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OBITUARY

Nicholas Rieves is dead. He died climbing in the Himalayas, the victim of an avalanche on Annapurna on 30th March, 1980. We grieve for him; but mostly we grieve because we, who are left behind, miss him.

Nick was an exuberant enthusiastic member of MUMC. He joined the club in 1971 and has participated in many activities in his enthusiastic way. As a person always interested in written things he has been Editor of the Mountaineer, he initiated the club Journal Mountaineering, and was one of the Editors for the new edition of Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering. He was always a hand worker despite his protests to the contrary and served on the committee a number of times including a term as President.

Climbing was always Nick's first love and he spent a number of profitable seasons climbing in New Zealand. He accomplished a number of prestigious climbs - South Face of Hicks, Bowie Ridge on Cook and the East Ridge of Cook.

Nick knew his sport had its dangers. He had lost friends himself in climbing accidents, but knew it was a tough dangerous activity and that safety is a relative concept. He once wrote.

"In mountaineering we postulate the possibility of death, so that, in the (possibly superficial) struggle for life, we appreciate living more."

Sue White

STILL LIFE
for nick

you can tell you're dead
when the weather interrupts

your dreams
on t.v

you can't breathe

under concrete lights

neon shadows

there's no room to feel the stars

in the mountains

it's the freedom spirit you get high on

and feel again

against yr face

strange images of

rock grass ice snow

haunt you

in the suburbs

you stare too long

at oily rainbows

find your crampons won't fit

the cracks in the pavement

howard cooper

Many of the Club's members have expressed the opinion that bushwalking, essentially the most simple of the "adventure sports", is the most important common interest and binding influence in the M.U.M.C. I share this view. Bushwalking is the most natural and least sophisticated of our members: skiers, climbers, paddlers and trogs alike. But without continued interest and support from you all, bushwalking may fail to survive within the Club, and the M.U.M.C. could gradually splinter, much to the detriment of all factors. (The co-incidence of recent disinterest in walking with the appearance of "What a useless club!" complaints and factional selfishness has not gone unnoticed.)

In the belief, which I still hold, that bushwalkers exist in the M.U.M.C. but have simply abandoned it as a useful and enjoyable bushwalking club, I organized a programme of twenty-two walks for the beginning of this year. Members have been slow to realize that we are back on the rails, but the walks have gathered momentum so that there have been one, two, or three walks on every normal weekend since March 1st.

It now appears that demand will support at least one walk per weekend even through the Winter months. To satisfy this demand, we, the new 1980 Bushwalking sub-committee, are hoping to extend the programme, but it is essential that we have your help. (See the next page for details.).

At its first 1980 meeting, the Bushwalking sub-committee was: Rodney Costigan (Convenor), Jo Richards, Richard Serpell, Peter Smillie, and Andrew Garvie. It was enlarged at its second meeting. If YOU would like to help, or just to have a say, speak to any of us or come to one of our meetings. Selection is as follows: If you want to join the sub-committee - you're in! Meetings will be advertised in the Trips Book.

R. Costigan.

BUSHWALKING - 1980

If you would like to help by leading a trip, it would be greatly appreciated. All you have to do is write to, 'phone, visit, or otherwise contact Rod Costigan, (or any member of the Bushwalking sub-committee), and give your name, 'phone no., and the No. of the trip you wish to lead.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS DESPERATELY NEEDED.

General Enquiries: Rod Costigan - 370 6987.

Additional walking trips occur from time to time. For an up-to-date programme of walking and other club activities, consult the Trips Book in the Clubrooms.

All these leaders have put themselves out by committing themselves months ahead - and all out of loyalty to anonymous members like you. So please make their task easier by following these directions: Anyone intending to go on a particular trip should enter his/her name in the appropriate trip-sheet in the Trips Book in the Clubrooms as soon as he/she can be sure of going, AND should 'phone the leader on the day before leaving at the LATEST, i.e. by Thursday in the case of a weekend trip.

Each trip-sheet will appear about three weeks in advance of the trip.

