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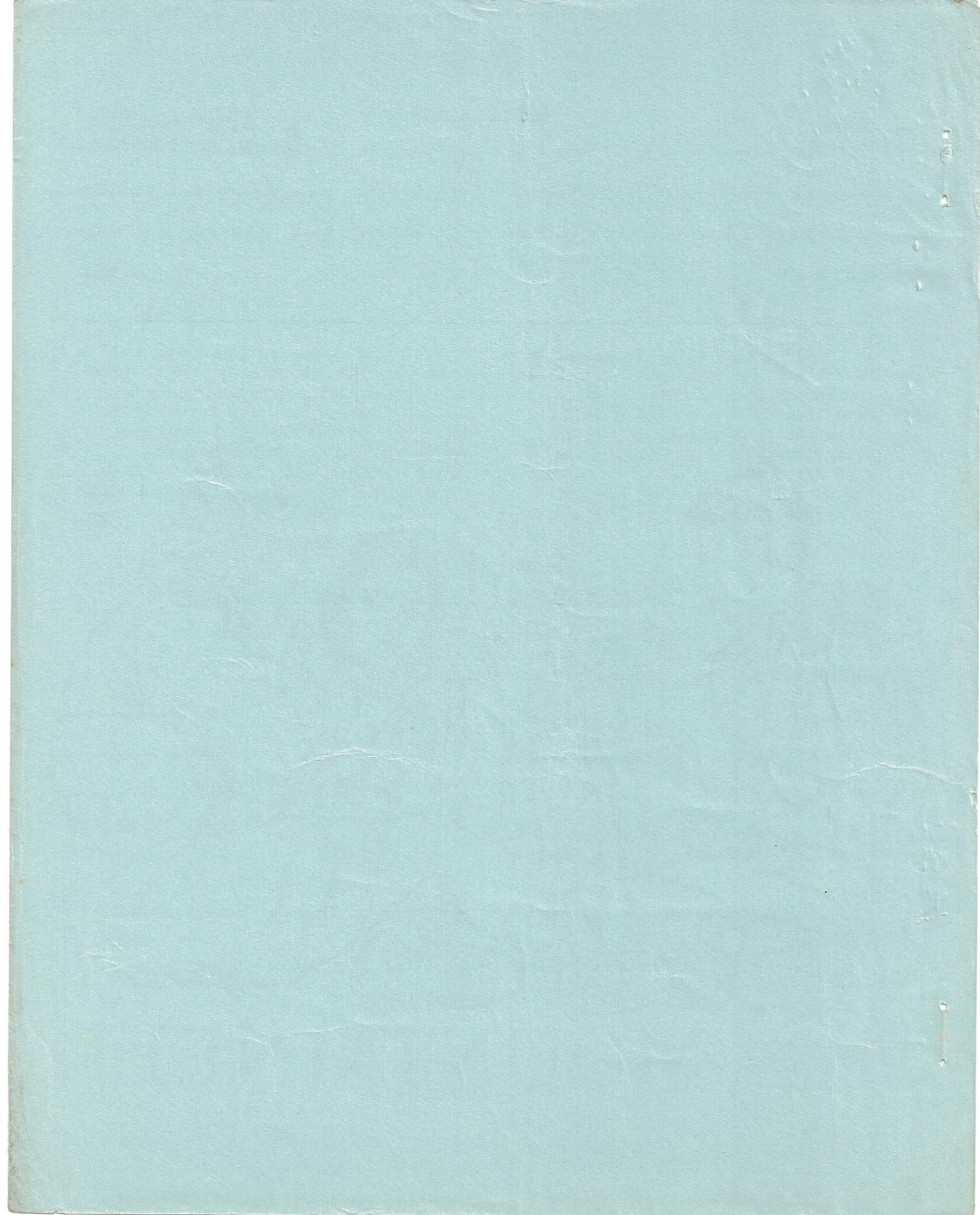


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First term with the easier trips, the climbing course and then the vac. and the 24 have passed. Our first "intervarsity" 24 has been held with quite a reasonable measure of success. Congratulations to the winners, runners up and indeed everyone who joined in the event. Climbing has picked up with this year's course which was very successful and trips in general have been quite successful. Perhaps the 50 odd people who went to Wilson's Prom. the first weekend of the Vac. warrant a mention as well as the 20 who went to Mt. Arapiles and gained a mention in the Horsham paper. How we face the winter and snow trips and the 20th anniversary dinner!

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TRIPS AND MEETINGS PROGRAMME

- June 26 Special General Meeting and talk on climbing. Men's Lounge 7.30 p.m. An election will be held for the new committee position of Editor of "The Mountaineer". Nominations must be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee and must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 7.30 p.m., Friday June 19. Peter Jackson of the Victorian Climbing Club will then show some slides on rock-climbing in Victoria. This will feature a large number of rock-faces including Mt. Arapiles, Mt. Rosea, the Camel's Hump, the Buffalo Gorge, Cape Woolamai and the Jawbones.
- July 3 - 5 Jawbones Climbing Weekend. Climbing of high standard. Private transport.
- July 4 - 5 Federation of Victoria Walking Clubs weekend camp. Toolern Vale. Private transport or train. A social weekend for meeting members of other walking clubs. Further details from Dave Hogg or Bill Bewsher (211 1641), or see club notice-board.
- July 10  
(note new date) Pie night and "Personalities" slide night. 7.30 p.m. Trophy Hall. Beaurepaire Centre. All members are asked to bring slides of other club members in typical, or not-so-typical poses. If you dare not show the slides yourself, label them with your name and hand them to Chief Compere Bob Chappell. Pies and coffee provided. Bring swimming togs too.
- July 11 - 12 "Shake-down" weekend. Area to be decided. Leader: Nick White. Phone: 85 9033. Private transport. Aim of the trip is to carry a bare minimum of equipment and food in order that a maximum distance or objective can be attained. For bookings and further details, contact the leader.
- July 12 Warburton - Mt. Little Joe - Britannia Creek. Standard: Medium; van leaves top of Batman Avenue 9.00 a.m. Fare 10/- to 15/-. Cancellation fee is 5/-
- July 17 Talk on snow and ice climbing. Men's Lounge. 7.30 p.m. Doug Hatt will show slides of last year's winter trip to the Cradle Mt. Reserve and of snow and ice climbing he has done in New Zealand.
- July 17 Meeting. Men's Lounge 7.30 p.m. Watch notice board for details.
- July 24 - 26 Snow training trip. Baw Baw Plateau. Leader: Peter Kneen. Phone: 99 2748. Standard: Medium. Fare: £1.14. to £2.10. Cancellation fee 17/-. Van leaves front of Union 6.30 p.m. This is intended primarily to train beginners in the methods of walking and camping in snow and is a necessary prerequisite for those going on the Feathertop trip who have not previously camped in snow.



July 31

Talk on snow technique. Men's Lounge 7.30 p.m. All those going on the Feathertop trip are strongly advised to attend this talk. Slide of snow work in New Zealand will be shown.

