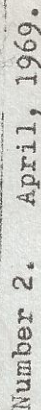


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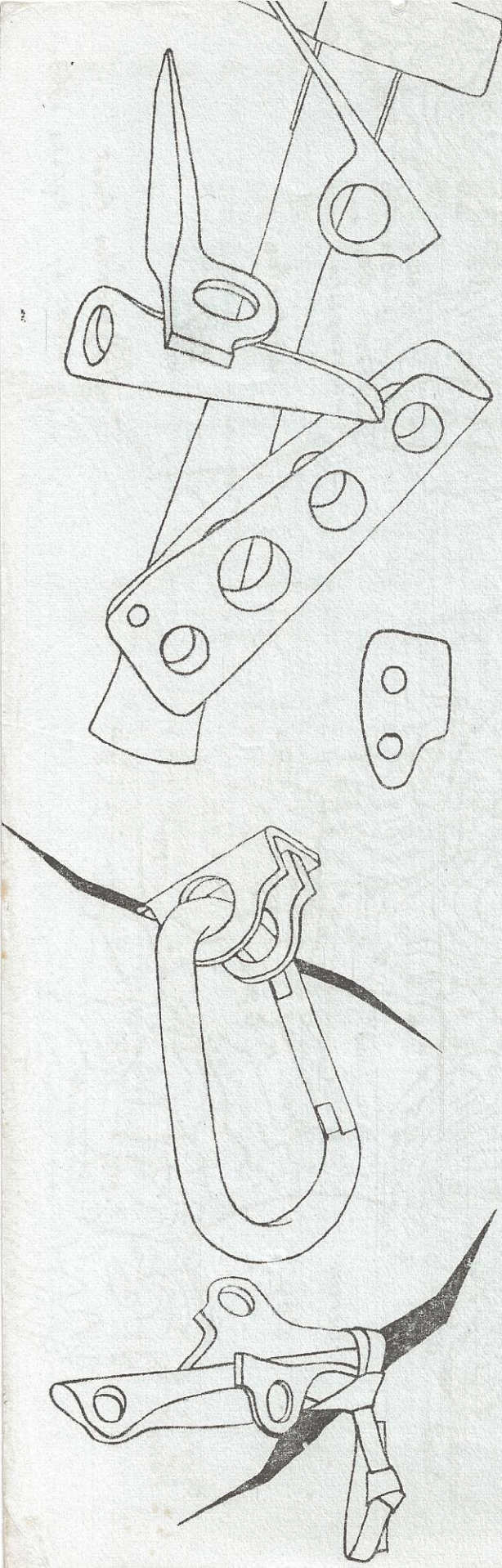
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By now most new members should have tried some of the club's activities on the four trips held so far this year and the numbers suggest that there is no lack of enthusiasm amongst beginners. Those new (and old) members who are not yet sure of all that the club has to offer will find that the Secretary's report in this edition provides a very comprehensive guide to MUMC activities.

One important role of any club is to provide a means of contact between people with similar interests and in large clubs, such as ours, one of the best ways to do this is through a club magazine. There are many different ways to contribute to 'The Mountaineer' and any articles about mountaineering or club activities will be welcomed by the editor. Equipment reports (even a couple of lines) are extremely useful to club members. Recipes and comments about the commercial freeze dry foods that are appearing now on the market give a welcomed alternative to dehy stew. Trip reports of club trips are always interesting while reports on non-club trips can provide a stimulus for other people to visit an area that is not as popular as some. Other ways to contribute are: letters to the editor, suggestions and criticisms of beginners courses, artwork (cover designs especially), cartoons, newspaper clippings, poems and songs. If you want to see your name in print, you have until Tuesday, 6th May to write your article.

New Committee: The following were elected to the committee at this years /AGM.

President: Dave Hogg.

Vice Presidents: Rosalie Lahore; Geoff Fagan.

Secretary: Ian Thomas.

Assistant Secretary: Alison Nevile.

Treasurer: Peter Selby Smith.

Trips Secretary: Ron Frederick.

Stores Officer: Pat Miller.

Editor of the Mountaineer: Boom Cannon.

General Committee Members: Harry Schaap, Paul Callander.

Cover: MUMC map of Wilsons Prom.



General Notices

Applications are invited from members to help in the running of club activities by filling the following positions. If you feel that you could spare some time to help please forward your applications to the Honorary Secretary by 30th April.

Sports Union (3) delegates	Ropes Officer
Maps Librarian	Club Librarian
Hut Warden	Public Relations Officer
Poster Writers	Assistant Editor
Duplication Officer	SRC Liason Officer
Farrago Contact	Catering Officer (suppers after film nights, etc.)
First Aid Officer	
Assistant Stores Officers	Second Club Contact.
Organisers and assistants for the club 24 hour walk.	
Helpers and competitors for the Intervarsity 24 .	

As well as these positions within the club, we also require delegates to various outside bodies.

F.V.W.C. delegate	F.V.W.C. - Federation of
F.V.W.C. observer	Victorian Walking Clubs.
F.V.W.C. Search and Rescue delegate	There is an article about
F.V.W.C. S&R observer	this important body
F.V.W.C. Track Clearing Delegate.	further on in this edition.
F.V.W.C. Hut Committee delegate	
F.V.W.C. Map Committee delegate	
Victorian National Parks Association delegate.	
Australian Conservation Foundation delegate.	
V.S.A. delegate.	

Australian Conservation Foundation: This club has applied to join this organization which is a national, non-profit body promoting, for the greatest long-term benefit of mankind, the use and maintenance of all natural resources. It is an independent body supported by a Commonwealth grant of \$50,000 per year.

FIRST AID COURSE: If enough people are interested, the club intends to run a first aid course this year. Please fill in the list in the club rooms if you want to attend a course. For other details see Harry Schaap.

OPEN DAY: Geoff Fagan has been appointed by the committee to organise our Open Day display on Saturday, 3rd May. Anyone wishing to assist please contact Geoff.

Intervarsity 24 hour walk:

The first official Intervarsity Orienteering Contest (or 24 hour walk) will be conducted by MUMC on 31st May and 1st June.

There will be a large amount of work involved with the planning and running of this contest, for example, laying the course, organising hash houses, catering and hiring of hash house equipment and manning of control



points. Any Club members interested in assisting should contact Dave Hogg.

The Club is entitled to enter one male team and one female team, each consisting of up to four competitors, in the event. Anyone wishing to apply for selection must forward an application to the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 30th. The team will be chosen at the committee meeting on May 1st to allow them some time to train. Teams will be selected on the following criteria:

- 1) Performance in previous contests of this nature.
- 2) Present state of fitness.
- 3) Navigational ability.
- 4) Compatibility of members within the team.
- 5) Present interest being displayed in the club.

TRIPSPROGRAMME

## Bookings:

There are only two ways to book for a trip.

(a) Enter your name, address etc. in the booking book at the club rooms - Aikman's Road not 320 in the union.

(b) Phone Ron Frederick on 288 2136 preferably on Mon. or Tues. evenings.

NOTE CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBER.

Try to book 4-5 days in advance. Bookings made less than 3 days before a trip do not guarantee a place on that trip.

Cancellation fees: These must be paid by anyone cancelling less than 48 hours before a trip (good reasons excepted).

18 APRIL  
(FRIDAY)

## FILM NIGHT

Geology Theatre.

Time: 7.30 p.m. Supper will be served.

