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Vera Hut

(OLD) VERA HUT

LOG BOOK

DEC 1982 - MAY 1986

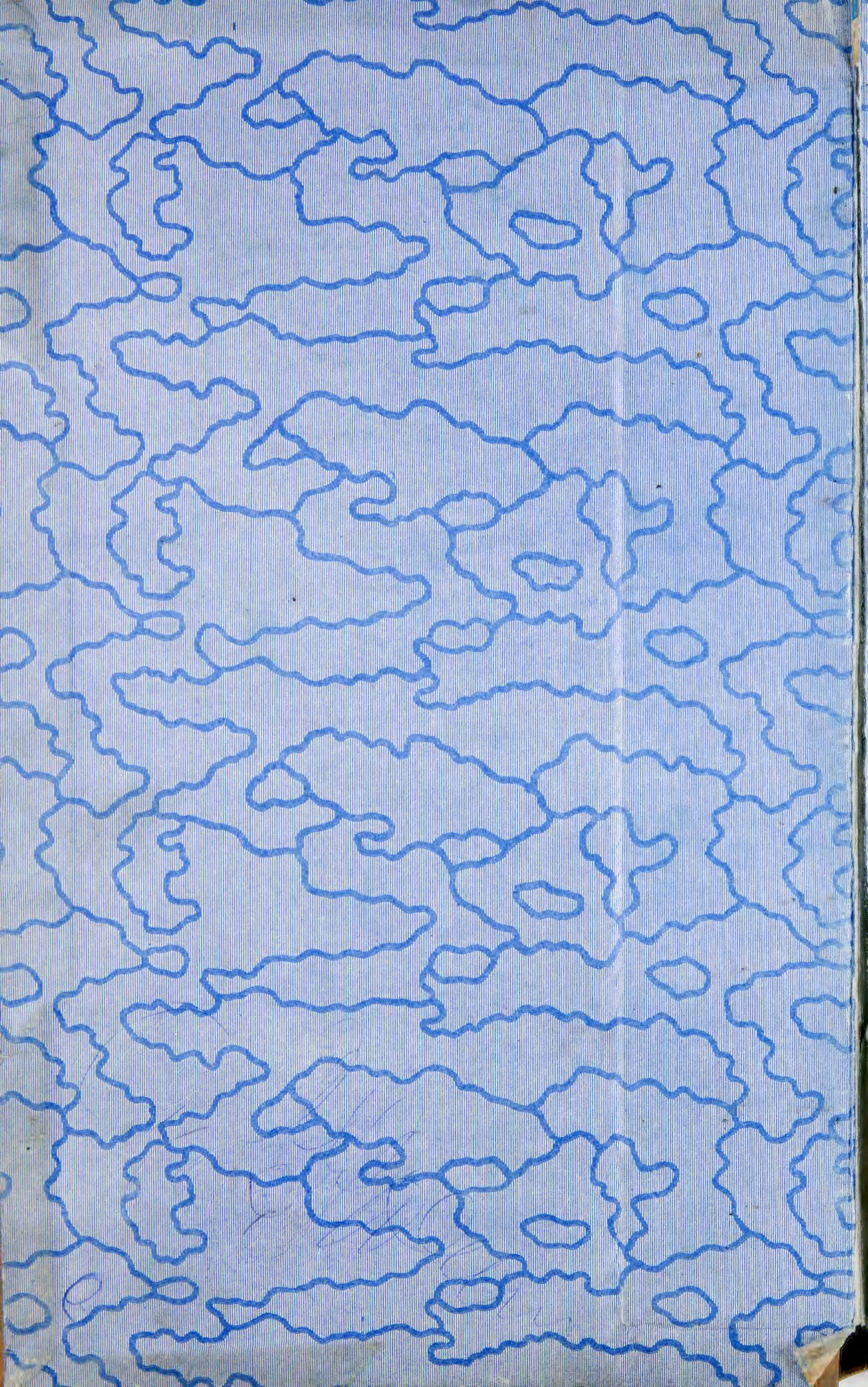
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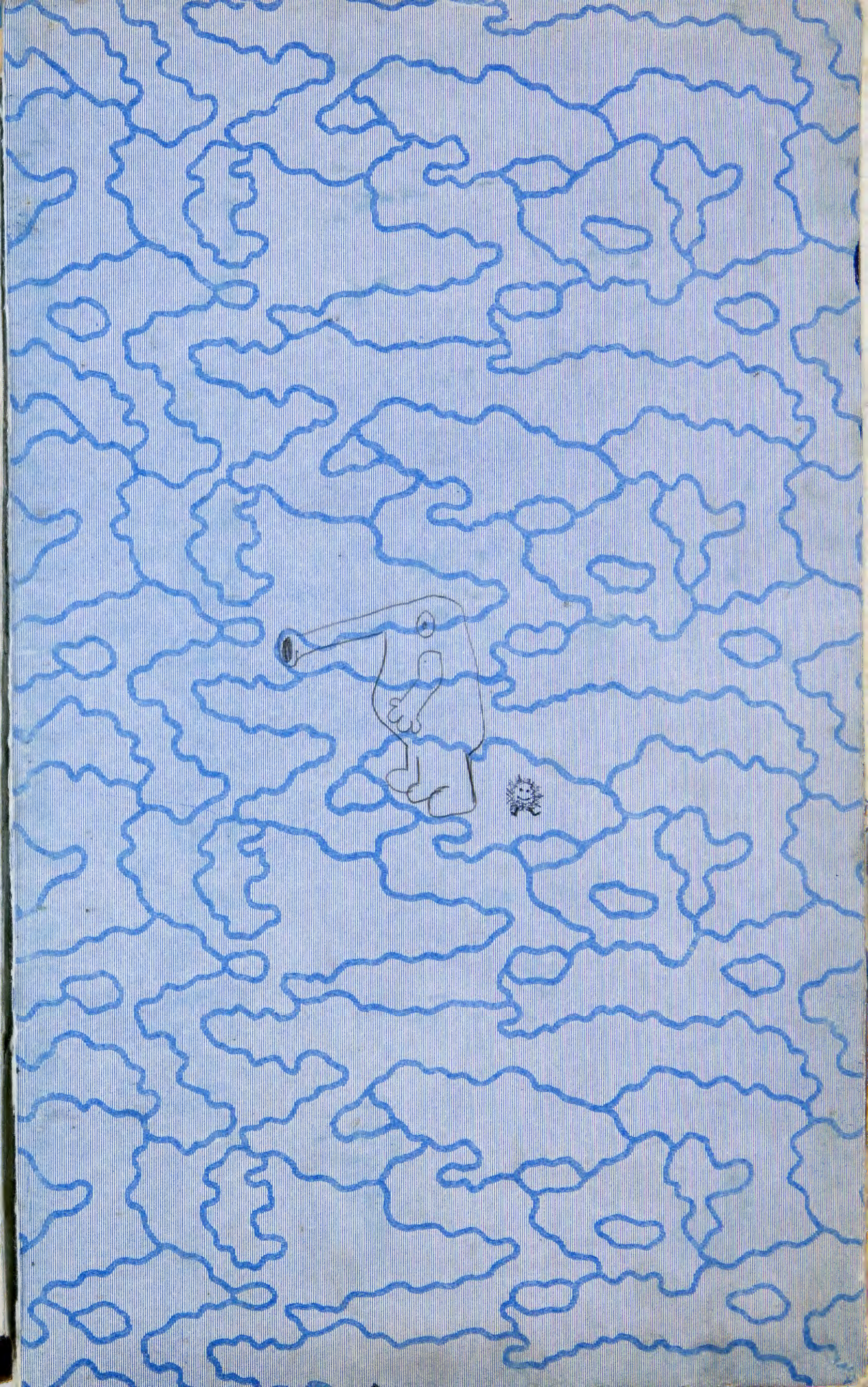
Complaint for

to the

signed

on known





22.12.82 are lifting coal to Hut. & going down
up of area N.P.W.S. Longass.

23.12.82 Alex Buchanan - in for the day from
L. St. Clair, fixed flashing on chimney.

25.12.82 Christmas day. Left Lyell Highway at about 1.00pm (after
a hasty Christmas dinner at the car). Good walking (other than
bogholes) and reached here at about 7pm.

Annette Dean

Malcolm Dean

Geoff Dean

Stephanie Dean

26-12-82. Walking to Tahune Hut
today, possibly climbing Frenchman's
this afternoon. Returning to Lake Vera
for Monday night.

26.12.82 - Left highway at 11.40am. - Terrific day, warm
walking - track better than we expected. Arrived 6.00p.m. A beaut
little hut to stay the night in - won't need any rocking!

Barbara, Arthur + Ian Kelly. Burnie, Tas.

27.12.82 Off to climb Frenchman's today, make a base camp at
Tahune Hut, go down to Franklin and possibly return Lake Vera
~~Wednesday~~ night. B.A. + J. Kelly.

27/12/82 Denis Inez & Cameron McCarthy from Hobart
Walked from Loddon R. 9:30am, arrived here 3:30 p.m.
Heading for the 'Cap' to-morrow Tues. Taking it easy
Here again, same day as last year. Why? Denis MB.

27/12/82 Back from Frenchman's. Spent night at Tahune Hut.
Great weather!

Annette Dean

Geoff Dean

- wonderful walk

Malcolm Dean

Stephanie Dean

27-12-82 David, Heather & Rowland ab away from L'ton.
Arrived with ab party mid-afternoon from Loddon
camp site. Glad the weather is so good. Leaving for
Frenchman's Cap 28th Am. staying at Tahune hut at night.
DENIS - WE'VE LEFT HERE AT 8-30 AM WED. 29/12/82

OTHERS GEAR IN HUT + YOURS TOO. ALL OF LORINDAS, MANDYS + MINE
GONE

4.1.83 Peter Martin Wendy Martin
 Robyn Storer Alan Plening
 Lunch enroute to F' Moir
 Deacon (!) where are you !!!

4.1.83 Long lunch on way to Lake Tahune
 (toolong!)
 Meg Robertson & Rob Stevens

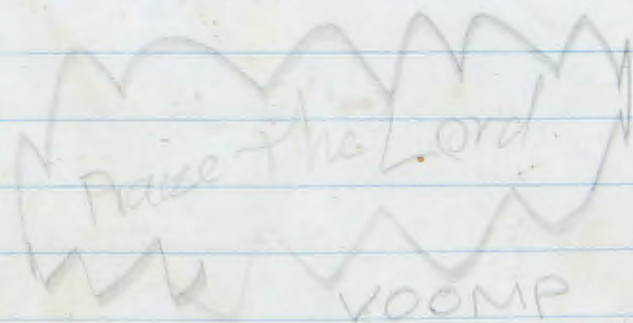
4 JAN 83 J. TRUSCOTT, R. MOOR, C. LAWLESS - STAYED OVERNIGHT ENROUTE
 TO LAKE TAHUNE & ON 5 JAN 83 ON 6 JAN - MOVED ON
 TO LAKE TAHUNE ON 7 JAN

4 JAN 83 R. PAYNE - M. PAYNE - D. LAWRY - M. LAWRY
 (ALL FROM ADELAIDE) ARRIVED 4.30 PM AFTER HIKING FROM
 HAWWAY - STAYING O'NIGHT AT CAMPSITE.
 HIKING TO FRENCHMAN'S 5/1, RETURNING TO HIGHWAY
 6/1

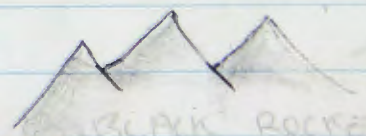
4/1/83 Arrived here at 5.00 pm from Lyell Highway. Hit rain
 and wind about 1/2 hour before hut. Excellent hut.
 Head off to Lake Tahune tomorrow A. Lake (Warrumbungle)
 I also arrived this afternoon with this formerly Scotland.
 poor decrepid married man from Scotland and
 am off to Lake Tahune with god's grace
 tomorrow
 T. Hausler (Fitzroy)

Date) 5/1/83

Time) 11.10



VOOMP



BLACK ROCKERS - 22/1/83

we are vooping outside the Franklin River dialog
 we just have voomped down from Tahune Hut.
 It was great fun (ultra bugs) up there
 and on the way down.

VOOMP

B. Starkey

A. Starkey

5.1.83 Slowly walking from the Lyell Highway near the Franklin River to Victoria Pass via Fr. Cap and the Frenabyss - enjoying rain forest remnants, views and flowers - not enjoying fire-destroyed vegetation.

From Perth → Arthur Weston, Naomi Segal, Tom Doney, Helene Fisher

6.1.83 Got a bit bogged down in the limitless quagmire en route from Lyell Hwy to this hut. However we know Tassie weather and we have got heaps of food so that we can one day (on this hike) climb Frenchman.

Malcolm Lyon & Sylvia Tooke, VIC.

P.S. Tracey, Trevor & Arthur where are you?
not up my ass

6.1.83 ROB & JOSS

Walked in from the Lyell Hwy. to the Franklin Xing and then commenced swimming to lake. A pair of webbed feet would be much more use than boots. The weather was fine on the way up, hope it holds for the trip up Tahare tomorrow.

Rob Partridge

I LOVE MUD

JOSS.
(not so sure how my boots feel though)
(abused, no doubt).

6.1.83 Iain Conner Arrived from Lockdon River
Left for Cap and returned on 7-1-83
long day but had a clear view,

11/1/83 Keith & Diana Jones spent night
here. walking out today boring boring boring
MOTT

11/1/83 - Shanks Pony Club. Graeme Smithies,
Barry Gough, Robyn Knowles, Gordon Gordon (all of
Melbourne) spent a lovely warm night here last
night after a wet descent from Tahune. Now
leaving for the highway after an interesting(!) trip.
Graeme Smithies

11/1/83 - What a slur! Rained in
@ 3 PM yesterday - about 10 km. of
mud & water - camped down before
the rain - arrived here 5 PM.
Weather clearing! Off to Tahune this
afternoon.

Tony Bigginden - Artamon
Nelle Cook - Helmburg.

11.1.83 "Weather looks promising" the famous last words
of many a French-ascenter. As I write the rain is coming
down, the hills are flowing with the run-off from
last night's SNOW up above Baron's Pass,
which I traversed (with difficulty) this morning, having
abandoned any hope of exiting via the Inenabyss. Will
head out & try the Loddon crossing tomorrow, if the log is
still there. Looking forward to a good desert to spend
the rest of my holidays in (like Melbourne for instance)
A Renoir, Larry Cook.

Ps: Tell the Bloody Hydro to try damming Cooper's Creek.

12/1/82. Arrived 3-30 pm after a "swim" across the Loddon Plain. Heading for Tahune + Frenchman tomorrow + hopefully heading back to the Lyell Hwy. via "Irenabyss" + Raglan Range. HOWEVER, should this exceptionally normal weather (rain, hail, wind, snow etc) continue. We will probably be back in a day or two.

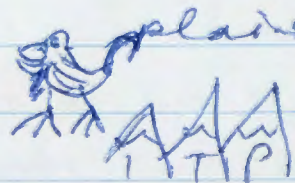
T.O.P. trip.

Total of 6 (six) in party / John Lindros.
 Jo. Hall
 All real keen to get a view from Frenchman. Robert. Hall
 Hopeful ???! John. ROSKE
 Heather Finlayson
 Terry Farley

11.183 Arrived at 8.30 pm after walking in from the road. Spent the 12th + half of the 13th dossing here as the crappy weather continued. Leaving 13.1.83 for Tahune with plans of some climbing on Frenchman's.

Who will ~~be~~ drown first on the Loddon International Turkey Patrol.

Craig Nettle I.T.P.
 Graham Sanders



13/1/83 Nick Hamilton + Bob Hall RETURNING
 to their town CAP Noon.

14.183 I'M ALLOWED NO FUN!
 Walking out to climb somewhere where the sun shines. i.e. Patagonia!

Craig Nettle I.T.P.
 GRAHAM Sanders alias "The Great Getby"

I'M ALLOWED NO FUN! NO FUN!



" If I'd known the weather was going to be like this, I wouldn't have emigrated! " - Winston

15/1/83

Arrived yesterday at ~ 8.30 pm from Lyall Hwy. with Rob Ray, Mark Robinson. Today the rain persists and the party is splitting. I will proceed to Lake Tahune with Mark joining 2 others. Rob Ray intends to walk out to the Hwy today with another party. I want to do some swimming in surf for a change! RR

~~Richard Jasek~~ R. JASEK
of Camfield North VIC.

15.1.83

Arrived yesterday at 8.45 from Lyall Hwy. Began walk through quagmire at 2.30. Found ~~too~~ many creeks on the way in and miscalculated our position when on Philips Lead. We will proceed to Lake Tahune today and if the clouds disappear will climb Frenchman's Cap
Eileen O'Callaghan Eileen O'Callaghan
Hawthorn Vic

Robert Ivory
McKinnon Vic

MUM.C.

R. Ray

15-1-83 N.W.W.C BACK TO ROAD (RAM) (NOEL)

15/1/83 Arrived yesterday at 3.00 p.m. Decided to move onto Lake Tahune, since only a "3 Hr" walk. Couldn't find Lake Tahune (turn off somewhere from Frenchman's Cap walk which is not signposted well). Weather was shit-house, so bedded down for the night in a cave on the track. Arrived back here at 2.00 p.m. today. Going back to highway today.



Robert Vernon, Peter Pullinger
Trevor Wright.

- THANKS FOR LEAVING THE RUBBISH IN THE CAVE.

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15/1/83 T.O.P. Tour - Have re-arrived at

this marvellous hut after spending 2 nights at Tahere & not seeing the cap once. It was very pleasant walking over in the snow but the least it could have done is rack-off so we could walk to the top. Will try a Raglan Range exit next time but the weather was just too miserable (Sorry Rima) even for ex OXOman Robert Hall (1963)

Tomorrow it is out to the hazy so we can catch a Redline "slug type" bus back to Hobart. Then perhaps a few days of glorious raging etc... more of the etc & back to Melb (Hut) To Hall, Robert Hall, John Lindros, Heather Finkinson, Terry Farley, John Noske

\* Note - WHEN YOU GET TO TAHUNE MAKE SURE YOU ADD AT LEAST ONE CHAPTER TO THE "FRENCHMAN'S TAIL" - IT'S IN THE LOG BOOK.

16.1.83

Nick Wilson, Sarah Herndlauer and Bruce Wannon on to take Teh today to (try to) wait for the weather to clear. Tomorrow will be a hot day. I can see blue sky now  
bye bye

16.1.83 NW, SH, DW back again. Got 1/2 way to L. Tahune up the creek before deciding the chances of fine weather were minimal. Had rained ~~for~~ solidly for 2 hours + was cold. Fr. Cap. must wait to be graced by our presence. It is pouring now and just hailed. Maybe squelch across Soddan Drains (a swamp now) tomorrow. I've been in Tas 2 weeks and it has rained every day..... NW



SNOW  
or  
not. No!

arrwed

20

22ND/JAN/83.

A SMALL  
CONTINGENT OF

ZEIK REEVES  
GEOFF CONSTANTINE  
DAWN ANGOVE  
ANN YEN

'THYLACINES' on way to Frenchperson's Cap from Hyell Hwy.  
sibblings.

If you go down to the woods today  
You're in for a big surprise  
The H.E.C. is damming there  
You'll never believe your eyes  
The greensies will be out in force  
They'll stop the dam with no remorse  
Today's the day the greensies  
save the Franklin.

Zeik.

For a walk in the Forest, will you throw us all in jail  
For the myth of employment, would you blaze the final  
trail  
For a chance to use your power, would you strike the  
lethal spark  
For kilowatts of power, would you flood our National Park

Dawn.

OPEN YOUR EARS TO THE SOUNDS OF THE FOREST  
THE SOUND OF THE WIND IN THE LEAVES  
THE RUSHING OF WATER FLOWING OVER THE STONES  
AND EVERY SMALL CREATURE THAT BREATHES.  
HEAR THE BIRDS SING AS THEY PLAY WITH THE WIND  
UP IN THE BRANCHES SO HIGH, HIGH, HIGH!  
KNOW IF WE DON'T CHANGE THE WAY THAT WE'RE LIVING  
ALL OF THIS BEAUTY MUST DIE.

T.W.S. SONGBOOK.

Geoffrey.



Letter to Gray (more).

In the face of the whole nation <sup>would</sup> ~~that~~ you flood  
the wilderness.

Rainforest Dreamtime, dammed + drowned unless  
We awake to nature, and come out from the dark  
For kilowatts of power, would you flood our national  
park.

For a politician's payoff would you let the forests  
drown.

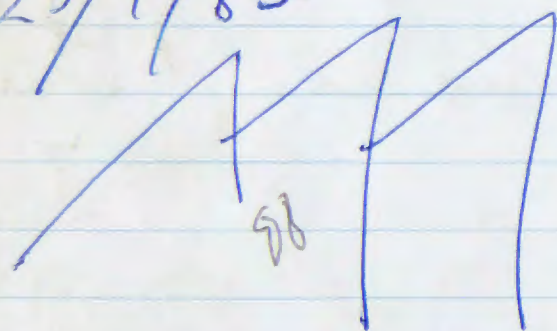
For the history books to witness would you be the  
criminal down.

For the end of wild rivers would you give the word to ~~set~~  
For kilowatts of power would you flood our national  
park.

Save the Wild Rivers National Park,

Ann.

23/1/83



Adelaide Uni  
Mountain Club

Tim Marchant

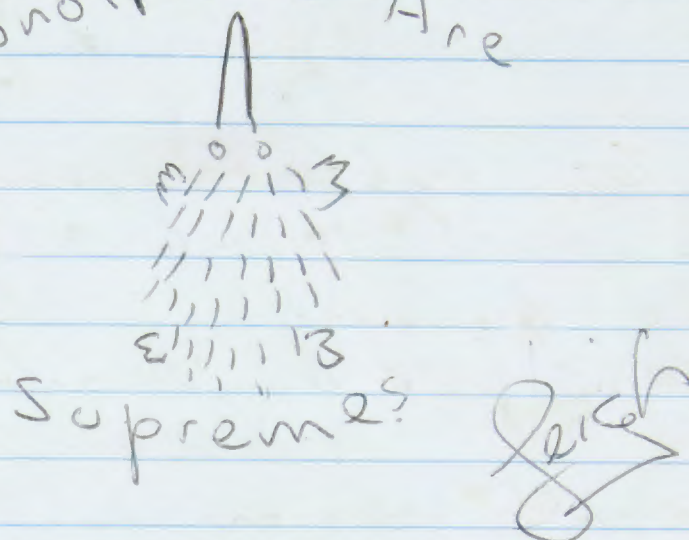
Came in from the road yesterday  
in fine weather but today is overcast  
and raining. Will head to Lake Tahoe  
today + stay tomorrow in the hope the  
weather clears

23/1/83 Ear James Keith James + Patrick Dubois trotted in  
yesterday to a blazing sunshine, drinking sweet water  
all the way, revelling in kind Tooden Plains mudcarpet,  
and today!! must go to Tahoe in Rain Cloud + Mist and with  
a sensory hope in Father Sun.



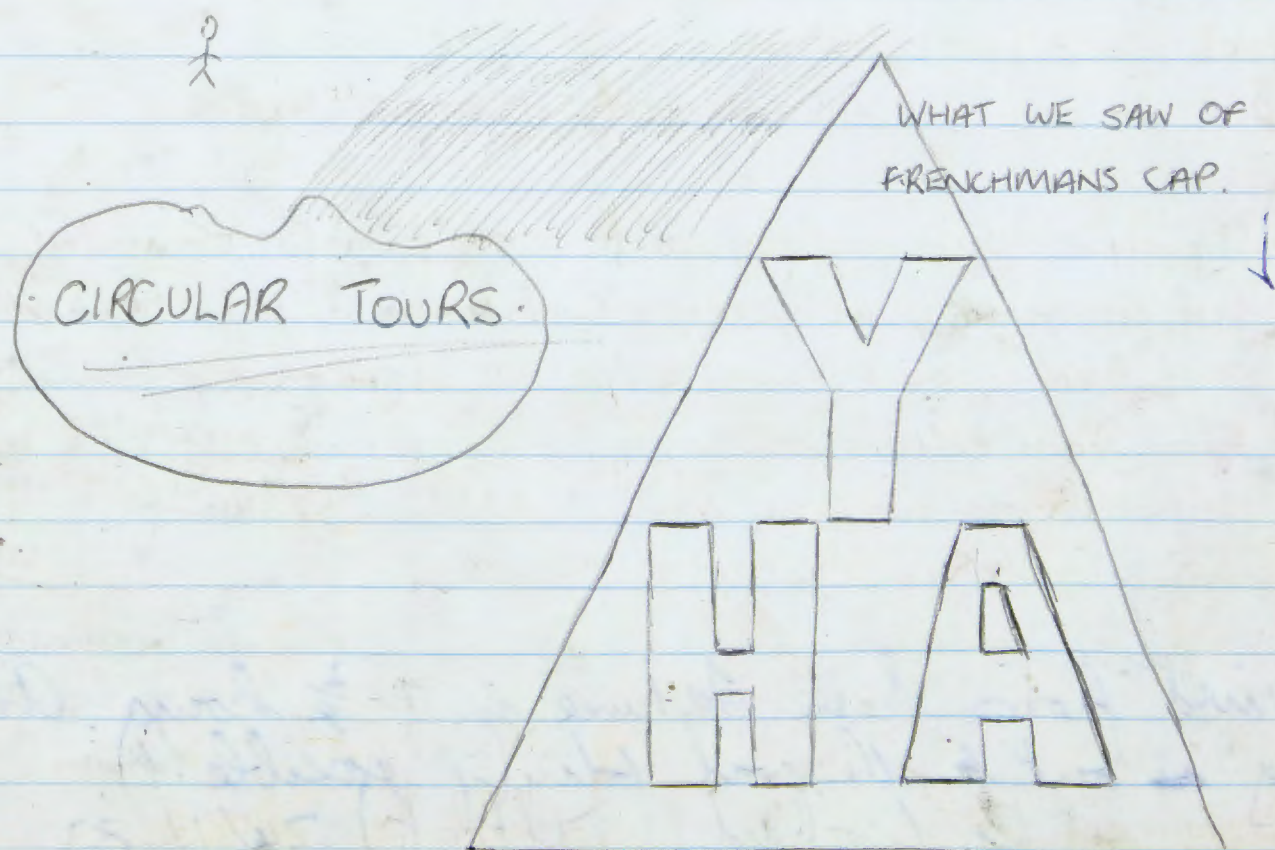
23/1/83 Lynn Pullen, Dennis Devine, Leigh Harris + John Carter  
from Brisbane enjoyed a pleasant lunch on route to Lake Tahune

Monotremes Are



23/1/83 Arrived on 22nd - Bill ELLIOTT  
GRAHAM TUCKER  
JOHN LEWIS  
LAURIE SEEGER  
RICHARD SEEGER  
LEIGH DAVIES

Very nice day. 23/1/83/ pouring with rain went to  
Tahune very cold, came back same day and managed  
to get POT BELLED STOVE going most enjoyable





23/1/83. Just returned to Vera in very poor weather  
after 2 magnificent day on and near  
the Cap. E. Finlay  
G. Moore.

23/1/83 Our last night on a round trip from  
Finchams track through to Tahune and  
out to the highway — UNREAL!!  
Hope to do it again someday!!  
Andrew Hickinbotham.

The view from Frenchmans was well worth the  
slog, & the "bush-bash" to get there, made it just that  
little more worth while. Good value!!!

Terrys Hough  
Frenchman's Cap has got to have one of the  
best views in the world!

Darren Phillips.

Who would have thought that you could get  
sunbunt at Lake Tahune, go for three swims and  
take a panoramic view on film around Frenchmans  
Cap all in the one day!! Good luck to anyone  
hoping to find a ridge walk from Fincham's  
Track to Lake Tahune - - -

TRISHA O' NEILL

My first bush walking with these friends, exhausted....  
but in spite of all struggle I understand these ambitions  
and had a good time also to enjoy it

Ein großes erlebnisreiches

Unternehmen während meines

Aufenthalts in Melbourne 1982-83

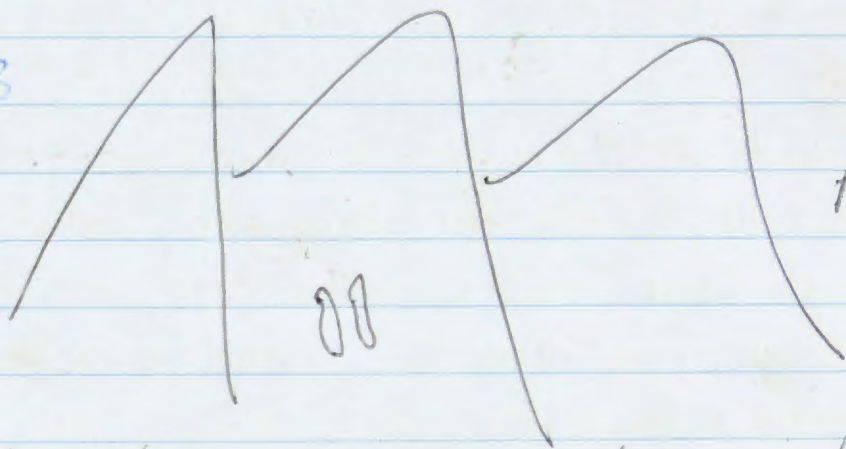
Manfred Fönig

Arrived from Lake Tahune in 1- $\frac{3}{4}$  hours. Am  
heading ~~on~~ out to the road today (if possible!!)  
J. Pinkard (Wild Trek) 24/1/83



24/1/83. Just down from the Cap - a magnificent trip  
 went up in refreshing rain, and stayed at Tahune  
 overnight. This morning went to the peak in a low  
 hanging mist & cloud - a great feeling communicating  
 with the Cap. Saw blue sky & felt the sun. But had  
 to leave. 2 hrs later - clear blue landscape.  
 Fortunate those who could stay or climb later.  
 We salute the Cap. Eam James moving on  
Keith James now.  
Patrick Dubois

25/1/83



A.V.M.C

Adelaide Uni. Mountain Club  
 Tim Marchant.

have come from Lake Tahune today.  
 Well the weather did clear and five  
 views were had from Frenchman's  
 yesterday + today. Will camp somewhere  
 on the Goddard Plains tonight and  
 hit the road early tomorrow in hope  
 of a hitch back to Hobart.

25<sup>th</sup> The Thylacines return after 2 night at  
 Tahune. One day in the rain one day of  
 perfect clarity. Heading back to highway  
 + Strahan just like the song says.

Zeck.

The weather was superb today. The walk from



Tahune to Vera was great (sublime, peaceful, brilliant). - Ann.

26/1 Chris Sewell's party of 4 spent a comfortable night here. Weather is changing for the worse as we head for the "sodden sodden's". OH, THE JOY OF IT ALL!!

Rosalyn Walpole  
Diana Schneider Dorian Christie

Little has changed since I last visited the place 2 years ago. Beaut to see the Irenabyss.

Please Mr. Gray Don't Dam The Wilderness Anywhere.

Chris Sewell V.M.T.C. (And save it for your kids).

26/1 Arrived Vera Hut at 9 p.m. last evening after 6½ hours walle, and then it was good to join the sleeping bag with a nip of tea. Tried to reach Lake Tahune and Frenchmans Cap today, but the rain was too bad and we decided to go back to Vera Hut. Maybe we'll get better tide next time. At the moment we look forward to the folk festival in Longford. We had a nice, warm and sunny day yesterday and that was good. But I prefer to walle on solid ground like the mountains back home in northern Norway.  
Ann Thomassen

21-1-83 Dennis Quinn, Leigh Harris, John Carter & Lyn Pullen returned from the Cap in continued rain to spend a dry night and are now heading back to the highway in fine weather - hope it keeps up!

27/1/83 - David Bell. - arrived from the highway so wet I think a canoe would have been better for this trip. Will go up to Tahune hut for 2 nights and check out this naughty French person.

27/1/83 - Gary Rows - Port Hacking Rivers - Snowy.  
Walked ? waded in from highway. Heading up to Finc a.m. 28/1.  
Left tent + gear o'night as am returning 29/1.



27-1-83

(from Sydney)  
 Lisa + Mike (Moneymooners) arrived today and spent  
 the night in the hut with 3 other guys. (It didn't  
 really matter as we had single sleeping bags).  
 We're off to Lake Tahune this morning and will probably spend  
 another pleasant evening (among friends) in the next hut.  
 Lisa

28. 1. 83

Bernd Mayrhofer

Germany, Hamburg

Eine glückliche und schönes Wetter, daß ist  
 einfach zuviel Glück!

29/1/83

~~Journal~~ : Back from F.C. this arvo  
 Tomorrow down to Loddon R. Then out  
 Monday and a bus to Strahan and protest... do  
 any buses <sup>run</sup> on Australia Day Holiday?

29-1-83

John Edwards + Paul Webber enroute to  
 F'Mans Cap - Hello to the other ANZSES  
 people that follow us! 20 in hut tonight.  
 (Andy - Q town bus about 1.15pm Mon - Sat)

29/1/83

J. DIXON; D. HARPER (ZEEMAN TAS)  
 ENROUTE TO FRENCHMAN'S CAP IN THE MORNING.

30/1/83

G + C Bush, W Boyd and P. Smeal left  
 Highway at 9.00am arrived 2.30pm slow  
 pace due to wet tracks.

P.S. TANK water would make hut condition  
 more desirable.

30/1/83

Steve Ponsonby, Brent Maddock and Phil Paine left  
 highway at about 12.30 and arrived here at 7.30  
 after many stops for water! <sup>(as it was bloody hot)</sup> Spent comfortable night  
 here and will head on to Tahune this morning 31/1/83  
 "The Pack Rats" (Hobart)

1/1/83

JED PW on up to Tahune



Spent 2 nights in this excellent hut:  
after "Packing Out" on the way in now heading  
back. Ted Sheriff. 13 Theba St Wn

~~the~~ 31st Jan 1983

Michael Rae, Nelma Waterson, Tim Wardlaw  
& Mark Franks were here when Michael Rae  
ate all the black jellybabies which were  
to last us for the next four days!  
Who said Tarnania is cold ??

29th JAN ANITA MODOK - SIMON HOWE - MARK UNSWORTH

Walked in from highway across the sodden drains

31st Jan Spent the night here after a brilliant sunny  
day up on Frenchmans Cap. Will walk out to  
highway tomorrow and start to nurse the blisters.  
It's been an incredible trip and we have met  
a lot of really great people.

1st Feb. ~~From~~ ~~Tahune~~ ~~Hut~~ Melb. Univ Route finders.

(9.30 am) M.U.R.F. is here and moving on  
to Tahune Hut this a.m. Left Creek before  
Philps at 7.30 this morning. Weather overcast  
and muggy

Dick (from Vic) Fyffe.

Geoff (Bar from Tas) Campbell.

Freddie (Route finder) Veit.

Liz (Scrub basher) McLeod.

1/2/83 THE PACK RATS! (page 2)

arrived <sup>(from Tahune)</sup> at 5.15 AEST. just started to rain  
heavily have but to ourselves don't feel  
sorry for the 22 people we left at Tahune  
& the other 7 headed there as the weather  
will be shit house up there. There's no doubt  
about us Tasmanians we take the good wheel  
with us.



2/2/83 got up at 9.40 after a nights squabbling  
 over bushing & playing cards. left for highway  
 really early 12.00. & thus will be home  
 in time to watch 'Hitchhikers guide to  
 the Galaxy'

B. Huddell.  
 Stephen Janson.  
 Philip Lane

2/2/83. 4.30 pm. Arrived from Highway 10 for first. Anthony Grey (Son  
 of Robin) NO DANCE KID. & Rob Crane. Martin

3/2/82 Mike, Mark, Tim & Nilma arrived 9.30 pm  
 from Tahune last night and don't  
 recommend night walking. Walking out  
 to highway today.

### 3.2.83 : Australian and New Zealand Scientific Exploration Society.

(ANZSES) ★

Robert Pugh  
 Melbourne VIC.

Ben Janson.  
 NEWCASTLE, NSW.

Clark Wells  
 VICARIES.

Peter Ballmann  
 RCAF WARRAWARRA  
 DOWLING KEMP  
 HOBART TAS.



Michael Givony  
 HOBART, TAS  
 Night Vampires  
 BATS

Alex Tyson  
 Adelaide, S.A.

Pave Capon  
 Adelaide SA.

EXPEDITION GOODWIN, 1983.

Andy Buchanan.

This hut ain't as good as Tahune's except it does have a loo. and a cool  
 working stove. Your views and scenery are fantastic here in Tassie but  
 your weather is about as consistent as the writing in this book - always  
 there but often bloody hopeless.

N.P.Z.W.S. - improve your tracks and get a log book into Tahune a.s.n.p!

RD



For any interested climbers, a new route was done on the East Face.

De Gaulle's Nose 330m 23

Just another great route, that takes the buttress between A la gloire and the Great Flake. Start on the east face about 50m right of the nose. Scramble diagonally leftwards up a series of vegetated ramps, until a chossy corner blocks the way.

- (1) 40m Up the corner to a bushy ledge beneath the main cliff. Traverse left to some trees.
- (2) 40m (20) Continue leftwards to the base of a corner, which is followed past an ancient fixed pin to a good ledge out left.
- (3) 15m (21) Straight up the shallow corner on the right to a horizontal break and a small stance.
- (4) 50m (23) Traverse left to the rock. Up this past a small roof, then follow an overhanging crack to a ramp. From the end of this, continue up a short crack to a large blocky ledge.
- (5) 30m (21) From the left side of the ledge, climb the diagonal weakness that leads to a shallow corner. At the top of this, lead diagonally rightwards up the face, to eventually gain a huge flake. Belay behind this.
- (6) 50m Climb rightwards to the rock, then easily up this to a large ledge.
- (7) 40m Continue easily up the front of the buttress to another ledge.
- (8) 45m Straight up the nose, then right into a groove. Onwards to the top, with a loose exit.

Kim Carrigan, Mark Moorhead (var. leads) 31.1.83



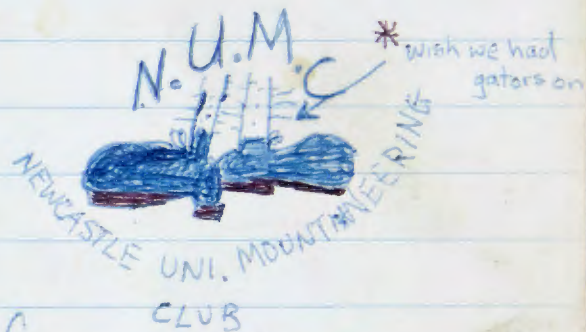
3.2.83 'God who at sundry times and in divers manners  
spoke in times past unto the fathers by the  
prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto  
us by his son, whom he hath appointed  
heir of all things, by whom also he made the  
worlds; who being the brightness of his glory,  
and the express image of his person, and  
upholding all things by the word of his power,  
when he had by himself purged out sins, sat  
down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;  
being made so much better than the angels, as  
he hath by inheritance obtained a more  
excellent name than they.' Hebrews 1:1-4.

Tony Smith.

4/2/83



Our first walk in Tasmania,  
also first time button  
hopping. A lot different than  
Barrington Tops. Spent our first night  
at one of the campsites this end of  
the lake. (The other end has a  
2 tent capacity & is very wet).  
Spent tonight here after cleaning  
up <sup>are</sup> ~~and~~ by ourselves for the night.  
Back to the highway tomorrow.



ROBYN, MARK, MICHAEL, KAREN & Margaret.

from NEWCASTLE

GOSFORD (N.S.W.)

WE HATE MUD!!! (But Michael

likes it, Mark is indifferent and Margaret thinks  
it's pissweak stuff)



Nice metamorphic rocks, compaired to coastal NSW, our rocks will be boring  
after this. Who was 'Michael Shane Higgins' by the way? There is a  
woodpile unlike the one we found, cause it sounds like with the fickle  
weather, someone might appreciate it. We had nice dry weather.

had 4 days of glorious



5-2-83 Tony Smith

returning after a day and night at Tahune. Climbed Frenchmans twice, once i was in the clouds & couldn't see 20 yards. This morning awoke to find it beautifully clear. Praise god from whom all blessings flow.

At the moment i have the entire park to myself!!

5-2-83 HOBART WALKING CLUB

MARCEL NAHODIC, TOM CUSICK, DAVID + JOANNE ELLIS.

Arrived here ~16.15h after leaving Highway ~10.15h.

The day was HOT, HOT, HOT. A very pleasant walk.

6-2-83 David + Joanne Ellis (H.W.C) heading off to Tahune Hut. 7.45

6-2-83 Marcel Nahodic & Tom Cusick left for "CAP" 8.30am

6-2-83 Lou Rae, Graham "thigh boots" Rollins, & Simon Payton going to the top for the day.

6-2-83. Lindsay Hicks Doug McDonald. YHA (old) Bushies  
Passing through to Tahune: 10am.

6/2/83 P. Dawson, A. Calvert, B. Hynes, E. Sandeford.

Passing through to Tahune 12.30pm

6/2/83 1-25pm Sue Bart & Stuart Hill passing through to Tahune. Weather warm to very warm. Track relatively dry.

6/2/83 LEE BYGRAVE & ROGER NICOLL, arrived Vera at 3.30pm. Found yesterday's newspaper - a pleasant surprise having been out of touch with the big wide world for a while. Are going up Frenchmans tomorrow and heading out day after. Great weather.





(2x <sup>Franklin</sup> Rodens)

6/2/83 Simon Newell & Louise Arbuthnot. Arrived today with feet  
soo and brow sweat-soaked. Marvellous country; forests  
flats & peaks all lovely! Wouldn't really like the path when really  
wet - I can't swim in mud! Heading up to Lake Tahune tomorrow.  
for 2 days



- Join the Blockade!! Join the Election Campaign!

7/2/83

Lou Rae, Simon Paton & G. Rollins left 8 am  
for Road and a beer.

7/2/83

Nick Latham James Foster, X, Andrew Berresford, Robert Reid, Michael  
Mills made slow time due to heat, goddam heat!

7/2/83 Dave Ellis & Joanne Ellis (H.W.C.) down from Tahune  
after a side trip to White Needle from Burton Noddy.

8/2/83 Dave & Jo Ellis (H.W.C.) heading out to Road 7:10 AM.

8/2/83 LEE BYGRAVE & ROGER NICOLL, HEADING BACK TO LYELL HLY <sup>8:00 AM</sup> AFTER  
GREAT TRIP, WEATHER & VIEWS UP ON FRENCHMAN'S. HUPE FEDERATION &  
THE WESTERN APARTS ARE JUST AS GOOD & WEATHER (SOMEHUPE) KEEPS UP.  
WELL, THE BUTTER GRASS BOGS ARE GETTING IMPATIENT, WAITING TO ENVELOPE  
ANOTHER SUCKER, SO WE BETTER BE OFF, (RECOMMEND LAKE VERA FOR SWIMMING)

8/2/83 Nick Latham, James Foster, Andrew  
Berresford, Robert Reid, Michael Mills,  
for Tahune at 8:30 am (we also recommend  
the lake for swimming) [if you like crabs & mud]

8/2/83. HOBART WALKING CLUB. 09:45

MARCEK NAHODIC + TOM CUSICK

Down from Tahune Hut 2 1/2 hrs

YETTER + FAY WENT FROM TAHUNE - IRONBOYS (2hrs)

Ironboys - Tahune (3 3/4 hrs) The pace  
was pretty fast. Have had 4 days of glorious  
weather and views.



8/2/83 Robert + Peter Foster arrived 11:30 am From Loddon River.

8/2/83 B. Myers + A. Calvert lunched here 12:40 on way out from Tahune.

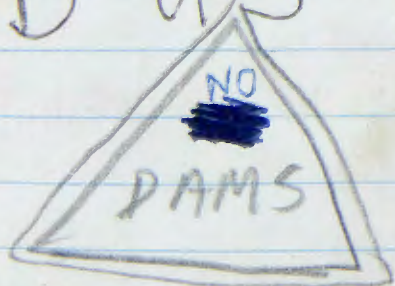
8/2/83 2-45pm Stuart Hill + Sue Bart heading for Loddon R. Weather ~~is~~ windy. May rain soon but still hot + humid.

8/2/83 4:00pm Simon Neville + Louise Duxbury arrived back from Tahune → we opened probably 12 hrs just looking + enjoying on the way back. Walk up Frenchmans was serene + uplifting; views magnificent. Great!! It's really worth taking your time going to L. Tahune - beautiful, untouched rainforest and delightful views further up. The lap's excellent but by no means everything. P.S. NO DAMS - EVERMORE ALSO STOP WOOD CHIPPING, ETC!! (esp especially, let's all try to stop Robins (cause the day he was born) Gray.

9/2/83 We left for the road in changeable weather.

9/2/83 1:00 PM. Doug McDonald + Lindsay Hicks passed through, returning to the Lyall Hwy from Tahune where we spent a couple of days with trips to the Cap + Frenchmans.

9/2/83 Rachel Eberhard, Ian Eberhard, Paul Dentschok walked in from the road. Superb weather, a bit hot though. While walking pleasant apart from Paula, ... (jokes?)!!! + his, ... (singing?), !!!, or attempts at such: why is our island full of foreigners? why didn't we ever meet any other TASMANIANS? Are there any other Tasmanians? Who are we? What is this place except for



9 Aust Gray + Fraser on March 5th.

to be continued...

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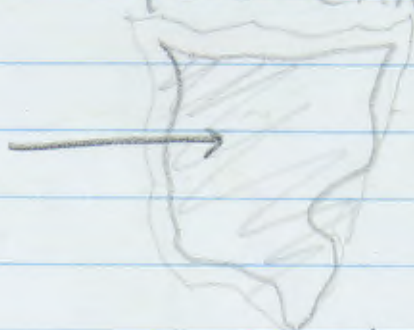


true blue Tassie Person.

Also included in our group are Ian & Rachel Eberhard.

YOU CAN TAKE IT IN

lake Tassie



TASMANIA

HEC

11/2 Weather conditions still as described before going up to the Cap tomorrow unless K & J. Rudloff

12/2/83 Saw Abbott & Peter Duncan arrived 4:05pm.  
- passing through to Tahune. Weather has cleared.

12-2-83 5 AM

ADRIAN RIGG visited summit, I was privileged to visit it on a clear & sunny day - marvellous - gave up plan to visit Treenerby and go out by Raglan Range - left boot is 4/5<sup>th</sup> gone, sole wise that is.  
left 6:30pm

12/2/83 5:30 PM RICHARD ALLEN arrived and will be continuing on to Tahune + Cap in the morning. weather looks good!

13/2/83. 9:00 am. Peter Thomas, Peter Wolfe, Darryl Abbott departed for Tahune hut. - expect to return here tomorrow night 14/2/83.

13/2/83. ARRIVED LAKE VERA HUT AT 12:30 p.m. FOR LUNCH. WILL BE HEADING FOR TAHUNE HUT FOR STAY TONIGHT. WILL ATTEMPT TO CLIMB THE FRENCHMAN ~~THE~~ TOMORROW. MAY STAY HERE TOMORROW NIGHT - DEPENDS ON WEATHER - WHICH IS PRETTY TROUGH & GO AT PRESENT.

THE JONES + PALAZZI RAIN-MAKING EXPEDITION.



14.2.83 Peter Duncan & Jane Abbott arrived back here at 3.20 pm. Will stay the night here and depart early in the morning, to return to the highway.

14.2.83 5 p.m. Arrived in one piece. Will stay the night then out to Hux. RICHARD ALLEN.

14-2-83 J+k RUDLOFF After a superb morning with great views from the Cap arrived back here 4 pm. Will walk out tomorrow

see 31/12/83!

14/2/83 Dear diary, so far no sign of David & Krystyne. - ~~where~~ <sup>were</sup> hoping against hope. Squished in from the bus. On to Tahune on the stumps of our legs tomorrow. This walk is not recommended to be done immediately after completing the Cradle Mtn. - Lake St. Clair walk. I only missed the ANZSES 5<sup>th</sup> Exped. by 11 days. Peta Carter (4<sup>th</sup> Exped. - Granite Mountain Vic/NSW) + Ewen Barker, Angus Christie, Alasdair McAndrew

15/2/83. Peter Thomas, Peter Wolfe & Darryl Aldrich departed for Lyell Hwy.

15/2/83 Marcia Palazzi & Brad Jones departed for Lyell Hwy.

16/2/83 3.30 pm party of 2 heading towards F.C.

16/2/83 Dear diary, here we are again. View great. Onto the Franklin tomorrow. Peta Carter, Ewen Barker, Angus Christie, Alasdair McAndrew

16/2/83 Greetings; Firstly, Happy birthday, David. Got in last night. Delightful little stroll <sup>neath</sup> hot, humid and clear skies. Off to Tahune today. Had about 46° last night/continuing this morning. Great little hut (now swept even) but where the lounge suite? Rain's eased for a minute so must dash. Cheerio M John Hayen Anthony Berglar



18/2 Arrived 11.30 after a brisk walk from Lyell Highway. Hoping to climb Frenchmans this afternoon. Praying that the fog does not obscure our view of the cap Andrew & Vin.

18/2/83 Arrived at 5.00 p.m. after leaving the Irenabyss on the Franklin at 8.00 a.m. Rafted down as far as the Irenabyss camp site after leaving Collingwood Ck. & on Wednesday (Excellent value). Reached Frenchmans at lunch time and climbed to observe a pleasant fog. Very grateful to find this hut.

Dave Wendell-Smith

19/2/83 Heading for the Lyell Highway at 8.00 a.m. On arriving at the Hwy. will hitch to Collingwood Ck. where my motor-bike is hidden and then ride to Hobart.

Dave Wendell-Smith

19/2/83 Andrew Wells & Vin Van der Vusse returning to Lyell Hwy after a superb trip up the cap yesterday. We got to the top 10 minutes after the sun & spent ~~the~~ 2½ hours sunbaking & sleeping in a world that contained only the top of Frenchmans cap & horizon to horizon filled crystal white cloud. The sun eventually sank into a fiery plain & we slept near Tahune. Excellent walk, back soon!

Sunday 20/2 Stopped at 1.40 p.m. for lunch on way to ~~summit~~ summit. Tonight Lake Tahune. Tomorrow down to Irenabyss then summit following day. Back here for night of 22<sup>ND</sup>. Hat & dog so far. Watch out for snakes. Bilbo Kodak, Frenchy & Wombat.



