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The monthly General Meeting is held in the Temperance Hall, Hotel Canberra Building (Edward Street entrance) on the third Monday of each month.

OFFICE BEARERS (until Annual Meeting on April 16th).

President	Chaplain Fr.K.Aspinall	90.6280	Treasurer	Merv. Galvin
Vice President	Col. McLellan		Outings Recorder	Sherry Sawarde
General Secretary	Kath. Clancy	48.5391	Social Secretary	Mary Leahy
Outings Secretary	Byron Moss	89.1313		79.3039.

COMING EVENTS.

Weekend	May 4th/7th	Bunya Mountains	Long Weekend
Sunday	May 13th	Annual Communion and Breakfast	Grange Hill and later
Monday	May 21st	General Meeting	Hotel Canberra
Sunday	May 27th	Day Walk	Temperance Hall
Weekend	July 20/22nd	Girls' Retreat	Samford-Strathpine
			Ave Maria, Coorparoo.

EDITORIAL.

The Club year has finished and it is time to stock take. The Annual Report provides a competent summary of the twelve months but it is time for us all to ponder on the Club and its purpose. We have lately been forced to cancel a weekend walk because only six people were sufficiently interested to nominate out of a membership of 155. At the same time social functions have been particularly well patronised, and this is indeed a good thing both from the fact that they are vital to let members get to know each other and because financially they keep the subscription at a most reasonable figure. But the very life of a bushwalking Club is BUSHWALKING. Unless a club has a strong group of people interested in the true meaning of the term, such a club has not reached its maturity. When listening to reports of some recent trips, the impression is gained that the highlight of the trip was a visit to the "Goody" shop. We also hear of senior members still attempting to hire tents when they should have purchased this vital piece of equipment for themselves long ago. If we do not watch out, we could find ourselves excelling in all auxiliary pursuits and slipping backwards in our main object, which is bushwalking. Let us ensure that it does not happen.

I wished to go awalking, in our bush so wide and free,
So I joined the Club and figured I would go accordingly,
I attended every Social, bowling night and House Par-tee
Never missed a monthly meeting with its cup of hot strong tea,
I went to every barbecue, equipped with knife and fork,
In fact the only thing I missed, was EVERY SINGLE WALK.

MAY DAY WEEKEND TRIP - BUNYA MOUNTAINS - MAY 4th/7th. Nominations of THREE POUNDS (£3.0.0) close at Club Box on Friday 27th April. Bus leaves Redline Depot Roma Street at 6.30 p.m. on the Friday evening. Leaders Frank Brown and Jim Collins and Contact Officer Byron Moss. The Bunya Mountains National Park is situated about 160 miles from Brisbane via Toowoomba, Dalby, and Kaimkillenbun and the return trip will be made via Kingaroy, Nanango and Toogoolawah. The highest points in the range are Mount Mowbullen (3511 ft) and Mount Kiangerow which is slightly smaller. The top of the range where the campsite will be situated is approximately 3000 feet high so allow a good supply of warm clothing. Full water bottles are essential before departing from Brisbane as there will be no water at the first camp site; also, bring good torches as there will be a walk on Saturday night. The Bunya Mountains are named after the unbelievably high bunya nut trees that thrive on the mountains. These trees, known to the natives as

'Bon-Yee' trees are technically *Aracaria Bidwellii* and it is still possible to observe aboriginal toe holes in the ancient trunks where they scaled the giants to obtain the nuts which were a highly prized possession. Other vegetation includes hoop pine, Beech, Myrtle, Figs, Tree Ferns and Bottle trees. A particularly fine stand of bottle tree is visible a few miles on the Dalby side of the Park.

A feature of the Park is the mysterious formation known as the "Balds". These represent small areas in the middle of the thick rain forest areas in which no trees whatsoever will grow. These clearings are definitely natural and have not been cleared by man. Bird life is perhaps in greater abundance than any other area we have visited. The mountains have well worth seeing water falls including the Great Falls (ringed by hoop pines), Pestoon Falls, and McGrory's Falls. Graded walking tracks lead to Mts. Mowbullen and Kiangarow from which it is possible to look over 2000 square miles of the Darling Downs. The sunsets particularly are memorable as normally the sun's rays filter through the red soil haze and lead to very colourful spectacles.

Older members will recall that our first meeting at the Temperance Hall featured an illustrated lecture on the Bunyas by Mr. Len Ollson, the National Park Overseer at the time. His colour slides were exceptionally interesting and should be a vivid advertisement to all who can to attend this trip. The Bunya National Park was gazetted in 1908 and was one of the earliest of our parks. Although the fare for this trip is £3.0.0 it can be guaranteed as a trip well worth the money.

ANNUAL COMMUNION AND COMMUNION BREAKFAST - MAY 13th. - This long desired ideal has at last become a reality. Thanks to Father Aspinall, we will have Father as Celebrant of Mass at Grange Hill Chapel on Gregory Terrace near the Museum on Sunday May 13th, at 10 a.m. This time should suit everybody dependent on public transport. The Breakfast will be held in the Jacaranda Room, Hotel Canberra (remember Father Hayes' sendoff) at 11.30 a.m. The cost of the Breakfast will be 10/6 a head and please notify the Secretary at least one week beforehand so that the reservation can be made. Also send remittance before the final week. If for any reason you cannot attend the Breakfast, please endeavour to attend the Mass and Communion. Be a pioneer in what should become a highlight of every Club Year.

MONTHLY MEETING, TEMPERANCE HALL, MONDAY, MAY 21st. - We extend a big welcome to our original Secretary, Rosemary O'Brien, who will be showing colour slides of sections of her European wanderings. Rosemary returned to Brisbane some months ago and we look forward with considerable interest to her talk and slide show.

SUNDAY, MAY 27th - SAMFORD-STATHPINE DAY WALK. - Please send nominations of 10/- to Club Box by May 21st. Bus leaves Anzac Square (Adelaide Street) at 9 a.m. Leader Bob Chinn. This walk which follows the picturesque South Pine River is always delightful, particularly after rain. The green fields contrast with the cultivated farm lands, and the blue mountains of the Dagular Range make a pleasant backdrop. Platypus have been observed in the South Pine and an exceptionally pleasant day is assured.

NEWS AND VIEWS AND ECHOES FROM THE HILLS. - As proud poppa is writing this circular he gives first item to fact that Janelle Mary McLellan arrived on March 22nd to parents Maureen and Col - great excitement up Green Mountains way also with arrival of Kerry Elizabeth to Vince and Lona O'Reilly - Pair of slacks left in bus last Exhibition Wednesday identified as Margaret Lestranger's - please collect Margaret - New members Marie Baker, Brenda Caffery, Maurice Costello, Marg Hammond, Marie Kean, Jennifer Tracey, Patricia Tatham and Terry Sheehan welcomed. Good luck to all new committee members and thanks to all retiring ones for hard work during year.

