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In memory of Doug Hatt and
Russell Judge, January 1965

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Instead of an editorial, we extend congratulations to the new committee and hope that the support the club has shown in electing them to office continues throughout the year.

Certainly, this year's A.G.M. was an improvement on the last couple of years' for lively discussion AND AN ELECTION! (Maybe the letter to the editor last year did do some good.)

COMMITTEE 1965

ROGUES' GALLERY.

PRESIDENT: Phil Waring - a hardy soul who has at last finished that thesis. (For all the years' I've known him he has been using this as an excuse for not doing various things.)

VICE PRESIDENTS: John Ritchford - a bearded physicist who has recently defected to Monash.

Peter Morgan - ancient club identity who has thawed out after being "put on ice" for 15 months. His 'foghorn' voice will no doubt be a familiar sound again.

SECRETARY: Ross Smith - a quiet engineer (is this possible?) who blushes less since last years Rogues Gallery.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Ian Thomas - one of these poor misguided 3rd year physicists, who is to be found under a pile of membership cards and physics problems.

TRIPS SECRETARY: Nick White - We should get a few interesting show trips from this slow speaking virologist. We have heard that he is keen on the Feathertop region.

TREASURER: Tony Kerr - who is excellent at keeping watch on pennies. Honours year physicist who has discovered he still has unit exams!

EDITOR OF MOUNTAINEER: Sue Quilford - in these circumstances it is hard to say much (due to censorship), but she has a habit of complaining about the state of club members English Expression.

STORES OFFICER: Tom Kneen - we have heard numerous rumours that he is giving up engineering and taking up a carpentry course after his efforts at Agnes' Place.

CONVENOR OF CLIMBING SUB COMMITTEE: John Cayley - this long lanky rock climber is often found around the Ag. School. We believe he has bad luck with cars.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Peter Kneen (Ropes Officer) - has recently moved into Ormond College - ostensibly to do more work but actually to have more time for the Hut Design - from the wilds of Beaumaris.

Jenny Lawrence - a quiet type who does Dip. Ed. this year. Hope she survived her teaching round better than another member of the committee did.

TRIPS PROGRAMME.

Fri. May 7. Special General Meeting 7.45 p.m.
Venue: History th. Agenda: Memorial Hut Business (Finance, Site, Plans). Speaker on Flinclus Island.

Fri. May 14. 24 Hour Walk. Talk. 7.45 p.m. Venue: History th.
Speakers giving hints on technique, map reading, navigation etc.
The maps of the area will not be released until Saturday morning.

Sat. May 15. -Sun. May 16. 24 Hour Walk.
Mens Lounge 10 a.m. - 12 noon - maps, fare, instructions chocolate etc. Vans leave Union carpark 12.00 noon. Walk starts 3.00 p.m.
May 15 to 3.00 p.m. May 16.

May 21-24. Buchan Caving Trip. Leader: Nicholas White (859033 - evenings) Transport: Private, the number who can go depends on car space so contact leader. Caving Equipment: Boots, boiler suit, lamp and helmet. Some equipment can be provided e.g. some helmets as well as ropes and ladders.

May 21 - May 23. Van trip to be arranged. See club notice board for details.

June 11 - 14. Queen's Birthday weekend. Mount Arapiles. Climbing, walking, exploring, etc. etc. Transport: private. Leader: John Cayley.

Private vacation trips: those wishing to organise other trips in first term vacation should contact the Trips Sec. Nicholas White (859033 evenings)

All Bookings {1} "Aikman's Rd" any lunchtime or
 {2} David Hogg (871630)

Photos of S.W. Tasmania.

In return for a favour rendered to the Dept. of Film Production Tasmania last vacation, the club was recently donated several excellent black and white photographs of the Federation Peak and Precipitous Bluff areas. These have been placed in an album, and may be seen at Aikman's Rd.

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

MEETINGS: S & R meeting for leaders and keen members of S & R-
WEDNESDAY APRIL 7th 1965. Senior Constable Tickell will
be present and it is hoped he will give a short address
on the role of the Police Search & Rescue Squad. PLEASE
ENSURE A GOOD REPRESENTATION FROM YOUR CLUB. (Room 56 -
VR 1 8 p.m.).
S & R Practice: April 24 - 25, 1965. Venue: Starlings
Gap 9.45 a.m. For further details see your S & R del-
egate.
Council meeting: Wed. April 28th, 1965. 6.00 p.m. V.R.I.
Annual General Meeting: Wednesday May 12th, 1965. 7.45 pm.
First Floor, 161 Flinders Lane.