Wendy 21st Feb 83 - I was so pleased to renew my acquaintance with the world of free seats yesterday, in from Chytemnestra & the Cap. I recommend the former, go down from the Trip Point towards Killinger, down a waterfall site - dry in summer, not recommended in winter. Out across the Hodden today to a moon ditch to Chytemnestra, my present home. Cheers all!  
 Samer Kulkarni. (Weston's TV Service)

NEW LOG BOOK REQUIRED AT TAHUNE HUT - URGENTLY!

21 Feb Arrived 6.30pm after walking from Lake Vera to F. Cap summit and back - not recommended unless you're a Victorian. Out to home tomorrow  
 Philip Browne

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00pm Arrived at Lake Vera Hut after leaving Lake Tahune Hut visiting Dovern's Cavern on the way. Heading for the Hodden River Campsite Tomorrow, and out the day after. Views from Frenchman's unreal spent whole day up there.

Andrew French. Bill Geyer  
 Roald Dunlop Peter Leach.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - Uncle Norman revisited this area - last visited Feb 82 with Mark from Newcastle and Dennis from Lenah Valley. Uncle Norman lives in Nananda 2100. Was arrested at Crotty rd on 17-12-82. We must fight for this moral and push for Solar and wind energy. Super <sup>area</sup> ~~area~~ NO PAMS  
 - sing to the CAP today 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. MARK HONES (memories)

23/2/83 Peter Jones - arrived at Vera met 5pm. from Hyell Hwy - hope to climb cap tomorrow.

24/2/83. 1.30 am to Cap. - 4.45 pm back. superb view - no clouds. Out tomorrow w. P. Jones

24 P / 83 PASSED VERA HUT GOING LIKE A TRAIN (ALL STEAM + PUFF). HOPE TO MAKE TAHUNE TO MORROW NIGHT. Rob Bell. Rich BARBURY

25/2/83 P. Jones out to Hwy 8.00 am



25/2/83 In from Lyell Hwy 1200, going on to Tahune hut  
Roy Dome (Penth WA) Returned 1715 26/2

26/2/83 9 AM. on way to Frenchman's Cap.  
Don Carter & Linda Mc Gifford.  
Water on table purified.

26/2/83 10:35 hrs, on way up to Frenchies; spend night  
at Tahune, down tomorrow.

With RUSSELL + COLIN HUGHES.

26/2/83 11 AM Called in and had lunch on the way to the Cape  
hut very clean, which makes a change from the old, plain N.P.

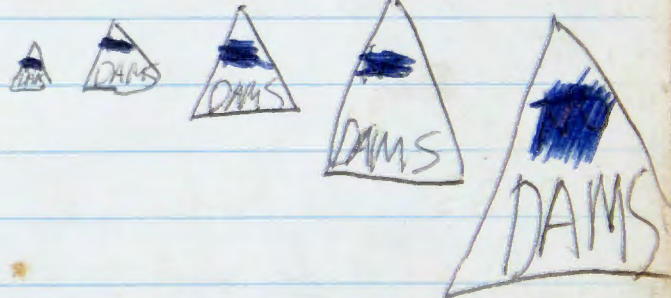
26/2/83, PASSED VERA 300 pm. P. Bennison. 27.2.83 on the way out.

WEATHER LOOKS LIKE BREAKING. R. Bell R. Beerbury.

27/2/83 9.20 am. leaving Vera to reach the road, thank god!  
L. McGifford / Don Carter.

27-2-83 AM On the way to F. Gap, Looks

AMAZING From here !!



Mark Abernethy  
Canberra

27-2-83. Strangely still as I spend tonight alone in Vera. ~~the~~  
The next two or three nights will probably be at Lake  
Tahune. Gray's Loddon River Dam must have a crack in it.  
The Loddons were 60% dry, 35% dusty, 4% damp  
and (amazingly) 1% wet!  
Glenn Thiele - Monash Bushwalking Club. (mell)

28-2-83 Lake Tahune is definitely a TOP spot!  
On my towards Loddon River.  
Mark Abernethy

1-3-83 Greissler & Adams → Tahune



Sian & Brigitte Lake Vera hut 1/3/83

From here to Fr. Mans cap is a bloody hard walk with a pack. it is a good idea to leave camp at the end of the lake and do a day walk to Frenchmans with only bare essentials in summer.

Walking out today (we hope) Thanks goodness.

3-3-83. Passing through to Tahune Hut. J. Tuckey.

4-3-83. Adams and Geissler returning from Tahune after two brilliant routes on East face and Tahune face. Sydney route 1280' - 5 serious pitches grade 15 in the middle of the route with the 5th pitch diagonal leftward line to the rock - being by far the most exciting Terra Le Feonde. 500' - 5 action packed pitches without the scrambling of the above. definitely recommended as a classic route. grade 16. & great 3rd pitch with excellent positions in fact several. The final pitch thru rooves very dramatic and exposed - a fun climb of sustained quality.

5-3-83. Passing thru to Tahune Hut to check out the rain from a higher altitude. Track is reasonably dry with only a small amount of sinking & squeaking required. 4 1/4 hrs from highway!. Does this mean we win the speed award? And now a pause for some Earl Grey (sheer luxury!). Why does it always rain on long weekends? Derek Inglis, Jay Palmer, Doug Gorman. (3D inc)

6/3/83 Beer AGAIN (3D inc.) AFTER A DAY STOMACHING ROUND IN THE FOG & HAVING TROUBLE FINDING TAHUNE (VISIBILITY 25 FT  $\approx$ ) GREAT HOT, FANTASTIC SURPRISE OVER FOG FILLED VALLEY & AN ORANGE EASTERN FACE OF FRENCHMANS. FINE WEATHER!!! Fantastic View from the top. O/N HERE  $\rightarrow$  HIGHWAY/MORROW  $\rightarrow$  RIVERB. BRIDGE HOTEL FOR A LARGE BEER OR 2.



5.3.83 We are relaxing at last with a mug full of port + snaps, in Dry clothes and comfortable shoes about to have ham + chicken slice for tea (Instead of the yummy Rump Steak which is still sitting in the fridge in Hobart, what a Bummer!) - wondering what the outcome <sup>of the election</sup> will be, and hoping it will be a NO DAMS result. We will be journeying to Frenchman's tomorrow - and staying at comfortable Vera Hut once more before our departure.  
CHRISTIN WIDER, Bob Phillips,  
Sue Hancock + Mike Dowling.

5.3. ARRIVED THROUGH "DRY" TRACK AT 2.30, IT IS NICE WITH FEET UP, TOMORROW DEPENDING ON WEATHER UP THE FRENCHMAN'S AND BACK.

6.3. WEATHER LOOKS GOOD, LETS GO. JACKIE + VLAD REZNICK. 7-3 OUT TO PUB

6.3 S. PANIER, J. SLATER, K. KUZ..., P. SALAMMER  
on night return trip to Fran's Coy.

6.3 M. Stanford + D. Maynard passing thru to Zohune. 11.30 am.

7/3/ The little finger of fate plays its axes again. Absolutely "pissed down" tonight raining hockey. Saddlen Ladder's here we come. The beer at the Derwent Bridge is going to taste great. Yesterday "his magnificent" at Frenchman's Sue Hancock, Christin Wider, Bob Phillips, Mike Dowling. <sup>justed + in</sup> <sup>till I get back.</sup> leaving some here, Next trip I'll take only what I need. The walk is fantastic so far. No Dams, only wild rivers?

Very Bad Spelling  $\frac{3}{10}$



7.3. KUZ, BONULES, PAUL + JOHN ON WAY  
BACK TO H'WAY AFTER F'MANS.

8.3.83 Leaving for road after magnificent trip including F'mans Cap  
& Lengbyss. J. Tudehope.

8.3.83 D. Maynard & M. Stanford out to  
highway missed the Cap but will  
be back.

8.3.83 we drank the water before we saw the signs, water  
the back to the byell for future developments. Dropped  
in for lunch on way from Frenchmans and  
Lengbyss via Raglan Range. Hope to make to Highway  
tonight, hope even to get a lift. Bless all optimists.  
Brian Chambers and John Warden. ps. glad we came  
down not up  
Zerai Pass.

8.3.83 Today climbed Frenchmans starting  
from this hut

Colin Gibson (Nowhere Bushwalkers.)

Danny Buckett NSW

Rog Brown MT Nelson

And now.

Why does it always rain.

Jay Palmer, Doug Gorman. (3D inc.)

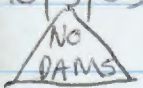
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& AN ORANGE EASTERN FACE OF FRENCHMANS. FINE WEATHER!!!!  
FANTASTIC VIEW FROM THE TOP. O/N HERE  $\rightarrow$  HIGHWAY/MORROW  
 $\rightarrow$  RECENT BRIDGE HOTEL FOR A LARGE BEER OR 2.



Th 10.3.83 IAN BURGESS, KEN GOODRICK, IAN HAMILTON  
 MAX ARTHUR & ROY KENT. ARRIVED 1700 HRS  
 REST. STAY O/N. ON TO A. TEHUNE 11.3.83.  
 (All from SYDNEY.)

Th 10-3-83 COLIN WALTERS & SCOTT MCKERCHER CLIMBED  
 FRENCHMANS TODAY AND RETURNED. FOUND FIRST  
 PART OF THE TRACK INTERESTING IT TRIPS.  
 YOU UP WITH THE QUICKEST LOOK AROUND.  
 EXCELLENT WEATHER NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY  
 AND COULD SEE FOR MILES AND FURTHER.

10/3/83 Rhonda Helen and Brenda are here cooking curry?!



DONT SHIT NEAR CREEKS. OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO <sup>EAT</sup> DRINK IT

WOMBATS DO!

PLEASE - Take your rubbish with you. OUT of  
 sight is not out of mind - not in terms of  
 the ecology. We come here to get away  
 from mankind's garbage heaps, lets not create  
 another one

Fri 10/3/83 Peter Cox The weather's great. Climbing to Lake Tahere  
 today. This is my first walking trip, I've <sup>1</sup> found I'm <sup>6</sup> <sup>tsk tsk!</sup> carrying ~~too~~ much gear so am leaving some here <sup>til I get back.</sup> <sup>Reset</sup>  
 trip I'll take only what I need. The walk is fantastic  
 so far. No Dams, only wild rivers?

Very Bad Spelling  $\frac{3}{10}$



SAT. 12.3.83 BURGESS & PARTY RETURNED FROM  
F.C.

Sat 12.3.83. Brenda, Rhonda, & ~~the~~ returned. climbed Frenchmans Cap yesterday evening. It was ~~sup~~ superb, the view incredible.

Mon 14.3.83 - Party of three - up to F/c and explore the area - due back at this hut in 1 or 2 days' time. Gaire, Matt & Brian

14/3/83. Arrived 12.45 p.m. from Loddon camp site. Cloudy day with a chilly wind once over the last saddle. Heading for Tahune hut after lunch. Due back 17/3 weather permitting. Chris & Judi Bakewell.

14/3/83 Arrived 1.40. On to Tahune Bummy, Bummy R Mackwell.

15/3/83 I arrived here yesterday late afternoon after the well-known slip-sliding-away and sink-in-as-deep-as-your-pack-pulls-you like through Mud-land and Boggycountry. Since my gear, especially from the knees down, is a bit damp and the weather is even damper I decided to enjoy a peaceful day all by myself right here in the hut. Who says that bush-walking is not relaxing and enjoyable?!!

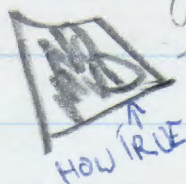
Cornelia Krebber, West-Germany  
P.S. What's the theory behind tying the flying fox up on this side of the River? To make the next one(s) coming from the highway walk across? Well, it worked for me.....

16/3/83 Staying the night, off to Tahune to-morrow. Tim Richards



16/3/83 Morning. I am going up to the cap  
for the day and leave my gear here.

17/3/83 That was quite a long walk yesterday  
(appr. 10 hours altogether) but I am sure  
glad I didn't have to drag my pack  
up there !!!



Today I head for the Hfway and  
hopefully arrive in Hobart tonight.

Lorela Krebschne

17/3/83 - Spent last night here after return from T-hune  
H.T. Weather reasonable but not fantastic  
country magnificent. Returning to Lyell Hwy  
this morning. Game Mitt + Ben.

17/3/83 Arrived back here last night to round off  
a pleasant trip. Heading for Hfway and home.  
P. Brumby. R. Macmillan. R. Brumby.

17/3/83 Arrived from Tahune Hut 4.45pm - a bit  
weary but weather kind this time + glad not  
going any further, as we did coming in. (14/3)  
Walked from Loddon Riv. → Tahune + was utterly  
exhausted when we arrived in the dark at 8pm.  
Judi Bakewell

NB \*\*\* DISAPPOINTING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE  
\*\*\* LEAVING THEIR RUBBISH IN THE HUTS !!  
IT DOESN'T REALLY WEIGH TOO MUCH MORE  
TO CARRY OUT THE EMPTY CANS<sup>BOTTLES</sup> + FOIL.  
THE GARBO'S DON'T DO THIS ROUND FOLKS!

17/18-3/83

Arrived here from Lyell Hwy (left 1.30pm  
at 6.30pm. Long walk, very tired.  
Planning to reach Frenchman's Peak today.  
Weather is excellent. Will return here  
tonight.

Dave. Carter

N.C. M.C.

Newcastle University



15th Mar 83 Paul Hellenam, Kerry Reid, Wendy Hinton  
 Arrived here yesterday - 7 hrs From Highway - relaxed walk  
 To Tahune Hut today and overnight, Back here tomorrow [19th]  
 night - weather excellent.

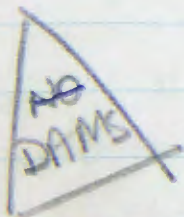
18th March '83 Spent this morning at the Cape and staying to night &  
 tomorrow night. Gave a roll of film at Tahune Hut to Dave who  
 only had 3 photos left on his camera - what a tragedy that would  
 have been! Tim Richards

Sun 20th March The time has come the walrus said, and  
 I must be off. Thanks to the young ladies who <sup>(Wendy Hinton, Kerry Reid)</sup> carried  
 my hut from Tahune Hut to Barons Pass. I've left a  
 book of Chess Problems - the start of a hut library?  
 And am leaving at 2.00 pm for Havy. Tim Richards

Sun 20th

So few of us are so privileged to be able to  
 experience such places as this - FRENCHMANS  
 what a breathtaking place, if only people realised  
 what beauty lies so near, perhaps if more people  
 could see such places, their world would seem  
 more peaceful to them, instead of so many  
 ignorant people ready to destroy their world  
 'what would the world be, once bereft  
 of wet and wilderness? let them be left  
 O let them be left wilderness and wet  
 long live the weeds and the wilderness yet

GERALD MANLEY HOPKINS



THANKS NATURE

Kerry Reid 20/3/83



20/3/83

KERRY REID, WENDY HINTON, PAUL HELLEMAN, ARRIVED BACK  
TODAY FROM F.C. - FANTASTIC WEATHER, SUNRISE  
UP AT TAHUNE THIS AM WAS BRILLIANT  
THE TIGER CAT AT TAHUNE IS A FRIENDLY LITTLE  
FELLOW AND HE LOVES BACON!! WHAT A  
PLACE EH!! WILL HEAD FOR ITIGHWAY IN  
THE MORNING 21/3

21<sup>st</sup> March 1983. <sup>(2pm)</sup> left Highway Sunday evening (20th.). Spent night on Mt. Nukunui  
go further today to Tahune Hut. Liselette Hachelin  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 1983. I intended to climb Frenchmans Cap today, but the weather was  
too bad. Therefore came back here and stay the night here.  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 1983 Still wet weather. go back to the Highway. Liselette Hachelin, Park (CH)

30<sup>th</sup> March, 83.

<sup>CANADA</sup> Dave Joyce, <sup>New Zealand</sup> Joy Marsh, <sup>Auzzi</sup> Peter & Maggi Hagan & <sup>Auzzi</sup> Mike Mullins  
left highway 11 AM, arrived hut @ 5:05 pm.  
just walk, not ~~to~~ as hard as expected, but  
~~4:08~~ wet!! we'll hang out here till  
weather breaks & climb the Cap, as soon  
butted grass & I'll peak, my feet feel as  
if they're trying to sprout gills; maybe  
up to Tahune tomorrow, a few blue  
breaks to the sky, let's hope!!!!

31 MARCH, 10 AM, Still here, weather closed  
to, do we wait a day? I doubt it,  
looks like a wet hike to Tahune, & see  
what happens there. f.

1st April, Sun break, off to Tahune  
splashing to the sun, not raining  
now, left some excess gear,  
back to a day or two.

~~At~~ Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> Next day is three weeks  
& were on our way out.  
Gone, Cheers,  
Salute Frenchman



1/4/83 (APRIL FOOLS)

Schloosched in from Highway  
after a horribly uncomfy night in the  
swamp (B.G. DEAN REST ROAD).

Karen being a terminally unfit  
individual made me carry her pack some  
of the way. This hut is almost  
identical to Windy Bridge Hut in  
the Reserve by mill race.

Thygeson R. etc. etc.

J. MOUNTAIN. J. INCLIS J. DAVIS on to CAP.

3.4.83. Left Syll Highway via Jadder + went onto  
J. Yalme Hut (hopefully) tonight; then I'll cross  
Cap + I'll try to cross river  
I hope to head for Wacey Creek Plains  
+ onto Bubs Hill → Syll Highway; if  
not back to Syll Highway by same  
route as I came).  
P.S. Lovely spot, beautiful weather (fingers  
crossed!!) PAUL O'DONOGHUE, BANTRY, IRELAND  
(+ MELBOURNE).



3rd April 83

Easter Holidays

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John & Matthew (laughs),  
41 Flinders Esplanade,  
Tasmania 7006 Hobart.

The Parks & Wildlife Dept seem to  
have stretched the track out a bit  
since I was last here eight years ago.  
I'll prepare a suitable eulogy when  
I get back to the Queenie road.  
Nothing can buy the beauty in here!  
Nothing can describe the bastardry of  
the self-perpetuating monstrous H.E.C.  
and the arrogant indulgent politicians.

4/4/83 up the Cap yesterday in  
perfect weather. Off home  
to the comfort of bed.  
J. Hughes

4/4/83 Vieni, Vedi, Vinci (apologies to Julius)  
We trogged up the ladder Saturday in  
clay. Climbed the cap Sunday under  
blue sky. And look like walking out  
today in muck.



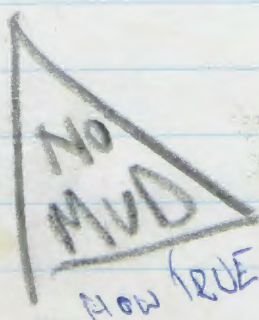
oxo rules!

R. Debesane

E. Kaymer

Jim Kerslake

(AUSTRALOPITHECUS  
ANONYMOUS)



FOR PLenty OF

conquered

PRY.

ASSIN TO MWM TALK



Tues - April 5<sup>th</sup>

Heavy rain overnight and awakened to discover the surrounding peaks covered in snow - Most marvellous Easter morning at Lake Iduna brilliant sunshine, mist in the valley and a view to Melburn Harbour, Federation Cradle - superb.

John Mountney, Ken Inglis, Joyce Davis  
(out to Henry 8<sup>th</sup>)

April 5<sup>th</sup>. Had a wonderful walk in starting Easter Saturday. Weather has been rather wet & rainy except for Easter Sunday, which was superb. Climbed the Frenchman's Cap that afternoon - absolutely stunning views in all directions except one. That is looking West - where one could see the Crotty Road works. I wouldn't call it "progress", even though they've come a damned long way in such a short time. He gave Bob the job, so I'm hoping to find when we get out, that he's managed to do the job well & has stopped the HEC destruction teams. There is a bit of doubt amongst the two parties here as to whether we'll actually be able to cross the Loddon after all the rain. We'll see!

Lincoln & Ken Morrison. (Launceston)



CARRY OUT YOUR RUBBISH  
 WE'RE SICK OF DOING IT FOR YOU!!

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8.4.83 Arrived here last night - could  
 not cross Franklin or Irenabyss  
 due to River being in full flood -  
 spent two nights there. Weather has  
 been amazing - changing from minute -  
 minute. Got caught in snow blizzard  
 between Irenabyss + Tahne Hut.  
 Temperatures have been below freezing  
 on mountain from time - time.

Today weather is beautiful - same  
 as last day I was at this hut  
 - now onto Loddon + Dyell Highway.

PAUL O' DONOGHUE, BANTRY, CO. CORK, IRELAND  
 (SHAN AGUS BEANNACHT) (+ WELLDOWNE)

13.4.83  
 Clem Lindenmayer + Roni Aron  
 - Walked up from Franklin River Camp  
 just after start of track yesterday. Going  
 on to Tahne today + hopefully tomorrow  
 down to Irenabyss + out via Mary Creek  
 through to Highway.

13.4.83

KENNI + SWE OGG + COLIN SPRY

- STAYED LAST NIGHT IN LAKE VERA HUT - ONWARD  
 TO LAKE TAHNE TODAY. HOPEING FOR PLenty OF  
 MUD! YUM!

16.4.83 We came, we saw, we conquered

OGGS + COLIN SPRY.

Back through the OGG BASIN TO HWY TODAY



22.4.83

A rained at Hut 1.30pm after late  
 Start from highway. Don't like mud but  
 views nice. Will be nice to get back  
 to day w.s.w. (Will take all the mud  
 my boots can carry back with me)  
 Rodney Stevens.

Über alles giffeld ist Ruh'

Marcel & Nahodil

23.4.83

Leaving Veen to go to Fenchman.  
 Nice hut with great views. Fine day  
 so lunch at the top of Fenchman Cap.  
 Rod & Marc.

23-4-83

Clark Family Coin to the Top of  
 Bookere

24-4-83

Hopefully, return trip to the cap today. Plan to leave 9AM return?  
 M. Henry, s webber, C Kruk. (Madeleine, Stephen, Chris)

We Spent a Great Night here, 3 Course meal, Chocolate Port, and  
 several rounds of Black Bitch. The 2 male members of the party couldn't  
 stand being beaten by the novice so they decided to Gang up on her.  
 But despite the unwarranted insults, and bitching on their part, she  
 remained unruffled. (But final scores M-190, C-182, S-118, so  
 it's obviously all a bluff on her part!)

Yet we still had fun!!

24-4-83 5 clocks on our way to L. highway  
 been beautiful weather, f & days.

24.4.83

Had lunch and will most  
 likely camp at Philip's creek



Tonight

Rod & Marcel

25-4-83 A wet & miserable Monday morn'

Absolutely Pouring - began raining  $\approx$  3 PM SAT PM.  
ON OUR WAY BACK FROM THE CAP. BUT WE DIDN'T  
CARE (THEN) VISITORS ARRIVED AT 9 PM LAST NIGHT  
HAVING SPENT  $\approx$  2½ HOURS TRYING TO FIND THE  
TRACK IN THE DARK - BRAVE SOULS -  
NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO CROSSING THE  
SODDEN LODDON (Particularly the Loddon  
River Crossing)

1/5/83 Peter Grese & Robyn Houston  
spent a good night here after having  
recovered from the MUD.

2/5/83 Weather absolutely brilliant! Not  
a cloud in the sky. Up to the Cap  
and stay in Tahune tonight.

3/5/83 We are back - Typical bloody  
weather! No clouds in the sky til  
we get to the cap - then it clags  
out. However we did climb it and  
tonight the weather appears to be  
on the improve. We'll stay here  
over night. The head out to Lyell  
Hw. tomorrow. Peter G. Robyn &.

\*TAHUNE hut is the best hut I have  
stay'd in - a room with a view!

4/5 After a brilliant night of pop corn &  
Moto (+ 3 worse meal) were going to the



Lyell highway to Mitch home. Hope  
to be back someday! PGH 8.30 am

Monday 9th

FREEMAN BARBERS & PARTY going on to  
Lake Tahune Hill. Return tomorrow (I hope)  
WEATHER P. FAIR BARSBAR

P.S. ...

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> / Wed 11<sup>th</sup> MAY

After much fog returned in surprisingly good  
spirits from the morn, not, windy and very mountain.  
The store at Tahune wouldn't produce any but - so don't  
worry about it. also no candles - take your own. The  
food and drink were satisfactory and the visibility  
at Tahune so bad we couldn't tell the lake from  
the precipice!

SUN 22ND — Rex STARDUST + Gladys MONCRIEFF  
along with FOLK SINGER TEX SPARKIE

ALIAS ROBERT MITCHELL + STEVEN QUODRILL ON THE  
WAY UP TO LAKE TAHUNE. LOOK FOR THE PENIS WARMER  
ON TOP OF FRENCHMAN'S IN THE BOOK.

IF YOU HAVE COME UP TO PLAY  
BUT YOUR MANHOOD SHRUNK AWAY,  
DON'T BE PUT OFF IF ITS CHILLY  
SLAP OUR DOO JAR ON YOUR WILLY.

MON 23 CLIMBED FRENCHMAN'S CAP BUT COULDN'T  
FIND THE BOOK SO WE WILL LEAVE IT HERE  
WHOEVER FINDS IT MUST WEAR IT.

Rex STARDUST + Gladys MONCRIEFF.

TUES 24 Rex + Gladys out to PUB AFTER BREAKFAST  
OF EGG & CRY AND SAUSAGE CASSEROLE (LEFT OVER)

WED 25/5 REX & GLADYS HAVING TOWARDS TAHUNE & FREEMAN  
CAP BACK IN TWO DAYS



27/5 Rex & Garry leaving for Hobart.

Those that walk all the way out from F.C. to highway in one hit must really hate this place because after the hard bash to here I am bowled over to understand how brave folk could head off with 16 km of mud wading ahead of them without recuperating over-night in this cosy little hut.

STOVE WORKS WELL IF  
ASHES ARE ROUTINELY REMOVED

Hear Hear

### Southern Trekkers.

27/5/83

Ian, Garry and Stephen arrived after long walk. Stephen wouldn't get on the flying fox and had trouble getting over Loddon River with pack. Had muddy trip here and ~~over~~ we are now relaxing after cup tea. Garry is about to have T-bone steak and stewed apples. Ian & I are having Hot Indian Curry with rice.

Tomorrow we are setting off to Frenchmans Cap and we will hopefully reach the top after our 16 k walk to here and tomorrow it is 6 k <sup>more</sup> ~~walk~~. Then we are staying here for another night & leaving on Sunday.

Am I the first 21 year old to conquer French Mans Cap ~~with heavy pack?~~

28/5 Poured overnight, but woke up to clear skies & moon setting over Barron pass at 7.15 am. Heading off for Frenchmans at 8.30 am.

Southern Trekkers



28/5 Arrived back by torchlight at 6.30 pm.  
Beautiful lower level views, but summit  
of Frenchmans was clogged in ie no  
views. Southern Trekkers.

29/5 Departing at 8.30 for home.

Southern Trekkers

29.5.83 Springside Hostel party of 9 - after a wet  
& soggy journey across the Loddon Plains  
(including a wade across the log on the  
Loddon River - talk about cold!) arrived  
here last night at 1700 (just on dark) -  
cold & tired & wet. Now heading off to  
Iahine to spend the night there.

GRASER

T. KERSTAN

NANDAN

HOPKINS

P. KERSTAN

JOHNS

KELL

BARWICK

POTTER

29-5-1983.

started walk in at 11.45 am - arrived 4.45 pm.  
time hitching from Hobart. Last lift was with a HEC  
Bulldozer driver, he is working on a dam someplace.

Loddon Plains were sodden plains - we started to get  
lazy and fell in the mud, up to our knees in places.

This hut is empty and so is my stomach - its a still  
misty night. No stars, no nothing. Perhaps a Hydro scheme on the  
Loddon.....

OFF to the FROGS cap tomorrow.

MARK ADAMS

JOHN AMBROSE

- constantly amazed by the  
stark beauty of the place.

I bet you  
my sleeping bag &  
you bet the  
here. Howdy!

30.5.83 Arrived back at hut at 1615 to find  
the pikers here first - & the hut nice  
& warm. Which was rather nice as we  
were wet right through to the bone. Jan  
& I climbed up to Frenchmans Cap, & the  
weaker members of the party continued on  
down. Nice to get to the top, & well  
worth the climb, with no particular



tenors on the way. But unfortunately too much  
dingy & mist to get the view. Now I look out &  
the sky is clear with stars everywhere. Wouldn't it?  
Met two ~~others~~ others heading up as we were  
coming down, & four others arrived here tonight.  
The Loddon is still down! Wonderful news.

The climbers: Ian Iyerson

Andrew Jones

Tony Kester

Nick Baswick.

The pikers: Doreen Hopkins

Wayne Keil

Thomas Nauden

Richard Potter

Peter Kester

31.5.83 Off home now - to a hot shower &  
a decent bed! - Thoroughly enjoyed  
ourselves though.

Springvale Hotel

31/5/83

PROCEEDING TO FRENCHMAN'S CAP, BACK AT FRANKLIN'S  
FOR THURSDAY. W. PREGNELL, D. NANCARROW, D. GIBLIN,  
D. OWEN. → 2/6/83

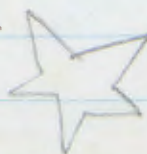
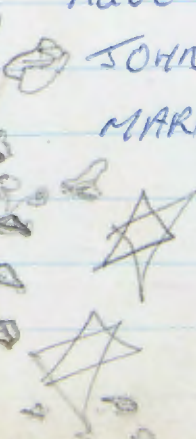
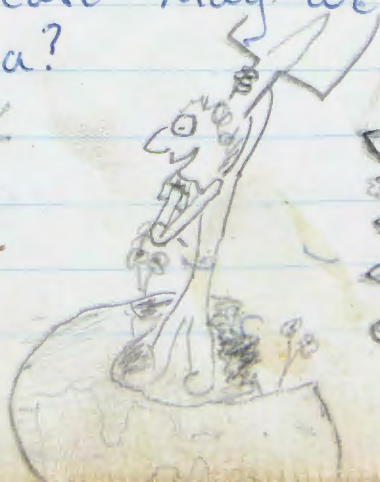
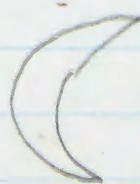
31-5-83 Arrived back from Logman's cap - a little  
snow up there - a little Hyperthermia too. Great stuff.  
OFF (smelly) to L'ton tomorrow..... Hitching - have helmets  
to ward off flying beer  
bottles and other west coast  
fauna.

MR N.P.W.S man

Please may we have more coal here at  
Lake Vera?

JOHN AMBROSE

MARK ADAMS.





1-JUNE-1983. OFFICIALLY WINTER BEGINS TODAY.

MARY, AMELIA + S. COLLINS HEADING FOR HIGHWAY  
EARLY in morning. AMELIA IS JUST OVER  
ONE YEAR OLD. ... DOES SHE QUALIFY FOR  
JUNIOR FRENCH PERSON OF THE SEASON? Yes  
were heading out tomorrow - hopefully  
without too much hassle. The mud is  
a bit much for me - M.C.

2-June-1983. Dad, Shane, + I, arrived here late  
yesterday evening at 9:00 after  
travelling for 3 hrs in the muddy  
& slosh and dark. Though our  
torches were failing, we made it at  
last. Shane, is ~~the~~ the first 10 yr old  
to reach Vera and still have the  
energy (apart from sore shoulder  
and sore back that we all had)  
to travel on to Tahune. I'm the  
first 11 yr old girl, to reach Vera  
and still have the energy to persevere.  
Dad is carrying heaviest pack,  
but we are still going to go.  
We're packing up to go now and  
we expect to be back here at  
Vera this Saturday 4th.

Slosh  
mud up to  
the knees.

signed Komia Harris.

Clean up! pack up! freeze up!

Ta ta

Brad, Komia + Shane departed for TAHUNE 10 am

on 2/6/83. All well. Returned 2/6/83 to here, one year  
older.

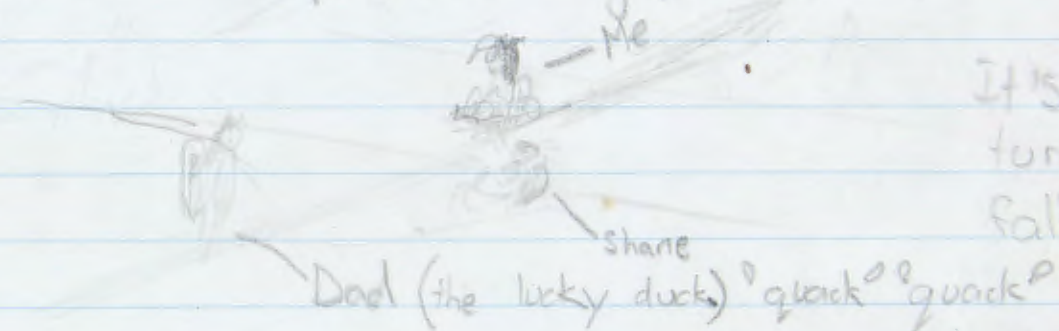


2/6/83 Back again the same afternoon  
 Shane, Dad & I. Shane fell in the  
 river <sup>up passed his waist</sup> just down the track &  
 was too cold to go on by  
 lunch time so we came back  
 then I fell in so we're going to  
 stay here again tonight and head off  
 to Tahune again tomorrow. The weather  
 is fantastic, but the track is revolting.

signed Kamia Harris.

Where is the  
 medicine to  
 cure the mud

(Mind you that river needs a  
 proper bridge!)



Shane said, 'I wish your sister was  
 here instead of me.'

Written by K. Harris

B. + K. Harris + S. Chapman departed for the ~~the~~  
 Lyell Highway at 8.45 on 3/6/83 All ok.

5/6/83 Arrived 5.30 from Sharlands

6/6/83 Departed 10.00 for Highway

Rod, Grey, Rupert, Chris

MacGregor, Leggett, MacGregor, MacGregor

8/6/83 Arrived yesterday 4.00pm with typical  
 west coast clog - passed last night but appears  
 to be clearing. Push onto Tahune this  
 morning. Shanna A. Harrington.





10-6-83 Sat in the heat all Day waiting for the weather to break. (No such luck) We went to sleep with the rain drumming on the roof & woke up this morning with the rain still pissing down. Heading out tomorrow morning. (Lodden River permitting, i.e. it was up to our knees when we crossed coming in.) Abandoned hope of climbing Frenchmans. Will attempt it in the <sup>(we think)</sup> summer. (Of course then we will have to put up with the hordes of <sup>Flies</sup> Vic's <sup>NSW's</sup> and SA's.) Passed the time by cleaning other people's crap which they left in bag. You must learn to live and integrate into society as well as the bush.

Q. Why can't people clean OUT THE FIRE AND REMOVE THEIR RUBBISH. (i.e. mouldy carrots, <sup>old bloody meat</sup> Orange peel & other accreted ~~detritus~~ crap.)

A. BECAUSE THEY'RE TOO LAZY! (no exception to the rule)

11/6/83 S Pennox A Harrington - wait so long but still raining. Left tomorrow at 8:00 AM & will walk out today.



## WHY IS THE WATER BROWN?

During the Pre-CAMBRIAN ERA THIS AREA WAS A SHALLOW SEA OF MUD/SILT. MANY MINERAL SALTS WERE LAID DOWN UNDER PRESSURE eg. CALCIUM CARBONATE / MAGNESIUM SULPHATE.

The RAIN AND RIVERS ARE NOW DISSOLVING THESE ANCIENT <sup>MINERAL</sup> SALTS, GIVING THE WATER ITS CHARACTERISTIC BROWN COLOUR.

19/6/83

THE ... DREADED!! ... GORILLA-SPARROW SOCIETY.

NOT AGAIN.



WHO THE ~~Q~~??#!★  
ARE THESE GUYS!

First of all, the nonsense at the top of the page is complete crap. The brown colour in the water is caused by tannins & humic acids from the buttongrass. (The rocks aren't weathering fast enough to provide that much colouration in the water, you nit!). (Of course, another theory is that the brown colour results from Gorilla-Sparrow shit, but that's just a theory).

Anyhow, last night, while sitting in our tent, we had a sudden revelation, accompanied by a flash of light. When the light had died down, our tent was no more, our hair was no more, and Laurie's sleeping bag was no more. The revelation? You don't try replacing a gas cylinder in a tent, and do it wrong, while another burner is going at the same time. Otherwise, you become a fireball, which is what we did.

Tomorrow we're going home...

To the edito-: re ~~rejection~~ and sorry start again. Fireball of large flash, hum I don't quite know what to make of the last entry except to say that it did happen, that just goes to show...



that by being in the wrong place at the wrong  
and doing the wrong thing is stupid. Thank you  
Laurie (saying my  
name with pride not a mumble) Fraser Ha Ha  
order of the X sleeping bag. ~~to~~ Feral brand.

D.S. who really cares about the weather  
the mud, my age, where we are going or where  
we have been, because if you don't know then there  
is something very very wrong. Thank you

The above has been inspected & Certified acceptable by  
Gorilla-Sparrow Society standards. Mr Fraser has thus had the  
title G.S.S. under-co-sub-grovel-arsonist conferred upon him. Thank you.

Yours, etc,

(The Very Rev.) C. Sharples G.S.S. ,etc, etc.

(16.8.83)

Ken Mather's & Michael Jennings

HELLO

Hello

hello

arrived vera  $\approx$  5.30 pm 16.8.83

(17.8.83)

going to Lahore for Tonight left  $\approx$  10.00 AM  
weather  $\frac{8}{8}$  overcast

- I told him, I told him I did, DON'T leave  
your food out overnight or the  
RODENTS will get it, but did he  
listen, I ask you did he \*?!#@ 'well  
listen - like \*?!#@ well he did! ...  
... so endeth the hamowing Saga of Ken's  
- farm house stew. MJ.

Note expect back at vera 18.8, at night.

Socks 1 pair of pink ~~socks~~ left on fire  
and toilet bag, will collect. The K.S.



18.8.83.

"Ken Mathers & Michael Jennings"

arrived from Lahore  $\approx$  3.00 pm;  
left in snow. did not make it  
up cap for second year in a  
row.

19.8.83

Heading for highway  $\approx$  10.00 Am.  
weather overcast and raining,

- Well then folks, Another Bummer of  
a trip - (Second abortive attempt at  
the cap.) - 4 days without any  
human contact - except Ken, who can  
hardly be classified as human in  
any - Ludwig's book. The weather has  
been really terrific (He says in jest)  
Rain, Snow, Sleet - pretty much what  
one would expect in Tas. for this  
time of year. One wonders, in  
retrospect just what makes  
one attempt such a trip. It  
surely must reflect on ones sanity  
accompanying an over-weight, sarcastic,  
dirty, disgusting blob - who has a  
tendency to flutuate or should that  
be flatulate - probably both - after  
disobeying every ~~heeding~~ sign that  
states "DON'T DRINK UNBOILED  
VERA WATER" - while on the  
subject of heeding - the same



unsavoury individual has a tendency  
to wander around in indecent  
shorts & T-shirt which leads  
to scratching & consequently  
bleeding - (shows he's a mammal  
anyway!) - this also reflects  
the pretty poor state of the  
track which is a night covered  
with fallen trees - especially after  
snow, - Oh well try again  
next year M.J.

I hereby donate this pencil to  
commemorate our visit plus these here  
candles.

p.s. Ken may be pretty hopeless but  
he did do a pretty good job taping  
up the window.

K.M. // & M.J.

24/8/83

Arrived here (solo) at about 1:30 pm from  
Ludden River. Am having beautiful weather so far  
all sunshine. I am trying to decide whether to  
go on to Tahuna or not. This is a really nice  
but but where is the view of the lake, he!  
looks like, I am staying, its 2:30 pm  
Onto Tahuna Tomorrow. R.K.

25/8/83

Today its cloudy and a little bit of rain fell  
I am off to Tahuna now 9:30 Am. Hope the weather  
holds. I have still got enough food to last 6 days  
R.K.



26-8-83 - Mike Brakey, Nick Bates, Mark Holdsworth, Ian and Peter Marmion - spent night here last night - going on to Tahune today. Snowfall last night.

28/8/83 - off To the highway 930 AM Had some winds full views from FRENCHMAN yesterday.

20-8-83 - Superb views from Frenchman's yesterday. Heading out now as weather is worsening. M.B., N.B., M.H., I.M. and P.M. Robert K

30-8-83 → Arrived from Lyell Hwy 4.30pm - Great to see the hut but absolutely disgusting to see the track getting here! Will sleep like a corpse tonight + maybe (weather pending) go on to Tahune tomorrow. Philip Kelly + Daniel O'Neil

Tuesday 30/8/83. Departed Lyell Hwy 9.30AM - arrived Vera Hut 5.15pm. Very tough going for us who are not young & fit.

BARRY HINE & BARRY HIBBARD

90% Mud 10% slither stuff.

2-9-83 - Going to Tahune hut. Back tomorrow. We have left some of our food and clothes here.

That is after spending a day sitting in the hut watching the rain turn to drizzle + then back to rain. P.K. We are going out today instead. Philip Kelly & David O'Neill. FUCK IT!! P. Kelly D. O'Neill

Friday 2/9/83 Hine & Hibbard departing 8.45AM for Lyell Hwy after two days here due to heavy rain. language! Ba, Ba Vera Hut.

2-9-83 food hanging up in Cols bag. Last at least a month.



(69) - GOOD NUMBER - PERVERTED FOOL!  
BUT WHAT'S IT MEAN MUMMY?

4 September 1983 - or what to do with 3 spare days on Tarnie holiday

Hitched to end of track from Bronte Park. Not too much traffic on highway at 8:00 am. Eventually (after walking 10 km) got ~~the~~ Lift (& lunch) via L. St Clair with "Reg & Dot".

Left highway 1.20 pm arrived Vera Hut at 6:00 pm - just as dark fell! beautiful views of hills all sprinkled with snow. That track is easily equal to many Scottish bogs - bogbotting par excellence! Nice cony botny - a change from some of those on the Overland Track.

Off tomorrow for F.C. will be back same day or following day according to weather, inclination etc.

~~I AM LEAVING SOME GEAR HERE - I WILL RETURN FOR IT! I DO.~~

Aincan Bryden Edinburgh, SCOTLAND

5 September 1983

Up to Tahune Botny today and got up to col below cliffs on final climb to Frenchmans, but weather maled in fair SW - low cloud, wind, sheet, and 12" of slushy snow on ground forced a retreat - only 1/2 hr from summit. Several lumps of frozen snow from the cliffs helped me on my way. Sick down & up over numerous fallen trees to Vera and that nice warm stove. A fine country you Tasmanians have got here!

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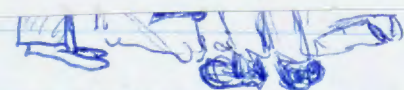
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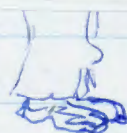


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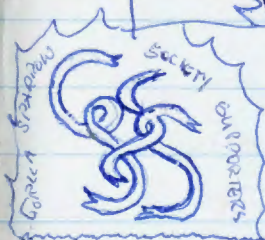
Recommend pruning saw (K-Mart special \$4.75)  
8/Sep/83 Denis and Cameron Back again  
didn't go out Mont Mavel Rd weather  
to unpredictable. Arrived at Tahune  
soaked and cold. Weather today fine  
and overcast.



WRONG



RIGHT



→ providing valuable information, amusement + not to forget  
ze ethnic contribution:

qui vivra voira !

auto F. Cap. 30.10.81

Arrived yesterday from Joe Slatter Hut. Going off to look for the  
lost Cap today after a harty breakfast of porridge and shoe  
polish. Will follow in the wake of the 3 moussketeers (touché) 30/10/83

30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1983 ELLIS - BARR PARTY.

Heading out to the Highway - 8.40AM.

30<sup>th</sup> Oct '83 - Left Lyall Hwy. at 12.00<sup>PM</sup> (give or  
take a few ~~minutes~~ minutes) Arrived here  
at 3.00 PM  
Barney, Coor, Munch and Noggles.

See over.

P.O.



Monday 24 10 83

✓ I feel quite alone  
my back is sore  
Friends are important.

Ross Cuneo  
BRISBANE

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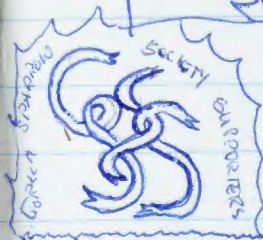
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covered by fallen trees. It poured down  
3 am (thank you hut) & the rodent liked our food.  
Leaving here trying for Tahune -  
Frenchbyss - cross the Franklin (does the flying  
fox work?) out Mt Mand Rd.



HOW TO EXCITE ROBIN ~~HOOD~~ GRAY:

→ providing valuable information, amusement + not to forget  
 ze ethnic contribution:

qui vivra verra!

on to F. Cap. 30.10.81

Arrived yesterday from Joe Slatter Hut. Going off to look for the lost Cap today after a harty breakfast of porridge and shoe polish. Will follow in the wake of the 3 mousketeers (touché) 30/10/83

30<sup>th</sup> OCT. 1983 ELLIS - BARR PARTY.

Heading out to the Highway - 8.40AM.

30<sup>th</sup> OCT '83 - Left Gull Hvy. at 12.00<sup>AM</sup> (give or take a few ~~minutes~~ minutes) Arrived here at 2.00 PM  
 Barney, Coor, Munch and Noggles.

See over.



30/10/87.

TASSIE WITHOUT A TASSIE.

THERE WAS MOVEMENT AT THE STATION,  
FOR THE WORD HAD PASSED AROUND,  
THAT THE LADS THAT YOU'LL REGRET  
WERE ON THEIR WAY.

THE FOURSOME THEY WERE AWESOME  
THEY HAD LEGS LIKE LETHAL LEIGH,  
AND ~~THEY~~ HAD COME FROM HIGHWAY ONE  
IN LESS THAN THREE.

ALL WERE TRIED AND TESTED HIKERS.  
THEY HAD COME FROM NEAR AND FAR  
AND HAD MUSTARD AT LAKE VERA OVERNIGHT.  
MUNCHER HE WAS THERE — HE WAS VERY  
DEBONAIR

BUT COXER HE WOULD GIVE THE GIRLS A  
FRIGHT.

BARNY WAS A STRIPLING A SMALL AND WEEDY  
COVE

AND "NOGGRES" OF THE MOUNTAIN STOKED THE  
STOVE

THE BOYS THEY HAD TO HASTEN  
FOR TWO GIRLS THEY WERE A'CHASIN'  
FROM THE LODDON TO THE "CAP" AND BACK  
AGAIN;

THEY WERE HOPING FOR A FEATURE  
WITH A SOFT AND GENTLE CREATURE  
WHO WAS GUARDED WELL BY PETE  
WHOM WE'LL CALL... TED...

"UP FRONT" WAS BUXOM LISA  
POOR 'TED WAS TRYING TO PLEASE HER  
AND MONI WAS A SWEETY SO THEY SAY.  
OF THIS CHASE THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE  
FOR THE BOYS FROM HIKING COLLEGE  
HAD TRACKED THEIR DANCY FOOTSTEPS ALL THE



~~WHY ARE THE BROWN CROSS PLAINS SEVEN?~~

~~YOU FUCK WITH IT!~~

\*  
ON FROGGY THINGS GOT FOGGY  
WHEN WE SAW THEM IN THE FRESH  
NO MAN COULD SEE THAT SIGHT AND  
NOT PROCLAIM  
THAT THE DAYS HE SPENT IN TASSIE  
WERE BEST SPENT WITHOUT A LASSIE  
AND THIS POEM TO OUR DISMAY HAS  
BEEN IN VAIN.

\* FROGGY = FRENCHMAN'S CAP.

Noggin Newland  
Coxer Cox.  
Barry Bamfield  
Marcher.

3/10 - 8.15 A.M. Heading for Talume + Froggy.  
Above-mentioned.

1/11 - Returned from Talume at 4.15 via Daven's  
Cave (maybe) otherwise, the newly named  
"Barry's folly". Very lively and enjoyable  
day.  
Above-mentioned

1/11 ARRIVED HUT 18 10 L JOE + UERA

2/11 MISSED BEER TOO MUCH - HEADING BACK TO MY  
LEAVING 8.00 L

3/11 - Left for Hwy. at 8.15. Pleased with  
decision to leave Talume yesterday.  
Thundersland, Marcher. Coxer Barry



Left Pete, Lisa & Mori at Tahune, arrived 6.30pm after 3hr soggy  
50% walk. Track overrun by swollen creek above lake Vera, but still discernable  
by memory. Had arranged to meet above mentioned 3 at Joe Slater on Saturday.  
However if the weather doesn't lift at all I'll head back here on Saturday with food  
supplies. Subpeltwaite 2/11/83 Heading for highway 3/11/83.

2-11-83 Arrived here from Hury. Been raining for 36 hours,  
Robert Rooper & Jean-Luc de Lubillan.

5-11-83 We Came, We Saw, ...  
We ate, We slept, We played cards.  
Arrived at Vera on 3-11, swam most of the  
way from Hury in rain, hail & ...

'T WAS MOON TIME WHEN WE REACHED THE HUT  
THE RAIN WAS COMING DOWN  
LAKE VERA WAS ALL BUT OVERFLOWING  
WHEN SAID BUT THERE WAS NO KNOWIN'!!  
THE CREEK WE CROSSED ON ONE THIN LOG  
& MY HEART WAS DOIN' LEAPS  
THE TEA-TREE STICKS WERE OUR ONE SUPPORT  
THEN LIZZY SAVED A SHARK!  
PETE JUMPED UP; HE WAS SAFE  
BUT LIZZY WAS DANGLIN' THERE  
"GOD KNOWS" I CRIED "IF WE'LL SURVIVE"  
"I FEEL LIKE A SWIMMING BEAR"  
WE MANAGED TO CROSS  
THOUGHT IT TOOK MUCH TIME,  
AS THE WATER WAS TO OUR KNEES  
I WOULD SAILY HAVE SHIPPED AT OUR MIGHTY FEAT  
BUT ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS THE NEED FOR HEAT.  
ME MATES WERE COLD,  
OUR BOOTS A SWIMMING  
"NOT FAR NOW" I SAID WHILST SWIMMING.  
THE HUT WAS THERE  
FORGET THE SLUM!



HENCE JEAN MICHELLE PRODUCED A BOTTLE OF RUM.  
A GRAND TWO FELLOWS  
JEAN AND HIS MATE!  
THEY'D WATCHED US TOIL,  
THEY'D GRIMACED AT OUR FOIL.

THE POT BELLY WAS CHURNING  
THE BILLY WAS "ON"

I WONDERED IF SOME PEOPLE,  
WOULD CALL THIS "FUN".

THE CHINESE LAUNDRY ONCE AGAIN SET THE SCENE  
A THOUGHT TOOK MY NOTION, "AT LEAST MY  
FEET ARE CLEAN."

