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# COMMITTEE POSITIONS 1982

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- \* As all who attended the A.G.M. will be aware, we have gained a new life member in the person of Les Southwell. Les has been a member of the club for many years, giving it much of his time and efforts. He has been very actively involved in conservation issues during this time, including giving up his job to try to stop the flooding of Lake Pedder in 1972.

- \* As of March 29, the Tasmanian Wilderness Society have a shop open in Melbourne.

Location: Hardware Street (the 3rd shop south of Lonsdale St. on the West side; the address is Lonsdale St.)

The Wares: Varied!

Including: Greeting Cards  
Calendars  
T Shirts  
Stickers  
Badges  
Rafting gear  
Tasmanian plants  
Leatherwood Honey

Why don't you drop in, look around and buy something; helping to support the ever-needy cause.

- \* The date for the 1982 24 hour walk has been set for 3-4 July. This, as always, is a club occasion not to be missed. The basic requirement is a sense of humour; any other skills are useful but not essential.

If you want to know more about this weekend of action under the full moon, tradition and fun drop into the clubrooms and ask, or ring Paul Sharp on 347 8075.

If you don't think you want to walk, but want to be involved anyway, Paul will welcome all offers of help with course setting, catering, general hack-work etc.

- \* Our reputation has/will have spread even further than Australia's shores and the occasional far flung member around the globe. During orientation week a South African girl, who wasn't even a member, bought 2 T-Shirts from our table to send to her brother in South Africa. The inimitable charm of the OXO man gets to everyone eventually. T-Shirts, by the way, are still available in all sizes at the clubrooms for \$6.50.

- \* The AGM was held without incident on March 17 with committee members being elected without fuss. Our thanks to Nicholas White for the showing of his slides of a caving trip on the Franklin. The committee members reports have been reprinted in this edition for those of you who didn't make it. The full, unexpurgated version of the Treasurer's report is available in the clubrooms for anyone interested; we have only printed here Peter's general explanations of where all our money goes. Please note that some non-committee positions are still unfilled - we really do need your help in the club, so do give it some (in fact considerable) thought. \*

#### \* I.V. CANOEING

I.V. Canoeing is being held this year from 10-14 of May.

What is I.V. Canoeing?

It is a canoeing, social, and competitive event between all Australian Universities. The week is based all aspects of canoeing from Slalom to Downriver, and Canoe Polo events. A strong emphasis is based on the social side with a commencement wine & cheese night (free) and a closing dinner with food and drink supplied.

Last year Melbourne University came second overall. This was due to a few good canoeists and the depth of our team. The event is organised so that anyone of any standard has a chance at getting a few points for the team, while having a good time.

So, if you have an interest in canoeing here is your chance to meet the heavies and have an enjoyable week lazing on and in one of Victorias rivers. For further info contact Doug Haig (347 3961) or Janet Rice (398 2549) or put your name in the trips book.

- \* Anybody interested in canoeing who feels they need a few hints or information on the sport may be interested in a copy of 'Notes on Canoeing' available free from the clubrooms. Copies of 'Notes on Bushwalking' as printed in the last Mountaineer are also available.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Melbourne College of Divinity,  
University of Melbourne,  
Parkville, 3052.  
3rd January, 1982

The Editors of the Mountaineer,  
c/o MUMC, Sports Union,  
University of Melbourne,  
Parkville, 3052.

Dear Editors,

You will recall that two years ago I campaigned timelessly against the acquisition of that fetid abhorrence, the 'Smutty' couch. Did I not warn of club morals diving headlong into the abyss, of nocturnal Bacchanalian orgies and the defilement of members to a permanent state of concupiscence? Was I not proven correct? Yes, yes, yes; a thousand times yes.

Reports are rife of committee members stealing into the clubrooms late at night to entertain their lovers in the library before performing acts of the most debauched kind. I heard of a prominent member of the current committee discoursing with a young freshette on the 'Smutty' during normal club hours: doubtless this interview climaxed in her seduction. It is despicable that a committee member should taint the once immaculate reputation of this club for moral conduct by using rank-bestowed prestige to obtain the sexual advantage of a young girl, and especially in the hallowed precincts of the clubrooms. Furthermore, another salacious individual had the unbounded gall to propose a scheme whereby photographs of my naked person reclining on the lurid red cushions of the 'Smutty' between fellow mountaineering greats (namely Hillary and Bonington) might be used to promote my future expeditions, and in particular to entice along members of the female sex. I was scandalised to the point of apoplexy.