ELECTIONS: Nominations are called for the positions of Secretary,
Treasurer, and President of the Federation for 1965-6.
These should reach me by April 12th. Nominations should
bear the Committee or executive of the Club of origin.
It should be noted that under the terms of the constit-
ution, Mr. W. Thompson will not be eligible to stand for
re-election, nor will a member of his Club. Other Clubs
are urged to nominate a candidate for this position.

BUSHWALKING & CAMPING COURSE: The National Fitness Council has
again arranged a bushwalking course as set out in the
attached leaflet - please bring to the notice of your
members. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Bryan
Scott of N.F.C.

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS: The Soil Conservation Authority has drawn
attention to the action of some persons camping in the
Bogong H.P. area in misusing cattlemen's huts, lighting
fires which have been too large and thereby damaging
huts and timber, and generally leaving the area in an
untidy condition. It has appealed to the Federation to
bring this matter under the notice of affiliated Clubs
for their information and any assistance they can give
in keeping the area in a desirable state.

NATIONAL PARKS: Attention is drawn to action now under way to
build a privately owned motel in the Wilsons Promontory
National Park. MEMBER CLUBS ARE URGED TO REGISTER THEIR
PROTEST AGAINST THIS ACTION IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE!

MASTER PLAN: The V.N.P.A. recently convened a meeting of
corporate members of the Association with a view to in-
itiating action to prepare a Master Plan for National
Parks throughout Victoria. It is proposed that there be
a full-time scientist working on the plan for several
years, and support and assistance from all members was
sought. Unanimous approval was given by delegates of
corporate members present, and details of the scheme are
now being worked out. Affiliated Clubs of this Federation
will be kept informed as details become available.
APPLICATION FORMS can be had from "Aikman's Rd." or N.F.C.
147 Collins Street, Melbourne.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Brian Fleming,
27 Clark Road,
Ivanhoe. N.21.
(tel. 49 4642).

The Editor,
The Mountaineer,
Dear Sir,

Two important points arise from the article in Mountaineer 2/65 on Map Reading.

1. Dotted contour lines are not necessarily below sea-level - they enclose a hollow.

2. One very important and usually forgotten or unknown source of compass error is a photo-electric exposure meter. These contain a powerful magnet and will throw a compass much further off than the items mentioned.

A minor point on bearings - probably a typists error on p.5. para 3.

Correct wording is "...if the forward bearing is MORE than 180° , then subtract 180° from it.

Ox and out,

(Brian Fleming.)

ANTARCTICA CALLING!

Greg Martin has been holidaying in the caravan solving electronic problems.

Max Cony seems to have been more out of base than in, with the number of field trips he's has been on.

Don Allison looks like someone to organise the club library after his experience this year.

Many of the others have been out on field trips too.

Maps.

Field West - Cox Bight Picton - La Perouse.
H.W.C. are amending these maps and bringing them up to date. Any information to go to Bob Wyatt c/- H.W.C.

Bush grapevine tells us that in the recent fires that most of the area, Mt. Mc.Donald, Mt. Tamboutha, Mt. Arbuckle in the Howitt area has been burnt but that Tarli Kargn escaped. However fires extended to the west.

Paddy Pallin equipment has increased in price from the 1st. April 1965.

News from the Hobart Walking Club that "due to apparently permanent change in Tasmania's climate, all future editions of the circular will appear on grease proof paper."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

for the period
4th March, 1964 - 2nd April, 1965.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITYMOUNTAINEERING CLUB.STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