Leaders will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

1980 BUSHWALKING PROGRAMME No.2.

<u>Trip No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Standard</u>
23	June 14-16	Nug Nug, Mt. McLeod, Mt. Buffalo	Medium
24	21, 22	Donna Buang, Mt. Dom Dom	Med
25	'22	Lower Lerderderg Gorge	Easy/Med
	28, 29	34th Annual 24-Hour Walk	Exciting
26	July 6	Baw Baw: Mt. Erica, Little Boy Camp	Med/Hard
27	12, 13	Wilson's Prom: Sealer's Cove, Waterloo Bay	Med
28	19, 20	Marysville, Lake Mtn., Mt. Margaret	Med
29	'20	Werribee Gorge	Easy
30	26, 27	Feathertop: Annual "Midnight Ascent"	Yours
31	August 3	Lorne: Teddy's Lookout, St. George's R.	Easy/Med
32	9, 10	Lerderderg Gorge	Med
33	16, 17	Mt. Cole: Mt. Buangor, Sugarloaf	Easy/Med
34	23, 24	Crinoline, Mt. Tamboritha	Med/Hard
35	31	Blackwood, Golden Point	Easy/Med
36	Sept. 6, 7	Wilson's Prom: Mt. Oberon	
		Mt. Northgate, Mt. Boulder	Med/Hard
37	13, 14	Grampians: Major Mitchell Plateau, Mt. William	Med
38	21	Murchison, Tunnel Hill & Diggers Gully Falls	Easy
39	27, 28	Otways: Beech Forest, Aire Valley	Med
40	October 5	Powelltown: Stirling Gap, High Lead	Easy
41	11, 12	Wilson's Prom: Mt. Wilson	Med
42	18, 19	Big River, Mt. Terrible	Med
43	25, 26	Mt. Grant, Talbotville	Med
44	Nov. 1, 2	Matlock, Jericho, Red Jacket	Med/Hard

The following have already agreed to the earlier walks:

<u>Trip No.</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Leader's Telephone No.</u> (Home)
23	RICHARD SERPELL	203781
24	ROD GREGORY	
25	JO RICHARDS	7295396
26	PETER SMILLIE	3473422

Until each trip is allocated a leader, this programme from no. onwards may be altered. The finalized programme will be available at the clubrooms and will be included in The Mountaineer.

There is a crying need for longer trips in the vacations. So please let us know if you would like to lead one to, say, Flinders Ranges, Blue Mountains, etc. Inclusion in this programme will vastly improve the probability of your trip hitting the road. (University tests prove this!)

Please do not assume that the success of Programme No.1 means that No.2 will succeed automatically. We still need your help! P.T.O.

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In the months that have elapsed since previous pages of this edition were printed, several leaders have offered their services and one alteration to the walking programme has been made. More leaders are still needed.

<u>Trip no.</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Leader's Tel. No.</u> (<u>Home or Work</u>)
27	Andrew Heath	7582235(H)
28	Andrew Rothfield	3477919(H), 2671877(W)
29	Iain East	3477052(H), 3415924(W)
30*	Rod Cortugan	3706987(H), 6094126(W)
31*	Roddy Storer & Cathie Megens	3476853(H); 8598217(H)
32	Andrew Rothfield	as above
33	Alan Molloy	8615044(H)
34	Mick McGarvie	3873879(H)
37	Iain East	as above
39	Peter Mullen	3472577(H)
41	Peter Freeman	3473510(H), 3451844
45°	" "	as above ext 7348

* Correction: No. 30 July 27 Lorne - previously listed as no. 31

No. 31 August 2/3 Midnight Ascent - previously listed as no. 30.

° Addition: No. 45 Nov 8/9 Feathertop or Bogong

We still want to hear from potential leaders for the following walks as soon as possible: 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43 & 44.

If you are a capable leader and can aid the club by volunteering to lead a trip, please fill in the detachable slip below and return it to the clubrooms or send to:

Bushwalking Sub-committee,
M.U.M.C.,
c/- Sports Union,
University of Melbourne,
Parkville, 3052.

Detach Here or rip out whole page.