THE TEA BEING DRUNK &  
OUR BODIES SOON WARMED  
SILENCE SET IN,

AND PEACE OF MIND WAS OUR REWARD

Moni 5.11.83.

5.11.83

ARRIVED ON THE 2ND, LEAVING TODAY, <sup>to Highway and on to Mt. Rufus</sup> HOPE TO  
MEET S. HEPPETHWAITE (2/11/83) AND EAT LONSED FOR FOOD  
SUPPLIES. PETE, MONI, LISA.



IF ANYONE MEETS MY → RECORDER  
LAZING AROUND (OR IN) LAKE TAHUNE HUT, PLEASE  
CATCH IT, TAKE IT (PLAY ON IT) AND SEND IT TO  
ME (a reward is set!)

LISA BUCHER  
36 GREVILLE ST.  
NORTH ESSENDON 3041 MELB.

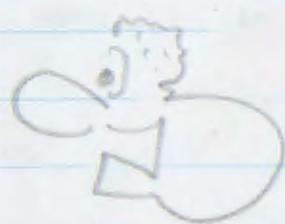
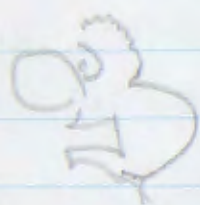
Beant! They've left me a little room. We've spent  
the last 2 days feasting in this hut, with  
the above-mentioned 3. "Chinese Laundry" is right  
with a Joss House next door. - but there's  
plenty of room for everyone. We are heading  
up to Baron Pass today, as the rain seems to  
have eased up (temporarily?). If the weather  
lines up, on to Tahune & maybe The Cap - then  
back here tonight! - Another night of merry  
frolics. <sup>have a good (lucky, peaceful?) night back here!</sup> RIK THWAITES, STUART HODGES



5/11/83.

We have just arrived Mum Dad <sup>and I</sup> ~~Uncle~~  
 we were so tired. Uncle Allan and  
 Brenden are way back, as Uncle  
 Allan's legs were playing up. Dad  
 Mum and I went ahead when we  
 reached Lake Vera Dad went back to  
 Uncle Allan and carried his pack  
 back to the hut. We plan to go  
 back to go back to Hodon river tomorrow  
 and camp there again (We had to  
 Friday night because the log  
 across the river was under 2 feet  
 of water.) Well have to go

LUV.



Janette Hulsmann xxxx

6/11/83 - Heading back to Hwy after  
 a great trip - weather has been a  
 little suspect, but what a great walk  
 to Tahwe & onwards! Today, of course  
 is fine & sunny, completely cloudless  
 for our retreat.

*Al* D/K THWAITES, STUART HORSES.

6/11/83

A beautiful day today a shame we haven't  
 got time to go on but we must be back at  
 the Highway by tomorrow. Maybe next time  
 the hut was lovely & clean when we arrived  
 & we are leaving it the same way. Well back  
 to the mud again. 8:35 am Veronica Hulsmann



[8-11-83] clear blue cloudless day. Off to Huiy having rested for 20 hrs from lousy effects of sunstroke on Dutchmans, yesterday! Recommend that the ASBESTOS mat under the stove be replaced by a metal one, like in Tahune Hut.

[8.11.83] Arrived FROM HUIY AT 2.30PM. A BIT WET AND MUD UP TO THIGHS. PITY ABOUT NO COAL FOR THE FIRE. NOW GOING ON TO TAHUNE HUT AT 3.30. Phil Henry, Neil Brett, David Gibson, Ashley Eaton

10 NOV 83 - FOUR OF US (AS ABOVE) ARRIVED BACK FROM TAHUNE AT 1430 HRS ON 9 NOV 83. PISSING WITH RAIN, SNOW, SLEET, YOU NAME IT WE COPPED IT.

SETTING OFF INTO THE SNOW + RAIN FOR THE HIGHWAY AT 0815.

SURE TO GET A WET ARSE AT THE LODDON RIVER CROSSING.

Ashley Eaton  
10.11.83

17.11.83. Arrived here 'bout lunchtime yesterday after (yes, here we go again) a very wet few hours from Philp's Creek. Found the offer of tea and a place near the fire too good to pass by. So we stayed and we stayed and.... well, I guess we'll trudge on tomorrow, despite further rain, sleet and snow and mud up to the thighs. Plan to stay at Tahune tomorrow night then exit via Irenabyss, Mary Ck. Plain + Raglan Range to Huiy. Just depends on the blasted weather. Comfortable hut, so dry! Nice to read so many familiar names in logbook!

Warwick Anderson,  
John Bugner

Melbourne



(John & Warwick) & (Greg and Nola)  
 setting off 9.30 18/11/83 back to  
 Highway after 3 days of rain. Hope we  
 can get back across Laddon. Only  
 caught a glimpse of the Cap from  
 Barron Pass before weather forced us  
 back. Another time when the weather  
 is better - maybe! Track Hopelessly Boggy.  
 Took 7 hours from road hope we can make it back  
 in same time. Pile of firewood in case we don't  
 Craig Street, Nola Burns

24.11.83 Fred & Thoa George from H.W.

25.11.83 Leaving for Tahune hut and Frenchman  
 come back to Vera tomorrow.

26.11. Set off from highway 0730. ARRIVED LOCH VERA  
 1215. Heading toward the Cap; night at Tahune hut.  
 Rob Gott, Andrew Inglis, Chris Hansen.

[PS.] Should some body find one carry-mat en-route  
 to the highway, could they leave it in an obvious spot on the  
 track; many thanks!

26.11.83 Arrived back from Tahune hut and the Frenchman,  
 leaving for H.W. on the 27.11. at 8.30.

27.11.83 ARR Vera Hut 1130hrs. Depart for H.W. 1200hrs Rob

SAT 3rd<sup>DEC</sup> arrived from highway Beautiful  
 Sunny day - Arrived late to go on.

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec excellent weather walked to  
 Tahune lake Barron Pass overlooking  
 lakes, due to time involved decided  
 to return as have to be back.  
 Well worth every minute of the trip  
 Bill Fellows. Pauline Judge



MON 05.12.83 ARRIVED 3.00 PM. WEATHER SUNNY & WARM.  
 TRACK DRY (RELATIVELY SPEAKING OF COURSE). GOING ONTO  
 LAKE TAHOE.

5-12-83 - Arrived = 6pm After leaving Hwy at Concha, weather a Trifle  
 hot but good views. - Stayednite now 6-12, weather has  
 cleared in - low cloud + drizzle - will Head off to Tahoe  
 anyway - Bear, T. Albion, p Murrell.

6-12-83 Cruised in at 6pm after camping divide at  
 Franklin River. Comfortable night had by all;  
 weather turned foul sometime during the night.  
 Now heading off to the Cap - weather will  
 definitely clear + a good time will be had  
 by all.

Dammit Janet, Brad's brother Wayne,  
 Transvestite Jake (Stu Harrigan), his  
 girlfriend Rob (Usher) + a few others  
 tag along → Slim Jim + Rocky Oly.

NEWSFLASH!! Wayne's shutter shutters!!

8 12.83 11Am - about to leave the warmth + dryness  
 of this spaciass hut - have put off leaving  
 for the passed hour or more, not being  
 so impressed with the weather. Made it  
 up the Cap yesterday in a miraculous break  
 in the weather - will definitely be back  
 for a go at it in the "dry" (?) season!

J. Harris. J. Phelan. W. Cash. R. Usher.

S. Harrigan D Oliver!!

"... Shalt wander like a breeze  
 by lakes and sandy shores  
 under ancient mountain and beneath the sky."

FROST AT MIDNIGHT.

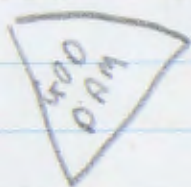
8/12/83 Started for a break at 11 am - Heading  
 on to H. V. - a McNeill (Bear) T. Albion  
 weather improving!! p Murrell.



FRIDAY 09.12.83. Arrived 12:40 pm From Lake Tahune thoroughly wet & cold. WE WORSHIPED THE POT BELLY. SAW THE CAP ONCE BEFORE BEING ENSHROUDED IN RAIN, MIST & SNOW. TODAY THERE ARE PATCHES OF BLUE SO HOPE NO MORE RAIN. DEPARTING FOR FRANKLIN RIVER.

Max Botter, Neil Brown, Bill Walker, Peter Floyd.

Saturday 10.12.83 Arrived from Lyell Highway at 16:00. Heading for Lake Tahune in the morn. Sue Gould and Peter Skidmore of SUNNY SYDNEY



Sunday 11.12.83. Arrived 15:30 just before shower. Camped about 3 km in from road. Climb Frenchman's Cap tomorrow and return here.

JON MILLER Duncan Stedart G. Limbush

Mon 12 DEC Craig Saunders, Francine Pinnuck, Peter Slade, Nick Harford. Spent comfortable night here en route to Tahune for two days. (weather fine).

12/83 AARON GOYEN & SCOTT CLARKE WERE FEE 83

REMARK ON FRENCHMANS. FAR OUT. N UNREAL. JUST IS NATURAL. IN OTHER WORDS... GREAT STUFF.

GOOD VIBES RULES OK.

13/12/83 P. Skidmore + S. Gould, leave Vera for Lyall H'way 12:30.

NOON 12/12/83

GARN KONRAD & STUART

TAS!

UG!



13.12.83 TUESDAY 10:00

On with the wet boots and socks and off to Tahune Hut. If the weather is fine we will climb Frenchmans cap today. If not we will climb early tomorrow and be back <sup>here</sup> tomorrow night.

Just a word about the NSW clown who doesn't like Tassie Beer. He wouldn't have a clue what good beer tastes like drinking the NSW shit all his life. I come from where they make the best beer in the world (Vic Bitter) and Tassie Beer is just as good.

DAVID MOCK 25

WE MADE IT BACK 14.12.83

STEVE LACK ~~26~~ 27

MELBOURNE.

13.12.83 Walking out to highway. Good view all round on Frenchman's Cap! Hope weather stay good. D. Stodart J. Miller G. Winbush

13.12.83 Camped on small forest on Loddon plain with plenty of mosses and a few beeches. Glad we didn't try for here last night (now 122ft). Will continue to Tahune Hut and possibly up Frenchman's tonight. Continuing as planned.

CPI MILLHOUSE

RR MILLHOUSE

S JONES.

13-12-83 TOOK 6 3/4 HRS. from road in fine weather  
14-12-83 GOING UP TO TAHUNE & THE CAP TODAY, STAYING AT TAHUNE HUT TONIGHT

DAVID MARSH

ROB STADLER

ALISON KENT

P.S. Picking our rubbish up on the way out. OK? Hobart.



14/12/83. Jeff Gillham and Shelly Bauer.  
Came from Highway @ 2.00 p.m.  
yesterday. Heading out to Tahune  
now (2.00 p.m). P.S. We're coming back  
for the stuff hanging up.

14-12-87 GARN, STUART JEHOVAH & KONRAD  
EUGENE.

15 DEC 83

Mass Exodus! All occupants off to the Lyell Hwy in  
steady drizzle. Heavy rain overnight. [Craig Saunders  
Frankie Pinnick, The toilet smells X - Peter Slade.

15-12-83

STEVE LAY AND DAVID MOCK LEAVING FOR  
LYELL HWY 9.45 STEADY RAIN - COP-YA-LATER.

15-DEC-'83

RETURNED FROM LAKE TAHUNE IN 4 HRS IN RAIN & WIND  
MADE FRENCHMAN'S CAP YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE  
CLOUD SET IN - GOOD VIEWS & WORTH THE CLIMB.  
TAHUNE HUT WAS COMFY BUT FOR STOVE, & PEOPLE  
WASHING THINGS IN THE LAKE.

16-DEC-'83

DEPARTING FOR HIGHWAY AT 10-45

DAVID MARSH

ROB STADLER

ALISON KENT

HOBART.

I wouldn't go to Frenchmans  
because theres ~~shit~~ #? maggots  
in lake vera's LOOL!  
Trust you to have a good  
old perry down  
there.





DON'T WASH THINGS IN  
THE CREEK OR LAKE !!!



GET WATER IN A BUCKET OR BILLY OR WHATEVER  
AND DO YOUR DISHES, TEETH OR YOURSELF UP ON  
THE GROUND, SO YOU DONT LEAVE THE WATER  
SHITTY — SAME GOES FOR L. TAHUNE.. or anywhere  
It's real nice when you go to get drinking water  
& find last night's left-overs & a soapy scum  
in the water.



ITS AN EASY RULE TO FOLLOW !!



16/12/83. Shelley Bane & Jeff Gullham  
arrived from Tahune at 6.00pm. Very  
wet journey down from F.C.

17.12.83. Heading for Hwy hopefully catch  
2 pm bus to Greenstown.

17-12-83 ARRIVED FROM L. TALL H'WAY 5.10PM. WEATHER PERFECT — TRAN  
WIST. FRENCHMAN'S & L. TAHUNE TOMORROW NIGHT.

17.12.83: Greg Hill, Jean Bentley & Sherpa "Berl" arrived in  
record (slow) time from Hwy. Good fun. Off to Frenchman's  
Cap tomorrow. *Jeff Mung*

18/12/83 Steve Moss  
Scott Moy



MACQUARIE MOUNTANEERING  
SOCIETY

arrived from Hwy at 4.30 — pressing onto campsite  
on far side of lake. Frenchman's tomorrow. Weather  
currently very nice.

19/12/83 ARRIVED 4.45 PM FROM FRENCHMAN'S. STAYED ON TOP LAST NIGHT. HIGHLY  
(30°C)  
RECOMMENDED IN FINE WEATHER. GREAT WEATHER, OUT TO HIGHWAY TOMORROW.

*Jeff Mung*

Steve Moss (MMS)  
Scott Moy on our way out — still perfect weather.

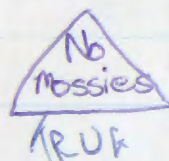


23/12/83 Gy'day! Arrived here in the afternoon and with time to spare clean most of the grot and garbage out the hut. The brooms do work when people use the right end for the right purpose. The waters OK and needs no boiling. Pity there's nothing decent to cut the wood with. The weather's great and sunny with a little cloudy but not too hot. Hopefully will have a good day tomorrow for climbing Frenchman's or ~~and~~ on Christmas Day.

Mark, Chris, Zora, Phil

Hi there! I'm ~~say~~ Zora from the above group. Just thought I'd say "hi!" I'm looking forward to the view from Frenchman's tomorrow but not the climb up there. Life is interesting walking with these three guys; I am contemplating writing a book titled:

"How to survive in the bush with 3 foul mouthed guys who discuss undesirable subjects (to put it nicely) at mealtimes." I am currently being persecuted for this entry so I better go! Have a nice walk. Seeya! 



P.S. Mountains look lovely silhouetted against evening sky. From the dunn

P.P.S Merry Christmas 

26/12/83

Gy'dday! Back again. Left Lake Tahune Hut 8:40 am this morning & ~~came~~ back here for lunch. Spent 2 nights at Lake Tahune (including Christmas Day). Unfortunately we didn't climb the Cap due to the rain & mist. Woke up this morning to wet & windy conditions & the Cap in fog. Wouldn't you know it - an hour after we left the Cap was cleared of cloud! The beauty of this place is a wild beauty, the wilderness is untamable by man. Off to Loddon Crossing tonight & the highway the following day. Well, Seeya folksies, hope you get to climb the Cap



in all its majestic glory. Seeya, from Zara on behalf of me, Chris, Mark & Phil.

P.S. I lost my "omph" somewhere back up the track. If found please return to G.P.O. Hobart. Thanks! xx

P.P.S Happy New Year

26.12.83 Pam Wand, Jill Hickie, Margaret Atkinson en route to Tahune Hut.

26/12/83 S. Anderson, B. Winter, A. Vincent stopped overnight on way to Tahune. No gorilla-sparrows sighted.

28/12/83 1st Zeehan Venturers arrived from Loddon River at 1.50. were going to Tahune but are too stuffed. Will camp at the other end of the lake because this is a burnt out mud hole.

Richard Nichols.

David Flanagan.

Paul Bantick.

Helen Flanagan.

28/12/83 J. McKerron, M. Carney & S. Andrewartha finally arrived ((So much for a 2 hour walk)) Terrible weather. Absence of fauna due to G.S.

28.12.83 Andrew Ball, Liz Cleland, Ken Salmon, Judy & Peter Hillig arrived from highway 6.00 pm after 7 hrs 50 mins (including lunch and other big breaks. Weather grand, scenery fantastic. Expect to depart for Tahune & F.C. early tomorrow. (See entry overleaf)

29-12-83. Leaving this morning to ~~see~~ F Cap. Hoping to be here again tonight.

Blanch, Hay, ~~Chen~~ Clemente



29.12.83 E. CURCHIN ARR. YESTERDAY FROM LONDON. OUT TO CAP OVERNIGHT. BACK 30TH TO COLLECT RED BAG.

30.12.83. B WINTER, S. ANDERSON, A VINCENT ARR. YESTERDAY FROM TAHUNE LEAVING FOR LYELL H/WAY (7.10) NO SIGHTINGS AS YET.

30-12-83.

A blight (gorilla sparrow?) having descended on John's knee, we arrived here late last night. Leaving today for home. We expect to camp half way. Our progress may be hampered by the fact that we are carrying ~~food~~ <sup>enough</sup> food to last an infantry division for a full Icelandic winter. And this even though we have eaten 40 kg of vegemite, 700 sausages each and 12 billi (plural of billus) of Deb instant mash unconstituted for breakfast. As I write, I am developing an anticipatory stitch. Ekhh!

Blanch, Clemente, Hay.

PS Ban helicopters from the Frenchman.

PPS All our troubles were caused by the author of the above attempting to fly a lead kite from the top of F-Cap ... and failing.

30/12/83 BRAD + ALI COATES

STOP FOR MORNING TEA - HEAD FOR TAHUNE TONIGHT. FRENCHMAN'S CAP TOMORROW.

30/12/83 E. CURCHIN PASSING THRU FROM TAHUNE TO LONDON IN IMPROVING FITNESS. NOT SVELT YET BUT HAVE LEGS <sup>OR</sup> COILED STEEL NOW. (STEEL WOOL ACTUALLY).

Julie, Mike & Steve here too, with above. Try for hedden too!





30-31.12.83

SIMON THOMAS

GRANT CLARK.

Came in from the highway on the 30th. <sup>Yesterday</sup>  
 on an ~~easy~~ Track dry, weather reasonable. Off  
 to the summit today and hopefully to bring  
 there tonight. The weather is fantastic - not  
 a cloud. Irenebus on the 1st then walk  
 out on the 2nd or 3rd. (Anyone heading for  
 Hobart on the 3rd, keep an eye out for us please!)

30.12.83 Andrew, Liz, Ken, Judy & Peter passing  
 through on return from camp at  
 Antelope Valley. Frenchman's Cap  
 excellent yesterday. Pushing on  
 towards Loddon, prepared to camp  
 along the way if necessary.

31.12.83 Weather beautiful - a lovely spot to see in the new  
 year - Mary Perbell, Heather Larsen, John  
 Home-Mann

31.12.83 See 14/2/83 entry. Here we are! Took a while!  
 Have been to Tahune, climbed the Cap, day trip to  
 Trenchy, out to Lyell Hwy tomorrow  
 David Lewis & Krystyna Wnekowski.

1/1/84 Come in from Loddon and continuing to Tahune.  
 Happy New Year! Mike Frishmidt Jim + Rhonda Corgan

1/1/84 1st Zeehan Venturer Unit.

Arrived from Tahune at 1.30, had lunch, headed off at  
 2.55 for Loddon River. 'Happy New Year' every body  
 Paul Bantick David Flanagan  
 Helen Flanagan Richard Nichols.



2.1.84

Meryl & Denis Bridger - Arrived last evening from H'wy. Lake Tahune & Frenchman's today. Camp at L. Tahune tonight for at least one night before going out.

## 9th National Rover Moot Contingent

XLH Mike Mackellar C.E.S. Rovers Sydney  
Dean Robinson Perth 3rd MRC  
GERALD STARR. 3rd MRC. PERTH. W.A.  
Bill Biggs. " " " "

Wloyd Robinson Perth  
Keith Martin 3rd MRC PERTH W.A.

JEFF NOBLE SCHWERTOLT ROVER CREW (VICORIA)

VINCE TODD SEAFORTH ROVERS (NSW.)

ROD DUKE MIRRABOOK ROVERS (BRISBANE, QLD)

JIM WILSON 1ST. SEFTON ROVERS (Sydney, NSW)

2/1/84

Maurice Ling Tom Woolley Russell  
Cupit. arrived 5.00 pm. Hoping to  
conquer the Cap. First attempt for  
M.L.R.C. Second attempt for J.B.W.  
First attempt unsuccessful due to bad  
weather. Hoping to get out by Thursday

Maurice Ling

2.1.84

Lenny Leoney

I came, I saw, I went back.

## → ROVER CONTINGENT (CONTINUED)

RUSSELL SNEYD MIRRABOOK ROVERS BRISBANE, QLD

VINCE TODD SEAFORTH ROVERS SYDNEY

FRED TIEDEMAN SCHWERTOLT ROVERS MELB

JEFF NOBLE ✓ ✓ ✓

PAUL CRANE TALLOW ✓

LINDSAY 'TIME FOR A CREW' DE MARCHI

AAC ROVER Y.B. Vic Party Leader



## The Astonishment of Reality.

Bushwalking is the only way to experience the full force and essence of nature as you cross its everchanging verdant terrain. All manmade structure logical pseudo representation of reality sublimates into oblivion against the contrasting, eluding face of nature. From the serene to the grotesque all beautiful in its innocent eroded facet. < ALLRIGHT EINSTEIN ↑

The image of mind said to be as infinite as the universe impudently by nature and reality. Questing to reach Frenchman's cap and capture photographically the awesome spectacular view, to conquer one self in physical achievement and determination the cause of most people who pass by here.

Reaching Frenchman's is an illusion of chance upon which nature is the dealer and plays poor odds to the participants.

Vera Lake hut on a rain, hail, sunny windy but predominantly cold afternoon is now settled with about 22 odd people (1 solo, 1 gp 4, 4 gp 3, 1 gp 5). Appearance of a Chinese laundry slung from rafters dripping with gobs. A more common goal in one group could not be seen, yet we remain isolated in our humanity. People eat sleep and communicate but predominantly only in their own group. Living daily routine, not interfering with the wishes of others assuming rolls of life in the enclosed environment. So much so that the a gayly played tune from on a penny whistle went unnoticed in the hum of civilization.

Community is living together, Society is organizing a cause, humanity is respecting others and doing as little as possible to help. The Reality is that even out here it is inescapable. (J. Wilson)



3/1/84 - Arrived back from Tihum, heading to the highway - John Hornblow + 2

4.1.84. Alan Johnson, Don White, Dave Loneragon, Dave Wheatley arrived at the hut last night. It was good to see that smoke coming out of the chimney.

It's morning - we're about to head off & climb the "Cap". All is well.

Except Alan's clothes are all still wet, Dave's got sinuses problems, Don's still packing & me, well I'm putting down these few words.

There's three days still to go & that will certainly sort the boys from the boys. I'm sure this will be the first ~~start~~ of many walks to come. Whoo!

D. Wheatley, Don White & J.

4/1 ROVER PARTY HEADING OUT TO FRANKLIN AND/OR LODRON

Neil Turner, EVANS ROVERS  MELBOURNE, VIC.

4/1/84. Lacking the ability of creative prose! Heading to Tihum @ 2:00pm

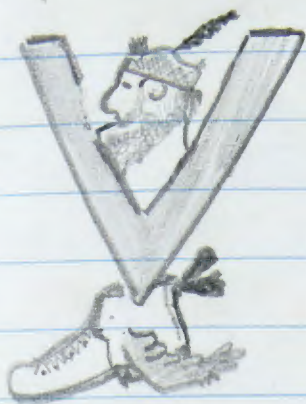
Simon Molen, Cathy Schmidt, Paul Gorden.

What is the point of writing marvelously wonderful witty masterpieces in Australian literature if the writing is mega-illegible? I agree



4/1/84

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MELB DIST. VENTUREA UNIT.

TAG-VEN III

Dec 30: Waldheim, Crater Pk, Cradle Traver

(Smithies Pk)

Born Bluff then Waterfall Valley

Dec 21 Waterfall Valley Hut → West Pelion (Mt) → New Pelion Hut.

Jan 1 Pelion Hut → mt Ossa → Windy Ridge

Jan 2 Windy Ridge → Gould Plateau → Narcissus Hut

Jan 3 Narcissus Hut → Byron Pass → ~~Cradle~~ Lake St Clair

Jan 4 → Lake St Clair → Lake Vera

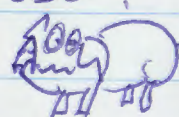
Jan 5 → Lake Vera → Cap Summit → return

Jan 6 → Lake Vera → Cap Summit (Attempt II) → return

5/1/84 Maurice Ling, Tom Woolley, Russell  
bupit. Started for the Cap at 6.40 yesterday.  
Reached Summit around 12.00 views  
were spectacular and they got better as we  
left. Decided to go back to Vera hut.  
Left back at 7.30 pm (10 hrs walk). Left  
Vera at about 7.30 am heading for the  
road.

Maurice Ling

J. Richmond, T. Harrington J. Anderson - climbed F.C. 4th/Jan + returned  
same night knackered. Depart for Franklin approx 8.30.  
Bad luck Rovers - better luck next time.



Squeal like a pig  
or a bitch  
hehehehe!

5/1/83 Lynne Jolingaffer and I arrived from Loddon River  
at about 1300 and left at 1400 to Tahune maybe or  
may camp on the way if we can find a camp site.  
Hope to climb Frenchmans tomorrow

Jerris Jough.

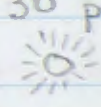
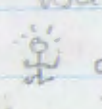
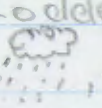
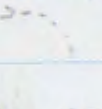
6-1-84. The party of 4, Alan Johnson, Don White,  
Dave Longgon & Dave Wheatley are walking  
out today. Whoo!



6.1.84: 10.00am Nic + Julie arrived ~ 7.00pm, 5.1.84, dined by candlelight to lentil stew, playdough and fruit cap. Today → Lake Tahune + Frenchman's Cap if the weather is clear. Please don't take our food drop hanging up in the Purity Bag as our food supplies are scarce. Thank you. Goodwalking. J+N.

6.1.84 HINMAN - TYNDAL GISCOR - CESCOT  
COLLINGWOOD → IRENABYSS → 'CAP' → UERA →  
LODDEN (tonight?) or FRANKLIN.  
HATE THOSE ~~WET~~ TREE ROOTS !!!

COMBINED TAS-VIC-NSW EXPEDITION

6.1.84 Roger and Ian (B) and Robin and Ian (H-) and Camel arrived at 3.30 p.m.ish. Good weather on the way in there was lotsa  on the not-so sodden Loddon plains very  on the way up, when we got here, it , in fact it absolutely  down. Up Frenchman's tomorrow give or take weather. Please bury your ablutions, especially around the LODDEN RIVER. They make nice track markers, but not too good as stepping stones.

7.1.84. R.M., I.B., G.H., I.H., R.H., heading to top of Cap, return here approx 5.00 pm.

7.1.84 I. Kelly & W. Slaghtnis to the 'cap'. Have left necessary gear here to be picked up on the 8th.

7.1.84 Sarah and Meghan (alias Pong and Ping) of M.D.V.U (see previous page) wish to say a fond farewell to their home of three nights. And what a home this hut has been!! Such comfort, such luxury!! Goodbye, and goodluck to all walkers who follow in our wake.

Doug, Graeme + Cem - Leaving Hut 9.30.  
Thankyou Weather.



# CARRY OUT YOUR RUBBISH!!

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Hi Nic and Julie, I hope you had a nice time up on the Lap.

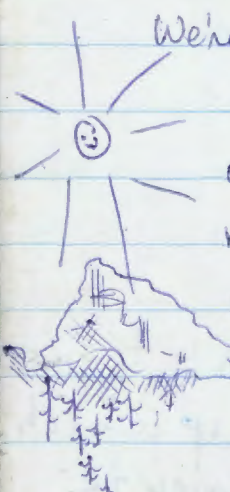
Well Lynne and I are leaving Vera at 1500 and we intend to stay the night at Philips Creek. Goodbye Ventureros we'll miss you so much.

Joan Lough.

7.1.84 - Fabio Zudich, Ross Lunt, Colin Waddell and Alex Zudich got here from the Lyell Highway this am. We are going on to the next hut (Tahane) tomorrow and from there will go for the 'Cap. Bloody hot and sticky, isn't it?  
Jul.

Hello girls - had a wonderful time on F.C. and at L. Tahane ~~Had~~ ~~+ L. Tahane~~ It really is superbly beautiful. The Lilz me.

Notice : There is some "COMMUNITY" FOOD(?) in the PURITY bag hanging up ~ consists of some weary, kind people most probably ~~Somerset~~ Ping + Pong.



We're continuing out to the huddons. Hope ~~there~~ <sup>stalking</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>hunting</sup> people following have as much fun ~~hunting~~ <sup>stalking</sup> rabbits and Gnomes ~~and running around~~ through the rainforests and playing fool on top of the world (some would call Frenchman's Cap) as we have had. May the sun shine on you.  
Nic + his Bijou.

P.S.

PLEASE : the life in and around these lake systems is very extremely delicate and in a fragile balance. The use of ANY soaps, detergents, toothpastes, ~~as well as~~ <sup>as</sup> is detrimental <sup>carrying water +</sup> as are food scraps, urine etc.... Washing etc... some distance from streams and lakes is just as easy + prevents permanent damage. Thank you....



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PLEASE CARRY OUT YOUR RUBBISH

8-1-84 H.W.C. party of 6 arrived today at 2:30 pm after taking 4 hours from Lake Tahuna. Weather has deteriorated since yesterday when 4 of us climbed the Cap in perfect weather. We prefer to sleep outside as we are "the people of the little tents", so we're camped on the far side of Vera Creek. As it's pouring with rain it wouldn't surprise us if the log is submerged tomorrow morning when we start off in dry clothing (!) to walk out to the Lyell Highway. Word of warning to would be "lightweight walkers" to F.C. and back in a day from here — Don't do it without emergency equipment — it's positively dangerous! We met a couple today who tried it and ran out of time and food. Far better to take all your gear and camp up at Lake Tahuna. (What's an extra day between friends?! — Could be interesting!)

Happy walking to all followers.

Sheila Reynolds

on behalf of Bob Wyatt, Malcolm Barron, Rhondda Haldane, Kate Hayhurst and Richard Whittington (the only "local.")  
Kindly note I spelt Rhondda's name correctly this time!

8-1-84 I. Kelly & W. Slaghuys returned from F'cap. and Tahune Hut.

9-1-84 Above 2 back to Franklin River and civilization.

10-1-84 Steve Munt (Sydney) arrived here — a bit sick. A sunburnt lip led to a cracked lip which led to a infected cracked lip, complete with a couple ulcers. This caused an infection on the tongue and behind 4 teeth. Later on a sore throat was noticed and splitting headaches. And this morning my guts ache! Having wonderful time though.

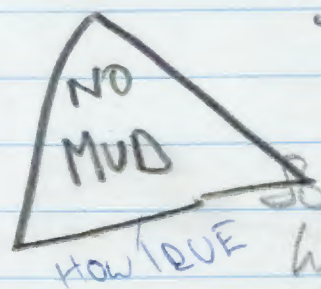
Paul Clark (Adelaide) — who is this guy? Great trip anyway. Going to Tahune Hut this afternoon.



PLEASECARRY OUT ALL YOUR RUBBISH

11 Jan Colin Waddell, Alex Judich, Fab Judich & Ross Lunt  
 camped %N. Are leaving 10<sup>15</sup> am for Lyell Hwy.  
 The weather did clear up (finally) so we got to climb  
 the Cap yesterday morning.

11 Jan Melanie Shanahan & Antoinette Shanahan  
 Left Lyell highway 10.30 arrived  
 here at 3.30 pm, there was a helicopter  
 in the back yard, which we tried to  
 get a hitch to Tahune with but  
 \$10 per minute was a bit steep we  
 thought, much steeper than the  
 climb to Frenchman's which we  
 have to do tomorrow & return  
 here as well - long day!



When I came to Tassie  
 by a plane above the sea  
 Thought I'd raft the Franklin  
 Right through the Iron-abele  
 So I got myself there somehow  
 With a bus from Hobart town  
 A paddle, tub & rubber raft  
 Started drifting calmly down  
 Began to get quite rough though  
 at certain hooks and crannies  
 I'd dig my paddle into the foam  
 Whilst looking at Pandanus  
 Oh Hon Pines Oh leatherwood  
 Melaleuca, Sassafras  
~~==~~ Jacaranda, Horizontal  
 With your memories I am blessed  
 But I'm not there now!  
 Not quite so cold, wet way  
 I skipped the walk from Menabys  
 And started it at the highway!



11.1.84 Soe WAKSMUNDZKI + Jack Hoagland arrived  
will be going to the Peak tomorrow +  
probably staying at Tahune 12.1.84

Poor buttongrass plains - getting very trodden on  
Lovely view here! keen to get going + seeing  
things

- Saw 4 snakes yesterday!!!!

12.1.84. Antoinette ~~Shae~~ + Melanie Shanahan - arrived  
yesterday - heading for Cap today with light packs,  
hoping to return tonight, if not Tahune hut.

12.1.84 GLENROY VENTURERS

Left Highway this <sup>7:00 am</sup> morning - on our way to Tahune Hut.  
Robert Murphy Keith Grimley Darren Crawford Neil Bodger  
Brett Sando Mark Thistleton Woody Michael Woodward Graham White

12.1.84 Melaine + Antoi Again ↖ How could they have  
walking without ♀?!

Left 6.30 this morning + made it to Frenchmans  
Cap ~~about 11 am~~! Spent a cloudy morning  
up there till 11 am. came down to the  
lake + relaxed for an hour or so  
then returned here. Arrived here at 4.30 pm  
10 hrs in all. Not very hard really.

Dont know what everyone carries on  
about. Had a look around at things + ~~at~~ <sup>all</sup>  
Gee but I feel pretty wrecked now.



13.1.84 Song Y Oh I'm a greenie + I don't care  
I walk thru the forest + I've got long hair  
Haven't had a wash for a week or more  
But I strut right by with my Japara in the air  
CHORUS - I'm gonna lerk, loiter, hide, + secrete

" " " " " " " " " "

on H.E.C. property



YOUR RUBBISH.

2/ Im gonna pitch my tent in the dark  
Im gonna camp right here in National Park  
Watch the policemen passing by  
because on G-day we will occupy.

CHORUS... Im gonna kick...

13.1.84 WHITE FRIDAY - Mr. A. Shanahan heading out to the  
London. The clouds are rolling in from the S-E. & hopefully  
we will make it out before the rain. It has been a wonderful  
trip. This must be one of the most spectacular & varied  
pre war walks in the S-W.

SONG. CHORUS Come on bob you got the job  
What are you gonna do?  
What'll you gain with your power & fame  
If they blow us all in two?  
Don't mine uranium for dollars or for pounds  
It's the spirit of Australia, leave it in the ground.

y Theres north west cape & Nurrungar & who knows in between.  
Its god bless america & god save the queen  
While somewhere in Siberia the yankees mortal foe  
Threatens us with a megadeath when Ronnie boy says go.

CHORUS So Come on bob...

Song to Waltzing Matilda

1/ Once a multinational came to St Australia  
to dig up uranium at Roxby  
And sang as he spread radiation here & everywhere  
Im a multinational & you cant stop me.

CHORUS Digging up uranium, digging up uranium  
Im making millions 1 2 & 3  
If you get skin cancer on your far-run tum tum  
Im a multi-national & you cant stop me.

Very good! ↑ excellent. FABS.



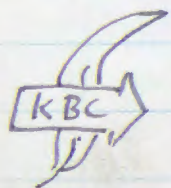
PLEASE CARRY OUT

- 2/ Down came Doug Anthony, thought he was a thoroughbred  
 What you really need is some help from me  
 I'll get you workers to dig up your uranium  
 I'll cancer for them & profits for me.

CHORUS - Digging up uranium...

- 3/ Down came the Kokatha  
 Down from their tribal lands  
 'This is my land don't take it away from me.'  
 'No little black man were digging up uranium  
 I'm a multi-national & you can't stop me.'

CHORUS.



John Athman. In from road 12 Jan; off to Tahune 13th  
 for a day or two.

13/1/84 Steve KUSCHERT

Made it up in wonderful weather  
 the following day the weather started out  
 a bit cloudy but I'm sure it'll clear.  
 Heading up to Tahune & then "the Cap."  
 weather permitting. Hoppy walking  
 Shuscher

13-1-84 Jack Hoogland, Soc Walsmundski arrived  
 back here from Lake Tahune  
 Met Steve KUSCHERT 10 mins back from  
 hut with SPRAINED ANKLE - says he'll  
 go on. Were off to the Loderan or Philipsck.

13/1/84 We also met Steve at about 11-30  
~~2~~  $\frac{2}{3}$  way up Barror Pass. He told  
 us to say his ankle appears to be OK  
 although he was worried about descent.



ALL YOUR RUBBISH.

15-1-84 MAX + LYNN DARVELL

PAUL + CHEZ M'DIVITT

LEAVING FOR TWO NIGHTS AT TAHUNE - WEATHER FINE TO HOT!  
 Departure Date (4/10m)

14/1/84

Arrived at 12-20 in supreme heat - too hot to continue to Tahune without, severe sunburn. Hoping for a good day to continue early morning. Can't wait to go back to the mainland for a cool southerly change. Noel Just-boiling another tilly of tea to replenish copious amounts of body moisture lost crossing buttergrass dust-bowl. A breeze is blowing now - hope it doesn't bring cloud & rain tomorrow. Plan to leave early in morning for Tahune no matter what the weather. Here's hoping the Frenchman's still clear. Noel's (above) brother was here almost one year ago (6-1-83) I think they learnt to write at the same place (which is a fairly logical assumption.)

See ya round like a Kissle

Noel Partridge

14.1.84 20.30 WES

BLOOM PARTY (2 PERSONS)

15/1/84

STEPHEN KUSCHERT

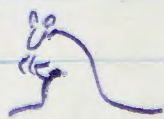
Made it to this hut limping all the way, got up the car yesterday morning, then set out for here. After a 2 hour detour where I almost became famous (I was briefly lost), I lunched at Barron pass with 4 friendly folk & a few dozen even friendlier blowflies. remember

DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS especially

mosquitoes, leeches &amp; blowflies.

I positively identified my first Tasmanian Tiger snake & examined plenty of alpine spotted skinks, & whipsnakes nothing much else though. I didn't seek nocturnal life. Weather has remained perfect all trip.

I've made it this far alive lets see if I'll get out.  
 — No worries.



Good luck &amp; have fun

Kuschert



15-1-84 John Casey & Andrew Cairns arrived 2.00 p.m.  
from Loddon Creek.  
- Intend to climb Treachmans 16-1-84 and return to  
Lyell Highway 17-1-84.

15/1/84 John Athlison passing through on way out.

16/1/84 John Casey & Andrew Cairns awoke  
to low cloud & drizzle. Hoping  
for better weather tomorrow for  
the trip up to F.C. - major crisis  
(run out of coffee).

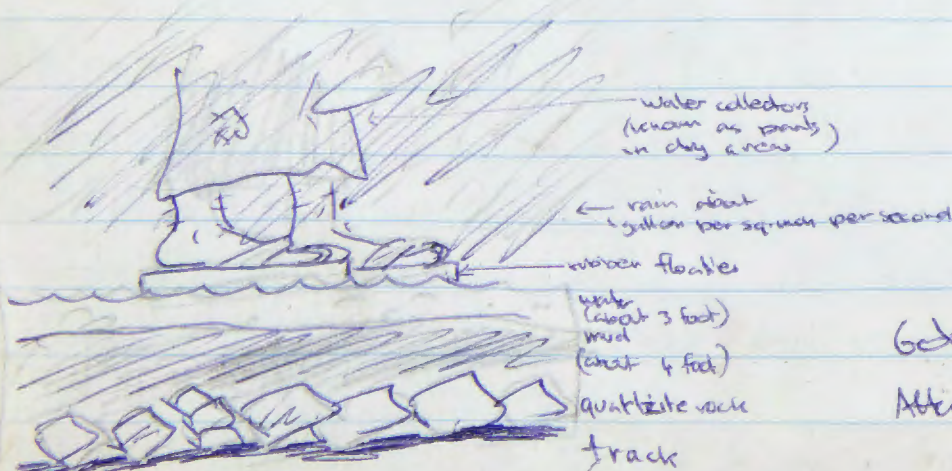
16/1/84 Eiseman's family stopped to lunch on  
route to Tahune Hut.

17-1-84 Zipper Head Tour '84 headed UP!!  
John, Paul, Ro, Peter, Campbell, Pete.

17-1-84 J.C. & A.C. going home.

17-1-84 Even though I think it would be bliss to  
just laze around in my sleeping-bag, sipping  
hot tea, listening to the rain, turning my  
books etc, someone said to me, "let's head!" and  
I did. Strange.  
Heading for Tahune Hut.

Maree McDonald & Rick.



cross section of Loddon a mud wrecker

17.1.84. Scott was here  
**Unorganized Slabs** (not SU Bushie)  
Track was w/lay, but the  
mud & water above it wasn't so go  
Get here at 2 pm, had an Aspatay  
Attacks stay here till tomorrow  
CPS -> 124

MUTT THE BODGE



18/1/84. Maxine & Barry Radestock  
heading with the rest of the masses  
for Tahune today.

18/1/84. M & B. Radestock heading out to Hyll Herg  
tomorrow.

18/1/84 Zipper Head Tour '84 - Heading down

Great view of the clouds - cumulus  
+ cirrus stratus (ie Rain + Wind).

Someone said Tasmania was under  
there somewhere but we didn't see it!!

The only view was John's underwear!

The only Canadian to climb Freachman's  
Cap in his underpants!!!

By the way beware of the "meat head"  
and his chick?? who said that sarcasm  
was the lowest form of wit - he surely  
didn't - collectively we hope he  
drown's in the Franklin.

Also - beware of 'Poms' who know  
everything about hiking except how  
to light a primus stove - goddam  
sonofabitch nearly blew us off the  
mountain.

Till next year then - Adios Amigos

18.1.84 BOOM-SHAW PART, ARRIVED  
FROM TAHUNE 17.50

19.1.84 Jefferson-Blenman left for  
Tahune and F.M.'s summit. 10.00am.



## FRENCHMANS

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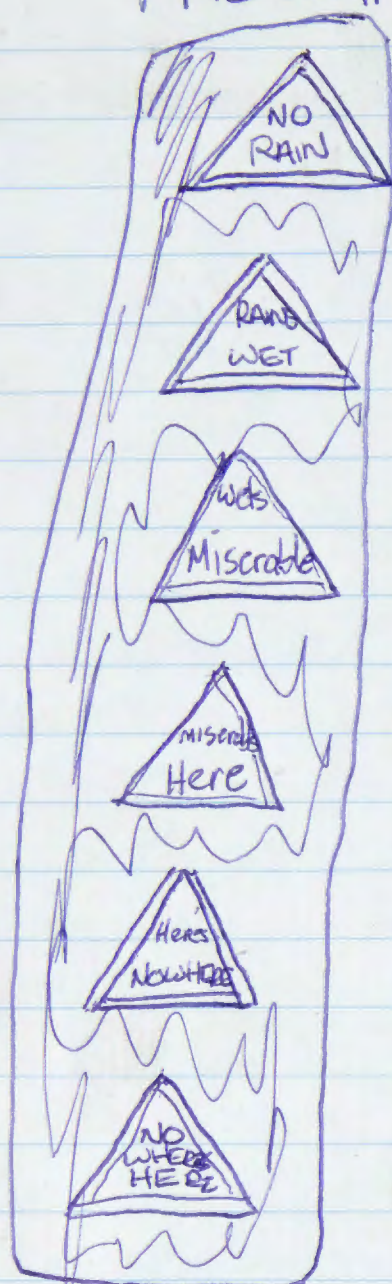
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(motorcycles)

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COME VISIT

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NUT! (S)!!



Dont you just love these witty bits J <sup>APL</sup>

Eiseman family departing vera hut on the 19-1-84 after a good night sleep.

On our way down to highway from Tahune Mt. Frenchman's Cap concealed himself more than a Dutchman's Cap under a veil of dense cloud. Not willing to let a Frenchman beat a Pom we'll be back again to find and climb his cap.

Sat-21-1-84

Friday.

Arrived yesterday in fair weather. Rained all night pissing down today. Returning to HSW today no point going up to the cap. Hope the ludden is passable have to work monday

Peter Gillick

21-1-84 Benman - Deffran arrived 200pm from Tahune. Miserable weather - hail and sleet even down here.

22-1-84 Arrived here yesterday evening after setting out from Hobart for Mt. Anne - had a change of mind at about New Norfolk. Have marked time at the hut today - wet weather - and hope the weather makes a return trip to Frenchman's Cap worthwhile tomorrow. Will attempt it with day-packs.

G. Tucker, J. Lewis, W. Elliott & Darren Crosby.

23-1-84 Ben Goscombe, Ned Stolz leaving to Lyall hwy

24-1-84 Went from here to Frenchman's and back yesterday in ideal weather - managed to see Mt. Anne easily. Darren proved the trip was very difficult to do on a chocolate bar. Are now leaving for the Highway in sunny weather.

G.T., J.L., W.E. & D.C.



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24/1/84  
tarry  
Greg Terrans  
yogibear  
George Metz  
u. Garza  
Piller  
Mike

Having a beaut blowy lunch.  
Really enjoyed the stops under foot  
If weather remains enticing -  
we'll make it to the cap for sunset.

24/1/84 C W W C

MIKE SMITH, A WARD, S. KELLY  
C ABRAHAM, H, SUTHALAND, G GREEN.

SPENT MONDAY AT L. TAHUWI

TRAVELLING THROUGH TO PHILIPS CR. CROSSING  
TODAY.

4.05 PM 24/1/84

MIKE BEAZER, TONY JOHNSON, CHARLIE HAWKINS  
PAT LOUEY, DAVID GIBSON, PETER DEWEE, ARTHUR CUM  
MONDAY AT LK TAHUWI AND CLIMBED FRENCHMAN'S CR  
(TERRIFIC), NOW TRAVELLING BACK AND WILL CAMP AT  
PHILIPS CREEK.

24/1/84

Dear diary I hate it here, the place  
is full of blowflies and besides the blowflies  
it's awful. I can't see how people  
could enjoy being here knowing  
that that horrible swamp must be  
traversed again. Wilderness is a fine  
concept but, when you're in it up to  
your knees it's fucked. We are  
quite shocked at the perversity of  
the previous diarists who claim to enjoy  
the walk - they are sick brain  
damaged individuals. Still I guess



They are entitled to indulge their murky mucky abhorrences. Myself - I'd rather ~~have~~ wear dresses and fly kites in public parks, the wind lifting my skirt and ~~flying~~ to flick and thrill my calves. The sun would shine, the children would lick their ice creams the dogs run, bark (and respectfully shy from that ~~man~~ man in black) and the young ladies would promenade, beaus in arm. Any forward behaviour would, if performed sufficiently sincerely, bring a great deal of gratification. "Oh dear I don't know any parks like that."

"Nor do I." so that's why we're here" Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha.

~~Frank~~  
Frank (The knife).

25/1/84 2nd West Eggroy Rovers arrived yesterday 7:00 pm after leaving Frankish at 12:30 Off to Tahune for 3 nights - weather is overcast but fine. The track is rather wet around here but it is to be expected. Brent Cash Greg Schubert Rob Meyer Ross Morrison Bruce Penner

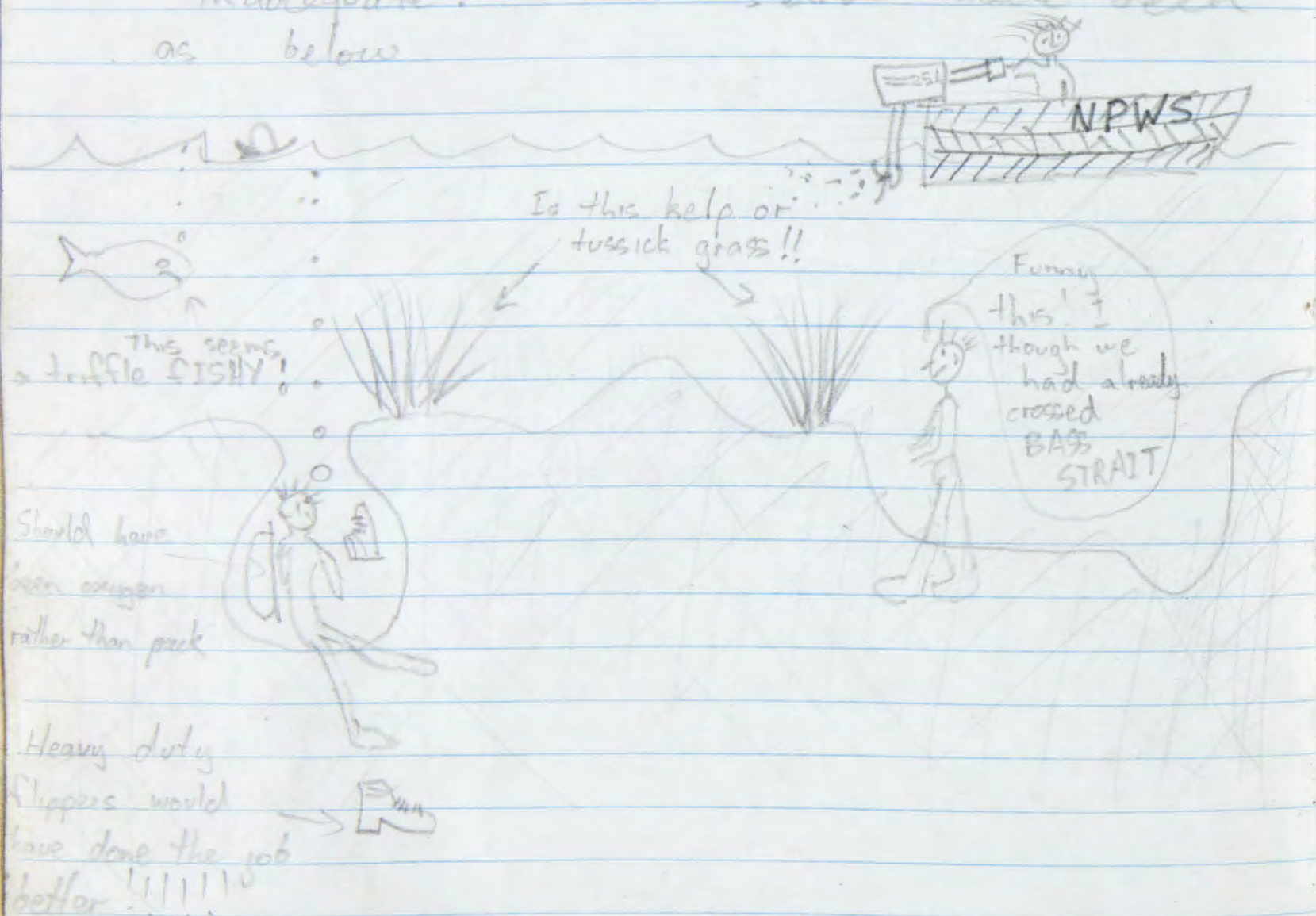
25-1-84 GOBEL (JOS + ADRIAN) ARRIVED.  
1.30 PM For LUNCH - GOING TAHUNE

26-1-84 ARRIVED 7 PM YESTERDAY FROM LYELL MOUNTAIN.  
HEADING FOR TAHUNE TONIGHT - SHOULD BE BACK HERE TOMORROW NIGHT D. N. MCCONNELL



27-1-84 ABORTED ATTEMPT TO GET TO TAHUNE YESTERDAY  
 DUE TO RAIN, HAIL ETC. WERE GOING TO TRY  
 AND DRY WALK THE CAP FROM HERE TODAY,  
 BUT THE RAIN SEEMS TO HAVE SET IN, SO  
 WE'LL WALK OUT TO THE ROAD TODAY  
 D. N. MCCONNELL

27-1-84 Swam from Lyell Highway today but  
 have found our equipment completely  
 inadequate! It should have been  
 as below



Tomorrow shall tack up to Barron pass  
 , jibe , and broad reach across to tahone.