RECEIPTS	£ . s . d.	PAYMENTS	£ . s . d.
Balance on hand 4/3/64	401. 8. 4	Trips-Vans.	857.10. -
Subscriptions:-		Stores	436.17. 8
1963-64 1x12/6	12. 6	Nylon Climb. Rope	447.19. 4
(347 x 6/-	104. 2. -	Mountn. Mule Rucksks.	412. 9. 9
1964-65 { 53 x 10/-	26.10. -	24 Hour Walk	286.18. 9
{ 11 x 12/6	6.17. 6	Plane Fares:	
{ 186 x 6/-	55.16. -	Tasmania Jan. '65	294. 2. -
1965-66 { 8 x 10/-	4. - -	Annual Dinner	100. 2. 8
{ 1 x 12/6	12. 6	Printing: 'Mountnr. '	81.11.11
1966-67 1 x 10/-	10. -	Stationery	47. 7. 2
Two Subscriptions to		First Aid	25.14.11
mailing list	1. - -	200 copies "Safety	
		the Bush".	25. - - -
Trips-Van Fares	847.15. -	Equipment	17.14.11
Sale of Stores	429. 7. 5	Equipment Repairs	13. 8. 8
Sale of Nylon		Affiliation Fees	
Climbing Rope	409. 3. 4	(F.U.W.C.)	14. - - -
Sale of Mountain Mule		Maps	13. 8. -
Rucksacks	362. 1. -	Suppers	12. 7. 2
24 Hour Walk	304. 5. -	Postage	21.17. 9
Plane Fares:		Refunds:Plane Fares	22.17. 6
Tasmania, Jan. '65.	279. 3. -	Stolen from "Aikman's	
Equipment Hire	109.10. 9	Road."	10. - - -
Annual Dinner	106.10. -	Insurance	4. 4. -
Refund from T.A.A.		Padlocks, Globes,	
January '65	8.18. -	Shelves	8.10. 5
Refund from T.A.A.		Phone Calls	1.10. 6
January '64	6.19. 6	Cheques	1. 2. 6
Bank Interest	8. 2. 1	Sundries	48. 7. 7
Sales of Equipment			
for Mountaineering.	5. 9. -	Balance being Cash on	
Other Publications	3.13. -	Hand 2/4/65:-	
Pack Badges	3. 8. -	No.1 Account	233.10.10
Song Books	2.16. 6	No.2 Account	89. - - 6
Maps	3.12. 6	Cash Boxes Aikman's	
Cancellation Fee	10. -	Road.	9. 5
Sundries	31. 1. -		
	<u>£3,523.13. 11</u>		<u>£3,523.13.11.</u>

Treasurer's Report (Continued)

Money Owed to Club:-

(1-	Insurance Claim on lost tent	£10. -- --
(11)	Nylon Rope	£50.18. --
(111)	Balance of an Airfare to Tasmania	£7. 4. --
(1v)	Van Fares to Wilson's Promontory	£10. -- --

Value of Stock at "Aikman's Rd." available for sale to Club Members:

(1)	3 Mountain Mule Rucksacks	£42.15. --
(11)	Stores: (food, polythene bags etc.) approx.	£50. -- --
(111)	Nylon Climbing Rope	£69. 1. --
(1v)	"Equipment for Mountaineering", Song Books, Pack Badges approx.	£20. -- --

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The turnover this year is about £1400 greater than 1963-4.
This is due mainly to:-

- (1) Large number of sales of 'Mountain Mule' rucksacks.
- (2) The passing of van costs 'through the books'. In previous years, van costs were paid, in cash, directly to the driver, whereas this year, most van costs were paid by cheque.
- (3) Increasing membership producing greater use of the Club's stores and hire service for equipment.

Last year's grant from the Recreation Grounds Committee amounted to £150, of which £10 was spent on First Aid and £140 on Equipment.

Although the Club's bank balance is down approximately £100 on last year's figure, it is quite evident that the Club is still in a very sound financial position.

A.G. KERR,
Hon. Treasurer.
1964/65.

TRIPS SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The year, 1964-65, has been one of the most successful that the club has had with regard to trips. Altogether, 35 trips were organised & included bush-walking, rock-climbing, caving and snow-trips, not to mention the occasional bludge weekend. These trips attracted a record total attendance of 1242; 11 of the trips contributing over 50 persons each. The detailed statistics regarding trips and van fares are as follows:-

	No. of Trips.	Total Attendance.	Avg. per Trip.
Day Walks	7	226	32
Weekend Walks	12	421	35
Long Weekend Walks	3	96	32
Easter Walk	1	58	58
Day Climbing trips	2	87	43
Weekend Climbing Trips	5	152	30
Weekend Caving Trips	1	16	16
+ Fixed Camps	4	186	47
TOTAL	35	1242	35
TOTAL 1963-64	39	1040	26

+ These included both climbing and day-walks in some cases.