Name: _____

Address: _____

I shall be happy to lead one/two/three+ walks.
(+Strike out those not applicable.)

I wish to volunteer my leadership for the following trip(s) : _____
(List trip-numbers in order of preference
even if the answer above is only 'one')

° I should (also?) like to lead a weekend/day trip on _____ (Dates)
over _____ (Route)

° I should (also?) like to lead a vacation trip on _____ (Dates)
to _____ (Route or Region)

° Inclusion of these trips is subject to the
sub-committee's discretion.

My telephone number(s) at the time of this trip / these trips
will be _____ (Home) ; _____ (Work).

You will be informed of resulting arrangements as soon as possible.

REVIEWS

(short accounts of scheduled Walks)

March 1 and 2 - Woods Point, Goulburn R., Mt. Stander.

Leader: Pieter Rienks

An intriguing trek along an old pack-horse track through old gold-mining country. The maze of overgrown mining tracks and diggings, in steep-sided valleys, provided many diversions! Not exactly wilderness, but scenically pleasant and historically fascinating.

March 8 and 9 - Walhalla, Mt. Erica Beginners' Trips

Leaders: Iain East, Jo Richards and Simon Louden.

Well, if you like rain, you'll be sorry you stayed at home this weekend. Although our routes were altered a bit to allow for the wet conditions, we were still able to enjoy alpine scenery in one of its melancholy moods - always a beautiful experience.

A rollicking time was had by all.

March 15 and 16 - Mt. McDonald, Son-of-a-Bitch

Leader: Ian Moore

The walk followed a relatively short route to Mt. McDonald from the south, and back over Son-of-a-Bitch to the East Barkly R. The visit to one of Victoria's most spectacular mountains was enjoyed in perfect weather. Views were had over the Howitt, Wellington, Skene, Howqua and Torbreck areas.

March 22 and 23 - Governors, Eagles Peaks

Leader: Neil Blundy

Saturday morning's long climb was a tough introduction to a generally successful weekend. The highlight was the summit of Eagles Peaks - a rugged, exposed little peak with almost uninterrupted, 360° views. Shortage of water was a minor problem, but this was expected as it has often been reported from this route.

March 29 and 30 - Bogong Village, Fainters

Leader: (?)

A short walk into some of Victoria's prime alpine country in an area shortly to become the Bogong (so-called) National Park. Pleasant conditions and wonderful views.

Easter Wonnangatta, Moroka, Watchtower

Leader: Responsibility in dispute

After a quick look at the spectacular Bryce's Gorge, the descent to W. Station was made. There the party was, as expected, choked by petrol fumes and dust, deafened by internal combustion engines, sideswiped by marauding 4WD's, chased by innumerable domestic dogs, and subjected to drunken bawling at night. In contrast, the river-bash to the Wonnangatta-Moroka Junction was a beautiful, quiet, and lonely walk (just water, woods, and wildlife). Snowy Bluff was omitted from the planned route but Watchtower was climbed via a steep spur from the Carey Creek junction.

Moroka Gorge

Leader Andrew Rothfield

A great walk around the Moroka R. valley. Peaks, originally planned, were left out due to water shortages, but the trip was spectacular nevertheless, including the gorge and the Kent Creek.

Mt. Margaret, Mt. Hump, Tarli Karng

Leader: Andrew Walker

The leader's inimitable humour; no water; eight peaks; many bananas.

April 13 Cathedral Range Day Walk

Leader; Peter Robins

A short ridge-walk from Sugarloaf to Chapel Hill, with views all the way over the pastoral Acheron Valley. Our stop to witness a quiet dusk on Chapel Hill, overlooking this valley, was the walk's climax. (Navigation at night, without torch or moon is very interesting!)

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IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BUSHWALKING BEFORE:

Many people have been asking at the Clubrooms for a list of equipment for bushwalking, Well, this should cover a normal bushwalk.