Ken Droper , Brad Hosken



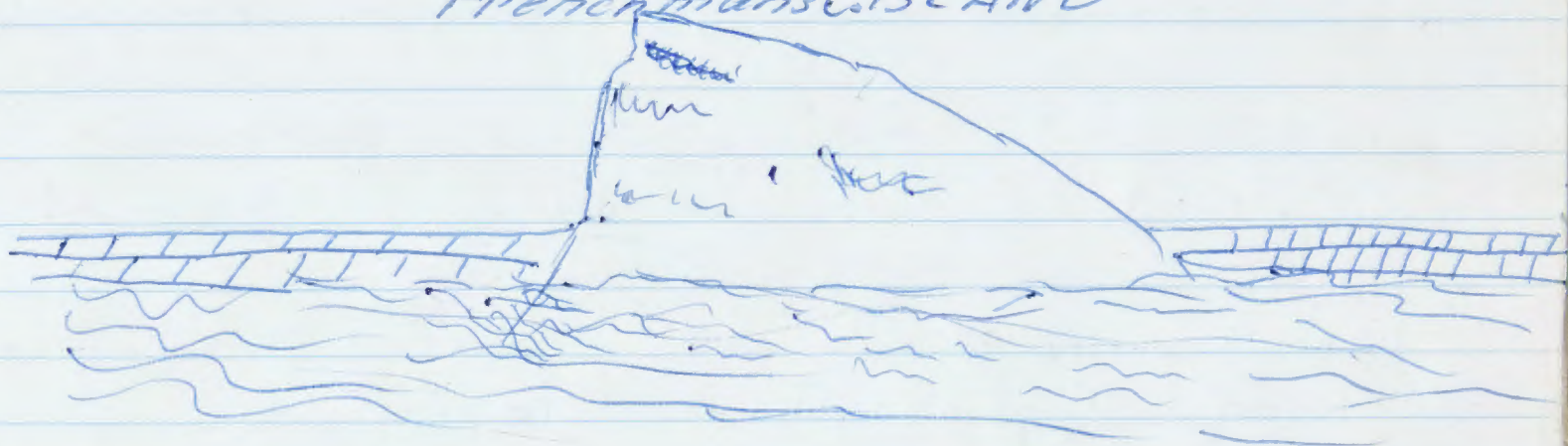
28/1/84. Hoping to get to Tahune tonight so we shall keep proceeding onwards.

Greg + Gen

28/1/84 HARRIS, BOWEN, BARNETT + WHITTON arrived 12 NOON from the Franklin. Heading for TAHUNE today. (1 PM)

28/1/84 Rudolf Hutter SAC Rorschach

Frenchmans ISLAND



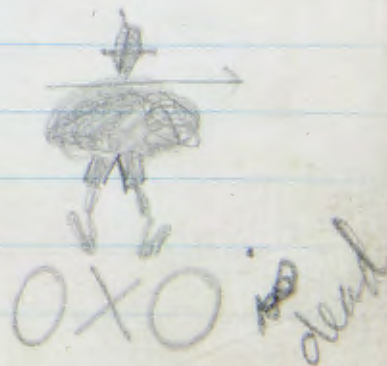
28/1/84 2nd WEST EPPING ROVERS arrived 8 pm From TAHUNE AFTER A LAST MINUTE BID FOR THE SUMMIT WAS SUCCESSFUL (AFTER 2 SOLID DAYS OF RAIN, MIST ETC)

29/1/84 OFF TO LYELL HIGHWAY TODAY

ROB MEYER BRUCE FENTON ROSS HARRIGAN  
BRENT CASH GREG SCHUBERT.

29-1-84 Arrived this morning from Loddon R and am continuing to Tahune Hut (to join the crowds). Weather has been great so far but looks like it will turn bad!

James McIntosh  
Melbourne





Monday 30/1/84. Arrived last night at 9.30 after enduring hail & rain coming from Lyell Highway. Future weather not promising - thought of pushing on to Tahune & Frenchman's Cap but old age has overcome us. Walking out 10.15 a.m. John Penwill / Bruce McIntosh

30/1/84. Arrived back from F.C. about 1.30 AM - nice, easy stroll in good weather (for most of the way). Just sitting around the P.C. stove sipping coffee & spinning yarns. . . . very enjoyable. Rev Asmussen, Paul Schluter, Stef. Gill & Barry Holley.

31-1-84 ARRIVED FROM THE HIGHWAY YESTERDAY. THE SWIM WAS GOOD TO THE HUT. I LIKE THE COMMENT ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE ABOUT "KELP", I CAN RELATE TO IT. ON TO TAHUNE TODAY AND THE CAP MAYBE, BACK TOMORROW.

PHIL SPENDER (R.M.P.E.)

BILL KOENIG (R.M.P.E.)

PS THE RAIN HAS JUST STARTED PISSING DOWN

31/1/84 Walking out From Tahune

James McIntosh

31/1/84 Arrived back from Barrow Pass after belated attempt to climb F.C. in day trip too late with a different climate on the other side of the pass! Chased Rain Away. Back to the road ~~to~~ today.



31.1.84. Off to climb "the Cap" - the hard way up the cliffs. Despite the "sadden hadden" and miles of mud the scenery is tremendous. Plan to arrive Takune Hut tonight & first climb tomorrow. Lewis + I wonder just how Michael Shane Higgins was killed! Appreciate any company + bandages @ L. Takune.

Jeremy Rogers. Lewis Vaughan

1.2.84 Arrived yesterday afternoon from HWY. Pushing on to Takune this morning in the fond hope the cloud might lift off the peaks, particularly F.C.  
 Nick Rees, Peter Davis, Karen Davis

2-2-84

OUT TODAY AFTER CLIMBING F.C. "GREAT!"  
 WEATHER GOOD NOW

PHIL SPENDER (A.M.P.E.)  
 BILL KORNIE (A.M.P.E.)

3-2-84

Out today after an agonizing trip to F.C. in which only one of us got there. going home today which seems to sound good.

ALAN BRADSHAW  
 JIM BRADSHAW  
 PETER EVANS {Stone Collectors}

3.2.84. Lunched here ~ heading to Takune this afternoon - then back here tomorrow night.

(F.C. before breakfast) A. Hughes, M. Harris



11/2/84 LEFT FOR TAHUNE  
RETURNING THIS EVENING  
PETER STUART MARK

4/2 - Leaving for Lyell Hwy - 8-30 -  
Weather overcast. - F.C Yesterday -  
Fantastic -

Rob Colman, Angela Lynch, Rob Moxey,  
+ Dave Colman. Mega spectacular -  
what a difference a nice day can make -  
now for a bog-bash out to "hazy".

4/2/84. Arrived from Lyell Hwy 120pm, will continue up  
to Tahune today. Weather reasonable, flies horrible, Simon  
Smells, I've got a gamy leg, Frenchman's is up a lot.  
Julian Webber 000  
Simon Fitzclarence

4/2/84

Arrived from Lyell Hwy 5.03pm to join the  
Hawthorn Football Club's official pre-season summer  
training camp to meet Bucka, Dipier and  
the Boys. BOMBERS RULE, OK!  
Dipier's ironed out 20 fregs and Greg with  
an upper-cut to the head. Bucka's 80 metre  
hand balls and reconstruction of his knee  
account for seeing flying footballs over Barron  
Pass.

The last one-day H.F.C. international  
ended today at Lake Vera Hut. The moist  
pitch proved to be of advantage of Seamer's  
with alot of movement off the pitch. After  
bringing in Tony Greigs weather wall with  
players comfort level of -20 play was  
abandoned with Bucka not out 200 &  
Dipier not out 0. Play may continue tomorrow.  
Yours Sincerely, Faithful Hawks supporter  
RICH

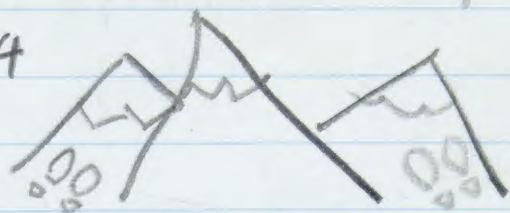


4/2 Arrived 5pm from Lyell Highway  
 Plan to camp at Tahure tomorrow night  
 and watch the sun set from the top.  
 OK Walk in, besides the excess mud.  
 Robert, Bronwen + Adrienne  
 van Schie

5/2/84 Leaving for Highway on this perfect  
 sunny day BYE

PETER STUART MARK

5.2.84



A. U. M. C.

Dru Patkin + Ronnie  
 Schumann  
 arrived after slack

Adelaide Uni Mountain Club - morning's walk  
 Ronnie = Gerry at Latrobe Uni insists  
 on having jelly numbers instead of  
 jelly buns.

5.2.84 Robert Tilley Julian Shaddock

6.2.84. S. Rogers, L. Vaughan departing for Lyell Hwy 9.00 am.

6/2/84 Arrived 6pm from road. Leaving for F.C.  
 early tomorrow & heading back here same day.  
 Leave pack here. Kay Simpson

7/2/84 Left for Lyell Hwy today. Had excellent  
 weather & views on F.C.  
 R, B. + A. VAN SCHIE.

7/2/84 Down from Frenchman's Cap, 10.50 am  
 going out now. The cat ate the carrot. We dislike  
 rude people. Love Simon & Julian 000

7/2/84 Arrived FROM L. TAHURE @ 12-30 PM  
 Lunch here then on to Camp Site



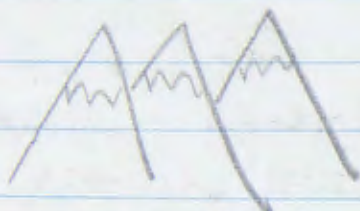
of Philips Ck.

Scoyer G

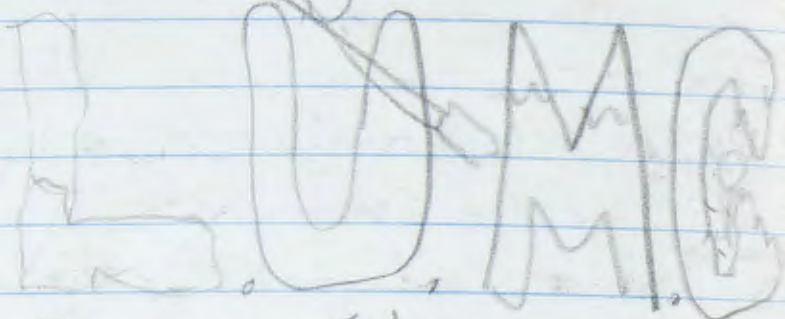
7/2/84 Left here this morning at 7am & climbed up to L. Tahune & F.C. then right down & dregyle. Did not see a thing. Back here 3pm for afternoon tea & now heading out for Highway

Key Simpson

7/2/84



A U M C



Dra Patkin & Bonnie Schumann

Saw nothing from F.C. but nice climb anyway  
Heading out tomorrow

8/2/84 Arrived from Loddon River many a straight on to Tahune & hopefully F.C. Then the Loderfies to narrow & back to the wicket board on Friday

Frank (I walk alone) Brenden CBC. (both knowledgely, blit, dyng)  
Martin (I walk like Frank) Doyle CBC. YAH.

8/2/84 FIELD BLOBS 11009

8/2/84 Julian Shaddock & Robert Telley from FC to Lyell Hwy

9/2/84 This hut is some amazing space.  
However we must leave for lake Tahune now.  
We shall return on Friday (Tomorrow).

D. Green, M. Allan esq.

9/2/84 4 FOXES LEFT 9:00 AM FOR TAHUNE. BACK TOMORROW IF THE WEATHER SEEMS.

10/2/84 After night out of L. Tahune now head back to Lyell Hwy. Got there the men with the chain saws.  
T.J. Bendick  
McDoyle



10/2/84

Je suis ici, après descendre de la  
Mont du Chapeau de Français. La vue, c'est  
magnifique, le soleil est brillante et les ombres  
sont noir! Un temp bon! LA SPECS  
Giscard d'Estaing.

11/2/84 DAVE ELLIS + DEREK BARR - HOBART

Arrived here yesterday at 8.30 PM. from  
road. Plan to climb Philp's Peak this  
morning and return. Weather clear.

11/2/84. D. Green, M. Allan. (Heading home)

"And the Lord said: ~~You~~ Thou shalt not  
steppeth upon thy holy rock, (namest thou  
FRENCHMANS CAP), and it came to pass that  
one almighty cloud descendeth upon it on the  
first day at TAILUNE, and the second day  
it remaineth.

AMEN.

11/2/84 Returned from PHILP'S PEAK after  
a fairly hard day walk. We climbed the  
peak via the spur leading South from  
Vera hut, then traversing the range  
around. There has <sup>been</sup> very old pads (tracks)  
which disappear whenever you hit  
tough scrub (ie Scaevola). If climbing  
keep on the east side of the Ridge,  
once up the spur.

The views of F'mans and Chytemesta  
are absolutely superb from PHILP'S PEAK

Left for F'mans 8.00 AM on the 12/2/84  
Dave Ellis + Derek Barr



11284: Hobart Walking Club - party 577  
 - near last night or 1st of Oct (1st Oct) &  
 walked in to here today. glorious day.  
 It can't possibly last! Let us pray for a  
 view tomorrow (despite the comment on the  
 previous page) - after that we don't care  
 for 4. + 6.

12-2-84 FOUR FOXES (JOHN, ANTJE, JOHN, JUDITH) DEPARTED 7.55 AM  
 FOR LYELL HWY AND HOME. WEATHER STILL CLEAR.

12.2.84. Entered from road on 9th, camped at Lookdown  
 R - spent a restless mosquitoed night + made a late  
 start to Vera. Up to Tahune Hut on a sunny day - the  
 only this summer? - enjoyable climb up Frenchman's.  
 Met some Franklin raptors at the top, anxious of the  
 mattresses at Tahune. Today we left + splashed + splash  
 ed through the rainy forest to the stone Lure.  
 Tom drove out to the road, 13-2-84  
 Leonie Steirich + N. Geissler

12-2-84 Jud was here. Weather shithouse.

13-2-84.

To quote the Gyno Club of Australia

"

We came, we saw, we  
 went away!

13-2-84 I COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT  
 NICK, Sgd. SIR EDMUND HILARY

R E H. was here.

13-2-84. Ellis + BARR passing through, out to Road



14.2.84: I was right - the weather did not last. Arrived at Baron Pass on the 12th to be greeted by cold, driving rain. Spent that night at Tahune, & came back down yesterday, absolutely wet through. Good bless the powers that be for this bit & a stone THAT WOULD. Spent a blissful night. Off home now - & still no sight of the Cap. Is it really there, I wonder? Or is it just a mirage that appears to travellers in the distance, to lure them into its wet embrace. This is my fourth attempt, & still no view.

I am by way of Hobart Walking  
 Paul Nason Club  
 David Dudgeon  
 Stephen Candy  
 Bruce Foster  
 Philip  
 Doug Leland

14.2.84 Arrived after spending night at the Franklin. Lockdowns are sodder aren't they? Got here weary, weather clearing, some sunshine. Not impressed with track work above Franklin - do we really need a 10' wide track across butter grass, the boys like using the brush cutter. Spent night here then onto to Tahune off then down to the Trensabyes and up Mt Mary. -

NUMC

Warren Lacey  
 Michael Roach  
 Darryl Peacock  
 Geoff Mitchell  
 Alison Hall x } returning to Vera  
 Yolande Hall



16.2.83 - Arrived a Lake Vera hut on the  
 14<sup>th</sup>. Very muddy track, weather overcast. (no rain)  
 15<sup>th</sup> Day trip to Frenchman's Cap in clear, warm  
 weather, (no rain). Fantastic View! Barron Pass  
 muddy and rough 10½ hours return. broken cloud  
 16<sup>th</sup> Leaving for Lyell Highway in high overcast  
 weather. No rain for trip yet! This entry  
 and the new longer pencil were donated  
 by Neal Synott + } Hobart  
 Bruce Synott + }  
 Cameron Synott }

17.2.84 Arrived from Frenchmans Midmorning - after walking in mist  
 from Tahune to top of Barron Pass was pleased to see blue skies  
 ahead. Heading for Loddon River this evening.

Alison Hall

Yolande Hall (17mathe)

17.2.84 Arrived at Lake Vera from the  
 Loddon en route to Tahune. Climb summit  
 if there's time.

Simon, Ian + Martin

17.2.84 Arrived 1545 ex Tahune J. Mutton.

" 1600 Chopper arrives!!

18.2.84. Left Franklin River 10.00 am after  
 spending afternoon of 17½ fighting bushfire at  
 start of walk. Arrived Lake Vera 6.30 pm after  
 many stops & swim in the Loddon - cold but  
 refreshing. My legs are aching, Mike's shoulder's  
 breaking - we knew there'd be mud - but  
 not so much! Every time I thought I'd never  
 make it, I thought of Alison Hall<sup>↑</sup>, who we  
 met walking out this am. Tilly baby & pack  
 looking great. Fabulous weather - hope it dries  
 out some of the mud. Pam + Mike Jones



19.2.84. Pam's knees playing up - unable to go on  
with much regret, have to return.

P. & M. Jones

"The 1st Newberies" Bushwalking Club.

19th February

We trundled our bundles through mud & moss, through a forest  
of skeletons and a swarm of March Flies. A magnificent day of  
billowing clouds, azure arctic horizons and shining waters. Creeks cold  
& fast.

From here it's off to Tahune with the Jendymans cap, in  
due course. Down to the Treaders, deep & calm and a Raglan  
top of white quartzite to the Lyell. Delightful!

Mark Goodson  
Cam Palmer  
Jude Little  
Deirdre Martin  
Carol Martin.

Message to Hugh. Need on walking my boy! We will probably  
spend a bit of time around the Cap - Maybe Phipps will  
be visited. See you at Tahune that or Martin???

Thanks Mark, I'm late due to an enforced stop at Kaitake (Hd)

Gisborne Bushwalking Club arrived 19th Feb 84

Spent pleasant night in Vera hut, leaving for  
Tahune hut today. 20-2-84

Back at Vera hut on  
the 23-2-84

Louis de Haas  
Chris Fog  
Norm Sargeant  
Ben & David Catlton

20.2.84 Simon, Martin and Ian. Stopped for  
lunch en route to Loddon R. It was  
so bootiful up there, and its so  
muddy down here. Why did we come down ere?



(22-4-84)  
123 Sesamee  
Street?

20/2/84

21-2-84 Passed flag on way to Philips Peak (via Lake Marilyn if the scrub doesn't beat me) hence down to Barron Pass, Tahune, the Cap, the Ironbys & out via Raglan. Weather looking good. HUSH MARKER.

21/2/84 First bushwalk since 8 years, tired, but it feels good!!  
Nice day, apart from my dive in the mud. Kept my face clean.  
It's great here!

Marchien from Holland

21-2-84 I am absolutely pooped.  
# semi delirious but gee it's good to be here  
Tony from Sri Lanka.

ARRIVED 21-2-84 DEPARTED 22-2-84

"BARE-FOOT BUSHWALKER" CLUB - HOBART

HEADING LAKE TAHUNE - FRENCHMAN'S CAP

ARRIVED 22-2-84 hiking from highway to hut in 4 hrs. → beaut day, doing  
on blains - Frenchman's cap tomorrow - hopefully

23-2-84  
raining alot today, may press on to LAKE TAHUNE LATER Paul Gordon IRONTU CANADA

23/2/84

Leaving for Tahune this afternoon ~1:00pm.  
Hope the rain doesn't start again.  
Bally Con + Andrew Kelly  
It just has - you beauty!!!

23rd FEB BARE-FOOT BUSHWALKER CLUB - HOBART

23<sup>rd</sup> FEB DEPARTING FOR LYELL HIGHWAY  
ROWE / GIBSON / YOUNG / FIELD  
Sleep here tonight - Lyell H'way  
TINA



23<sup>th</sup> Feb Gisborne Bush walkers arrived  
down from Tahune Hut rained all

24<sup>th</sup> day Feb. Leaving for Lyell Hwy.

De Haes, Carlton, Sargeant, Fog, Carlton jr.

23rd February Arrived from the highway in 6 of the  
wettest hours in local history.

24th Feb. Off to Lake Tahune - weather still  
very threatening. Hope to return  
tomorrow or the next day.

Phil Hyland & Phil Pascoe

25<sup>TH</sup> FEB - NICK + ALBIN HEADING FOR LODDON RIVER TO  
CAMP THE NIGHT - WEATHER NOT GOOD, BUT  
WE'RE WELL PREPARED + SAFE.

25<sup>TH</sup> FEB - Paul D. intend to hike to highway across  
the Soddon Soddons - 9:00 a.m.

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Another party that never quite made it. We spent the  
whole day at Lake Tahune on the 24<sup>th</sup> waiting for a break  
but no joy. Walked back to here yesterday in mist & rain  
& ~~saw~~ met 3 others on the way up. And this morning?  
Beautiful - crisp & sunny, myriads of dew dropped spider webs  
in the bushes. We walk out to the hiway, our 3 friends  
will see & enjoy everything we didn't. Nevertheless, I'm not  
worried about not making it up - it was a great trip. If  
anyone does make it up, be sure to appreciate it twice as  
much as you normally would, for us.

Bonne Chance!

Andrew Kelly } Melbourne  
Sally Cox }

26th. Back from Tahune. Beautiful 2 days in the  
rain & mist. It must be a great place, if only  
you could see it. Today is unbelievable weather,  
but unfortunately we have to walk out.

Phil + Phil.



26.2.84

Bert

Made it up in good weather and go on today

27.2.84 John & Rodney Tomlinson  
Stayed here at Vera last night

Sony to Tahune today

Expected to be back at Vera 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

Returned to Vera 27.2.84

Saturday night/25<sup>th</sup> + Monday night/27<sup>th</sup> February 1984.

Back from Tahune Hut. Now its raining steadily. Sunday (day the cap was conquered) - perfect weather, no clouds. Strike ends midnight tonight so we're walking out now (Tuesday). Couldn't see any Huon Pines. We reckon someone has nicked them all. Bye For now.

Frank Griblo → Tom Kaldor John Griblo

striking miners from the west coast.

P.S. We drank water from the creek - still O.K.

1.3.84

I'm getting out of here in wind and rain  
Bert

1.3.84 WARNING TO ALL!

Arrived at Vera Hut 28/2/84.

On 29/2/84 Set out to go from here - Frenchmans - here again. Got a bit lost along the first cliff face after the lake CDO NOT follow



the track of the cliff edge!)  
 and also at a turn off  
 below Baron Pass (when you  
 "see the sign in wood saying  
 French maps" turn RIGHT!). View  
 from Baron Pass is good.

David Shteinman  
 Sydney

29/12 - 2/3/1984

29/12 Catholic Walking Club of Victoria.

Our party of three arrived here 8.00 pm, <sup>off</sup> from the  
 Queenstown bus at 1.30 pm. Very wet in the plains,  
 causing slow progress. Weather indifferent, but at  
 least no rain (until well ensconced here).

1/3 Walked to Tahune Hut, intending but not achie-  
 ving a climb of the Cap. What a truly wild  
 country around here! Having left at 9.00 a.m. we  
 returned at 6.30 pm. Much the same weather as  
 yesterday. In spite of (or ~~thanks~~ because of?)  
 various dire warnings in this book and on the  
 walls of this tremendous hut we had no great  
 trouble on the track. It is a shame and a pity  
 that so much of this beautiful country has been burnt.  
 It is also amazing that so wet a country can burn  
 at all. However, in a way the gauntness of the burnt  
 pines adds to the stark beauty of this stunning &  
 scenery. Big, big time!!

2/3 Leaving at 9.00 for Franklin River & Lyell Highway.

Had a brief visit at 8.00 from a party of 4 men  
 on their way to Tahune after spending the night  
 on the lutton grass.

Appreciation to NP+WS for this excellent hut. Let  
 us all keep it ~~so~~ tidy.

Tom Buxton Ann Baird Pauline Patterson.



4/3/84 N.B. BENCE, S. BENCE, R. BAYARD, D. TIPPARD,  
V. THORNTON

PASSED THROUGH 11.00 AM ON ROUTE TO TAHUNE HUT  
"UNKE BRUIES MINI TOURS" STAGE 2.

4/3/84 Climbed Cap today in perfect weather - feel  
a bit guilty about all you people who've seen  
nothing at all in poor weather. Walking out through  
the mud tomorrow. Richard Brownlee (Queenbezen)

8.3.84. Alan & Ben Pickering & Bill James, arrived from Loddon River. Stay  
here tonight, will try for Frenchman's Cap tomorrow.

9.3.84 Weather closing in. will sit it out here today. - maybe  
tomorrow will be better.

10.3.84 Much the same - going to Tahune anyway.  
Ben Pickering

9-3-84 AUSTRALIAN BREWMASTERS 1984 FRENCHMAN'S CAP  
ROCKCLIMBING EXPEDITION  
Russell Chudleigh  
Maureen Gallagher  
Michael Law  
Chris Baxter

Heading to highway via aquaplaning excursion  
on Loddon Plains.

9-3-84 WENT ARRIVED YESTERDAY LATE EVENING. WEATHER ON  
IMPROVE. 3 in Party gone back to climb Philip's  
Peak then on to campsites on Loddon River or  
Franklin river.

N.B. Bence, S. Bence, D. Tippard, R. Bayard, V. Thornton.  
Left for Philip's Peak via the Barron Pass Left at 9.15 returned  
5 PM a glorious trip on a fine day. B. Bence D. Tippard and  
S. Bence leaving for Loddon River hoping the above have  
3 course meal ready and tents pitched. B. Bence.



CARRY OUT YOUR RUBBISH!

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& DONT WASH THINGS IN THE CREEK OR LAKE!

P.S. TO ENTRY OF 8.9.10/3/84.

11-3-84.

AFTER A 10 DAY TORTUOUS TREK ALONG A LITTLE USED WALLABY PAD LOOSELY DESCRIBED AS THE S.W. TRACK FROM ~~LOO~~ LUNE RIVER TO SCOTTS PEAK DAM INCLUDING SUCH HIGHLIGHTS, GETTING OUR INSIDES BLOWN OUT ON HILL NO ①, MAGNIFICENT VIEWS FROM PINDER'S PEAK, A NEAR HYPOTHERMIC NIGHT ON PB, A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE PORT DAVEY TRACK AS SEEN THRU THE EYES OF A FROG, MY EARTHLY COMPANIONS STAN & BEV ASSURED ME THAT ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE, SO FOLLOWING A THREE DAY LAGUNA IN THE CARBOHYDRATE ZONES OF HOBART WE CAME HERE. ALL I CAN SAY IS ONE MAN'S CAKE IS ANOTHER'S MERDE FRANCAIS. FINALLY MADE IT TO THE TOP YESTERDAY IN NEAR PERFECT WEATHER. MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

AM REVOIR.

BILL JAMES. STAN & BEV PICKERING. GOLD COAST BUSH WALKERS <sup>CLUB</sup>

FRI 9 March 1984 C. Wall & R. Lansdowne 'arrived from Highway. Staying here for night. Sat morn - set off toward L. Tahune & F.C. in fine weather.

Sun 11th March 1984 C. Wall & R. Lansdowne. Heading out from Tahune to Highway at 11:15 am.

11-3-84 - Spent quiet night here + hoping for the same at Lake Tahune. Don't think so (somehow!!)

Amanda Spring & David Vitek.

11.3.84 KARINGAL TRAMPERS, PARTY OF NINE, JUST PASSING THROUGH HEADING FOR TAHUNE  
—BAD LUCK AMANDA!

12-3-84. The cloud came down & covered the peaks about 6-30 pm! Didn't look good. A little rain which made us feel slightly uneasy as we hit the hay. The morning sky seems to offer a little more hope with only scattered clouds. Off to FKgo at about 9-00 am. Here's hoping.

John Fuller, Rod Waters, Barrie Ragg (SYDNEY)



P.S. We plan to spend a day or two at Tahune & head out via The Franklin to Victoria Pass. By Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March.

12.3.84 - ARRIVED AT ABOUT 7:15 PM LAST NIGHT, ENDED UP WALKING IN THE DARK AS WE MIS-JUDGED THE DISTANCE FROM THE HIGHWAY. WAS HEADED FOR F/MAN'S CAP BUT INSTEAD WILL HEAD FOR THE PASS, COME BACK HERE, THEN SET OFF TO CAMP AT LODDON RIVER - A NICE LITTLE SPOT INDEED ANYWAY THESE FLIES ARE GIVING ME THE SHITS, SO I'LL GO OUT FOR A BREATH OF AIR - MARK & TONY SNAPE, HOBART. - ARRIVED BACK - MAY HAVE TO STAY AT PHILPS' CREEK.

13-3-84 - It's amazing how rain can hasten a walk, but reasonably dry <sup>ON ARRIVAL</sup> considering, & the stove here gives off a good heat. It seems very quiet, with no excitement without the Kariakoo Trampers, & tomorrow morning's early start will be a problem without their dawn movements to wake us.

14-3-84 Well fancy that. It's raining!! Temptation to stay overcome. Hopefully a warm bed & hot shower awaits us at Cynthia Bay - that is if someone is prepared to pick up 2 drowned rats on the hi-way. Amanda Spring, Jersey, British Isles.

\*

11-50 Returned that having become separated from David he left track shortly after first quagmire at the top of the first climb. Off in search but will have to return tonight as have no tent. David stay put if you come back... Amanda.



\* 10.30 a.m.

15/3/84 "Karrigal Trampers" heading out to Lyell after hearing that we should be able to get over the Loddon. Arrived from Tahune yesterday 'arvo., leaving heavy snow & rain there! Witnessed helicopter rescue of Amanda (who is O.K. - David lost the track, not Amanda!!!!) at 9.00 a.m. today. Elaine, from our group, hitched a ride with the chopper to Serwent Bridge!!!

Anyway, off thru the sodden Loddons, plop plop splash. Happy Walking!  
M. Maguire - Karrigal Trampers.

15-3. We turned back at Frenchman's (Tahune Hut) because of snow, melt, etc. Decided it was safer to return through the "devil" we knew (ie Loddons) rather than risk a flooded Trevelyan's & unknown route to Victoria Pass in poor conditions.  
J. Fuller, B. Ragg & R. Wake. (SYDNEY.)

17 MAR 84 Left start point Lyell Highway at 0700 hr, arrived Lake Vera Hut 1230 hr.

Tex Nevins, S.J. Smith, J.D. Hughes - HOBART.

18 MAR 84 - Left 0720 hr to walk to Frenchman's Cap. Intend to look for Davern's Cavern on the way back. Leaving large packs here. Due back about 1700 hr. - Nevins, Smith Hughes - Arrived back from Frenchman's Cap at 1605 hr. Rained all the way back. Too wet to go to Davern's Cavern.

19 MAR 84 - It rained all night.

Left for Lyell Highway at 0705 hr.  
Nevins, Smith, Hughes.

20.4.84 LEFT LYELL HIGHWAY 9:45... ARRIVED 3:35. (SUNNY)  
THE THING WRONG WITH THIS TRACK IS... NOT ENOUGH MUD!!! LOVELY - UP-TO-T-HIGH, SQUELCHING: SUCKING YOUR SOCKS OFF! THE LEECHES ARE QUITE AN ATTRACTION IN THEMSELVES... (HOW DID THEY GET INTO  
CONT 1/2 WAY DOWN ->



20/3/84 Arrived at Loddon & had hoped for Tahune but going V slow. Checked alleged camp site at W end of Vera but it's soggy so returned here for lazy afternoon. Will leave early 21/3 for 2 days at Tahune then return thru' here to Lyell Hwy on night 23/3

Graeme Chapman Vic Nordic Rescue Service Dudley Podbury  
 Pennine Bushies Bundarra Ski Club.  
 Returned 23/3/84 G Chapman

### DENNY'S HARDING

24/3/84 ARRIVED HERE FROM LYELL HIGHWAY.  
 25/3/84 OFF TO TAHUNE HUT, WILL CLIMB P.C. IF WEATHER'S GOOD  
 26/3/84 ARRIVED BACK FROM TAHUNE HUT, GOING ON TO  
 THE LODDON RIVER.

2/4/84  
 (CONT.) INTO MY GATER? - OFF TO TAHUNE HUT TOMORROW -  
 CLIMB THE FRENCHMAN'S CAP IF WEATHER HOLDS.  
 SHOULD BE BACK HERE 4/4/84. LOVELY HUT & VISTAS.  
 ALAN & HELEN GEDDES.

-3/4.84 WAITING FOR WEATHER TO VANCOUVER, CANADA.  
 CLEAR - FINALLY SET OUT  
 AT 10:00 AM FOR TAHUNE HUT - LEFT EXTRA SUPPLIES  
 HANGING FOR OUR RETURN TOMORROW. HOPE THE  
 WEATHER PICKS UP!!

3/4/84 12:30 H & A GEDDES.  
 FOILED! HEAVY RAIN WITH NO END IN SIGHT MADE US  
 TURN BACK. AH WELL. ALL THIS RAIN SHOULD MAKE THE  
 TRACK WONDERFUL FOR TOMORROW - HEADING OUT. H & A G.

4.4.84 FANCY! RAINING AGAIN... QUITE CONSTANT NOW. HEADING  
 TO LYELL HIGHWAY AT 7:30 AM. THANKS LAKE VERA,  
 FOR THE WARM, CLEAN SHELTER FROM THE STORM. (S!)  
 H & A GEDDES.



11/3/84 Arrived last night 8 PM. Whatta helluva trip but was worth making the hut for a decent feed of fresh steak + veges. Will be heading for Tahune Hut + then the summit today. Hoping to get and see the Terybysso on the Franklin tomorrow if all goes well. Expect to be back tonight here 13/4.

Signed - 2 Poms + a Tarsyman

Hayes K. May P. Wild

12/4/84

ARRIVED 5.15 PM AFTER LEAVING LYELL HWY AT 10 AM. TRACK QUITE MUDY IN PLACES. HAVE WOMAN WITH MG WHO SHOWS THINGS UP A LITTLE BUT SHE IS WELL WORTH IT. HOPE TO REACH THE PEAK TOMORROW.

MR + MRS A.J. HERRICK

↑ THE WOMAN.

13/4/84

Stopped in for lunch, sat outside in sunshine. Plan to spend tonight at the hodge.

Hayes K. May P. Wild

13/4/84

G'day,

We arrived at around 4 pm from the Lyell H'way after starting at 10 am this morning - and guess what - it's a beautiful day.

No? I'm not kidding it really isn't raining. I could say some beautifully descriptive things about the scenery but by the time you get here you'll know that anyway.

Plan to go via Tahune hut to the Cap and back tomorrow. Stay at Lake Vera tomorrow night.

Aidan Ryan + Penny Bichall  
(Zeelham)



14/4/84

Made it back from Lake Tahune and Frenchmans Cap by about 5 pm. Stopped in at Lake Tahune and had a swim !!!  
Off back to the highway tomorrow early

Arden Ryan & Penny Birchall

P.S. Weather still holding. clear as a bell atop the Cap. - Must have been the best day of the year!!

Left at 8.30 am for Lyell Highway - 15.4.84.

19.4.84. Arrived from Lyell Hwy 5.00pm in overcast weather.  
Dept tomorrow for Tahune and hopefully the Cap.  
Nearly as much bog as Stewart Island walking tracks.  
Peter McMahon & Chris Jackson.

20.4.84 Where is the Easter bunny  
I was told he'd ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> in here.  
Keep Australia Beautiful  
- Dam Queerstown -

DAM THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY!  
(B.B. especially)

20-4-'84 Beautiful weather, sunset was lovely so maybe it'll carry on tomorrow too! Soddon Loddens took some plodden but made it to Vera with Ricey, Wes, Doyle, Mitch, Tim & Ali.  
Ceri.

20.4.84 Just another bloody idiot who does this sort of exercise.  
Mark Robinson.

20.4.84 An exhausting day - returning to the highway.  
Barbara Robinson.

20.4.84 Despite the Soddon!! Loddens a super trip but but unfortunately the Grand Old lady smiles down and said "come back another day." Max. Ryle

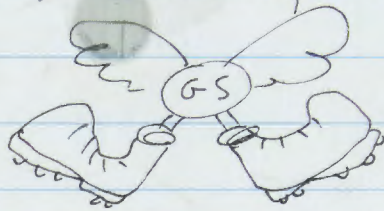
21/4/84 So yep of little faith thought I wouldn't come - the EASTER Bunny did come & the result was faintful for all here.  
See you next year - unlikely on reflection.  
HS.



21/4/84 Whew!!! "The Sudden Ludden" ----! Easter Bunny arrived out of a sunny sky early this morning. Up the track to "see" Frenchmans then back to Vera? - Ludden R. this afternoon then out. J. Prewer.

22/4/84 Arrived 21/4/84. - Heading up to Lake Tahune. for the day - back tonight. Greg Boon & Wayne Moore. Martin Cash Rover Crew.

22/4/84 The (Dreaded) Gorilla-Sparrow Society! (Incognito)



It would appear from last night's conversation that the hapless Geoff Law has been accused of Gorilla-Sparrow Society Membership, merely because he happened to be helping Chris Bell lug a heap of food up Mt Massif at the same time as a bonafide G.S.S. member was in the vicinity. It must be emphasised that he is not Guilty of such horrors!!

Anyway, the below-signed G.S.S. member, having passed through this hut ~~very~~ incognito, is now going up Philips Pt in the hope of beating the weather forecast (and in the assured certainty of beating the crowds now milling about Frenchmans Cap!). Back to the road on Wednesday 25th!

Yours etc, blah, blah

Chris Sharples G.S.S., etc, etc

THE MARTIN CASH ROVER CREW  
ARRIVED HERE ON 21/4/84  
AFTER CAMPING AT PHILPS LEAD 20/4/84 AT WHICH TIME I WAS  
STRICKEN WITH SOME VIRUS TYPE FLU CONSEQUENTLY IT TOOK US  
3½ HOURS FROM PHILPS TO VERA !!! AS NOTED ABOVE GREG & I  
HEADED TOWARDS TAHUNE. ABOUT AN HOUR'S WALK FROM VERA MY THROAT  
& ~~NECK~~ HIPS BECAME REASONABLY SORE, GREG CONTINUED ON TO BARRON PASS  
FOR SOME DECENT PHOTOS, I RETURNED TO REST SO THAT WE CAN  
AT LEAST MAKE THE LUDDEN (SODDEN) RIVER TOMORROW NIGHT & THE  
HIGHWAY ON THE 24/4/84 WAYNE MOORE & GREG BOON (MCR)



SUN 22/4 KEN PAYNE & MATES (6 OF) PASSED  
 HERE (CAMPING BY UERA LAKE → SUMMIT  
 TOMORROW) WORTH CARRYING THE CLIMBING GEAR!  
 HEY ROB, IF YOU PASS THRU HERE YOU'RE A FOOL.  
 SORRY FOR THE CRYPTIC MESSAGE - MONASH-HAMILTON  
 COLLEGE - CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION, 1984.

22-4-84 Made it to the top of Frenchman's this  
 morning, and was most impressed. The "practice run"  
 to the top yesterday resulted in only a pure  
 white view, but I am ~~glad~~ glad to have found the  
 energy to return the next day and make the trip  
 worthwhile.

Could I be the first Maritime student  
 to climb the Cap? I wonder. A close  
 associate of mine Mr. Connery, (see 22/10/83) tried  
 but failed. Will I have the same resounding success  
 in this year's exams as he did last year?  
 (happy ending to his story). Will the therapeutic air  
 of Frenchman's provide the same mental stimulus?  
 I doubt it, but it was worth it!

Stephen (pseudo) Poole

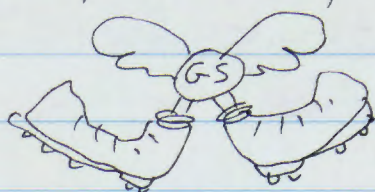
23/4/84 We won't talk about the weather or how long it took to go  
 from here to there as it's all been said before, & we know  
 we made it. And we're definitely not de-facto. Cathy MOON &  
 LANIXESTON BOSH WALKING CLUB → Gary Saunderson

23/4/84 MARTIN CASH ROVER CREW TODAY WE LEAVE FOR THE  
 HIGHWAY AND AFTER LAST NIGHTS WEATHER NO WONDER WAYNE MOORE &  
 GREG BOON

23/4/84 Dungeons & Dragons Society  
 Arrived Friday; Day walked  
 the cap Sat AND Sunday - Excellent  
 views Sunday - Out to Road Monday  
 Taking Dragons with us!  
 David & Hums Griffiths; Ross McRone



23/4/84 The (DREADED) Gorilla-Sparrow Society



Have return from Philips Pt area after spending the night on the ridge leading to ~~Philips Pt.~~ <sup>Philips Pt.</sup> expecting to get blown away. Wore clothes, waterproofs & boots most of the night!! Up at crack of dawn & back down!! (They say the wind rocked this hut, so guess why I was paranoid 1000 ft further up on the bare ridge.....)

Just possible some of the howling I heard last night was not wind, but Gorilla-Sparrows bellowing!?

Yours etc,

(Chris Sharpley)

P.S. Top piece of Mountain country up there, all the same. Why do so few people think to go there? (Oooh, I mustn't say that.... don't want Philips Pt getting as crowded as Frenchmans!!)

24.4.84.

LESSINGTON BUSHWALKING CLUB: MELBOURNE: VICTORIA.

7 MEMBERS STAYED IN HUT LAST NIGHT WHILE 2 OTHERS OPTED FOR THE "CAP" SIDE OF CREEK. HEAVY RAINS LAST NIGHT SAW THE CREEK RISE SO PARTLY STRANDING THESE MEMBERS. <sup>3 THEIR TURD</sup> THE WORST IS YET TO COME ("LODDON"). FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF OUR "AQUATIC SPORTS" PLEASE CONTACT THE ABOVE SECRETARY:

P.S. SEND STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, PLEASE.

EC.

24/4/84. It's a bit damp. River rose about 2 feet last night and its still going. Intend to walk out today but the Loddon River crossing is ~~sounding~~ <sup>sounding</sup> looking very ominous. - Mitchell Kneveatt.  
P.S. - And Loving It!

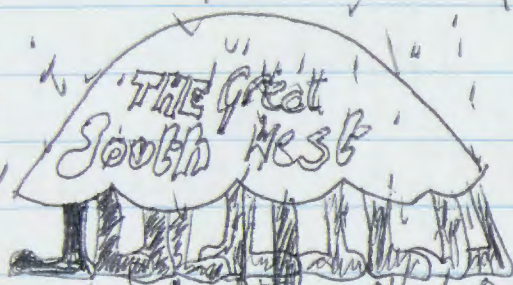


Well I'm walking to the ~~Levy~~ Lyell Highway + going to the pub tonight. - I don't care about river heights but they could make the journey more fun.

24/4/84 - The creek rose about 2 feet and stranded a few of EBWC. Heading onto Loddon, hoping to cross to Lyell h'way.

WES / DOYLE / AI  
RICE / TIM / COM.

25th April 1984.



LOU GUY MICHAEL KEVIN

25/4/84

KEN PAYNE & RICHARD DIMMS ARRIVED FROM TAPINE BUT

THIS MORNING, HOPING FOR FRANKLIN CAMP TOMORROW  
EX Monash (26/4). SHOULD BE INTERESTING AT THE LODDON SEEING

AS THE LAST CREEK WAS 18" OVER THE LOG. STILL,

CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN LAST TIME I WAS HERE. LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. CHEERS MIKE, ROB, DI & TONY & GRANDPAP

SEE YOU IN HOBBART!! HOPE YOU GET YOUR VIEWS FROM THE

Just thought CAP. WEATHER WAS FOUL AS WE CROSSED ARTICHOKE VALLEY.

→ CAP. RAIN, ICE, & WIND! (HAMILTON COLLEGE  
show me they) BUSHWACKERS) Second time I've been here with climbing gear and beaten back by bad weather. "Root me best."

"Muddy, muddy, muddy,  
His Not Funny,

In a wet man's world,

If I had a little sunny,

And a Plushie dunny,

I wouldn't have to tread on all those bloody funds around the hut!

Previous party bagged the big - back pan - also stole one of my ~~water~~ mickseck strips. Thoroughly pissed off!!!



THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1984

RETURNING TO CIVILIZATION AFTER ATTEMPTING TO DO A LOT AND ACHIEVING NOTHING (MUCH). DIDNT DO ANY CLIMBING ON THE FRENCHMANS DICK AND DIDNT GO TO THE IRENABISS DUE TO PISSING RAIN. DID HAVE SOME FUN CLIMBING THE DICK IN THE SNOW WITH A GOOD VIEW OF THE TOP OF THE FACE COVERED IN SNOW SO IF YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING CLIMBING B'TWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER ADD AN ICE AXE TO YOUR RACK

SAW A BIT MORE THAN LAST TIME I SUPPOSE BUT ALTHOUGH TONY AND I DIDNT SEE GOD WHEN WE WALKED UNDER THE TAHUNE FACE IN A BLIZZARD WE DID SEE LOTS OFF MUESLI STUDDED TURDS AROUND THE HUT AND ON THE TRACK AND DEE NEARLY TROD ON ONE OUTSIDE THIS HUT SO WE ARE GOING TO RETURN IT TO ITS OWNER, A FAT FAR-OUT PERSON WITH R. CRUMB LIKE FEATURES WHO MAY BE ONE OF THE LAST SPECIMENS OF THE RARE TASMANIAN MUESLI STUDDED TURD BURLARS!! SO WITH THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION WE WILL RETREAT TO THE LYELL HWY TOMORROW PROVIDED THE TURDS DONT GET TOO THICK AND THE LODDON IS NEGOTIABLE!.

MICHAEL HAMPTON, TONY HAMPTON, GEORGE GIBSON

DEE COLLIER ROBERT HAYES.

→ LESPUNK!

27-4-84

LEAVING FOR HWY IN THE PISSING RAIN. HOPE THE LODDON IS LOW.

MICHAEL HAMPTON + 4 OTHERS.

30-4-84

ALL

G. HUGH (DENIES IT!)

01/02 0584

V.M.

P.B

SR

Spent night to Frenchman  
on 020584.



"This Hut is Great when

030484. Vaneer Phil Sohn.

~~STOP~~ for lunch on way  
to Hoddler & Beyond.

21.5.84 Brian, Glen & John. to Tahune today.  
perfect weather, cold night.

23.5.84. B, G, & J. off towards the Pyll, its  
been raining heavily. We are psyching ourselves  
up to cope with the mud & rain. Good  
trip tho. The stove in this hut is a ~~beast~~ beauty.

27/5/84. Arrived at 4.00 pm from Highway. Tracks  
extremely wet and muddy! Shall go on to Tahune  
tomorrow and climb the cap (hopefully).

Mandy Harrington and Stuart Lennox.

28/5/84 Weather is "great" - blue, cloudless skies, a far cry from  
our last trip - To F.C. today on BUST. Stay at  
Tahune tonight - cheers - S.L. A.H.  
P.S. Pot Belly is Tops. Needs a clean out though!!

28/5/84 Arrived here at 5.00. Fantastic ~~start~~ weather. We started  
from the highway this morning at about 8.30 (left Hobart  
4.00, this morning hit a couple of wallabies) Very tiring walk  
but it ~~was~~ a satisfactory walk just survived the bog!  
Note BOG SLOP MUD we nearly ~~drowned~~  
What a relief to sit down. Heading off to Tahune  
hut. tomorrow staying the night and hopefully going  
to climb the cap. Written by Kamia Harris (female) aged 12.  
Others members are Bradley Harris (dad) aged 41, Paul Riviere <sup>29</sup>  
Michelle Press. 26 and she feels as if shes going on 60. <sup>110</sup>

30/5/84 STUART LENNOX & AMANDA HARRINGTON - HOMEWARD  
BOUND 9.00 AM.

31/5/84 Paul & Barbara Baker - heading off to  
L. Tahune & hopefully climb F. Cap.



tidy tidied up.

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31/5/84 - Kamia Harris, Brad Harris, Michelle Press, Paul Riviere.  
Back once again after 2 nights at Tahune. We climbed  
the cap, (no view due to cloud) I searched for Raven's  
Cavern. Found several others ~~to~~ but not the one we were  
looking for. He Left Tahune this morning at 9.00 am.  
dawdled most the way and arrived here at Vera at 2.25.  
Relieved to get back. Fine weather but overcast most  
of the time. Feeling Great ~~&~~ with a filled hut.  
Heading back to the Highway tomorrow. P.S. Glad to get to  
a decent toilet!

1/6/84 - Pe B. Baker - retreated back last night as  
time was going and weather was coming:

1/6/84 - ~~K.~~ K. Harris, B. Harris, P. Riviere, M. Press.  
Heading back to highway 8.10. am. It rained last  
good trip. night

9/6/84 For this hub, much thanks,  
- Hamlet of the overflow.

