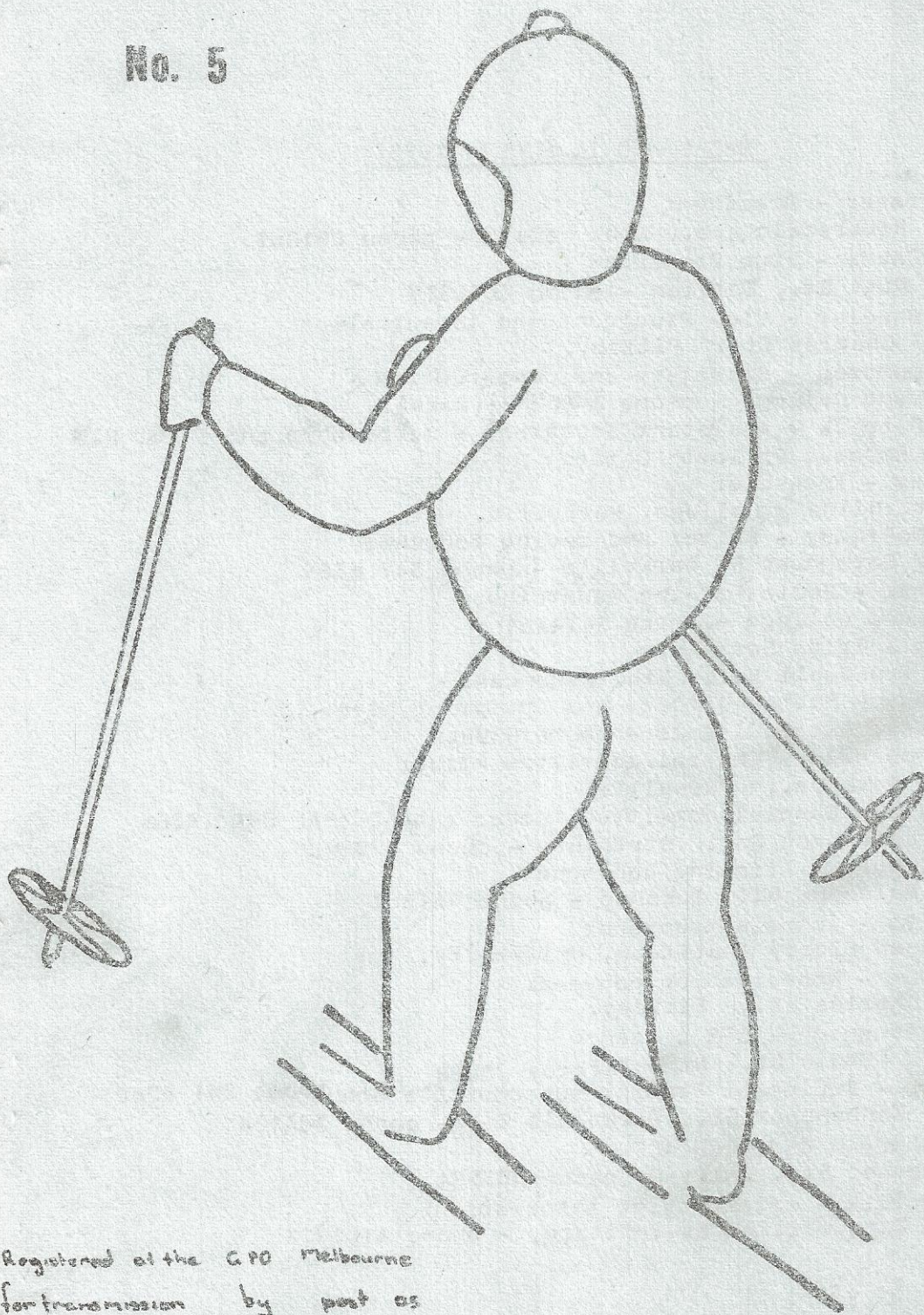


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EDITORIAL - 'A newspaper article written or sanctioned by the Editors.'

"Newspaper" - 'a periodical publication containing news.'
(Even if it is out of date, irrelevant and uninteresting.)

"Periodical" - 'to be produced at regular periods.' This is the official designation - but how regular is "regular"? As has been remarked, "You never expect a Mountaineer - it just turns up!"

"Article" - a fragment/epic scribbled on computer paper or backs of envelopes at the last minute, or prepared with loving care over several months.

"Written by the Editors" - this is extremely unlikely and if it does occur is only under duress (ie. at ice-axe point.)

"Sanction" - 'permission by authority; countenance given by custom.' "Authority"? - when people swear at you for not publishing their articles exactly as submitted? (Libel suits do have to be considered.)

"Countenance given by custom" - this therefore absolves the Editors of any culpability for that scandalous column 'APITM' and other scurrilous meanderings that can be expected in this worthy "periodical". Of course, this year there are two avenues for securing "countenance" for your "articles".

"Editors" - there are now two of these beings - they run around asking/begging/lifting "articles", are generally to be found typing stencils and using gellong of stencil eraser. They talk nicely to the duplicator (and the duplicator officers - sometimes), and are criticised and abused on all sides (destructive criticism is much easier to produce than constructive criticism or praise). But through it all they somehow preserve their smiling "countenances", willing eagerness, and blushing modesty.

What more is there to be said?

COMMITTEE MEETINGS5th June

A letter from Craig Devlin (published in the last Mountaineer) provoked much discussion, and, amongst other items, it was decided to close Aikman's Road on one day a week, usually Wednesday, to hold other activities such as meetings with guest speakers and slide shows to which Club members can bring their own slides.

Approved for Search and Rescue were: Kathy Kelaher, Stephen Glen, Douglas Silke, Roy Snoekstra, Alison McCready.

3rd July

Mr Tickner paid a visit to Aikman's Road at lunchtime and observed the usual crowd of people taking out and returning equipment, booking skis, or just conversing.

MUMC agreed to be put on a roster for arranging the FVMC Moomba Daywalk, which "will involve us organising a walk every 10 to 20 years".

Orienteering - money collected at contests will have 80% of the profits put towards map-making.

Feathertop Hut - both water tanks were reported full, and water samples taken have been approved fit for drinking. There are briquettes stored at Aikman's Road for the hut - it is hoped that people intending to visit the hut will take a few with them.

Results of the 24 hour walk are available and are published later in this issue.

BUSHFIRE MEETING

A speaker from the CFA gave an interesting and valuable illustrated talk at an evening meeting. The main points to emerge from this were that: the principal source of danger in a bushfire is radiated heat, and protection from this is essential for survival; that panic is a killer, and that running wastes energy unnecessarily; that shelter should only be sought in flowing water, and not in elevated water tanks; and that common-sense is a must in bushfire situations.

LUNCHTIME MEETINGS

Several slide shows have been held at lunchtime, to which Club members have brought a wide selection of slides, ranging from Rob Jung's shots of the Budawang Range trip, to blackmail photos taken on the Beginner's Bushwalk, from Summer trips to Tasmania to slides of last year's snow walk (there wasn't enough snow this year).

During Earth Week, MUMC arranged a lunchtime meeting, the subject of which was South-West Tasmania; speakers were Arnold Wheeler and Dr Geoff Mosely, and the talk was followed by Les Southwell's slide extravaganza (with appropriate music) of Lake Pedder and surrounding areas.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH-WEST

1. LAKE PEDDER

The Australian government's Lake Pedder Committee of Enquiry has at last handed its long-awaited report to Dr. Moss Cass, and will be considered by Cabinet shortly. In essence it recommends that Pedder can and should be saved.