August 2

Mt. Donna Buang. Standard: Medium. Fare: 10/- 15/- Cancellation fee: 5/-. Van leaves top of Batman Avenue, 9.00 a.m. It is hoped that conditions will make this a snow day walk.

August 7 - 10

Mt. Feathertop. Leader: Don Hutton. Fare: £2.10.0. to £3.10.0. Cancellation fee: £1. Van leaves front of Union 6.30 p.m. This trip will be run in two sections:-  
(i) Harrierville - Mt. Feathertop - The Razorback - Bon Accord Spur. Standard: Hard. This is a limited club trip i.e. those going must be approved by the leader and the Trips Secretary.  
(ii) Harrierville - Mt. Feathertop - Harrierville. Standard: Medium. Open to all persons with previous snow-camping exp.

August 14 *22*

Anniversary Club Dinner. Lower Dining Hall. Union House. Sherries 6.30, dinner 7.00. Being the club's 20th year, it has been decided to make the dinner something out of the ordinary this year. It is hoped that a lot of the former club members who remember the club in its younger days will be able to come along. Cost should be between 25/- and 30/-. Any enquiries should be directed to Dave Hogg. Further details later.

August 28 - 30

Walkerville. Hibernation Weekend. Leader: Barry Pullen. Phone: 34 6362. Fare: £1.6.0. to £2.0.0. Cancellation fee: 13/-. Van leaves front of Union 6.30 p.m. A fixed camp on the coast overlooking Wilson's Prom. Activities (?) include eating, sleeping, singing etc. and for the more energetic, walks along the coast to see the remains of old lime kilns and jetties from the area's early days. Very peaceful conditions for studying, too.

September 4 - 6

Lake Mountain - Keppel's Track - Big Hill - Sugarloaf (snow trip). Leader: Tony Kerr. Fare: £1.2.0 to £1.13.0. Cancellation fee: 11/-<sup>+</sup>. Van leaves front of Union 6.30 p.m. Anyone interested in some private climbing on Sugarloaf or Jawbones is invited to use the club van for the weekend.

BOOKINGS FOR TRIPS MUST BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- (i) At "A ikman's Road" any lunchtime.
- (ii) At club meetings.
- (iii) By phoning Dave Hogg (87 1630)

#### LEADERS WANTED

LEADERS ARE WANTED FOR THE DAY WALKS ON JULY 12 AND AUGUST 2. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT DAVE HOGG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Trips cont.Caving at Buchan:

Following the success of the recent Buchan caving trip, another similar trip is planned for later in second term. Transport is private. Anybody interested please contact Dave Hogg (87 1630) or via club box) and indicate what weekend would be suitable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sue,

The committee feels that there are a few points to be cleared up that were mentioned in the letter to the editor, published in the last issue of the Mountaineer.

On reflection, perhaps the annual General Meeting may have been too early in the year, but, as it was mentioned together with a tentative date in the December issue of the Mountaineer, everyone who was sufficiently interested enough in the club, had more than ample time to think about the A.G.M., the new committee etc.

The early date was undoubtedly due to an early Easter. The retiring Trips Secretary felt that it would be desirable to have a weekend catering especially for beginners prior to Easter; so that there would not be a re-occurrence of the shambles that occurred on the previous Easter trip, when several beginners were too poorly equipped to meet the demands placed on them by the weather and the terrain. For obvious reasons, this beginners trip could not be held on the weekend just before Easter, and also as the President's Opening Day Walk, which is traditionally the opening trip of the year occurs straight after the A.G.M.; the date of the A.G.M. was more or less fixed by these circumstances.

Perhaps the beginners weekend could have been held before the A.G.M., but then the question concerning sufficient notice being given to the newcomers (for whom this weekend was organized) arises. Two points arise out of this consideration; firstly that Easter was the earliest that it is likely to be for some time and secondly that the beginning of the academic year may be unsuitable for the A.G.M. But it should be remembered that the club's constitution stipulates that the A.G.M. shall take place in March or April.

The point of postal misdirection as mentioned by Mr. Thomas emphasizes the fact that it is the member's responsibility and not the club's to ensure that their latest address is recorded on the club records. The constitution states that written notice of the A.G.M. must be given to each member at his or her address as recorded on the Club roll.

It is ridiculous to even suggest that all the jobs on the committee were decided in Tasmania. Only four of the present Committee members approved by the A.G.M. were on the open Club trip to the Reserve.



All this brings us back to the point made at the start of this letter, that sufficient notice of the A.G.M. was given to those members who were interested enough in the club. Those who forgot about the A.G.M. new committees, club policies etc. after being reminded in December obviously do not take sufficient interest in the club as compared with the present committee members, who must have, or else they would not have taken the trouble to ensure that their nominations were lodged in sufficient time.

However we can all learn from this matter and we all should take the necessary steps to ensure that satisfactory arrangements prevail in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Max Corry  
(President)  
for the Committee.

Dear Sue,

I would like to draw attention to the concern shown lately by some of the more experienced members of the club as to the lack of interest shown by members in navigation on club trips and the tendency to simply "follow the leader" who is often the only person in the party with a map.

It is, thus, not surprising that the standard of navigational ability of most club members is rather low, as was observed in numerous cases during the 24 hour walk when relatively easy check-points were missed simply due to inexperience in using a map. (I am not referring here to some of the more difficult check-points which gave widespread trouble, even to some of the club's best navigators).

The best way to learn to navigate is probably by making trips in small groups, (3 or 4 persons), so that everybody has a chance to share in the navigation. For this reason, and also to give members the opportunity to plan their own trips, a motion was passed at a recent committee meeting, and advertised in the last "Mountaineer" and on the notice board, whereby members may organise small private trips in the same area as a club trip and use the club transport.

On a major club trip, when the party becomes spread out in a long line, it is generally the fitter ones at the head of the party who do all the navigating, and the others, who are usually the ones who need navigation experience the most, follow blindly. There are various ways in which a trip leader can overcome this. One way is by changing around the leaders of the group so that there are a few "learners" at the head of the party, then discuss navigational difficulties with them, ask their opinions and correct them if they are obviously wrong. This, however, can have the disadvantage of slowing up the party.



A better way, in my opinion, is to let the party split up into small groups, each with a map and compass, and each group make its own way from Point A to point B. This should be done with caution, however, as on some trips it is essential for the whole party to stay together for safety reasons.

Failing these suggestions, the least that a beginner can do to learn to navigate is to buy a map and follow the route on it as the trip progresses, asking advice of others when he is in doubt. Most club trips are covered by a readily accessible map (usually either Military Survey, Lands Department, or walking club sketch map) and this is advertised on the trip notice on the club notice board. Furthermore, all these maps are contained in the club map library at "Aikman's Road" and are available for inspection any lunchtime and Wednesday nights.

