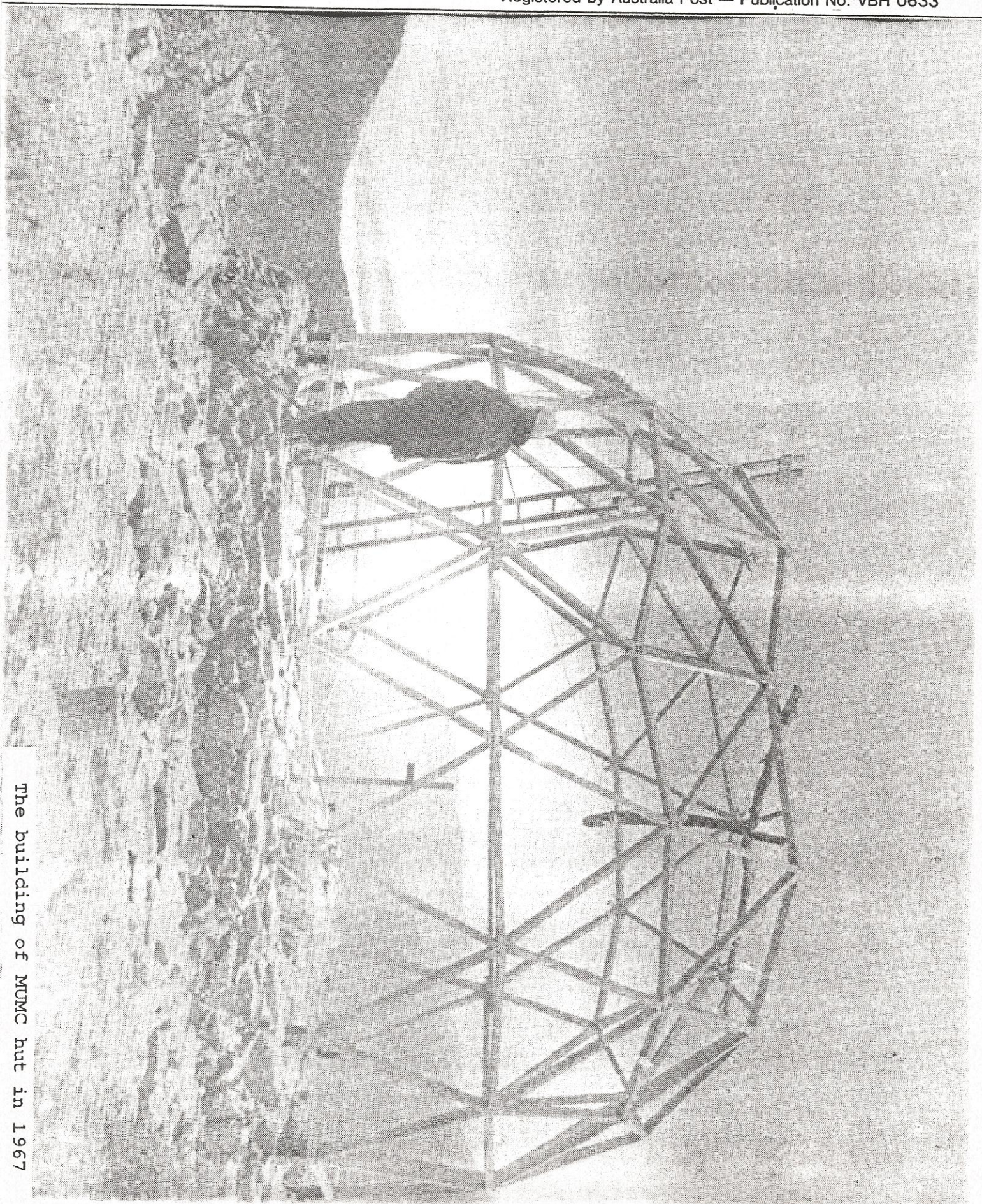


MOUNTAINEER

The magazine of the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club

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The building of MUMC hut in 1967

A Word from the President



Have you seen the moon light up the beach on a cool autumn evening

Or the morning sun giving life to the sparkling drops of ice hanging off a snow gum surrounded by snow