The films will cover the Peruvian Andes, the Antarctic, Darjeeling (Nepal), Tasmania and Flinders Ranges (S.A.).

20 APRIL  
(SUNDAY)

## DAY WALK - HEALESVILLE AREA

Mt. St. Leonard - Mt. Monda - Mt. Dom Dom.

Leader: Required.

Standard and Distance: Easy-medium; 11 miles.

Transport: Van, leaving top of Batman Avenue at 9.30 a.m.

Fare: \$1.50 Cancellation fee 50c.

Map: Juliet 1:50,000.

25-27 APRIL

## ANZAC DAY WEEKEND - MOUNT BUFFALO (walking)

1) Fixed camp at Lake Catani.

Leader: Brendan Holland

Standard and distance: Easy; as short as you like.

2) Buckland River - Lake Catani - The Horn - Lake Catani

Leader: Paul Callander.

Standard and distance: Medium; 20 miles.

3) SEC road - Egg Rock - The Horn - Lake Catani - Mt.

Dunn - North Buffalo Plateau - Chalet Rd.

Leader: Mike Feller.

Standard: Hard; 28 miles.

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Buffalo trip cont:

Map: Broadbent's Mt. Buffalo.

Transport: Van leaving Union Car Park 6.30 Thursday.

Fare: \$5.00 Cancellation Fee: \$1.50

25-27 APRIL ANZAC DAY WEEKEND - ROCKCLIMBING AT ARAPILES

Leaders: Clive Parker, et al.

Transport: Private.

This weekend is intended for beginners who wish to continue climbing.

There is a compulsory belay practise for beginners going to Arapiles:

It will be held one lunch time before the trip; see climbing board for /details.

2 MAY SLIDE NIGHT

(FRIDAY)

James Crow Theatre, 1st floor Architecture Building.

Time: 7.30. p.m.

Supper will be served.

Everyone is invited to bring along their slides of past trips.

3 MAY

(SATURDAY)

OPEN DAY

University; further details see Geoff Fagan.

5 MAY

(MONDAY)

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

About the proposed hut.

7.30 p.m. Sisal-kraft Theatre, Ground floor, Architecture building.

11 MAY

(SUNDAY)

DAY WALK - TERRIBLE GORGE

Leader: Required.

Transport: Van leaving Batman Avenue at 9.30 a.m.

Fare: approx \$2.00

14 MAY

(WEDNESDAY)

CAVING COURSE - INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

James Crow Theatre, 1st floor Architecture Building.

Time 7.30 p.m.

Supper afterwards.

This talk is compulsory for all wishing to attend the caving course.

17-18 MAY

CAVING COURSE - BUCHAN

Leaders: White, Bennett, Spate and Co.

Transport: Private

Limit: 25.

17-18 MAY

F.V.W.C. SEARCH AND RESCUE PRACTICE

Blackwood Area. Recommended to all present and potential S&R members. Private transport. Further details are available at "Aikman's Road" or from the Trips Secretary or S and R delegate.

21 MAY

(WEDNESDAY)

F.V.W.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st floor, 161 Flinders Lane, 8.00 p.m.

The business will include a discussion of the letter sent by MUMC to the Federation which is published in this issue of 'The Mountaineer' and the constitutional amendments



arising from this.

A talk on ski touring, an activity which is developing rapidly in the Club, will be given by representatives of the Winter Mountaineering Group.

MAY VACATION 17th May to 8 th June.

Rock climbing trips: Visit club rooms for details of any trips that might be on.

Walking trips: Members are encouraged to arrange private trips in conjunction with the Trips Secretary with the aim of collecting information for the Guide Book. Tentative trips are as follows:

17-23 MAY Nunniong Plateau, eastern Victoria.

22-29 MAY Flinder's Ranges S.A.

4-8 JUNE Dargo, Omeo area.

7-8 JUNE Otway Ranges.

Leaders for these trips are required: the above areas are simply suggestions, any other suggestions will be appreciated.

CAVING: 24-25 MAY CAVING COURSE (cont.) - BUCHAN.

Leader: Nick White, et al.

Transport: Private.

This will be a more advanced continuation of the first weekend.

31 MAY -1 JUNE INTERVARSITY 24 HOUR WALK

Area: Victoria.

Helpers and competitors required, see ad elsewhere.

14-16 JUNE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.

Walking in the Grampians and climbing at Arapiles. More details later.

28-29 JUNE 24 HOUR WALK

THE trip of the year and a must for everyone.

More details in the next 'Mountaineer'.

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The following reports were delivered at the A.G.M. on Friday, 21st March.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1968/69 (incorporating the Trips Secretary's Report)

One can't help feeling that there is an element of poetic justice in my presentation of Rowan's report here tonight. Just as I left mine to Marg. James in 1967 so Rowan has left his to me whilst he now communes with the penguins in the sunny south.

Over the past year the club was represented in the Antarctic by Max Corry, due back any week, in charge of the Amery Ice Shelf expedition: and the recent additions of Rowan Webb and Peter Griffiths at Mawson.

TRIP STATISTICS 1968/69

Type of Trip	No. of trips	Number Attending	No. per trip
Day walks	3	192	64
Weekend walks	15	345	23
Long weekend walks	3	45	15
Easter walks	3	81	27
Day rock climbing trips	4	21	5
Weekend rock climbing trips	10	222	22
Weekend caving trips	2	56	28
Alpine instruction course	1	44	44
Feathertop hut (M.U.M.C.)	2	39	20
work parties			
24 hour walk	1	150	150
Federation weekend	1	31	31
Extended walks	2	37	19
TOTAL	47	1263	27
TOTAL (1966 - 1967)	59	1080	18
" (1964 - 1965)	35	1242	35

(Note - the reliability of these figures is less than 100% due to some trips not being recorded in the trips book and others having an unknown number of cancellations)



The year 1968-69 has been one of the most successful for club trips. Altogether 47 trips were organized and attracted a record total attendance of 1263, the average per trip being 27. This average would have been much higher but for a large number of small trips during last spring and summer. It has been the policy of the Trips Secretary to aim for as large a trip as possible since it is felt that this club is run for the benefit of ALL members. Hence, every encouragement was given to those who showed any interest at all in any trip.

The areas visited ranged from the Kosciusko and Cobberas areas in far S.E. N.S.W. and N.E. Vic., to the Grampians in W. Vic. and Tasmania to the south. The most successful trips were the Easter walks near Mt. Buller, the Anzac Day walk near Healesville, the rock climbing courses at Sugarloaf and Arapiles, the 24 hour walk with 150 participants from M.U.M.C., the Post Exam Bludge in the Howqua River Valley, and the recent Beginner's Weekend walk at Wilsons Promontory, all these trips having more than 50 persons participating.

A promising sign was the greatly increased attendance on the snow trips, compared to the previous year's slump, the Mt. Buller snow trip last year having 44 persons.

The rock climbing year has been mainly one of informal intergration of various organizations. through the Victorian Climbing Club (V.C.C.). This close co-operation has led to a higher overall standard in climbing but it has meant that the planned M.U.M.C. rock climbing programme has almost vanished. The 1968 M.U.M.C. beginner's course was rather disappointingly unfruitful but it is hoped that with a slight change in the structure of the 1969 climbing course, starting next Tuesday, more beginners will receive better tuition and will continue rock climbing. Enquiries should be directed to Clive Parker. The V.C.C. in the coming year plans to produce two guide books, one of which is being financed by a loan from M.U.M.C.