Suggestions have been directed to me via the club "grape-vine" to organize more navigation exercises. I can only answer this by saying that this is half the purpose of the 24 Hour Walk and the amount of work needed to organize further exercises is far too much for most people to warrant the benefit gained from them. If, however, anyone is prepared to put the time into planning such an exercise, either as a day or a weekend trip, I will endeavour to fit it into the trips programme.

I feel, however, that just as much benefit could be obtained from the club walking trips if members would buy their own maps and try to find their own way, and if trip leaders would give them the opportunity to do so.

Dave Hogg,  
(Trips Secretary)

N.B. For those who are interested, see later pages of this issue for mapping information,  
(Editor)

Dear Editor,

We have just returned from the 24 hour walk and could not restrain ourselves from writing to express our deep felt gratitude to all those concerned with the organisation and running of the event. Especially we would like to thank the hash-house staff who worked so willingly in such trying conditions. It was sheer joy to be welcomed with such eager and attentive service from people who had forgone the pleasure of competing to enable the event to be a success.

All competitors must have appreciated the tasty, tepid soup and refreshingly cool pies served to them whilst warming themselves by the embers of a dying fire. The stew had been prepared with such skill and care that not one competitor was found vomiting after consuming it.

The true dedication of the staff was shown when they continued to serve those vulgar and inconsiderate competitors who made unappreciative comments about the preparation of their meals. In fact we do not consider it an unreasonable suggestion that the club reward the hash-house staff in some way, such as free



membership for the coming year.

Yours in appreciation,

Five of the hash-house staff.

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### THE 24 HOUR WALK

23-24 MAY

Under the organisation of Nick White, Don Thomas, Dave Hogg and John Steel, the 24 hour walk was held in the Castlemaine area this year. The competitors numbered 130 and included Intersvarsity teams from Monash and Adelaide and a contingent from Melbourne University Regiment. Although this number was 30 less than last year, possibly due to the walk being held in the vac, the competition was extremely fierce with 3 teams completing the set course.

The winners were Doug McConnell and Gordon Noble who covered some 80 miles, with Greg Martin and Ron Horgan second, and Robert Hoogenraad and Avis Kupas third.

An unofficial intersvarsity contest was held and this was won by the Melbourne team of Max Corry and Ross Smith, who, after a short divergence (about 7 hours!) in the middle of the night, came back with a vengeance to overhaul the Monash team (Geoff Payne, Ian Wright and Colin Abbott) by the third hash-house. The Adelaide team, John Hudson and Keith Wade, although getting further along the course than Melbourne, were disqualified for failing to find an early checkpoint. (The third member of the Melbourne team, Peter Kneen, was forced to withdraw with an injured knee).

Despite handicaps, the mixed and female teams were no match for the men this year. The leading mixed group at the finish was John and Antze Fox, and a trio of Sea Rangers from S.R.S. Quadrant, Sandra Barnes, Sue King and Tyra Shoesmith, dominated the girls.

Other teams to turn a very creditable performances were Mark Scott and Graeme Underwood, Tom Kneen, Geoff Smith and John Bennett and Rob Taylor and Tony Kerr.

The organisers would like to acknowledge the willing assistance of the hash-house staff and the co-operation of the competitors, all of which contributed to the punctual start and smooth running of the event.

WOULD ANYONE WHO HAS A TOBOGGAN THEY COULD LEND PLEASE CONTACT NICHOLAS WHITE: 85 9033.



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## A REPORT ON THE 1964 CLIMBING COURSE

As stated in the 1963 Annual Report published in an earlier issue of "The Mountaineer", the state of climbing in 1963 was for all intents and purposes depressed. It would appear at first glance that this was so, however there possibly more climbing trips last year from the club than ever before, run by a highly enthusiastic band of capable rock climbers. However, because these trips tended to be private and therefore restricted to those enthusiastic climbers maintaining a reasonably high standard, it seemed from the club's point of view that climbing was depressed.

The major objective of the Climbing Sub-committee this year is to remedy this situation for two basic reasons. First of all, it is considered desirable to make public many more climbing trips this year so as all members of the club may take part in this major activity of the "MOUNTAINEERING" Club. And, secondly, it is vital for the continuation of climbing in the club to foster year by year keen interest, so as to produce leaders of a sufficient quality to take the place of retiring members. In this way enthusiasm will be held and leaders of sufficient standard produced and maintain the safety required for such an activity as rock climbing.

Thus the general purpose behind the climbing course this year was to give as many members of the club as possible, an opportunity to participate in, and in doing so, learn the basic fundamentals of rock climbing; and secondly, it was hoped that the course would yield a sufficient number of keen enthusiastic new climbers to continue the club's climbing tradition.

The way in which we proposed to achieve these aims was, <sup>as</sup> in the past, to give a preliminary talk on climbing, followed by a practical climbing course beginning with a day trip at Hanging Rock to practise basic technique, followed by a weekend at Sugar Loaf to further the application of the principles mentioned in the climbing course lecture.

At this point, the committee realized that unless the basic climbing course was not followed up by more open trips, the enthusiasm instilled into members during the basic course would dissolve and in fact the second major aim of the course would not be realized. Thus we have planned several further trips, so that members may again experience on different faces and in fact increase the standard of their climbing with the object of becoming leaders after the course. The trips to the Jaw Bones, Mt. Arapiles and Mt. Rosea have been designed for this purpose.

Has the 1964 Climbing Course been a success? We must tackle this question by an appraisal of each step in the implemented scheme. First of all, the lecture. The object of the lecture was to create a spark of interest in new members and to urge them to take part in the practical section of the Climbing Course. This was done by a preliminary talk on the technique involved in rock climbing, followed by tutorial type, informal discussion groups between leaders and members on practical questions such as knots. The final stage of instruction took the form of a series of selected colour slides to illustrate pictorially the principles of technique/<sup>discussed</sup> at the meeting. To complete the evening on a social, rather than an academic basis, supper was served to all in the Union caf.



The large number of club members present at the meeting was highly encouraging to the committee, and we felt that we did in fact succeed in stimulating interest, partly by the talk, and in particular by the colour slides and commentary that summed up what had been said at the meeting.

The success of this, the preliminary section of the course was subsequently proved by the enthusiastic attendance at the Hanging Rock climbing trip. Two van loads together with cars to take the overflow, transported about eighty people to Hanging Rock on the Sunday. This represented a problem (but by no means an unpleasant one) to the leaders, of ensuring that every member present did in fact spend the day actively climbing under the tender care of an experienced climber. This was in fact done by placing six or seven new climbers under the wing of an "old hand". The experienced climber, after a brief recapitulation of technique mentioned at the previous meeting, then proceeded to surmount guard on one of the many rock pinnacles and in due course inspire the new climbers by consoling words to climb the rock. The sight of people swarming over the pinnacles of Hanging Rock watched, to the bewilderment of transistor clutching passers' by, was quite amusing and in fact reminded one of the large cartoon drawn by F.M. hanging at present at Aikman's Rd.