20/or 21? July (Sunday.)

The sun is shining and the puddles are frozen. Must be off to  
the top. pretty soon. I'll be back in two days. RETURNED. The only tricky bit  
was the last gully to the summit  
full of snow, pretty windy too!  
Jeff.

The thing of it is entries to this years Caroline goat look alike competition close  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, that is four days later than usual. Rules remain the same, the judges  
decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into. OK. That's just  
about wrapped it up, except to say I saw none of the (breasted)

If any of the GS happen upon this, I still haven't seen any  
dogs up around Dixon's. Kingdom. Maybe they are headed to the nearest  
post box to mail in their entries to the Caroline goat etc.

yours sincerely  
Jeff Fenwick.

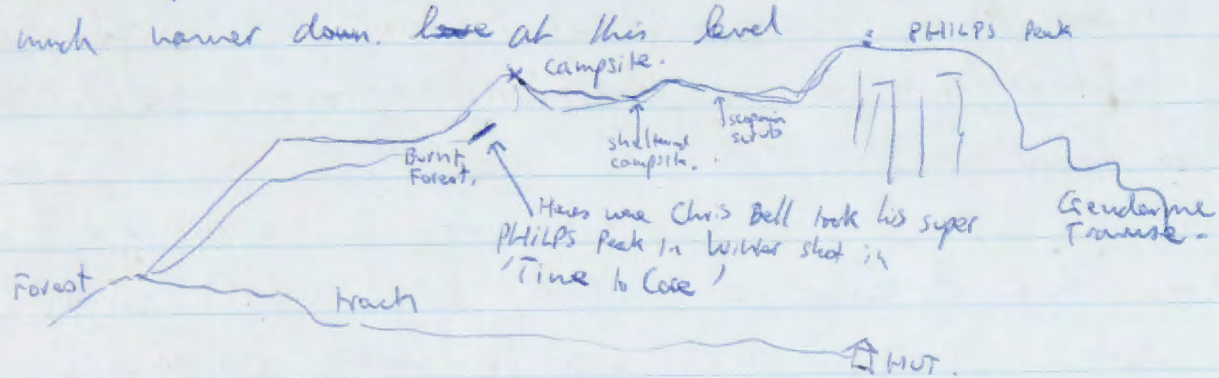


this is only  
a copy of what  
can happen  
when reading  
Logbooks  
too much

TOO  
RIGHT



Fri 27<sup>th</sup> July 1984 Alex VandeVosse & Eddy Gall took advantage of the high over the State during this winter and headed into the parks on Thursday morning camping on the very top of a major summit (1200m) prior to Philips Peak. This really is fantastic country. The campsite was as the most exposed of our entire lives but the weather held and the views, especially in the morning, were unforgettable. Today we climbed Philips and looked down here. Certainly much warmer down here at this level.



The advantages of Winter Walking are many fold: No Flies, No mosquitoes, No people, Solid Mud, you can carry food like pate and it doesn't go off, you have huts to yourself, it is not too hot, the days and nights are more clear, there aren't any leeches, etc etc etc. And the secret to successful winter walking is — A HOT WATER BOTTLE! For 6 oz extra you get a nice preheated sleeping bag, roasty-toasty footies, warm hands and in the morning you stuff it under your clothes. Yes, the HWB is an essential part of the modern walkers equipment. Sat 28<sup>th</sup>: The weather has deteriorated but a superb day was spent photographing the forest around Vera and up towards Lake Marylin. The stands of Huon Pine in both areas are some of the best you are ever likely to see. Tomorrow we head back across the sodden Loddens to the highway. It certainly has been a magnificent 4 days.

Alex VandeVosse, Edmund Gall

August 1<sup>st</sup> (I think...)

Stopped here for lunch, just as the weather decreed we ~~take~~ take afternoon tea, dinner and nightly sleep here, too. The heavy rain turned to snow sometime during the night and the wind died from about half the speed of light to zero. This morning we are heading to Frenchmans and Clytemnestra under a high light cloudy sky, with snow on Sharlands peak. It's just above freezing with NO wind — alright! Winter Walking's Wonderful,

Steve Horne, Pam Squyres.



August 6<sup>th</sup>

Saya rand, Vera hut. Thanks for letting us hang out and have lunch. We'll camp somewhere near the Ladden River tonight.

Steve Horne — Pam Squires.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1984. Left Lyell Highway at 8.30 arrived at hut at 3.30 pm

August 21<sup>st</sup> 1984 Plan to spend 2 days at Lake Tahune hut and climb Frenchman's Cap. We will be returning to this hut to collect bag of food.

Bruce Meincke



ANDREW FRASER



23-8-84 Arrived about 1.30 pm From Lake Tahune hut (4½ hours walk) It has snowed, sleeted, rained continuously for 2 days. We had some trouble finding the track in the snow and fog. between Barron Pass and the start of Artichoke Valley and between the top of Artichoke Valley and Lake Tahune hut. 40cm-50cm of snow on the ground coming into Artichoke. It is worthwhile carrying DRY wood to start the stove in Lake Tahune hut. There is no axe at L.T. hut.

24-8-84 : LEFT FOR LYELL HWY @ 8.45 am

RAINED MOST OF THE NIGHT. CREEK OUTSIDE HUT IS NOW A RIVER.

SOME SUNSHINE THIS MORNING !!

COAL + WOOD LEFT FOR STOVE. PLEASE CLEAN STOVE

~~COMBUSTION~~ WELL AS RAIN GETS INTO THE STOVE

TURNING THE ASH TO MUD — VERY DIFFICULT TO CLEAN

UNTIL NEXT TIME ---

ANDREW FRASER.



29/8/84 R. MAIN, J. BUEDE, O+I. SAWKIN, G. COOPER & N. HARRIS  
in from Lyell Hwy, F.ing wet & muddy track as  
usual. on to Lake Tahune tomorrow, a little  
snow on the tops (when they emerge from the crop).

Di Di Do Do Ga Ga Gannett  
Oophy Oophy Oophy  
Head bang Head bang Head bang.

11/9/84 - leaving hut around 9.10 a.m. David, Michael Tony,  
Jacko, Mr. Jacko, Duncan, James, Robert. Snow falling  
so ~~slowly~~ really amazing!

**LOST**

ONE CASIO DIGITAL WATCH  
WITH LEATHER CORD ATTACHED;  
ONE BLUE TOOTHBRUSH SOMEWHERE  
BETWEEN TAHUNE HUT AND VERA

HUT. ALSO ONE BILLY LID OUTSIDE TAHUNE WINDOW.  
REWARD FOR WATCH.

FORWARD TO 52 KACOTA RD  
ROSE BAY, 7015

OR PHONE (002) 439824 AH

we have left - see 11/9/84 entry. bye bye.

21-9-84 Arrived yesterday afternoon from Lyell Highway. Heading to Tahune hut  
tonight, back to Vera 22-9-84. Leaving food & fuel. S. Peden, C. Eavis.

22-9-85 Found watch!! Will send. Arrived 4pm from Tahune. Snow today!

23-9-85. Left 7.30 am for Lyell Highway - More rain & fog today. S. Peden, C. Eavis

25-10-84 CHRIS TAPP ARRIVED ABOUT MIDDAY. WEATHER CHANGING

EVERY 20 minutes but looking like cold chance getting in

WIND 95km THE NIGHT AND MORE FOR THE MORROW. WEATHER CHANGING

again leaving for Lake Tahune back 30-10-84

25-10-84 Left Too late getting dark at Baron Pass - Soaking  
wet, even half the pack. decided to go back.



29-10-84 - BAD NIGHT, I've DECIDED TO MAKE FRENCHMAN CAP ANOTHER TRIP. VIEWS ARE GREAT FROM SADDLES and the weather was icy cold ~~that~~ 1/4 inch Mail stones and the way back.

30-10-84 - WEATHER CHANGED AND SO HAVE I. GOING TO FRENCHMAN TODAY STAYING THE NIGHT AT LAKE TAHUNE

29-10-84 Arrived here at 3:45 from Lyell Highway. Raining only during afternoon. Both of us absolutely pooped. Mabbott.

30-10-84 Tying Frenchman's Cap today. Weather perfect. Should get some wonderful photos. Maureen + Chester Abbott.

31-10-84 Arrived back from Frenchman's. I Believe Fitness is an essential qualification. We had perfect weather yesterday and today. hope I'm lucky tomorrow. We are lucky people to have national parks like this and ~~it's~~ memories will encourage more walks in such. Lake Tahune's views are what Dreams are made of. I will leave in the morning for the highway but I might not get there till Friday am. Maureen and Chester I owe you heaps, I hope your trip will fill your memories with pleasant thoughts. Bye Bye

31-10-84 - 4 1/4 hours from Tahune. Will probably catch you up Chris. Maureen + Chester Abbott.

## DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF LEISURE <sup>WALK</sup> <sup>ON</sup> ENTHUSIASTS (D.O.L.E.) <sup>WELFARE</sup>

Here to escape threat of work on CEP scheme. (bugger these Labour governments). Posted our forms and eluded the SS. foot patrol. So here we are in defiance of the work ethic in true parasitical capitalistic tradition. Some call it flexi-life ie retire now - work later (maybe). Its time to tramp to next doss house. Yours in the walk ethic. Kash Weir, James Spriggs, Phil Inverform, Kash Mi Chek (Chinese dole bludger)



# NOTE: WALKERS WRECK WILDERNESS

THIS FIRE DAMAGE YOU SEE AROUND  
HERE WAS MADE BY BUSHWALKERS.  
-IGNORANT BASTARDS WHO LIGHT FIRES IN  
PEATY SOIL ON STINKING HOT DAYS. NO  
FIRES IN SUMMER PLEASE OR WE SHALL  
LOSE ALL. THANK YOU.

P.S. This fire burnt for 3 months destroying much rain-  
forest to some 20 miles south of here. Walkers  
are now the worst enemies of wilderness.

Wednesday

14-11-84 Leaving for Tahune but in clearing fog.  
(Beware the rats here at Lake Vera.) Hope to climb the  
cap this pm or tomorrow

(14th or 16th Nov?)

Roxanne & Carol.

Friday ← Stopped for a late lunch on our way to  
Loddon R.

Wednesday turned into Rain, then a howling SNOW  
Storm that pm → Thank goodness for the lovely  
hut at Tahune. Made the Summit Thursday afternoon,  
too cloudy, so went again this morning before  
breakfast — excellent. Carol & Roxanne.

Wednesday 21/11

Leaving for the Lyell Hwy this morning in rain & hail. Had  
3 minutes of good views on the summit yesterday with great  
lighting before we were engulfed in the atmospheres!  
Jennie Whitem & Russ Bauer



THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 1984.

N.P.W.S. RANGERS HUNNIFORD & BLAMEY. WALKING TO TAHUNE HUT FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION

WHO THE HELL'S  
RANGER BLAMEY?

SATURDAY 24-11-84. Left Franklin R. at 7.26 A.M. arrived 12.04 PM. , passing through on the way to Tahune.  
Jan Paul & Mitch. (Knevetts)  
(Van Moort)

Saturday 24-11-84. Left Franklin River at 1.45pm arrived 7.15pm  
NO RAIN - just mud UNDER FOOT <sup>AND</sup> <sub>FOOT</sub> Heading towards TAHUNE  
but Tomorrow. Jean & Brian Pearl Ipswich Qld.

25.11.84 - back from Tahune hut. We ascended the summit of Frenchman's ~~mount~~, spectacular views and clear sky, with about ankle deep snow. Left Tahune at 11am and arrived here at approx. 4pm after a detour to look at Daverns Cavern.  
Jan Paul van Moort  
Mitchell Knevetts.

## IF THE FLIES BOTHER YOU!

THEN HERE IS THE RECOMMENDED METHOD FOR EXTERMINATION. FIRST: TAKES 1 (one) MAP OF FRENCHMAN'S NAT. PARK. (TWO): APPROACH THE UNSUSPECTING BASTARD WITH CAUTION.

(THREE): WHEN WITHIN RANGE HIT FLIE(S) WITH THE MAP ~~ON~~ WHICH IS MOVING AT GREAT VELOCITY.

(FOUR): CONTINUE UNTIL ALL FLIES ARE DEAD.  
(Pat. Pending I.P.)

PS. Door & windows must be closed & make sure you kill, don't stun them.

26.11.84 Leaving for highway at 7.25am. after three great days of weather + walking. (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> day).  
Mitchell Knevetts, Jan Paul Van Moort



26-11-84 Left Tahune Hut at 7.35 am  
 Beautiful views from FeltCap yesterday afternoon  
 Fine last night - a few clouds around now -  
 arrived here at 10.50 am Having Smoko  
 then heading Towards Highway.

Jean + Brian Pearl  
 Ipswich Catholic Bushwalking Club QLD

The Poem on Page 141 (Down the Bottom) is  
 so TRUE of TAHUNE HUT!

29.11.84

Hi to all those ANZSES people on  
 page 28, and to all those others  
 ANZSES people who may venture this way  
 in the future. Flic and I were also on  
 expedition Goodwin 83.

About to leave for Tahune Hut in  
 sleet and rain, Hope we make it! Should  
 be back here tomorrow sometime.

Simon Goldsworthy VIC

FELICITY NICHOLS

VIC

29/11/84 1600 hrs. Arrived from upl ~~by~~ hwy  
 - very very wet. - in 6 hours. Michael O'Hearn  
 Sandy Murray.

30/11/84 heading for summit? Tahune? will  
 be back here this afternoon - have left  
 most things behind now!

1/12/84 Barren pass & back yesterday. Today  
 to hwy leaving 9.00 am. ETA 3.00 pm  
 O'Hearn + Murray.



1/12/84 Heading for Hodgson River (maybe even Franklin River) today. Yesterday very wet and foggy, snow up on top ~ didn't attempt summit because couldn't see it from Tahere Hut. Stove hopeless in Tahere Hut ~ gives off no heat but alot of smoke. Rainforest very beautiful.

Felicity Nicholls (VIC)

Weather seems to be improving, saw the sun before, first time in three days. Wow!

Simon Goldsworthy. VIC

2/12/84 Leave about 8 am to Frenchmans Cap and hope that the weather will improve! Kathi und Andreas Weber - Genter Switzerland

2/12/84. Completed Philips Traverse leaving from Barron Pass by (12:15) arriving at Rnt 9.15 pm. An interesting challenge especially in mist from Philips Peak. Lots of rock and scrub. Alan Cross Michael Robinson

3/12/84 Heading home after  $2\frac{1}{2}$  days of peace, quiet, light rain, lots of mud, gabbies + but rats sneaking along on + inside the hut. KEEP YOUR FOOD AWAY AT NIGHT. - the rat go into the cheese! All must be shared. Looking forward now to the sudden wonder!

Petrona Quinn. (QLD)

Allen Coats.

3/12/84 We were really lucky! We had bad weather before and after we climbed Frenchmans Cap. ~~It was~~ Even Tasmania has some great mountains. And now, back to the mud and under the rain! Leaving at about 11.30 am.

Kathi and Andreas Weber - Genter (Switzerland)



4/12/84 Departed for the highway 10.30 am.

The next trip to the Cap will definitely be by helicopter. This lousy weather has been a real 'damper'.

When the weather is fine the face we will climb,

The Sydney Route is our best bet

But while the rain continues it won't be just yet.

Brian, Matt + Andrea Tidswell, Rosmary Briggs, Alan Schofield,  
Jimmy Warburton, Bruce Dickenson (Peg Leg).

5.12.84

Arrived 3.12.84 2pm Hiway → 8:30pm Lake Vera hut in

pelting rain. Removed 2 pail fulls of ash from

stove to get it operating. Off to Tahune 8:30 AM

~~If anyone comes across a pair of Ballé sunglasses  
please leave them on the table + will pick them  
up on the way back~~

Joan: Steve Easter (Sydney)

5/12/84 1 Short wheel base landcruiser, olive green

with bushranger mago and power winch on

heavy duty bull bar, Bogged up to the aerial

tip south of the Toderen river. Large reward

offered for its delivery to Fred Smith

c/o national parks and wildlife service

Derwent Bridge

Fred Smith

~~4/12/84~~

5.12.84. Departed Hobart 8AM on the 4<sup>th</sup>, arrived at  
start of track 12.00. Walk was OK until I fell waist  
deep in ~~the~~ mud, but I should have fallen in a river  
after the mud, not before.

Dullin on looks it sure is good for keeping the water in.  
Weather fine now, should depart for Lake Tahune hut soon.

TONY NARKOWICZ



Note: IF you are a local youal then skip this section. 156

Are you a Stiggler for decadence?

Do you wish to possess the secret of true  
Lamping luxury?

Do you wish to be the object of envy of all your  
hut mates? Especially other mainlanders.

Then you need the recipe for . . . . .

# SCROGGIN!

You will need:

- 3½ kilos of peanuts
- 2 kg of Saltanas.
- 200 g of Jelly Babies.
- 400 g of Barley sugar lollies.
- 800 g of Smarties.
- 200 g of Jelly beans. (more???)
- 2 plants of Looking Chocolate (750 grams)
- 375 grams normal (Cadbury's) chocolate
- plus 5x sherpas to carry it all

This make enough for 4 people for 6 days.

Make new Friends, Pride hut mates, Influence people  
in high places now that you have this recipe for  
success



# SCROGBASH IC+

This name is symbolic of the love hate relationship we share with this food {see page 156} and with scrub Bashing.

This party of not quite so intrepid drop-outs spent more ~~the~~ energy complaining about the crumbly condition of the track than did they on the art of walking. 8 hours is a disgusting effort for such a fine level track currently plagued by ideal weather conditions. Scrog-bash (now seldom used) was a name invented by Brett Dell who has now become ~~the~~ a maumlander. I am leading this party of winners to Taurane hut today. on the previous day they managed to fall in every BLUET hole there is and several of the rivers also.

Party ~~members~~ constituents

- Tony Markowicz (river faller into - ever extraordinary)
- Alan Davey (Gramp-getter and singer of 4 letter words)
- Graham Michalek (Toe-stutter foot hurter, straggler and maker of week puns) ← food forgetter.
- Damon Pullen (laugher at others and complainer of sore Bud, waist, shoulder, knee, feet...)

Graham Michalek

*Graham Michalek*



5-12-84 Departed lake vera 12.00, will stay 3 nights at Lake Tahune, and return here.

Tony Narkowicz, Allan Davey, Damon Pollen, Graham Michalek.

5-12-84 Arrived Lake Vera  $\approx$  7.00pm. Left the highway at 11.00 am. Weather was drizzly to start then dried up. Intending to walk to Tahune tomorrow. Perhaps spend a night on the Franklin. All feeling fairly weary.

Bernadette Barker, Franine Pinnick, Hugh Belfrage.

6-7-84 Arrived Lake Vera yesterday from Tahune hut at  $\approx$  11.00 am. Snowing at Tahune when we left. Finally the weather starts to clear just as we have to leave. Heading out to Lyall Highway today, thence Hobart ~~riding~~ riding our thumbs. Departed 7-45 am  
Bruce W. + Wal G.

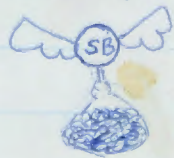
6-12-84

→ We have left some food hanging in a Martin McEwans bag for when we get back (9/12/84). Please leave it for us. (and our weary backs) Ciao. Hugh Belfrage.

- 6-12-84 Walked in from the highway + arrived about 3.30pm, what a spot - on day, hope it's the same tomorrow, Craig Kerr

- 7-12-84 Dept. 7.00am for Tahune Hut, weather's still clear, beauty  
Craig Kerr

7-12-84 Arrived  $\sim$  4 pm. from Tahune. Left behind the Scrogbashers (Hobart Sub-branch) a real rough & ready gang - Up at 10 AM, dressed by 11 AM, finally decide what to have for breakfast by noon... Early leave tomorrow - Ian & Steve Easter



Scroggin bashers emblem

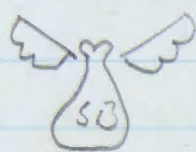
← 5 lb. sack of scroggin - will last 2 minutes with these guys!



Leaving for the cars today after three fantastic 10.12.1984  
days of sunshine, cloudless skies, no wind and dry plains.

Grant Eagling  
Steve & Coralie Sallens.

Scroggie leaving for home 8.50. Can't handle  
these early hours. might have to have a  
siesta about 2.00.



10.12.84

Arrived yesterday from Lyell Highway. Off to Tahune today  
Weather still clear. Hope that expected low doesn't  
show up. Will spend a night at the hut after climbing Frenchmans  
- then down to the Irenabysse & hopefully weather permitting  
across over Raglan Range to Victoria Pass.

Steve & Gabriele Healy.

← WHATS THIS SHIT OR SOMETHING

11/12/84 Leigh + Richard to Tahune }

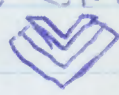
12/12/84 Scott Tahune, today }

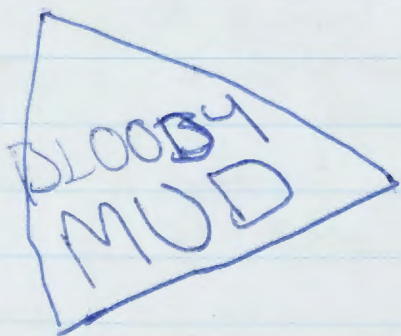
13/12/84 All of the above heading for highway 220 today. rain  
rain  
rain.



15.12.84 Party of Richard Wellington B. Blanchfield  
P. Boustead to leave at 1000hrs for Tahune  
via Daverns Cavern. + hopefully summit. Large  
dark cloud cover with splotches of blue  
overhead, so we hope to get a good  
view. Onwards to more muddy leeches.  
Bye.

15-12-84

7 Murray High School Cadet corps, under the  
leadership of Mr A Young, arrived at the hut approx. one  
o'clock. The seven Cadets were Darren Brooke, Bill Morgan,  
Glen (w/men) Wiggins, David Welsh (dodge), DEAN Frank (E.T. Turkey)  
Jason Lance corporal Campbell & one stripe  
Peter ~~beach~~ (cookie monster) sergeant  ~~Black~~  
We left the highway at 4 pm on the 14/12/84  
and camped at Loddin river, which we arrived at a  
7 pm. We packed up and left camp at 7.30 am and  
walked till we got here. Back to the highway  
tomorrow



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15.12.84

6 Dave and party stopped for the night in the company of the above.  
WATCH OUT FOR THE RAIDING RATS IN  
THE WEE SMALL DARK HOURS! SUE H'CLEARY.  
DOES F.C. REALLY EXIST ??? ALL WE'VE GOT  
THIS MORNING IS FOG & RAIN. 16/12/84

P.S. Some time for the Loo or repositioning it wouldn't  
go astray!



16/12 CONT: WENT TO BARRON PASS TODAY FOR SOME  
MAGICAL MISTICAL MOMENTS. TOOK 2½ HRS UP WITHOUT  
PACKS - A LITTLE LESS ON WAY BACK. TRACK VERY  
WET & DETERIORATING IN PARTS BUT WORST BIT IS  
ALONG-SIDE THE LAKE. WEATHER INCLEMENT - HEADING  
OUT FOR PORT & COFFEE TOMORROW. S.M.

17/12 WARWICK BARNES. ARRIVED VERA HUT 5:30 pm from Aug. On to Tahere  
tomorrow if weather is good. Lost map on track somewhere. would be  
grateful to have it back if anyone finds it.

20/12/84 Party of 2 arrived yesterday 1:15 pm. Out  
to hwy. today. If we can't cross Loddon we'll  
camp o'nite at Loddon plain.  
Warren Snider Bernard Campbell

21/12/84 S. Dennis (Sydney/Canberra) - arrived after non-stop rain  
& river-like track: heading for L Tahere & summit if poss.  
on 22nd

|          |                                   |               |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 19/12/84 | Arrived from Hwy                  | Bob Dehaine   |
| 20/12/84 | } Faced test days due to weather. | David Dehaine |
| 21/12/84 |                                   | Gim Dehaine   |
| 22/12/84 |                                   | Sam Hilditch  |
|          | Heading for Tahere & Summit.      | Di Dowling    |

22/12/84 WARWICK BARNES: AFTER 5 DAYS IN VERA HUT  
TO DISGUSTING WEATHER (RAIN, HAIL, SNOW, WIND etc etc)  
MANAGED TO GO UP TO THE CAP TODAY. FOG ON SUMMIT:  
HEADING OUT FOR ROAD THIS AFTERNOON.

NB

BEWARE OF THE RAT

IT HAS ALREADY CHEWED HOLES IN THREE  
PACKS THIS WEEK, EVEN THOSE HANGING FROM  
THE RAFTERS.



the only two humans inhabiting the stretch from the Loddon river to the Cap. Hope this fucking weather picks up!

Robert Nicol & Michael Flavin.

Dec 26 / 12 / 84.

Left here 9.30 am. Heading for Lake Tahune today. Hoping to climb the Cap. Will make Tahune a base for a couple of days and hopefully make a day trip to Tranabys Back on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

27<sup>th</sup> Arrived from Philips Creek, on to Tahune today. Weather superb.

MR. STANFORD & D. MINARD

27<sup>th</sup> <sup>1.15pm</sup> Arrived from highway after only 4 hrs 35 mins due to the glorious weather. The Loddon plains sink & we are ~~tot~~ covered in them.

B. North (Going on for a stroll to Tahune! Nice & weather)

A. North - spend night at Tahune & hopefully bag the cap tomorrow. ? Return on 29<sup>th</sup>

27 / 12 / 84

Returned from Tahune today (L) after staying there overnight. Climbed the Cap yesterday in magnificent weather. The view was superb. We feel privileged at being allowed to make the ascent. Reading through the log books, there have been many trips cut short of this tremendous goal. We cut the trip to Tranabys short and will return to the Lyell Highway on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow is a well earned rest day.

Michael Flavin,  
R. Nicol.

27/12/84 Arrived from H'way 6pm. Good weather. Leave tomorrow for the Cap. Spend night & 28/12/84 at Lake Tahune. Return to H'way via Lake Vera on 29/12.

Simon Oates  
Michael White.



Belinda Winkler, Guy Marquis, Robie Pease  
 arrive 11.30 ~~pm~~ am 28/12/84 - Friday  
 Terrific weather - Lunch here and off  
 to Tahune and Frenchman's Cap  
 THEN!! (WAIT FOR IT) ... OUT VIA IRBNA BYSS  
 TOMORROW & NEXT DAY

29/12/84

After a day of laziness here  
 we are now going to push on  
 for the highway the time  
 being 7.00 am. We have enjoyed  
 our 4 continuous days of sunshine  
 and the magnificent views from around  
 Frenchman's Cap. With luck the huddles  
 won't be the river that we  
 encountered on our walk in.  
 Robert Nicol  
 Michael Flavin.

29/12 Arrived at the hut at about 7 pm 28/12 after  
 7 1/2 hours of walking from the H'way. Quite wet  
 under foot. Heading to the Cap today. Return  
 here tomorrow night.

Eric Steele Sarah Garnett.  
 M.P.

29/12 Left Tahune at 7.25am & arrived here 10.10am. Pushing on to the  
 Lyell highway now  
 Andrew North  
 Christopher North

29/12 We're smart, we carry our own pen  
 to write with. After the march through the bog  
 in fine weather we find ourselves short  
 of time and so came thus far to but  
 return to the Lyell highway. Maybe reset



time. we'll see.

Alan Lyall.

Clare Ross

Canberra.

29/12 Arrived from Tahere. 1.00 pm. On to  
Phelps creek tonight, Highway tomorrow

M. Stanford

D. Maynard

29/12 Arrived from Tahere 1.10 pm. Phelps creek  
tonight. Highway tomorrow.

Simon Oakes

Michael White.

29/12. WELL, DELUSIONS of GRANDEUR  
ONCE AGAIN; ONCE WE HAULBD  
OUR FIENDISHLY TORTURED, DRUG  
RAVAGED <sup>BODIES</sup> UP TO THE ~~HUT~~ WE FOUND  
THAT THEY NO LONGER OBEYED OUR  
MENTAL COMMANDS. SO WE STAY HERE TONITE  
PS. PLEASE DISREGARD ALL THAT  
BULLSHIT ABOUT IRENABYS IN THE  
LAST ENTRY \*

P.T.S.T.

LEFT FOR  
LYELL HWY 11.  
9.00 AM 30

GUY MARQUIS  
BELINDA WINKLER  
ROBBIE DENISE

29/12. Magnificent weather. The 30th is just as good!  
Great views from the top we hope... off to Tahere!

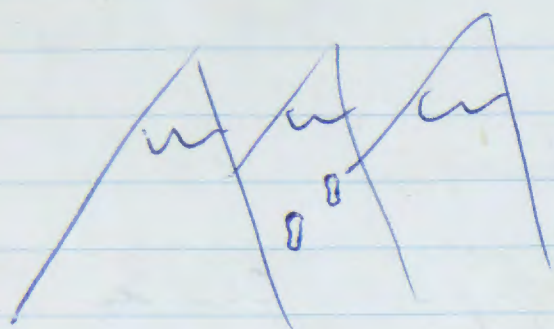
Peter Mackay

Peter Lewett

Linda Henderson

Greg Martin





A. V. M. C.

Adelaide Uni. Mountain Club

Jean Jackson

Scott Mercer

Tony Woulford

Dave P-Jones (Hulk)

Jane Davis

Andy Davis

Came from Loddon going to Tahune Tonight  
(along with the rest of the world)

30/12/84 Arrived here at about 2pm (4½ hours) from  
L. Tahune. Excellent weather. Great views from the Cap.  
Expect to camp at Philips Creek tonight (or maybe the  
Loddon?). Thr to the highway tomorrow.

Rick Steele

Sarah Cammell.

30.12.84 Camping across the creek. Frenchman's Cap &  
back tomorrow. Sonia Tidemann

30.12.84 Camped (stayed?) here after what seemed  
like a really hard slog from the highway...  
must be unfit! Going to Frenchmans  
on the 31<sup>st</sup> & hope to stay at  
the hut at Lake Tahune. The hut  
here is wonderful... the loo is  
hopeless David London, Matt Herne,  
Angela Sanders.



31/12/84

Clavelly, Porters and Venturers. Came, climbed, saw Frenchman's  
Cap. Leaving for Loddens River today.





Weather was fine return trip from Vera to vera via  
 Frenchmans was 10 hours (1 hour for lunch) excellent  
 view all round high level cloud over head now  
 but the two cold fronts don't seem to  
 have hit yet. Party in good spirits if not  
 slightly shaggy. Off to camp somewhere in between  
 here and Loddon to night for new years  
 Day. Hope fine weather holds out!

Rory Ventus  
 of (Lovely fl.)

1-1-85

Arrived from Hwy about 7-30pm after late start. I  
 was affected by the dreaded gastro so are now  
 returning to the Loddon River. We found a pair  
 of glasses ~~left~~ ~~here~~ which we assume ~~to have~~ were  
~~left~~ left here. If the owners actually left them  
 here on purpose we can be contacted on  
 (07) 3786346 after mid February  
 Anne Griffiths + Bruce Macdonald

Over a half hour later, the owner of the glasses arrived back  
 from Frenchmans Gap..... 22 minutes later, the glasses were recovered.  
 (I did not have a pack on!!)

1-1-85

An ode to the Cap. (Launceston +  
 Vermont South  
 (Vic.)

With heavy packs we struggle on,  
 The sodden Loddon will soon be gone.  
 Out of the bog with muddy DAKS,  
 We were ambushed by Jumping Jacks!

With parched throats we arrived at Lake Vera,  
 But the water there made us feel queer-er!  
 Tomorrow, we assault The Cap -  
 With any luck, we'll <sup>all</sup> get back!

SIGNED:

see overlap for return

Andrew Williams Kim Talant  
 (Boris) Andy Ling  
 Peter Williams Kirstin Williams  
 Yobert Thomas  
 Vera Robert



2/12/85!! After an eventful night, witches & mice disturbing  
our sleep, not to mention the snoring of our Birthday Boy!  
Beware the mice!

- After far days of blissful weather, spectacular views,  
adequate company, we head out today.

Mike doesn't talk to us, Pete walks too fast, Linda doesn't like  
rests, and Greg always wants to go further, I'm perfect!  
Peter Mackay.

2/1/85

Coal delivery today by Peter (Hookway Aviation)  
Ian Marmion & Jack Buzelin (Rangers) and Shane  
Atkinson (Voluntary Workers). Accompanied by our lovely  
assistant Miss Robyn Sharp (Murray High School).  
Happy camping to all.

Jack BUZELIN (N.P.W.S)

2.1.85. after a bus drive on the Red line we left the Hyatt Hwy.  
at 1.45 pm - entry in the log by the flying fox and a crossing of  
the mighty Franklin at 2pm - Mt Mullins & the Lardon Plains  
and Phillips head thankfully were very dry - the rain has  
started to fall and we may now get some real  
wilderness feeling - It's good that we are able to walk  
for just 5 1/2 hours and see what no campervan  
sees and really clear the mind - it'll be nice  
when I'm back in the office sitting behind my calculator  
and able to know that somewhere in Australia  
there is a place where civilisation and all the  
complexity it brings takes a back door to nature -  
thanks to all who helped save the Franklin from  
the HEC (sleep well Br. Broon) our grandchildren will  
thank you. Also thanks to John G. for giving me  
one quarter of his apple. Tomorrow Flap Saturday I'm bus-  
back to the Highway Monday evening.  
Paul VB



283/1/85.

Camped overnight at Franklin River and then travelled all day (2/1) to reach Vera Hut about 7pm. Party a little inexperienced and very weary. Planning to go through to Lake Tahune today and hoping our walking time will be less than yesterday. Weather has been good and the 'Sodden Loddons' were very dry; so spirits are generally fairly high.

Adrian Heard, Richard Carter, Anne Tichborne,  
Birgit Christensen, Pam Maitland. (Adelaide S.A.)

3-1-85 JOAN HAND TIM HAND from NEWCASTLE  
EN ROUTE TO TAHUNE & F.C. - REASONABLY  
FINE WEATHER

Answer to: An Ode to The Cap  
3-1-85!

3-1-85 P. Locket & S. Stobart  
Here Today The Cap Tomorrow

3.1.85 ANSWER TO "THE ODE TO THE CAP" (1.1.85)  
Foxed by the weather, The cloud covered the cap.  
It rained & it poured, and we waited per hap,  
But it was not to be, we turned to return  
Be prepared for the weather - <sup>the</sup> ~~at~~ lesson to learn!

Marcus Tabart Rhiaig

~~Chris Williams~~ Tara Tabart. Ken Tabart. Andrew Williams  
Kirstin Williams

4.1.85. Angela Sanders, Matt Herne, David London

It was 30° on the way up, 30 at the top  
20 on the way down and 5 when we stop.

Out today, left Cam.



4/1/85 Party of 7 (seven) arrived from Highway last night to find the hut full of noisy people. All the people now going out - except us of course - stupid enough to continue. If you're wondering who we are we're maniacs from Melbourne.

Here are quotes of today:

Made seriously: "Is there any water outside?"  
(to be continued)

- as you might assume ~~that~~ the weather has been horrible - you'd be right. After 8 days in Cradle Mountain/Lake St. Clair National Park with perfect weather it is really persisting down.

Intentions:-

- 1 - warm up / wake up
- 2 - breakfast
- 3 - Stumble off to Lake Tarn
- 4 - get wet
- 5 - set camp (in hut?)
- 6 - get wet
- 7 - lunch
- 8 - get wetter
- 9 - Try off
- 10 - dinner
- 11 - get wet!
- 12 - get pissed off - go home.

Tim Buckley, Mark Henry, Jonathan, Ralph, Lesely Sutton,  
James Thomas, David Robinson<sup>#1</sup>, Ian Brewer.

- tentative members of Cornelia Sparrow Society.



4-6.1.85 I came here it was ~~poor~~ pouring and it seems that the conditions didn't change much since I have arrived I must leave now because I have a ticket out of this summer on the 8.1. Wish you all a happy stay and more fun looking around remember if there's no Rain there's no forest rain so keep smiling for the rain.  
Glen Tachibana.

6/1/85 Claustrophobic conditions at Tahune and into the emergency airline we decided to leave this scenic spot following the "Adelaide Wilderness Five" and the "Hands" from Newcastle. The "Astral Planers" got temporarily lost but recognised their navigational embarrassment and <sup>also</sup> "rescued" the first two to leave, a right instead of a left before barrens pass being the cause of their delay. Reunited with their loved ones the "Astral Planers" continued on with Paul in a state of Nirvana after a transcendental leap into a tree-head first! ~~<BE WARNED - wet tree roots are slippery>~~ a scroggin stop under the chalky boulders ~~<NB - it was dry even in this lousy weather>~~ before heading back. Tasmania is beautiful even <sup>have</sup> in the wet - although I'd have loved to <sup>have</sup> seen Frenchman's Cap - we'll get you yet.

The Astral Planers

Bushwalking Activity  
John Gertschke - Paul van Bergen  
Sam Storey

7/1/85.

Nobody knows the water we've seen  
How we drowned in sorrow.  
Oh by God what a pleasure it'll be  
When we walk out tomorrow.

Leaving today with the Newcastle two and the 'Astral Planers' — Adelaide Wilderness Five  
Anne Tichborne, Pam Hailand,  
Adrian Heard, Birgit Christensen,  
Dick Carter.

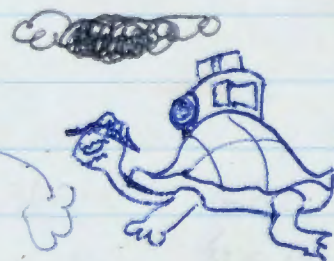
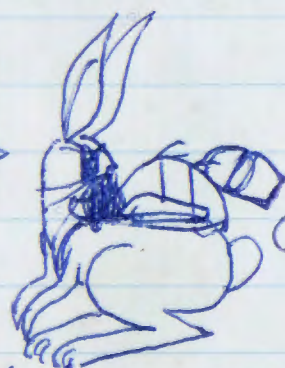


6;7/1/85 arrived at Vera after a reasonably uneventful walk from Tahune (major happening was heavily chundering!) Mined out on Frenchman's Cap and Irenabyes but I'll be back - the rest of us might too. (three years time). Plan to walk out for 12:00 bus at Hwy on 8<sup>th</sup>. Will stay either along track or at Hwy tonight.

I can't think of  
anything to say!  
on behalf of Wooyong Rock Road & Cardine Venturer  
Unit:  
Ian Brewer  
Tim Buckley (has the gastro - yuck!)  
David Robinson.  
Jonathan Riph.  
Lesley <sup>SPLAT</sup> Dutton.  
P. Jones Thomey.  
Mark Harvey

e'mon...  
We're almost  
there?!!

7/1/85



Hi! The Hare & the Tortoise alias Kym & Hass Palka of Naracoorte South Australia. We arrived at this very welcomed hut. Didn't take us long from the Hwy... ha! 10 hours I think?!! The weather had better hold so that it hasn't all been in vain. We waited in Queenstown until the weather cleared. Would be nice if this time we can get to the top of FC.



Arrived 8/1/85 Oh! For the Sun 174

Waited 3 nights for rain to cease  
its precipitous attack on our  
poor souls

Plenty of fun was had by all  
in the meantime

We made a cake, minioli bars,  
candy, soap,

We sang & whistled

We danced the "Brown Jug Polka"  
and the "Virginia Reel" late at night  
whilst David piped away on  
his flute

Now, at last, we making the  
break for Franchinaw, ....

The rain has abated, the night  
winds have died and, yes folks,

THE SUN SHINES OUT!!

An revoir, dear hut, you  
served us well.

Wandering wallabies,

~~B. J. G.~~

+ Bob, Bob, Lucy, Phil, Vincent

+ Ross & Susan

+ David

left 11/1/85 to return  
tomorrow for a bit of rest.



FRI 11<sup>th</sup> JAN 85.

Capt Gabrielle Hall from Bethan N.C. arrived at midday from the Loddon campsite. We had been held up for two nights waiting for the river level to drop. On the first night we were woken out of the tent at 3 AM by rising river water - even on the highest bit of ground we could find. Fortunately - it seemed to be the "top of the tide", so we were safe but wet. Didn't see the rope handrail until next day and after that it soon dropped to a passable level this morning. Off to see the 'Cap' in the morning - weather looks promising. ~~Tonight~~, will stay in Lake Tahune area one night before returning by same route. Out to Lyell Highway Tues. morning 'Cap a no 'Cap.

12<sup>th</sup> Saturday 4 hr jaunt back from Tahune, early start  
Glorious weather. Lunch, then on to the next available  
camp site Hass & Kym Park Naracoorte SA

12<sup>th</sup> Saturday: After 3 hr run back from Frenchmans, stopped for rest before heading on to the Philips Ck campsite or Loddon Rv. Will head out early tomorrow for a dose of chocolate and fresh vegies at Strahan. Hi to Pete and gang + Ross and Sue.

Peace, David Carr  
(The Lone Zucchini)  
(1st Peel Rover Crew).

12/1/85 6.30 pm  
Have just returned from Lake Tahune that having seen the Old Man's Cap in all its glory this morning... a huge, golden peak rising out of the morning mist. We were up to the summit like rats up a drainpipe, and were confronted with an absolutely marvellous spectacle... the Cap and a number of other peaks being all that protruded through the clouds - well worth the wait & the wet!  
So long, monsieur.  
Chazkin

P.S. heading for home tomorrow morning.

Biff & Garry



13-7

Long walk From the road yesterday. Heading for Tahune today. Weather is perfect, lets hope it stays that way. Returning this way in a few days.

Mark Underwood + FRIENDS

~~13-7-84~~

SYDNEY

(not any more)

Mon. 17/1/84 Have arrived here after straight run from drop-off at road at 230 pm this afternoon. Intend marching off to Tahune Hut & then dumping pack to handle the Fr's Cap. After spike at Tahune I will return here on Tues night or even further down the trail. Weather was great yesterday and looks superb today.  
Happy walking all Peter Barker - Dandenong.  
(The Solo Kid from Melbourne)

14/1/84 Arrived here from Loddon Campsite early yesterday. Weather is great. Leaving this morning for Tahune Hut & hopefully the Cap this afternoon or for sunrise tomorrow morning. Expect to be back here again 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>

Fletcher x 4

14.1.85: Paul Lawrence + Rod. Ford.  
Lunched here after walk from Loddon campsite. Onto Tahune this afternoon.

We are going too (leave that left alone)  
returning tomorrow or Wednesday  
It picked up tent we had beautiful weather - on our way out  
Keith & David (Adelaide (ex PNG))

15<sup>th</sup> Arrived back from Frenchmans & Tahune Hut. was a great walk & great weather. Heading back to the Hiway in the morning & looks like the log will be quite a hot drier.

Fletcher x 4



15/1/85 Going out today. Drizzling rain  
Kate.

PS Dudley - left a gator near the bank  
 at Lake Tahune. Hope you saw it, Sorry.  
 Stupid bitch! (c.c.)

15/1/85 Arrived after return trip to Frenchmans Cap yesterday  
 returning to road & hopefully Hecart tonight.

Pete Baker (solo walker from Melbourne)  
 is that a L or an N

15-1-85 ARRIVED FROM ROAD YESTERDAY, HEADING FOR THE  
 CAP TODAY. HOPE THE WEATHER IMPROVES  
 Paul Addison

15-1-85. Came from road yesterday, heading for  
 the top today. PAUL BOST. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

16-1-85 LUNCH HERE ON RETURN FROM A VERY PLEASANT  
 DAY AT TAHUNE HUT. HEADING FOR THE ROAD TO  
 CAMP ON THE FRANKLIN TONIGHT.

16/1/85 PAUL ADDISON.

Passed thro' this simply stunning domestic  
 situation on our way back to Phil's or  
 the Lodon.

FRIENDS OF MARK UNDERWOOD,  
 SYDNEY

16/1/85 GOT HERE AT 1.00 CLOCK FROM  
 FRENCHMANS. WEATHER WAS GOOD.  
 HOPE TO MAKE FRANKLIN IF  
 NOT LODON

DAVE & KEITH SA AHEAD

17/1/85 Camped last night here - leaving approx  
 11 a.m. on way up to Tahune. Some drizzle, some  
 patchy sunshine. Hopefully going to Victoria Pass the hard  
 way.

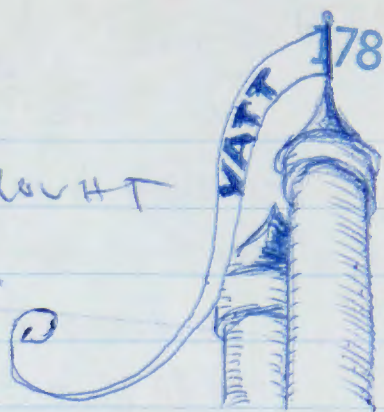
THE WOMBAT WALKING GROUP.  
 MIKE DENNIS, DICK PATTON, CHRISTINE GOSWICK

NARRAGUTTE  
 STH. AUST.



17-1-85. PAUL BOTT. PASSED THROUGH  
AUTO HEADING OUT. TODAY.

VERY  
AMAZING  
TOURING  
TECHNIQUES



17-1-85 ARRIVED 7-30 PM FROM HIGHWAY. CONDITIONS  
MISERABLE I'M SORRY TO SAY.

18-1-85 LEAVING FOR TAHUNE HUT 1-00 PM DRIZZLE AGAIN (V.A.T. TEAM)  
MALCOLM CALBRAITH, PETER HUGHES, JIM VAUGHAN, PAUL ARUNDELL, DAVE MITCHELL

18-1-85

Paul Lawrence + Rod Ford - stayed here night  
returning home from F.C., Menabys etc.

Rainy weather

18-1-85 MIKE WILKINSON & ANDREW BARRELLER arrived  
here at 12-15 PM. after an overnight camp at  
the Loddon river ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  hours walk) weather  
mild but drizzle and occasional heavy  
showers. Intended to walk onto Tahune Hut but  
decided to stay here overnight and see  
what the weather does.

19-1-85 7-30 AM Weather looks promising  
although fog is hanging on the Mountain  
so heading out @ 8-00 for day trip up  
F.C. expected return approx 7-00 PM

➤ Back at Hut 10-00 AM Mist descended  
further down the Mountain so turned  
back. Heading out to Lyall Head and  
Home — TRY AGAIN ANOTHER TIME!!

19/1/85. Called in here 10-30. Going to to Tahune.  
John Cowpon.

19/1/85 Last of our party arrived here at 2pm from a "Phil's  
Creek" campsite. Chosen Taylor

20/1/85 Party of 11 left for Frenchman's Cap via Lake Tahune with



8<sup>th</sup> L'ton

## VENTURERS

return due for this afternoon. Andrew Taylor

First of party arrived back at 5.40pm. A.H.

views of Frenchmans cays were brilliant with the best being up at the top when the cloud lifted. When this occurred the views were ~~not desirable~~ ~~is~~ incomprehensible. Although we searched for G. orilla-Sparrows ~~not~~ none were found; thus taking us to the conclusion that G. orilla-Sparrows do not exist. One member of our party was slightly disabled since one (\$36%) member didn't give him his lunch. This causing him to be a rather <sup>one</sup> irate venturer. At the moment we are sitting in the hut waiting for some thrill seeking event to take place; since this has not occurred as yet we have taken up the task of writing a lot (\$36%) to pass the time.

Now to finish a well known phrase, <sup>v</sup> T.T. F.N.H.

key (\$36%) leave it up to your imagination.



21/1/85 PH Launceston Venturer party left this hut after clearing it up. Left for Lyell Highway and Launceston at approximately 8.40 am. Andrew Payer R

21/1/85 Wombat Walkers left at 9:37 for the Lyell Highway - hopefully. Christine Gensicke  
Richard Ralston  
Nick Dennis

22/1/85 Squelched in from Lyell Hwy Today. Brilliant Sunshine all day. 5 hours walking. Climbing Frogs head tomorrow (in 30° Sunshine of course) via Lake Tahune & Return here - Leaving Packs.

Neville Barrett  
David Brennan.

22/1/85 We wallowed around in the mud for 7 hours until we stumbled upon this place. The building was a great sight from the hill. Tomorrow we are heading for Lake Tahune + hope the weather is great for a visit to Frenchman's Cap.

David Walker  
Greg Stevens  
Christine McKenzie

23 JAN 85 LEAVING 9:00 FOR LAKE TAHUNE, will be back 24TH. WE HAVE LEFT SOME CEAR BOLTING THE DOOR PLEASE LEAVE ALONE FOR OUR RETURN  
GREG STEVENS.

23 Jan 85 Michael Parker, Clive Smith heading for the cap.

23 Jan 85 Arrived from Hwy in afternoon, staying night then heading to Cap & Lake Nancy tomorrow night. Then to Franklin + out to Hwy. David Halls  
Lewis Bell  
David Houslan



23/01/85.

Just arrived from Lake Tahune. Stayed here for lunch.

The pot belly stove worked wonderfully. We were able to dry all our wet clothes, due to the rain.

We are just about to leave for Loddon tonight and then the Highway for tomorrow.

Thanks to Robin for a great lunch, and to Ed. for getting the stove to work.

Chris. & Nicki Robertshaw.

Nunawading. Victoria.

P.S. Please keep an eye on "Piss off", the overfriendly wild cat at Lake Tahune. Be careful of your butter!!

24/01/85. Came here last night, staying for another night. Gone walking for the day.

JAN PATTEET - VELLINGE - SWEDEN.

P.S. To Frenchman's cap if not too dirty and return.

24/01/85 Arrived last night from Lyall Highway. Will try for cap today but weather looks a bit mediocre.

Margaret Lim, Andrew & Richard Hensel. (3)

24-1-85 Hello Vera!

WARD PARTY 6 members Arrived for lunch 1.00 pm.

Heading for Tahune Hut Tonight.

Leaving 1.50 pm (Vera).

ETC  
144  
330  
20  
290  
480  
650

ETC  
30  
290  
110  
480  
340

24/1/85. Arrived here at 2.30 after a beaut walk from Lake Tahune. The cap was shrouded in fog this morning but isn't it always. Exhilarating walk all the same.

Kathy Clarke S.A.



25/01/85 Will try Frenchman's again today as the weather looks perfect.

Margaret Lim, Andrew + Richard Hensel (3)

25/1/85 We came, and we conquered Frenchman's! - all in 360° mist! Now today we leave in perfect sunshine - that's the luck of the game I guess! It was a beautiful + challenging walk, & hopefully today as we leave we will glimpse the taunting cap of Frenchman's.