Have you climbed so high and for so long that the wind has chilled you to the bone but you still smile when you see a small flower clinging desperately to the rock-face

Do you know what it's like to fall out of your boat on a grade 3 rapid in mid-winter and spend the night dreaming about how it should have been done

It's about time we actually posted out a Mountaineer. They've been available during the year in the clubrooms but we thought we'd send something out to reach those who haven't come to the clubrooms. Usually the Mountaineers have articles about individual trips and a slush column. In this 'special' edition we've had to forgo these luxuries of literature mainly because we rushed this one for the AGM notification. Instead of writing about the great trips that have happened I hope this edition will give you an indication of the trips to come. I'd like you to go on these trips, to experience the type of experiences I've had with the club and to hopefully have you write an article or two for the next Mountaineer.

My year as President of MUMC is coming to an end. Similarly for many of the other Committee members. There are several positions available which offer interesting, rewarding work for those prepared to put in the time. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the club (battle the Sports Union Beaurocratic empire, slay first years with a single trip or divert more club funds to your inebriation weekend) then try out for a committee position. The club is only as good as the people who run it. The Annual General Meeting promises to be an interesting night as well as a great chance to socialize. See you there.

Frank Zgoznic

President, MUMC

come along to the

MUMC BUSHDANCE



featuring

BUSHWAZIE



UNION BUFFET HALL 8-12 PM

Light Supper provided BYO drink \$12

Organizers { Lana Zgoznic 49 1481
Carol Harding 557 5538

MUMC Calendar

July	13	Paddy Pallin buying night
	27	MUMC AGM Board room 6.30 pm
	29-30	Wildtrek Weekend
August	19-20	MUMC Midnight Ascent
	25	MUMC Bushdance
Sept	2-3	Alpine instuction weekend
	2-3	Canoeing Instruction Weekend
	16-17	MUMC 24 hr walk
	23-24	I.V. Canoeing
October	7-8	Navigation and Leadership skills weekend

The 20th Anniversary Midnight Ascent !

The Midnight Ascent is one of those events that is talked about for months before and for months after the actual occasion. The annual pilgrimage up North West spur begins at midnight on friday and finishes some two and a half to eight hours later at MUMC hut. Progress depends on your enthusiasm and the snow cover which tends to slow down even the fittest in a good year. Much of the saturday is spent sleeping and that night the FORMAL (!) celebrations begin! The first ever midnight ascent was held in 1969 shortly after completeion of the MUMC hut, making this year the 20th anniversary! This year (like the previous nineteen!) will undoubtedly be unimaginably WILD. Midnight ascent is the event that turns the newcomer into the club veteran. It is the event that takes you a week to recover from. It is the occasion for meeting people, being with old friends and going crazy while always remembering the danger inherant in venturing into such wild place.

I hope to see you on the night,
Chris Pivec

FIRST ANNUAL MT. FEATHERTOP DINNER MENU

Sherry
Hors D'Oeuvres
Soup - Tomato supreme au gratin
Entrée - La bella Polenta
Gluhwein

Main Course

Poulet Sauté Espagnol
Aux petits pois desséchées et riz
Selected table wines

Desert

wine whirl trifle liquers - Drambuie
coffee - New Guinea fruit cake
after dinner mints

Wine list

Mc Williams Royal Reserve
Dry Sherry
Sweet Sherry
Wynvale White Burgundy
Glenloth Sauternes
Mc Williams Royal Reserve Port

Fruit Juices

Orange, Pineapple, Tomato
biscuits, liqueur chocolates,
marshmallows, cider

CAVING

It has been a fairly active year for the caving section. Several beginners trips have been run to Buchan, a vertical caving trip to Bungonia in New South Wales, new equipments and more enthusiasm generally have all made it a good year so far.

The beginners trips to Buchan have been run by various people and from all accounts everyone had a great time on all the trips. These beginners trips are for those with no caving experience and give the inexperienced an insight to what caving is about.