Turning from the angelic realms to the subterranean - M.U.M.C. caving has been mainly executed under the auspices of the Victorian Speliological Association (V.S.A.). A beginners course consisting of a lecture and two weekends at Buchan was held, and those who intended to continue were invited to join the V.S.A. This policy will continue as it is probably the most beneficial to Victorian Caving although it is sad to see M.U.M.C. lose its identity as an organisation which runs caving trips.



M.U.M.C. members also accounted for a large percentage (75%) of those who attended the Australian Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club's alpine instruction course held at the M.U.M.C. hut on Mt. Feathertop last winter. Other N.Z.A.C. functions were also well attended by M.U.M.C. members. In this respect it is of interest to note that more than 20 club members visited the New Zealand Southern Alps last Christmas, including one large party of 7.

Of a total of 9 members of the Australian Andean Expedition of 1969, two M.U.M.C. members, John Retchford, and Michael Feller, were selected to take part in this Australia's first mountaineering expedition to one of the world's great mountain ranges. This expedition plans to climb, explore, and carry out medical research in the Peruvian Andes for three months this coming winter. Several previously unclimbed mountains up to 20,000' in height will be attempted.

Coming back across the Pacific to Australia and ski touring. During 1968 approximately 6 club members went on ski touring trips in the Victorian and N.S.W. Alps: many people have expressed interest, and those wishing to become familiar with this growing extension of our activities are invited to contact Bruno Zeller for details.

Canoeing is another opening field. Eleven club members were recently instructed on a National Fitness course and from the general interest expressed it would appear that before too long we should be offering canoe trips. 1969 will essentially be a year of investigation in this field.

On the basis of his observations over the past few years, the Trips Secretary, Michael Feller, would like to make the following comments on several aspects of trips.

(1) Trips Leaders

These are always hard to find and the trips Secretary greatly appreciates any qualified person who volunteers to lead a trip, even moreso if that person can supply details of the route, standard, etc.

(2) Tuition

At the moment there is not enough emphasis on this although he believes that it can be over emphasised. The Beginners Weekend Walk, it is felt, is not the place to run a bushwalking instruction course since



most people present are going on the first club trip to see just what it is like. By all means they should be shown how to pitch tents etc., and given instruction in map reading and navigation - but only if they want it. Later walks, particularly the Easter walks, provide ideal opportunities to teach beginners about the art of bushwalking.

- (3) Areas - Many people believe that M.U.M.C. should not visit the same area in successive years, but certain areas are just ideal and most people want to go there anyway, outstanding examples being Wilsons Promontory for the Beginners Weekend Walk, and Feathertop and Bogong for snow trips. However, the club should endeavour to visit "new" areas each year as well as revisiting "known" ones. Michael believes that these "new" areas should include some which lie far afield such as the Flinders Ranges in S. Aust., the Warrumbungles in N.S.W. and even the Glasshouse Mts., or the Lamington area in Queensland.
- (4) Types of Activities - At the moment there are movements afoot to increase the scope of the clubs activities by introducing canoeing and reintroducing hut building. As these are both outdoor activities directly associated with mountaineering Michael thinks that there should be room for both. However, with regards to hut building, the only democratic way of deciding whether or not the club should build another hut is to obtain a consensus of opinion from as many club members as possible. It is hoped that this will be done at a Special General Meeting proposed next month.

A further activity which might well prove beneficial to the club is that of organising an expedition to some remote place not too far from Melbourne. This should appeal to anyone with an adventurous spirit, such as might be expected to be found in a club like this. Two areas which could be investigated are several islands in the sub Antarctic which have not yet been visited by man, or the Carstenz Range in West Irian. The latter provides a few thousand feet of vertical rock walls in a rather isolated region, and should attract a combined exploring/rock climbing expedition which could achieve much in the way of climbing (the mountains rise to 16,000') as well as aiding Australian-Indonesian relations. Such expeditions are frequently run by the mountaineering clubs of different American Universities.



M.U.M.C. Memorial Hut

The hut is in very good condition and has required little maintenance since its construction. The only major problem appears to be the insulation which deteriorates in the extremes of temperature encountered on Mt. Feathertop. The water collecting system appears effective and the water tanks are usually full. The toilet is also in good condition. A recent work party, apart from a general clean up, continued the insulation installation, put in a bookcase to accomodate the rapidly expanding library, cleaned up the basement, proofed the toilet floor, plugged up any cracks, and generally checked up on the huts condition (the summit cairn on Mt. Feathertop was also rebuilt). It was of interest to note the large number of people who had used the hut this summer, there being 50 on one night alone, although this is frowned upon since the absolute limit on the bunk floor is 15 persons as well as others. It also served as an ideal base for snow climbs in Winter and Spring; for which it was mainly designed.

Judging by the favourable comments in the log book, this climb through the Feathertop hut, is held in high regard by many other Victorian walking clubs, and the hut has certainly proved a worthwhile asset to Victorian outdoor activities.

THE MOUNTAINEER - the club magazine continues to play a vital role in notification and dissemination and we are grateful to Pat Dugan for his untiring efforts on our behalf. However, his job as editor would be less restricted if he were freed from most of the mechanical details of production - the duplication, collating, etc. To allow the editor to devote more time to improving the magazine a strong recommendation is made to the next committee to appoint an assistant editor to handle the production side of the publication. The position of duplicating officer was advertised in 1968 but, as no applications were received, Rosalie Fahore from the committee volunteered for the position. This necessary move rather defeats the object of sharing the work load in administering one of the largest clubs in this university amongst the maximum number of people. There are many positions; delegates and observers, people to take charge of publicity, catering, 24 hour walk etc.; that could easily be filled by non-committee members. These positions are advertised in "The Mountaineer" and your applications are welcomed.



Harry Schaap is overseeing the production of the, as yet unnamed, club journal. If you have any suggestions for a name please share them with the new committee by letting the 1969 Secretary have them as soon as possible. Enough contributions and photographs have been obtained to ensure a high quality representative magazine appearing later in first term.

During 1968/9 Sue White held the position of club librarian and has done valuable work in extending both the size and the scope of her charge. The system whereby borrowers enter all loans in the book provided appears to have been successful, but some people have been somewhat forgetful and this has caused some inconvenience to other club members.

Over the past year many new maps became available and it is hoped to increase the efficiency and use of this section during 1969.

The only business arising at Sports Union meetings of direct concern to the club involved the yearly grant from the Recreation Grounds Committee for equipment and running expenses, and the acceptance of Orienteering as an Intervarsity sport.

This Intervarsity 24 Hour Walk, initiated on an unofficial basis by M.U.M.C. in 1964, has now received official recognition by the Australian Universities Sports Association. A set of rules based on those drawn up by M.U.M.C., which were in turn based on the rules of the English Orienteering Association and of our club 24 Hour Walk, have been finalized: and the first Intervarsity 24 will be organized by this club for the period May 31st - June 1st, 1969.

The club has been relatively active in the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs during the past year, its main contribution being perhaps the organization of the annual Federation Weekend in the Brisbane Ranges last September. This well attended weekend consisted of a 6 hour orienteering contest, a dance in the Anakie Hall and an 'historical ramble' around Steiglitz on the Sunday. The club has also been taking an active interest in the building of the Federation's hut on the Bungalow Spur of Mt. Feathertop. This hut, being built about one mile up the spur from the old Bungalow Hut, is being financed by the Tourist Development Authority and the Federation on a 4:1 basis. Materials have been flown in by helicopter and, at present, the hut is at the stage where the wooden frame has been erected.



