enjoyed a cuppa, admired the Camellias and the scenery while waiting for our mountain climbers to return. Although the arranged time was 4.30pm, Murray arrived back after 23kms (approx) fresh and fit at about 4.00pm. They could have gone further, but did not want us to wait - very thoughtful! They did reach the helipad, many fallen trees slowed their progress. We all had a great day. On the next walk there, we will have to use the fire track and some may like to explore the Mt. Little Arthur track. Thanks to all.

Rolf

White Box Walk - Chiltern

Sunday 20th September

Seventeen walkers left the Centre on a foggy morning to travel to Chiltern. The fog soon cleared after we left Wangaratta and we were lucky to have a lovely sunny day. We arrived at the Cyanide Dam picnic area, where we left our cars to do the White Box walk. We had a look at the remains of the Golden Bar Mine and the Open Cut Mine. There were lots of birds and wildflowers. Helen and Joy found quite a few Pink fingers, Blunt Greenhood, Early Nancys, Waxlip Orchids, Yellow Stars, Beard Heath, Nuringe Lilly, Lundes, Hardenbergia, Dillignia, Referta, Bullmin Lilly.

We had our lunch on the way arriving back at the picnic area where we walked around the Cyanide Dam then had a cuppa. It was an easy walk of 10kms and we were back in Wangaratta by 2.30pm. Thanks to Isobel who did this walk with me earlier on a wet day. Thank to all walkers for your company.

Val Hemp

Little Desert Trip

11th - 17th October

Seven walkers in three vehicles, including a motorhome (David and Joan) a camper trailer behind a station wagon (Bill and Joy) and three well equipped to camp out. (Rolf, Murray, Betty) left Wangaratta at 7.30am. We broke the 500km journey at Kooyoora State Park between Inglewood and St. Arnaud, and had lunch the very beautiful picnic area surrounded by huge granite boulders. After a steep walk to Melville Cave we set off for Dimboola and our camping spot at the Little Desert Lodge on the Nhill, Harrow road.

The Little Desert is a unique area, hardly a "desert" at all, as it is covered in vegetation which varies greatly according to the different soil types (sand dunes, clay pans etc.) The flowers were magnificent, and we identified several species unique to the area including many orchids. Birds were plentiful in some areas and the bird watchers were kept on their toes. We were lucky enough to see a Lowan (mallee-fowl) in its natural habitat, and working on its mound.

The walks in the park were well mapped and marked and reasonably easy, although we undertook a long one of about 24kms, with the fitter walkers doing extra.

Other highlights included a visit to Elgin Swamp, an area of swampland surrounded by magnificent river red gums and black box. This area has recently been declared a reserve for nature. We also had a walk around the long board-walk, also on a swampy area, in Nhill, and a habitat for water birds. We visited the Wail native nursery near Dimboola, and found it very informative, as we saw the propagation of native plants from seeds to well grown plants for the market. A real highlight was a visit to the mallee-fowl hatchery, where this endangered bird is bred for release in the wild.

The Desert Lodge is a great place to camp - informal camping hut with power and hot showers, so it was really luxury bush camping!

Little Desert Trip continued . . .

There was a gas barbecue and a good barbecue shelter, also meals could be had in the Lodge dining room.

Unfortunately, Rolf, became ill and spent most of his time in the Nhill hospital, undoubtedly being well pampered. We missed him very much both on the walks and around the camp activities in the evenings.

Our thanks to all who participated and helped with planning etc, and especially to Murray who ferried us in his vehicle all around the country side.

A great week!

Bill and Joy

Killawarra Walk

Friday 23rd October

Today was a bright and sunny day. We left the Centre at 9.00am for the eastern side of the Killawarra Forest. Did two short walks to make about 10 to 12 kms. Most of the walks was through the bush which was not too hard, perhaps a bit rough at times. Still quite a few wild flowers and orchids, the best of them were a week or so ago. Olwen reckoned she knew of a different orchid tucked away near the camp road, but on way home some of us turned back to find it. It had lost some of its size and colour, just one of many Blue Sun orchids. So, no surprise.

Many thanks to today's walkers.

Leilia

Black Range Walk

Saturday 7th November

Commenced our walk at Carson's property on the Rose River Road. Their vineyards are frost bitten from the recent cold snaps, but today commenced warm and sunny.

We climbed up to the ridge above the Carson property onto the Black Range, rather steep in places. Wildflowers of great variety were sighted - plenty of orchids among them. At the top, half the group rested, the remainder walking further on to get better views. We had good glimpses of Cobbler, Buller and the valley below.