Van Trips	No of trips.	Average fare per person.
Day	6	11/4
Weekend	12	£ 1/12/4
-Long Weekend	4	£ 2/15/-
Easter	1	£ 3

The more successful trips included the Easter trips around Mt. Howitt the climbing course at Hanging Rock and Sugarloaf, Snow trips to the Baw Baw Plateau and Mt. Feathertop, 2 weekend trips to Wilson's Promontory, the post-exam weekend at Red Point and the 24 Hour Walk, which included for the first time, an intravarsity competition.

The following points should be noted concerning trips:-

1. The tremendous enthusiasm shown in climbing after the previous year's slump. Apart from the club climbing trips, there were private trips going most weekends, mainly to Mt. Arapiles, Sugarloaf and the Jawbones.
2. The increasing interest in snow-blimbing, especially on Mt. Feathertop. These trips were mainly private, the interest arising probably as a result of the club's activities in the New Zealand mountains during the summer vacation.
3. The difficulty in arranging leaders for club trips. It is a very rare occasion when someone approaches the Trips Secretary, offering to lead a trip, and gives details of the proposed route and nominates a suitable date. The dates and areas of most trips on last year's programme were decided entirely by the Trips Secretary who then had the tedious job of conscripting leaders for them.

(Trips Secretary's Report - continued.)

A trip organised along these lines cannot be as successful as one whose leader has a genuine interest in it, and not merely an interest instilled into him by the Trips Secretary. It would help the Trips Secretary considerably if all those people who approach him offering their services as leader could first spare a little time and thought deciding where they would like to lead their trips.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who lead trips during the year and also the club contact, Jenny McMahon, for her part in the organisation.

(David Hogg.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE.

1 pair Paddy Pallin Sherpa Boots, size 4-suit Freshette-
Brand New.

-Have walked 14 miles.

-Price

\$ 6

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DISCOUNT ON COLOUR FILM.

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106 Gatehouse Street, PARKVILLE.

Phone:

343584.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1964 has been a most successful year for the Club in all its activities, which have been frequent and well supported.

The running of a club of 800 odd members requires a fair bit of work on the part of the Committee and other members who will voluntarily help with specific jobs.

Without mentioning names, I wish to thank all who have helped in various ways and especially our delegates to other clubs, the Stores sub-committee, the 24 Walk organisers, the trip leaders and those who have shared the typing burden.

The Club cannot continue without this general support and I hope this year's committee will be as fortunate as last year's in this respect.

The following is a brief run-down of the Club's activities for 1964, with the exception of finance, Stores and Trips which will be presented in separate reports.

MEMBERSHIP.

Financial membership now stands at 561 including 383 old members, and 164 members who have joined since beginning of term; this is an increase of 81 over the membership of last year at this stage. Approximately 100 members failed to remain financial members, although many of these still actively support private and Club trips etc.

JOURNAL:

The editorship of the Club Journal was transferred from the Assistant Secretary to Assistant Editor who was made a member of the committee.

The journal increased in size and improvements in presentation and quality and range of articles included were effected.

The assembling and posting of 550 copies, requires a fair bit of work, and the help of anyone who is prepared to play ring a rosie around the table at Aikman's during lunchtime is always appreciated.

The editor wishes to thank all those who wrote articles, drew carbons, covers and helped with the stapling.

COMMITTEE.

Meetings were held once a month or more frequently if required; night attendance was maintained.

Two of the committee- the P. Max Caury and Phil Willy resigned at the end of the year to go overseas. Peter Kneen was coerced to take over Phil's job as ropes officer.

The beginning of this year has seen the establishment of 2 sub-committees - hut and Equipment for Mountaineering. The conveners of these will be co-opted committee members, thus the committee will be large and the A.G.M. should bear this in mind when deciding the number of Vice Presidents the Club should have this year.

CLUB ROOMS

Movement of stores into Agnes' relieved the congestion, leaving Aikman's Rd. a congenial place for members to consult the Club's library of maps, books and circulars, take trip bookings, talk, argue and rubbish each other.

MEDICINE KITS

It was decided last year that the Club's First Aid Kits left much to

be desired. the club kit at Sugarloaf not having been maintained was worse than useless in an emergency. The club wishes to thank Peter Kneen and Peter Burden for their work in replacing the Sugarloaf kit and in bringing the other club kits into their present up to date condition. However I feel that the general knowledge of club members on First Aid leaves much to be desired, and hope the club will be able to provide for some instruction in First Aid for bushwalking.