Currently the club has 24 members on immediate call out, and 8 available after some time, in the F.V.W.C. Search and Rescue section.

Although the club was poorly represented on the Search and Rescue Practice it provided a significant proportion of the personnel on the last two 'call-outs' both of which occurred on the Mondays of long weekends.

This activity allows us to put something very worthwhile back into the sport we enjoy. Our peculiar skills and experience can here be directly used, should the need arise, to benefit the general public. If any male members feel they are able to contribute to this public service they are invited to apply to either the S&R. delegate Don Allison or to the 1969 Secretary.

The Federation has been approached by the Tourist Development Authority for its recommendations for a system of integrated walking tracks through the Victorian Alps. A subcommittee of four has been set up to consider this matter and M.U.M.C. is represented by David Hogg.

Whilst there has been little other activity in Federation circles, moves by this club are afoot to attempt to remedy this situation. A letter constructively criticizing the present administration and suggesting means for correcting the present deficiencies has been sent by this club to the secretary of the Federation for discussion at the Federation's Annual General Meeting. As a result it is hoped that "a stronger dynamic co-ordinating body will emerge for the furtherance and enjoyment of Victorian bushwalking". This letter will be sent to other affiliated clubs and will soon be published in "The Mountaineer".

David Hogg, principally, has also been engaged in producing a "Guide Book to the Victorian Alps". This is being compiled from many club and private trips held since February 1968 and the proposal publication date is November 1969.

We are a corporate member of the Victorian National Parks Association and are currently represented by Richard Dale with voting rights of ten votes. Mrs. R. Frankenberg has recently conducted a survey of conservation reserves throughout Victoria and this is being edited by the Melbourne University Botany Dept. prior to publication this year. Two new National Parks have been announced but not gazetted, over the past year, one on the Lower Glenelg, and the other in the Little Desert area in Western Victoria. M.U.M.C. has withdrawn, at the



recommendation of our delegate Lorraine Allen, from active involvement in the South West committee. We plan to be advised of South West developments by the Hobart Walking Club delegate. We can, however, report that an area of 473,500 acres, to be designated the South West National Park, was gazetted in October 1968. This area includes the former Lake Pedder Scenic Reserve and a large area to the south including the whole of the Eastern and Western Arthern Ranges including Federation Peak. Richard Dale, our V.N.P.A. delegate, has more details.

The club history is being written to be preserved by the university archivist as a part of the Sports Union development.

Our room within the Union Building is currently the subject of some discussion and it is presently being thought of as a storeroom by the committee.

During the year some thought was given to First Aid; and Alison Nevile was appointed First Aid Officer. If sufficient people are interested in 1969 a First Aid course could be conducted.

At this point I should like to thank, on behalf of the club, all those who participated so willingly and so unselfishly in helping to run the club over the past year. Many times a request has meant some personal readjustment and we are all grateful, I feel sure, to those people who are always so ready to assist.

The delegates and observers have well represented us and our views, sometimes where the listeners have been somewhat critical, and we appreciate the efforts of these people in our interests.

I should also like to thank my colleagues and the 1968 committee for their ready assistance to their new quasi-secretary. Their co-operation has usually been instantaneous and unstinting and this has made my job very much easier.

Finally I should like to express our thanks to Mike Feller for his untiring involvement with the club over the past years and I am confident that you will all join with me in wishing both he and John Retchford well in the Andes, and Mike later in Canada.



Let us now look ahead into the silver anniversary year of the club and consider some of the challenge awaiting us.

(i) The canoeing programme will need extensive investigation into the club interest, principally, and the financial outlay both initial and in the maintenance stages.

(ii) The club journal will appear, and its effect on Victorian walking will need to be gauged.

(iii) The club could well profit by an increase in ski touring activities.

(iv) The "Guide Book to the Victorian Alps" will need research and support from the club and should be a valuable asset to Victorian walking.

(v) The rock climbing guides will similarly need our support.

(vi) Submission for capital grants from the Recreation Grounds Committee to assist in the growth of the club over the next 10 - 15 years need to be formulated and forwarded to that committee in the very near future. Any suggestions for capital improvements, extensions of club services etc., should be rapidly made to the 1969 Secretary.

(vii) Other submissions for the revitalization of the F.V.W.C. will probably have some penetrating effects on club relations with that organization during 1969.

(viii) We, the 1968/69 committee, have found the need for many other people to assist in the day to day running of the club. The club, that is each of us, need the services of approximately a dozen extra people in addition to the elected committee for efficient maintenance of club activities. If you can spare a few hours per month for one of these extra jobs please apply when they are advertised. Your valued assistance will be very welcome. Aside from delegates to various organizations we need people to oversee: orientation week displays, catering, Intervarsity walks and many other activities.

IAN THOMAS  
Acting Sec. 21/3/69



GENERAL FUND

PAYMENTS:

Transport	1812	25*
24 hour walk	983	05
Appropriation for journal	216	01
Dinner dance	318	50
Purchase of publications	3	55
Hut and room	98	37
Affiliation fees	11	50
Printing and typing	110	74
Stationary	62	80
Postage	48	33
Library	73	31
Equipment	16	05
Suppers	6	64
Taxes	8	49
Donations	110	00
Unaccountable expenditure	11	96
Insurance	153	27
Expenses still to be refunded to MUMC by Sports Union	124	98
Sundries	8	94

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\* Profit for trips held in 1968/69 was \$36.08; see note iv, (a).

PAYMENTS:

Packbadges	50	00
Songbooks	41	78
Maps	32	98
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Guide book		68
Journal	101	08
	<u>229</u>	<u>36</u>

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Excess payments )	533	88
over receipts )		
Cash on hand 19/3/69	18	58
Cash in bank 19/3/69	1306	66
	<u>1859</u>	<u>12</u>



## NO. 2 ACCOUNT

FOOD SALESRECEIPTSPAYMENTSSTOCK  
23/3/68STOCK  
19/3/69

Suprise peas	35	45	52	96	3	20	22	40
Potato	23	95	16	68	6	00		64
Chocolate blocks	185	33	200	69	15	90	21	45
Chocolate bulk	26	64	24	50		--		--
Parsnip	5	17		--	13	44	6	08
Carrot	15	27	17	91	13	44	15	00
Onion	8	24	12	00	10	08	10	64
Cabbage	14	60	17	96	4	80	3	40
Egg powder	54	25	84	00	7	84	42	56
Glucose	43	00	48	96	1	60	15	60
Tinned butter	1	05		--	1	35		--
Dried apples	18	43	40	95		66	25	20
Dried apricots	69	46	79	22	14	50	6	00
Sultanas	14	85	16	82		--	2	34
Freeze-dry meat	111	08	206	14		--	89	20
Happy ade	20	89	79	15		--	58	82
Rice	1	39		--	1	00		--
Soup powder	3	00		--	3	00		--
Plastic bags	7	33	10	00		--		--
Milk powder	4	57	3	84		--		--
Milk tubes	3	44	4	01		--		--
Fru nut cereal	10	63	9	72		--		--
Dried peaches	11	70	12	87		--		--
Dried pears	5	02	8	75		--	3	60
Beans	9	52	34	34		--	18	24
Sundries	3	64	15	34		--		--
Unreceipted income	25	55				--		--
Excess of pay-)	733	45			96	81	311	17
ments over )	263	36						
receipts )	996	81	996	81				