Never the less, the day was, I feel, a great success and much valuable instruction was given not only in how to climb a rock face, but also in how to descend. Perhaps the techniques of abseiling were over-stressed, judging by the inevitable brown diagonal strips across the backs of most members present, at the end of the day.

The next activity of the Climbing Course was the now traditional Sugar Loaf weekend. The aim of this trip was to further the skills developed at Hanging Rock, and in particular to give the new climbers experience in pitch climbing on a rock face. This weekend was also attended by about eighty club members, and the great exodus from Melbourne started on Friday night. At first, the success of the trip was in doubt owing to threatening weather, however we had no cause to worry as the weekend was blessed with perfect climbing conditions.

On reaching the Loaf camp site, an amusing pastime was speculating as to the nature of the next vehicle to appear along the track from Melbourne. The diverse means of transport varied from passenger cars new and old (plus VW's) to one large van (especially fitted out to carry mountaineers) that, due to the sheer determination of the driver, large amounts of physical effort by its passengers, and an extra low gear succeeded in literally making the grade; Oh yes, and that peculiar Japanese inspired Land Rover type vehicle we all know so well.

Next day climbing commenced at about 10.30 a.m. The system devised to ensure that every body wanting to climb could in fact do so, was to run three separate ropes up the South End in tram line fashion, so as at least six beginners could be moving up the face at one time with a minimum of time wasted by the leaders. In this way, most of the keen members had done at least one climb before lunch. In the afternoon, the leaders concentrated on more individual instruction towards the northern section of the "Loaf", taking particular note of those new climbers showing promise.

In the evening the sub-committee held its second meeting for the year, the main item of business being new leaders. Several were appointed with regard to previous experience, and promise shown during the day.



Sunday saw a continuation of instruction with particular emphasis being given to new climbers whose standard had notably increased since the beginning of the course.

After the Sugar Loaf weekend we made provision for an advanced climbing weekend at Jaw Bones to act as a follow-up to experience gained during the beginning of the course. Despite the fact that we had bad weather, and consequently Jaw Bones was in a scungy condition, 30 members were willing to take part in this trip.

The face was quite slippery and wet on the Saturday, never-the-less many climbs were done including Jerry Pot, and the Central Buttress. The final climb was completed at 6 p.m., then eight weary, but satisfied climbers made their way back and the cars, by moonlight. Due to the lateness of the hour, and the subsequent lack of light, the route down was difficult to find, thus commando tactics were employed. We abseiled down the cliffs below the main face in order to save time and energy. On Sunday, the face was considerably drier, and many other climbs of a higher standard were completed including the reverse of the Gods.

Future trips planned include the Queen's Birthday trip and Mt. Rosea then a further trip to the Jaw Bones, plus private trips, depending on the enthusiasm of individual climbing leaders.

In conclusion, I feel satisfied that the 1964 Climbing Course has been a success, as we have achieved our two major objectives. First of all, to give as many members of the club as possible the opportunity to climb; and secondly, to generate the enthusiasm needed to motivate a new band of climbers, so as to provide further leaders of a sufficient standard for the club.

DAVID THOMSON.

#### CLIMBING VOCABULARY

The following climbing terms are suggested in order to reduce confusion between leader and second on a climb.

On reaching his first runner the leader should say "RUNNER ON". The second is now aware of the fact that the leader relies on him and should inform the leader when near the end of the rope "TWENTY FEET", "FIFTEEN FEET" Etc. so the leader can look for an appropriate belay point. When belayed on he should reply "ON BELAY" and take up slack when the second replies "UP SLACK" until the rope is tight and again says "THAT'S ME" and hence "CLIMBING". If more rope is required during the climb "SLACK DOWN" will not be confused with "TIGHT ROPE" when necessary. In all emergencies "HOLD". It should be remembered the sound floats away from the face and for the reason sentences should be short and non-ambiguous.

I HEAR FROM THE SYDNEY BUSHWALKERS THAT IN THEIR FIRST 24 HOUR WALK THE WINNER WALKED 114 MILES!



JAWBONES WEEKEND 25-26 APRIL

Twenty or thirty people, optimistically ignoring the weatherman's warnings, spent quite an interesting weekend in the Jawbones are for the "follow-up to the climbing course" trip.

We awoke on Saturday to the gentle sound of falling rain, and after breakfast sat in our cars or tents and hopefully waited for the sun to appear. It failed to do this, so after an hour or so of gloomy conversation we decided that we may as well do something. A party went off to the Jawbones, others headed off towards the Sugarloaf, and the rest went to look at some rocky ribs that could be seen from the clearing near the Cook's Mill camp-site.

That night we had a long and interesting discussion around the campfire. The Jawbones climbers had performed very well in spite of the rather greasy conditions. Weird routes combining Direct, Jerryopot, Steve's Delight and Central Buttress were climbed. A couple of climbs were also done on the Sugarloaf and also on one of the rock ribs north of the Jawbones. Peter Jackson of the V.C.C. had also taken some people to have a look at the South Jawbones; a slightly shorter cliff, and lying at a gentler angle to the North Jawbones. The rock is very smooth, but long cracks and chimneys offer opportunity for sustained classical climbs of a high standard.

On Sunday, the weather looked more promising, and after we had recovered from the climb up to the face we decided to climb the Northern Ramble. After four ropes had ascended this very enjoyable route we became more confident, and three or four harder climbs were completed during the afternoon, the most notable being the Traverse of the Gods. The day ended with the unpleasant business of walking down to the road in the dark, fortunately completed for the second time that weekend without someone walking over a twenty foot drop into a prickly bush.

Saturday's awful weather did spoil things a bit, but the spectacular views of the Sugarloaf and surrounding hills in the clouds and the experience gained from climbing some greasy rock combined to make the trip very worthwhile for all of us.

JOHN CAYLEY.

WEEKEND TRIP TO MT. ARAPILES 16-18 MAY

The weekend climbing trip to Mt. Arapales was a great success. After a particularly dismal week in Melbourne, the V.C.C. and M.U.M.C. people who turned up at various stages throughout the weekend certainly enjoyed basking in the Wimmera sunshine.

Mt. Arapiles, a hugh hill of sandstone, is to be found west of Horsham, between Natimuk and Mitre. It was discovered by Major Mitchell during his journey through western Victoria and is one of the finest areas for rock-climbing in the state. There are a great variety of climbs here of all standards. Perhaps the most striking thing about the cliffs is the way that they rise suddenly and majestically from the exceedingly flat plains, some 600 feet of steep sandstone.



This was the first time the M.U.M.C. had been there officially and with the assistance of some kind V.C.C. bods plenty of very enjoyable climbing was done by everybody. If it is possible, it would certainly be worth paying another visit to this very beautiful spot during the year.

The routes climbed were:-

Route 8: an exposed climb on a steep wall.

Wobble: a similar climb starting right of route 8.

Introductory Route: a climb up an enormous buttress.

The Slot: a hard climb near Introductory Route. A huge chasm has to be crossed in a hairraising manner.