MEETINGS

Generally attendances were good, and if possible meetings were followed by coffee and biscuits in the Caf.

S. AND R.

Membership increased over the year. Any experienced male members who wish to join should consult Ross Smith and John Cole.

L.M. Symons

Mon. Sec. 1 64 5.

CLASS. ADS.

BOOT. LA DOLOMITI can be imported direct from Italy.

Types available-

Kletter...with steel plate...£6

Guido...with storm welt for general use...£40.5.0.

Abram...similar but without the storm welt. Closer welt for rock climbing...£12.

Would anyone interested call at the Flophouse (171 Park St Parkville) to inspect catalogue.

BARRY HAYS.

SLEEPING BAGS: Barry Hays is making a model of his own design. Demo model is now on show at the Flophouse 171 Park St. Parkville).

Model 1. Japara walled 2lb down ... 14.10.0.

2 2. Identical in nylon...£19.40.0.

3. sewn thru. seams, japara..Price ?

Price reduction of £2 to club members, plus £1 further reduction for each order outside the club i.e. 12 orders from non club members - 1 new sleeping bag!!

WANTED!

PHOTOS Black and white for the cover of the new edition of E. for M.

POCKETES. TENTS

made to order : also repairs to equipment.

Evan Jones

42 Morrah St.

Parkville. -after 6 pm. or club box.

As everyone knows, we lost 2 of our most experienced mountaineers and friends in an accident in New Zealand last January.

Now the club is contemplating the erection of a hut in their memory. So it will be of interest to all to hear this news which we received from New Zealand.

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STOP PRESS!!!!!!

MAY 5th lunchtime meeting, speaker Warwick Deacock;
Recent Heard Is. Trip. 1.05pm classic Th.

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May 21-24.

Outway ranges trip- Leader Laurie Humphries. Standard: MEDIUM.
Distance 16 miles. Map Beech Forrest B.(Lands Dept.)

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Applications for the MUMC Intervarsity team for the 24HOUR WALK
to be in by May 7th. Have to be undergraduates.

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REMEMBER the OXION in 2nd Term- save your junk and equipment to
auction.

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ATTENTION ALL CAMERA BUGS!

Kodachrome II is available from clb stores.

20 exposure reels£1.10.0

36 exposure reels can be obtained if required.

On 3rd. January Russ and Doug returned to the Hermitage from Plateau Hut (8000', situated at the head of the Hochstetter icefall on the Tasman or East side of Mt. Cook) after attempts from there on Mt. Tasman (by Symes ridge) and Mt. Cook (by Zurbriegen's ridge). By the 6th May they had moved up to Hooker hut, and onto Empress hut (8300', situated between the Empress and Shoila glaciers on the West side of Mt. Cook) by the 10th Jan. They were then the only party in the area, the previous last party having pulled out a week before. The weather during the period 3rd-10th had been bad, as was evidenced by 4 climbers rescued on the 10th by Don Middleton using a Cessna aircraft. These 4 had been holed up in the Volta glacier for 6 days of continuous blizzards. However the weather on the 10th was better and Russ and Doug radioed to the Hermitage that they intended to traverse Mt. Cook. They hoped to return to the Hermitage by Tuesday 12th night.

Monday 11th Russ and Doug set out 2 a.m. for the N.W. ridge of Mt. Cook. Robin Miller (Canberra) and Robert Smith (Sydney) set out early for Mt. Eli-de-Beaumont. Conditions and weather deteriorated during the day and Miller and Smith did not return.

Tuesday 12th. Miller and Smith reported missing. A search party under B.L. Jenkinsen left Ball hut at 9 a.m. for Tasman Hut. During the day the cloud base was low (about 7500') but lifted in the evening. Don Middleton spotted Miller and Smith at 8 p.m. holed up 700' from the summit of Eli. They were reached by the 9 man search party at midnight.

Wednesday 13th. Miller and Smith (unhurt) were brought down to Tasman hut by 4 a.m. In the evening Russ and Doug were reported 24 hours overdue at the Hermitage.

Thursday 14th. A 4 man search party under M. Boswell left at 8 a.m. and arrived at Empress hut at 7 p.m. There was lots of fresh snow about and bad weather and poor visibility prevented aircraft being used.