I predicted all this, but was an ignored, lone voice calling from the wilderness. Now I foresee a turn for the worse, if that is conceivably possible. First I hear further purchases of furniture rumoured. But more disastrously I believe that the panderings of caffeine addicts are to be catered for by the purchases of a kettle and appropriate grocery supplies. The clubrooms are to become the lunchtime meeting-place for these long-haired, morally dissolute dregs of university society. No doubt all this will be authorised within the closed doors of the committee chambers, the articles bought during the vacation, and the bulk of club members will be presented with a fait accompli on term resumption.

That these acquisitions should not only be condoned, but initiated by the committee is intolerable. The guidance supplied to the committee by the morals subcommittee under



my direction has continually been ignored. I find no alternative but to resign from membership of the club, and renounce my once cherished appointment to life membership of the morals subcommittee. I beseech club members to fight these moves with all their might in the causes of decency and morality. I have devoted my working life to attaining these lofty goals within the club. Now I am exhausted and disillusioned; I can do no more. I remain

Yours faithfully,

Dick Thurgood

(DICK THURGOOD)

P.S. Tony Kerr, where are you now?

In an effort to convince you of the wonders and flexibility of modern technology we present the first in an occasional series of:

'WHAT USE CAN THEY PUT OUTDOORS PARAPHENALIA TO NEXT?'

Your ordinary foam sleeping mat can be considered as a cunningly disguised raft/lilo/buoyancy device useful for swimming down rapids, floating in still pools, and generally for Fun In The Water!

Although the demonstration our panel saw on a recent trip to the Mitchell wasn't entirely convincing, we remain optimistic about the future uses that will be discovered for such an already versatile piece of equipment.

Next edition - '1001 Uses In The Home For A Cut Out OXO Man'.

Keep those entries (see The Mountaineer - February 1982) rolling in folks!

## MUMC TRIP PAYMENT SCHEME:

### THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. HISTORICAL: The need for a new trip payment scheme was affirmed at the 1981 AGM. An article in the June 1981 Mountaineer ('The need for a new trip payment scheme') explained the costs associated with owning and running a motor vehicle, and a questionnaire was included. Following much debate the committee formulated the following scheme at its November meeting:

2. THE SCHEME: The rationale underlying the scheme is that the costs shared by those travelling in a vehicle should be only those which would not be incurred if the vehicle were not used on the trip. These costs may be identified as petrol, service and maintenance, and insurance. Note that standing costs such as registration were considered inappropriate.

A format for determination of the amount to charge passengers is as follows. For those unable to determine their costs a rate is given which was that determined from the questionnaires.

Service/maintenance charge (S). Sum all payments for services and maintenances over an extended period (one year is the convention) and divide by the number of kilometres driven over that period. This includes the expenses of 5000km and 10000km services, replacement of worn parts, tuning, alignment, oil changes and labour. To this should be added a tyre cost, which is the cost of 4 tyres divided by their expected lifetime in kilometres. Let the total service and maintenance rate be S. (The club average for S is 4.0 cents/kilometre). N.B. Do not include accident repairs in this charge.

Insurance charge (I). There are two alternatives here. If the vehicle is insured comprehensively, divide the annual premium by the number of kilometres each year. Alternatively, divide the smash repair costs you have incurred (both to your own vehicles and other vehicles you have damaged) by the number of kilometres travelled during that period. It is best to average these smash costs over as a long period as possible. (The committee recommends  $I = \frac{1}{2}$  cent/kilometre)

Petrol charge (P). The cost of petrol used on trips is best determined by ensuring the tank is filled at the start and the completion of the trip. Let the total petrol cost on the trip be P dollars.

Now the total costs incurred on the trip, in dollars, is:

$$\frac{(S + I)}{100} \times \text{no. of kilometres travelled} + P.$$

This cost is then divided by the number travelling in the vehicle (including the driver) to give the amount payable by each passenger to the driver.



