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Monthly General Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St. entrance). The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 20th at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

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NOTE:- Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9p.m. at earliest.

EDITORIAL

by Larry Corkran

Committee has recently clarified the private trip situation in the club. It is hoped that the attention given to private trips will encourage a greater real interest in walking among Club members.

Until recently there were two distinct classes of trips - the private trips (for those in the know) and the Club trips organised by the Outings Secretary and advertised in the circular. Then came the "open private" trips which fitted neither category and caused quite some controversy.

The present policy is to have a good Club programme and to encourage private trips on the "spare" weekends.

It has been decided that private trip leaders may have any privately organised trip classed as a Club trip and will thus be free to advertise in the circular and give a report at the General Meeting. Of course, these trips should not clash with other Club activities and should be run in accordance with Club traditions. Since the Club will have no part in the finances, the trip should be run on a break-even basis.

A leader who wishes to have his trip given Club status should approach any Committee member before the Committee meeting prior to the trip (committee meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month) with details of the trip - area to be visited, transport, etc. Permission to advertise in the next circular etc. will be readily given.

Old style private trips are still encouraged and if the leader wishes to report it at a meeting he should approach the Outings Secretary before the meeting. Written reports of any areas are always desired for Club files.

EDITORIAL (Continued)

Remember, however, that the private trip is not the only avenue open to the ordinary Club member. The Outings Sub-Committee is always eager for trip suggestions and willing leaders. Don't forget the Club trips !

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GENERAL

1. "Exploratory throughwalks" are now to be included in the club's choice of trips. No pre-outing will have been done for these walks so they will be similar to pre-outings in organisation and thus ideal walks for potential leaders.

Ample warning will be given of the nature of such trips so those participating do so at their own risk, but the risks will be no greater than for any other pre-outing. Such trips will have completely independent transport.

The recent Mt. Warning throughwalk was run on these lines and went smoothly. The support for this walk was encouraging.

2. Warning -

The Outings Secretary will now expect a full fare from Club Members who fail to cancel their nominations after deciding not to go on the trip. A phone call even ½ hour before the trip leaves, is common courtesy and saves other Club Members much inconvenience.

On the recent Mt. Moon daywalk no fewer than five persons were still missing when the bus left well after 9.00a.m.

Reminder -

Persons considering purchase of Paddy Pallin equipment are asked to contact Paul Wijngaarden before placing their order. The Club may benefit by your doing so.

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CLUB CALENDAR:

WEEKEND	18/19th	OCTOBER	Annual Retreat
MONDAY	20th	OCTOBER	General Meeting
THURSDAY	23rd	OCTOBER	Theatre Evening
WEEKEND	24/26th	OCTOBER	Base Camp/Throughwalk - Obi Obi Gorge
SUNDAY	9th	NOVEMBER	Daywalk - Gold Creek
MONDAY	17th	NOVEMBER	General Meeting
WEEKEND	21/23rd	NOVEMBER	Safety and Training Weekend
SUNDAY	30th	NOVEMBER	Beach Picnic - Social
WEEKEND	5/7th	DECEMBER	Base Camp - Bouloumba Creek
FRIDAY	12th	DECEMBER	Christmas Party
MONDAY	15th	DECEMBER	General Meeting
New Year			Five day trip to Carnarvon Gorge
SUNDAY	11th	JANUARY	Daywalk - Northbrook Creek
SATURDAY	17th	JANUARY	Social - Captain Cook Night
MONDAY	19th	JANUARY	General Meeting
Long Weekend	23/26th	JANUARY	Base Camp/Throughwalk - Cataract River
SUNDAY	1st	FEBRUARY	Daywalk - Mt. Misery
WEEKEND	13/15th	FEBRUARY	Motorised Base Camp Mt. Coolum Mt. Cooroy area
MONDAY	16th	FEBRUARY	General Meeting
SATURDAY	21st	FEBRUARY	Social
WEEKEND	27th Feb/1st Mar.		Base Camp and Throughwalk O'Reilly's

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Don't forget to bring your first-aid kit on walks!

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:WEEKEND 18 19th OCTOBER - ANNUAL RETREAT

Nominations rose recently to a promising level but there are still a few vacancies. If you find you can now come, contact Paul Wijngaarden or Kath Vingoe as soon as possible.