Friday 15th. The early morning weather was reasonably clear. John Stoke of Fox glacier searched the upper slopes of Mt. Cook but was forced to land when the weather rapidly deteriorated. Three climbers (P. Sykes-U.K., and M. Douglas and C. Waters of Australia) set out for Mt. Cook from Plateau Hut. The weather during the day was bad with poor visibility (20 yards at Empress). Conditions were bad and many avalanches were reported. A search party under L. Crawford reached Plateau Hut at 2 p.m. and another party under B. Jenkinsen reached Gardiner hut, but no ground searches could be made. Sykes et al did not return to plateau hut in the evening, when the weather the still fickle started to improve.

Saturday 16th. With improved weather all ground parties were out and a thorough air search was made 8000'-12000' by Don Middleton. Crawford met Sykes and co. on the Linda glacier - they had spent the night in snow caves at 11000'. No trace of Doug and Russ.

Sunday 17th. Ground searches continued. Sykes and Douglas set out for Mt. Tasman but were caught by an avalanche and swept into a crevasse; luckily they were able to extricate themselves. Another thorough air search was made in the morning, revealing no trace, so the search was called off at mid-day, there remaining no hope that Russ and Doug could have survived.

So ended a rather tragic week.

Still the stream of life mostly flows on and we can but use best the time given to us. I hope that such accounts as the above deter no-one from coming over next year, but only go to show nature's soullessness; we can but adapt ourselves to the places we tread, keeping all the while a careful eye on Hui the rainman.

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FEDDER.

- Peter Renowden, Mark Scott, Geoff Smith, Graeme Underwood.

"Three between four of us,

Thank the Lord there's no more of us."

This could well have been applied to those four feeble specimens as they eyed only three packs on the footpath in Geeveston. We had just got off the Hobart to Dover bus and had managed to leave one pack on board. Eighty m.p.h. by taxi along a winding gravel road soon brought the bus into view, and with it, another pack.

We started walking from the end of the true road - 350 lbs. between four of us, and struggled to the end of the jap track where glad to dump 7 days food.

The weather had already started to "pack up" by the time we crossed the Craycroft (flooded) and we were to have rain for 17 of the next 21 days.

A pleasant night at the very sheltered Prass Crook campsite with lone walker Joe Ricone, gave way to a not-so-pleasant day in which we had to climb Luckmans lead, and needles etc. to Goar Moor. The rain was o.k. as we climbed Luckmans, but when it gave way to hail and snow it was a bit beyond a joke - especially if one was wearing shorts and a leaking parka.

John Stuart's grave and bleached bones did little to cheer the day although we did appreciate that we were more fortunate than at least one other traveller.

From Goar Moor to Bechewaise the visibility was excellent i.e., greater than 10 yards, and the going was much easier as a result. We chose the most sheltered and dry spot we could in lower Bechewaise Plateau, so we could sit out the bad weather. That night we had some solid rain and in the morning we woke to find a stream of water 3' x 2" flowing through our two tents. (We could make it deeper if you want us to exaggerate). The Plateau is said to have a floating population due to the convenient water supply. We didn't have to get out of our sleeping bags to cook breakfast, lunch, tea, breakfast, lunch, tea, breakfast. Then we saw the top and raced up the climb, (well, almost). Up to the first terrace, up the icy waterfall they call a climbing gully and finally a scramble to the freezing top. The Conquerors!

It was so cold we couldn't really appreciate the fantastic view but several dozen colour slides help jog the memory now we're back.

Moss Ridge, Richard Schmidt's party, cutting camp etc. to the flooded West Craycroft river which we crossed Tarzan style with nylon rope instead of knotted vine. Not the quickest or easiest way, but by far the most enjoyable.

The weather started to improve and we climbed Burgess Bluff on a beautiful crystal clear morning. This is a much underrated peak. The view of the Eastern and Western Arthurs is magnificent and the climb is dead easy - in contrast with Picton which has a long tedious climb and scarcely warrants carrying a camera.

In poor weather one could easily get lost on the South Pictons, as the ridges are very broad but in fine weather the Blandfordia ridge affords an easy $\frac{1}{2}$ day walk to Craycroft crossing. The Blandfordia starts 250° from Picton and is easily recognisable - a good track on the ridge with a sharp drop less than 2 yards to the right. Fine weather all the way to Pedder where one of the party woke up to find a wallaby chewing his nose - likely sotry!