S - necessary in summer
W - necessary in winter
* - available for hire

CLOTHING:

T-shirt/cotton shirt
Shorts
Sunhat(S)/woollen cap or Balaclava (W)
2 Woollen jumpers
Woollen gloves/mittens (W)
Woollen socks (with spares kept dry)
Boots (sandshoes acceptable in dry conditions and easy terrain)
Sandshoes (for evenings - optional)
Long trousers (preferably woollen) (W)
Parka (*): japara, "cag-jak" etc.
Overtrousers (W)

NIGHT EQUIPMENT:

Sleeping bag of good quality (*)
Inner-sheet
Tent (*) with adequate pegs etc.
Ground-sheet (for a floorless tent)
Sleeping mat (*) (W)

FOOD:

Edible material (light maals are available in the form of dehydrated packages, rice, macaroni, instant puddings, dried fruit etc. etc. etc. It is possible to get by without dehydrated meals on weekends and short trips).

EATING/COOKING EQUIPMENT:

Spoon, knife
Mug
Small billy
Frypan (if frying is necessary)
Scourer
Water bottle
Matches
Fire-lighters or paper (W)

NAVIGATION:

Map in a plastic bag
Compass

FIRST AID:

Elastoplast (without gauze-padding)
Scissors or pocket knife
Antiseptic cream
Gauze bandage
Disprin

PACK(*)

A fascinating analysis of equipment for bushwalking and similar activities can be found in "Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering" - MUMC. (If you can find a copy). It is out of print, but a new edition is to be printed later this year.

SPORTS UNION INSURANCE

It has become evident recently, that the facts regarding the insurance cover provided by the sports union for sports union members, are not widely known.

The sports union insures its members with the AUS Friendly Society.

The purpose of the cover is to provide members with reimbursement of medical, hospital, dental, optical, pharmaceutical, etc. bills incurred as a result of accidents.

Benefits:

Up to \$500 for medical, hospital, dental, optical, pharmaceutical, ambulance and other bona-fide expenses.

The above benefits are a maximum payable per member for any one accident. Benefits will only be payable after a member has made claims on all other sources such as Hospital and Medical Benefit Funds, Third Party Claims, Workers Compensation, Common Law etc.

Circumstances:

Benefits will be paid for accidents occurring during the following events:-

- (i) Whilst playing or training for the Sports Union or for a Club affiliated to the Sports Union (eg. MUMC) or whilst properly using equipment or facilities of the Sports Union or of an affiliated club.
- (ii) Whilst participating in activity organised by the University and which is deemed by the University to be academic work (including practical classes and field trips).
- (iii) Whilst travelling to or from campus or to an activity organised by the University as part of the member's academic course (eg. field trip).

Sports Union members are covered for (i) by the Sports Union and (ii) and (iii) by the SRC. Travel to and from a sporting fixture or practice is not covered for.

It is important that trip lists be filled out correctly so that the Sports Union can have a record, before the trip goes, of the people going on the trip.

Claims:

A "Notification of Claim" Form must be lodged within 48 hours of the accident. Should this not be possible due to the venue being remote, the accident must be reported and the Form returned as soon as possible.

After receiving treatment and bills, the member must first claim on Hospital/Medical Benefits Funds, etc. (It is realised that treatment may not conclude until perhaps months after the accident.) Then the member should fill in a "Final Claim" Form, attaching all receipts, including payment advice from the Hospital and Medical Fund etc.

Claims should be lodged immediately after the member receives accounts for treatment or within a reasonable period of time thereafter. Cheques will be paid weekly from the Secretariat and will be payable either to the member, or direct to the doctor/hospital etc.

Easter again and its pilgrimage time for hundreds of people searching for that wilderness bliss to flock to the shores of that alpine gem, Lake Tarli Karng. They will be camped tent-guy to tent-guy, there will be rifles shooting and dogs barking. Those expert recreationists, the trail-bike riders, will make their offensive presence known to eye, ear and nose and yes, there may even be a pushbike. One beautiful Tarli Karng, the haunt of barely adolescent scout groups and the bushwalking pinnacle for nine-to-five suburban Norms, now conjures up visions of the chunderous remains of Vestas and spaghetti floating in the shallows.

Thank God we're not going there.

