

Copy of the Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Walking Group of the Warby Range Protection Society, held on Thursday, 2nd. September, 1980, at the Centre at 8 p.m.

Present Mr. Paul Larkings (Chair), Mrs. Alma Spink, Mrs. Jan Croucher, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Miss Marianne Cussuben, Mrs. Trudie Kentman, Mrs. Roma Hodge, Mrs. Joyce Larkings, Mr. Arnold Piesse, Mr. Peter Foran, Mr. Peter Curtis, and Mrs. Helen Curtis (Sec. of W.R.P.S.)

Apologies Mr. Garth Hodge, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. Betty Heinze, Mrs. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Bea Ryan and Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Twitt

Mr. Paul Larkings welcomed everyone and outlined the reasons for forming such a group:- learning a further appreciation of the Warbys, and enjoying a good recreational activity. He suggested that the group be under the umbrella of the Warby Range Protection Society, and that members of the group join the Society.

He said the function of the Group would be to encourage people with expertise to help and guide the Group; that walks would be graded to cater for different abilities; that walks would at first be held in the Warbys, and would gradually move further afield; and that they would be open to all ages.

The meeting was then thrown open for questions and discussion.

There was general agreement that a Walking Group be formed under the umbrella of the W.R.P.S. with a Committee and convener of walks who would be elected at a later time. Walks to be twice a month, concentrating on spring and autumn in the Warbys.

The first walk was arranged for 12th. October - meeting at the Centre at 10 o'clock & led by Peter and Helen Curtis.

Notices to be sent to all interested people.

The newly formed Wangaratta Walking Group started its activities with an easy walk in the Warby Range last Sunday.

Led by Helen and Peter Curtis, 13 people ranging in age from eight to 68, covered a leisurely eight kilometre route.

Swamp Flat track was followed to the Pine Gully Waterfall. After a picnic lunch, a compass course through open forest led to Skeet track for the return walk.

Wildflowers were plentiful, with over 30 species, including seven types of orchids, noted.

The next outing will be to Mount Glenrowan on Sunday, November 2, leaving the Centre at 10 a.m.

With sufficient support, it is expected that two grades of walks for both the stronger, and the less active, will be arranged for next year.

Further information on the club can be obtained from Mrs. Alma Spink, phone 213487 BH.

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