Retreat starts on Friday night 17th October, at 7p.m. at Ave Maria Retreat House, 16 Park Street, Coorparoo. Cost will be about \$6.00. The Retreat House will send full details to every person nominated.

MONDAY 20th OCTOBER - GENERAL MEETING
TEMPERANCE HALL, CANBERRA HOTEL AT 7.30p.m.

Meetings are definitely becoming more exciting these days so come along and join in the fun.

After business (possibly feature No.1), Paul Skehan and Tony Crowley will show slides of their recent winter safari to the Southern-most point in Australia - wind-swept Wilson's Promontory.

THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER - THEATRE EVENING

The party will be going to the comedy play "A Day in the Life of Joe Egg" at the Brisbane Arts Theatre.

The play starts at 8.00p.m. so those in the party should meet outside the Theatre no later than 7.45p.m.

Admission will be \$1.60 (includes supper in the courtyard after the performance). Nominations with money must be in the hands of the Social Secretary, Kath Vingoe, no later than Monday 20th October, the night of the General Meeting.

WEEKEND 24/26th OCTOBER - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK -
OBI OBI GORGE - REMEMBER TO ARRANGE FOR POSTAL VOTE ON 25th

Leaders - Gavin Clancy (B.C.); Paul Skehan (T.W.)
Fare - \$3.60
Departure - From North Quay at 7.00p.m. (opp. Trittons)
Nominations - Monday 20th October (Meeting night)
Emergency Officer - Kevin Herlihy 39 2309

Third time lucky they say, so roll up for this trip. Besides, there must be something there to warrant another try.

Base Camp will be in the Kondalilla Falls National Park in the Blackall Range just west of Nambour. Basecampers should be able to visit the top end of the Gorge among other places. The swimming will be fine so bring your togs.

The throughwalkers will follow the creek down to the Kenilworth road i.e. right through the gorge. Bring a lilo, if you have one, to float the packs down the long sheer-sided rock pools and pack everything in plastic bags just in case! For a walk (swim?) with a difference this trip has the recommendation of no lesser person than the President.

Since transport will probably be by private cars, nominate early to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER - DAYWALK - GOLD CREEK

Leader - Garth Commerford
Fare - \$1.00
Departure - From North Quay at 9.00a.m. (opp. Trittons)
Nominations - Monday 3rd November
Emergency Officer - Kevin Herlihy 39 2309

Transport for this trip will be by Council bus (yes, a ride on a blue bus) so the bus will not wait. Take the hint.

GOLD CREEK DAYWALK (Cont)

And before there are any sneers at Gold Creek for bushwalkers, how many have seen the deep shady pools on the creeks in that area or even watched the sun set over the Main Range from Mt. Cootha?

When you go on this trip you will suddenly realise that only a few miles from suburban Brisbane there are beautiful walking areas that see many more bell-birds than tourists.

Note - the seemingly unfair profit on this trip will only pay some of the not so obvious costs of this and other trips.

REMEMBER THE S & T WEEKEND. It really will have something for everyone. Programme will include bush cooking, a navigation competition with prizes, and rock-climbing and swimming instruction for those who are interested.

A further reminder regarding the Club "POPULAR APPEAL" PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION to be held at the November General Meeting.

1. Entries must take the form of a series of slides which may be on any subject of your choosing. The series may be of 3, 4 or 5 slides.
 2. Entry fee - 20 cents per series. Each series must have a title.
 3. Entries close Monday 10th November with Bernice Caffery, 76 Rode Road, Wavell Heights.
 4. There is only one section and first prize will be \$3.00; second prize \$2.00 and third prize \$1.00.
 5. Judging of the competition will be by a vote of all the people present at the meeting.
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CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

Following the good example given by two members at the August General Meeting in trying to rouse members out of apathy by following a philosophy that stirring is preferable to stagnation, it is pleasing to report that there was a complete absence of stagnation at the September General Meeting. Many members participated in the discussions which revolved round two topics.