### 3. A WORKED EXAMPLE

Let the trip distance = 800 kilometres

Let the cost of petrol used = P = \$27

Let the number travelling in the vehicle including driver = 4

The recommended rates will be used i.e. S = 4.0 cents/km  
and I = 0.5 cents/km.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The total cost} &= \frac{(S + I)}{100} \times \text{no. of kilometres} + P \\ &= \frac{4.5}{100} \times 800 + 27 \\ &= \$63 \end{aligned}$$

Amount passengers charged = \$15.75

### 4. COMMENTS

- a) The owners of vehicles used on club trips are obviously not bound to adopt this scheme; however, the committee hopes that drivers and passengers alike will agree the scheme is fair to both, and that the scheme will be adopted on the majority of club trips.
- b) Car owners are encouraged to declare prior to departure how they will charge, especially if not charging in accordance with the club scheme. Ideally the rate should be quoted on the trip sheet.
- c) If possible vehicle costs should be summed over all vehicles on any trip, and divided equally between all participants.

CONCLUSION: It is recognised that no scheme is perfect and necessarily involves simplifications to make the large number of variables tractable. Moreover, it was evident from the debate that well-informed individuals may still differ on what costs are appropriate to the scheme. The scheme, therefore, represents a compromise. While passengers would be charged more than under previous schemes, they should recognise that merely splitting petrol costs is grossly unfair to the vehicle owner. They should also recognise that standing costs (such as registration, depreciation and interest foregone on capital outlaid for vehicle purchase) represent over 50% of annual costs



# MUMC TRIP PAYMENT SCHEME cont.

for most cars, and these have not been included in the trip payment scheme. Those who are still unappeased or have further inquiries are urged to read the article in the June 1981 Mountaineer (available in the club library). Further inquiries may then be directed to committee members.

## APPENDIX: A worked example for determining S.

Costs incurred over the period 6/10/80 to 6/10/81.

Odometer reading at 6/10/80 = 70025 kms

Odometer reading at 6/10/81 = 82600 kms

Distance travelled during period = 12375 kms.

Costs incurred during 6/10/80 - 6/10/81.

70000 km tune up and service	\$ 95.85
Oil	7.80
Front headlight	5.50
Fuel line/exhaust pipe (+ labour)	15.00
Tube + balance	12.00
Tune	39.90
Front end alignment	9.50
80000 km service	138.11
Electrical parts	2.20
*New Battery	45.00
	<u>370.06</u>

Cost per km = 3.0 cents/km

Tyres: Initial cost \$160. Assume 50000 km life.  
Tyres cost 0.32 cents/km.

Therefore,  $S = 3.0 + 0.32 = 3.32$  3.3 cents/km.

\*Arguably the battery might be written off over a 3 year lifetime in the same way as the tyres.

Those who don't consider insurance an integral part of such a scheme may find it interesting to ponder on the situation which arose towards the end of last year when a car on a club trip rolled and was a write-off. Without an insurance component in the km cost what is the legal/moral situation of the driver & passengers if the car was not insured?

WE NEED YOU!

The Mountaineering Club is one of the larger clubs on campus with around 500 members. As a result there are a lot of things to be done around the club.

If you feel that you would like to become more involved with the club there are many "Non-Committee Positions" looking for people like yourself. These positions in themselves are not big and time consuming, if enough people help. The positions available are:

- Hut Warden - responsible for the upkeep of 'MUMC FEATHERTOP HUT'. Involves inspection of the hut a few times a year, to make recommendations for maintenance (if needed).
- Delegates for both the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs and Conservation Council of Victoria. These organisations hold regular meetings and their findings and actions affect our club and the countryside we enjoy our activities in.
- First Aid Officers - Funds and the need, exist for the upgrading of our first aid facilities to ensure your safety. The job will involve a bit of time but would be very rewarding. First Aid knowledge is not essential but would help.
- Duplicating Officer(s) - To help put out copies like the one you are reading. No experience or background knowledge needed; we will teach you the rudiments of running Gert the Gestetner in a flash!
- Catering Officer(s) - Organise food and booze for any club activities.