Increase in stock:  
\$214.36

ROPE AND CORD SALES:RECEIPTSPAYMENTS

Linen waistloop	71	56	38	76
Flat tape	13	96		--
Terylene string	1	23		--
Sash cord	2	15		--
Venetian blind cord	25	45	27	70
Tubular tape	18	82	18	00
Carbide spares		84	2	91
Rope inc. etriers	422	62	511	01
	556	63		
Excess of payments )....	41	75		
over receipts. )	598	38	598	38



<u>HIRE:</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>
Hire fees	467 57	Repairs	16 64
Rope hire	1 40	Sundries	5 80
Overdue fees	10 56		22 44
Unreceipted income	1 29	Excess of receipts over payments	458 38
	<u>480 82</u>		<u>480 82</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Cash on hand 23/3/68		Cash on hand 19/3/69	
Hire	29 68	Hire	6 06
Sales	33 23	Sales	24 10
Bank	280 66	Bank	487 05
Trade credits	13 56	Cheque books	2 50
Bank interest	9 31	Excess of payments over receipts (FOOD)	263 36
Excess receipts over payments(HIRE)	458 38	Excess of payments over receipts (ROPLS)	41 75
	<u>824 82</u>		<u>824 82</u>

There are several comments that should be made on the above figures.

- i) The 24 hour walk was not run for a profit. The profit that did occur however was a direct result of an increase in entries on the year before when the '24' lost money.
- ii) The "Journal" items include the receipts and expenditures associated with the film 'The Night Of the Iguana' run last year.
- iii) The system of receiving money into the club is not perfect but it should be possible to eliminate the items 'unaccountable expenditure' and 'unreceipted income' if all money which goes into the cash book is recorded in the receipts book.
- iv) The general fund did not over spend as badly as it might appear because:
  - (a) \$336.35 was paid for trips held the 1968/9 financial year and for which revenue was collected in 1967/8. Profit for trips held in 1968/9 was thus \$36.08.
  - (b) We paid for 2½ years insurance which will in future, we hope, be paid by the Sports Union. This cost us \$153.27.

The main thing the figures show is where MUMC obtained its money. We do not make a significant profit on trips or the club dinner dance. General income, mainly subscriptions, cover sundry running expenses adequately. The publications fund makes a significant profit should be enough to enable it to pay for new publications in the future, if profits are taken over a long enough period. The store runs at a small loss which could be eliminated with a little more care. The rope and cord sales break even since this year the amount of rope



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on hand increased. The hire section makes a large profit. However the present hire fees are determined by the policy that there should be some encouragement for members to buy their own equipment.

As a general observation I should like to point out that the MUMC has large assets and it is important that we use them constructively and carefully. At present we are proposing to put out a guide book which will use a large amount of our cash. We are also putting out a journal.

P. S. Smith

Hon. Treasurer 1968/69

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27/8 MARCH 1969

At this inaugural meeting of the 1969/70 committee we came close to setting even if we did not set, a new record of five hours for the duration of club committee meetings. During this meeting many topics were discussed and some deferred to succeeding meetings. Amongst those considered were:

The retying of the Club Constitution. This should be available to interested persons by the end of April.

A Special General Meeting for the Club to receive the investigatory report from the hut sub-committee is to be held on May 5th.

Following the increase in interest in canoeing Roger Little has been appointed to ascertain club interest and the feasibility of MUMC entering this activity. Any suggestions and comments can be directed to him.

Subject to the candidates approval MUMC has nominated non-MUMC Federation members for the positions of FVWC Resident, Secretary, and Treasurer. At the FVWC AGM, to be held on May 21st, a speaker from the Winter Mountaineering Group will discuss ski touring.

A name for the club journal was discussed.

MUMC has decided to affiliate with the Australian Conservation Foundation.

As a club we decided to take no official stand on the re-imposition of the Wombat Bounty: it being more the province of organizations like the Victorian National Parks Association, with whom we are affiliated.

Some suggestions for additions to the library were tabled and are being held pending the appointment of the 1969/70 librarian.

A list of positions needing to be filled for efficient club operation appear elsewhere and applications should be lodged with the Secretary by April 30th.

Trips over the May vacation were discussed and it is felt that our Queen's Birthday weekend climbers and walkers should endeavour to be in the same area.



A policy decision was made that our present financial losses on food rates should cease and that sales should at least "break even".

Geoff Fagan was appointed to organize our contribution to the University Open Day.

"Aitman's" Rd" is to be cleaned and reorganized.

The committee decided not to officially support the Miss University Quest.

The next committee meeting is to be held in the Sports Union Offices at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday May 1st, 1969 and will mainly consider the appointment of delegates, observers, etc. and the Inter Varsity walk.

If there are any topics you wish to raise please bring them to the Secretary's notice by the 30th April.

Ian Thomas

(Hon Sec. (28/3/69))

#### THE FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

##### A Matter of Concern for all Bushwalkers

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs is a body consisting at present of most of the larger bushwalking or mountaineering Clubs in Victoria (including the .U.M.C.) as well as several smaller Clubs - a total of fourteen Clubs in all. It is intended to be a united body, striving for the furtherance of bushwalking in Victoria. Its activities include:

(i) Holding two annual social functions, the Moomba Day Walk and the Federation Weekend. These are designed to promote interclub relationships and are organised each year by different Clubs of the Federation on a rotation basis.

(ii) Organisation of a voluntary search and rescue section to assist the Police Search and Rescue in operation in bush and mountain country.

(iii) Holding an annual trackclearing weekend for the maintenance and marking of walking tracks. Over recent years, the venues for these have included the Baw Baw Plateau, Wilson's Promontory, Mt. Donna Buang, Mt. Feathertop and the Taggery River.

The Federation occasionally issues publications of interest to walkers, the last major one being the Map Index published in 1962. A bimonthly newsletter, "Federation News", containing details of Federation activities and other information of interest to walkers, is sent to all Clubs and is available to individuals for



a subscription of 25 cents per year.

This summer, the Federation has been involved with the largest project it has ever undertaken - the building of a hut on Mount Feathertop.

In addition, the Federation is intended to be the "spokesman" for bushwalking organizations in Victoria, advising such bodies as the Tourist Development Authority, the National Fitness Council and various other government and semi-government bodies, when the occasion arises.

#### The Place of M.U.M.C. in the Federation

What contributions has this Club made to the Federation in recent years? The greatest contribution is in Search and Rescue, this Club having provided over one third of the personnel, including over half the S. and R. leaders, on the last three search callouts. Honorary Life Member, Bill Bewsher, is the Field Organizer of the Federation S. and R. Section. Although Club attendances on the Federation social functions are generally low, the Club organized a very successful Federation Weekend in the Brisbane Ranges last September. The Club has played a significant role in Federation trackclearing over the last six years and has been actively concerned with the Federation Hut project for which Dave Hogg is the Chairman. Speakers for the Federation Annual General Meeting have come from M.U.M.C. twice in recent years. "Federation News", edited by Dave Hogg, is produced using Club facilities and is generally dispatched with assistance from Club members.

Until fairly recently, a serious interest in the Federation has been restricted to a handful of Club members. This may be due in part to unfortunate timing in the planning of the Federation activities so that they fall at a time of the year when the Club is relatively inactive. However, there is probably a more fundamental reason behind this apathy towards the Federation. The M.U.M.C. is always seeking new projects - new huts to build, new publications to issue, new activities to pursue, and, at least in the past, new areas to be explored and opened up for mountaineering. These are the sorts of things which are lamentably lacking in the Federation. The only exception being the Feathertop Hut project which may not have gone ahead but for M.U.M.C. participation. This problem has gone to the extent where Clubs members are starting to ask why the Club continues to affiliate with the Federation, particularly as our affiliation fees are so high because of our large membership.