The outcome will depend largely on the strength of public opinion. YOU can help considerably by writing to Mr. Whitlam - or by just mailing him a postcard. These are available, free, at Aikmans.

2. PRECIPITOUS BLUFF

The second battle for a key area of the South-West is now developing over "PB" (Precipitous Bluff) which a mining company wants to quarry for limestone.

PB itself is one of the most distinctive and spectacular peaks in the SW, offering excellent climbing, scrambling and caving in the largely virgin and unexplored terrain.

It is also set in one of the remaining primeval rainforests, of great variety and in virgin country left untouched by fire for centuries. The loss of PB would also mean losing a great deal of the popular South Coast track whose superb forests and coastline of sea-cliffs, bays and beaches - especially New River Lagoon and beach, are unrivalled in Australia.

When Mineral Holdings first lodged their application to mine, the Mining Warden refused to grant it. But the archaic mining laws do not recognize any community interests such as bushwalking, only commercial interests, as the Supreme Court ruled in June. Premier Reece, who is also Minister for Mines, forbade the Director of National Parks and Wildlife to object to mining operations.

Since then, Mr. Whitlam has decided to support a court move by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust when we appeal against this ruling in August.

3. SOUTH-WEST COMMITTEE

The South-West Committee have at last released their 'management plan' for the South-West and are now endeavouring to stir up public support for it.

Les Southwell.

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TRIPS PROGRAMME

Meetings, bushwalking and orienteering trips are planned well ahead whereas the more specialised activities, rockclimbing, caving, canoeing, etc., which generally cater for smaller groups, are subject to variations with the trips being organised (or sometimes cancelled) at short notice. Those interested in these activities should keep in contact with appropriate club members and check the trips book. Details of all functions can change at short notice and will be posted in the trips book at Aikman's Road.

NOTE: The trips leader may organise a meeting before the trip, in which case attendance is compulsory; if it is absolutely impossible to attend the meeting, the leader must be contacted before the date of the meeting. If no meeting has been planned, it is the responsibility of everyone intending to go on the trip to contact the leader at least 4 days before the trip leaves, to arrange transport and equipment. Anyone failing to do this will not be allowed to go on the trip.

Standards of Trips

Bushwalking trips are classified as follows:

- EASY - considered easy for those who are moderately fit but not necessarily experienced.
- MEDIUM - fair for fit people. Some previous hiking experience is desirable. Hard for the unfit or inexperienced.
- HARD - difficult for fit experienced walkers. Impossible for others.

Transport

Transport to and from venues of club trips is by picnic van or private car. For van trips, it is essential to know numbers as early as possible. The van for day trips departs from Batman Ave near Swanston St between 9 and 9.30 a.m., and normally returns by 6.00 p.m.. For longer trips, the van leaves the car park immediately north of the Union building at 6.30 p.m. on the night before the first listed day of the trips (normally on Friday night). The van normally returns before 10.00 p.m. on the last day of the trip.

Any club member wanting to run his own trip using a club-organised van may do so if there is sufficient room on the van.

Bookings

There are three ways of booking for a trip, the first being the most preferable.

- (i) Place your name and other details in the trips book at Aikman's Road (1.00 to 2.00 p.m. weekday lunchtimes or 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays).
- (ii) Ring the trip leader.
- (iii) Ring John Yuill 379 8826 A.H.

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- July 29 (Sunday) Daywalk - Warburton
Leader: Liz Brown
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private car or public bus service
(See trips book for details)
Map: Gembrook 1:50,000. Britannia Ck Falls -
Cumming Spur - Mt Tugwell - La La Falls -
Warburton.
- August 4-5 Ski-touring - venue according to snowfall.
Leader: Rod Tucker
Keep watching the trips book for details.
- August 4-8 (Saturday - Wednesday) Non-Snow Walk - possibly to the Grampians
Leader: Roy Snoekstra
Standard: Medium - Hard
Transport: Private.
- August 7 (Tuesday) Monthly Meeting
Sports Union Activities Room (?) - 7.30 p.m.
Bring your slides of recent trips; Bruno Zeller
will be showing slides of climbing in
Europe. The usual lavish supper will be
turned on.
- August 11-12 Non-Snow Walk - Upper Yarra and Falls Creek
Leader: Geoff Lay
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
Visit a number of little-known falls on the
headwaters of the Yarra.
- August 11-12 Canoeing- see trips book for details.
(Probably 2 one-day trips)
- August 11-12 (Weather permitting) Second Annual Midnight Ascent of Mt Feathertop
Leader: George Kuczera
Standard: Ridiculous
Transport: Private.
- August 14-15 (Tuesday-Wednesday) Intervarsity 24-hour walk.
Hosted this year by Monash University. Please
see a Committee member immediately if you
are interested in competing.
- August 15 (Wednesday) Snow and Ice Climbing Talk.
Sports Union Activities Room - 7.30 p.m.
This talk by John Retchford (a member of the
Australian Andean Expedition) is compulsory
for those going on the Alpine Instruction
Course. Others are welcome to come along and
find out what snow and ice climbing is all
about - it's quite different from rock
climbing!

- August 17-26 Bushwalk - Flinders Ranges.
(Friday - Leader: Rob Harris (phone 817322)
Sunday) Standard: Medium - Hard.
Walking will include the Wilpena Pound area.
- August 18-20 Alpine Instruction Course at Mt Feathertop
(Saturday - Coordinator: John Retchford
Monday) Standard: Medium - Hard
Transport: Private
Participants must have snow camping experience.
Preference will be given to leaders and
beginners.
- August 24-26 Annual Winter Ascent of Mt Bogong
(Friday - Leader: Robyn Fraser
Sunday) Standard: Medium - Hard
Transport: Private
- August 25-26 N.Z.A.C. Alpine Instruction Course - Mt Feathertop
Anyone wishing to go on this should see the Trips
Secretary (Rob Jung) for details.
- September 5 OXION: Auction of Yeti Traps and other relics.
(Wednesday) Oxioneers: Arnold Wheeler et al.
Venue: George Paton Room (7.30 p.m.)
- September 8-9 Federation Weekend Walk.
See trips book for details.
- September 15-16 Bushwalk - The Otways in Spring.
Leader: Roy Snoekstra
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
- September 19 Audio-Visual Ascent of Rumdoodle
(Wednesday) Organiser: GLAY
Time: 1-2 p.m. - venue to be decided.
To be repeated at 7.30- venue to be decided.
See following pages for details.
- September 29-30 Bushwalk - Mt Kooryoora - Melvilles Caves
Leader: Rob Jung
Standard: Medium - Easy
Transport: Private
Map: Dunnolly 1:100,000. This rocky area becomes
a fabulous wildflower garden at this time of
the year. There is also the added interest of
several granite caves, one of which was
reputed to have been used by Captain Melville
the bushranger.

Canoeing: Trips will be organised according to the state of the Water and of the boats. See trips book for details.

Ski-touring: Trips are generally organised at short notice due to the fickle snow conditions. Details of these will also appear in the trips book.

Rockclimbing: With the onset of winter there will be little activity on the rockclimbing scene, although the occasional trips will probably appear in the trips book.

The rockclimbers will mostly be found hibernating in a nice warm hut with a large log fire, above the snow line. The more active will eventually venture outside with ice axes, crampons, ice screws and other winter climbing gear.

Caving: As the members of the caving subcommittee are all having exams in September, there will not be much activity until after these. However, a trip may be arranged for the beginning of August.