This club is for you - and you cannot help but get more out of it, if you put some time into it.

If interested in any of the above positions please let me know (Doug Haig) and I will be only too pleased to let you know more about the position before you commit yourself to what should be a rewarding challenge!

Stop press: We are also in need of a bushwalking convenor. This position basically only requires making sure that there are trips going most weekends, if necessary by co-opting generally willing potential leaders to be a bit more active!



## THE MITCHELL - MARCH 1982

On the weekend of the 20th and 21st of March a select group of MUMC members under the exceptionally competent and skillful (and inspiring) leadership of Jon Miller enjoyed a hike along the Mitchell river from Angusvale to the car park at Glonaladale N.P.

After leaving Melbourne on the Friday evening, a scenic camp spot was decided upon in a clearing by a cleared logging area complete with felled logs, and churned up muddy ground; however, this wasn't sufficient to dampen our enthusiasm and we proceeded on cheerfully in a car shuffle to the start of our hike. With a good night's sleep behind us and a fulfilling breakfast under our belts we started our long haul down to the Mitchell River, with our destination being gained just in time for lunch.

Angusvale was the scenic spot chosen for lunch with ample swimming and dining facilities available. Once swimming and luncheon were completed we continued our trek along the very scenic river to our evening campsite which was well situated at a convenient distance of bushbashing from the back. A large supply of prickly bushes between the river and the campsite, provided the scratches on legs to make it look as though we had been really roughing it; however, a very suitable swimming spot was found with placid water and a sandy beach which completed the effect of tranquility in the great Australian outdoors.

A pleasant evening was then spent around a roaring camp-fire with light refreshments being supplied. After a few rain drops our leader arranged for the storm to pass us by thus our perfect weather continued.

When all were refreshed after a good night's sleep, a swim and breakfast we proceeded high above the Mitchell with spectacular views of the river and surrounding area, complete with botany and topography lessons from members of our knowledgeable party. After lunch and rockclimbing we continued to be impressed by the views and glorious weather and finished just before dark. We then made our long return trip to Melbourne. All agreed it was a very enjoyable hike due to the weather, relaxed atmosphere, easy hiking and spectacular views, a great break from Melbourne and introduction to the club.

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STOP PRESS

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The clubrooms will probably be open on Tuesday nights during term time from now on. Time: 7.30- 8.30 pm

If anyone is willing to open the rooms one night a month (or more frequently!) contact: Janet Rice 398 2549



The walk down the Little River to the Snowy is one of the most spectacular, demanding and rewarding walks through wildness in Victoria. The river drops 600 metres in 14 kilometres and progress is very slow through the often sheer-sided canyons. At least two days are required. While true abseils may be made, it would be sufficient to take 30 metres of 6-9mm rope for packhauling and hand-over-hand descents. Blackberries are a problem and thick trousers and gardening gloves could be useful. The water has a disconcerting brown tinge which diminishes as the Snowy is approached, but no illness from drinking was noticed; perhaps our bodies will be riddled with nematodes in a few years.

Route finding is a continuing task, and on occasions floating packs is the quickest and safest alternative. Placing the packs in the largest size garbage bags works very well (watch for holes!), although internal protection is also preferable. Swimming in fresh water is tiring so don't swim with footwear on and do use the foam mat to aid buoyancy. While on footwear, sandals with some tread left are probably better than boots for the long river wades. Finally, if you only have one car bear in mind the long uphill walk back to the car from Lower Turnback; the road is very infrequently used. Bushwalkers should also beware that canoeists are not always punctual at rendezvous!

Further notes are in 'Walker 1980', Mountaineering '78 and '79, and 'Bushwalking in the Victorian Alps'.

(Little River Gorge was descended by Rod Costigan and Jonathan Miller in November 1981)

P.S. Don't be caught looking for petrol in Bairnsdale after 9 p.m. Fill up at the 24 hour petrol station between Stratford and Bairnsdale.

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\*STOP PRESS\*

HUT USED IN FILM "MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER"

FOUND ON THE CLEAR HILLS ABOVE THE HOWQUA.