The Siren: an interesting climb, the highlight being a beautifully clean corner.

Red Parrot Chasm: a steep strenuous climb up a chimney.

The Pharos, an enormous pinnacle was also climbed by several people on Sunday, including two girls who gave a name that rang with alliteration to a chimney that they found rather sickening.

JOHN CAYLEY.

#### WILSON'S PROMONTORY 16-18 MAY

Maps - Yanakie 1" : 1 mile

Wilson's Prom. 1" : 1 mile

Party: R. Smith, P. Kneen.

The object of this trip was to traverse the Vereker range from the north, over Mts. Vereker, Latrobe and Ramsay.

The van dropped us at the fire access road several miles before Darby River and we walked to the point where it passes around the north part of the Vereker Range (300,032).

After admiring the magnificent view of the north of the prom. (Mt. Hunter and Corner Inlet), next morning we followed the start of the old pack horse track, which unfortunately petered out after about  $\frac{5}{4}$  mile, into scrub to the first peak. From here on navigation was mainly by map and compass because of the cloud. Only occasionally was there a break in them so one could look down onto the Derby Flats, Waratah Bay and Shallow Inlet.

A sort of a track (human) was found down to a saddle where we began a leech war which was followed by a steep climb taking about two hours. From this peak on was a bash through forest which was not burnt about 12 years. Here were the biggest tree ferns I have ever seen, giant boulders with a thick layer of grass. The Vereker plateau is covered in dense sword grass, vines, fallen logs etc. all saturated with rain and rain to Mt. Vereker (2095'), a mere pimple on the plateau.

A permanent creek was found with a good campsite (350, 968) complete with a ruined pair of gym boots. Next day Latrobe, (the highest on the Prom. 2475') was climbed up through the thick forest. The view from the top of Latrobe is the best on the Prom. All the north part around Mt. Hunter, the hills at Foster,



Waratah Bay, Darby Flats, Mt. Vereker and Sealer's Cove, Mt. Ramsay, Mt. Oberon, Tidal River and glimpses of Mt. Wilson and the plateau behind the Halfway Hut are all visible.

The remainder of the trip was to Mt. Ramsay and the Sealer's Track, Tidal River, Halfway Hut, the Lighthouse, South Point, Mouth of Roaring Meg and back.

P. KNEEN.

As well as the two intrepids above about 50 others emigrated to the Prom. this first weekend of the May Vacation. Parties went to Sealers, and Refuge Coves, Waterloo Bay, the lighthouse, Sth. Point, and the mouth of Roaring Meg. From all reports a good time was had by all.... recovering from their first term bludge or otherwise and in preparation for the following weekends' exertion in the 24.

Ed.

#### ANZAC WEEKEND - LAKE MOUNTAIN TO MT. TORBECK VIA MT. BULLFIGHT AND FEDERATION RANGE.

Unless the party is taken to the top of Lake Mountain by van on the Friday night, this trip is too long for a weekend. Our party did not complete the trip as planned but was forced to use the road which runs roughly parallel to the intended route, partly because of lack of time and partly because of bad weather. On the Saturday, four male members of the party attempted to follow the ridges to Mt. Bullfight and thence to Snob's Gap, as planned, but due to the lateness of starting and the thickness of the bush the attempt was abandoned. The four arrived at Snob's Gap in pouring rain to find the rest of the party wet and cold, having just given up an attempt to light a fire and put up tents. We crawled into a partly collapsed dugout and ate, and then braved the elements again to put up tents.

On the Sunday a late start forced us to complete the trip by road, although by the look of the scrub on either side of the road it would probably not have been possible to climb to Mt. Torbeck as planned.

One other point of interest is that water is quite plentiful (especially when it is coming down in bucketfuls).

GEOFF. SMITH

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HELD A 50 MILE WALK FOR A COMMENCEMENT DAY STUNT THIS YEAR AND ATTRACTED 1100 COMPETITORS.

ANOTHER M.U.M.C. MEMBER, GREG. MARTIN, IS GOING OFF TO THE ANTARCTIC NEXT YEAR. GOOD LUCK TO YOU GREG FROM ALL OF US!



EASTER 1964

This year four Easter trips were planned, a limited "hard", two "medium" and an "easy" for beginners. This split-up of the trip was successful from the view of the participants especially as to speed.

The hard trip, led by Max Corry, attracted 19 starters and was a climb to Buller from Woollybutt Saddle, then to Little Buller, which provided some unexpected rock climbing, and on to the Howqua River. Next day was up the notorious eight mile spur which was climbed in seven hours owing to the steep grade, lack of water and extreme heat. Rock scrambling was again necessary for the last few hundred feet to the summit of the Bluff. That night was spent in a high wind whose only saving grace was its direction, as a southerly would have shipped up the bushfire at Mt. McDonald, only four miles away. The third day saw a minor accident in Dave's sprained ankle, but transport was available in the Forestry Commission vehicle. Howitt plains, Howitt, the cross cut saw and onto Cobbler where the finest views of Victoria are to be had.

Echoing Doug Hatt's thoughts of a couple of years ago, this hard trip showed that a number of club members are capable of participating in hard trips, and more of these trips in the future would be very good.

The two medium trips were led by Les Southwell and Tom Kneen.

#### The 'Bluff' Group

1. For our part we omitted Mt. Stirling from our programme (despite persistent rumours to the contrary!) and began at Dugout Hut. The main route was along the Stanley's Name sput to Macallister Springs, thence over Howitt and along the highridge to the Bluff, and then down over the side to the Howqua and Bindaree Hut. Our two sorties (without packs, were to Howitt Hut, and to Mt. Clear, both of which we would recommend, for the variety it adds to the route as well as the extra flexibility.

2. Although it would be exaggerating perhaps to say that the trip was completely dry, we found even the high plains to be remarkably parched, with Howitt creek reduced to a muddy trickle and the ever-flowing Macallister Springs all but staunch. (Legend has it that the previous party had just washed their socks in it.) Nevertheless we discovered two fresh springs at Macallister and another on Howitt. Water is not really a problem in this area.

The easy trip, led by Lorraine Symons and open to all-comers, attracted only six starters was designed for those who had not carried a pack before. This trip could be bettered if the first-day with packs was followed by a day trip from a base camp on the second, but then the trip continued at a reasonable rate with packs. It is felt by the leader that more advice could be given to beginners before such a trip. The club has roneoed sheets on equipment and food for a weekend trip etc. and these should be issued when bookings are made. Perhaps also it could be emphasised that members of the fairer sex on their first trips should keep their pack weight down to about 30 lb.



The main problems of this trip were connected with the scarcity of water. The water at Macallister Spring was sadly depleted especially for the numbers of the trip (two van loads). Perhaps water in the area should be recorded in club files for further reference.

#### POTHOLING AT BUCHAN 29 MAY to 1 JUNE

Leader: Les Southwell.