Greg Stevens  
David Walker SYDNEY  
Christine McKenzie

25/1/85 PASSING THROUGH TO TAHUNE FROM CAMP ON PHILPS CREEK. NO WIND, FINE, SUNNY.

CHRIS HILTON

MICK HAYES

DI IRVIN

MARK SPAIN

26/1/85 Yay we climbed Frenchman's Cap yay. Weather is still sunny but there is high cloud coming in. Today we will head off back to the highway.

[Pompous Machine Count: 0]

Lim, Hensel & Hensel.

26/1/85. Andrew Steer + 3 Hobart Walking Club people (Ben, Alf, Margo).

Arrived yesterday at 8.45pm after leaving road at 3.30pm (Andrew + Ben)

Ben is day-tripping to summit 'cap' and back.

Alf + Margo have just arrived 10.45am today.

I am going to take an extra day with Alf + Margo + return Monday. Camping at Tahune o'night tonight.

Andrew Steer 10.45 am.  
H. Lovell  
M. Patterson



- 26/1/85 Ben Smith arrived back from Frenchmans 6 pm. Walking out to Highway tomorrow.
- 26/1/85 Pat McMullen (Pres.) and Bryan Purley (pleb) of the Rams Activities Club arrived from Tahune at 6:45 p.m. after a perfectly clear two days in via Irenabyss (left Irenabyss at 7:15 am this morning) walking out tomorrow and hopefully into at Queensdown <sup>Pub</sup> 7 hours later.
- 27/1/85 Jon Slater Tim O'Neill walking to Lake Tahune today. looks a bit cloudy at the moment - hoping it will be clear by the time we reach the top.
- 27/1/85 8:45 am Andrew Steer + Ben Smith walking out to start of track at highway today. I came down from Tahune this morning in 2:15 - heavy fog + drizzle on top - possibly clearing. Fantastic views yesterday.
- 27/1/85 12:00 pm K. Barnister, M. Johnson, M. Paul & M. Rough lunched here & departed for Phelps Creek & Lyell Hwy.
- 28/1/85 On the way out after 4 glorious sunny days. Marget Patterson, Phil Pearce & H. Kidd.
- 28/1/85 JON SLATER TIM ONEILL BACK FROM TATUNE - HEADING FOR THE CAR THIS AFTERNOON. LEFT MY TENT HERE AS I WOULDN'T NEED IT AT TATUNE - BUT SOME THOUGHTFUL SOUL DECIDED TO PINCH IT. (AT LEAST HE KNOWS A GOOD TENT WHEN HE SEES ONE.) I'VE ALWAYS TRUSTED MY FELLOW BUSHWALKER. - BUT YOU LEARN SOMETHING EVERYDAY.  
PS. IF YOU DECIDE TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND FEEL LIKE RETURNING IT - DROP IT INTO THE COP SHOP IN LAUNGESTON (OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN TASSY) AND TELL THEM TO RING ME



1.2.85 Arrived yesterday pm in rain from highway  
hope for peak / L. Tahune this pm. *Christ Hughes.*

1.2.85 WERE MOVING ON UP TODAY - IT JUST DIDNT  
LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO GO YESTERDAY. CLOUD COVER  
TODAY IS MINIMAL (99%) SO VIEWS SHOULD BE  
EXCELLENT. *THAD SASSER.*

1.2.85 Spent all day yesterday sleeping, eating and talking  
weather was R.S. has improved and will head off for  
Tahune, watch out for the native rat. *Mark Sealey.*

1-2-85 GARY KOPEF, PETER KOOB AND  
KEVIN HILL RETURNING TO L YELL  
HIGHWAY AT 11:20AM TODAY.  
LAST NIGHT THERE WERE NINE PEOPLE  
IN THE HUT. THAT MAKES FOUR RETURNING  
TO HIGHWAY AND FIVE GOING TO  
NEXT HUT UP MOUNTAIN.  
RAIN HAS STOPPED. SKY OVERCAST.  
TEMPERATURE 11°C.  
HAD A LUCKY BREAK TODAY WHEN  
PETER FOUND A LARGE CHUNK OF  
U<sup>235</sup><sub>92</sub> UNDER THE HUT. CONSEQUENTLY  
WE ARE CONSIDERING DROPPING  
THE PROPOSED HYDROELECTRIC STATION  
AND BUILDING A FAST-BREEDER  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT HERE INSTEAD.

2/2/85 Arrived here yesterday from Histon. Going to L. Nancy - "Lion Ridge" -  
Cap today (day return). *Returned Evening* from Begeant. Many interesting scenes. *Todd's Thru* along L. Verra.

2/2/85 3:30 pm *P. H. & Sam Rodgers* over up in 3½ hrs.  
Stop over in summit hut then run back.



2-2-85. Arrived here 6.15pm ahead of the rest of my party. We left after a late start (10-45am) from Lyell Hwy. Lunch at Loddon River. Tedious + muddy along the valley. + a relief to get here. Very sunny weather + too hot for really comfortable walking. However, hope the good weather holds as plan to walk to Lake Tahune tomorrow, dump packs + up the cap tomorrow afternoon. Also planning a day trip down to Trenabys on the Franklin R. before going back to Hwy.



POXO!

Melanie Taws. (Melbourne)

Jamie Orr  
Martin Bowers  
Debbie Henry.  
Ann Foster.  
Jane Frost.

3-2-85 Small correction. Had to turn back with Debbie as track too rough. The rest of the group have gone on to Lake Tahune + I will catch them there. Debbie will stay here 2 nights till we return. Melanie Taws.

SYNCAATEGOREMATIC - I JUST FELT THE URGE TO PUT A PROFOUND WORD IN THIS BOOK.

13-6-1770 Dropped in for a cup of tea with Biggles

Capt. Cook  
Jos. Barks. et al.

9-9-043 Tally Ho! Called in to see Capt. Cook but he has been and gone. If you see him tell him I've got his dog. Biggles



For New Vera Turn did Ranger Khan  
 A stately pleasure dome decree  
 Where lodges the silted rivers ran  
 Through mazes measureless to run  
 Down to a sunless sea

A dimwit with a dulcimer  
 (Or wet size 11 Blundstones!)

Interlude while I compete with a  
 spider for landrights to this page...

So past the kettle around thrice  
 For a cuppa ere the bed  
 For he on honey-dew hath fed  
 And drunk the milk of paradise

Simian Tailed Cold Fridge

3-2-85  
 We came, we saw but we couldn't paddle (too much mud!)

7+F. MUM VSSV AKA

Had a good night - kept the locals entertained  
 with out ineffective efforts to get a chocha going.  
 + then an even worse attempt to cook custard  
 with ~~flour~~ flour on the pot belly.

Love hiking Ann



3) 2. Gave to phils, P4 - Back this <sup>Muske dusk</sup> evening (Jim Bezzell)   
 Returned ✓ For description see P194



And did those feet in ancient times  
Wade Through Tassies bogs so deep?

Will Blake, Jack John P. H.,  
alias Rob Atkinson, Jette Knudsen, Pia Christensen  
on their way to F's Gap, Le Turd du Français  
on this day of Sunday 3rd of February  
in the year of our Lord 1885.

Thusly have I writ.

3/2/85 - ARRIVED YESTERDAY HEAD OUT TODAY TO  
(Jahum)  
LAKE TANEAL AND FRENCHMAN'S GAP.

Les McFen.

Arrived on the 1-2-85. Had the hut to ourselves. That night  
was quiet + tranquil. Next morning did a day trip to F.C  
+ back. Were looking forward to a quiet night until 14 others  
turned up. Surprisingly it was really nice to sit down and talk  
to them ~~the~~ (plus the odd game of 500). Walking back to  
Hyr. today, then to the local at Dewent Bridge for a Fosters.  
Hope everyone enjoys the walk as much as we have.

Ching P. Toonen.  
3-2-85.

3.2.85 passing through on the way to the road -  
it looks like a really hot walk across the  
Lodden Plains - but the Trip has been well  
worth it -

Had L. Sarron  
3.2.85 Magnificent walk - hot today - large snake  
outside woke me up somewhat - well Loddens  
here we come after nice walk down from Jahum.  
Jack Healey.



3/2/85

My <sup>friend</sup> friends are on their way to the cap - I turned back nugged into woman in nat - too much of a city slicker - Spending tonight & tomorrow night here then heading back to h/ur H. abart, brandy & civilization - Hope that my friends come for me on time - Tues after noon - 5/2

Debbie Merry  
OXO 

3/2/85 Irish Colbs & Gary McKay. Stopped for a cup of tea after a sweltering trudge along the plains. So humid. Camp tonight at end of L. Vera. Tomorrow up to Tahune.

3/2/85 An important thought, patent is a mistake. J Henry -

Returned (neater writing) required.

3/2/85 Ret<sup>SP</sup> from day walk to Philip's peak. <sup>+ Mt Aggammennan</sup> Magnificent scenery on table - Lake Whitlam, Marilyn etc, Citrus, cds, cliffs, gorges. Could see for as far as Mt Bibi + Federation Pt. Beautiful clear day Jim Beggs Lancaster.

(Mt Aggammennan - that mtn swd Philip's lead)

4/2/85 - Walking out to highway - J.B.

3/2/85 Sydney Uni. Biological Society

~~3/2/85~~ Brad Law, Scott Stark <sup>Bob.</sup> ~~Paul~~ Paul Cleary, - Made up here in 6 1/2 hrs after a reasonably easy walk. All have very sore feet though and it was great to have the ~~ex~~ luxury of a hut after 6 days of bushbashing along the upper Franklin. The weather was great I just hope it lasts for the rest of the trip.



03/02/85 (arrived) → This entry written on 04/02/85

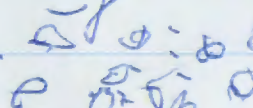
We were hoping to leave for L. Tahune today but presently rain is falling intermittently ~~heavily~~ heavily. Will leave at ~ 12pm if the weather is clear. Another member of our party, Bill Tulip, should arrive here later today.

Scott Stark

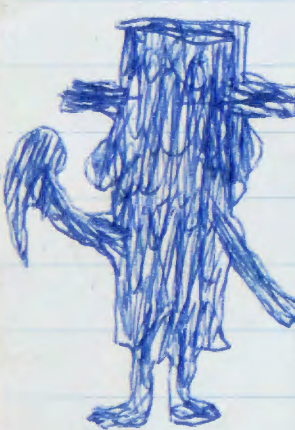
3/2/85 Arrived from Lyell highway,

4/2/85 → Tahune hut  
Flash Ellis.

4/2/85 Still waiting for the arrival of my friends, but their having a good time without me STUM!! hgd company in this desolate place they call Lake - Swamp Vera though - so I still retain some semblance of sanity -

PS if anyone picks on my spelling I'll cry 

Jeff Mery

 P O X O

4-2-85 Arrived at 1:20 PM. Brad, Scott & Paul had left half an hour ago. I will walk up to Lake Tahune to meet them tonight. Great to be in a hut.

Bill Tulip

4-2-85

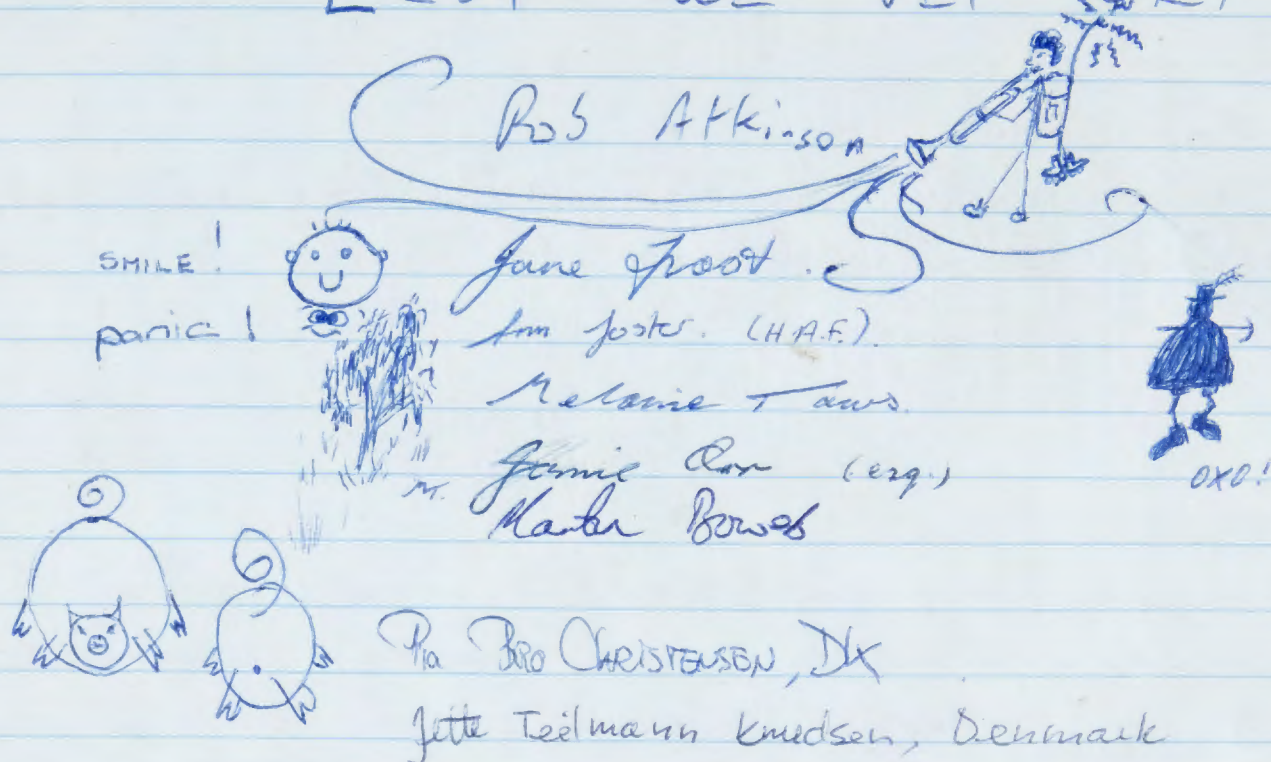
There was movement in the hut because the word had got around that an avalanche of wet socks was on its way ~~ooo~~

9 wet hikers (Trets 18 wet socks,



upwards of 36 wet socks, 9 wet rocksocks  
& pairs of wet overpants etc.) arrived today  
from Tahune tomorrow to Lyell Highway.

LEST WE GET WET:



5/2/85 - ARRIVED YESTERDAY FROM LAKE TAHUNE. HEAD OUT  
TODAY TO LYELL HWAY. Les. McFann.

5/2/85 Late morning rest stop ~~at~~ after overnight camp  
beside Philips Creek. Tahune that next point of call.  
R. Kearney & party of 5.

5/2/85 Deber Diary

Today we had a slack day & walked  
(very slowly) from Loddon River campsite ~~to~~ and  
arrived about 5 p.m. Will go round to other side  
of lake (swamp?) and camp there before proceeding  
to Lake Tahune & Frenchman's tomorrow.

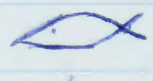
Signing of fox today

Jill Everett & Roger Horton



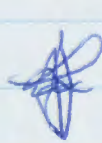
Dear Diary 5-2-85.

spent a pleasant night in The Hut after a long hard  
Hike Through The huddles and up that very pleasant  
saddle will continue to Frenchmans tomorrow

from Dad and Sam   
John & Vason Lochelt-Hob

Dear Log Book

spent the night here with the insurmountable  
rats We are heading to Lake Tahune  
then to Frenchmans cap the next  
day

 Hobart

6-2-85 Camped the night 1 hour back down  
the track by Phillips Creek with the mosquitoes.  
Overcast today. Heading for the cap & hoping  
the weather clears for a view.

BBW

RICHARD WATSON

LINDA CHAPMAN

6-2-85 2:30pm passed through on the way  
back from Tahune - on to the huddles plains  
bright then out tomorrow

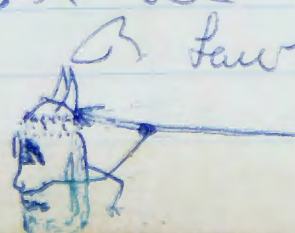
Mark Ellis (Adelaide)

6-2-85 arrived from highway onto Tahune this tomorrow.  
Margaret, Sandra and John.

6/2/85 ~~Re~~ 5:45pm Arrived from Tahune but in  
shrs, once again again taking it slowly to enjoy  
the scenery. Tonight we hit the Derwent Bridge Hotel  
for a night of celebration after 10 days in the  
bush (including 6 days of bushbashing down the  
headwaters of the Franklin River) - if we can make it!



Murchie Lassie





- 6-2 Trish + Gary down from Tahune + on our way out. Hope your walk down was enjoyable Tony! laughing all the way down. gravity's guess! r.d.
- 7-2-85 Kelly / Dean arrived at 1:10 - to spend the night here.
- 8/2/85 Heading off back to H/way.

Jerry Chin.

8/2/85 J. Whitaker. ORR to the cap with some better weather.

8/2/85 A. Colvel and Anthony Hanson leave to cap with good weather.

8/2/85 After a slower descent than our ascent to L.T. we're off (9:45) to Highway via Pichase Range - hoping there won't be too much scaparia.

8/2/85 <sup>(SP)</sup> Jill Everett + Roger Horner.

✓ MAYBE YOUR A POOFER ✓  
 \* Never met such an unco-operative bunch of bastards as trying to hitch up here from Hobart. I guess if you had a red neck walk socks and "nice" shirt + shorts you may not find it too difficult - next time I'll bring the chopper !!! (They are BASTARDS AS WELL)  
 Likewise experience of hitching up here Rob Nicholl.

Rob. Westcoaster's have memories like elephants with the similarities not ending here. Up to Tahune today for a day or two to walk back to Highway Monday.

\*make arrangements - should NOT EXPECT to get a ride. Doug German

8-2-85 out to hoddon River today highway tomorrow  
 Margaret Sandra Natalie

8-2-85

Left Tahune 8am and after pleasant easy walk arrived at being 12 noon in time for lunch, did want to walk right out, or part of the way to hoddon river. However decided to stay here the night + walk out tomorrow morning at 6am to The highway does any body need a lift to Hobart ex  
 Brian Fidler + Sam  
 JOHN DASON Hockett.



8-2-85 After leaving hut at 7.30 we went to Frenchmans had a good view over the Cairns and further. Arrived back at 3.20. Kelly + Dean.

9-2-85 Kelly + Dean left for Road at 7.35.  
A very enjoyable trip fantastic weather

10/2/85 Came, ate, went.

12.00<sup>am</sup>-1.00<sup>pm</sup> PAUL CHATTERTON STUART MANSON (Adebaide).

10/2/85 Camped at dodder river oln, then walked (waded!) across the Plain, dogged over the oodde, and arrived here around 2 pm - will be setting off for Frenchman's tomorrow, for a day walk.

Jo Houston

Philip Clutterbuck

Lynn Oliver

Rob Daly

Hobart.

11/2/85 - Jo, Philip, Lynn and Rob - departing on a cold, overcast morning, around 7.00.

11/2/85 HELLO! LEFT FOR ROAD AT 6.00. SEEBES

Here's to the breezes

That blow through the trees

And lift up girls' chemises

Up above their knicker

And shows us what teases

And squeezes

And pleases

And gives us diseases.

11/2/85 Returning from Frenchman's took 3 1/2 hrs to Vera on to Franklin to catch bus back to Hobart  
Scotex  
Joy Garner



- { 11/2/85 Kathleen King  
 " Karlene Dent - arrived eventually!! (Climbed Frenchmans Cap. On 12-2-85)  
 " Joan Broomhall " "  
 11/2/85 Nancy Bawles Langford T.H.S.  
 12.2.85 W. Dent + above party - heading for Frenchmans Cap. Hope to return here to sleep 10-night - Made it! Back 6:30 p.m. left 6:30 a.m.  
 12/2/85 Returning to road after a pleasant 4 days in the Park S. Hedger Brian H. H.W.C.  
 12.2.85 Lynn Rod Philip & Jo arrived back day late due to sickness wonderful walk with every bit of it.  
 13/2/85 Gail Miles Tim Ripper Snow  
 Bryan John Cheder Evan Williams  
 Gary Logan Bronwyn Cameron heading for Lake Tahune but thought ± Frenchman's Cap today or tomorrow.  
 11.2.85, Gail Miles

After lugging our somewhat unnecessary heavy packs all the way to here, we pitched our tent in the first - aah, - (correction) - second campsite over that rickety, slippery, wobbly, bouncy, damn whoops! let me re-phrase that, flamin' mouse trap of a bridge, (on which I nearly stacked several times). The next day at approximately 6:30 in the morning (more commonly known as <sup>6:30</sup> A.M.) we started to climb that mountain beyond yonder we came here to conquer, that formidable hunk of rock Frenchmans Cap. The walk took us 12 hours 35 minutes which is slack in walking standards (but we arn't proper walkers.) After pounding our bodies to near exhaustion, and dehydration we stayed overnight in our little campsite where it poured with rain. So much the tent leaked and we had to move up to "fly house hut" for our rest day (and night)



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where we stuffed (or tried) ourselves until we had "beer guts" for we took enough food for a month (sorry about that) we plan to leave tomorrow at about 8 A.M. to walk right back out. We had great fun, met\* 5 nice people and Dad and I left Mum at home which may have been an advantage, and overall the weather was fine, The only thing I hated is knee-high mud and those roots.

Bye

\*lifer to top of  
page 200 for  
"5 nice people!!"

(maybe my kids will read  
this trash)

Brendan Dietz 13

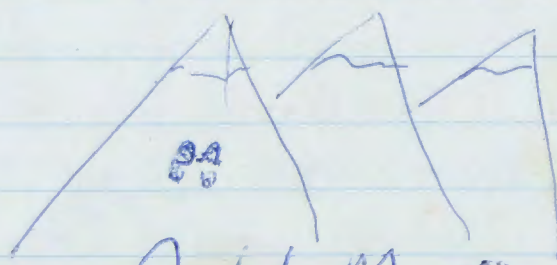
p.s the 100 metre dash to the bog  
wasn't pleasant in the rain.

13-2-85 Spent the day in the Hut. Rain, Rain and more rain. Just as well it was a planned rest day. Only exercise was a scramble to the loo. Only to be used on cold days, as its to smelly & filled with Flies in the heat. Off out to the Loddon River on the 14th. or the Highway depending on the weather.  
Karlene Hunt.

13/2/85



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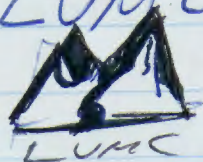
A.U.M.C.

M. LEONARD / MCLARY COALITION ARRIVE TO FRENCHMAN'S for a spot of climbing.  
(CUMC) (CUMC)

13/2 Bog trotted over to Loddon headen all afternoon after being dropped off by bus at high 500s. 1:30 - here in 6 hours. Lots of rain - Welcome hut. Helen Lawrence } TEAM  
Perry Brown } FORT



14/2

LUMC + AUMC  
AAACOALITION TO TAHUNE HUT  
Mark Leonard  
Harry Clark.

14/2/85. We arrived late last night amidst a very cold drizzle and found a very warm hut full of bustling people. Spent a comfortable night out of the rain. We are leaving this morning to travel to Tahune Hut and then to Ice Cap. Hopefully we will make it back by the 8 reverb.

Ray. Iselin &amp; GLEN LUKY.

of University of QLD Bushwalkers.

9.45 14/2 Team FURT are off to Tahune Hut. PS.

14/2 Arrived at 3.30p from highway - track suitably muddy. Will set off about 7.00a for Frenchman's Cap tomorrow. Hut has over 14 for night. Weather continues fine with a HIGH forecast for two days!! A.C. Mattick, M. Steinhäuser, W. Munday (N.S.W.).

15/2/85<sup>am</sup> BLACKWELLS TO? TAHUNE/F. CAP/TAHUNE.

15/2/85 S Bynan B Cameron T Ripper  
J Nikles J Chedder G Logan E  
Williamson off to Lyell Highway  
8am.

15/2 Returned at 6p after 11 hours on the track to Frenchman's Cap. This was steady walking with necessary stops for fuel & much water. Going out at 8.30 tomorrow. Weather forecast is for a change - cooler after today's perfect blue all day. W. Munday  
Munday



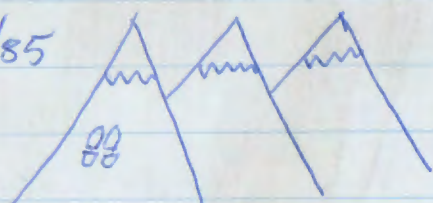
15/2

## DEDICATION

A MON CHER AMI, ZAVIER DE GONNEVILLE  
(CROIX DE GUERRE ET FIELD CROSS) LE  
BARRÉT EST EN BON CONDITION. LA  
MONTAGNE ÉTAIT TRÈS ENJOYABLE.

Warwick Munday  
Muna 2257

15/2/85



AUMC

Arrived in plenty of time (5.30) 7½ hrs  
walk (we're not experienced) I hate climbing  
Mountains (that are big) especially the one at

very  
slow  
girls

the beginning (whatever it's name) Get told (by our  
"experienced" leader) that it is only 500m to Vera Hut, well  
it's 2km at least just not 500m

→ 2½ hrs (almost) later we finally arrived after the climb thru  
the forest etc. Lovely weather (a bit hot) Don't like the vegetation  
too much (buttingrass does get boring after a while) otherwise not too bad.

An inexperienced, unfit bushwalker.

(~~Malcolm Hughes~~) Kerstin Riessen

Leslie Francis + I got sacked in to take <sup>these</sup> 2 girls (read above)  
along this walk it's not fun to take some pseudo walkers along with you  
(every waited ½ an hour for them to get "around" a bit of mud?)

(Malcolm Hughes + Leslie Francis with Kerstin Riessen + Kim Roberts  
bad of crap.

don't take any notice of what he has written  
he always raves

Kim (she is not a pseudo walker)

P.S. Leslie + Malcolm love wallowing in mud.

15/2 Team FURT arrived back here from  
Tahune Hut at 7.00 pm, cutting 2 hours  
off our time to get up there yesterday. I  
wanted to go down to Irenabyss and out  
over Raglan ranges but Helen piked out.  
Her ankle is twisted and fairly sore.

16/2 8.30 am Helen's ankle is swollen and sore so we  
will stay and rest today and walk out tomorrow.



17-2-85 Helen & Perry depart for Lyell Hwy. hoping  
 the cable will do its duty - approx 7 am

17-2-85 Ray Iselin & Glen Luckey depart for the H/way this morn.  
 We have had an adventurous trip and due to unfortunate circumstances  
 we have missed a good view from the Cap. We are not looking forward  
 to our fourth trip across the sodden Loddons in five days of walking.

Our first trip up Frenchmans was brought to a halt on the  
 14th when one of our party gashed her leg about 1/2 hour from  
 the hut. Glen & I traveled to Lt. St Claire to alert the ranger  
 who arranged a chopper to lift her out that night. Walking in  
 on the 15th was magic with fine weather and excellent views.  
 Our day trip to the Cap on 16th ~~was~~ destroyed our elation of  
 the previous day as the clouds were low & it rained most of the  
 day. So now we are back to civilization - yuk.

Ray Iselin

Glen Luckey

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(VQBWC)

(B.B.W.)

17/2/85 Blackwells (2 of) spent the night here - off to the Lyell  
 Highway and a hot shower today. Great trip. left 8am.

17/2/85



Party of 7 (Cheesecake & Barrington Smythe  
 Dave Charles, Barry Earle, Chris  
 Roland, <sup>Wrongway</sup> Crosse, <sup>Bugs</sup> Chris Brummond, Maggie <sup>Sneakers</sup>  
 Pavlova, Mark <sup>FM</sup> Brady, Mary & Lerecki)  
 stayed at Vera Hut overnight.  
 off to Tahune for  $\approx$  3 days - To climb  
 Frenchmans Cap + go to the Abyss  
 "o yeah?"

17/2/85

Arrived 4.30 pm, 'Wet', set for the  
 Frenchman 18/2.

Mike Burton  
 A. Ferry.

18/2/85

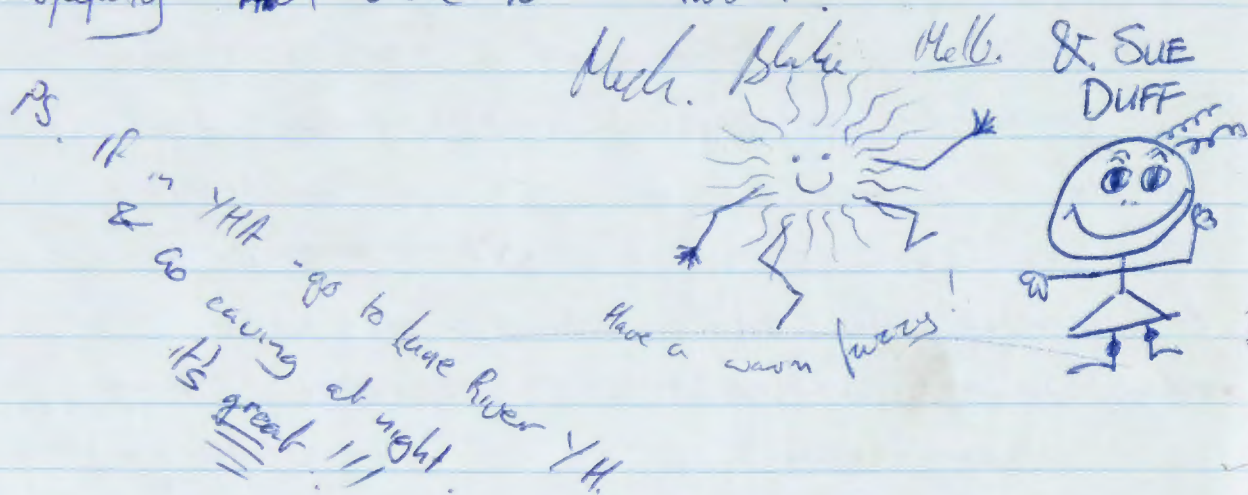
Low cloud & drizzle. Set off for Tahune & the  
 Frenchman. // The weather cleared on occasions  
 and was lucky to get clear views from the top  
 of the Frenchman later in the afternoon. Mike C.

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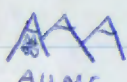
18/2/85

Sue & Mick arrived here 10<sup>th</sup> after very wet 8 hr walk from highway. Yesterday we took the very sound advice of walkers & ~~used~~ used this as a base camp & hiked to top of Frenchmans, where we encountered a very familiar sight - 360° of cloud (also bloody cold). The return trip <sup>from here</sup> without packs was 11 hrs including tea & chocolate at Tahune hut. Today we hike back to highway & hopefully hitch back to Hobart.



18/2/85  
 IF "YHA" - go to Lake River YH  
 & go leaving at night  
 It's great!!!

18/2/85 <sup>Intergalactic</sup> (International) Gumby Patrol arrived after leaving Tahune ~~hut~~ at 10:00 am arrived at Verd 2:30 pm (great improvement on going up (6 1/2 hrs)) Met 8 people going up. 1 person coming down tonight. Rain has stopped and I bet they <sup>will</sup> have a pretty good view from F/L (I feel like a fool, having walked up in rain & clouds. I'm a gumbee). Soup's ready

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 A.U.M.C.

Gumbee No. 1 & 2 (Kevin)

18/2/85

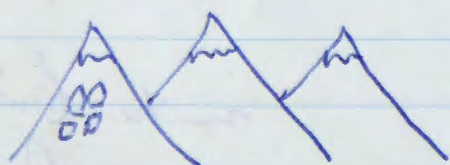
T.F. SPARGO &amp; N.J. SPARGO ARRIVED AT THE HUT.

I THINK WE MIGHT DO FRENCHMANS TRAIL AS A DAY WALK TOMMOROW.

WE HAD NICE WEATHER IN-

TOMMOROW IS MEANT TO BE VERY NICE. I.W.T.G.H. SS

19/2/85



A U M C

We came, spent the night and left. We seek the company of a well done steak at Derwent Bridge today. signed The Intergalactic Gumby Patrol.  
 Malcolm Hughes, Kim Roberts  
 Leslie Francis, Kerstin Riessen



20/2/85. Arrived yesterday & an early start for Frenchman's Cap day trip today. Weather is a bit overcast & will probably wait for it to clear at the top of Barrons Pass or Tahune hut (clear haha!). Back this evening.

IAN MOORE, DONNA PRICE

20/2/85 Heading out after 'bushy' around yesterday plus some rest!

*Mike Burton*

20/2/85 T.F + N.J. SPARGO GOING BACK TO LYELL

20/2/85

20/2 Arrived 1800hrs yesterday from Lyell Highway. Will probably do Frenchman from here (day walk) on 21st. depends on weather.

*L. Wootton to N. McInerney*

20/2/85 Sandra, Ian (Smuffy) & Jeanette (Futh) arrived at ~ 4.30 p.m. here, at Lovely Vera. (Nettie) I thought that we'd have the pleasure of getting up to Frenchie's, but due to the fact that Futh and I had to retrieve Smuffy from various puddles, nooks & crannies, we didn't have time to get up. Futh and I were planning to go up this morning but it was clouded over; and we probably wouldn't even be here now if we'd tried! SO, I think I'm glad of that. MIND YOU... I don't think I'll ever want to attempt it again - TOO BLOODY HARD! Smuffy apologized numerous times for the fact that we couldn't get up. ANYWAY, it's nice to have done the walk despite how hard it's been, I feel a sense of achievement. It's been excellent weather for us - first day pretty mild with 10 mins. drizzle (we'd started on the 18th); second day - mild; third day - very misty in morning but cleared and now that we're back the sunshine <sup>has</sup> come out for ~ 1 hour... and now it's mild and a beautiful breeze



is floating in... flies and all. I bet tomorrow will be bloody cold, freezing & raining — just the thing for the last long day ahead...

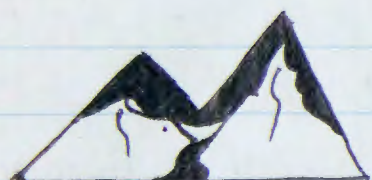
Well, goodbye everyone... I'll look forward to a hot shower & a decent meal and a bed (proper mattress too).

Nellie, Smuffy  
& Fith.

21/2/85 Had a lovely day yesterday. Despite the pessimists views the cloud did in fact clear, we waited for 1½ hours at Barrons Pass for a view of the cap. Ate our French Camembert on the cap and returned. A recurring piston knock in one engine of the second party meant it took us longer to descend the pass than ascend it. Leaving for Franklin today & the bus to Hobart tomorrow morning.

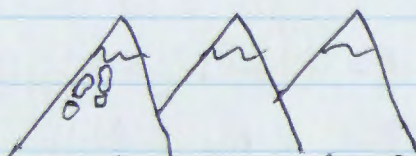
Ian Moore & Donna Price.

21/2/85



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A.U.M.C.

Climbed "Sydney Route" on S.E. FACE of the CAP plus  
"TERRY LE FRONDE" route on Left Edge of TAKUNG FACE.  
Excellent climbing days & Terrific climbs.

Down from TAKUNG Hut 2hrs 20mins. Cheers to YHA etc.

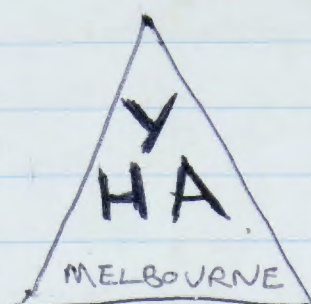
\*These SAUSAGES ARE OF TO DERWENT PUB.

Harry Clark cumc.

Mark LEONARD cumc.



21 / 2 / 85



Arrived at Vera Hut  $\approx$  5:00pm after spending 3 nights at Lake Tahune. The weather has been great giving us the opportunity to climb Frenchmans (2-3 times) and see the krenabyss. This is an excellent walk in fine weather.

TREASURER'S REPORT - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR WEEK  
ENDING 21 / 2 / 85

FRENCHMANS CAP 'T' ACCOUNT

| DEBITS                      | CREDITS              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Leeches                     | Sunshine             |
| Mud                         | Great views          |
| Wet feet                    | Good walking         |
| Smelly t-shirts             | Great group          |
| Rationing of toilet paper   | Meeting good friends |
| Shortage of cheese cake mix |                      |
| Leaving                     |                      |
|                             | SURPLUS!             |

COMMITTEE: Dave (Cheesecake) Charles - Treasurer, Leader  
 Maggie (Grub) Pavlona - Secretary  
 Barrington Smythe Earle - President  
 Chris (Bugs) Drummond - Minutes  
 Roland (Whongway) Crosse - Walks secretary  
 Mark (FM) Brady } Sub-Committee for  
 Mary (Sneakers) Larecki } 'Lost + found'

22/2/85

Leaving for Loddon River campsite (10-30 A.M.)  
 Heavy showers, but can't complain after the last  
 3 days of great weather.  
 L. Wootten N. McInner



23.2.85. Arrived last night/afternoon after a pleasant stroll in from the Highway - only casualty was a squashed finger by the clumsy one in the group on the Franklin Flying Fox pulley.

The undergarment squad found the going quite easy when compared with the harsh rugged conditions of South Australia. The mud added to the interest - who said it was difficult - compared to the dust of SA it was a breeze. The rain was pleasant and cooling and made the walk easy and refreshing - in SA we would have been walking in  $40^{\circ}\text{C} +$  temperature.

All in all a pleasant walk in a beautiful environment - most enjoyable and a big + for the hut and the Tassie Rangers

"The underparts Brigade"  
Ken, Jeff, Gloria, Pete  
(BARBER - BONNET - SELICK)

24/2/85. Arrived 4pm from Hwy left 9.30 am fairly easy walk except for the mud & that last hill. Off to Frenchmans tomorrow, Day Walk hope the weather is fine. Will stay the night great little hut. Robert, Michael Gibbons.  
Sydney

24.2.85 Arrived 3.40 by Hwy 9.15 day walk to Cap Tomorrow if weather holds. Mike Kos

25.2.85 B. snowdon (10:00am)  
Heading to Tahone Hut & Fmans Cap  
Today



25/2/85.

Dear Lord,

Thankyou for showing me puddles, rain mist, cloud  
 torrents of wind. Now that I know these mighty works  
 of wonder which have amazed and wet me show me  
 something a little warmer. (P.S. not hell)

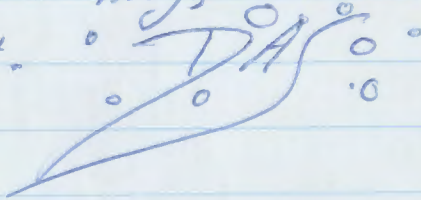
Had a great stay but won't be back till they  
 build a flying fox from Frenchmans to here.

Good Night (Irish) Seamus.



25.2.85 Weather didn't hold. Returned from Tahune 5 p.m. Out tomorrow.  
 Mike

26.2.85 After 6 hours of mud and rain, and not even a  
 glimpse of the cap from L. Tahune, I have decided that  
 Sherping is a mug's game... one mistake never to be  
 made again! Now, donning my own pack, I must face  
 mud, rain, flooding rivers, sore feet, a running nose... and  
 more... and head back to the Lyall Hwy, and home to  
 a hot shower + warm bed in Hobart.



26/2/85

Dear Lord,

Thankyou for the two minute glimpse of the sun  
 I know you tried Home to-day  
 Seamus.

Koorndoo Hickens

26/2/85

To L. Tahune - Frenchmans Bp - Frenchmans - Mary R -  
 Highway. Showery weather.

Pat McBride N.T. fabrica

Tony Bishop Sydney

Colin Litchfield Adelaide having a gay time in the mud.

Sam. Am Sydney



26/2 - Hitched to start of Mrs Fmans bag  
back with a FREINDLY Truckie going to  
Strahan! - I don't believe it! 5 hr  
trudge through clay mist + rain - looked  
in direction of the bag just to say I've  
done it; couldn't see a thing. The three  
lovely people I have met here in the  
hut have promised to ~~the~~ clear the  
weather for me tomorrow ~~for~~ for the climb  
to the top.

27/2 (Morning) - Sure enough, it looks as  
though they have held firm to their  
promise. the cloud is lifting. I'm off  
(run away etc)

- David Walker MUMC



27<sup>th</sup> Feb. '85. Arrived last night after  
walking from campsite near Flying Fox  
from at Franklin River. Lunched +  
walked in drizzle, + slogged our  
way across the plains. The "Sadden  
Waddens" lived upto their reputation.  
The climb above the rainforest was  
beautiful as the sun tried to shine  
thru.

We came running when we heard  
Vera call from the hut.

We are now off to Tahune Hut -



at late start ; climb Frenchman's Cap tomorrow morning and hopefully will return tomorrow 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to this hut to overnight in Vera again.

Hence the food & tent has left & hung.

We are confident of the sun accompanying us.

MEGA.

Jenny Fisher  
Brian Trevelde  
Barry Rowe.

Franklin R.  
Raffers  
Incorporated.

28-2-85

Came Down from Tahune Hut this morning. Have been up there since Monday waiting to climb Frenchman's but to no avail. Thoroughly enjoyed my stay though. Heading back out to the car tomorrow.

Barry Snowden.

1.3.85. Came down from Tahune Hut yesterday, after climbing to summit of Frenchman. Strong cold wind, no views but satisfying. Heading back to Hwy today.

Brian Trevelde  
Jenny Fisher  
Barry Rowe

2/3/85 Four days of mist & rain at L. Tahune. A day trip to the Trenalyps was substituted for our exit via the Mary R. Yesterday we climbed Fr. Cap in mist with no views, descended to the hut and then half an hour later the peak was completely clear. Off to the highway this morning in showery weather.

Pat McBride (Tahune NT)

Leaving again (Sydney NSW) muddy day. how I love the mud



2-3-85 beautiful views of Frenchman's Cap & surrounding area yesterday weather cleared, looking forward to a nice juicy walk out rain. mud and juicy slush. Colin Litchfield & Alside.  
Tony Bishop (Sydney)

2.3.85 Arrived from Lyell Highway today at 4.30pm. Hoping to have a bash at Frenchman's tomorrow & back to here. Then out on Monday. We've no time for to sit in the hut so the weather had better be good. or else!

Sharon, John & Brett Collins (Copping, 40300)

3.3.85 Drummy, R. Black, P. Heat, J. Heat - left for Lyell Hwy 4/3/85 a.m.

4.3.85 ~~PA~~ Climbed to Frenchman's Cap yesterday in perfect weather. Views <sup>(360°)</sup> were incredible - lovely situation for Tahune hut. Raining today & miserable - we are walking out. (hoping the bog will be kind to us).

Sharon, Brett & John Collins.  
(Happy walking!)

5.3.85 ARRIVED FROM LYELL HWY ~ 7.00PM IN POOR WEATHER. LEAVING FOR TAHUNE (1.30 PM) TODAY. ~~OR~~ HOPE TO CLIMB THE CAP TODAY OR TOMORROW. BACK HERE TOMORROW NIGHT.  
PAUL FEATHERSTONE.

4.3.85 Glad to arrive 3pm after Road Laid from Loddon R. camp in foul weather - driving rain, sleet, hail all the way. Hail & rain bucketted down all night, so staying put today <sup>(I did a bit of hut cleaning)</sup> (5.3.85). Abandoned plans for Tahune Hut so now hoping for fine day tomorrow, permitting a dash for F.C. Sean Greise (M.B.W.) & Tom Allen.

6.3.85 Still COLD Shut in by dense fog which appears to be lifting. ~~to~~ Setting off ~~at~~ hoping it does lift 0700 Will be back by nightfall - great day Tom Allen & Sean Greise Heading back to highway 0700 Hoping Loddon crossable - cloudless sky. JG & FA.



7/3/85 Leaving for Lyall Highway (7.00 AM) then hitching to Hobart.

Paul Featherstone.

8-3-85 left here in good weather for Tahune Hut at 1.45 PM after festering in bed till almost noon - Dove Joris.

9-3- arrived from Hobart heading for F.C. return day trip  
10-3-85 left hut for Tahune, weather mild, high cloud cover. 08.30. P. Dane, R. Kidd, R. Frisky  
- G. Madden, J. Eadie

10.3.85 J. H. ROBERTS ADELAIDE ARRIVED HERE FROM LYALL HIGHWAY, GOOD TRIP, NOT TOO MUDDY HEADING TO FRENCHMAN'S, 11.3.85 NIGHT STAY NIGHT AT TAHUNE HUT, WEATHER GOOD.

10-3-85 Dove Joris. left for Lyall Hwy in good weather conditions

10/3. Returned from F.C. great views - Sore feet. Heading for the highway tomorrow morning.

Glenys Madden Jacquie Eadie

11/3 Arrived 11-AM - HEADING FOR TAHUNE HUT TONIGHT IN WARM SUNNY CONDITIONS Hoping it will keep up for climbing FRENCHMAN'S CAP TOMORROW! A.B.W MEMBERS TREVOR & SHARON MOYLE, DAVE TURNER, STEVEN & BRIAN WILFRIED - ADELAIDE. S. AUSTR.

12.3.85 J. H. ROBERTS ARRIVED BACK FROM TAHUNE HUT 4.45 PM A BIT DAMP. WALKED UP F.C.

YESTERDAY, BEAUT DAY, MAGIC VIEWS. HEAD FOR HIGHWAY 13.3.85, AND THEN CYNTHIA BAY. J. H. ROBERTS ADELAIDE.

LEAVING FOR HIGHWAY 9 AM. FINE & SUNNY GOOD LUCK PETER, ROBERT, AND FRIS.

JOHN



13.3.85 leaving for Lake Tahune at 10 Am,  
a fantastic day, will be climbing  
Frenchmans cap this afternoon, and  
returning here tomorrow morning.  
A load, G. Kelly.

14.3.85 Peter, Robin + Robert (ALIAS 'THE LADS') LEAVING  
FOR Hwy 9.00 AM. (SUNNY Day so SHOULD  
BE A HOT WALK.

14.3.85 Going to Lake Tahune at around  
1.00 pm returning tomorrow around  
midday. Its hot and sunny.  
Andrew Otto.

14/15/3/85 Day trip to Cap from Vera but Leonie White Adelaide.

16.3.85 Leaving for highway 7.30 am

Andrew Otto Leonie White

22/3/85. arrived mid-afternoon from Hwy after  
enjoying the wonderful hospitality provided by  
the people at the Collingwood Bridge ranger station.  
The weather is fine and only a few small, white  
clouds dot the blue sky. Had a great walk in  
and hope to have an equally good walk up to  
Lake Tahune & F'mans Cap tomorrow. Please  
weather, hold on a little longer!

Francis Baronie (W.A.).

23/3/85 9.00 a.m. leave for L. Tahune. Hope to spend  
2-3 nights there. F.B.

23.3.85 - 17<sup>00</sup> arrived here (Holger + Frank)

25.3.85 - 17<sup>00</sup> " "

26/3/85 looks like it's going to be a sunny day again. Leaving  
for the Highway 9<sup>30</sup> Frank + Holger



26/3/85. Arrived from Lym H'way STAYED OVERNIGHT, HEADING  
FOR TAHUNE TO STAY 2 NIGHTS, CLIMB THE CAP  
& VISIT FRENABYSS. - BOB ANDERSON 2<sup>ND</sup>

26/3/85. Arrived at Lk. Vera after a LAKE DISTRICT, ENGLAND.  
leisurely stroll down from Tahune. Overnight here & out to the  
Hwy. Tomorrow. P.S. The weather is great today, as it  
was for my stay at Lk Tahune. Hope it's clear for you!  
Francis Barrowed. 4.00 pm.

27/3/85. 10.30 am. left for Hwy. Francis.  
P.S. Look out for the spider-web display  
in the morning - makes good viewing!

27/3/85 Richard Allen, Great photography conditions.  
The start of the track in is a vast  
improvement on 25 months ago on my last  
visit. However, the rest of Soddan plains is  
deteriorating rapidly. "More effort + funding please  
Mr Gray," otherwise it will become -  
"FRENCHMAN'S BOG. TRACK". If the weather  
holds on I intend to continue on to the  
Frenabyss. (will check on conditions in B. Anderson).

28/3 Returned from Tahune after an excellent 2½ days  
in that wondrous setting. I BACK UP RICHARD, PLEASE  
RE-route track away from the Soddan Loddens before  
we all sink in the mire. Sorry to leave Frenchmans  
heading for Highway 29/3

BOB ANDERSON 2<sup>ND</sup> U.K.

P.S. Hope you enjoyed Tahune Richard.

30/3 arrived yesterday early afternoon and  
had a very nice and cosy day in that  
hut, while it was raining all the day.  
Off to Tahune today.

Dorothea Ding-Kenhill

2/4/85 Had an excellent walk out to Vera (with  
Dorothea) with lifting clouds and clear VIEWING.  
It started to rain just as we arrived - Richard  
Heading out to Highway today



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After having had a good walk to Vera hut, we arrived here just as it started to rain quite a lot. We didn't expect some "newcomers" joining in, but, what a surprise Klaus and Lance came yesterday evening. We had a good evening shared all our food, which was an advantage for Richard and me because we hadn't really a lot to share with, so we got more than we could give. But life is like that sometimes and it is really good like that!

Heading out today.

Dorothee Kling-  
München, W. Germany Hanhoff

2.4.85 Lance Greenhill + Klaus Vogel

After the "Rotten Loddens" I hope it's worth it.

2.4.85 Left L. Vera 8.15, walked to L. Tahune, climbed Frenchmans & returned to L. Vera by 5.30. Long hard walk with packs but worth it.

Lance G. & Klaus V.

3.4.85 Heading back to the highway this morning via the Loddens worse luck

L.G. & K.V.

5/4/8 PAT & NORM EASTWOOD passing through on way to camp at far end of lake

1345.



5/4/85. The Soddem Lodden was not as bad as expected.  
 Fine weather (left the rain in Hobart) Cloud only  
 light + broken (but still on to of the Cap). Arrived 5pm.  
 to find the hut cheerfully occupied by 3 other parties  
 (6 other people). John Sullivan, John Cluck, Dick Howie.

ARRIVED 4-4-85 AFTER SIX HOURS FROM HIGHWAY. INTENDED TO CLIMB  
 F.C. ON 5-4-85 BUT COULD NOT BECAUSE OF BAD KNEE & SORE FEET.  
 WILL RETURN. C. WATSON J. AN NIERSEN. LEAVING VERA AT 0930  
 TO RETURN TO HIGHWAY.  
 BAD KNEE.

6-4-85. Arrived yesterday arvo about 3.30pm.  
 Beautiful evening with fab sunset.  
 walked to far end of lake this morning &  
 will head back to lodden Riv. tonight.  
 We just take it easy - no rush.  
 Len Frankecombe.