This attitude to the Federation precipitated some action at a recent Committee meeting when it was decided to write a letter to the Federation instructively criticising its present failings and suggesting means by which it may be built up to an organization yielding benefits to its Members worthy of their contributions towards it. A copy of this letter is reproduced below. Those Club



members that have any suggestions on this matter are invited to discuss them with Ian Thomas or Dave Hogg and to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Federation on May 21st (see Trips Programme for details) when the issues in this letter will be raised with the other Federated Clubs.

This is the letter:-

The Secretary,  
Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs,  
Box 815F,  
G.P.O.,  
Melbourne, 3001.

Dear Sir,

Recently there has been much discussion within the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club as to whether the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs is discharging its obligations to its Members in the fullest and most efficient manner possible. It is the aim of this letter to bring the faults, as they appear to us, to the notice of the Federation, to suggest means in which the present situation can be corrected, and to suggest avenues of self-improvement upon which the Federation may embark for the furtherance of bushwalking in Victoria. The Committee of the M.U.M.C. requests that the contents of this letter be discussed at the next Federation Annual General Meeting. We invite those similarly interested in improving the Federation to bring their suggestions forward at this meeting.

Let us firstly consider the objects of the Federation, as laid down in its Constitution, and whether or not they are being achieved, together with possible methods of improvement:

(a) "To unite all Victorian walking clubs and other clubs having like interests for the protection and advancement of mutual interests".

While most larger clubs are Federation Members, there are some which are not (e.g., Latrobe University Mountaineering Club). We feel that an active effort should be made to attract these other clubs, instead of it being left to their own initiative to seek out the Federation. Currently, both these clubs and the Federation are lacking the benefits of one another's experience.

There are also many smaller bushwalking clubs (e.g., school clubs, non-metropolitan clubs) and other outdoor activity clubs (e.g., rockclimbing or caving clubs) which may benefit from being associated with the Federation, but are unable to contribute to it to the same extent as the present Members, or by their nature may not be eligible for normal membership under the requirements laid down in the Constitution. We recommend that a form of Associate



Membership be introduced, whereby such clubs are kept informed of Federation activities and bushwalking activities in general (via "Federation News" and other circulars) without actually becoming involved in the affairs of the Council. Such clubs would be charged an affiliation fee of (say) \$1.00 per annum and be invited to attend General Meetings in a non-voting capacity, should they wish to discuss any matters with the Council. Proposed amendments to the Constitution to make provision for such Associate Members are included later in this letter.

(b) "To promote the pastime of tour walking".

The promotion of tour walking by the Federation does not appear to have been much in evidence over recent years. Displays and/or lecture evenings on bushwalking topics directed towards the general public, together with increased promotion of the Moomba Day Walk, would go a long way towards filling this present lack.

(c) "To encourage good fellowship among Federated Clubs".

While this is currently being fulfilled reasonably well by such functions as the Moomba Day Walk, the Federation Weekend and Featherstop Hut work parties, it would be imprudent not to attempt to improve this fellowship. We suggest holding occasional social evenings (monthly or bemonthly) to enable members of Federated Clubs to meet each other. Such evenings could be organised by the Federation or alternatively, the Member Clubs could take turns in playing host and organising the meetings, perhaps making a normal Club meeting an "open house" to all Federated Clubs. Such evenings would increase the general intermingling of Clubs and provide an excellent opportunity for dissemination of information on unusual trips such as Flinders Island, New Guinea, the Nullabor Plain Caves, the Andes, etc.

(d) "To assist in searches for persons lost in remote areas of the State and to maintain a Search and Rescue Section".

This is undoubtedly the most publicly beneficial function that the Federation is currently fulfilling. However, it is also lamentably far from approaching reasonable efficiency. The last two searches have readily demonstrated the inefficiency of the present callout system, when severally Club Contacts were unable to be contacted. Urgent attention needs to be directed, in our opinion, to the contact and callout system, to the critical evaluation of the competence of potential leaders and to the pressing need for co-ordination among various organisations such as the Federation, the Forests Commission, St. John's Ambulance, the M.M.B.W., the Country Fire Authority, the Land Rover Club and local authorities. The Federation could lead the way by suggesting a co-ordinated search plan to the Victorian Police.



(e) "To clear and maintain walking tracks".

The scope of the Track Clearing Committee could be widened from clearing and marking tracks to becoming a general information centre for walking tracks in Victoria. This would entail more frequent meetings (say three to four per year) to report on cleared tracks, to suggest tracks for individual clubs and Government bodies to maintain, and to suggest when maintenance is needed on the various refuge huts in the State. A close liaison with the Tourist Development Authority in the matter would be of great value.

(f) "To gather, collate and distribute information regarding tour routes, maps and other subjects of interest".

Apart from occasional notes in "Federation News", virtually nothing has been done in this field since the Map Index published in 1962.

Revision of this Map Index is a matter deserving the Federation's urgent attention and the Mapping Committee should be revived for this purpose. In addition, the Mapping Committee could be of great value in collating information on new maps for publication in "Federation News" and in making recommendations to certain Government departments on the publication and revision of maps of bushwalking areas not adequately covered.

Another worthwhile project would be the publication of a general guide to walks in Victoria. This project started a few years ago but immediately lapsed when the Convenor went overseas. It is envisaged that such a booklet would contain a list of suitable walks together with references to guidebooks, club magazines, etc. for detailed tracknotes and other information.

Briefly, the other objects of the Federation are directed towards the proclamation and welfare of National Parks and other conservation areas, the protection of native flora and fauna and the prevention of vandalism and bushfires. These objects are perhaps secondary to those discussed above and there are other bodies specifically set up for these purposes with which the Federation co-operates. Nevertheless, the question of whether or not the Federation should play more than a token role in these activities deserves some consideration.

We would now like to suggest some general administrative improvements that may benefit the Federation.

1. Have a Council consisting of people who are able and willing to take an active part in the running of the Federation.

Currently, it appears to be an unwritten policy that each Club delegate be a senior committee member of that Club. While being eminently able to express his Club's policy, often this



delegate is unable to give more than nominal support to the Federation because of his commitments to his own Club. We recommend a change in this unwritten policy. Perhaps more use could be made of the delegate and observer system, with the delegate being the person actively concerned with the Federation and the observer being the senior Club committee member, able to advise the delegate on Club policy.

2. Invite people outside the Council to take more interest in the running of the Federation.

People outside the Federation Council are often better qualified and have more available time to represent the Federation on specialist committees etc. These positions could be advertised in "Federation News".

3. Co-opt. a "Minutes Secretary" to the Council. This would leave the Secretary free to concentrate fully on discussion and to handle more efficiently the business of the meeting. This "Minutes Secretary" could be a delegate or a person without voting rights co-opted to the Council for this purpose. Such a system has proved very efficient in M.U.M.C.

4. "Federation News" could increase its scope and improve on its format. Perhaps a subcommittee could build up the "News" to a more substantial periodical, subsidising the cost of production with advertisements, and inviting contributions, both news items and full-length articles, from members of Federated Clubs, particularly those that do not have a magazine of their own. The present system of one person writing editing, typing, duplicating, addressing, wrapping and posting this valuable public relations outlet for the Federation is nothing short of farcical.