Despite the protestations of an overworked convenor and a collision on the trip in, James and I set off from MacFarlane's shortly before midday and started to grapple with the inaccuracies of Tyrone Thomas and the MUMC guidebook. We took the sidetrip to Trapyard Hill and were rewarded with superb views of the Moroka valley and the chance to stalk an emu with Jame's telephoto lens. At Dunsmuir's huts we found evidence of the vandalistic pasts of some present MUMC members - for this area is the stomping ground of many a Melbourne Grammar boy. Poxy little huts and no water. Soon we meet a group of Mother Earth's children laden with guitars returning to MacFarlanes after walking for less than three hours. Evidently Mecca is not worth the effort.

Continue on to Mt. Wellington for lunch, more good views and an excessive number of Y.H.A. walkers. I meet a friend in another group which has also planned to do Purgatory Spur.

"Only taking three litres each?" he questions. "Huh, you bastards will be thirsty - I'm taking two gallons in wine casks myself."

"What if the casks burst inside your pack?"

"Yes, well....."

We walk through to snow gums to Millers Hut and I begin to question the wisdom of doing a notoriously dry walk at the driest time of the year, and after a draught I curse the bout of flu which chose to flare up that morning. That night the Essendon Bushwalking Club extended its hospitality to us and we watched engrossed as the club 'doctor' attended to the blisters and other minor ailments of each party member.

We left the last reliable water on Saturday morning and walked out to the Sentinals for a bird's-eye view of the Tarli Karng circus. Then through low hakea to the Southern edge of Gable End. Excellent views unfold of the Razorback right along to Mt. Hump. We descend into the saddle to meet Andrew Walker's party en route from Mt. Margaret, who by this stage are hot and decidedly thirsty. We push on and make an unnecessary detour through dense bush which leaves bodies scratched and tempers frayed. There are intermittent views into the Dolodrook valley and back to the inverted 'V' shape of Gable End. We dry camp past Mt. Hump.

The pink hues of the rising sun find us walking by seven o'clock along a spectacular narrow and rocky ridge. Down the spur to spend the afternoon walking along Ben Cruachan Creek. It is good to see water after a day and a half of fine weather, even though our rationing had left us with half-a-litre to spare. The drought has reduced this from a reasonably large watercourse to a series of unconnected puddles.

The walk out to Hickey's Creek via McMillan's Lookout is the usual mind-numbing drudgery of jeep-track basking. Civilization is heralded by more trail bikes and large numbers of caravanners huddled on a dusty clearing. A car-stereo pounds out the raucous tones of a mid-sixties group better left forgotten, and reminds us we haven't spoken to anyone in two and a half days. The five hour wait for the van allows us to sunbake, rest and to contemplate how good that first Foster's tinny will taste.

Jonathan Miller

An account of an Easter trip from MacFarlanes saddle to Hickey's Creek via the Razorback undertaken by James Hurley and Jonathan Miller.

A LEISURELY EIGHT DAY TRIP TO FRENCHMAN'S CAP N.P.

"Have a nice time" he said; to which I genuinely felt and replied "Thanks for the lift", as I made my way from the Lyell Highway down to the Franklin. After all, it's not every day you hitch from Hobart to the start of the Frenchman's track in two fast lifts.

Not wanting to go too far in one day I decided to spend that night at the Franklin, and immediately had a cool, refreshing dip in one of Tasmania's greatest rivers. At two a.m. that night the weather began reverting back to normal and so with much cursing and swearing the fly was erected.

The walk in began very early and seriously on the following morning - more because of circumstances than enthusiasm. A fast-flowing stream of a little under an inch in depth rudely began flowing just where I was sleeping on its way to join the Franklin. Lesson one - don't sleep out in Western Tassie if you don't want to get drenched. So, with little ado, I set off.

The walk in is both beautiful and a bastard. Luxuriant, deep green rain-forests through which only a fraction of the sunlight or rain can reach you alternate with marshy buttongrass plains - the most notorious one being Philps Lead. Stream crossings were all easy (at that water level), with conveniently placed logs over the Loddon River and Vera Creek. The bastard bit is forcing your way through fairly thick bush that has an uncanny ability to hook its branches around the side pockets of one's pack. This, coupled with varying depths of mud and water, made progress rather tedious in parts - especially towards the western end of Philps Lead.