6-4-85. Vintage walking club (Borling - Morris) en route back to  
 Zell Highway. Climbed F.C. yesterday pm (2pm) 180° view to west.  
 Left L.T.H. 7.30am Arr L.V.H. 11.30am. Nice to get away from A.I.S.  
 (Activities of Industries Destroying Scenery).

6-4-85 AFTER BEING IN THIS REGION FOR A  
 COUPLE OF DAYS - ALL I CAN SAY IS ITS  
 TRANQUILITY AT ITS BEST. MUCH RECOMMEND  
 AN EARLY WALK TO THE OTHER END OF LAKE  
 VERA - ON A STILL MORNING THE REFLECTIONS  
 ARE AMAZING - I MEAN AMAZING.  
 JOHN HABERLE.

6-4-85. Greg Howard Joan Honner. Shul Clark  
 Pushing on to Lake Hut, 12.40pm.

6/4/85 J. SKEAT L. MCCOOK lunchtime. Continue to Lake Hut



7/4/85. Tremendous weather so far. Just walked from Tahune (4½ hours) & heavy lunch. Will leave here for as far as we can get towards highway.  
 PNT & Norm Eastwood

8/4/85. Arrived back from Tahune last night after scaling the Frenchman. Looked for Dawson's Crater but without any luck. Perfect weather today - again - that's four in a row! Headed for the road this morning, then Hobart & "civilisation".

John Blich, John Sullivan Dick Howie

8/4/85 Accommodated in this water hut with 6 other kind folks & a few native cat visitors around the place. Our 9th. clear/fine day for the 17 km trek over the dry plains then maybe travel to Bradys' Lake to watch the Tas. Canoeing Champs and a few drinks in the D.B. hotel.

Steve Frost

Andrew Telley.

8-4-85 a.m. Returning to highway J. Skeat L. McCook.

8-4-85 10-35am Arrived L. Vera after coming from Lyell Hwy via Trenbyss (previous 3 days). Great weather all trip. Climbed Frenchmans yesterday - good clear views. Left Tahune hut about 3-15 p.m. yesterday & found a "small" campsite 20 mins. down from Barran pass - very cosy for 3 in one tent. Heading out to Lyell Hwy today to 3 of the biggest T-bones you have ever seen and enough beer to fill L. Vera.

Tony Thomas, Christine Hepburn, Chris Williams



'THE DARJEELINE TEA PARTY'

PETER GOUGH, NIAL MACNEILL, IAN WOODS, ALISTAIR STRONG,  
GRAHAM JACKSON, TONY ANDERSON

11/4/85 ARRIVED FROM LYELL HIGHWAY 3.30 p.m., SLOWED BY  
ONE MEMBER'S KNEECAP UNSURE WHICH WAY TO POINT.  
DECIDED THEREFORE TO DO VERA - FRENCHMAN'S CAP -  
VERA TOMORROW

12/4/85 THOSE PEOPLE INTERESTED IN DOING THE CAP AND  
RETURNING THE SAME DAY TAKE NOTE:  
WHILST PHYSICALLY O.K., LAKE TAHUNE & ENVIRONS  
ARE BEAUTIFUL AND WELL WORTH A DAY OR TWO.  
DOING IT IN ONE DAY MEANS YOU ARE ALWAYS  
PRESSED FOR TIME AND HENCE UNABLE TO 'SOAK UP'  
THE ATTRACTIONS OF AN AREA.  
NEVERTHELESS, HERE ARE OUR TIMES (4 FOUR  
PEOPLE CARRYING ONE ALMOST FULL PACK, IN GOOD  
WEATHER :)

|                 |                       |      |     |      |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------|-----|------|
| LAKE VERA HUT   | dep<br><del>arr</del> | 0705 | arr | 1725 |
| BARRON PASS     | arr<br><del>dep</del> | 0915 | dep | 1520 |
|                 | dep                   | 0945 | arr | 1510 |
| TAHUNE HUT      | arr                   | 1030 | dep | 1410 |
|                 | dep                   | 1115 | arr | 1340 |
| FRENCHMAN'S CAP | arr                   | 1215 | dep | 1245 |

i.e. 10 hrs 20 mins all told, including many  
photo & water stops.

ONCE AGAIN - IF YOU HAVE THE TIME TO SPEND AT  
TAHUNE, DO IT!!

13/4/85 LEAVING 10 a.m. TO GET PART OR FULL WAY TO  
HIGHWAY DEPENDING ON WAYWARD KNEECAP.  
IT IS RAINING LIGHTLY NOW, WHICH IS THE FIRST RAIN  
WE HAVE HAD SINCE CRADLE MOUNTAIN ON 4/4/85!!  
WE ARE ~~NOW~~ UNABLE TO COPE WITH THIS SITUATION!



Arrived 13th bound b. - clear night - this morning is ideal for the cap - leaving 102 upper hut. (14th). Katie MacNicol + Co.

↑ Back again 17th. Raining all day. Leaving for Lyell Highway in rain 18th. Not too good really. Hope the ladder isn't too sudden.

22/4/85

M. Taylor + B. Jessup.

Fine weather all day  
arrived on dusk

23/4/85

Beautiful Day clear +  
warm - Departing for Tahurangi  
the cap crew + Irene Abyss tomorrow  
+ hopefully arrive back here tomorrow  
evening.

24/4/85 Rain. Woss IDLO + Gudrun ULM

- arrived yesterday just before dark about 6.00 pm after having left  
Lyell Highway a bit late (11.45 am)

- today off to the cap via Tahurangi Lake → return this evening

22/4 - 24/4/85.

DALE

LISSEN

----- whinger

ROB

MCLAVE

----- day packer

DAVE

SLOWITZKI

----- slacker --- stretch

P.S. IF WHITE MITEN FOUND ON  
track PLEASE return to  
48 East Barrack  
Deloraine

Have had 3 unreal days of good  
weather - climbed Frenchmans  
& got really "high" with the unreal  
views at the top. - One of the best  
VIEWS AROUND MAN! Get the Seen Brother!



24/4/85 Back again from Frenchman Cap. Pleasant Conditions

25/4/85

25-4-84 Arrived 1-45 PM from Lyell Hwy. Up to Cap tomorrow if weather stays like it is now.

DAVID TUCKER

ALMA STRAPPARON

26-4-84 Up to Frenchmans Cap today, weather fine also will look for Drovers Cavern. D.T. & A.S.

Got to Frenchman, no time to look for Cavern, arrived back Van 5-20 PM.

27/4/85 BJT & MT. Moved back on the mt afternoon yesterday. Slog w/ly ahead of David & Alma in light drizzle.

Departing now for Hiner, abt 9 PM.

13/5/85 Lyn Stamer & Geoff Grace arrived here after a very muddy trip from the highway. On 13/5/85 in fine weather went to the summit. The finest view in Tasmania if not Australia! At over 100km distant, Federation Peak and the Arthurs were clear. Macquarie Harbour is encompassed in one view. Local bad weather over the Northern part of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair prevented sighting Cradle Mountain. The view is stupendous. It is a sight not to be missed. We left about 6.40 am had an hour on top and with consistent walking arrived back at 4.00 pm. Since leaving Waldheim, Saturday last, we have walked 139.5 km - mostly in poor weather!



16.5.85.

Leaving for Lyell Hwy  
8.30 AM

Daniel RMM,

16/5/85

John Leah

Bruce Gyathu

Peter Snow

Gone leaving for Tahune Hut,  
to ~~stay~~ stay one night (17/5)  
Then returning for one night here  
(one bag of food left here for  
night of 18/5)

18/5/85

all People above returned here  
~ now out to highway

31/5/85

Nick & Jane Sawyers. Arrived 4-10 yesterday  
after leaving Lyell Highway 9-10. Drizzle all afternoon  
& continuing now. Leaving for Tahune now (8.40).

1/6/85

Nick & Jane Sawyers - returned from Tahune - reached  
summit this morning but no views.

2/6/85

7.00. Nick & Jane Sawyers - setting off to return to highway.

4 June

Frank Masley

Nick Bates Ric

} NPWS

stove/coal  
delivery

thanks.



8/6/85 Saturday of the Long Weekend

Matt Reeve, David Butler, Spencer Gilligan,  
Geoff Allen.

Car Park left at 8.45. Arrived here 2.00pm.

Only rest halts on way.

Not quite enough time to reach Lake Tahune  
so a leisurely afternoon here.

Intend to stay at Lake Tahune tomorrow  
night after climbing the Cap and  
walkout on Monday.

Weather: Overcast, cool but dry.

16/6/85 PAUL DADBY - DROPPED IN ON WAY TO TAHUNE HUT.

HEAVY SLEET. BACK HERE TOMORROW NIGHT.

17/6/85 P. DADBY - LUNCH STOP - HEADING ON TO THE LODGING  
CAMP. FINE WEATHER

18.8.85 Why is it that people always comment  
about the weather when doing this walk. I  
mean we could comment on the typical rainy  
type weather we have had on our walk in from  
the Lyell Highway after leaving at 7.45 AM  
and arriving at 2.25 PM, but we won't. Instead  
we will mention how wonderful the weather  
will be over the next two days and the spectacular  
views that we have as we sit up top on the  
Cap (these views were nicely summed up on  
p 222 12/5/85). We shall comment on these  
when we return

The eternal optimist (and his not  
so optimistic walking partners)

Michael Cuthin, Ben Row, Andrew  
Hoffman + Michael Fenton.



18/8/85. Arrived at 3-35 to join the eternal optimists after leaving at 10-15 am. Weather has already been commented on. A budding high pressure system in the Aust might should take effect tomorrow so that we can climb Phelps Peak. Otherwise will venture up to Tahune if weather is like today... or I mean bad.

Bennd Meyer, Ben Smith  
 Mathew Peckham Stephen Cameron, T. U. W.C.  
 \* TAS UNI WALKING / MOUNTAINEERING CLUB.

19/8/85 Failed yet again!! We are forced to go up to Tahune and practice our fire making skills (the person who makes a fire in the oven without smoke wins) This high depression is having a real effect. Instead of raining its snowing slightly. Looking forward to a nice Barron Pass blizzard like last time (JUNE 1979).  
Bennd Meyer T U W C

19/8/85 Arrived here at 3:30 pm after leaving Lyell Highway at 8:30 a.m. Drove up here last night and camped by the road, but it was hairy driving through the snow on the roads. Stopped at pub to wait for the other half of our group to arrive. When they finally did I attempted to drive off only to find my handbrake was stuck on (frozen?!). So if anyone sees a ~~blue~~ blue Toyota Corona in the Derwent Bridge ~~area~~ ~~near~~ Tahune can park you'll know why. Don't worry hopefully I'll retrieve it on Friday. Reverse overrides the handbrake



but I don't fancy driving all  
the way back to Hobart backwards.

Mitchell Knevetts

Jan Paul Van Moort

Tim Albion

Michael TREGOR

20/8 BRRR!! WHAT A LOVELY DAY. THE ICE  
ON THE TRACK MEANS THAT YOU DON'T EVEN GET  
MUDDY FEET WHEN YOU GO OUT TO THE LOO.  
(PITY ABOUT THE ICE ON THE DUNNY SEAT THOUGH).  
WELL ITS A BEAUTIFUL DAY WITH BLUE  
SKY EVERYWHERE EXCEPT FOR THE CLAB  
HANGING IN BARRON PASS. SO LIKE TYPICAL  
TASMANIAN BUSHWALKERS WERE GOING TO  
BARRON PASS. IN FACT WERE LEAVING AT  
ABOUT 9:15 AM. SHOULD SPEND THE NIGHT AT  
TAHUNE TONIGHT (HOPEFULLY).

MITCH

J.P

TIMBO

RICIE.

21/8 Bernd & the Baggers back from  
Lake Tahune at 11:30 after leaving  
at 8:30. In our infinite foolishness  
we intend to stroll up Philips Peak  
this afternoon, returning, no doubt, in the  
middle of the night.

Ben Smith

Bernd Meyer

Steve Cameron

Matthew Perchard.



21/8 Going up to Phelps Peak in A1 weather conditions should not be called 'infinite foolishness' but rather a calculated risk with a high probability of returning in the dark. Look at the bright side; you'll see the sunset high up, which could be interesting - We will see.  
 Bernd Meyer

21/8 Ben Smith replies: there is no bright side to walking in the dark - that's why it's called 'the dark'  
 Witty haha.

21/8 After leaving Tahune at 9.45 am we strolled back to Vera (not quite at the pace of Bernd + the Baggers) to arrive at 2.05 PM. Quite a good walk. We saw Mitch, J.P., Timbo + Ricie (well at least 3 of you fellas - where / who was the fourth) on the summit of Frenchman's but you didn't wave or use your reflector glasses to say 'hi' n snobs. Hope you all made it down to the Hut. It's just like B + the Baggers to make a calculated risk - we will have the fire going for you fellas. Immaculate weather today, superb for walking and scenery. Hopefully tomorrow will be the same so we can wear shorts again - needless to say, the weather will be good walking weather.

The Eternal Optimist (+ the 'Optimistic walking trio').

We, the Trio, still remain to this day the not so optimistic partners; However as the weather was beautiful as predicted there's not a lot we can write. The not so optimistic trio."







"in the service  
of the wilderness  
of life  
of death  
of the Mother's breasts

---

this living flowing land  
is all there is, forever

We are it  
it sings through us — "

Gary Snyder (from Turtle Island 1974)

"Ah to be alive  
on a mid-September morn  
fording a stream  
barefoot, pants rolled up,  
holding boots, pack on,  
sunshine, ice in the shallows,  
northern rockies.

~~R~~

Rustle and shimmer of icy creek waters  
stones turn underfoot, small and hard on toes  
cold nose dripping  
singing inside  
creek music, heart music,  
smell of sun on gravel.

I pledge allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the soil  
of Turtle Island  
one ecosystem  
in diversity  
under the sun —

With joyful interpenetration for all. "

Gary Snyder (from Axe Handles 1983) True too for heart-waters of the Franklin River  
early October.



25/10 Arrived 6pm yesterday in very pleasant weather. Heading out to Lake Tahune & Frenchmans Cap 8.30 am (daylight saving time). Intend crossing the Franklin River at Trenasys camp and going out via the Raylan Range on Sunday (hope our car will still be in one piece). Another perfect day.

Wayne Taylor  
Trevor Fallson  
Matt Hurston  
Steve Eggin  
Ray Carpenter.

25/10 After leaving Hobart late we didn't arrive at Lake Vera until 7.45 pm. You couldn't ask for better weather without a cloud in the sky. Hopefully we'll have a great view at Frenchman today.

Sonja Hendricks  
Ian Bouchier.

26/10 Pass by after camping at Lake Tahune. Excellent weather and views at the top. Heading to Loddon 3.15pm. Sonja & Ian.

IF ya wanna get drenched  
Just thing French - Tahune

\* Sung to the tune of  
Cocaine

IF muds where your at  
Just head for the Cap or - Tahune

IF ya' dig slippery roots  
Just glide your boots to - Tahune

Rain goes on, Rain goes on, Rain goes on; at Tahune

IF the day is done  
but ya gotta walk on - back to Leyell

IF your back has the aches  
And your legs do the shakes - back to Leyell

IF you took too much gear  
you'll feel it in your rear - back to Leyell  
she slogs on, she slogs on, she slogs on - back to Leyell



IF you hate defeat  
Don't try to beat - the Rain

IF you want that view  
you're gonna get screwed - the Rain

IF you're Not in luck  
you'll Feel like a duck - the Rain

She pours on, She pours on She pours on, the Rain

IF you enjoy pain  
And Most think you're INSANE - Come here

IF you like being Wet  
It's a Fair bet, right here

I'll be back yet again  
For the Very SAME - right here

It's the price you pay,  
For that one perfect day - right here

I'll be back, I'll be back, I'll be back - right here

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1985

1<sup>ST</sup> QUEENSTOWN VENTURER UNIT COUNCIL

Arrived 10:30 AM on way to Tahune - spent comfortable night at base of Philips lead.

Mathew Snell (Chairman) Andrew Stevens (Secretary) Steven Rippon (Treasurer)  
Adrian Hudge with decrepit V.L. Terry Reid (9<sup>th</sup> trip - others 1<sup>st</sup> timers)  
Hoping weather will clear for ascent this pm or tomorrow a.m.!!

NOV. 3<sup>rd</sup> after a beautiful day yesterday today is even better. Came down from Tahune this morning headed for the highway. My only complaint right now is I have to leave. Good climbing. Have a good slog back Queenstown adventurer unit! Martin Kennedy

3/11/85 R. PORTE From rd this morning 5 hrs; to Lk Tahune this afternoon & maybe climb cap late today. Plan day trip L. Tahune to Invercargill tomorrow. 5<sup>th</sup> back, had lunch at <sup>Daven's</sup> cafe; 6<sup>th</sup> side trip to Philips Pt & out to rd.

3/11/85 ~ Strolled down from Tahune arriving 4 PM after sleep in & bath at Tahune in glorious sunshine this A.M. Excellent Trip!!!

1<sup>ST</sup> Queenstown Venturers. Heading to hwy. 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

P.S. The bum slides on top yesterday evening were .... brrr... fantastic.



9/11/85 Arrived 1:10 from highway. Going on to Takaro  
this afternoon.

Pat & Carla Miller

11/11/85 Arrived 10:50 from Takaro. Going on to  
Highway.

Pat & Carla Miller

17/11/85

Here I sit at Geras Hut

Pondering cramps in thighs & calves

Not just one leg, both of them.

Don't do anything by halves.

I knew ~~at~~ at halfway up the pass

That I would have to turn about

The muscle knots from yesterday

were still around there was no doubt

My mate kept on to climb the cap.

I hope they get the views they seek

But typically its pissing down

And mist rolls in, the outlooks' bleak.

Stiff cheese for me this time round

Must hit the sudden sodden drack

I'll put some miles in these unfit legs

And maybe one day I'll be back

Karl Chubb.

A magnificent experience this weekend and a welcome  
site this hut. I climbed the cap 17/11, ~~18/11~~

Something not to be missed it will remain

in my thoughts for lifetime.

Look after my friend the potaroo.

Dom Valeri

break down  
18/11/85

Dom Valeri  
18/11/85



20-11-85

LEFT FRANKLIN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND  
HAD MAGNIFICENT WEATHER, CAMPED AT LONDON.  
DRIZZLE THIS MORNING TURNED TO BLOODY  
HARDY RAIN THIS AFTERNOON. HAD TO GO  
TO TAHUNE TOMMOROW THEN DOWN TO FRANKLIN  
AND BACK TO THE HNT VIA THE BASLIN  
PASS. IF THIS FUCKING RAIN! STOPS.

SHIRLEY WOOD + RICHARD WOOLYER.

21-11-85

The first swede in sandshoes on this track (?)  
arrived yesterday and felt awful cold because  
of the rain and wind. He will now write down in  
swedish what he feels like...

Optimist som man är tror man inte det ska  
regna. Det var ett par riktiga boots rent för  
dyra för att man skulle tro annat. Denna  
pittoreska häla består av fem minuter sol och  
femton minuters regn. Obroligt regelbundet. Men  
som svensk viking klagas man inte. This is  
real bushwalkin'. With sandshoes!

Use  
Leukoplast  
It stays  
on, whatever

Harry Larsson Lund, Sweden

21/11/85 PHYSICS HONOURS WALKING CLUB

Left the Lyell at ~8:45, and got here much later.  
Then we should have, because after the last few months, all  
of us (except Keith) are totally out of condition. Weather  
hot. Off to F.C. tomorrow.

Jack Brown, Ian Ables, Keith Levett, Keith Gelling, Maria de Souza  
& Paul Hughes.

24-11-85 Alan Lee arrived - spent night. Onto top hut



12/12/85

Setting off to the highway on a beautiful clear morning with blue skies. Really feel like heading up the mountain again, but common sense & laziness prevail and I'm looking forward to beers at Deewent Bridge! I'll probably need them because today probably will be a scorcher.

Michael Masen

Red Hill, Qld.

12/12/84

New pen needed! Scarcher it was not.

Between 6.00 and 6.15 at Tahune, the valley clouds lifted and covered the higher slopes. Visibility reduced to 200 metres at the worst. So glad I climbed Frenchy yest.

Arrived Lake Vera 11.00 hours. Having lunch then heading to closest campsite around 4 - 4.30 pm. Pete Bunge.

13/12/85

First Warrane High School Party have arrived and are about to leave. Time 9.10am. Weather has been O.K. However conditions at this stage look too cloudy to get a view from Barron Pass. Sam has now spat the dummy a number of times. We are now all looking forward to reaching F'mans Cap.

Richardson (Zace)

13/12/85

New Pen Donated To This hut by J. Domenev

Party of 4 - 2 stayed, chickened out, Too buggered to go on

Left at 9.30

→ (S. Cubbin  
(S. Brennan (approx) went on)

(J. Domenev  
E. ~~layer~~ chickened out (Whimps)  
E. ~~layer~~ layer



13/12/85 MURRAY High cadet corps  
 Started at Lyell Highway. went down the  
 steps to cable. started our long it started  
 to drizzle going up mt Mulhens I was  
 suggest crossed Loddon River. a bloke was  
 on his way back. after sleeping the night  
 at a creek. Headed off for Lake Vera  
 now were relaxing in the mt. I was  
 ere 1985 J. Wellscroft D. Gentry  
 S. Temple Liff Logan, temple

13/12/85. C. LITTLE / R. McMILLAN.

Arrived from Highway. Staying at Camping Area at  
 end of Lake Vera Tonight. Onto Frenchmans  
 tomorrow.

15/12/85 Arrived yesterday from the road. On to Tahune  
 this morning for a couple of days at the top.

Richard Fyfe.

15/12/85

WHS Group leaving <sup>Vera</sup> ~~Tahune~~ Hut in excellent weather.  
 Left hut clean, provided firewood and taken out a garbage  
 bag full of tins and rubbish left here by previous groups.  
 Arrived From Frenchman's Cap on 14/12/85 in 2 hrs 42 min.  
 Met Richard Fyfe had an evening playing cards.  
 Hope to make the Franklin River and Lyell Hwy to spend  
 a day relaxing before catching the bus on Tues Morning.

David Rusk.



DON'T WASH THINGS IN THE CREEKS OR LAKES!

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& CARRY OUT YOUR RUBBISH!  
THEN WHERE ???

15/12/85 Left Highway 7:10 am, arrived Lake Vera 12:06.  
Will have lunch then press on to Lake  
Tahune. Hope to get to summit tonight.

Paul Grace  
Peter Nathan.

15/12/85 Cubbing + Brennemo arrive Lake Vera 2:00 o'clock  
to find rest of group gone.

After delightful walk from summit of F.C. + Lake Tahune  
find Vera Hut deserted. Have meal + once again off (to  
find rest of party, hopefully) and spend day at Frankford.

Simon Brennemo  
Simon Cubbins

15/12/85 PAPST & ROTLAND ARRIVE FROM  
CARPARK - VERY HOT TIRING JOURNEY.  
Push on TO CAMP SITE FOR EVENING.

17/12/85 Arrived 6.30 pm after leaving the Lyell at 1.45 pm. Wet  
+ muddy and glad to see the hut. Enjoyed a great night's sleep. Off  
to Lake Tahune + Frenchman's Cap Tues 18/12 at 9.50 am. Have left a pair  
of jeans behind to dry. Will collect on return.

 Mike Williams  
Mt Waverley, Vic.

17/12/85 Came down from Tahune today with P. Grace & P.  
Nathan (see 15/12/85). Arrived @ 4.00 pm in heavy  
rain. Spent a couple of great days at Tahune. Some  
rain & some shine. Went to summit 3 times for phenom-  
enal views, particularly at sunset. Still raining now  
(10.00 pm). Heading out for road tomorrow - if the Loddon  
River allows it.

Richard Lyffe.

P.S. We don't recommend Davern's Cavern for emergency shelter



18/12/85. - Peter N, Richard F, Paul G Left for road  
in rain at about 9.30.

18/12/85 - ARRIVED FROM L. TAHUNE AT 3.15  
AFTER A 3 HOUR SWIM DOWN THE  
TRACK (CLEVELY DISGUISED AS A CREEK)  
IT HAS NOW BEEN BUCKETING FOR 24 hrs +  
TOMORROW WE WILL SWIM ACROSS THE  
PLAINS TO THE HIGHWAY (LODDON PERMITTING)

19/12/85 - LEFT FOR H'WAY 8.15 am PAUL BUTLAND  
IGOR PAPST.

19/12/85 Arrived at 11.15 am having left Tahune at 8.30. Still covered  
in cloud, windy + raining up there but began to clear at the Pass. Had  
to wade across Vera Creek as the log was 40cm underwater. Really looking  
forward to the Loddon. Stopped for lunch + to wring my socks out.  
Departed for the Franklin at 12.10

Mike Williams

19/12/85 LEFT H'WAY 1.30 PM & ARRIVED 6.00 PM.

THE 1ST 2 HRS WALK WAS IN BRILLIANT SUNSHINE  
BUT THEN DOWN CAME THE RAIN FOR THE REMAINDER.  
IF WEATHER OK, GOING FOR SUMMIT TOMORROW. MUST CATCH  
BUS ON SATURDAY 10 O'CLOCK !! <sup>GETTING HOME SUNDAY MORNING?</sup> DOUG STROHFIELD QLD

20/12/85 GOING FOR SUMMIT 6.30 AM. DOUG STROHFIELD  
RETURNED FROM SUMMIT 1.10 PM. NO VIEWS  
FROM TOP AS CLOUD AS LOW AS MT.  
HEADING FOR H'WAY 2.00 PM DOUG STROHFIELD

22/12/85 Arrived yesterday in occasional showers -  
very wet underfoot. Heading off today to  
Tahune hut for 2 nights - back here again  
after that. Sue & Phil Collier.



22/12/85

After successfully negotiating the dreaded buttongrass swamps we arrived at 16:00 hrs last night. We were in good ~~rather~~ health ~~excepting~~ except for a severe case of trench-foot and mild anemia due to repeated attacks of vampire worms.

If the monsoon lifts today we will attempt to scale the slopes of the Frenchman without oxygen on 23/12/85 after reaching the Tahune base camp.

Dan Harmon  
Sheep Mountain

23/12/85

Arrived Tahune Base camp upon 16:00 hrs yesterday afternoon. Due to the arduous Barron Pass we were required to halt at Tahune and spend 1½ hours sewing up torn ligaments and unravelling muscle fibers. We then made the summit bid and made it in a single push without artificial climbing aids or oxygen cylinders (Reinhold never eat your heart out). We remained at the summit approximately 5 minutes in order to admire the vista which could be seen at remarkably close quarters. The descent was uneventful and we arrived at Tahune with impacted spinal columns but little other injury.

Returned to Lake Vera today it was slow going due to after effects of altitude sickness. Tomorrow we return to civilization and the Denver bridge pub for a celebratory beer.

24/12/85

To Lyell Highway 7:15am. Nice sunny day after 3 days rain. Thanks Tahune + Vera for shelter. S. Marriott



25/12/85 Christmas Day but perhaps we've all been bad 'cos Santa hasn't arrived yet. Maybe the rain put him off or the chimney was too small or Dave's fire was too hot or Ian's blow-up doll was too noisy.  
Correction: Silk InnerSheet, Ed.  
 Arrived yesterday after leaving TRC at 2:00 PM. On to Tahune and perhaps up to the cap this-afternoon if the weather is good.

BEDE HARRINGTON  
 DAVID COLBURN  
 DAVID HUFTON  
 IAN JOHNSON.

David L. Hift  
 Ian Johnson

26.12.85 Huey made up for the lack of Christmas presents with a spectacular storm at 10.00pm last night. (The second year running we've been blessed with a storm on Christmas day.) Now the weather seems to be firing up - some blue patches of sky. Magnificent warm afternoon yesterday. Off to the highway  
 Phil & Sue Collier.

26/12/85 ARRIVED FOR LUNCH AFTER DEPARTING TAHUNE AT 9:00AM. THOROUGHLY SQUALLID DAY WITH RAIN AND WIND. CREEKS ARE UP CONSIDERABLY. HEADING OFF TOWARDS THE HIGHWAY AND HOPING LODDON RIVER NOT TOO HIGH.

BEDE HARRINGTON  
 DAVID COLBURN  
 DAVID HUFTON  
 IAN JOHNSON.

26/12/85 AL. HEWSON — Hope to reach the Lyell.  
 27/12/85 BRUCE SCHRAMM  
 CHRISTOPHER SCHRAMM  
 VICKIE JORDAN.

Long to Tahune, the Ironedryps, & returning this way.



27-28/12/85 Andrew & Gayne Wells arrived from the road - patches of sun filtering through the forest on the other side of the lake.

Not so lucky today however - off to Tahune in mist drizzle & high mist.

28/12/85 arrived Lake Vera from Lyell H. last night, weather seems to be deteriorating, off to Tahune today (10:00 AM), hope to climb Frenchmans this PM or tomorrow.

Rod, Alan, Hilary Wallace

Anita Green

Malcolm MACLEOD

Judy PARKHURST.

28/12/85 - Arrived in at Vera Hut at 1.40 p.m., well and truly saturated after heavy downpours this morning. Changed our original idea of hiking on to Tahune, and will stay here the night. Andrew Smart, Andrew Lord, Marcus Noonan. Tomorrow, 29/12, we're leaving most of our gear here, and attempting the return trip to Frenchman's Cap. Should be back at this hut the same night.

28/12/85 - Arrived at Vera 6.30 ish - up to our knees in Loddon sodden mud. Off to Tahune AM tomorrow. Plan to return here on 30th and on to Loddon River site 30th.  
J. Howard, ~~Howard~~

28/12/85 - Arrived From Loddon crossing (1:30) in pouring rain onto F.C. Tomorrow AM.

Chris Higgins

Parren Bansemmer

MOD SLUGGES

Brett Lanthois

SA. GREAT !!!

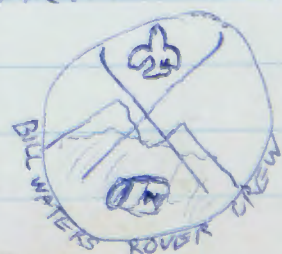
Sohn French.

29/12/85 arrived from Loddon crossing 12:27 Fine weather (so far) Frenchmans cap later today Maybe 12 weather is fine.

Bruce Durant

Mike Spencer

} BILL WATERS ROVERS  
(MEIB)





29/12/85 - Andrew Smart, Andrew Lord and Marcus Noonan, all arrived back safe & sound (and very tired) at 7.30 p.m. this evening. Marcus has dashed off straight to bed. Off tomorrow out to highway.

N.B. I wouldn't advise the return journey to Frenchman's Cap be attempted outside of daylight savings time of year. After leaving at 7.20 am this morning, the return journey, with one light pack, took just over 12 hours.

30/12/85 Mike Ashton & Jenny Nelson. Arrived last night (well, 2.30 in the afternoon anyway) from the Loddon. We were going to head for Tahere, but at the rate we're going 2.30 was too late to leave here, even if it was a bit early to stop. It's nearly 7.30 am now & we're heading off. The weather was great yesterday but there were a couple of heavy showers overnight. Today it's overcast, but the cloud is high so we're keeping our fingers crossed.

30/12/85 Arrived back from F.C. via Saven's Tavern. Sheralands Peak yesterday. Headed out today. Bruce Schraam Chris Schraam Nicki Jordan.

30/12/85 Arrived from Frenchman's last night. Heading back on Lyell Highway this morning. Malcolm MacLeod & Jurick Parkhurst.

Rod, Alan, Hilary Wallace & Anita Green.

30/12/85 Arrived back from F.C. 1.30 PM after a good but damp walk enjoying a long rest overnight here before heading off to the Loddon tomorrow & then to meet our transport at the Lyell Hwy on the 1st. Theward, & Co.

30/12/85 The haul from Lyell Highway - Track wet. Nice to sit down & rest - will go onto Tahere tomorrow hope the weather is better. Gerard Enniss & Murray Enniss.



P.S. ITS good to be here without the 'face' - he in QLD hope so anyway G.E. (Thanks Gerard - Face)

1/Jan/86 first Entry for '86 !!

lets make it a boring one!!  
J. ADAMS, C. ADAMS, J. Blake J Blake <sup>JORIS</sup> ~~Force~~ going to Tahune tonight, left extra junk here for our return trip. See you on the 2nd. Jan/86.

1/1/86 Arrived from Tahune 4.00pm very wet. Rained all last night & today. Still pouring down.

2/1/86 Rained all last night & still raining this morning. When will it ever stop. Will try to make it to the Highway today but not sure that we will be able to cross the Loddon. Left here 20 past 7. Murray & Gerard coming

3/1/86 Adams & Adams, Blakes Blake & Joris on Back from Tahune, had a clear day up there & snow!! going to Loddon today!

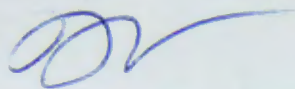
3/1/86. <sup>Jane Peter</sup> Collins x2, Olive, Volek, & Mary Pekin arrived 7.30pm from hwy - on way to Tahune left for Tahune - 12.30pm 4/1/86. Stay up for climbing 5 days if weather good.

4/1/86 Marki Bowes. Got to hut at 12 noon today after camping at Loddon River. Met the above party who left at 12.30 for Tahune but Windy & raining for last hour of walk but is now clearing. Will leave for Tahune hut now that weather is clearing.

Place left a japan found a walk up in the hut if the owner finds it all well and good. If not it goes to the first needy person. Left at 1.30pm.

M. Bowes.





5/1/86 Having another try at getting to Tahune this morning after being turned back by persistent heavy rain and cloud. weather still generally overcast but with blue patches and its not raining - yet!

Will leave at around 7.15 am hopefully reach Tahune by 12 - 1 pm.

M. Bow 21.

5/1/86. Having spent a fantastic week in F. Cap. N.P. I'm heading to the highway this morning. Thank you N.P. & W. for the facilities provided for bushwalkers.  
Ben Smith.

5/1/86. Rather thankful for the hut facilities due to weather - weren't really keen to pitch a tent last night. Moving on to Tahune 0930. in hope weather will clear for PM ascent. Returning tomorrow. Food drop left in hut for collection on return.  
J. Holman. D. Holman P. Cranage.

5/1/86 Arrived 1pm, unloaded surplus equipment (excuse the drying tent fly) heading up to lake Tahune, be back for overnight at Lake Vera Hut Monday night. Cloud high, no wind - heres hoping.  
Melody Bowstead

6/1/86 Returned from Tahune 12.40. Weather much improved. Heading for Loddon Rv. for O/N camp. Departed 14.15.  
John Holman David Holman P. Cranage



6/1/86 Back from Tahune. Absolutely fantastic time walking up to Barron Pass, used the entire roll of film. Got to Summit of FC on 2 occasions. First was clouded in, 2<sup>nd</sup> could see out to Cradle Mtn. Got lost on return and spent 1/2 hr trying to bash out. Didn't work!! Retraced steps admit lot of cursing and found track again - can't figure out how I missed it to begin with. Will stay here tonight and head out for Franklin tomorrow.

*Mawes*

7/1/86 (Morning) Left Tahune but after pleasant night. The Mosquitoes popped around after Tea and we spent many hours engaged in various games of pursuit. Still all good things have to end - I don't think I'll be giving any more blood this month. Will camp at Franklin tonight.

*Mawes*

7-1-86 Left Vera 1:30 pm 5/1/86 (see entry opposite) staggered in Tahune at 7:20 pm, thoroughly knackered. I was the unlucky thirteenth person so got the ~~baby~~ booby prize and slept on the floor. Ascended unto Frenchman's Cap the following morning at 8 am. Not a breath of wind at the summit, low lying cloud made it possible only to see fragments of the legendary view. Left Tahune at 11:30 am, arrived Vera 4:30 pm, with two lengthy breaks at Barron Pass and the top of Lake Vera - wonderful weather. Boy, the toilet at Vera ~~is~~ sure makes your eyes water (and not with relief). Leaving for the Franklin in brilliant sunshine 8:15 am.

*Melody Bairstead*



- 7/1/86 Arrived from highway at about 6.30pm last night and will be going onto Lake Tahune today. Good weather, but a bit on the swan side for crossing the Lodon. Watch out for the trolls.

Grant Murray.

8.1.86 Gavi Frawley + Justin Mc Namara.

Arrived at Vera Hut 5pm

Will do return day walk to the Cap tomorrow - if Noonan can do it (29.12.85) anyone can do it. \* Arrived back at 7pm - too cloudy to bother walking to the cap - Apologies to Marcus N.

8.1.86 KENT, PHIL + PETER (NEWS) ARRIVED TO SPRING CLEAN HUT + INSTALL NEW STOVE, TO TAHUNE TOMORROW IF WEATHERS OK.

9.1.86 Jon MARSPEN - S MEDLEY  
Kristen WILLIAMS.

→ Tahune.

I TELL YOU THE TRUTH  
LOVE IS THE  
CURE FOR  
EVERY EVIL

9/1/86. Kathy Haskard + Warwick Lloyd, heading for Tahune.

9.1.86. Bushwalking, j'en ai plein le c...!

Après avoir passé quatre jours à Tahune, nous sommes redescendues sans même avoir exploré la voie projetée. Si un quimper a la stupide idée d'aller sur le Frenchman's Cap, qu'il emporte un casque d'acier, ou peut-être un parapluie du même matériau, ou carrément une cage à requin blindée: le rocher est super piteux! Pour les randonneurs, je ne donnais pas de conseil, leur psychologie m'est étrangère, je ne comprendrai jamais le plaisir qu'on peut retirer de marcher sous la pluie dans la boue, en s'extasiant sur la beauté du paysage.

Un Suisse Romand qui se réjouit d'arriver à Holport. Olivia



10/1/86 Michael McLeath & Wayne O'Hara.  
arrived yesterday from Loddon River.  
Going to Tahere today.

11/1/86 BACK TO THE HIGHWAY TODAY. GRANT MURRAY. 'RSPND'

11/1/86. Jon M-S, Kristen Williams, Neil Gibson.

HUCN PINE SURVEY. (NPWS + Forestry Comm).

Conducting pattern analysis on pine around Lake Vera.  
(Highest altitude H. Pine). Weather might be firing up at  
last, rain and drizzle and low cloud the last few days.

11/1/86 Yes fans, we're back again! That undaunted  
duo, Wayne + Mike back for another night,  
+ a return trip of Ploddin, across the sodding  
Loddin! We'd like to say a big 'Hello' to  
all other ~~was~~ A.V. M.C members gritting their  
teeth in preparation for the exhausting climb to the  
top! Best of Luck!

Wayne O'Hara.

ps Engaes Rule! ← You bet, Zmt.

12/1/86 M JMS now out to road 9-30 am.





12/1/86



The Story So Far:- The AQUABATS have now been away for 4 weeks. The first 3 were spent at Mount Arapiles, Victoria Rock Climbing. Two of the 'Bats' enthusiastically screamed up all the juicy & wholesome routes while at the same time enthusiastically got pissed on port & saw 'Ralph'. However the 'Bats' had to leave before they got too rock happy to fulfill the ultimate purpose of finding a David Belamy. This meant travelling to the Franklin river in Tassie. On route the 'Bats' decided to explore the Overland Track for a week on a side mission to spot the ancient Monk-ahhhhh-Moooo-tah MoleTroll tribe who are responsible for the sneaky holes that unsuspecting walkers disappear into for days! The call of the MoleTrolls was heard near Mt Massif but none of the bastards were spotted! Yesterday the second part of the walk was begun into Frenchmans Cap with much more luck as a Belamy was caught at the Flying Fox and recorded: ↘

"Oh look at this (flutter) fantastically rare of excreccently rare multicolored skin mass (flutter flat) its really great to see a piece of totally undescribed wilderness in its natural state (flutter). And next to it here is typical site round the Franklin River is the <sup>spotted</sup> ~~Mark~~ Golden Hiking Boot & ohhh if were (spat, spit flutter) terribly lucky we may find a leg sticking out of it & possibly a whole (flat) bushwalker."



But oh no, its, its (splat, splat, statter) a dreaded  
Unstriped Aquabot ... (gorgyle, splat garrgyle th ...)

We then gaged the Belamy before it wet itself (a nasty site)  
e we will drag it along with us up to the 'Cap' and then down  
to the Irenabyss where we will teach it to swim & then to Victoria Pass.  
When we return to Sydney it will be preserved at the bottem  
of the Harbour for prosperity (sic) Yawns, ALEX ROCKHEAD JACKSON  
DAVE SLUG DOUGLASS  
ANDY ZUT JACOB  
CHRIS-OOL-DOO YOUNG

P.S. We are not going to climb

Frenchmans - not that silly! -

I am, speak for yourself! <sup>after</sup>



12/1/86 J. Foxworthy didnt end up doing Pickaxe because of  
B. McPhee the disgusting weather. Headed up to Tahuna  
M. Gardner changed Gardner

14/1/86 " returned after climbing the Cap. Heading  
up Pick Axe Ridge for a scrub bash.

15/1/86 : GORGO & THE BROWTORCH BLEW IN LAST NIGHT FOR  
LITTLE RESTIES HERE WITH MARGO & JULIAN &  
BROCE. Was a beautiful BLUE DAY FOR THE WALK  
IN THROUGH THE BOG. (BOAT TIME THAT PICKAXE  
RIDGE ROUTE GOT ORGANIZED). SETTING OF FOR ZE  
FRENCHMEN'S BOO-BOO ZIS MORNING WITH GREY SKIES  
& THREATENING DRIZZLE.

A. Whincup Steve Irwin

24/1/86 Returned from Tahuna today.  
Must be the hottest day of the year  
for here

Paul Hanson  
Doris Howe

Off to Lyell (but now).



14/1/86 G, DAY. WELL IT'S TUESDAY AND THE SUN IS SHINING.

~~██████~~ FIRST OF ALL LET ME INTRODUCE TO YOU <sup>THE</sup> WALKING PARTY AND/OR MULLERS AND PACKERS PARTY.

KYLE RICHARDSON (LEADER OF WALK AND THE FACE OF THE SYDNEY MODS)  
NICKNAME - BONES OR SNOGGER.

LIKES: SMOKING FILTHY BILLY'S AND GIRATING.

DISLIKES: SMALL BOOBIES AND SMALL CONES.

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED TO ALEX WHO LIKES SNIFFIN' LINES AND RIDING ON THE BACK OF KYLE'S SCOOTER.

MOST MEMORABLE

MOMENT: SINGING STUPID'S PARTAY ONE NIGHT AT DEE WHY WITH STUPIDITY WHEN THE GIRLS WENT SO WILD THEY RIPPED MY ENTIRE CLOTHING OFF. N.B. (I CAN STILL SEE PIECES OF CLOTHING NOW AND THEN SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE INNER CITY.)

FAV. DRINK: O.J.'S OR A COLD CAN OF V.B. BECAUSE I'M THE R'n'B MAN AND THERE AINT NO STOPPING ME WHEN I'M LOOKING FOR GUNNIES.

FAV. ACTOR: ERROL FLYNN. I CAN RELATE TO THIS MAN WE HAVE ALOT IN COMMON.

FAV. CLOTHING: 3 BUTTONS, THIN LAPPELLES, 5 INCH SIDE VENTS, BROWN TONIC SUIT. (YOU SHOULD SEE IT, IT LOOKS HANDSOME).

FAV. MOVIE: DEBBIE DOES DALLAS OR ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

FAV. FIRST

LINER: KEEP YOUR PANTS ON GIRLS.

FAV. JOKE: TEACHER TELLS ME TO GO HOME AND COME TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY WITH THREE NEW WORDS.

I WENT TO THE AIRPORT THE NEXT DAY TO SEE SOME RELATIVES TAKEOFF IN A PLANE, SO THE FIRST WORD IS TAKEOFF.

THEN IN THE AFTERNOON WE WENT TO THE ZOO AND I SAW A ZEBRA. SO THE SECOND WORD IS ZEBRA.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE ZOO I SAW A BABY SITTING IN A PRAM, SO THE FINAL WORD IS ~~ZEBRA~~ BABY.

ON MONDAY WHEN THE TEACHER ASKED FOR MY THREE WORDS. I SAID TEACHER MY THREE WORDS ARE, TAKE OFF ZEBRA BABY.

(A CLASSIC PARTY JOKE.)



15/1/86 I AM A LITTLE BIT PISSED OFF. AN INNOCENT ABROAD,  
HAVING A QUIET PISS BEHIND A LARGE STUMP, NE OF HUT, RETURNS  
TO THE HUT TO FIND SHIT!, HUMAN FUCKEN' SHIT, PLASTERED  
OVER THE BASE OF HIS SHOE! EERGH... (NOT EVEN BURIED)

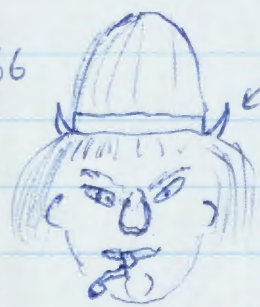
MORAL: USE THE DUNNY, IT COULD BE YOU NEXT.

P.S. I AM SURE THIS MESSAGE DOESN'T APPLY TO MOST  
NICE PEOPLE WHO USE THIS HUT.

WE: DIANA CUDMORE } ARE STAYING HERE TONIGHTS  
MELANIE HAYTON } (AT LEAST) BECAUSE MEL  
MICHAEL CLARK }  
JIM GLASPOLE (CHRONICLER) } SPRAINED HER ANKLE ON  
THE WAY UP FROM PHILP'S CK.

WE INTENDED TO WALK TO TAHUNE ON 16/1, BUT THIS WILL NOW  
BE (MOPEFULLY) DONE ON 17/1. WE MAY CONTINUE TO THE  
IRENABYSS THEN TO VICTORIA PASS, IF MEL'S (ALL'S) WELL, OTHERWISE  
WE'LL WALK BACK OUT (BOO HOO)

16/1/86



HORNIEST PERSON I EVER DID KNOW

DI ATTEMPTING TO SMOKE A ROLLIE

IT IS RAINING, WE ARE SO BORED, WE ARE ATTEMPTING  
CHARADES. HANGING OVER OUR HEADS IS THE THOUGHT  
THAT TWO OF US MUST GO BACK AND PICK UP MEL'S PACK.  
OUR BOOTS ARE SOPPING AND I DON'T WANT TO PUT THEM  
ON.

↑  
COPY THIS PICTURE  
AND SEND TO:  
EDMEE CUDMORE  
52 ~~MAST~~  
AND ~~PERU~~ PERU  
WITH A JAR OF MARMALADE

Returned yesterday - warning to all =  
WATCH OUT FOR BEES and the TIGER CAT!  
The brown & white spotted creature circled the hut  
all night and panged on the windows with his  
long tail.

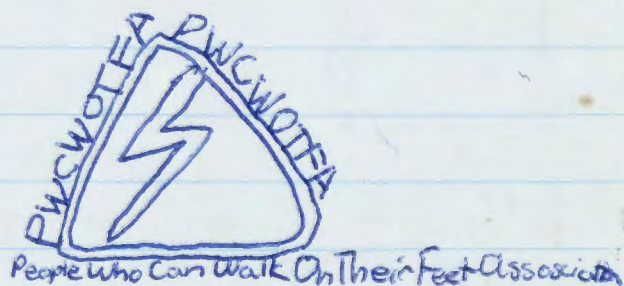
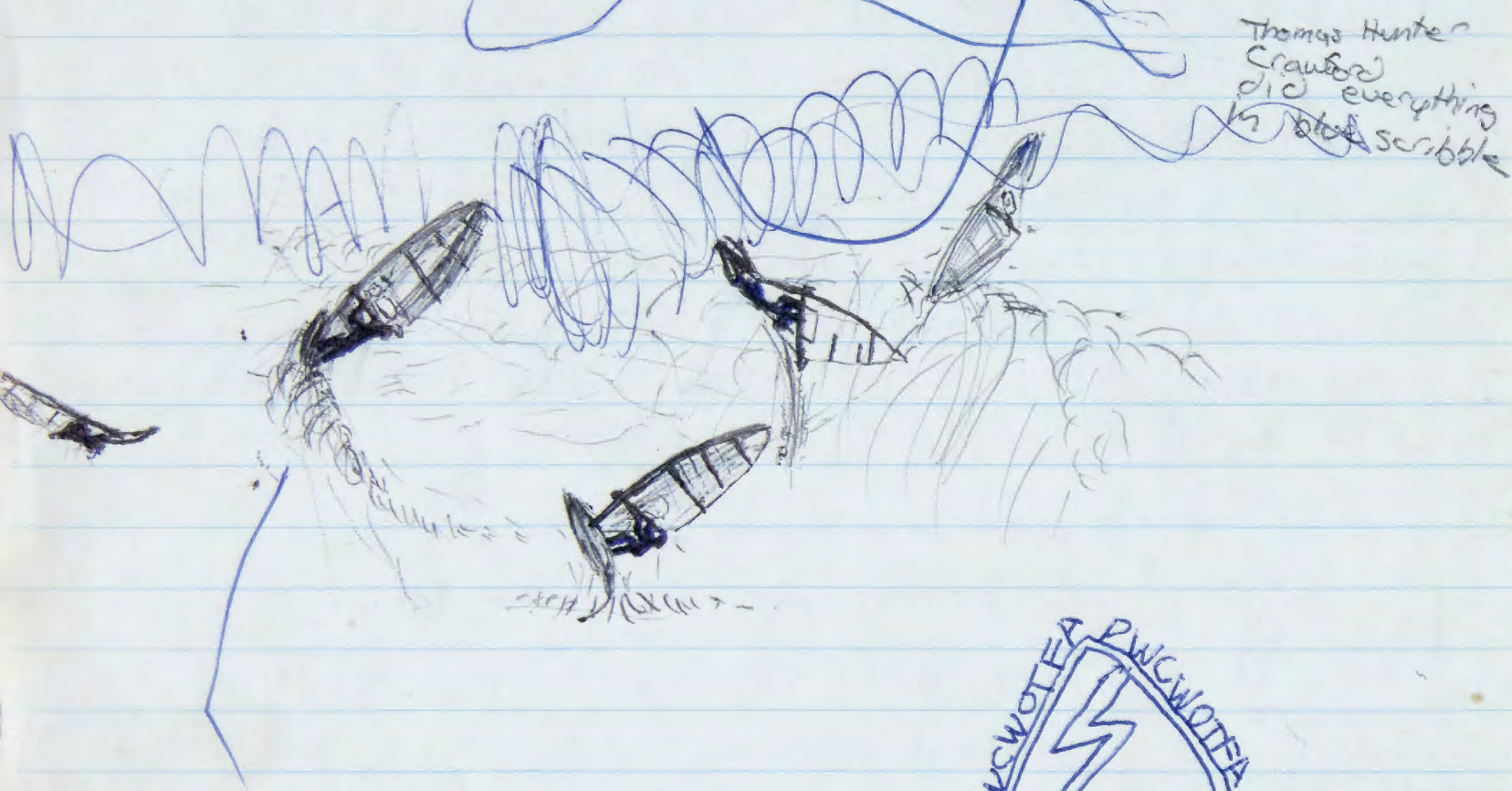
17/1/86 After resting here, returning from Lake Tahure  
this morning, were off again. 3.30 pm, weather fine  
(cleared from this morning's drizzle.) Hoping to  
make it to Phillips creek by sunfall. (Don't want to  
spend another night in the rainforest like our first one!)  
Not anticipating the "muddy hell" before us, but the view  
yesterday from Frenchman's Cap made the whole hike



19.1.86. worthwhile.