At Pedder the weather got nasty again and altho' we waited a couple of days at Huon crossing we didn't attempt to climb Mt. Anne. Davey Track - Maydena - Hobart - AND A HOT SHOWER.

Reedy Gorge: January 22-23.

Party: J. Griffiths, K. Coffey, M. Hardina.

Looking back, Bindi station covered the dry Tambo valley and the hills around. We had left Mike's place next to Bindi before eight and driven up through back paddocks in his landrover, following a faint forestry track. Soon we entered large stands of Candlebak and Woollybutt. The track improved now as we crossed Sawpit Creek. (reminder of an early logging age) and Bluestone Creek before reaching Nunniong Plain.

The day was warm and Mike commenting on the apparent absence of the usual cattle - said they were probably sheltering in the trees surrounding the plain. Mike and his father, themselves have many cattle out on the low Plain. The track was faint here as we branched left, and then through slip rails on the edge of the plain. (The track straight on passes Low Plain)

Suddenly a wild horse only recently killed blocked the track. 'Probably spiked itself on a sapling' observed Mike. With his father and other buckrunners, Mike has hunted these wild horses which are not to be confused with the Limestone type brumby, hunted by the Omeo buckrunners - a much smaller breed, more easily caught, for they can be run down.

Wild horses on the rough sides of the Bogong High Plains provide the Omeo horsemen with a much tougher sport, and buckers for the Easter Rodeo.

We passed the Wheatfield's turnoff and climbed steadily onto the Buchan-Tambo divide. Another two miles after crossing Blue-shirt Creek, we turned off the Limestone track and down the Diggers' Hole Spur track. A walk to the top of Big Nunniong was worthwhile with Bogong and Kosciusko dominating a splendid view. Within another mile, the Brumby Point track branched off to the north and we bounced over this for $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Now 2000' above and close to Reedy Gorge we slung on our packs and began the descent—we chose an offshoot spur unfortunately covered in thick scrub and which changed to high cliffs and screed. Consequently it took 3 hours to reach the Reedy, a fine mountain stream.

After picking a campsite, we began scrub bashing down the river, before deciding to wade - easier and cooler. An hour later saw us entering cliffs, sheer and overhanging in parts, rising hundreds of feet. A really spectacular sight on the return, we sighted two waterjacks; large lizards which live in water and on land.

Next morning, we shouldered our packs determined to avoid the cliffs. Climbing a lower spur, we reached our vehicle in the same time as the descent. We realized that to follow down the main spur for some distance before choosing a side spur would have avoided thick scrub and cliffs and saved much tiring effort.

MOUNT ARAPILLES

Tantalus. 200'

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Dick Salt)

Jim Newlands) -alternate leads.

-Pitches described are as they were first climbed.

Location: Continue to left of Organ pipes to a red wall known as the House of Atreus, broken by a number of overhangs. Scramble up to lower part of wall, where a number of cracks break the face.
Pitch 1. (40-50') The climb starts on the right hand crack about 20' from the corner of the buttress. Climb up this crack which gives access to a ledge, which shelves into a ramp of orange rock underneath an overhang. a belay can be made here if required, using cith piton or natural bollard on extreme right of ledge.
Pitch 2. (145') The route then moves up the overhang diagonally to the left for 10-15' to the foot of a chimney. The rock is quite sound. Two routes are now open. The first is up the wall to the right of the chimney to a large ledge. The second is up inside the actual chimney to the same ledge.

From this ledge the route lies up the wall close to the corner, but swing to the number of holds available, almost any point on the wall can be climbed. Belay at the back of a wide grassy ledge. The route off lies down gully to left of the Organ Pipes.

This climb was first climbed as 2 pitches, 1 short, the 2nd very long. Because of the number of overhangs on the face, communication can become difficult if the party gets too strung out. Future parties are recommended to use the belay at the foot of the chimney to make two more even pitches of the climb.

Another climb, "Cauldron" is on the same buttress. There is approx. 20-25' of climbing common to both climbs i.e. the groove and overhanging wall early in the climb, but "Cauldron's" route traverses left at the foot of the chimney, and goes up the extreme left of the buttress.