1. First Aid Kits. The discussion took the form of considering the merits of the individual first aid kit compared with one "comprehensive" (not defined) kit that might be carried by a party. Consideration of the limitations and practical problems were also covered. The general view was considered to be that the present practice, which lays the emphasis on individual first aid kits, should be continued.

2. The "ideals" in an emergency officer system and the practical limitations thereof in various situations. While some sympathy was expressed to the view that emergency officers should inform parents when a party was more than several hours overdue, the general view tended to endorse the present system which places the onus of enquiry on the parent.

It will interest some people that there was no discussion on the concert proposal which received overwhelming support. As a result it is expected that the function will be held in February/March, 1970. It is now up to the Social Sub-Committee and the members who voted in favour of the proposal to combine and co-operate to make the function a big success in all respects. Persons interested in participating should let Kath Vingoe know they are able and prepared to participate fully which, of course, involves regular attendance at the many rehearsals.

In view of the increasing number of members driving vehicles and the increasing use of private transport on club outings, it is appropriate to bring to members' notice the Driver Education course being conducted by the Queensland Road Safety Council. The course continues for 4 weeks at 2 hours per week. There are four different times available, Tuesdays 5.30p.m. or 7.30p.m., Thursdays 5.30p.m. or 7.30p.m. Cost is only \$2.00. The lectures are held on the top floor of the Hibernian Building, 246 Queen Street. Next series commence on 21st and 23rd October.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade's next series of First Aid lectures commence on 23rd October and continue for a period of 8 weeks for two nights a week (Tuesday and Thursday). Cost of \$8.00 includes First Aid manual and triangular bandages. An examination is held at the end of the course and a certificate awarded.

HOLIDAYS SOON?

Lamington Walkabout is on 1st - 9th November.
Collect brochures at the General Meeting.

Song books (third edition) are available at 40 cents each. The Third edition differs from the others by the addition of an extra 12 pages of songs and a new index. Extra pages are also available to those who have purchased earlier editions but there will be a charge of five cents. Bring your books and they will be stapled for you.

VISITORS are reminded financial membership for remainder of Club Year costs only \$1.20. Visitors who have attended two club functions are expected to become financial members.

DON'T FORGET THE EXTENDED NEW YEAR TRIP TO THE CARNARVONS - Wet weather alternative being the Warrumbungles and Gibraltar Range. Tentative dates Wednesday 30/12/69 to Sunday 4/1/69 means you will need Wednesday and Friday off from work. Cost \$15 - \$20 depending on the number going.

SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS

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BUSHWALKER

ELEMENT Disturbing

SYMBOL B.W.

ATOMIC WEIGHT 100 - 160 lbs depending upon circumstances.

OCCURRENCE Found in vast quantities at any given goodies stop, Mt. Lindsay Diner, around pool table in certain service station, North Quay (and formerly Turbot St.) on most Friday nights.

CHARACTERISTICS Is changeable, unpredictable, inconsistent causes tension, instigates riots, creates havoc, prelude to disasters, evacuations and martial law.

IDENTIFICATION Excessive noise; usually seen amid huge piles of packs, billys, tent poles, eskies, bed rolls, song books, spare jumpers and other assorted "items of necessity". Is usually covered in mud, scratches and pained expressions. Is never on time, wears boots.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES Passively inactive at MOST times; Able to consume vast quantities of food, late nights, spare time, food, sleep, compliments, bad habits, food. Has vast inbuilt facilities for devouring an untold number of milk shakes (of any, and/or all flavours).

SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS of a BUSHWALKER (Cont).CHEMICAL
PROPERTIES

Apt to be acidic, boils at nothing, cools rapidly. Will not contaminate other substances. MAGNETIC REACTION to Old Jamaican Chocolate. VIOLENTLY REPELLED BY early mornings, work in any shape or form, smoking fires, criticism, "tourists?". HAS AN AFFINITY towards raspberry cordial, water holes on hot days, level ground, minties. EXPENDS energy rapidly; slow, limited facility for recuperation.

STORAGE

Even temperature maintained at all times obtains best results.

VALUE

Has evaded evaluation attempts to this point.

USE

No special use known.

CAUTION

Handle With Care.

SIGNED:

One of Them,
A.C.T.