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Monthly Meeting: The Ascent of Rumdoodle

Contrary to popular opinion, Rumdoodle is not the highest mountain in the world. A large team of Russian surveyors using a vast number of 15-inch rulers suspended from an orbiting space craft have established conclusively that Mt Oxo is 153' higher than Rumdoodle and is therefore worth climbing. This evening will feature an illustrated talk showing the planning, preparation and execution of

"The Re-Ascent of Rumdoodle"

(The first ascent was in 1969, per Dave Hogg.)

Slides showing the personalities involved and their epic adventures (eg catabalistics, I.P.-ing, tent erecting, etc) are needed. (Any serious slides are liable to be censored.) Please forward them to GLAY, no later than September 12. The slides will be shown on Wednesday September 19 both at lunchtime and again at an evening meeting.

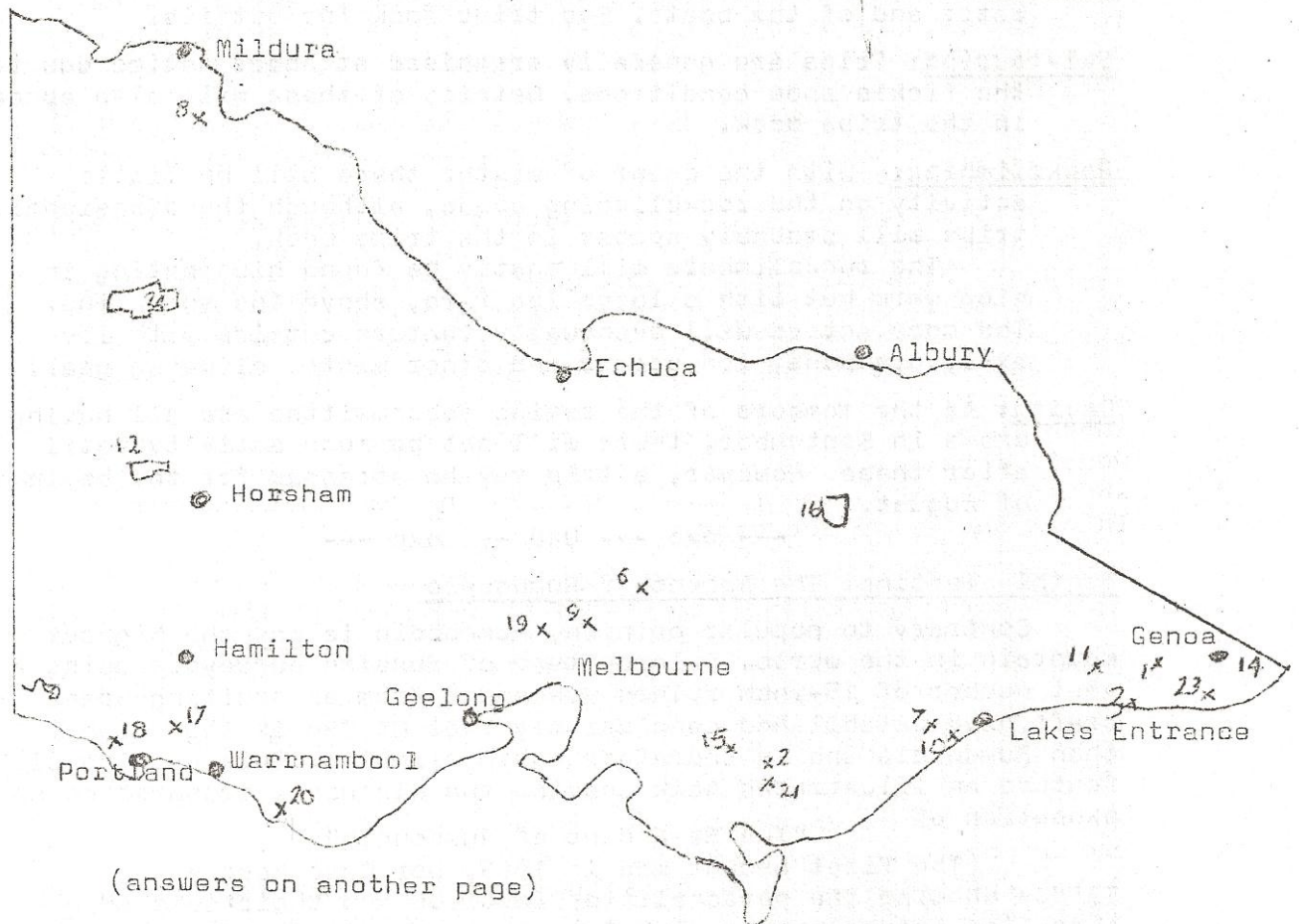
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Long Vacation Trips:

With oncoming exams, activities will quieten down in third term - but this is also the period in which extended vacation trips are planned. These trips often require air drips, which must be sent to the Air Charter company at least a month before needed. In most cases this will mean mailing before the end of November.

Long vacation trips are often private trips and therefore not widely publicised. To find out about them, come to Aikmans Road at lunchtimes, or ask the Trips Secretary or other Committee members. People interested in organising or helping to organise such trips should advertise the relevant details in the Mountaineer and/or inform the Trips Secretary.

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Do you know your National Parks ?M.U.M.C. ANDEAN EXPEDITION

An MUMC expedition to the Andes will be taking place in 1975. It is proposed that the expedition will comprise some serious climbing and a considerable amount of exploratory trips in the Andes of Peru.

A group of six to ten is envisaged, all of whom would need some alpine climbing experience but who need not be avid climbers.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in this expedition which is expected to last about three months.

The party would need to be finalized by March 1974.

Anyone interested ring Pat Miller (874 8336 before 9.00pm)
Interested people need not necessarily be MUMC members.

NEW ZEALAND 1974

Wanted: one or three potential climbers/walkers (preferably at least part female) for a trip to Earnslaw/Aspiring area in January.

Applicants must be fit, and prepared to attend a climbing course in December.

This is an ideal opportunity for a newcomer to N.Z. to join an experienced party in an excellent area.

Anyone interested ring Pat Millar (874 8336 before 9.00 pm) soon.

Pat and Carla Miller
Rod Tucker.

RUMBLEGUTZ*****

I had the opportunity last month to listen to a lecture delivered by that culinary connoisseur, that fixer of foods, that mixer of mush, that infamous almost a doctor; David Malcolm. Mr. Malcolm felt it would be beneficial to the general membership if his work of art was to be immortalized in print. Here then is Dave's Script.

TOWARDS THE PERFECT SANDWICH

For the last 3 years the University of Calgary has attempted to research and improve our knowledge of sandwich structures. In case of accusations that this work has been irrelevant and wasteful the finding has recently been applied towards perfection of the "back--packing sandwich"- the sandwich most suited to the person spending a number of days in the wilderness and carrying his supply of sandwiches on his back.

The conditions that we are therefore considering are:

1) a sandwich which will not fracture, crumble or squash under frequent thumps, crashes, packings, unpackings, stretchings and squashings.

2) a sandwich which will remain edible after 5 days of severe aridity, heavy condensation, sub-zero temperatures, or after being left in a pack for use on the next weekend.

3) the contents of the sandwich should not deteriorate for several days in any environment.

4) it should be nourishing.

5) the sandwich should be inexpensive to make.

6) it should have a high energy/weight ratio.

It is therefore necessary to choose a combination of breads and fillings which will satisfy as many of the above requirements as possible. Sandwiches containing cheese or salami do not deteriorate, crumble, or ooze water and they even taste good. The ideal bread might be one that contains no water- something like Ry-vita. This, however, is unfortunately brittle. In fact we are nearing the non-sandwich, a slice of something plus a cracker, which is fine except that it is not as immediately convenient as the sandwich and would put the sandwich R&D departments out of work. Attention has recently been given to the freeze-dried sandwich. This promises to look like a small bag of flour with salt, yeast baking instructions and a bag of lettuce seeds. It may sell very well in the Bangladesh refugee camps but not so well to high plains' skitourers.