The route followed passes through a unique little dip called Artichoke Valley - so named because the pineapple grass and herbs therein are similar to artichokes in appearance. When viewed from above the valley looks like a scene from "Lord of the Rings" or some other epic fantasy. It is easy to imagine Hobbits or Elves passing through.

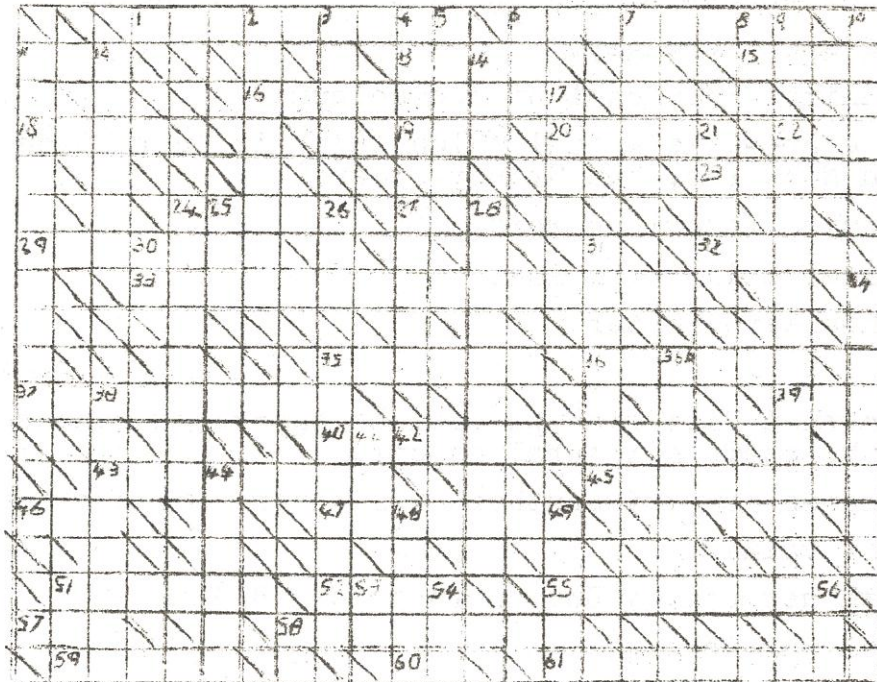
Views of the surrounding country and of the Cap itself are excellent from Mt. Mullens pass, Baron pass and a few other spots en route when the mist clears. I arrived at Lake Tahune in mid-afternoon on a day that had begun misty but by then was clear. Half-an-hour later (not a bad time, but I'm told Geoff Law did it in twenty-five minutes) I was rewarded with a, any praising type of adjective could go here, view from the top of the quartzite dome. To the north were the peaks of central plateau, Macquarie Harbour to the west, and many tarns, valleys and ridges were scattered all around.

The next day was a glorious sunny day of which I took full advantage by visiting the Irenabyss. All but the last part of the walk follows a long, steep-sided ridge giving beautiful views. Three-quarters of the way there you drop off the ridge into some scrub and on to the river. The route is a little unclear here and I spent some time lost in horizontal scrub. Despite this I strongly recommend a walk to the Irenabyss to anyone who visits the park.

The next two days were spent lying in the luxurious bunks at Lake Tahune hut (the huts in Frenchman's are palaces) reading science fiction stories and National Geographics. Where else can you get such comfortable accommodation and magnificent views for free? Feeling rested enough by then I ambled back to the highway, spending a night at Lake Vera and the Franklin again. Surprisingly, Philips Lead was drier than on the way in, despite just over two days of continual rain. The following morning found me back on the Lyell Highway hitching back to Hobart while I savoured memories of a very slack and enjoyable eight days.