There is one other matter we would like to raise which concerns affiliation fees:

The M.U.M.C. is not only a bushwalking club, but like the Y.H.A., our ranks contain members who join us for other activities than bushwalking, e.g., rockclimbing, caving, snow-and-ice climbing and orienteering.

Currently, with a membership of 500, the Club will be contributing \$25 to Federation finances through its affiliation fees. This is more than one quarter of the figure of \$96.30 shown in the last Treasurer's Annual Report as being the affiliation fees of the whole Federation for 1968. In contrast, some of the smaller Clubs are paying \$2.00 per annum. There has been much discussion within the Club recently as to whether the M.U.M.C. is receiving benefits from the Federation worthy of the financial drain on Club resources. Our membership fee is basically 60 cents per annum per person and, of this, one twelfth (5 cents) is lost to Federation finances.

While the Club is, in principle, in agreement with the idea that the larger and wealthier Clubs of the Federation should contribute more to Federation finances than the smaller Clubs, we



feel that an upper limit of \$10.00 per annum should be set on the affiliation fee. To this end, the M.U.M.C. moves the following amendment to the Constitution of the Federation to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May 21st, 1969:

That Clause 8(b) in the present Constitution be amended to read:  
"The amounts of the Annual Subscription payable are as follows:

i. by the Rover Section, Boy Scouts Association and the Youth Hostels Association - \$6.00 per annum.

ii. by other Members with a membership of less than forty persons - \$2.00 per annum.

iii. by other Members with a membership of between forty and two hundred persons - 5 cents per member per annum.

iv. by other members with a membership of greater than two hundred persons - \$10.00 per annum.

For purposes of calculating the Annual Subscription, the membership of a Club shall be the number of financial members as at the preceding annual general meeting of that club."

In connection with the proposal for Associate Membership, the M.U.M.C. proposes the following series of amendments to the Constitution of the Federation, also to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May 21st, 1969:

1. That the following be inserted in Clause 5:

" 'Associate Member' means a club which is an associate member of the Federation as hereinafter provided."

2. That Clause 6 become Clause 6(a) and an additional Clause 6(b) be inserted to read as follows:

"Associate Membership of the Federation shall be open to organisations with an interest in bushwalking or outdoor activities in general or in any activities with which the Federation is concerned without necessarily having bushwalking as a principal object."

3. That in Clause 7(a), the words "Clause 6" be changed to "Clause 6(a)".

4. That an additional Clause 7(e) be inserted to read as follows:

"Any organisation applying for Associate Membership shall submit its application in writing to the Secretary. Such application shall be dealt with as in Clauses 7(b), 7(c), and 7(d)."

5. That the following words be inserted after the word "greater" in Clause 8(b) of the present Constitution or after the words "\$10.00 per annum" in Clause 8(b) amended as above:

"by Associate Members - \$1.00 per annum."

6. That the words " or Associate Member" be inserted after the word "Member" where it occurs in Clauses 9, 10, 11, 33, 54 and 56.

7. That the following be added to Clause 12:

"Associate Members are not entitled to vote at a Meeting or meeting of the Council."



8. That in Clause 18, the words "or Associate Members of the Federation" be inserted after the words "Federated Clubs".

In this letter we have set out some points where we feel the Federation is lacking, and we have suggested ways in which the situation could be remedied. We now ask the Federation and its affiliated Clubs to consider these points and discuss them with us at the next Annual General Meeting on May 21st, 1969.

We invite any further comments and suggestions so that a stronger, dynamic co-ordinating body will emerge for the furtherance and enjoyment of Victorian bushwalking.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) Ian Thomas  
Acting Honorary  
for the Melbourne University  
Mountaineering Club.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS arising from the AGM.**

At the AGM the amendment relating to the Clubs address, namely, "For the purpose of correspondence, service of notices, and business transactions the address of the club shall be care of the Sports Union of the University of Melbourne" was passed. The other amendment concerning the voting rights of the 'Chairman' was not passed but a different form was approved. At the Special General Meeting to be held on May 5th (see trips prog. for details) this altered form will be moved for official approval. The amendment reads as follows:

That a new Clause 10(a) be inserted as follows:

"The President shall preside as Chairman at every general or committee meeting or if there is no President or if he declines to take the chair, a Chairman shall be elected by the meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only."

The present clause 10(a) be changed to 10(b), 10(b) to 10(c), 10(c) to 10(d) and 10(d) to 10(e).

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**Bushwalking and Mountaineering Leadership Certificate**

A course for those wishing to become qualified by training and experience to lead groups in bushwalking will be conducted by the National Fitness Council of Victoria at Howman's Gap during the period 10-18 May 1969. Its aim is to enable those aspiring to leadership in this field to obtain qualifications which will be recognised and be of a high standard. It is envisaged that most applicants will be practising teachers and youth leaders although the course is open to any male or female who meets the selection requirements. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary - Ian Thomas. The closing date for applications is Thursday 22-4-69.

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**Hut Sub-committee report at the AGM.**

At the AGM an interim report by this committee was given. The full report of this committee follows:



## REPORT OF THE HUT SUB-COMMITTEE.

The purpose of this subcommittee was to "investigate the desirability of building a hut and present a proposal to the committee." The purpose being

- 1) to find a suitable site.
- 2) to find a suitable design.
- 3) to assess costs.
- 4) to determine site tenancy requirements.
- 5) to determine a means of finance.
- 6) to assess the work force available.
- 7) to determine the purpose for which the hut is to be used.

Purpose

The subcommittee decided that the hut should be above the snow line as huts are more useful there. It was hoped to find a site to cater for as many as possible of snow and ice climbing, snow walks, langlaufing, rock climbing and summer walking. The hut should be of a size suitable for small parties and not large beginners groups. A project of the size of Feathertop hut was felt to be definitely undesirable.

Sites

Sites were considered in most parts of Victoria, and the most suitable site was found on Quartz Knob on Mt. Bogong. A second suitable site is on the Bav Baw Plateau. The attached table shows the sites considered.

A visit was paid to Quartz Ridge and a site selected. It is in a small almost level clearing, about 50 yards below the treeline and about 250 yards from Quartz Knob. It is at about 6000 ft. and in the last clearing below the tree line. It is surrounded by gum trees 15-20 ft high which will make the hut inconspicuous and provide firewood. The ground is brown earth, covered with grass with a few rocks scattered around. Gravel and sand will have to be carted to the site. There is adequate stone for building.

Water is available within twenty minutes of the hut, ie about the same as Feathertop. Access is either by landrover to Cleve Cole hut and then by foot over the summit to Quartz Ridge or by car to Bogong Ck. Saddle and walk to the hut site up the ridge. Walking time with packs is about 2 hours. There is a cleared track and the spur is about the same gradient as the Bungalow Spur track on Feathertop. Permission from the S.E.C. will be necessary to use the road to Bogong Creek Saddle.

Design

The major decision in the design before any details were worked out was whether or not to build a prefabricated hut or to completely design and construct the hut ourselves. It was decided that the prefabricated type of structure was by far the most practical for the magnitude of the project envisaged. The major factor in this decision was the time involved in erection which for a prefabricated hut could be 10 weekends, i.e. a full summer. As was found at Feathertop complete construction takes considerably longer. Some estimates were carried out for a hut of concrete blocks which need at least 20 weekends with no allowance for extra fittings or mishaps. It is essential in our opinion to minimise the interference with the normal trips programme. The prefabricated hut will cost more but the extra cost would be well worth the saving in time.