The 1982 EASTER VAN TRIP was held in the King and Howwua river watersheds area. We had four groups totalling thirty-two people. The weather was perfect except for occasional rain at Gantner hut on Easter Saturday. Unfortunately, all four walks were of medium/medium-hard standard and therefore proved testing for a number of beginners on the trip.

The hikes were as follows:

<u>Andrew Kinsella</u>	Woollybutt Saddle - King River Dugout - Gantner Hut (slavedriver!) - Corn Hill Rd. - Woollybutt Saddle.
<u>Rob Hosking</u>	Woollybutt Saddle - Bluff Hut - Gantner Hut - Pike's Flat - Woollybutt Saddle.
<u>Tom Kapitany</u>	Woollybutt Saddle - King River Dugout - Camp Creek - near Bindaree Hut - Woollybutt Saddle.
<u>Nick Hallebone</u>	Woollybutt Saddle - King River Hut - Mt. Speculation Saddle - Corn Hill Rd. - Woollybutt Saddle.

Highlights

- \*Rob Hosking's bush bash off Corn Hill
- \*King Spur
- \*Bill Taylor's "GXO" calls
- \*Incredible views from Crosscut Saw
- \*Andrew Kinsella's bushbash onto Speculation
- \*Location of hut used in "Man from Snowy River"
- \*Several Leaders-come Easter bunnies

Our thanks to Andrew Garvey for organising the van.

Caving in the club continues to develop. A recent trip which included five beginners to Bat Ridges was most successful. A beginners vertical day, organised with VSA at Camel's Hump was also been held.

Nicholas White has been very involved in speleological conservation issues, including of course the Franklin River. In addition Land Conservation Council issues such as Limestone Creek have not been neglected.

The Subcommittee has been formed, and a subcommittee meeting is planned soon. It consists of

Sue White (convonor)  
Nicholas White  
John Webb  
Ian Household  
Ian Rutherford.

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#### SPECULATION SPECIAL/KING'S KITCHEN

##### INGREDIENTS:

1 tin CORNED BEEF (carry empty tin out!)  
1 pkt Rosella corn and peas  
2-3 onions (depending on size)  
Margarine

##### METHOD:

Boil corn and peas according to instructions.  
Chop up onions, fry in margarine.  
Then add Corned beef (chopped up).  
Drain peas and corn, add to onions and beef,

VOILA!

NICK HALLERONE

(ALIAS BERNARD KING)



## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1981 (1/3/81 - 28/2/82)

#### M.U.M.C. Finances Explained(?)

The club has three sources and associated sinks of funds. Firstly there is the membership subscription money which is used to run social events, meetings, the 24 Hour Walk, the Mountaineer (club newsletter), the Feathertop Hut, and one or two other similar things. Secondly there is the Sports Union Grant which is not under our direct or complete control and associated with that the hire fees on equipment. This money is used to purchase and maintain all the equipment the club has e.g. packs, sleeping bags, kyaks, skis, climbing ropes, caving lamps etc. Additionally we have been able to use the money to pay for conservation activities, affiliation fees to other clubs and societies, insurance costs, van trips, library material, first-aid supplies, and petty cash for day to day running of the club. The third source and associated sink of money is club publications such as Mountaineering, Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering, and Bushwalking in the Victorian Alps. This source of money is much more significant and important than most under-graduate club members realise. Ignoring the Sports Union Grant any large amounts of capital that the club has had in the last 8-10 years can fairly be said to have come from the success of some of those publications previously mentioned.

Accordingly, the accounting system this year has been set up into three separate entities or funds. Respectively these are the General Fund, University Fund and Publications Fund. Each fund has its own associated cheque account at the National Bank and additionally there is a savings investment account for the Publications Fund. Since our club is non-profit making the Bank doesn't levy any fee for the cheque accounts and in fact pays interest at 3½% p.a. on the minimum balance per month. Further you will find that this report has separate balance sheets for each fund.

#### Publications Fund

The main reason for having a separate Publications Fund, apart from the point of view of logical structure, is to ensure that any profit from publications is put aside for future editions of those publications or new publications. If the club wishes to continue publishing books and the Annual Journal, it must ensure that it will be able to cover the ever increasing costs of doing so by aiming to make a profit on publications and keeping that separate from funds for the day to day running of the club.