CIRCULAR CONTENT - you don't like it? Then send in your contribution on a subject related to bushwalking or club activities!!

THE SCENIC RIM - PROPOSED 3 WEEK EXTENDED OUTING

Mike Laherty (976303) and Ben Whitehouse (363040) would like to hear from members interested in doing the Scenic Rim trip, the greatest single trip in S.E. Qld. The event is likely to be held sometime between December 1970 and August 1971 with the final date to suit maximum participation. Special Preoutings are proposed for those in need of a tune up beforehand.

LAST MONTH'S OUTINGS

21 people attended the daywalk to the Glasshouses on Sunday 7th September. 13 led by Greg Gilby climbed Mt. Beerwah while the other 8 led by Pat Ebert climbed Mt. Tibrogargan. 5 went through eye of the needle of Beerwah.

The following weekend was the trip to Mt. Barney as participation in the Federation "Barney Pilgrimage". Our participation this year was rather more active than it has been in previous years. John Walker controlled(?) a party of 10 base campers who visited the Upper Portals and made to visit Logan's Gorge but ended up doing Hut maintenance. Meanwhile, 6 throughwalkers led(?) by Paul Wijngaarden (Ivan) climbed Barney's major peaks. The up-route was Eagles Ridge, camp being made in the North Peak/East Peak saddle with flowing water nearby. After a windy night and an early start, East Peak was climbed before inspecting the defaced Federation(?) Hut on Barney Creek. West Peak was then climbed before the party returned to the cars via Midget ridge. Fr. Keohane celebrated Mass for the party at Drynan's Waterhole.

On 26th/28th September the Club visited Mt. Warning in, would you believe, fine weather. Transport arrangements gave our Outings Secretary quite a headache but members finally arrived after some had gone by car and some partly by Skennars coach to Tweed Heads later to be ferried to the basecamp. Return transport was assisted by members who arrived later during the weekend. Pat Ebert led the base camp of 17 which camped on a tributary of Karrumbyn Creek, 2.7 miles from the entrance to the Track system up Mt. Warning. Mt. Uki was climbed on Saturday and Mt. Warning on Sunday.

Visitors, new members and not so new members.

It will help you to enjoy your bushwalking and avoid painful blisters if you wear appropriate footwear, e.g. Woollen socks and rubber soled boots with firm uppers or sandals, but don't wear sandals or leather-soled footwear

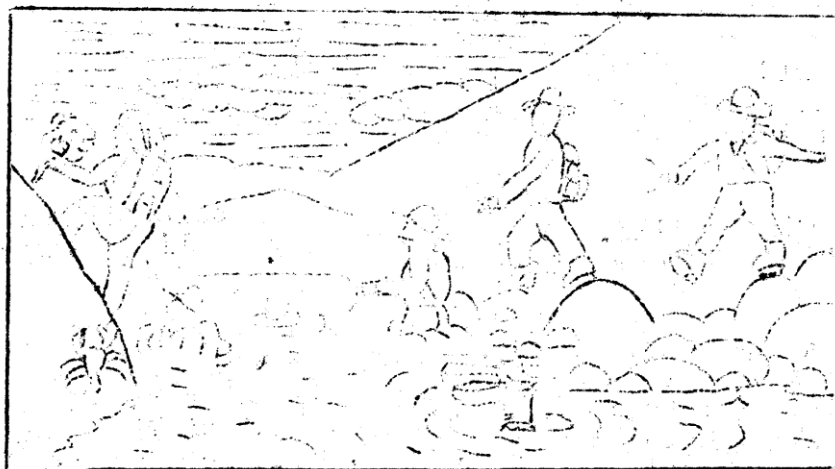
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Meanwhile, 8 throughwalkers, with Ivan as nominal leader, camped on the banks of Cedar Creek in the early hours of Saturday morning after having organised their "independent" transport for the return home. The trip had been classed "exploratory" as no one in the party had done much of the route previously and knew little of the nature of the scunge. However, with the weather good and another early start, the party made good time and did not strike thick scunge until the saddle below Mt. Warning itself. This section lived up to expectations, but despite this, the summit was reached soon after 4p.m. But what a messy place!. After clearing the immediate area of papers, which were burnt, and tins, which were carried out, the party had tea in daylight - something that has become very unusual on our throughwalks. Later after the sunset, the party descended via the graded track and joined the basecampers.