Yes! as a sequel to the Labertouche trip, the long-awaited Buchan caving weekend came about. Fifteen members, gaily attired in boiler suits, crash hats, worn out climbing boots, miner's lamps and other colourful but useless paraphernalia, set forth on Friday night by various and dubious conveyances; in fact, the leader unwittingly chose the car which expired during the night, and he, with all the ladders arrived last, at mid-morning. To cap it, he spent Saturday night pushing it out of the bogs. Some people never learn.

After arriving at midnight it was jokingly suggested that we go down the "Whaletooth" (B20) that night. Surprisingly the seven people there all expressed enthusiasm and were duly initiated to the surprises caving has to offer such as slipping uncontrollably down slopes and squeezing through tiny cracks, not knowing what is on the other side. It was not until 3.00 p.m. that we at last got to bed.

Next morning everyone set off for the cave known as "triple - 3" (M.44) with such enthusiasm that they could hardly be restrained. There, the leaders were fixed in position, and Jim eased himself through the narrow cleft of the entrance. Soon he was swinging freely over the void on 60' ladder and the headlamp beam could not pick up the pit's bottom. Well, we haven't space to relate all that ensued, except to state that three hours later the bodies emerged, muddled, tired and uttering: "marvellous". In succession, we did "Stormwater" (M.43) and "Mabel's" cave at East Buchan.

The few remaining (R.S., H.T., N.W.) after lunch on Sunday went over to East Buchan to find the proverbial "trog dip". On the way we chanced upon a likely looking hole (100 yards downhill from E.B. 18) and "trog dip" was forsaken once again. After slithering through the nettles which abound at the entrances of most of the caves in the area, we climbed down a muddy chimney which led to a vast underground maze. With many cries of "it goes" to the disappointment of others investigating other passages, we descended maybe 40ft. from the entrance level to a dry creek bed. Off this was a delightful set of 6 squeezes which cannot be described as everyone manages a squeeze in a different manner. They ended in something the size of a rabbit hole, but each of us went backwards into them without light just to see how well we could contort our bodies. Then we found to our horror that the limestone in the areas we were exploring was covered with muddy footprints and then the letters V.C.E.S. were found on a wall. Needless to say after this desecration M.U.M.C. was added above it. We called it a day after coming to a passage covered in water and retreated out of the cave well after dark. The next day the neglected passages were found to be blind and after getting wet, we only proceeded another 15 yards before the end of the cave was reached, although one caver removed his "trog suit" (boiler suit) to investigate a chimney which proved to be blind. Stiff luck Ross!



Further plans will be publicized, but in any case, if you are interested, leave your name in the club box to be connected to the grapevine.

L.S.  
N.W.

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NEW ZEALAND 1964 - 65

ANYONE INTERESTED IN, OR EVEN VAGUELY CONTEMPLATING GOING TO NEW ZEALAND DURING THE 1964-5 SEASON SHOULD SEND THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ELLLEN DAVIES 1, EMILY ST., MID BRIGH-  
TON (950331 ext.313 day); OR JOHN RETCHFORD 9 SUMMIT RD.  
BURWOOD.(28 1005).

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FOR SALE:

ONE PAIR ROBERT LAWRIE CLIMBING BOOTS. SIZE 9 OR 10. LITTLE WORN.  
PRICE £9. CONTACT RAE MARSHALL. PHONE. 38 9788.

LOST PROPERTY ("24")

ONE MOUNTAIN MULE PACK BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THE CAR PARK.  
OWNER WOULD LIKE IT RETURNED AS IT CONTAINS MOST OF HIS EQUIPMENT.  
LEAVE A NOTE IN THE LETTERBOX IN THE UNION OR AT AIKMAN'S RD.

FOUND

MT. ARAPILES - CAMERA J. OR N. NOON WITH A JUMPER. CONTACT: Ian Guild.

NOTICE

"The Committee feels obliged to discuss only such criticisms of the running of the club as are communicated to the committee in a signed letter".

This matter has arisen from the difficulty apparent in trying to debate criticisms reported by hearsay only. Such criticisms are welcome but would have more force if sentenced in writing. If you wish your letter published in The Mountaineer please indicate and add a nom de plume if desired.

NEWS FROM EUROPE

FRED MITCHELL MET UP WITH BOB JONES IN LONDON AFTER HITCHHIKING AROUND THE CONTINENT.

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OVERHEARD AT THE GRANT CANYON AT QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - "SLACK! SLACK! SLACK!  
I mean take it up ...."

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CLUB STORES

The club stores ("Agnes Place") announce that they now have the following food lines:

DRIED FRUIT

Apples	3/8 per lb.
Apricots	4/- " "
Prunes	3/6 " "
Raisins	2/4 " "
Sultanas	2/4 " "

DEHYD. VEGES

Carrot	9d. per oz.
Parsnip	1/- " "
Potato	7d. " "
Onion (temp. out of stock)	10d. " "
Peas	9d " "
Cabbage	1/- " "
MUMC Special Mixed	
Dehyd.	10d " "
Proto (Instant potato temp. out of stock)	5d " "

GENERAL ITEMS

Porridge	11d per lb.
Rice	11d " "
S.R. Flour	9d " "
Plain Flour	8d " "
Maggi Soups	1/6d each
White Sugar	11d " "
Powdered Egg	11/3 per tin
Powdered Milk	
Drinking Choc.	3/6 per lb.
Tea	5/4 " "
Gravox	1/10 " "
Tinned Butter	4/6 12 oz.
Mathces (Greenlites)	2d. Box.

CHOCOLATE

All are 1/9 ea. : Varieties:

Old Jamaica  
Milk Fruit and Nut  
Dark " " "  
Energy  
Milk Punch  
Dairy Milk.

Added to all this are items left from the 24 - these are tinned items including meats, tomatoes, jam etc.

The stores also have tents 2, 3 or 4 man, sleeping bags, and packs (including 'H' frame) for hire.

The stores operate to benefit you, to give you items at reduced rates.

"Agnes Place" is found next to Aikman's Road i.e. the basement to No. 23 Royal Parade. See the Club Notice-board for the times it is open.

- Inserted by the Controllers General  
(Stores).



Please read the following carefully and leave the information with those at home.

### CLUB                      CONTACTS

It is not uncommon for a club trip to arrive back much later than anticipated thus causing some worry to anxious parents. There is also the possibility (although this fortunately is very slight) that a trip may not arrive back at all. For these reasons, it has been made the policy of most Victorian Walking Clubs to have one or more club contacts. The contact system works as follows:-

Before a trip, the Trips Secretary or the leader gives the contact the details of the trip (i.e. intended route, mode of transport, when expected back and any difficulties anticipated), together with a list of names and addresses of those going on the trip. As soon as the trip returns to Melbourne, or in the case of a trip being overdue, as soon as the party is out of the area, the leader notifies the contact. If the party is long overdue, the contact makes arrangements via the FVWC Search and Rescue Organisation for a search to be organised.