This year as the Publications Fund was established, large amounts of money that were originally assigned to the General Fund were transferred to the Publications Fund. There are plans to print a new edition of Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering as well as the Annual Journal in 1982 so as much money as possible has been put into the Publications Fund savings investments account in preparation. The following is an approximate breakdown of where the \$4,000 that was transferred to the Publications Fund came from in the General Fund.



Assets carried forward from 1980 (and previous years)	2,240
Interest on all a/c's at National Bank	220
Profit on 24 Hour Walk	350
Duplicating charges	80
Profit on calendars	40
Annual Journals for 1980 and 1981 club members	790
1981 Membership Fees	300

total \$4,020

#### Duplicator

At the last Committee Meeting of the year (18/2/82) the Committee decided to purchase a new duplicator. The current duplicator is over five years old and is yet again in need of some maintenance. The previous maintenance call in March, 1981, on the duplicator, a Gestetner 420, cost \$80. Apart from this the main motivation for buying a new duplicator now, was the current price for a new Gestetner 420 duplicator. Normally the replacement cost is \$1,650. At the time Gestetner was making a special offer to educational institutions, only \$826 for a new duplicator. It was decided to take up the offer and pay for the new duplicator with the hire fees money remaining in the University Fund from 1981. The new duplicator is now in place in the clubrooms.

#### Membership Fees

Last year the A.G.M. ratified a Committee decision to increase membership fees in all the membership categories: Sports Union members, Non-Sports Union members, and couples, from \$4, \$5, \$6 respectively to \$5, \$6 and \$7. This increase was not implemented until after the A.G.M. and so the full effect of it was not felt in 1981 but will be in 1982.

Combining all the categories, the total 1981 membership was 397 "people". The total membership fees collected amounted to \$1,793, thus the average membership fee per "person" was \$4.52, whereas the average membership fee this year with the new rates will be in the region of \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Anyway, what happened to this membership money? Here is an approximate breakdown, see later for details.

Annual General Meeting	30
Pie Night and Slide Competition	10
Feathertop Hut	50
Mountaineer	190
Annual Journal - Mountaineering 81	775
M.U.M.C. Stationery	165
M.U.M.C. T-Shirts	65
Petty Cash	135
Sundry Items	70
Transfer to Publications Fund	300

total \$1,790



## Summaries

There is a summary of the financial position of each fund here and a detailed financial report for each fund on the following pages.

### General Fund

Cash assets of the General Fund have been drastically reduced over the year as all the assets from 1980 were transferred to the Publications Fund. No major losses were recorded for the year. The cost of social events was approximately covered by entry fees. The 24 Hour Walk was quite unexpectedly a financial success. The Mountaineer cost around \$200 to produce and distribute over the year. Assets remaining at the end of the year, apart from cash, are M.U.M.C. T-Shirts and calendars.

### University Fund

We had a larger than ever Grant from the Sports Union, \$5,895, and about \$1,700 was collected in hire fees. Most of this was spent on new equipment for bushwalking, caving, canoeing, climbing, orienteering, I/V rogaining, and skiing, affiliation fees, library material, and conservation. There was about \$800 hire fees remaining at the end of the year.

### Publications Fund

Publications Fund assets have increased by about \$6,000 over the year. This increase is due mainly to \$4,000 transferred from the General Fund, \$1,600 profit on Mountaineering 81, and \$500 advertising money for Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering 3rd Edition received in advance.

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In the years since its inception, the position of Publications Officer has been regarded as a minor portfolio. This is because the production and sales of publications is ancillary rather than essential to the workings of the club; however, lack of attention to publications has resulted in MUMC foregoing significant sums of money due to inadequate promotion of our wares. We have large stocks of backcopies of 'Mountaineering' that may never be sold.

During 1981 a concerted effort was made to sell 'Mountaineering' and in particular the current edition. Certainly this was aided by the extremely high quality of Mountaineering 81 which Hugh Foxcroft achieved. Large numbers of retailers from all states responded to a form letter by placing sizeable orders. Stocks in bushwalking shops around Melbourne were regularly checked and replenished. Recently a classified advertisement was placed in 'Wild' magazine. A letter to other clubs was never mailed but is recommended to the incoming Publications Officer.