PS. To the 5 fellows due to arrive this evening, we've lit a small fire to warm this hut into a cozy abode for you, hope it's still effective when you arrive. How was the view?

Ladie & Brad Riley.



We arrived back from Lake Tahune after climbing up Frenchmans which had a panoramic 360° view of nothing but white mist or cloud. This splendid view stretched as far as the eye could see approx. 10-15 metres. We arrived at the bottom wet but Triumphant.

We Came, We didn't see, We Conquered. As you can see above it shows where I'd rather be "Windsurfing". the only reasons for this boredom is because we are trapped inside the hut due to rain. 5 year old Tom showed where he'd rather be if you think it is ledgible



21st Jan 86

Oxford University Mountain Club.

Mark Hulett

David Bogart-Lemonnier

Great stuff chaps - Superb wilderness - may it remain so. May Robin Gray's wobbling pink gristle shrivel up & drop off.

Off to Tahune hut today. Hope that dreadful cloud departs, what ch.

Tally Ho for now chaps!  
Cherio.

A very welcome sight - happy to be here

Me & Huddo 21.1.86

Mr & Mrs Denis Howe

Huddo.

21/1/86

22. Jan

Arrived from Highway

Phil Browne

Steph Rogers

Gordon Baillie

F.C. tomorrow

23. Jan

F.C. Today (8.30am)

7.30pm

- Return - absolutely Fucked

24. Jan

F.C. yesterday

Highway today

8.00am

Pub for lunch.

1 23 JAN ARRIVED FROM HIGHWAY, GREAT WEATHER, OFF TO LAKE TAHUNE  
& CAP 24th, IRENERIS 25th, RETURN HERE 26th. P. BELL, C. BENWICK

24 Jan

Christine + David Harris arrived from Lyell Hwy.

25th Jan.

From the Highway yesterday + to Lake Tahune with any

luck today

I (that's not Kris P, but Peter, would like to take this opportunity to say hello to all my friends in this book, (AP)



Specially

Jim. C.

Anne F. +

Melanie T.

, Back to your Kinters

+ how it's time to say good bye to all our company (+ this  
hut)

- NEWSFLASH -

And don't forget - the search for the Alpine  
Tree Penguin continues - sightings have been  
made near F.C.

Bye.

Friends of the Alpine Tree  
Penguin.

mug  
shot  
for  
identification



Trevor Fiske melb.

Peter Forbes. melb

Ross Umbers. melb.

Steven Crowley. Adel.

Michael Sanders. Adel.

Kristyn Voland Euroa.

- Kate Homer melb.

25/1/86.

Arrived at 12.10 pm from Lake Tahune Hut in  
fine weather. (A lot different than when we were  
at the other hut) It was a wet trip down  
and slippery on the roots of the trees.

~~to~~ Tina Fraser (12)

I was here 25/1/86 Sally Fraser (10)

" " " " " Pat Fraser - mum

" " " " " Graeme Fraser - dad.

25/1/86

Arrived from Highway A Shakespear (NWVC)

P. Baker

A. Lorie o Flayd.

25/1

Just passing thru on the way to the highway & beyond  
P. Ball, C. Bewick

25/1 Arrived from Highway on 1. Dalg, C. Coching



25/1/86

S + P + J Stenham arrived 5pm  
G. Newell

Planning to camp in tents.

N.B. Who the hell brought a  
fucking DOG into a National Park?

25/1/86

Plan to spend night here then to walk onto Tahune  
Tomorrow and climb Frenchmans in the glorious sunshine  
that will prevail (I hope) then I will decide whether to camp  
at Tahune or else head down to the Franklina to camp  
there.

Hoping for good weather  
fun (WALLY) Edwards  
FRANKSTON - MELB - Vic

P.S. Great days walk today in "freaky" sunshine!

26/1/86.

Returning to highway and home sore and tired. Great  
trip

26/1/86

Joe + Jenny walking through to Tahune  
hut - hope to get there before he can come.  
P. Nugent

26/1/85

David + Christine Harris had lunch here - passing  
through to highway on Loddon River tonight - Yes,  
who the hell brought a dog here?!

26/1/86

ALAN + KAREN COLSON ARRIVED FROM HIGHWAY, WILL  
STAY THE NIGHT (or two).

27/1/86

Left Hut Vera yesterday to journey to  
Frenchmans cap (left at 8.30 returned to Hut Vera  
5.30) (Pitty it was foggy at Top)  
Returning to Hy way today

P. Babic

P. Babic, A. Shakespeare, H. Gorie, a Floyd



27/1/86 HEADING OFF TO BARONS PASS TODAY WILL RETURN  
TWILIGHT ALAN & KAREN COLSON.

28/1/86 TO THE LODDON RIVER FOR THE NIGHT, OUT TO  
THE HIGHWAY 29/1/86 ALAN & KAREN COLSON,

28/1/86 Arrived from Lyell Highway across DRY Loddon  
Plains. Heading to other end of lake to camp then to  
Tahune tomorrow. Owen Pratt, Virginia Kneebone (OXO)

29/1/86 Sally Castle & Danyel Hasell to camp at  
other end of Lake Vera and up the Cap Samarra

30/1/86 Returned after 2 beautiful days - but very  
wet walk out today. The half hour to the other  
end of the lake is about the worst part of the  
trip, but the campsite at the other end is  
fantastic for one tent.

30/1 Arrived from Tahune 12 noon en route  
out to highway. Wet after 8 sunny days!  
GINNY KNEEBONE & OWEN PRATT.

OXO

31/1/86 Arrived 5.30 PM <sup>(3 people)</sup> after ~~leaving~~ from Lyell Hwy  
after leaving one of party <sup>(IAN WALKER)</sup> camped at Loddon  
R. because of broken injury!! Attempting the  
cap tomorrow.

1/2/86 Departed for cap 8 AM. Weather looks promising  
Hope to be back by 6.00 PM. LEIGH FINDLAY.

STUART GREEN

SASCHA RASIC

1/2/86 Herbert STAUBMANN plus 3 (Carrick)  
Arrived from Loddon River - Camping

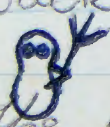
1/2/86 { ANDY LEWIS  
STEPHEN McCULLOCH  
ADRIAN PLASKITT  
ANDREW KROCKENBERGER  
PAUL MASLEN

} In 2:30 from Loddon, onto  
Tahune & FC tomorrow. Fairly  
dry Loddon Plains, but starting to  
do not so dry on way  
back.

Biologos was here again.

(see 3/2/85)

Thanks for the slide show Brad! We were  
so impressed that we had to come (weather's not so good though)





2/2/86 - Curved back from the cap  $\approx$  6.45 PM last night.  
 - The weather was OK except for the hour we were  
 up the top!! Leaving for the Dyall Highway  
 8.30 AM after a night of heavy wind & rain  
 LEIGH FINDLAY STUART GREEN SASHA RANK

2-2-86

WARREN HARDY (NEWCASTLE)

RUOT ZINELER (CHICAGO)

LEFT HWY 1 PM, RAIN AND WIND ALL DAY, GOOD TO  
 SEE THE HUT, ARRIVED 5.30 PM. TRY FOR FRENCHMAN  
 CAP TO-MORROW WEATHER PERMITTING. WILD PLACE.

4-2-86

Face here, before I start I'd like to  
 thank Gerard Enniss for his kind words  
 (30/12/85) about me. The Queensland trip was  
 brilliant. A complete bastard.

Anyway we (Face, Phillip & Peter) arrived  
 here 2-2-86 absolutely soaked. Spent the  
 next day watching it rain inside the hut  
 we stayed nice & dry. It's now 10.45 am 4/4 and  
 we are waiting for it to stop raining before  
 we head for Tahune.

Dr Richardson (Face )

P.S. Devonport won't win a flag for at least the  
 next 25 years.

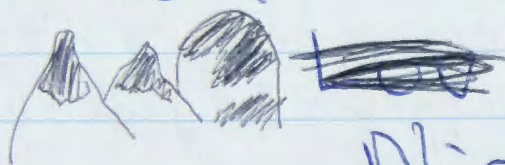
4.2.86 C. Coper, M. Gutwear, J. Jarret, C. Behrens.

Stayed last night at Loddons River crossing. An  
 excellent camp site. Had hoped to get to Tahune  
 today, but the track was underwater most of the  
 way <sup>(very slow)</sup> & there was a lot of not nice cloud  
 around when we arrived. We will dry out  
 & try to get to the top tomorrow.



4.2.86. This hut is great. Anna  
Nelson Tomorrow we are going to the top of  
Frenchmans Cap and Lake Tahoe.

4.2.86. It was a very long  
walk yet very enjoyable. ~~Tomorrow~~  
~~we had a~~ To take Vera hot.  
Stuart one of my walking ~~colleagues~~  
colleagues went up to his crotch  
in bag ~~we~~ which is very  
impressive for he is about 6 feet  
3. When I arrived I was ~~not~~  
welcomed by another bunch of  
travellers. Members of my walking  
Team are! The  
Nicole Sasser (me) End see  
Anna Wilson you soon  
Thad Sasser



Marsali Newman  
Stuart Lewera

Nicky  
XXX Sasser

5.2.86 to Tahoe this morning. Thad & Sasser

5.2.86 Arrived 2.30pm on 4.2. Weather  
not permitting us to continue further.  
today. Showers still continuing till  
10am. but have decided to go to  
Tahoe hut for tonight. Should be  
back here Thursday evening.  
C. Cooper, M. Gutman, J. TARRATT +  
C. Bekrens.



5-2-86 RETURNED FROM TAHUNE HUT RAIN  
ALL WAY. DIDN'T SEE THE CAP. TO HWY  
TO-MORROW. THINK FRENCHMAN'S CAP IS ONLY  
A MYTH.

WARREN HARDY  
RUDY ZINELAR.

5-2-86



Sydney Uni. Biological Society  
returns again. (see 3/2/85, 1/2/86, 5/2/86)  
Stephen McCulloch.  
Andrew Krockenberger  
Adrian Plaskett

(Antony Lewis, Paul Marden - not members)

After 2½ days of waiting in  
Tahune hut we glimpsed the Cap only  
twice through the clouds. Definitely weren't  
as lucky with the weather as last year's  
party - will have to get copies of their photos  
from the top of F.C. A wet but enjoyable?  
walk from Tahune this afternoon after our  
last hopes for a view from the top were  
dashed this morning. Heading out tomorrow.

5/2/86 - We came, we didn't see &  
we certainly didn't conquer!!  
Tried for Tahune yesterday but the  
weather was definitely against  
us & unfortunately we turned back  
before the pass due to driving  
rain & winds. Hope for a glimpse  
today as we head for the  
highway.

Mandy Gutwein, Carl Cooper,  
Chris Behrens, Father Jarrett!

We made it.



277 6/2/86

Arrived at Michael's Hut yesterday after climbing /  
up Frenchmans Crag (extensive view: < 10m). Try  
to reach Sell Highway today  
Herbert Staubmann, Reinhold Staubmann, Sally Staubmann,  
Christoph Posch.

6.2.86. Tom Gerschwitz. S.A/NPPWS Wilsons Pond. DEPARTED  
THIS MORNING FOR TARDON HUT AND FRENCHMANS IF THE WEATHER  
BEEGES. Will try to catch up WITH THE GROUP (AHEAD  
OF ME WHO ARE RETURNING VIA THE IRENABEGGS (WILL GO AHEAD  
WITH THEM)  
HAIRY SLOSHING THROUGH THE WELL SODDEN LODDENS FOLDS.  
M. Gerschwitz Ranger, Wilsons Pond.

6.2.86 M. Gutwein, C. Cooper, C. Behrens, G. Jarrett  
Thwarted by the weather. Heading straight to  
highway. 8.15 a.m.

8.2.86 The party who came + didn't see should have  
pushed on - it was wet, windy, even a bit of hail but  
the hut was comfortable and the rugged weather made it  
more so - other days excellent - the concept of 4 hours  
from here up though is a bit ridiculous - 6 is  
more reasonable for most parties with the greatest effort  
in attaining Barren Pass - anyway we're back and it was  
fantastic - going out tomorrow - Thad Sassen

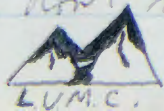
9.2.86 A strong cold front during the night bringing heavy  
rain & wind - still about now but rain easing off - I  
hope the Loddon is o.k. - whatever it will be a bleak walk  
out Thad Sassen

9/2/86 Linda Pearn & Daryl Mummery walking  
to Tardone today - expecting a slippery trip.  
Still raining.

Liz Burns & Rob Cooper - very, very wet  
outside - hope it clears so we won't see much.

Swept the hut, don't mind the weather

9/2/86 HAGAR Clark



In from Road 4 1/2 hours in mild SWer.



10/2/86 Rock + Fester are leaving 7.30 am to (hopefully) do the return trip to F.C. today. The gear in the corner is worth stealing anyway, but it's out. So hands off! Please use the dummy to pass in.

10/2/86. Denis & Jannell collect in for lunch and then on to Tahune hut up the Frenchman. Tomorrow Tuesday, hope the weather improves. See you.

10/2/86 Weather is a little shitty so I'm having a hot day. H. CLARK off to look at plants around Lake Vera (weather is a bit better) back for dinner RACH

10/2/86 Just passing through - moving round to back end of Vera for the night  
1<sup>st</sup> Queenstown Venturers Unit

Andrew Stevens

Anthony Williams

11/2/86 Magar Clark (L.V.M.C.) to Tahune Hut early AM will be back this afternoon.

Cheers! Tom & Steve. You were good company. good luck with the future. Harry.

11/2/86 Terry Reid ~ moving on to Tahune ~ hoping for clear weather this pm 9 of the 12 at Vera hut last night.

11/2/86 Helen Flanagan & Jenny Hudge leaving for Tahune 9.00 am

11-2-86. <sup>alias Rock + Fester</sup>  
STEVE + TOM Leaving for highway 9.00 am had a great time + hopefully will be back. Take care Harry, thanks for your help and company.

11-2-86 Matthew Spell, Chris Pitt, and Dean Cox of the 1<sup>st</sup> Queenstown Venturers Unit. Had to Frenchman's, hope the clouds clear (and they mud on the Sudden Ladder for the way back).

11-2-86 A. MUDGE, V. PARISH + W. CROCKER 1<sup>st</sup> QUEENSTOWN VENTURERS. ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AT 6.30 PM. HOPED TO GET AWAY BY 9.00 am RUNNING A BIT LATE. HEADING FOR FRENCHMANS.



11/2/86 Arrived back from Tahune hut approx 4.30pm  
 After being up F.C. it was clear as a bell  
~~when~~ when we left to go up but what  
 do you think happened when we got up there.  
 Anyway we did get some spectacular  
 views <sup>on way</sup> and the weather has improved so  
 will spend the nite here and head out to  
 Lyell H/way and drop in for a nice  
 cold beer. At S/B. in the ~~no~~ morning  
 J and J.

12/2/86. Leaving in beautiful Sunshine at 7.55  
 for Lyell H/way. J & L.

12/2/86 Harry CLARK: Had beautiful sunshine on F/MANS  
 yesterday after a cloudy A.M. Stayed on top until after  
 5pm with my shirt off! Had to walk like a bat out of Hell to  
 get back here before dark - arrived 8:30pm. phew.

~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> check out the PICKAXE RIDGE route to Lyell H/way  
 today. Will be back about 18/2 with rest of crew for  
 a week.



LA-ROSE VU  
 mountains.

12/2/86 Heading to Lyell via Loddens. Passing through  
 from Tahune 11.30pm Daryl Hummer, Linzi Pe...

12/2/86 Just passing through on the way  
 to the South Loddens. Top of rap was  
 superb yesterday afternoon.  
 Andrew Stevens

12/2/86 Stopped for the rest after walking back  
 from the cap which was unique in itself. A  
 hard but enjoyable walk.  
 Chris Pitt

Thanks for the potatoes Harry ~ they were very nice !! See ya on  
 the Central Plateau sometime.

Helen really disappointed that there was no-one going up Baron Pass as we  
 descended ~ she'd so badly wanted to laugh at 'em as they passed !!!



1<sup>st</sup> QUEENSTOWN VENTURER UNIT

12<sup>th</sup> Feb. '86 ~ An absolutely brilliant day ~ Climbed Cap at 6 am to watch the sunrise ~ well worth the early start ~ then strolled down to Vera for a restful afternoon. Helen & Jenny forming rear-guard ~ other nine somewhere between here and the Loden. All heading to the hwy tomorrow ~ GREAT TRIP ~ gee we keep being so lucky with the weather ~ don't mind it wet on the way in as long as it clears p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> day ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> trip straight that its come good at the right time!

\* Adrian Hudge  
Vaughan Parish  
Wade Crocker

\* Andrew Stevens  
Anthony Williams  
Jason Smith

\* Matthew Snell  
Dean Cox  
Chris Pitt

\* Helen Flanagan  
Jenny Hudge

and yours truly .... J.N.I.

V.L. 1<sup>st</sup> Queenstown.

\* Second time to F.C. and group leader on this trip

Well after the slow, tedious walk from Tahun, we've finally made it to Vera. So Terry has written up above 1<sup>st</sup> Queenstown Venturers, while I'm a 1<sup>st</sup> Zeehan Venturer tagging along in order to gain my Queens Scout Expeditions Badge. I'm supposed to be over-seeing the other three groups (as above) but I'm quite contented to stay here the night, (while they trudge on). I can only hope that others are as lucky with the weather as we have been, as it is fantastic. Helen Flanagan (1<sup>st</sup> Zeehan Venturer).

Jennifer Mudge: This has been my first major walk. It has been fantastic. It was great having a rest yesterday afternoon and a 'pigout' for tea. Now we are ready for the hard slog out least experience out of the lot; but all I can say is I made it to the top. Hope to return.

\* MESSAGE FOR "H" (N.P.E.W.S. Ranger at Mt. Field)

Eat ya heart out! 10<sup>th</sup> trip!! (9 to the top) ~ you won't catch me now!! Bet you don't even get another entry in this book?! ... J.N.I.

P.S. I'll show the photo of all eleven on top to J.C. !!!!!!!

14/2/86. 17.000' entry by K. Burns, K. Freeman, P. Hoyle, F. De Bary.

Sally out for Tahun on a perfect morning. (In contrast to 11/5/83).

Done 15/2/86



14-2-86

Arrived at Vera last night (6:10) from highway (12:00). Fantastic day (hideous buttongrass walking but my little red), another great day coming up. Up to Tahere, then the Cap, yee-ha! (watch the

M. Bryce

sunset from

R. Painter

the top...)

15-2-86

Hello again. Made it down from Tahere in record time - for us - amazing what the idea of ice-creams and hot baths does for you. Having suffered blistered feet early on this trip and having climbed Frenchman's sneakers which had already undergone 2 years weeding I highly recommend some Adidas to anyone interested.

Hello to the few behind us. Great trip eh? camping at Philip's head.

Ruth &amp; Mark



16-2-86.

We have returned from Frenchman's, and will proceed with the utmost expedience towards the Hyell Highway today. Weather continues to be impeccable; Frenchman's has paid his back debts!

Peter Hoyle, Ralph Barnes, Frits de Brayn, Roger Freeman

P.S. We spotted a free ranging (stay free) nymph on the horizon, we managed to corner her but she defeated in Geologic argument.

Now 17<sup>th</sup> FEB 1986 Finally Arrived After Camping at Phillips Creek After Walk from Highway at 1000 hrs. Carrying on to Tahere for Overnite stop After Short Break

JR Hudson

I SURELY TELL YOU THE TRUTH

LOVE IS THE  
CURE FOR  
EVERY EVIL



# FIRST BASE. JUMP EXPEDITION TO FRENCHMAN'S CAP

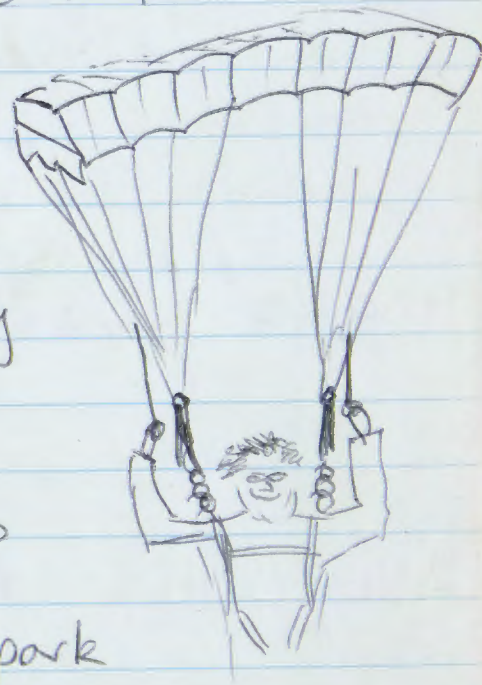
18-2-1986. SIMON WYATT, MICHAEL WIERENKA, HARRY CLARK,  
(Sharpa) ↓  
(LWMC)

Made it to the hut just in time to beat a tremendous <sup>THUNDER</sup> storm, rained all night, still showery and windy. A tiring walk in but great to be in the hut and drinking warm Milo!

We are leaving for the Cap soon and will stay up there until weather favourable for the jump off the cliff. The ABC will be helicoptering our parachutes in tomorrow and the rest of the expedition will be arriving on Thursday.

The sheer face is 1200' high and is the highest in Australia so is perfect for the leap. All we need is the weather, so come on Tassie.

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Building      | i.e. Rialto       |
| Arial         | i.e. Omega or 340 |
| Span (bridge) | i.e. West Gate    |
| Earth.        | i.e. 4 hours away |



We mean no harm and hopefully cause none. We also hope noone takes offence at skydives using a national park too. **HECK NO.**

18-2/86 Arrived here after noon from Loddon cold & wet  
I wrapped what was left of the mull in a piece of paper and put it close by



20-2-86 Sandy Anne + Dave - Sloucheal  
around for 1 1/2 days while it passed down  
outside. Highlight was a swim in Lane  
Vera (bloody cold) and 30 sec sunbathing.  
Went home without going on (Going to  
Camp Lochlor ruder tonight)  
NB: Rumour that there are four  
kangued parachutists at base of  
oap.

20-2-86

Am JOHN EVERARD KEITH O'HARA (HOBART)

Arrived yesterday in blousy weather - little improvement today.  
7 others in hut last night. Heading for Lake Tahune Hut today  
(1 pm) - hoping for a break in cloud tomorrow. Have left billy &  
rice in hut, will pick up.

20-2-86.

Bethan David, John David + Mark Gandy

Heading on up to Lake Tahune Hut in hope of a break in the  
weather.

ARRIVED. 20/2/86 FROM LYELL HIGHWAY.

GOING TO TAHUNE TODAY 21<sup>ST</sup> Dept 12<sup>30</sup>  
TIM EDEN JULIE WEST PHILIP WEST.

21 FEBRUARY 1986

FOUR VERY UNFIT ~~SKINNED~~ SILYDIVERS ARRIVED TO DAY

MIKE TIMEWELL, SHANE SPARIS DAVE LORRIN & RAY WILLIAMS. AND WILL TREK  
TO FRENCHMAN'S CAP EARLY MORNING, AND AWAIT FAVOURABLE WINDS TO  
PLUMMET, FALL, DROP OR JUMP FROM OFF FRENCHMAN'S CAP.

21<sup>ST</sup> February 1986. 6pm. And I think it may be the last base jump expedition  
to Trenchmans Cap; well for a while anyway. I  
thought that it would be hard but it has become very hard because  
I have had to carry my base jumping gear with me, which weighs heaps.  
This is my first long walk and I am learning heaps about this wild biz.  
Maybe they should build a dam so we could boat it here; maybe because I



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work for the army I could get here in a leopard Tank; Bugger you greenies you must be a fit lot, but really I understand what everyone was fighting for a few years ago. The bush is lovely and I'm glad I made it this far. I WILL make it to the Cap and I hope I get to jump. This hut is great, I have a coffee and a fuller belly, I'm here with Mike, Ray and Dave who are good blokes and have had a lot of laughs. Long Live the bush and watch the vortex. Shane Parkes.

22 FEB.

M. GANDY B. DAVID J. DAVID. arrived back from the Mountain last night. weather disgusting. heading home today. Pity we didn't have time to stay and see the guys jump off the cliff - watch for it on A.B.C. T.V.

SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB 1645 HRS. ARRIVED FROM LAKE TAHUNE A BIT SORE IN THE KNEES.  
MOVING ON TO HIGHWAY TOMORROW MORW.  
J.R. HUDGSON.

Sunday 23<sup>RD</sup> Feb. Leaving for Tahune at 1400 hrs after walking in from highway this morning. The skyjumping is a first, and I reckon the number of people in the Tahune hut tonight will be a first as well.

Mat Perchard.

Monday 24<sup>TH</sup> Feb.

Arrived from Lake Tahune last night.

Made it up the Cap - visibility about 70 metres!

Was able to see the boys jump & land safely

Heading out to Lyell Highway today 10 am.

J. West, P. West, T. Eden.

27-Feb

Ben, Groscombe  
Alister, Seale  
Ned, Seale

going to Lyell



REG WILLIAMS - ANDREW MOLLISON

DOUG CAMERON - DAVID PITT

2 FEB ROGER HAY - CIRCULAR HEAD WALKERS.

3/2/86 Animals mega-adventure tours now brings us to  
to environs of Lake Vera where we have now found  
some evidence of the reformed and completely updated  
West Coast Outdoors Club (Part VII). Superb day  
here, pity we're heading back to the Highway.

P. Jacques, T. Exton, P. Bird

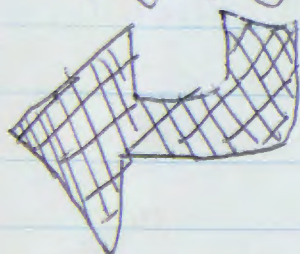
for B. Cartwright (official spokesman - Animals  
Mega-adventure Tours)

4/3/86 Ron Gibson 11:00 AM will go on to campsite - Lake  
Tahune tomorrow - interested in glow worms along  
the creek bank last night. 5/3/86 leaving 7:30 AM Watched  
the mountains until dark last night a wonderful sight

7/3/86 - Arrived yesterday - weather hot. Leaving for Frenchman's  
Cap, returning this evening. Weather fine.

7/3/86 Chris Lewis (Canberra) arrived from  
Philip's Cr. @ 12:00

**FOUND 1 SET OF TENT POLES +**  
**PEGS** on the Saddle <sup>(snow tent type)</sup> just before Rumney Cr.  
**(IN A GREEN NYLON BAG)**



Staying here the night because of the  
awful weather.

8/3/86 Ron Gibson heading out - some great views  
before the weather closed in at Barran Pass on  
the way back - very wet

8/3/86 Chris Lewis to Tahune Hut then  
weather depending to the Cap.



# Sheraton Lake Vera

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8-3-86 David MacFarlane and Barry Sproat (Launceston). Arrived Friday night 7.30pm. Cold and wet. Climbed to the peak today. Good weather except for the last 50m - pure white. Back to Lake Vera at 5.30pm after a 7.45 start this morning. Back to car tomorrow. Very lucky to get to the top raining at the moment. We love mud.



"ACME" Portable  
Mud proof walking apparatus

Wet, muddy, cold, suffering from cramp - excellent walk, back next week. Make a great site for a dam.

9-3-86 ALL BOWLING, S. EBER, RAMSAY & CO BOURNE SWIMMING  
OUT. OR IS IT WALKING.

10-3-86

Leaving to do battle with the Tudden Plains in pouring rain again. Heading for highway. We shall return.

Ray Knight

David Flanagan

Tue 11/3/86 Chris Lewis (Canberra) to Lyell Hwy.  
9. am.

Tuesday 11/3/86 Joe Doran Back to Lyell  
10. am.

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11/3/86 B. Greinke & K & R. Robinson made it - Tahune Hut tonight.

13.3.86 Keith Gilbert - left Tahune Hut this morning, now (3.30pm) heading towards Lyell Hwy but will camp at one of the camp sites tonight! Out to Hwy tomorrow.

14/3/86 \* Old's party out to Hwy today!

this is a  
click carbon  
start 100-250  
and 100-250  
and 100-250  
and 100-250



15-3-86 Arrived with French Canadian, Swede, German & another Ozzie. Wet & muddy - good night.

16-3-86 They went on to Tahune, I stay on my horse. Hoping for better weather tomorrow. It is very wet & windy now. Hopes hoping the Loddons not flooded.

17-3-86 Left at 7am maybe clearing - aiming for Lyell.

Pom C

16-3-86 MICHAEL BOWMAN - GOING ON TO TAHUNE AND HOPING THE WEATHER CLEARS BY TOMORROW. FOR A CLIMB UP TO THE CAP. LEFT 1000 PM FOR TAHUNE

16/3/86 COLIN WOOD BROWN DENNIS BROWN DENNIS JOYCE STEVE EMMETT.  
BRUCE GARRATT ARRIVED 3.30 PM

17/3/86 LEFT 9.30 AM FOR TAHUNE WEATHER PROMISING ... !!

17/3 - arrived 11-30 from Philips Creek - Heading on up to Tahune after Lunch. - Weather - overcast (high) but fine so far - hope it holds - :  
PS The Loddons were sodden!

Peter Lane  
Canberra

17-3-1986 Monday, late afternoon, arrived after 8 hours walk from Lyell Highway. Weather has been very fine so far, and the outlook is good for tomorrow. I will go first to Tahune - Hut, leave Runderack & then attempt the summit. Wednesday I will take the route to the TREBAYSS, camp and move up for camping. Thursday for the Sand Lyell Highway, reach it if possible. AM COOL NIGHT & DAMP MORNING. Delaying descent to avoid wet as far as possible.

Am sorry & WIEDERSEHEN  
Jeff Ringwood  
Richmond, Vic



18-3-86. Tasmania is a small island: All of a sudden a pure dave: Leif, stood in front of us in the scrub. Nice to meet again since the overland track. Seems like the Scandinavians some time can be a majority up here (almost was it in Tahune one night anyway). Arrived down here after 3 hours of slippery walk on wet rocks, from Tahune. Feel sorry to leave this wonderful paradise on earth, realizing it's probably the one and only time I see it. This was the climax of my Tasmania-trip - with the ~~best~~ beaut and peace of the Trenchabyss as the best. Now I finally understand what is hidden in the Tasmanian wilderness.

Heading out to Lyell Highway for a hitch to Queenstown and the boring civilization tonight.

ANDERS ENETJÄRN (Örebro, Sweden) - NSW.

19-3-86 ARRIVED FROM LAKE TAHUNE 11:15, WALKING OUT TO LYELL ACROSS THE SODDON LOGGERS, MICHAEL BOWMAN MELBARNIE.

18/3/86 Arrived at 5pm - spirits high, legs sad. Now dislike intensely mud & button grass plains. ~~And~~ Help! And I thought I was Fitt, a beautiful setting for the button grass come across to the east coast it is pretty there too.

~~Vanessa~~ 20/3/86 Above party, departing for Lyell Highway across from bags etc.

Vanessa & Scott Wrecher, John Dick, Jane Flemming.

21/3/86 Arrived last night from Tahune via Darcorn's Cavern (yes we did find it!). Heading for Highway 8 AM. Our earliest departure in 75 yrs of (Bushwalking.) Burnie Bippo Bushwalkers. - Steve Emmett, Bruce Garratt, Dennis Brennan, Colin Woodberry, Dennis Joyce.

28/3/86 Arrived 1:05 pm for lunch. Leaving 2:05 heading for Tahune hut. Maybe even climb peak tonight. Back to Vera sometime tomorrow, weather permitting. Pete Marron, John Poynter.



28/3 - Arrived 3.15 absolutely stuffed. Have heard some stories of water quality so have decided to press on to Tahune but tonight - left 3.30

Chris Rose (Stucl)  
Paul Egan (Ginger)

J. Domeney, David Pile arrived here 3.54 see base of Page 244  
Now I will try again - will make it this time or face permanent ridicule  
weather Beautiful, Loddon very wet as usual

28/3/86 WEST PARTY ARRIVED 29<sup>th</sup> to TAHUNE THEN RETURN 30 TO VERA.

29/3/86 LORNE KRIWOKEN; CAMERON FARRELL, DAVID & LESLIE TO THE PEAK! STEPHENSON; PETER (PIERRE) HALL,  
HOT AND THE MAD, 'N THE BLOOD, 'N THE BEER,  
SUNNY BUT WHERE'S THE BEER, PLUS I'M

DAY 1 OF 6 NEVER CARRYING AN 11mm ROPE IN HERE AGAIN.

29/3/86 Tony & IAN Kirkland passing through  
NICE but MIGHT stay on way BACK  
WEATHER Beautiful.

29/3/86 David & Chris Allen to Tahune.

29.3.86

Climbed FC from Tahune and now rest weary feet at Vera. We leave for the highway at 3.30pm. Hope we make it.

Chris & Paul. If you found my yellow windcheater please send or deliver to 28 FAIRTHORNE RD, TREVARN, L'lon.  
It would be well worth a beer or 2.

Regards John  
& Pete.

Easter = J. Weller, D. Balesch, B. Rearn, S. Stokes  
'86 S. Stobart + S. West climbed to the top of ✓



29/3/86 Arrived yesterday 7 PM Terrible weather: Climbed the Cap today - hardly a cloud in sight - leave for Lyell tomorrow.

Neville Barrett

30/3/86

ARRIVED FROM LAKE TAHOE 11.45  
CAMP AT LODDEN RIVER tonight I RECKON.  
TOM & IAN Kirkland. Beautiful day.

29/3/86 Time: About now.

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comet  
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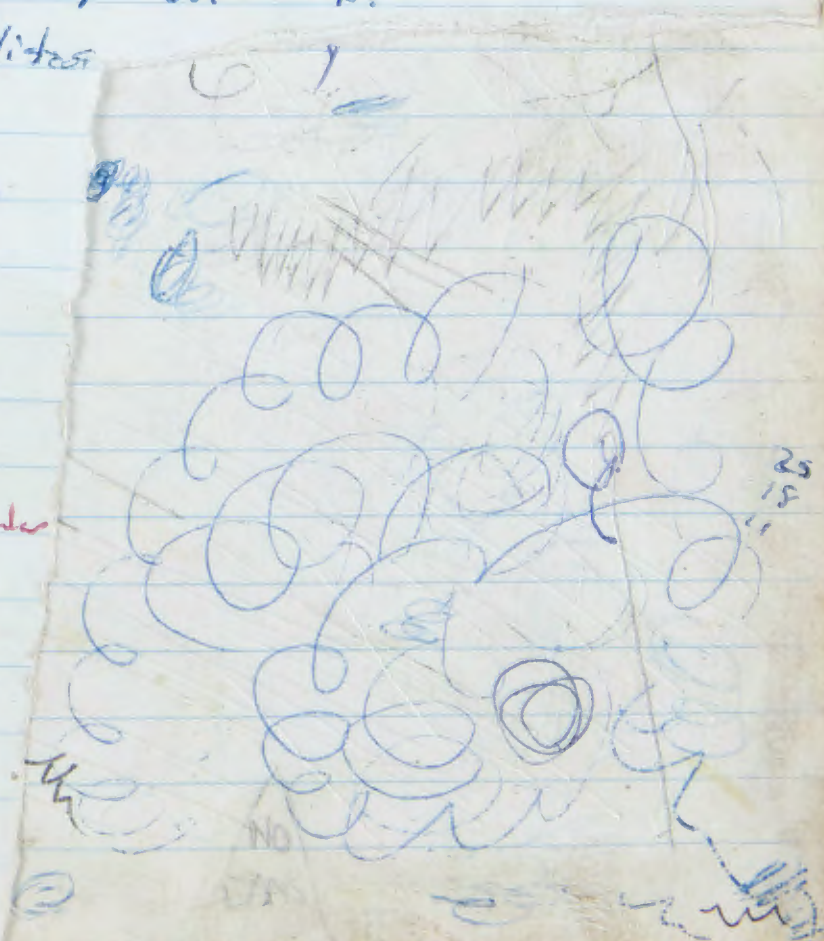
Elizabeth Maughan & mum, Nicole Wilson & herself, James & Shona arrived today. Enjoyed the walk apart from the mud, sore shoulders, blistered feet, rain, the food, the people & the weather. P.S. Duke of Ed. Rules! OK?

30/3 - Arrived back from Tahoe after two glorious days and top views. Some Duke of Eds - teachers need to learn some big lessons on group hiking in Tahoe.

All in all a great trip. Chris Rose  
| They were not alike of Ed (teachers) Paul Egan,  
and the Duke of Ed girls did not have to be returned.

→ Andrew and Brendon also came last night after we were found up on top. Were all very tired, sore, blistered all over.

Frenchmans Cap is absolutely superb conditions - The views were ~~superb~~ Spectacular both at sunset and during the night. Halley's comet being clearly visible to the naked eye. We made it safely to this hut before the weather set in, and hope to walk out tomorrow.



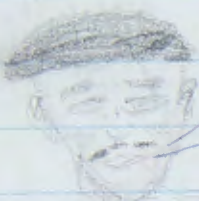


Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1986:

We came, we saw, we failed miserably! Today we were meant to be day-tipping to the top but instead going back to the road is our only remaining course of action.

Margaret Spigel & Murray Crosswell.

(Will be back though.)



ADREVOIR AMERICAN'S!  
PIERRE'S TEAM ARRIVED 10.05am  
GOOD AUSSIE GAT (GROSS DETERMINATION)  
COLD BRER AWAITS US ALL - TO THE MOO  
4.2 901

March 32nd (April fool!).

Alas, we did not reach Frenchman's cap. "We will try again" say our group leaders HUH! ~~As the~~ As the Duke of Ed. team wearily but thankfully departs, we leave F.C. intact with its yucky weather and leaches! Bon voyage!

Liz & mum, Andrew, Brendan, James, Shona and Nicolle!

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

29/3/86 David & Chris

29.3.86

Climbed F.C. from Taku at Vera. We leave for the make it.

Chris & Paul. If you love send or deliver to 2. It would be well worth

SO-CALLED "DUKE OF ED."

TEAM THANKFULLY DEPARTS;  
WE DEPART THANKFULLY IN  
OPPOSITE DIR FOR TAHUNE  
& FRENCHMAN'S 9.55 am.

L. DONOGHUE, G. JARRETT

APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1986

LORNE, CAWLEY, DAVID, LESLIE DEPART  
9:30 AM. FOR HWY. DAY 6 OF 6. & FIVE  
DAYS OF SUNSHINE! Saw two  
firetail finches and tiger cat  
this morning - !! FOUND BLACK

Easter = J. Winters, D. J.  
'86 S. Stobart + S.

JAPARA! WILL POST AT PADDY PALLINS  
AND HBT. WALKING CLUB. LORNE  
254110 HOBART



APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> FRI.

L. DONOGHUE } STAYED HERE OVERNIGHT -  
G. JARRETT } LIGHT SHOWERS ; GREAT  
VIEWS FROM FRENCHMAN'S OBTAINED.  
DEPARTING FOR HIGHWAY 9:10 am.

{ NOTE COAL VERY LOW IN RESERVE }  
- PLENTY @ TAHUNE HOWEVER.

Arrived the 7<sup>th</sup>, watched the rain the 8<sup>th</sup>, had to leave the 9<sup>th</sup> many  
Bakerston.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1986

Graeme Cornell, Doctor A. Graham, Judith Canavan  
and Christopher Mark Beamish, and Paul Brooker  
all left to attempt a climb up to Tahune  
and then Frenchman's Cap. Weather glorious  
→ so far.

APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> 86.

RAY VRAN, MARGARET PENTONY + DAMIEN PENTONY DEPART FOR  
ROAD (AND A COUNTER LUNCH). SUCCESSFUL DAY TRIP TO FRENCHMAN'S  
CAP YESTERDAY - STILL HAVEN'T USED OUR RAIN COATS!! (THOUGH IT DID  
RAIN LAST NIGHT - GOTTA KEEP THE SWAMP SWAMPY.)

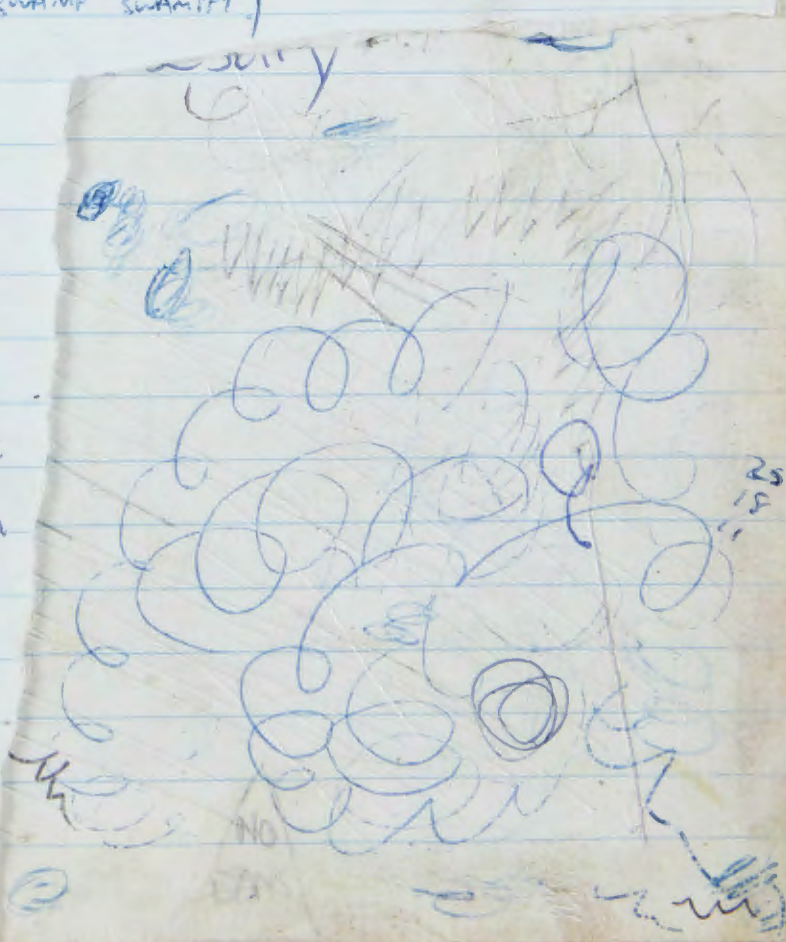
P.S. HOPE YOU GUYS MADE IT!!

11/4/86 GEOFF JONES HEADING  
FOR TAHUNE 1 PM

20/4/86 - Adrian Jowitt heading for  
Tahune 9am. Back before the hrs out its  
pissing down a low cloud. What to do? I sat  
here all day watching the rain & wind in  
the hope it would improve, to no avail its  
still as bad this morning so I shall  
reheat back to the road.

2/5/86 Penny, Vlad, Denise heading  
for Tahune

4/5 4/5 NO TOURS 3 DAY VISIT TO FC IN  
SUPERB CONDITIONS. OF TO STERCHAM  
TODAY. ALISTAIR WALPOLE, LIZ WHITE





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27/5/86 vava

29.3.86

Climbed FC from Taku  
at Vera. We leave for the  
make it.

Chris & Paul. If you love  
send or deliver to 2  
It would be well worth

Easter = J. Weller, D. H.  
186 S. Stohart + S.

6/5/86.

Many Thanks to all  
concerned. Heading off  
for highway by tomorrow  
VLAD, Denise & Penny.

12/5/86

Mick Linton, Felicity  
Whitworth + Ben Smith from  
TUMC (Tas Mt Mountaineering  
Club) arrived here yesterday in  
pouring rain having virtually  
swum the Ladden. Heading  
on to Lake Tahune + up  
Frenchmans if it stays fine. <sup>J. Whitworth</sup>  
Hope the track isn't as <sup>ridic!</sup>  
flooded as yesterday. <sup>SB</sup>

16/5 - About to head back to  
warmth, comfort + good food  
in dubious weather. The sun  
came out yesterday - very  
welcome after its absence.  
- FW.

About to return to the  
grindstone of civilization  
after 5 warm, comfortable  
days with good food &  
good company & weather  
that can only be described  
as - well, OK I suppose.  
- B.S.

17.5.86 Off to Lake Tahune.

10am. Last night it was raining and  
it looks like more rain.

M. Wale

21.5.86 Back to Highway. Weather  
O.K. Better than the days before.  
That's life. M. Wale



27/51 Gavin Seven

3.30

Off to Lake Tahane - Left Lyell Hwy ~~at 11.00~~ and  
 arrived ~~the~~ Loden at 5.10 near dark. - arrived here at 1.50 after  
 leaving Loden. - off to Tahane

Clytemnestara

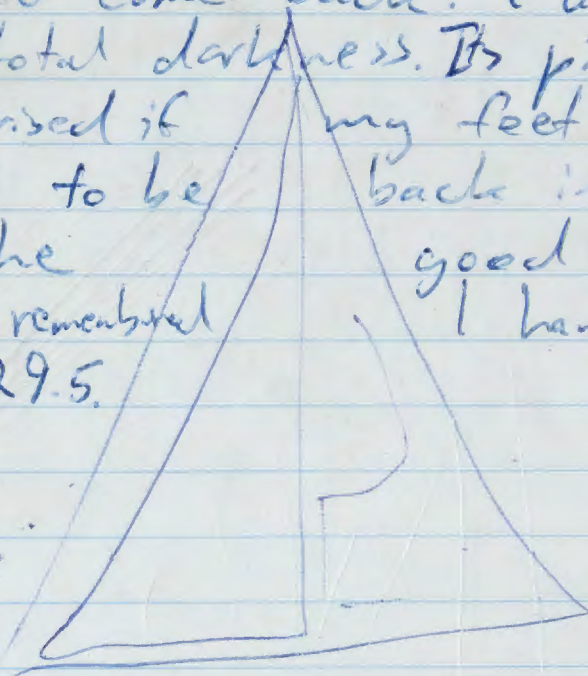
- no go, I know the feeling of ~~the~~ stuffed got  
 to top of Phillips Peak and because of pushing got  
 lost and decided to come back. I arrived back  
 5 minutes before (5.05) total darkness. It's pissing rain,  
 I wouldn't be surprised if my feet were dry  
 out. What a relief to be back in the hut.  
 Leave tomorrow for the good old highway.  
 tomorrow as I only now remembered I have to be  
 back in Hobart on the 29.5.

8.40

1.15

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→ what  
 was wrong  
 with the  
 food?



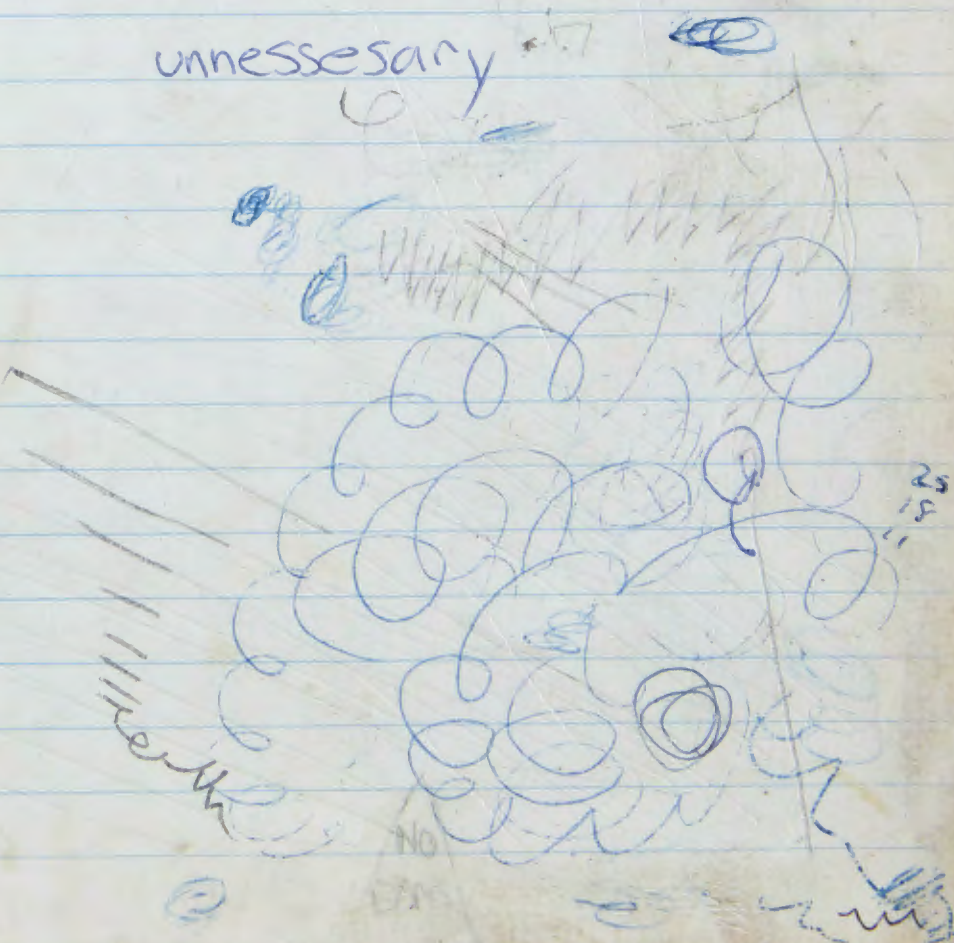
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To: P. Wyatt

Section: Collingwood  
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Return By: 6.7.86

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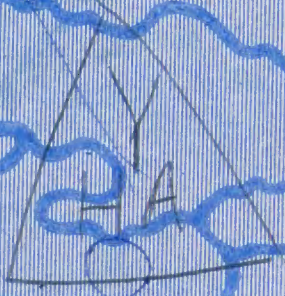
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lies

Silhouette



Summa



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By Hook or by Crook

I'm the last in  
this book

by eggs or by bacon I think you're mistaken