The most realistic solution may be that of a very dry, dense, fibre-reinforced bread containing salivary gland activators. The recommended procedure for eating these sandwiches is to first drink as much dilute Happy-Ade as possible (to top up the glands) and then to eat the sandwich slowly. After a few days of training the user will have conditioned his glands so that less Happy-Ade is required and the sandwich can be eaten at a normal rate. Prototype sandwiches of this kind have been used by the Outer Mongolian sasquatch searchers and they (the sandwiches) have proven themselves well.

At the discussion following this lecture, another paper was presented. It contained further details regarding the fibre bread sandwich.

D.Wales. " I would like to comment on the lecture presented by Dr. Malcolm on sandwich structure and the effect on it by glutius maximal compression factors. His usual thorough and knowledgeable presentation was marred only by his vague reference to "saliva activators" which he implied were added to the drier but more resistant sandwiches. We at the Natural Oils and Juices Institute have found it is not always necessary to add these activators; in fact, in some test subjects (*Homo sapiens glacijs*) copious amounts of saliva were produced naturally and they were capable of eating corn beef and rye sandwiches without the benefit of a bottle of chutney or a packet of Happy-Ade. These subjects were termed "droolers" as opposed to the more common "oozers". Oozers produce instead of saliva a skin substance capable not only of withstanding sunburn but also of repelling flies. In the field oozers are identified by their oily appearance while the "droolers" have a slightly frothy appearance about the mouth. In conclusion not all *Homo Sapiens glacijs* require saliva activators to consume pack-resistant sandwiches; only the "oozers". "

Until the next issue, eat well,

R. Galt

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE

The ABC is planning to show its second series of "Wild Australia" on Tuesday nights at 8.00pm from July 31st to Sept. 4th inclusive. This will be followed by the film on crocodiles in Papua-New Guinea, and then from Sept. 15th to Oct. 23rd by a repeat showing of the first "Wild Australia" series.

The films in the second series are:

- No.1 "Albatross Island"
- 2 "The Receding Wetlands"
- 3 "Antarctic Winter"
- 4 "Antarctic Summer"
- 5 "The Diminishing Rainforest"
- 6 "The Seal Watch"
- 7 "The Crocodiles of Papua-New Guinea"

The film director for these series would welcome any comments on the films as they are shown upon the series as a whole.

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THE FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs was formed as a means of communication and co-operation between the various bushwalking clubs. Since then it has grown to take a very important and active role in bushwalking matters in this state. All large bushwalking clubs, including MUMC, are members of the Federation and have voting rights at meetings. Smaller groups such as school clubs and scout groups are entitled to join as associate members and are encouraged to do so.

Activities of the Federation range from trackclearing and hut maintenance (the Federation has recently built a hut on Mt. Feathertop), to conservation concerns involving submissions to the Land Conservation Council. The Forests Commission has worked closely with the Federation in the planning and cutting of the alpine walking track which extends from Mt. Erica in the south to Tom Groggin on the N.S.W. border.

The Search and Rescue Committee of the Federation, in liason with the Victoria Police, co-ordinates a group of volunteer bushwalkers in the event of a member of the public becoming lost in the bush. In general the group is "called out" a number of times each year.

Through member clubs, the Federation organises two trips each year: the Federation day walk and the Federation weekend.

The MUMC committee feels that it is important for MUMC members to become actively involved in the Federation. You can do this by attending the above-mentioned trips and perhaps more importantly by applying for membership to the Search and Rescue group. For details contact an MUMC committee member.

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CLUB ACTIVITIESCANOEING

The club has held two canoeing trips in the past month; the first being two one-day trips on the Yarra, and the second, two one-day trips on the Delatite.

The Yarra trips were marked by the sayings of that old-man canoeist Rodney S. Tucker esq., who, after muttering, "You're all mad. It's too cold." all day, finally decreed that as far as he was concerned, canoeing was out until the warmer weather reappeared. Of course, the trip wasn't one of Rod's best-- for example, he and Alison McCready gave a "demonstration" run through Arthur's Mistake (a grade 3 rapid) where they all but tipped in. Undaunted, they returned for another go and _____ that's right, came to a rather wet ending.

An unfortunate aspect of the Yarra trips was the progress that has been made at the site of the Yarra Brae dam, which, once built, will flood most of this trip from Wonga Park to Jumping Creek. It appears that the construction of the dam will go ahead without any real inquiry into its environmental effects.

The Delatite trips left most people with the feeling that the Yarra just wouldn't be the same again, as, despite a large number of holes in the Canadians, it was just a bit more fun than the Yarra. Naturally, the numerous capsizes were the main feature of the trip, with one of the most spectacular being John Terrell and Alison going down Whipp's Mistake backwards, or was it sideways (?), with the inevitable result.

Another feature of the Delatite trip was the appearance of Phil Seager's "new" kayak with a mere twenty six patches to its credit, and of course, everyone is waiting for the moment when his latest kayak (he has three) hits the water--one suspects that the fact that it has a pale pink deck wouldn't have anything to do with it. It appears however, that Phil might be having second thoughts about the pink horror, when he mentioned that he might allow yours truly to have a paddle in it. That's equivalent to a grade 5 rapid -

"great threat to both life and boat."

Tim Hughes.

SEARCH and RESCUE

On May 5th-6th, the annual S&R practice was held at the St. John's training camp, near Yarra Junction. This was a very successful weekend, with over one hundred people attending. Saturday saw the three new Field Officers lead searches for a fluorescent orange deer-stalker. Later several gruesome first aid films were shown, and the police unit played Guy Fawkes with rockets and flares. On Sunday, we spent four intensive hours on discussions centered around organising searches, equipment and first aid kits for searches and practical first aid.

A new edition of the S&R leaflet (several pages long) was produced, and all S&R members should have a copy by now. The new, improved computer printout should be ready when this is printed, and members should check their listing on it. If you have queries with any of the above, contact me via Aikman's, or on uni. ext. 6766.

Duncan Stevenson.

CONSERVATION

Land Conservation Council

In brief, the L.C.C. is dividing up Victoria into regions, which will be assessed biologically, economically, recreationally, etc., for future land use legislation. When this information is published (in book form) the public is invited to make a submission concerning the land use for that particular area in the manner they see fit.

WE HAVE SAY IN VICTORIA'S LAND USE.

If you want to walk - FIGHT for the land you want to walk in. The MUMC Conservation Subcommittee is helping to:

- (a) Compile information on the bushwalking activities in current areas (for later publications).
- (b) Make submissions on behalf of MUMC, for certain areas to be preserved for bushwalking (amongst other things).

UNLESS WE GET IN NOW, and preserve a bit of land we want.
we may lose it, probably for ever.

WE NEED HELP

Although the information for the Melbourne area is not yet published, we need people with special knowledge of, and interest in certain areas, to make a submission. The subcommittee will help finalize your submission if you need a hand.

What to say in a submission:

- (a) what special features, in that particular area, we, as bushies, are interested in.
- (b) the number of MUMC trips, and an idea of how many people visited that area in the last couple of years.
- (c) any other reasons why the area should be preserved for bushy purposes against the following developments- mining, logging, road making, building etc.

Areas to do:

Baw Baw, the Dandenongs, Mt. Donna Buang, Cathedral Ranges, Mt. Torbreck, Mt. Jerusalem area, Kinglake, Macedon, You Yangs, the Prom, Tara Valley (I think) and so on.