Peter Darby

CROSSWORD



CLUES

Across:

1. Name of spur leading south from Mt.Hump (near Mt.Margaret).
6. Home of Rum Doodle (not NZ).
11. Half a town on the Buffalo R.
13. Mud.
15. Run with long bounds.
16. A range in NSW.
18. Kind of fresh-water duck.
20. Bird like a crow.
23. Trog.
24. A diving bird (yes, another!)
29. A river: HEC's next victim?
32. More mud.(Shades of Tas.,eh?)
33. Name of creek near Ballarat.
35. A particular field event.
36. Auther of "Ascent of Rum Doodle"
37. Famous explorer of Victoria.
39. An animal's shelter.
40. Casual walk.
43. Ned Kelly's spare-time activity.
45. Kangaroo fighting for truth and justice.(Ugh!)
46. Group e.g.of kangaroos.
47. Very old.
51. Famous painter esp. of Australian landscape.
52. Be idle.
55. Boat races.
57. Rocky hill-top
58. Peak
59. Alaska spelt wrongly.
60. Latin/Fr. for "and".
61. Type of mitten - (Trade name).

Downward clues
on next page.....

Crossword Clues (cont.)

Down:

2. End of Wombat Plains opposite the Sentinels.
3. Toad spelt wrongly.
4. Of animal with coat of two colours.
5. Large ape-like animal which lurks in Australian bush esp. in NSW. (No, not Sydney-siders)
6. Yearning (American word)
7. Shelter built with ice.
8. Bushwalkers' water.
9. No.
10. Era when Victorian politicians have been concerned about the state's natural assets.
11. Generic name of southern hemisphere "beeches" e.g. Myrtle Beech
12. Rift valley.
14. Oath uttered by Batman (not John B.)
17. Sand particles.
21. Substance commonly seen floating on billy soup.
22. Title of No.132, MUMC Song Book 1973.
24. Specific epithet of Blue Gum i.e. Eucalyptus _ ? _.
25. Spanish for river.
26. The conscious thinking subject (OED); or Lat. for "I".
27. Addition.
28. Famous botanist and explorer of eastern Victoria.
30. Knight of the Order of the Garter; or kilogram (abbr.).
31. Hut on the upper reaches of the Cobungra River.
34. Author of "Alps at the Crossroads".
35. Famous bushwalker in the House of Commons in the mid-19th C.
- 36A. Formation in the Flinders Ranges near St. Mary's Peak.
38. Name of a Melbourne walking club.
41. Height of Mt. Bogong (in metres) less 1,976.
44. Rolls e.g. of film.
48. Long-legged wading bird.
49. Weary.
51. Bitter cone of a plant, used for flavouring.
53. On
54. Broad.
56. Piece of equipment used for skiing.
58. River in Italy.

At first, it may seem that several words in this crossword puzzle are not strictly relevant to bushwalking or mountaineering. They are indeed relevant. The arguments proving this are, however, far too long, complex and confusing to be included here.

24 HOUR WALK RESULTS

MOLIAGUL 28 & 29 JUNE 1980

GUN SECTION (AND OVERALL WINNERS) (Max of 94 points)

Place	Score	Team	Members
1	94	4	Martin Hall, Paul Trezise
2	94	1	Geoff Lawford, Andrew Garnham (Rod Gray to HH3)
3	54	11	Andrew Rothfield, Paul Anderson
4	54	32	Ralph Hadlon, Alan Hadlon
5	45	36	Ernie Buller, Alan Napier, Ian Campbell
6	23	11	Torsten Dowell, John Morgan

EXPERIENCED SECTION (maximum of 75 points)