ANY ENQUIRIES BY PARENTS AND OTHERS REGARDING THE SAFE RETURN OF A TRIP SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE CLUB CONTACT WHO NORMALLY WOULD BE THE FIRST PERSON NOTIFIED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE POLICE BE CONTACTED AS THEY GENERALLY HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP, AND SUCH ACTION COULD RESULT IN DAMAGING PUBLICITY.

The contact for this club is JENNY McMAHON, phone 4399124. Emergency contact is BILL BEWSHER, phone 2111641, who is also Field Organiser of the FVWC Search and Rescue Organisation.

Note: Contacts can be arranged for private trips if required, as well as club trips. Contact the Trips Secretary, Dave Hogg, for details.

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This year also sees another Heard Island expedition under way. It is the South Indian Ocean Expedition to Heard Island, of 12 New Zealanders and Australians.

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FIRST AID

While checking the MUMC First Aid Kits it became obvious that many members do not realise that, for their own safety, they should know something about first-aid, and should carry a PERSONAL FIRST-AID KIT. Further they should know something about the MUMC Kits taken on each trip. It is recommended that all members read or reread the chapter in "Equipment for Mountaineering" (1) on this subject. (p. 32 ff.)

Personal Kits A Personal Kit should include:

- \* E Band-aids (12)
- Roll of Elastoplast
- E  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. tube of Savlon
- 12 Disprin
- 1 Razor Blade
- E 1 Snake-bite Kit (to be carried on the person at all times).
- \* E - essential.

These items can be packed in a pocket-sized tin or bag. Such a kit could be put in the pocket or in an outside pocket of the pack. These kits take little room and ensure that the main kit is not unnecessarily depleted in items which may be needed later. They may also become important if the party becomes separated.

MUMC Kits

This kit used in conjunction with the personal kits is suggested to be suitable for up to 10 people on a trip less than 10 days where medical aid will be less than 48 hours away. It contains:

Bandages

- Adhesive Tape - for general strapping e.g. splints.
- Adhesive Tape (Waterproof) - for keeping dressings in place.
- A 3" Calico - for a rigid bandage to support limbs.
- Crepe - to apply dressings to extensive areas.
- WOW - gauze on which to place the antiseptics.
- Triangular Bandages - to support injured limbs and for slings.

Band-aids and Cottonwool.

Dressings

The Prepared Parifin Type - dressings for large wounds.

Tablets

- Avil (in special pkt.) - for hayfever, hives and reaction to drugs.
- Amphotabs (in clear celophane) - antacid for indigestion.
- Cure-Em-Quick - for irritating coughs.
- Codis (in GOLD foil) - a painkiller for mild - severe pain.
- These are suitable for most accidents.



Disprin (in SILVER foil) - mild pain-killer for headaches etc.

### Tubes

Butyn-sulph and Metaphon - to relieve pain from eye irritations.  
Calistaflex - for burns incl. sunburn, hives and allergies.  
Filtrosol - a sunburn protection cream.  
Savlon - an antiseptic to cleanse wounds (also good for blisters).

Oil of Cloves - for toothache  
Nasal Spray

### GENERAL

Eye Shade - to protect a treated eye  
Needle and Cotton  
Note-book and pencil - to record drugs used etc.  
Razor blades.  
Safety pins  
Scalpel - to remove plasters, and skin etc.  
Scissors  
Silk square - ONLY for the removal of dirt in the eye.  
Snake-bite outfit.  
Soap (Surgical) - to cleanse the hands before applying the dressings.  
Thermometer  
Tweezers.

### LEADERS

It is the leaders' responsibility to collect the MUMC kit from the Club Stores at the beginning of the Trip. Do not use if unnecessarily. It should be carried by the person most experienced with it (which, because no-one has had more experience, in most cases is you).

### Keep it accessible.

When the trip is over hand it back to the stores as soon as possible i.e. within a few days of the trips end. If a major item has been used please mention it.

NB On trips where there are more than one party, each party must have adequate first-aid kits.

### CLIMBERS

A specially constituted kit (since climbing accidents are likely to be more serious) will be available to you from the Stores. It should be taken on all trips where no permanent kits are located.

Private Trips : MUMC kits are available for these trips when not all used on Club trips.

Please do not wait until the accident occurs to find out about First-aid.  
P.K., P.B.



SEARCH AND RESCUE SECTIONCall Up List 1964PRIORITY A

Don Allison  
 John Bennett  
 Bill Bewsher  
 John Cole  
 Max Corry  
 Jim Crebbin  
 Peter Druce  
 Reg Henry  
 Frank Hicks  
 Peter Kneen  
 Allan Marsland  
 Barry Smith  
 Ross Smith  
 Ian Thomas  
 Phil Waring  
 Rowan Webb  
 Nicholas White  
 Peter Whitehead  
 Ken Eldridge

PRIORITY B

Ron Abbott  
 Robin Hawthorne  
 Burnie Rymer  
 David Smyth

LEADERS

Ron Abbott  
 Bell Bewsher  
 John Cole  
 Max Corry  
 Reg Henry  
 Burnie Rymer  
 Barry Smith  
 Phil Waring  
 Ken Eldridge

RESERVE LEADERS

Don Allison  
 John Bennett  
 Jim Crebbin  
 Ross Smith  
 Ian Thomas

Any queries should be directed to either of the following :

Delegate : John Cole 83 8150  
 Observer : Ross Smith 50 6784



## MAPPING INFORMATION

Military Survey (1" = 1 mile and 1: 50,000)

Agents John Donne and Son, 362 Post Office Place Melbourne.  
Rankine and Dobie, 17 Centre Court (off Flinders Lane),  
Robertson and Mullins, 107 Elizabeth St, Melbourne.

State Aerial Survey (1" = 1 mile and 1" =  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile; also  
photomaps and aerial photographs covering most of Victoria)

Central Plan Office, Dept. of Lands and Survey, New  
Treasury Buildings, Macarthur St., East Melbourne  
(open Monday - Friday 9.30-12.45; 1.30-4.00p.m.).

Forest Commission of Victoria (1" = 1 mile planimetric,  
forest maps etc.)

Room 316, 453 Latrobe Street, Melbourne.

### Geological Maps

Geological Museum, Macarthur Street, East Melbourne (open  
9.30 - 4.30 Monday - Friday).

### Snowy Mountains Authority

S.M.H.E.A. Office, 435 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

### State Aerial Survey - Tasmania

Department of Lands and Survey, Davey Street, Hobart.

A limited supply is kept at Tasmanian Government Tourist  
Bureau, 254 Collins Street, Melbourne.

### Boardbents

Available from booksellers or the publishers. Boardbents  
Maps and Guides, 1st Floor, 75 Collins Street, Melbourne.

### Sketchmaps - Melbourne Bushwalkers

Apply to Room 110, VRI Building, Flinders St. Melbourne.

Fridays 8.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. or contact Miss Val Goldsmith,  
8 Road, Murrumbeena.

### Sketchmaps - VMTC.

Available from Auski Pty. Ltd., 9 Hardware St. Melbourne,  
or contact Mr. S.R. Brookes, 34 Orange Grove, Camberwell.