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24 Hour Walk

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- (2) The winners are the ones furthest along the route in 24 hours.
- (3) Checkpoints are placed along the route.
- (4) Hashhouses are for "refuelling" - spare clothing etc. can be sent here.
- (5) Handicaps - male teams - scratch
mixed teams - 6 miles start
female teams - 12 miles start
- (6) Competitors need the following - compass, map, matches, torch, watch.
- (7) Details will be placed on the club notice board or will be announced at the Pep Talk or before the walk.
- (8) Cost - £2.10. 0. includes food, fare, entrance fee and map. (cancellation fee of 15/-).
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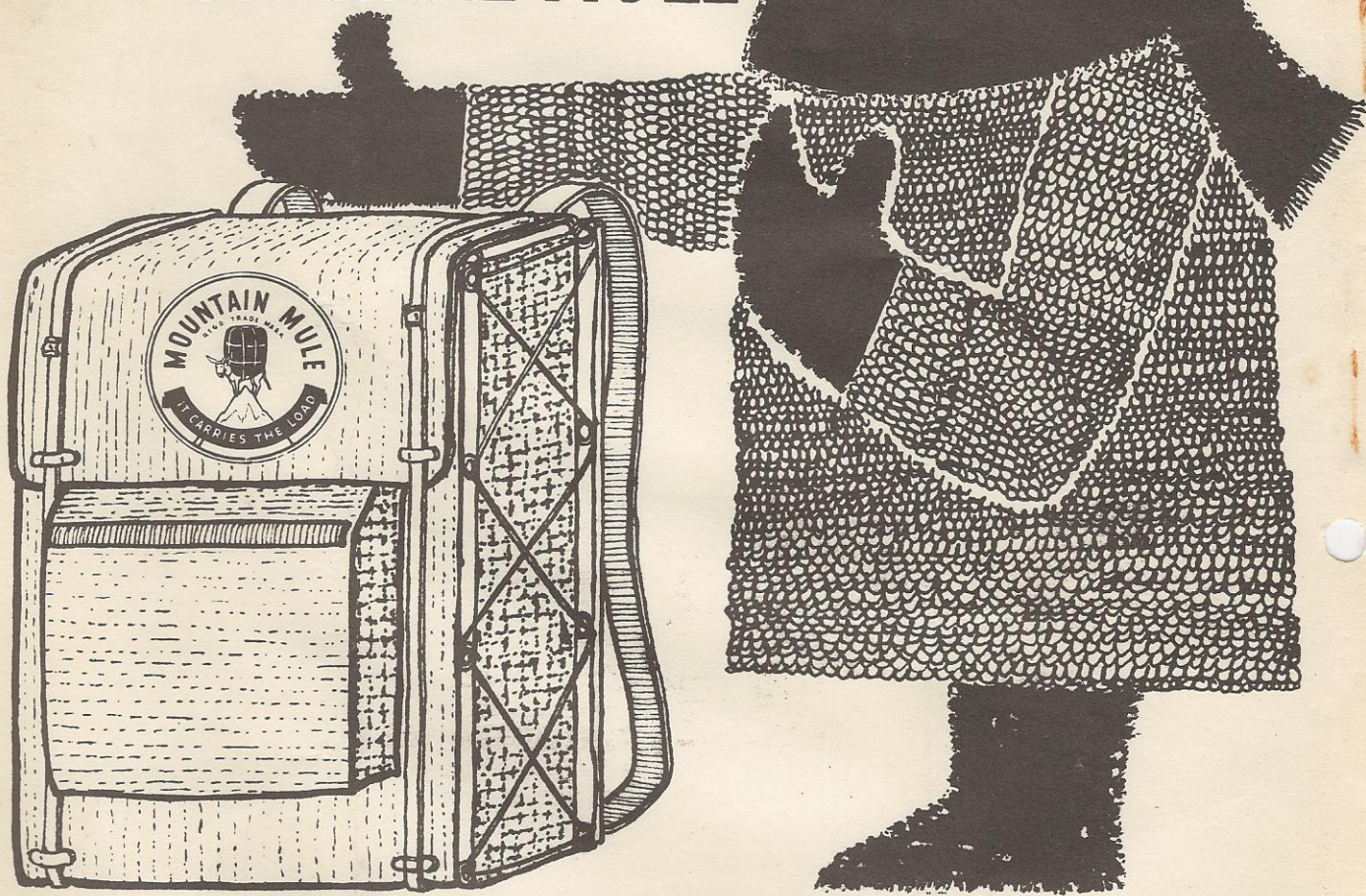
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