A future throughwalk might do the trip in reverse from Cedar Creek and thus complete a round trip.



THROUGHWALKING---

REMEMBER RUNNING CREEK ???

BUSHWALKER'S CASEBOOK:

Congratulations to Joseph Fry and Christine Graham on the announcement of their engagement.

Former president, Merv. Galvin recently returned from overseas. On October 25th wedding bells will ring for him and another former club member Maria Chodzinski. The Club's best wishes go to them both.

Peter (H) leaves soon for Tasmania. A certain group hoping he will stay there till February.

Could the disjointed letters from the West Australian Tourists have been written under the influence

Clare Maguire recently on a motoring holiday to Cairns. She's had trouble with her car.

How is this for club loyalty? Bunie (Niki is the name used in A.C.T.) came all the way from Canberra to go on Kathy Boyle's Mt. Moon trip. Unfortunately, Kathy was unable to lead the trip due to illness but it was a good walk all the same. The trip was back in Brisbane by 9.30p.m.

Numerous members of the big time in the underworld were resurrected at the Charleston party recently. One silent movie reminded a member of the lost Conn's Plains.

The club has numerous members with adequate sewing skills. Their prowess was well demonstrated in the "sew on a patch" race.

Very good singing at Barney Base Camp campfire. Leading male vocalists during rehearsals were "Piggy" Walker, "Dave" Gilby and "Cyril" Skehan. Rumour has it they have been booked to appear at the Sydney Opera House shortly - Kath V. note! new recruits for the concert!!!

Throwing rocks to splash other people resulted in forced swims for a number of members.

Uncle Joe cooks a good "Irish" stew. It's nationality was not accidental.

ABC reports a minor gold rush in W.A. Coincidence?

Base campers laying odds whether throughwalkers would return at their ETA of 4.45p.m. Search parties were being organised prematurely. (That last word was added by a throughwalker and so should be disregarded).

Certain throughwalker somewhat embarrassed when he couldn't locate his pack in the Isolated/ North saddle of Mt. Barney. The news was soon all over the mountain.

Larry Corkran's fruit cake found to be electrically charged on the Warning throughwalk. Said Oliver, "It must have a lot of currents in it".

Peter Gleeson carries cut sandwiches for breakfast on throughwalks - it enables him to sleep in - until 6.30a.m.

Twenty foot from the top of Mt. Warning, Peter McMahon lost all energy to continue. However, he soon revived after a tasty meal of 5 witchety grubs. He enjoyed them too - so he says.

Cost of showers at Greenmount to be increased owing to large quantity of water used by renegade bushwalkers.

Returning from Mt. Warning, Chris Sweeney took a short cut to dodge the traffic and inadvertently ended up in Canungra.

BUSHWALKER'S CASEBOOK (Cont).

ADC missed out in the National Service Raffle. Claims he never wins anything.

Various members being very civic minded participating in Warana activities. Gerry de Wit went street walking for a change; Hank de Wit advertised a colour group; Denise Lythall went adventuring and Paul Skehan went canoeing. He finished 14th.

Despite going down 3 rubbers to 13, a most enjoyable day was spent by 8 people playing table tennis for a trophy retained by the opposition.

Two teams have since been formed and may play BTTA fixtures for practice, in the hope that the competition will be closer next March.

Does the Club Constitution provide for membership of a Corgi? 8 prospective members passed gaping bushwalkers on recent Mt. Warning trip. No more transport worries for Larry.

Ask Mary Boland if she can recommend anyone to bring along an extra sleeping bag for your next weekend camp.

Villanova Players' next major production is "Hang Your Clothes On Yonder Bush", by Barbara Stellmach. This play is a "sophisticated adult comedy" and won First Prize in the Cronella Arts Playwriting Competition. The opening night is Friday 7th November and as this will be the Queensland Premier supper will be provided. How about a party booking?

Would you believe that a censor has yet to see this issue?

STOP PRESS: Congratulations to Terry Boyle and Rhonda West on their recent wedding.