### Sketchmaps - Melbourne Walking Club

Apply any Friday evening to 3rd. Floor, 161 Flinders Lane  
Melbourne.

### Ski Club Maps (Bogong High Plains and Adjacent Peaks and Touring Map of the Bogong Ski Club)

Available from Auski or from Ski Club of Victoria, 110 King St.  
Melbourne (9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.)



Boy Scouts Association (Warburton - Mt. Bride area; part of Gembrook Central Highlands.)

Scout Shop, 384 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

Sketch Maps - Hobart Walking Club

Order specific maps from Hobart Walking Club, Box 753 H, G.P.O.  
Hobart, Tasmania.

In order to save delays please consult MUMC map library for copies of all HWC publications and then order specific maps. Do not write over asking for maps of the South West Etc. but check up on the maps available by using MUMC map library as a guide.

Please Note

Current copies of most of the maps of Victoria and Tasmania are held in the MUMC map library, which may be consulted before purchasing if necessary.

Consult the two map indexes (FVWC for Victoria and MUMC for Tasmania) kept at Aikmans Road for list of maps available.

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Foul play at Aikman's Road ?

(or is the Dehyd. Haunted ?)

'Follow me!' cried the intrepid Sir Richard, as he brushed away the veil of cobwebs and led the way into the catacombs beyond the third door. But his companions stood their ground, recalling the gruesome rumours concerning the fate of other travellers who had passed that way and with a muttered oath of 'Skunj on you bludgers', Sir Richard disappeared into the inky blackness.

With heart in mouth they watched the feeble light of the match draw further away, until it was extinguished by the foul air of that subsuburban cavern. Another match flared and the shadows fled to the crevices, revealing the slime-covered walls and the debris on the floor of that seldom visited corner of the realm. 'Zounds, forsooth, and also gadzooks,' cried the explorer. He bent down and lifted a battered hat from the floor. 'Verily 'tis even skunjier than mine own,' he exclaimed. The blood drained from his face. Not six feet from where the hat had lain was a pair of women's shoes, and between them the remains of an umbrella. He gazed at these articles in horror as the match burnt low. What diabolical scheme had been executed here ? By the light of his burning fingers he saw other artifacts scattered around. Finally he could stand it no longer and fled, panic stricken to his companions.

Later, as they explored a prehistoric incinerator an even more grisly (urg) discovery was made. Amongst the ashes lay the charred remains of a skeleton (Pullen maybe). The skull was absent; indeed all that remained was the shoulder blade, the fibia, a knuckle bone, and an elbow joint. Was this the answer to the question posed by the morning's discovery ? Was the incinerator really a lime kiln ? Was this the den of some Parkvillean crippen, or were the bones those of a dog which followed a cat down the chimney, which followed a bird etc. Or was Santa Clause trapped in the chimney ? Perhaps we shall never know, but the remains of the stiff have been christened Agnes and are on display every afternoon at 3.30 for a small fee. Mind the step and please don't jostle.....



Here is the long awaited Treasurer's Report for 1963:-

Melbourne University Mountaineering Club

Statement of Receipts and Payments

March 22nd. 1963 to March 4th. 1964

<u>Receipts</u>	£	S	D	<u>Payments</u>	£	S	D
Balance on hand 22/3/63	129	0	4	Rope	307	17	6
Less to subs 63/64	26	14	6	Stationary	14	11	10
	102	5	10	Postage	34	11	3
Subscriptions 63/64				Duty		4	0
294 @ 6/-	88	4	0	Circulars	88	1	9
60 @ 10/-	30	0	0	Stores	564	18	4
12 @ 12/6	7	10	0	Packs (Mountain Mules)	197	17	0
				Equipment	7	10	0
Subs in advance 64/65				Trips	113	12	2
133 @ 6/-	39	18	0	Annual Dinner	49	13	3
7 @ 10/-	3	10	0	Sundry Payments	56	6	1
2 @ 12/6	1	5	0	24 hour walk	327	14	3
Songbooks, Pack badges & equipment reports	46	0	6	Balance being cash on hand 4/3/64	401	8	4
Rope	506	18	10				
Stores	573	6	2				
Packs (Mountain Mules)	199	10	0				
Hire of Equipment	53	2	0				
Trips	117	11	6				
Annual Dinner	62	8	0				
24 Hour Walk	321	15	9				
Sundry Receipts	11	0	2				
	2164	5	9		2164	5	9
<u>Money owed to club</u>	£77/1/9						

The turnover for the year is about £500 greater than in 1962. There has been considerable improvement in the club's current account. This increase coming largely from profit on rope, equipment hire and the subscriptions. Sundry payments include items such as scales, other equipment for club stores donations to U.S.C., National Parks board and FVWC, and maps bought for the club's library.



STORE REPORTEquipment Available For Hire (as at 10/6/64)PACKS

1. Federation
2. Federation
3. Federation
4. Federation
5. Federation
6. ?
7. Federation
8. Venturer
9. Mule
10. Ingram
11. Mule
12. Ingram
13. Venturer
14. Venturer Lightweight
15. Ingram
16. Ingram

TENTS

1. 4 man wall
2. 4 man wall
5. 4 man wall
6. 1 man wall
7. 4 man wall
8. 2 man wall (Glen)
9. 4 man wall
10. 4 man wall
11. 2 man A (Paddymade)
12. 2 man wall (Flinders Ranges)



SLEEPING BAGS

2. Kiandra
3. Pallin
4. Kiandra
5. Kiandra
6. Kiandra
7. Kiandra
8. Kiandra
10. Arctic
11. Arctic
12. Kimpton's 'Snow'.

Other equipment is on order. When this arrives the club will have a fairly complete range of packs, tents and sleeping bags and members will have the opportunity to try out available equipment. The editor would appreciate some equipment reports.

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MONUMENTAL CLIMB

On the night of the 14th. of May a party of four M.U.M.C. members attempted the North and South West faces of the Bourke and Wills monument, Royal Park. One member, handicapped by a tight skirt, found it necessary to retire from the climb at an early stage. Two of the party attained the summit. One returned successfully to ground level.

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Its a bludge weekend - I don't have to think. Oh good! I can take all unnecessary little luxuries I want.

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Oh well I was up at 7.30 one morning. That was just before I went to bed.



HOW TO COOK RICE (SUCCESSFULLY!)

1. Throw required amount of rice into a billy
2. Half fill billy with water and wash rice, drain
3. Repeat three times (Do this and the rice won't be gluey and stick together).
4. Top up with water to level twice depth of rice
5. Put lid on and bring to boil - when boiling remove to comparatively cool part of fire and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes.

N.B. Do not remove lid and attempt to stir.

The result should be a dry fluffy product suitable for use straight with meat or curry; or for fried rice (won't stick). Or for making creamed rice.

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Especially autographed copies of this issue can be obtained from Marie Sykes and Paula Lippman.

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