

"Hut Edition"

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First of all, apologies for the smallness and retragrade step in style of this issue. Its sole purpose is to enthuse and inform all of our Club Members about OUR Memorial Hut. It is almost a year since Doug and Russ lost their lives on Mt. Cook in New Zealand, and our Memorial to them is now more than a few ideas, plans, and money in the bank. It's rapidly approaching a reality and, although the schedule in the November Mountaineer has not been kept up with, the work done at the site, and the planning and preliminary prefabrication in Melbourne ensures that the Hut will be near completion by Easter 1966, the date of the "Official Opening".

PROGRESS, up till January 17th.

FEATHERTOP:- The foundations are complete. The floor bearers and joists are in position. The rock wall (approx. 4 feet high) which, when finished, will consist of approx. 20 tons of rock, is $\frac{3}{4}$ finished. The excavations for the "under the floor" water tanks, the garbage pit and the toilet are nearly finished. Further work has been done on both the summer and winter access tracks.

MELBOURNE:- The design work is very advanced, the aluminium has been purchased and sample joints, of which 75 are needed and which are the most critical part of the design, have been tested. Prefabrication will be under way late January.

PROGRAMME

There will be trips to Feathertop every weekend at least until the end of March. The work that has to be completed before Easter was outlined in the November special "Hut" edition of the Mountaineer.

FOOD.

Under the efficient leadership of "Auntie Nina", alias "Grumpet Regina", the cooks and catering have done a wonderful job. The meals have been first class and noone has gone hungry.

Nina can still use some extra help in Melbourne on Fridays for marketing and preparation of Saturday's lunches. If you are available, contact Nina Rulevich (56 3772, evenings).

FEATHERTOP etc...

"I hope that I am not getting sunburnt!" said the bikini clad girl while swinging a pick in the "toilet" to be.

Then there was the person, a little bit the worse for numerous late nights, who sat down beside his pack to rest, only for a few minutes, but was soon sound asleep, in pouring rain.

EQUIPMENT

All hired club equipment should be returned as soon as possible. People wishing to hire equipment should contact Tom Kneen (81 1346 evenings).

"Aikman's Rd." will be open on Wednesday nights between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

LABOUR REQUIREMENTS

With a club of over 500 members, it would be expected that lack of labour would not be a problem. So far approximately 100 people have helped, either at Feathertop or in Melbourne.

If you have already helped and wish to help again, or if you have not yet offered your services and you have a free weekend or week, or even afternoon coming up, please send the enclosed form, with relevant details to -

Tony Kerr,
2 Burnett St.,
Mitcham.

87 1259 (evenings)

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM FEATHERTOP

Transport has been and will probably continue to be by private vehicles. The cost of the transport depends upon the cars owner but is usually between £1. 0. 0. and £2. 0. 0. for the 450 mile return trip.

The person in charge of finding and allotting transport is Ron Jelleff (93 3714) and any enquiries regarding transport should go through him.

Early in first term, 1966, one or two van trips may be arranged to Feathertop.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIEFING MEETINGS

As from Wednesday, 26th January, 1966, these will be held at 7.30 p.m. at "Aikmans Road" (rear of 21 Royal Parade, Parkville - entered from lane at rear). It is preferable if most people going to Feathertop the following weekend attend the Wednesday meeting. This is to facilitate the sorting out of transport, equipment to bring etc.. If you cannot attend the meeting and still wish to go to Feathertop, please let either of Tony Kerr (87 1259 evenings) or Ron Jelleff (93 3714 evenings) know on the Monday or Tuesday night before the weekend.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Name Male or (delete)
Female

Address

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Telephone Nos. Home (Best time
to
Work contact you).....

Time available for the M.U.M.C. Memorial Hut Project (Feathertop)

Weekend* or Week*	beginning	What part of the week?
.....	Jan. 29th (long weekend)
.....	Feb. 5th
.....	Feb. 12th
.....	Feb. 19th
.....	Feb. 26th
.....	March 5th
.....	March 12th
.....	March 19th
.....	March 26th

* Tick appropriate space.

Transport (Feathertop)

Can you provide your own transport?

If so, can you take passengers and/or
equipment?

How many passengers (with packs)?

What sort of vehicle?

Landrovers very useful for a steep section at the end of the road.
Utilities and station sedans needed also).
Is it in reasonable mechanical condition?

EQUIPMENT

Tick any of the following equipment that you can bring, to the Feathertop holiday resort, with you :

Pack	Sleeping bag and other camping gear
Axe	Mattock
Pick	Secateurs
Chain saw	Sledge Hammer
Shovel	"Tree Puller"

Any other equipment you can bring that might be useful

WORK IN MELBOURNE

There will be weekend and evening jobs as well as those entailed in prefabrication.

When are you available?

What sort of work?

e.g. evening work, marketing on Fridays for food for Feathertop, odd days work associated with prefabrication etc.

FRIENDS Do you have any non member friends who would like to help on the project?

Fill in below their names addresses and whether they need camping equipment, whether they can provide transport (esp. Landrovers) and whether they can provide working equipment during their stay at Feathertop (or in Melbourne).

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"