Lunch was at the Turquoise Mine. We then descended down Smalls Track to the bottom. A couple of wrong turns, but never far out of our way, through out the pine plantation, then open farms and back.

The rain began, just as we returned to our cars. On return, it was deluging at Myrrhee.

Adrian.

Mt. Pilot Medium Walk

Sunday 22nd November, 1998



We were only a small group this time. Was it because we intended to have a camping weekend or because of the change in program?

As the bridge into Sheepyard Flats had not been replaced since the floods, we postponed this trip to March. Two camping trips close together is probably too much so close to Christmas.

Now to our walk. We started from the Centre and drove to the Yeddonba Art Site on the Tovey Road, just off the Chiltern - Beechworth Road, (as shown on map). I had not planned the exact route, so we had a relaxed day exploring. We had walked here approximately 15 years ago and I had recollections of a very steep climb above the aboriginal drawing and a long walk back on gravel roads. So after inspecting the rock drawings from the fairly new viewing platform and exploring the rock caves, where we presumed the Dunduroa tribes lived, we set off on our walk. We chose a long gully for a very gradual climb to the top of Mt. Pilot, in one section it was a little overgrown and it took some effort to get around the rocks, we reached the Old Coach Road which was a little further to the east than planned, by it was close to the approach to the summit. We did find Leopard orchids and other wild flowers, identified by our botanist Joy for us. Wombat holes, Kangaroo pads a few live Wallabies and a Hare is all we saw on the ground, even the bird life was not as plentiful as one would expect. Perhaps we talked too much. Lunch was enjoyed with magnificent views in perfect weather in the shade of some small trees near the summit. Allan had found the start of a walk to the west, Bill explored this a little further, and we decided to use this for our return to the car. The track did not last, but the descent was not too difficult and it certainly was a lot shorter than what I had planned. On our arrival back at the car park we met Eddi Kneebone, who with others had hiked and camped in the area. They had come through the area I had planned to use for our return from the top, they had said it was hard work getting through the dense scrub and around the boulders, so I thanked the others for finding and deciding on the shorter return.

We were home by 2.00pm after a most enjoyable day. My thanks go to Joy, Bill and Allan for their company.

P.S. By the way, the Yeddonba Art Site is worth a Sunday Drive. A lot of work and planning has gone into the making of the walkway, the viewing platform and the description boards.

Rolf.

WARBY WALKERS

MOUNT ST. BERNARD WEEKEND

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Please note some details about this weekend which may help you to decide whether you want to come.

Getting There

The Wangaratta Ski Lodge is located near Mount St Bernard, and only 100 metres from the Harrietville to Hotham road. When travelling towards Mt Hotham, watch for the turn-off to Dargo. Two hundred metres past the turn off, but still on the Great Alpine Road, is the car park (and gate) on the right, for Wangaratta Ski Club. You may drive up the track to the Lodge to unload, but it is only a 100 metre walk up the hill.

Accommodation

There is bedroom space for approximately 40 people. A diversity of rooms is available, from family rooms with double beds, to rooms with just double bunks. You need sleeping bags, pillow slips and towels. Hot showers and toilet facilities are part of the place.

A pleasant lounge overlooks the mountains with a 180 degree view, if all you want to do is to sit inside and read!

Cooking

You do not need to bring tea, coffee, sauce etc, as they are all in the pantry cupboard. There are fridges and gas stoves, microwave oven and all the facilities of a kitchen. All crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils are available. There is a barbeque outside for cooking as well - I suggest that we use this Friday evening.

Clothing

The Lodge is at 1450 metres, so that speaks for itself. Anyone who hasn't a parka and misses out for Christmas, better watch the post-Christmas sales! Usually, however, the weather is good, and in February it can be hot, so shorts are useful too.

Walks

These are not planned as yet, but a diversity will be available for the adventurous and not so adventurous walkers. For those who want a long walk, the appropriate day will be on Saturday, and we will include that on the itinerary, as well as a short walk for those who prefer. More walks will be on Sunday, but no scheduled ones on Monday. We would expect to vacate the Lodge no later than 1.00 pm on the Monday.

The Lodge is well located for walks to features such as The Twins, and you don't even have to get into your car for them. Other walks out towards the High Plains, Mt Feathertop, Blue Rag etc, are close by, but 15 to 20 minute driving distance to the starting points.

Arrival

Arrival time at St Bernard on Friday can be any time from 5.00 pm onwards. By that time, I shall be there, and will hopefully have the hot water on for you.

Please let me know if you are coming, by phoning me on 5721 5327 by January 31st.

Adrian Twitt

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