WILL YOU DO ONE SMALL AREA? Most areas would not require more than one side of foolscap writing.

The Subcommittee also needs initial information on the MALLEE- e.g. MUMC trips, special features of the area- land forms, animals wilderness etc..

WE RUBBISH THE SOUTH WEST!!!

We need alternatives to air drop tins, which are piling up in their rusting hundreds in dropping zones. We want to investigate the use of burnable paper bags and to inform the other major walking clubs in Victoria and Tassie, and the Aero clubs of this alternative, and possibly even push for legislation banning the use of tins. Interested in helping?

See Rex Niven, Queen's College.

BUSHWALKING CONSERVATION CODE

FOOD - buy in bulk to avoid unnecessary packaging.

- reuse plastic bags.

- don't buy individual serves or spreads, etc..

- Don't, if it can be avoided, buy things in cans.

RUBBISH - burnable- paper, food scraps.

- plastics- DON'T BURN- air pollution, so take it home and reuse it.

-- carry out anything else, e.g. cans.

- use air drop bags, not tins in Tasmania.

BUSH - don't boulder roll (stop it Bennett!)

- avoid damage to green trees and shrubs..

- burn dead wood for fires .

- don't light fires on Tasmanian button grass areas.

- observe all fire restrictions during summer.

MISCELLANEOUS - avoid too much noise because it frightens wild life away.

- bury sewage completely to keep flies etc. away.
And keep away from streams.

- put out fires with water, or sand.

LEAVE THE PLACE LOOKING AS THOUGH YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE..

A SINISTER INVADER

There is a newly recognised danger which must be added to the list of threats to our bushland. It may be even more devastating than the effects of drought, fire and logging have been in the past. This enemy cannot be seen by the untrained eye, and scientists working on the problem have found no lasting solution.

The culprit is *Phytophthora cinnamoni*, commonly called the Cinnamon Fungus. Given suitable climatic conditions, it colonises plant root systems, causing a decrease in nutrient and moisture uptake and eventually leading to the death of the plant.

In contrast to most pathogenic plant fungi, it has a large range of susceptible hosts, being able to attack more than 400 native Australian species. Included are many eucalypts (especially stringybarks), the Austral Grass-tree, banksias, heaths, and some casuarinas. Manna and Sugar Gums are of intermediate susceptibility, while River Red Gum, grasses and rushes are resistant. Hence some forests have been converted to less diverse grasslands.

At present some 10,000 acres are affected in different parts of the state. Known areas include the Grampians, Brisbane Ranges, Otways, South Gippsland (near Yarram), the northern part of Wilson's Promontory, and extensive areas between Bairnsdale and Cann River.

The spores of the fungus are usually spread by earthmoving activities, ranging from road-building and logging to the transfer of mud on hikers' boots.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- (1) Do not bring any plants from country areas to the city - popular garden shrubs such as rhododendrons and azaleas are susceptible.
- (2) Do not drive cars or motor bikes off formed roads.
- (3) Be aware of the problem when hiking in bushland; especially in muddy conditions.
- (4) Tell other people about the problem.

For more information, contact the National Parks Service or The Victorian Plant Research Institute, Department of Agriculture, Burnley.

Joan Locke

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Recently, a Melbourne newspaper reported the establishment of the Big Desert Conservation Committee, a group of people trying to prevent the despoilation of the Big Desert by the increasing number of visitors to the area. The spreading of noxious weeds by motor vehicles, erosion and rubbish dumping are very real dangers. The Committee would like to see the centre of the desert kept as a wilderness area, with a buffer zone open to visitors.

CAVING: THE DANGER TO SOCIETY

Caves are dark, damp, muddy and dirty. Cavers are dark, damp, muddy and dirty. Both are dangerous. According to our best sociologist, the number of cavers is increasing at an alarming rate when compared to the fairly constant rate of growth of caves. Caving is beginning to challenge the ideas of our sun-loving, happy nation. If you see a caver - beware !

So that you may recognize it, a caver is usually deranged in a dirty white boiler suit, with a dirty **helmet** and head lamp, and at least partially coated in either dried, dirty or sloppy mud. You know a caver by its snake-like profile or by the way it tends to crawl rather than walk. On the other hand, it is characterized by many bruises, broken ribs and thighs, dislocated hips and an invariably high, squeaky voice.

But many of these traits can be disguised. There is, most fortunately, one sure-fire way of picking speleology for what it is. It is, without redemption, a mind-embracing, soul-destroying psychosis. No matter how hard a caver tries, the words of madness will accidentally slip out, "Dig, dig" (then frantically) "dig M15".

The caver will be preoccupied with dark places and with holes - dark, damp holes, the tighter the better. Holes provide it with inspiration, satisfaction and fulfilment. It will stick at a hole, even in extremely bad air, to the end of its physical endurance. Indeed, its pains to find, expose and enter these are equal to the mountain man in his renowned upward battle.

The cause of this insidious condition is not exactly known. It is suggested by some do-gooder psychologists that caving is a natural and quite normal character trait which is present in us all to a greater, or (usually) lesser degree. "After all", remarks Dr. P. Horseflee of S.K.U.M.I., "don't we all look for holes at some stage in our lives? Fate only calls those who are willing to push them."

This rather humanistic view is naturally intrinsically irreligious and hence must be rubbished. Some more responsible elements of our Club have recently taken up a campaign to restore M15 and other caves to their natural state, but some more radical elements have suggested that all cavers be "rounded up" and cast into the void of M15 and then buried alive. (They obviously have no comprehension of the size of M15).

But what of the position of the man in the street? How can he guard against this heretical helminth? What of his wife and children, will they too be contaminated?

Please sign the petition and send it to your local member today!

(Reprinted from Sloth- the Magazine of the MacQuarie)
(Mountaineering Society.)

INTERVARSITY LANGLAUF

MUSKI requires entrants for the I-V langlauf - a team of five men and five women is required. Knowing MUMC expertise in this field I was asked to invite all MUMC tourers to consider the skiing IV from August 13th-17th at Mt. Buller. Team members' expenses will be covered by MUSKI.

Further details may be obtained from me.

Martin Wardrop.

FOLK CLUB

Members of MUMC have, over the past few years, shown an interest in folk music and in folk dancing. This year, the MU Folk Music Club is running a sequence of occasional folk music and dancing "workshops" in the Unoin building. MUMC members who are interested in brushing up their folk dancing and music for various bludge weekends, should watch the Activites Shhet and posters at Aikman's for details.

NATIONAL PARKS IN VICTORIA

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| 1. Alfred | 9. Kinglake | 17. Mount Eccles |
| 2. Bulga | 10. The Lakes | 18. Mount Richmond |
| 3. Captain James Cook | 11. Lind | 19. Organ Pipes |
| 4. Churchill | 12. Little Desert | 20. Port Campbell |
| 5. Ferntree Gully | 13. Lower Glenelg | 21. Tarra Valley |
| 6. Fraser | 14. Mallacoota Inlet | 22. Wilsons Prom. |
| 7. Glenaladale | 15. Morwell | 23. Wingan Inlet |
| 8. Hattah Lakes | 16. Mount Buffalo | 24. Wyperfeld |

24 HOUR WALK REPORT, 1973

At about noon on Saturday June 16th, 130 adventurous walkers headed out of Melbourne for the hitherto top secret area of Steiglitz and Anakie for the annual 24 hour Walk. The 30 people who had booked but decided to pike may now read what an enjoyable/tolerable/exhausting/masochistic/lunatic/competitive/frustrating event they missed out on. From the champagne-popping start on the bridge over the Moorabool River to the finish one day later and many miles away, the weather was fine, clear and mild, with sunny days and a starry, crisp 15-hour long moonlit night.