The nett effect was a substantial income to the club. A loss of about \$1000 was made on Mountaineering '80 (depending upon how large a component of the membership fee was attributed to the sale of Mountaineering), and the losses on Mountaineering '78 and '79 are obscured by insufficient records. In contrast the production costs of Mountaineering '81 were entirely paid for by advertising revenue. At 6/10/81 \$1032.20 had been generated from sales within four months and this does not include any allowance for sales through membership and Gordon & Gotch. The nett profit from Mountaineering '81 may top \$2000.

The editors for Mountaineering '82 are Hugh Foxcroft, Peter Smillie and Jonathan Miller. Mid-1982 should see the arrival of the long-awaited 3rd edition of 'Equipment for Bushwalking & Mountaineering'. Jol Shelton is the author and a working group which meets each month is responsible for production. 'Bushwalking in the Victorian Alps' is unlikely to be republished in book form, although a serialisation of tracknotes on the more important areas of the Alps may continue in 'Mountaineering'. Members are reminded that preparation of a publication requires very large amounts of time and that those nominated as responsible for production appreciate offers of help to relieve their burdens. There are many small tasks which are not too time consuming, especially for 'Equipment for Bushwalking & Mountaineering'.

Publications Officer is one of the positions least demanding of time and effort, but one which allows expansion of enterprise and initiative. An obvious extension of the job is into production of club publications which teaches useful skills, and such involvement offers rewards of satisfaction. Due to the difficulties of finding sufficient undergraduates to fill the committee, the position could ideally be filled by one of less committee-weary graduates. Alternatively the constitution might be altered to allow Publications Officer to hold



another minor position, perhaps editor of the Mountaineer. Or the positions could be combined.

In any case, it can be seen that neglect of publication sales is to the considerable detriment of the club. If the club is to realise the full financial benefits from its publication it is vital that it has a Publications Officer who is at least enthusiastic, if not mercenary, in the promotion of its products.

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SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT

NIK DOW

The function of the MUMC search and rescue delegate to the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs S and R committee is to keep our club's S and R section organised, and liaise with FVWC by attending at least the occasional bi-monthly meetings. The club contacts must be provided with up to date addresses and phones, and new recruits canvassed. I have done this job for several years, in addition to maintenance of the Federation's central data base of call out lists, but the former task really needs to be taken over by someone more involved in MUMC bushwalking who is in a better position to keep in touch with members. I suggest the job of delegate to FVWC be assigned ex-officio to the MUMC bushwalking secretary. The central records are on a Melbourne Uni. computer and so are best handled by MUMC, but the Federation S and R committee can look after them if necessary.

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Financially the year was split between the Native Forests Action Council and the Tasmanian Wilderness Society.

We supported both of these organisations; the former by supplying money towards making a slide-kit on East Gippsland, the latter by direct donations to their funds. The slide-kit is being produced now and it is hoped that it will publicise the destruction already under way in the east of our state. This destruction is due to woodchipping and is being supported by the Government.

The problems in Tasmania are no longer underground and the papers have been full of the various set-backs and gains made by T.W.S. At the moment we are waiting to see whether the Federal Government will give funds to flood the proposed world Heritage Area.

A submission was written on behalf of the MUMC. on the proposed rees. for the Grampians Area. The National Parks proposed are small and obviously avoid all areas with any use to the Forests Commission.

Anywhere in the Mountains of Victoria one can see areas of clear-felling or the beginnings of some new Ski-resort. We must keep on the backs of politicians so that they can't go along thinking that no one cares. If you see some severe forest clearing that marrs the view then make sure you let your anger out in a tangible form. It may be too late for that one stream or mountain top but there are lots of greedy people around and they are beginning to outnumber the acres of natural forest. You can help to save forests in other areas by complaining a little. Do it through a conservation Group or in your own words through a Newspaper or letter to a Politician.

A minor conservation point is the presence of plastic and broken glass on some of the most peaceful and beautiful sites in Victoria. I know most MUNC walkers care about their surroundings and this sort of senseless rubbishing is hard to believe. It would be good to put in a special effort in 1982 to collect some of this rubbish left by others and carry it out. Probably this already goes on with thoughtful walkers.

