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Dear Member,

As those of you who attended the AGM at Lakes Entrance will be aware, this newsletter has been prepared and edited without the very capable and valued input of Sally Barton. The first time in five years! So you'll have to be patient and overlook some of the glaring deficiencies while I get the hang of it.

After five years as Secretary/Treasurer and editor of the newsletter Sally decided to throw a cover over the old typewriter and devote her time to other more pressing enterprises. During her stint I have little doubt that the very survival of the club relied in no small way, on her extremely able contribution and I know that we can go on and build on the strength of the ground-work she helped lay.

I know all club members will wish to say, "Good on ya Sal!"

Membership renewals were due on October 1st for 1990/91 and for the purpose of upgrading our records I have attached a form which can be returned with your payment.

It was unfortunate that only a dozen or so members were able to attend the AGM, however, the lack of numbers was amply off-set by the enthusiasm of all present and if everything goes according to plan we should be in for an action-packed year.

To kick-off the festivities Frank is organising a joint paddle with the NSW club, from Eden to Mallacoota about the second and third weeks of December (see details attached) and an agenda for further day-trips and expeditions of longer duration is included and will be up-dated as the year unfolds. Basically, what this means is that there will be activities to cater for all levels of expertise, plus training days etc.

I'll leave you with this quote as food for thought.

"A man who is not afraid of the sea will soon be drowned, he said, for he will be going out on a day he shouldn't. But we do be afraid of the sea, and we do only be drowned now and again".

John Millington Synge --THE ARAN ISLANDS
Regards for now,

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF VSKC 3/11/90 HELD AT LAKES ENTRANCE.

The meeting commenced at 8.30pm with Frank Bakker as chairman.

PRESENT: Graeme Wilson, John Stomps, Collin Addison, Julia Delling, Keith Mitchener, Geoff Nicholls, Frank Bakker, Keith & Robin Anker, John Basemore, John Hyndman.

APOLOGIES: Cath Hannon, Ron Willis, Pete Dingle, Malcolm Cowall, Alice Hesse, Dave Cregan, Rod Macartur, John Perkins.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read.

"...that the minutes be confirmed..."

Moved Keith Mitchener
 Seconded Graeme Wilson

Carried.

Matters Arising from Minutes.

1. Collin Addison suggested that a second person make themselves available to attend VACA meetings as there have been occasions when he was unable to attend and was unsuccessful in contacting Dath Hannon. John Basemore agreed to perform this duty.

2. Collin suggested also, that the club renew its affiliation with the VACA. Two important benefits being,

(a) Calendered sposed events, and

(b) Insurance .ie the will indemnify the club and its members providing prior notification of an event is given.

The cost of affiliation is \$95.00 per year.

"...that the club rejoin the VACA..."

Moved Frank Bakker

Seconded John Basemore

Carried.

"...that a vote of thanks be extended to Sally Barton for services to the club above and beyond the call of duty..."

Moved John Basemore

Seconded...Unanimous

Carried.

"...that Sally should remain on the mailing list ad infinitum..."

Moved Frank Bakker

Seconded Keith Mitchener

Carried.

Vice Presidents report by Frank Bakker.

Frank reports that courses run through out the year by Malcolm Cowall were well attended, resulting in a dozen or so graduates. Club trips such as the Easter East Coaster and the Queens' Birthday Weekender were also quite popular (still scope for improvement). That six instructors have been assessed this year is of great significance to the VSKC and sea kayaking in general.

Other significant happenings are Geoff Nicholls' lone paddle from Marlo to Brisbane, Larry Grays' New Guinea exploits and Collin Addisons Prom trips.

The Secretary/Treasurers' Report was read. (See attached.)

"...that the Sec/Treasurers' report be received..."

Moved Frank Bakker

Seconded John Stomps

Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

"...that Frank Bakker be elected President..."

Moved John Hyndman

Seconded John Stomps

Carried.

FRANKS' XMAS 1990 EAST COAST EXPEDITION.

Part 1. Sea kayak Proficiency Course
Date: 15-17 December 1990
Venue: Mallacoota Inlet.

Part 2. Expedition, Eden to Mallacoota
Date: 17-22 December 1990.

All sea kayakers are invited to come to Mallacoota for a week of sea "yacking" in one of the best locations on Australia's East coast. This week is designed to do something for everyone!