Competitors had to follow a set course on the map provided, visiting checkpoints dotted around the countryside in a prescribed order. Generally the event started with short legs between checkpoints situated in relatively easy country, but gradually the terrain became tougher and checkpoints harder to find as the weaker teams were weeded out and the night wore on. Of the 25 checkpoints set, the most prominent teams visited up to 22, including 3 or 4 Hash Houses where devoted volunteer organisers and staff rekindled their competitive urge and refueled their "tireless" bodies.

Winners

Male....(1st) R. Jung, G.Craven, D.Bayliss
(2nd) S.Creese, D.Hall, J.Shelton
(3rd) F. McIntyre, K.Thomas

Mixed...(1st) R.Niven, J.Rand
(2nd) R.Tucker, E.Murray, S.Kirby, R.McKenzie,
M.Thomson, S.Wettenhall, F.McCready, A.McCready
(3rd) P.Young, A.Harris

Female..(1st) J.Irwin, K.Alexander

Highlights from around the course:

The leading teams made great use of the daylight left on Saturday afternoon, and some managed to complete the first five checkpoints to Hash House 1 in about 2 hours. This leg was easy enough even for most of the "social" entrants to get a good meal (and extra equipment from the gear sent ahead with the vans) before 7,00 p.m.

Rod Tucker and his "Harem", strongly favoured in winning predictions, were unaccountably well back in the early placings. Were 7 girls proving too much for even the redoubtable Rod to handle?

As the huge moon rose over the stark white gravestones in the Steiglitz pioneers' cemetery, a few playful organisers hid in the shadows and emitted wierd groans. Is this why the two leading teams, only just ahead of the determined procession, didn't even wait long enough to find the checkpoint, thus earning eventual disqualification?

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Complete list of teams starting fourth leg:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Section:</u>	<u>Reached:</u>	<u>Comments</u>
A Kerr, P Morgan, A Milvain	Male	*21	Missed *7
G Martin, R Vickers, B Pullen	Male	*21	Missed finish
G Craven, R Jung, D Bayliss	Male	*21	<u>Winners Outright</u>
			<u>Winners Male</u>
P Miller, W Iser	Male	*20	Missed *7
B Moore, P Moore	Male	*20	Missed finish
R Niven, J Rand (J Tibballs)	Mixed	*20	<u>Winners Mixed</u>
E Wilson, M Merson, I Young, G Schofield	Mixed	*20	Missed *4
B Franz, M James, N White	Mixed	*20	Missed *16
J Irwin, K Alexander	Female	*19	<u>Winners Female</u>
		(Missed *20, reached *21, *22)	
S Creese, D Hall, J Shelton	Male	*19	<u>2nd male</u>
R Tucker, E Murray, S Kirby, R McKenzie, (S Wattenhall,)			
M Thomaon, (F & A McCready)	Mixed	*19	<u>2nd mixed</u>
F McIntyre, K Thomas	Male	*18	<u>3rd mixed</u>
P Young, A Harris	Mixed	*19	<u>3rd mixed</u>

(Brackets indicate team member dropped out)

Highlights (Continued)

The boiling cauldrons of food and blazing fires of Hash House 2 received their first visitors about 11 pm, but very quick meals were consumed with only minutes separating the leaders. Others wandered in from all directions throughout the rest of the night.

The third leg headed into steeper, scrubbiier and less accurately mapped parts of the Brisbane Ranges - yet the leaders were into Hash House 3 by about 5.30 am, with a mere 6 minutes between the first 8 competitors. Once again, meals were gulped in the dark by the log fire.

During the gorgeous Sunday morning, some competitors who had pulled out or who did not want to tackle the long and testing 4th leg, headed off to visit the easier checkpoints around the 5th leg, which led to the road along which the vans would return to Melbourne.

At this stage, checkpoint 10 on the 2nd leg was declared to be eliminated from the competition after the organisers re-visited the saddle; nobody at all had found it, because another saddle on another ridge was a far more obvious location from the direction on which most people approached on that "Not so accurate" map. (?!?!?!?! - Ede.)

The fourth leg and its vague mapping proved a match for even the strongest teams. One competitor complained that while climbing up a particularly steep ridge (cliff?) he was forced to hold on with his eyelashes after his ten fingers and ten toes were slowly

slipping downwards. Shows the beauty of sometimes approaching difficult points by a longer but faster route!

After being delayed in steep-sided valleys and prickly scrub on the ridges, two of the teams most likely to win failed to finish at a hash house or on the return road. The vans left without them and they were disqualified for being "Lost".

The dashing team of Irwin and Alexander arrived at hashhouse 4 with only $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to spare of the 24 hours. They were seemingly the outright winners, but they had missed checkpoint 20 by only a few hundred yards, still easily winning the Female section of the event.

Six men's teams had very good chances of winning if they could find checkpoint 22, but the girls were the only ones to visit this elusive creek junction. Remarkable, the four teams leading out on the fourth leg were disqualified for nerves in the cemetery, or for being lost at the finish.

Congratulations to the eventual winners, and also to the "average" entrants for whom the course was intended. They are not in the winners list, but they found plenty of checkpoints, ~~lost~~ when they liked, and enjoyed it all enormously!

Organisers: Brendan Holland
Duncan Stevenson
Geoff Fagan

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Quotes from the 24 hour Walk:

- Danny, referring to a certain Hash House 1 staff member:
"His snoring was louder than my guitar playing."
- Steve, also referring to the same person: "Next time I'll remember not to sleep within half a mile."
- "Suck more milk!" - Arnold, trying to persuade people to take home left-over milk.
- The three girls who never arrived at Hash House 1 would have been presented with the burnt pie award had they made it.
- "I played my guitar till my fingers grew stiff." - an altruistic Danny, hoping they would hear his playing and thus find the Hash House.
- Auctioneer Harry Schaap disposing of left-over food:
 - Harry - "5c a chop?"
 - Mountaineers - "Yes!"
 - Harry - "10c a chop?"
 - Mountaineers - "No!"
 - Harry - "7c a chop?"
 - Mountaineers - "No!"
 - Harry - "5c a chop, then?"
 - Mountaineers - "No! 4c a chop!"
 - Harry - "No! 5c a chop!"

---(Chops sold for 5c.)

Quotes Continued:

--- Comments recorded at Hash House 1:

Rex - "Our progress was too erratic."

Martin - "If I could raise a belch I would."

Roger - "My comments are unprintable."

and later - "How do you spell 'lynching'?"

?? - "Great fun, really fantastic. Cough, cough!"

Comments from the organisers at the same time:

--- Brendan, sitting back with a can of beer: "It's easy to see the organisers have done a magnificent job. This is going to be one of the greatest 24 hours on record."

(Indicative of what was to follow?)

--- Geoff: "Not only is the food the best tasted out of Maxim's in the city, but furthermore the course is set with micro-millimeter precision. Nobody is having any trouble at all. Anyone who is arriving late is just navigating badly, and that is the only way to explain their difficulties."

(Some would seriously question these comments.)

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Letter to the Editors:

Dear Editors,

As a foreigner to whom orienteering is a novel sport, I had already begun to feel that the detailed maps, and the precision with which checkpoints agree on map and course, left no real challenge beyond endurance running. Imagine my delight when it dawned on me - as it were - after six hours near checkpoint 15, that the 24 hour walk was run on more realistic rules.

It occurs to me that those occasions when MUMC lays out the orienteering course are heaven-sent opportunities to revitalize the sport and bring it some of the real-world flavour of the 24. Nothing would more forcibly remind the contestants of the semantic investigations of Alfred Korzybski, Benjamin Lee Whorf, and S.I. Hayakawa, whose vital contribution to our understanding of the relation between symbol and reality is best summed up in the warning, "The map is not the terrain."