1	75	25	John Miller, Adam West
2	75	33	Paul Quirk, John Bergin (Steve Law to HH3)
3	62	28	Roy Watson, John Cleverley, Denis Pollard
4	57	8	Ray Withers, Russell Creek, Frank Schreuer John Heywood, John Barry, Vicki Askew
5	57	20	Peter Treby, Andrew Webb
6	57	16	Ron Wescott, Murray Hicks
7	57	22	Graham Hinch, Ron Watts
8	57	2	Christine Arnold, Sue Vairne, Cathy Wright
9	57	12	Peter Ashby, Cynthia Ashby
10	55	34	Peter Elliot, Andrew Shugg
11	43	26	James Wam, Niel Chambers, Peter Browne
12	42	9	Geoff Thorpe, John Hamill, Edwina O'Brien, Allen Tyrell
13	40	29	Graham Smith, Gail Smith
14	40	13	David Trotter, Maureen Trotter, Jill Snowden, Adrienne Osborne
15	40	18	Ivan Davis, Fran Asher
16	38	30	Brian Franz, Rhys Maddern-Wellington, Trevor Lambeth, Pam Lambeth
17	35	27	Dave Hosking, Simon Gough
18	33	35	Gary Copplestone, Louise Murray, Peter Attwood
19	31	17	Domenic Romeo, Stephen Hogan, Richard Roberts
20	26	21	Malcolm Duffidd, Maree Roosenbloom, Lindsey Duffield
21	17	7	Paul Shannon, Vicki East
22	11	23	Jim Adams, Ilka Reimers, Tessa Reimers
23	8	3	Tony Falkingham, Adrian Fox, Warick Grime, Steven Lydster.

NOVICE SECTION (Maximum of 47 points)

1	45	5	John Christie, Andrea Jennings, Andrea Collison
2	42	24	Margret Allan, Kathleen Fox, Kevin Piercy, David Dunstan Jo Richards
3	32	31	Stephen Platt, Toby.

See Over/

24 HOUR WALK REPORT

The 1980 24 hour walk was held on 28 & 29 June at Moliagul, a sleepy hamlet out in the upper North West of the state, 15 km north of Dunolly. The weather played its usual fiendish 24 hour tricks, the rain fell, the wind blew, the temperature was low and the moon shone brilliantly. In fact blizzard conditions prevailed on the summit of Mt Moliagul on Sunday morning.

None of this weather was sufficient to deter the 100 odd brave people who face the pop of the starting bottle at 2.30 pm on Saturday. They had many things in their favour. The country is very pleasant and very easy to walk through, with no steep hills and no undergrowth.

The checkpoints had been set on prominent features so that they were straightforward to find. This was determined a little by the map, which was 1:100,000 scale. Consequently the scale of the map was no barrier to rapid and accurate navigation.

The first leg was fairly short for most people and the first teams on the experienced course were into Hash House 1 before 6 pm. In fact nearly all teams reached Hash House 1 by 9 pm. They then had to contend with the only really difficult checkpoint around dusk. The weather actually improved for the night legs, and most people were treated to good moonlight. Most of the teams were out on the course all night. So the hash house staff had a fairly quiet time after 9 pm.

The Moliagul Public Hall proved an excellent site for the hash house, plenty of room and adequate kitchen facilities. The open fire was a great boon to the hash house staff who huddled around it when they weren't cooking. Hungry walkers were fortified by Soup de Sue, Stew a la Lillian and Milo du Jan. Even two of the course setters managed to find a checkpoint in the moonlight at 3 am, with the help of the eventual winners, and they were able to take action photos of checkpoints being found in the dark.

Sunday morning dawned wetter and more miserable than the previous day. The rain was steady and the wind blowing. Martin Hall and Paul Trezise were still about half an hour ahead of Geoff Lawford, Rod Gray and Andrew Garnham, both teams were far in front of anyone else. Neither team could afford to be put off by the weather. Rod dropped out with foot trouble at HH3, leaving his team one hour behind on the final four hour loop.

About 10 teams reached Hash House 3 on the experienced course, John Miller and Adam West making the front running most of that time. Paul Quirk and John Bergin were only one hour behind at the finish. John Christie, Andrea Jennings and Andrea Collinson completed the most of the novice course, ahead of Margaret Allen, Kathleen Fox, Kevin Piercy, David Dunston and Jo Richards.

Because of the weather those that could left early, and the van departed at 3.15 pm anyway leaving the organizers to do the final clear up and checkpoint collection from a very successful 24 hour walk.

My congratulations to the entrants and my thanks to all those who assisted with the staging of the 24.

ANDREW WALKER

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Walter Dodge, Bob Wilson, Sue Stevens, Jeanette Marshall

5 10 38

Annette Grime, Bev Grime.

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