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# MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 1969.

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, September 15th. at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

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EDITORIAL. by Paul Skehan.

Our recent throughwalk in the Running Creek area has brought many important aspects of trip organisation to light.

After being considered in some circles as unnecessary, the Emergency Officer system has proved to be essential. In this case the Emergency Officer was able to advise worried parents of the latest developments and also organise alternative transport. To do this the names of all those attending any particular trip must be known to the Emergency Officer.

A trip leader is selected because of his leadership capabilities and knowledge of the area through which the trip will run. We were reminded of the necessity of these requirements when the leader was able to continue even in darkness because of his knowledge of the area. His drive and sense of humour were contagious.

I will remember this trip for a number of reasons, especially the manner in which everyone abided by the decisions of the leader. This must certainly have made a difficult task much easier. Everyone welded themselves into a team, each thinking of the team as a whole and ready at all times to give assistance when needed to the "other fellow." We were not without our Bob Hopes; news flashes at one stage had aid coming from China and Mr. Nixon flying to Geneva for a conference to discuss the situation.

Our thanks are extended to those who gave of their time and sleep in their endeavours to provide and organise transport for us. Special thanks both to Mr. Brooks for his willingness to take the bus back to Running Creek after Mass at Beaudesert on the off chance that the through-walkers had reached their destination and to the nuns at Beaudesert Convent for "taking in" the basecampers, and for their help and concern.

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CLUB CALENDAR:

WEEKEND 12/14TH. SEPT. Base Camp/Throughwalk - Barney Hut.  
MONDAY 15TH. SEPTEMBER General Meeting.  
SATURDAY 20TH. SEPTEMBER Social - Charleston Party.  
WEEKEND 26/28TH. SEPT. Base Camp/Throughwalk - Mt. Warning.  
SUNDAY 5TH. OCTOBER Daywalk - Mount Moon.  
WEEKEND 10/12TH. OCT. Mount Castle trip - CANCELLED.  
WEEKEND 18/19TH. OCT. Annual Retreat.  
MONDAY 20TH. OCTOBER General Meeting.  
WEEKEND 24/26TH. OCT. Base Camp/Throughwalk - Obi Obi.  
WEEKEND 7/9TH. NOVEMBER Base Camp - New Members S. & T.  
MONDAY 17TH. NOVEMBER General Meeting- Photo Competition.  
FRIDAY 12TH. DECEMBER Christmas Party.

The detailed programme for November to February is being planned at present and will be published in the October circular.

Remember the five day trip at New Year.

Attendances falling off recently - remember, the bigger the crowd the lower the fare.

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COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

WEEKEND 12/14TH. SEPTEMBER - BARNEY PILGRIMAGE - BASE CAMP AND THROUGHWALK:

<u>Leaders-</u>	Paul Wijngaarden (T.W.) - John Walker (B.C.)
<u>Fare-</u>	\$3.00
<u>Time-</u>	7.00p.m.
<u>Nominations-</u>	Monday 8th. Sept.
<u>Departs-</u>	North Quay.
<u>Emergency Officers-</u>	No. 1 - Mike Laherty (97.6303).
	No. 2 - Kevin Herlihy (39.2309).

On Barney Pilgrimage weekend, all the bushwalking Club go to Barney for a get-together at the saddle, although only the throughwalkers will reach the top. Barney is the most spectacular mountain in Queensland and the base-campers will have many opportunities to see it from different angles.

The throughwalk will have an early start (fair warning - N.B. Ivan is leader!) to climb Eagle's Ridge on Saturday and come down over west and Midget peaks on Sunday. So nominate early, throughwalkers.

The basecamp will visit Logans Gorge one day, and on the next there will be either a trip part way up one of the ridges or a walk up beautiful Barney Creek. Basecamp will be at the Club Hut.

MONDAY 15TH. SEPTEMBER - GENERAL MEETING TEMPERANCE HALL, CANBERRA HOTEL, AT 7.30P.M.