Think how well-prepared we would be for next year's 24 if we practised now and again with maps having 50-(+25)-foot contours everywhere, a ridge (or maybe two) here, a whole slew of free-hand gullies there, and a standard deviation of 500 metres for checkpoint locations!

I'd be happy to help lay out the course.

Ferren Mc Intyre.

More Quotes:

--- Heard from mixed team member late at night: "I feel like a good little Chinese wife trotting along behind."

--- "I'm in the right spot but the checkpoint isn't!"

A PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINEER

Congratulations to Tony and Cath Kerr on the birth of a daughter, Tanya Elizabeth. Cath can now go back to A grade - or will it be a D grade family group? Warning: red papoose packs are definitely against the rules.

It is also rumoured that the original L.H.S.O. Richard Schmidt and his wife Lorna are currently expecting their first addition to the family.

Commiserations to Steve Roylance, who recently broke both ankles in a climbing fall in the Grampians. He is currently residing in Evancourt Hospital in Dandenong Rd, Caulfield.

Quotes from Queen's Birthday trip:

- "Throwing a man's crummet in the fire is about as low as you can get" John Yuill.
- "The Forests Commission do a pretty good job with their tourist shelters" Don Fell.
- "We'd better sleep out tonight, they might get the wrong idea about bushwalking" John Yuill.
- "Until I sat down on top of Ben Bevis I didn't realise I had any muscles in my backside" Di Brown.
- "I'm a violent sleeper" John Yuill.
- "You look like energetic young people" elderly female tourist.
- "There's a bloody track where I wanted us to scrub-bash" John Yuill.
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Telegram from Antarctica:

Midwinter greetings to all from Australia's southern playground. Seen too busy for extended field trips - only visited some islands over sea ice. Skiing and work going well; yet to tackle any of the local mountains but Rumdoodle is first on the list as soon as an expedition can be arranged.

Regards, John Zmood.

Trips Reports:

Several letters have been received from members overseas - from Ros Escott and Ian Whitford in Britain, and from Robert and Vivienne Vincent in P.N.G. These have contained trips reports and valuable information for anyone intending to go to these places, so it is planned to put typed copies of these letters in the library for reference.

AUNT ABIGAIL

Now that the Club has grown to its present size, we realise that, as well as providing a source of help and information on the technical problems associated with mountaineering, this "Periodical" should also be concerned with the psychological welfare of its readers. We have therefore secured the services of that eminent, sympathetic and wise consultant, that furnisher of practical advice, 'Aunt Abigail.' No problem is too perplexing for her to solve, and her comfort and guidance can be obtained free of charge, and without compromising yourself. All queries should be addressed to 'Aunt Abigail', c/- the Editors.



Dear Aunt Abigail,

Last year on the 24 hour Walk I met a boy and fell in love with him immediately. However, he left me soon after the first Hash House, saying, "You are not experienced enough." What can I do?

'Inexperienced'.

Dear Inexperienced,

There is only one solution: Learn how to (navigate, that is).

Dear Aunt Abigail,

I am a male of 21 who joined the club because of my interest in bushwalking, but I find that I am now more interested in Camps. Is this unhealthy?

'Confused'.

Dear Confused,

If you like camps, join the Boy Scouts.

TRIPS PROGRAMME - LATE EXTRAS

--- August 26 - Daywalk in Tallarook area. Leader Rob Jung.

--- September 1-2 - Mystery Trip. Leader Don Fell.

--- September 8-9 - Federation Weekend will be held in the Grampians; organised by Wimmera Bushwalking Club.

For more details of these and all trips, keep watching the trips book at Aikman's Road.

Note: The extended walk to the Flinders Ranges in the September vacation has been cancelled.

How to survive on a tropical Queensland trip during the Wet Season.

There is a great deal of difference between walking in Victoria and walking in Queensland during the wet season. Since I have returned from a five week expedition to Nth. Qld. these have become even more obvious.

Bushwalking in Nth. Qld. during the wet season is not considered a sane occupation by the North Queenslanders, because of the high humidity. Although the temperature does not rise much above 90°F., the humidity makes people feel like lying down all day - certainly not like walking with a pack. So, in this situation, the heat tolerance rather than fitness of a person becomes more important. Tolerance varies considerably between individuals, as does the time taken to achieve any degree of adaptation.

To compensate for water loss through sweating the desire to drink water increases maybe ten-fold. We carried half gallon water bottles and while we carried packs they would last probably three-four hours. Most of our trips e.g. Harbeit River Gorge, Hinchinbrook Island, were along water ways so water was accessible at all times, both for drinking and frequent swims. It would not be advisable to be away from a water source for more than four hours.

Food played a much smaller role on this trip than on any other that I have been on. Our appetites were about half normal. Butter and chocolate were off the menu because they melted the first day. Despite the increase in sweating, extra salt is not necessarily required if there is sufficient in the food. However people who lose a lot of fluid are more susceptible to heat exhaustion- this can be due to either dehydration or salt depletion. Staminade is an excellent drink which tastes like a salty lime and is available in powder form.

The mosquitoes were always a great menace to a night's sleep. We used two methods of protection from these beasties.

(a) cover yourself with thick clothes, woollen parka and overpants (they can bite through one layer of cotton).

(b) put Kokoda insect repellent on all exposed skin. Repellents such as Dimp's Aeroguard did not work.

It was always too hot for a sleeping bag and mosquitoes could bite through an inner sheet.

A tent with a fly net over the door provided a mosquito-free area. When we used this plus a coil which burnt all night we never had any trouble, except when the mosquitoes folded back their wings and squeezed through the tent peg hole. March flies were better biters than the mosquitoes but they only operated during the day. An extra thick layer of Kokoda would discourage them for at least two hours.

Bushwalkers in the Nth. Qld. area have done away with the tent as we know it. Instead, they use a large plastic sheet which when pitched is like a roof held off the ground by a cord running down the middle. The edges are held out and there are no side walls. The plastic is completely waterproof and can be touched without any leaking problems. It dries quickly, is very light and can protect a large area of ground - up to six people could sleep

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under it. The main disadvantage was that it was fully open to mosquito attacks. The problem could be solved to a minor extent by lighting smoky fires at each end. This meant of course that you had to breathe the smoke all night and also get up for more wood during the night. Coils were not successful in these tents because the smoke was not confined within the tent.

A very important aspect of the Qld. climate is the rain. The area around which we did most of our walking (Tully) has the highest rainfall in Australia, with an average of 160" a year and 400" in a wet year. Most of this falls in two -three months. It was pleasant standing in a rain shower - the water is warm and there is rarely any wind blowing at the same time.

Tropical rain usually falls in bursts, with say, one inch falling in an hour. It is therefore essential to pitch a tent with no wrinkles. Otherwise the water leaks through them and cannot be stopped. Water has access to tents by leaking under groundsheets. I once woke up to find that I was lying two inches of water under my groundsheet - luckily it was 100% waterproof.

The proofed nylon groundsheet we had was permeable to water under these conditions.

There are a few inhabitants of the jungle to be wary of. Of these, we had first hand experience of the Gympie - a tree or shrub with broad, bright green leaves covered with hairs. The hair contains a stinging substance and if a leaf brushes against the skin, it causes an intolerably painful, burning sensation which lasts for days or weeks. The sting increases when the skin is exposed to cold water. Months later the pain may still come back when the skin is cooled slightly. After being stung the most important thing to remember is not to rub the affected area. A remedy is to put sticking plaster on the area and then pull it off - presumably taking with it the Gympie hairs.