The trip to Bungonia caves was the highlight of my brief caving career. Five cavers, Ross, Rosie and myself from the M.U.M.C. and Barry and Roger from the Victorian Speological Society made the trip to N.S.W. after a climbing/SRT (Single Rope Techniques) weekend at Mt. Arapiles. The caves we explored are known as vertical caves i.e. they required SRT equipment (or ladders) to reach the bottom. It was the first caving of this type that the M.U.M.C. members had attempted and everything went fine. The caves we did were: Drum cave, Grill cave, Acoustic Pot and Argyll hole. The latter involved seven pitched and finished at a magnificent sump with water so clear it was possible to see 30 feet down into it. We had a great time above ground as well but if I ever see another plate of spaghetti bolognese I will probably end up in a padded room!

We also acquired some new equipment this year, three sets of SRT equipment including vertical helmets, another speolotechnics light, and a great book: 'Vertical', which is compulsory reading for the budding new caver. This new equipment will enable the club to do some more serious caving in the many vertical caves around.

The club has been involved in working bees for both Homeleigh (a house owned by a group of cavers in Buchan which we often use for accommodation) and C.F. & L. in Buchan. Some more of these are planned and don't forget each days work on Homeleigh entitles you to a weekend's free accommodation.

The number of 'experienced' cavers within the club is steadily increasing which will mean: a) more advanced trips will be able to be run, and b) more leaders are available for beginners trips.

Finally, thanks must be given to V.S.A. members for all the help they have given both with advice and help underground.

Keep your eyes on the trip book for coming events and give it a go!!

Phil Towler, Caving Convenor.

SKI-TOURING

As I write there seems to be more rain falling than snow, but never fear - it will return....SOON!! This is going to be an "obese" (how do you spell this?) season, most are only "huge" so we've definitely got something to look forward to here.

So far this season there have been three ski trips run by the club, one of which has been on the Ramshead Range in the Snowy Mountains. There are trips planned in the future for just about every skiable mountain I can think of so just keep your fingers (arms, legs, eyes!?) crossed for the enourmous amounts of the white stuff.

Beginners will be nursed along at Lake Mountain & "GODS" will be attempting to ski anything with snow (any takers for Feathertop's Hellfire Gully?). So come in, check out the trips folder and prepare those legs for a great season.

Dave Peckham
(Ski-touring Convenor)

ROCK SUMMARY

The past year has been one of the biggest climbing years in a long time. It has seen a lot of up and coming climbers consolidate their abilities and confidence to establish a large group of competent leaders from where there were few. It has also seen with help and input of these leaders many trips with many enthusiastic beginners. Some of these have reached a good standard in a short time enabling mega-trips to Arapiles to take place and kindle some adventurous spirit.

Arapiles, although a mecca for range, access and atmosphere has not been the only venue. The You-Yangs, Cathedrals, Werribee Gorge, Grampians, Buffalo, Blue Lake, Rocky Ned, Camels Hump, Big Hill and Black Rock have been visited by MUMC masses over this past year. Even the New Zealand Alps have been tackled by a few fit, game individuals.

New Zealand will be returned to this summer and other rock venues not on the list are Moonarie SA, and Frog Buttress QLD. To sum up my conception of the past events: from a scanty old beginning two years ago, not knowing what the job would entail and dreading the thought of rebuilding the rock-climbing fraternity, I've had the satisfaction in seeing a rebirth of the word Mountaineering and the pleasure of building it with all those who helped.

Thanks heaps

David (Buck) Rogers
Rock-Climbing Convenor

BUSHWALKING

Bushwalks this year have gone to a number of different places in Victoria and NSW. Several trips have visited the MUMC hut at Mt Feathertop, a truly pointy Victorian mountain. Daytrips started with a traverse of the Cathedrals Razorback, and other trips explored Kinglake and Lake Mountain. Weekends have been spent at the Grampians, creek-walking in the Otways, on the Bogong High Plains, Port Campbell and over the Viking and Razor.

At Easter there were longer trips; to Kosciusko National Park, East Gippsland and the Otways.

On the annual Otways Bludge Epic lass walking was done than is normally required to reach Uni from the train station! At the other extreme was a rogaine, involving running (or walking for the wimps) cross-country in search of orange markers.