	Quartz Knob	Baw Baw	Barries	Cobberas	Dargo High Plains	Fainter Niggerheads	Grampians	Hotham	Cobbler, Howitt Upper Howqua.	Stirling	Snowy Plains
Dist:	far	near	far	too* far	far*	far	far*	far	near	near	far
Wintr access	OK	good	OK	poor	poor	poor	good	good	bad*	OK	poor
Build-ing access	good	good	OK	good	good	OK	good	good	OK	OK	good
Summer water			poor *	good		OK	good	good	OK	OK	good
Summer tourists	few	many	few		many *	many	many	too* many	few	many *	few
Future Commer devol-pment	not in sight	road	not like -ly	no	no	no	yes	*yes	no	*yes reg.	no
Near main road	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no
Dupl. Ftop.	part	no	no	no	no	*yes	no	yes	no	no	no
Huts there now	2		-	1		-	-	many *		-	3 or 4*
Rock clmg	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
Snow	good	OK	-*	good	yes	yes	no*	good	good	good	good
Ice clmg	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	no*	no	?	no	no
Lang lauf	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no*	yes	yes	yes?	yes
Veget ation	open	open	scrub *	timb ered	open ?	open	timb er	open	timb er	?	open

\* Main reasons for rejection

All area are suitable for summer walks and those areas with snow are suitable for snow walks.



Design (cont.)

The unit decided on is a 14ft. x 10ft. rectangular hut. It is made by Builders Equipment Pty. Ltd. It is constructed entirely from modules. The wall modules are 8ft. by 2 ft, the door and window sections 8'x4'. These weigh about 55 and 110 lb. respectively and thus can be fairly easily transported up the mountain. The floor modules and roofing come in similar units. All materials for the hut shell should be able to be carried up in two weekends by 20 people. This design has the advantage that if at any stage in the future we wish to extend the hut, we can do so by purchasing more sections. A 150 gallon tank is envisaged, if possible installed underground as at Feathertop. Wooden stumps are suggested for the foundations. It is proposed to equip the hut with two bunks across the end each 6'6" long and 10 feet wide, a sink connected to the tank and a stove of the type at Feathertop. This would cater for 10 comfortably and 15-20 in an emergency.

The hut would not need to be insulated as it is wooden which would be warm. It would be, if properly erected, fitted out and looked after, a credit to the club.

Labour

It is felt that if the general meeting decides to build a hut, labour will be volunteered. Members have in the past always come to assist in projects of this kind. A breakdown of estimated construction time is as follows.

Site inspection and marking	1 weekend	2-5 people
Digging of basement and putting in stumps and floor bearer	2 weekends	10 people
Carry up hut shell	2 weekends	20 people
Erection of hut	2 "	10 "
Erection of WC, bunks, etc.	2 "	10 "
Misc. jobs, cementing, plumbing	4 "	10 "

As can be seen some of the sections will overlap. (E.g. the shell can be carried up while the basement is being dug.) The maximum time estimated is 12 weekends which means that the hut could be erected in one summer.

Costs : Estimate

Prefab. unit: door, 2 windows, no insulation ...	\$563
Prefab. unit: door, 1 window, no insulation...	\$543
12 stumps @ 98c.	\$12
Floor bearers	\$ 7
Foundations	\$20
Nuts, bolts, screws	\$15
Stove, sink	\$30
Tank, guttering, piping.	\$25
W.C.	\$50
Timber	\$10
Lamps,	)
Stoves(cooking)	) \$50
Misc. fittings	)

There is a committee meeting on April 16th at 7.15 p.m. in the Sports Union Offices.

LENT FORGOT YOUR NAME TO THE CLUBS TEAM.



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SEARCH AND RESCUE

Mr. Bill Bridge Superintendent of New Zealand Police Search and Rescue will be visiting Melbourne in early May. We are currently endeavouring to arrange for him to address the Club, plus the FVWC, sometime between the 6th and 8th of May inclusive. All S & R members, and any others - females especially welcome, are invited to be present. Further details, date etc., will be available from either Mr. Ron Frederick (2882136) or Ian Thomas (340484 Ext. 2687).

CAVE S & R EQUIPMENT

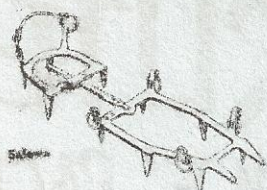
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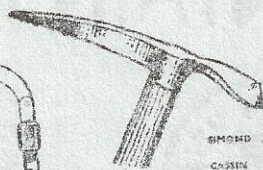
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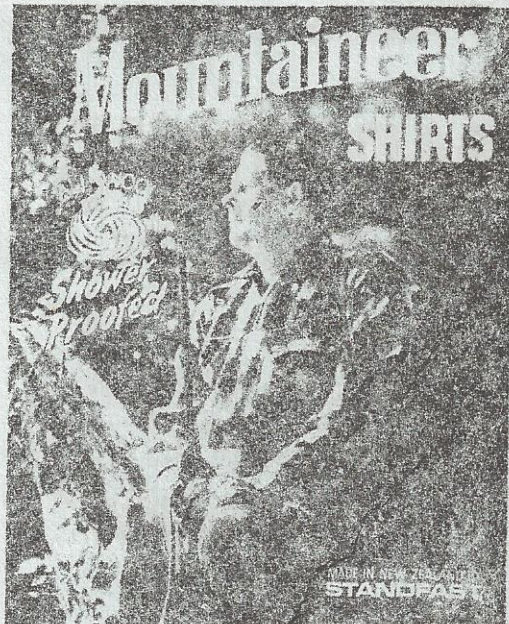
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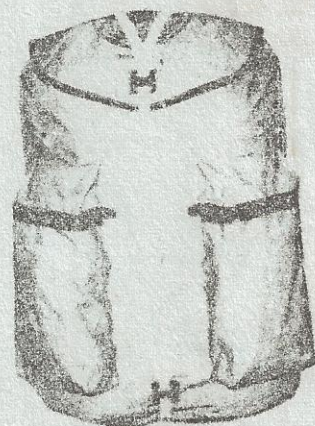
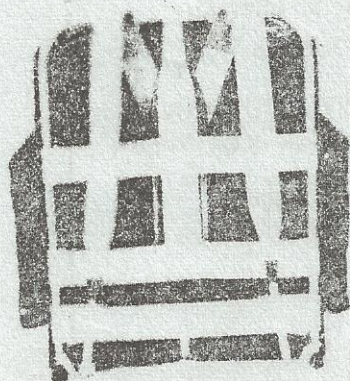
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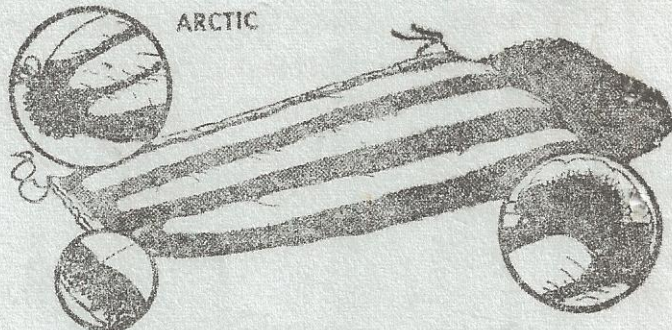
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