For those interested in an expedition along the last piece of wilderness coast in S.E. Australia --- Eden to Mallacoota. This is an excellent venue for sea kayaking. You will require a reasonably sea-worthy craft and some off-shore kayaking under your belt.

If you are keen to get some tips and gain enough confidence to tackle a trip like this, a proficiency course will be run before-hand. Several Sea kayak Instructors have made themselves available and you will receive an ACF ratified qualification on successful completion.

Some sea kayak hire can be arranged from Andrew Cope, Larry Gray, or Malcolm Cowall.

Camping accommodation has been arranged at the Mallacoota Foreshore Camping Park. The area nominated is over-looking the entrance and has plenty of room during the above period. Any family and friends are welcome to stay throughout the week at a modest charge of \$4.00 per night for unpowered tent sites. Powered tent or caravan sites can be arranged separately by ringing the park manager on (051) 58 0300.

This presents an ideal opportunity to see some great country and meet sea kayakers from both Victoria and NSW. All those interested in any part of this week should contact me before the end of November on (060) 76 9360 AH or (060) 76 5503 BH. I'm looking forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Frank Bakker
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TECHNICAL TIPS.

This column is going to be a regular feature of the Newsletter, so if you have come up with any good ideas or can see a better way of doing something that is mentioned in the column then let's hear it.

1. If you have ever had trouble un-doing your srew type Henderson hatches this may help. First clean any sand from threads with a tooth-brush, then apply a dampened cake of Velvet soap to them. Screw hatches down, then remove them and allow soap to dry. You'll find this treatment lasts a couple of trips and doesn't attract sand.

2. Sail designs for sea kayaks. (plagerised from NSW Sea Kayaker...who pinched it from The Maatsuyker Canoe Club)

(SEE PAGE 4.)

LAKES ENTRANCE AGM PADDLES.

Report by John Basemore.

Fifteen people and nine kayaks assembled at Lakes Entrance for our AGM and a few days of paddling. The Lakes Main Caravan Park was an ideal venue. We had a pleasant spot to pitch our tents on grass under the shade of weeping willow trees. The weather was fine. Sunny days, light sea breezes in the mornings, strengthening as the day progressed.

Frank and Collin headed our armada down the lake, under the foot-bridge that leads to the surf beach, past the shopping centre and the grubby fishing boats moored along the foreshore that give the town a bit of character. Without this industry the town would be just another holiday place with good scenery.

We reached the entrance with the high tide and had no trouble as we entered Bass Strait. We followed the shore back to where our non-paddling members awaited us near the surf club. Frank soon had us doing our stuff in the surf. Showing how good we were at all manner of things, including using kayaks as rolling-pins to grind heads into the sand, breaking paddles and the old stand-by of getting out before reaching the shore! One young lady could be heard "YA-HOOING" every time she caught a wave. (I always thought a YA-HOO was an obnoxious young man---- now it seems to have crossed the 'gender barrier'. Sorry Julia!)

There were changes of personnel for the return trip. The breeze was coming up and the tide was coming out, resulting in a fair bit of turbulence at the entrance, which has a reputation that deserves respect. While Collin was assembling his little flock in preparation to cross 'the Bar' a work boat came out and told us to stand-by until the dredge made its last run of the day. Collin had to decide where to take us to minimise the risk. After what seemed an age, we all made it to shore, so he obviously got it right! There was only one little 'mishap', which, to Collins' credit and those who trained him, was over-come quickly and with a minimum of fuss. Well done Collin!

Getting up the channel that connects the sea to the lakes is quite a task. The water travels at a tremendous rate with only a narrow strip of non-turbulent water on either side. Three 'weakies' portaged, but the rest stuck to their guns and paddled up (even though one of them went most of the way upside-down!) All this exertion resulted in one of the sleepest AGM's of all time.

Sunday was spent inspecting each others equipment and a general exchange of thoughts, then off to the water where there was opportunity to try-out a range of different craft while everyone assembled for a paddle to Metung. Soon after departing we found where the tide created an 'over-fall', and of course there was more of the 'unsightly' YA-HOOING by those engaged in acrobatics.

The scenery is varied, with hills on one side and islands on the other. Nearing Metung we entered a cove which is

almost hidden in a fold in the hills; a tranquil place that is a nursery for many species of fish.

The road travellers were late arriving at Metung. They have their own story.