During the wet season people are discouraged from swimming in the sea except over reefs, such as Green Island. It is at this time of year that the waters are inhabited by Stingers alias sea wasps alias box jellyfish. They are only a few inches long with tentacles up to several feet in length and are quite hard to see because they are colourless. The tentacles contain a toxic substance which causes paralysis if they come into contact with exposed skin, they can't sting through clothing or even through material as thin as panty hose. Several people told us that the best treatment for a sting is not to remove the tentacles but to get out of the water and then pour methylated spirits over them.

At this time of year the water is warm and not nearly as tempting as a Southern Australian sea in summer. On Hinchinbrook Island the sea, at the edges, was too hot for bare feet.

The tropical weather is likely to damage cameras and films. On our trip two cameras succumbed - one with a malfunctioning winding mechanism and the other with a non-operating shutter release. Parts of several rolls were damaged by water. Local photographers told us not to carry the camera in a plastic bag or container but to wear it. Once a film has been finished it should be immediately posted back to Melbourne if possible. More information can be obtained from a book written by Agfa Gavaent, called "Photography in the Tropics."

During the course of a day we swam frequently in creeks and stood under waterfalls. We also visited local baths in the towns at night. In tropical regions, a condition known as Tropical Ear is common, and occurs with greater frequency in swimmers. It is an inflammation of the ear and must be treated.

Beware of the local. Most of the information given to us by locals was incorrect because they rarely turned off main roads. It is much safer to rely on maps. Practically everyone who had any comment to make about our plans was discouraging and thought that we were mad.

EPILOGUE

This account deals only with the hazards of the Trip and some precautions which could be taken. It does not mention any of the magnificent trees, plants, fungi, mountains, islands, sunsets etc., which made the trip extremely worthwhile. I could write pages on these.

Leigh Sutherland.

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THE FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS ctd.

At present three MUMC members hold positions in the Federation. Pat Miller is President, Max Corry is the Chairman of the Search and Rescue Committee, and Tom Kneen is Editor of the Federation newsletter, "Federation News".

Rod Tucker.

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Still More Quotes from the 24 Hour Walk:

- Brendan Holland at the instructional evening: "If you don't find a checkpoint you won't be disqualified, but you just won't win."
- Geoff Fagan on the same occasion: "Things are more difficult to see when it's dark."
- Sue Wettenhall, on the van: "That's not a blue daypack, that's Rod Tucker!"
- Bob Cannon, as the vans stopped once more so that the organisers could check their maps in an attempt to find the start: "Do you realise that if Brendan had been a cave-man, he would have invented the wheel - or anything else round!"
- Checkpoint 9 was cunningly situated on the far side of an algae-covered dam. Fiendish organisers are reported to have hidden behind a conveniently-placed tree to witness the splashings and cursings as eager competitors tried to run across the apparently flat grassy surface.

Well there isn't much snow at time of writing but it may come yet and we still have a fair selection of cross-country ski gear. We also have a fair selection of iceaxes - mostly Simond with best quality hickory shafts at prices between \$19.50 and \$29.50. Also a few Interalp Cerro Torre metal shafted axes at \$25.70. Crampons are almost non-existent as our shipment of Simond Makalu 12 point (4 forward-facing front points) adjustable have sold out completely in a short space of time. We will try to have some more by Christmas. We should also have Salewa crampons before then. We have some Simond karabiners - screw & plain gates (\$2.50 & \$3.00) at present, as well as some Chouinard. Cassin krabs will be along sooner or later, as well our elusive English down jackets and sleeping bags. Some samples of Erve bags and duvets should be in the shop by the time you read this.

We have some overmitts we have made ourselves from silicone-proofed japara and then oiled - they look a bit funny but they should keep out some water and we don't seem to be having much luck getting the usual article at present.

Our pure wool breeches seem quite popular and we have obtained a few more bits of cloth to keep up the supply. We now have a reasonable number of wool shirts of several types:-

We now have the close-knitted all wool "Vard" shirts with full button front and 2 button pockets. At \$8.80 these shirts are excellent value. They are smart enough for use as business or casual shirts in town. They are not as heavy as the N.Z. wool shirts but with other clothing should be satisfactory for keeping you warm in the bush. In N.Z. shirts we only have XOS left in either 'Alpine' or 'Everest'. We are also making our own wool shirts with a full-opening double-acting zip front and 2 zip pockets. We are using a fairly open weave mainly wool, but part nylon, cloth in olive green or a pure wool very dense weave smooth-finish cloth in either bright red or navy blue. The wool-nylon is fairly light and costs \$11.50; the pure wool are fairly heavy and costs \$12.50.

Our long awaited price list is almost in print, should you be looking for some light reading. We are promised Blackshaws "Mountaineering" for next week if you want something solid.

We have made and even sold a few sleeping envelopes made of water-proof coated impervious nylon on the bottom sides and hood; permeable but silicone proofed nylon on the top panel to reduce condensation problems while hopefully shedding at least some of the drips in snow caves or condensing tents or even out in the open maybe. The cost is \$15 and it may be a useful item in very bad conditions or when you are out without a tent. It is not very often a satisfactory substitute for a tent.

We have some tough coated nylon in bright orange for those who have trouble locating their packs, gaiters or friends. It may be alright for overmitts, but is possibly a bit stiff - we haven't used it in this application as yet.

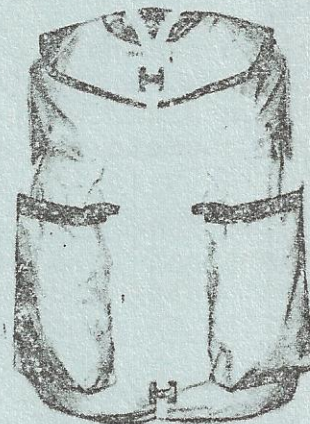
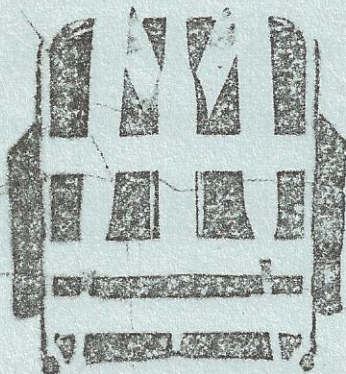
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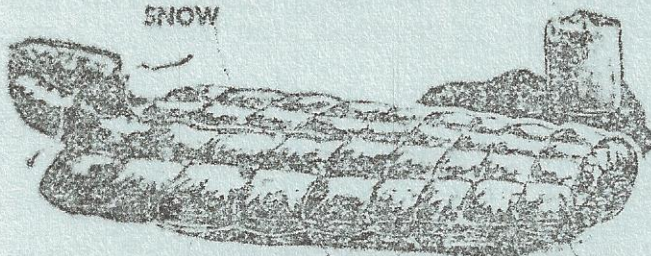
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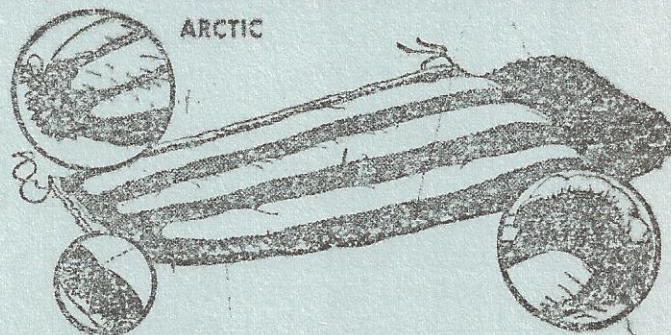
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