Coming events include weekends in the Grampians and Wilson's Promontory, possibly a bush-run to Cape Schanck (OK, maybe it'll be a walk) a 24 hour walk (rogaine), the Midnight Ascent and lots more whenever someone feels like leading a trip.

Anna Povey
Bushwalking Convenor

CANOEING

The canoeing year for 1989 has been active and fun-filled. The usual beginner trips to the Yarra were run, with everybody having an enjoyable day. The Easter trip ventured to the Mitchell and another trip was run there a few weeks later at an exciting level. MUMC ran a slalom on the Yarra for the V.A.C.A. and a surf and sea kayaking trip was held down at Wilson's Prom and Waratah Bay. The beautiful weather on Anzac Day enticed some MUMC paddlers to the Big river, where a lazy day of paddling was had. By the time you read this article a kayaking trip on the Murrumbidgee and Goobragandra rivers in N.S.W. will have passed as well as a five day touring trip on the beautiful Snowy river.

This Autumn the canoe polo season went smoothly with Melbourne Uni teams ranging from A grade to Novice standard competing. If you would like to play canoe polo, or are just interested in learning basic skills, watch the canoeing trip book for beginner nights in the Beaurepaire Pool.

A canoeing trips calendar has been made up, so if you put your name down on the trip list or ring the relevant leader if interested. We will be running a skills weekend with qualified instructors, so if you wish to hone your skills, come along, and M.U.M.C. is hosting Intervarsity this year on the Big river. Even if you don't paddle regularly with the club, we encourage you to come, as it is the highlight of the canoeing year.

Hoping to see you soon,
OXO.

SEMESTER 2 CANOEING CALENDAR

WHEN	WHERE	STANDARD	LEADER
July (22)	BIG	Intermediate	Louise
Aug 6	KING	Intermediate	Stephen
(12)	MT STIRLING/DELATITE	Intermediate	David K.
(13)	HOWQUA	Intermediate	David K.
26	BIG	Intermediate	Russell
Sep 02	HOWQUA	Intermediate	Sally
03	CANOEING INSTRUCTION WEEKEND		
16	KING	Intermediate	Andre
17	BUFFALO	Intermediate	Andre
23	BIG	Intermediate	Lachlan
24	INTER-VARSITY		
Oct 07	MITTA MITTA		
08		Intermediate	Rob T.
14	HOWQUA	Intermediate	Phil T.
15	DELATITE	Intermediate	Phil T.
Nov 24-27	SNOWY BLUDGE TRIP	Intermediate	?????

Jocelyn Allen	459 2524	Torsten Krebs	419 9237
Louise Aufflick	23 3732	Stephen Simmons	347 1381
Andre Geelen	347 8361	Russell Smith	436 1356
Lachlan Ingram	898 3937	Rob Taylor	387 3002
David Kjar	878 1843	Phil Towler	850 9824
Sally Doyle	857 6284		

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club Incorporated will be held

when: Thursday, 27th July 6:30 pm

location: Sports Union Board Room (between the Swimming Pool & Trinity College)

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting, and any special business of which seven day's notice has been given. No special business can be considered by the Annual General Meeting unless seven day's notice in writing of the business to be discussed has been given to the secretary.

Notice in writing may be given to the Secretary by placing the notice of business in the sealed box in the Clubrooms (where the nominations for Committee positions are to be placed).

All club members are urged to attend the AGM to catch up with other members and to partake of light refreshments after the meeting. See you there!

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations are called for the following Committee positions:

President	<i>Buck</i>	Bushwalking Convenor	<i>Anna</i>
Vice-President	<i>Chris</i>	Canoeing Convenor	<i>Joc</i>
Treasurer	<i>Steven</i>	Rock-Climbing Convenor	<i>Dave</i>
Secretary	<i>Russell</i>	Conservation Convenor	<i>Carol</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Louise</i>	Caving Convenor	<i>Phil</i>
Publications Officer		Orienteering/Rogaining Convenor	
		Ski-Touring Convenor	<i>Dave?</i>

Nominations are to be made on the form below or on a nomination form available from the clubrooms. All nomination forms are to be placed in the sealed box in the clubrooms not less than seven days before the date fixed for the AGM i.e.

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