The Conservation sub-committee completed a successful renovation to the Clubrooms by removing the board from over one of the windows, thus allowing more light in and the outdoor spirit to flow around us.



Canoeing in 1981 was dominated as usual by beginners trips in the first 2 months of the year, all of which were a great success. Hopefully this trend will continue in 1982. Obviously early in the year ie. March and April there will be a lack of water to run high standard trips, therefore the Yarra and Goulburn Rivers will be the most frequented spots.

The main problem in 1981 was the lack of continuity in trips around April, May because of the lack of water; however, the Intervarsity Competition in the 1st term holidays brought a welcome relief. The team of 11 people travelled to Nymboida in Northern N.S.W. and after a week of Canoeing, parties, barbeques etc. we returned with the best results in years; an overall second. Intervarsity will be on again this year in Victoria, probably in May so any budding canoeists are welcome as we will probably be looking for a large team.

In the second half of the year the water conditions improved and there were numerous high level trips. Two Mitchell River Trips in particular were exceptionally good with all people enjoying them immensely, especially paddling through the Amphitheatre, a good, long grade 4 rapid.

The final official MUMC trip for the year was the annual Snowy River Cruise in November after exams, which is probably the highlight of the year. On the trip just about all of the party paddled the whole river which was quite an achievement as some were only beginners but very enthusiastic. The trip went without accident, except for one boat which slowly sank.

The other major activity of the canoeists apart from whitewater touring was Canoe Polo in which we won the C grade Premiership. In 1982 we will be playing in B grade which is relatively good, as there are 46 teams in the competition this year and only 6 of these are in A grade. Also this year we have a D grade Open team and a Combined Ladies Team. If anyone is interested in playing Canoe Polo this year they should contact me on 459-3478 or come along to one of our training nights on Wednesdays between 8pm - 10.30pm in the Beaurepaire Pool.

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Co. Convenor 1981  
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Caving trips have continued to go regularly to Buchan, Bat Ridges, Parwan and Indi in the past year. Numbers of people caving regularly have increased and more people are able to organise their own trips.

Long trips have included two week trip to the Kimberleys, New Zealand and Tasmania.

Continued close association with the Victorian Speleological Association proves beneficial. Some members attended a vertical training day towards the end of last year.

Anyone wishing to try caving should contact Sue or Nicholas White (328-4154 h).

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ORIENTEERING REPORTPETER TURNER

1981 was one of the most exciting years the orienteers have had for quite some time. The main event for the year was the Australian Championships, which were run in early October in the Korwiegeboora State forest near Daylesford. With over 700 competitors from all over Australia and several from overseas, they were a tremendous success. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly in the sun, rain and snow (yes, it did snow), at Daylesford.

During the year we also organised an event at Hepburn Springs (near Daylesford, without snow) and one at Kinglake.

Orienteering is a sport that any one can compete in, regardless of their level of fitness. As an event only takes up one day of the week, interference with study is minimal. Any one wishing to know more about Orienteering can see me at the clubrooms or ring me on 876-1128.



M.U.M.C. BUSHWALKING REPORT 1981.

The interest of club members in bushwalking remained at much the same (low) level as in the previous few years. As with last year the sub-committee put together a programme of walks in the hope that it might stimulate leaders and followers to go walking. Although there was a fair degree of activity in the first half of the year, this dropped to nothing later on except for a few trips after the annual exams.

In spite of the declining interest, the Easter van to the Howqua Valley was filled to overflowing. Unfortunately, very few of these walkers seemed to go on many other trips during the year. One high point for the year was a week long trip during the May vacation to the Blue Mountains.

On a brighter note, 1982 has started well, with several trips having already been under taken. This is largely the result of considerable interest from new members. It seems however that many bushwalkers do not want to go on "gun" walks, but would rather go on easy trips, especially day walks. It would seem that if bushwalking is to regenerate, then future planning of walks will have to take these preferences into account.

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There were several club beginners trips and lots of

I will try to get a trip program organized before the

Hire fees will remain as they were last year, and I

The ski-touring subcommittee has requested a relatively

stock on a number of weekends.

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