The wind had come up again and of course it was in our faces for the return journey. I was dragging my feet, but Franks' tuition resulted in sufficient improvement for me to keep up a bit better.

Julia hitched a ride on a beautiful traditional sailing 'Coota Boat'.

The closer we got to the entrance the greater the speed of the current. There is a hell of a lot of water going out that little 'hole'.

The road travellers were late again. They have their own story.

It was time to part company. Only three 'old timers' remained in camp that night.

Monday was occupied in fishing and photography at Lake Tyres. Access to the sea seems better there and may be worth trying next time. More people should come on these trips as there is more learnt on one such trip than on a dozen by yourself---and it is safer also!



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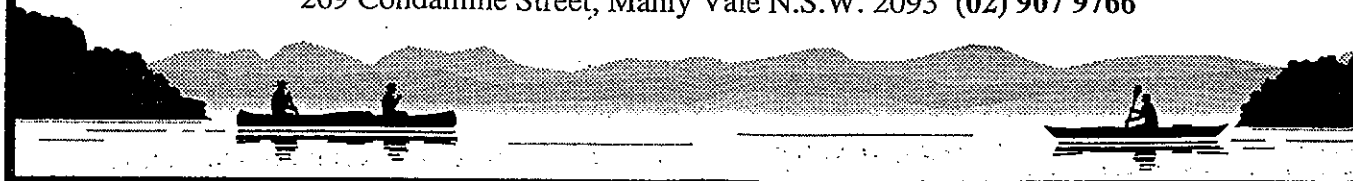
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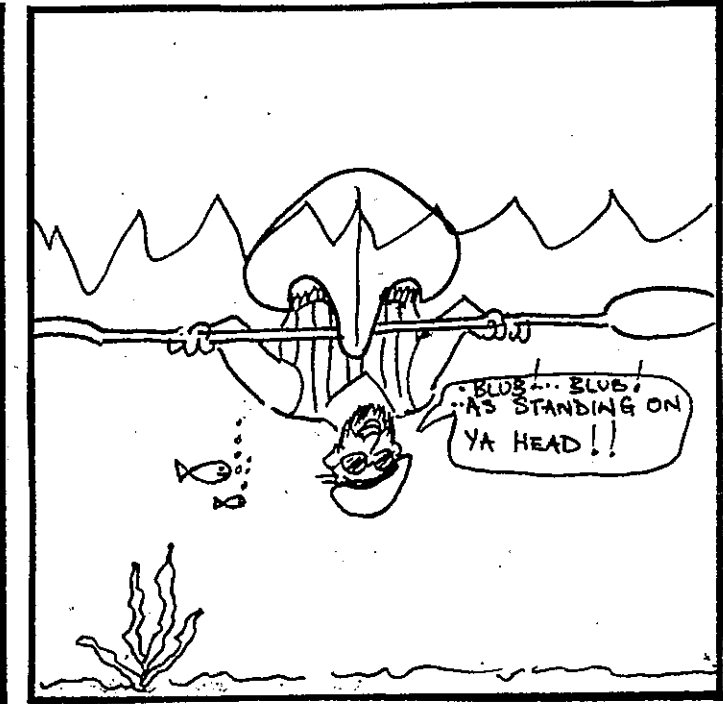
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OCTOBER BULLETIN

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Special Invitation: As layed down in the VSKC constitution, the Annual General Meeting falls due on the first weekend in November. That time draws near, and it is hoped that as many members as possible have kept the weekend (Melbourne Cup weekend) free and will attend, not only the A.G.M but also a great weekend of paddling and 'gass-bagging'.

The Venue: Lakes Entrance has been selected as the most central venue to our scattered membership. Also it offers the option of some sheltered inside paddling in case of really inclement weather conditions and trips to places like Lake Tyers are another attractive option.

Accommodation: Lakes Entrance Y.H.A hostel offers 4 berth bungalow type accommodation for \$8.50 per night for Y.H.A members or \$9.00 for non members, or if you prefer to camp you can pitch a hike tent at a site conveniently located behind the common room, at a cost of \$5.00 per night. (NB. If the former is preferred, you will need to bring a Y.H.A sheet).

As this may be a fairly busy time of year we were advised to indicate A.S.A.P how many people will be requiring accommodation so it would be great if you could complete the attached form and post by return mail to:

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