Notice of motion has been received for discussion at the General Meeting:-

(1) that a concert be included in the Club Social programme, to be held in February or March 1970.

(2) that a producer be appointed and a sub-committee formed to assist the producer in the smooth production of the function.

~~Feature of the evening will be a showing of slides~~  
by the Club Chaplain, Fr. Keohane, about Blue Mountains  
and Tasmania - Father's favourite areas.

Also come early for the Outings Report!

SATURDAY 20TH. SEPTEMBER - SOCIAL - CHARLESTON NIGHT:

Venue- Home of Jan Weston, 304 Bancroft Rd. Myrtle town.  
Admission- 80¢ Time- 7.45p.m.  
Nominations- to Social Secretary by Monday 15th. Sept.

Come along all you guys and flappers to the Charleston night to be held at the home of Jan Weston. Everyone is expected to be suitably attired, i.e. in the costume of the times. There will be prizes for the best costumes, so flappers get out your flouncy dresses and beads, and guys, don't forget to wear your snappiest outfit and please leave those machine guns at home.

There will be the usual grand supper but as this is the prohibition era, only tea, coffee and cordials will be served. Anyone seen in the possession of liquor will be machine-gunned on sight!

WEEKEND 26/28TH. SEPTEMBER - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK - MOUNT WARNING:

Leaders- Paul Wijngaarden (T.W.) Pat Ebert (B.C.)  
Fare- \$3.60 Time- 7.00p.m.  
Nominations- Monday 22nd. Sept. Departs- North Quay.  
Emergency Officers- No. 1 - Mike Laherty (97.6303)  
No. 2 - Kevin Herlihy (39.2309).

The base campers will climb Mount Uki on Saturday to obtain views of Warning which will be climbed on Sunday. (Warning has a graded track to the top). Camera enthusiasts will find some beautiful scenery on the Tweed river near here.

The Throughwalk will be our first "exploratory" trip (see elsewhere) and will attempt to climb Warning from the West. No pre-outing has been done so success cannot be guaranteed but it should be a good walk all the same. Potential T.W. leaders should find this trip very educational.

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Reader- Kathy Boyle Time- 9.00a.m.  
Fare- \$2.00 Departs- North Quay behind  
Nominations- Monday 29th. Sept. Courts.  
Emergency Officers- No. 1 - Mike Laherty (97.6303).  
 No. 2 - Kevin Herlihy (39.2309).

Mount Moon is reached through Boonah and will be well known to Panorama Point veterans.

Nominations should already be in for this important function. They are however, down on previous years. It is still not too late to nominate and show that the Club does have a strong spiritual side. Nominate with Kath Vingo at 48.6178.

The Club has an interesting selection of books and magazines in its library. Don't forget its existence. Use your library to advantage.

If anyone knows of any books that they feel the Club should have, librarian Margaret Boyle will be delighted to hear from you.

He that giveth by the inch, but promiseth by the yard, deserveth to be kicked by the foot.

I PREACH TO THE LEPERS: (Part 2)by Fr. M. Keohane, O.M.I.

The Catholic patients at Derby number approximately 200. No church building was ever provided for any of these people, but with faith and fortitude, the Catholics, using whatever material was at hand, usually scrap, erected a church. It had no ecclesiastical design to it, but it was their own, dear to them because they had built it with their own crippled hands and afflicted bodies. Since then a new Church has been built.

Into this humble house of worship, all who were not bed cases assembled for the exercises of the mission. The old, the blind, the maimed - all united in suffering and worship. The fruits of the mission were visible in the numbers who approached the confessional.

It is not a pleasant task for a priest to bend down while deformed or sightless leprous patients whisper into ones ear. Perhaps it is natural at times to feel a nausea at the foul odor that accompanies some of the decaying bodies. Were such work to be carried out merely for a philanthropic reason, few would do it. But the missionary priest had only to look at the good sisters whom the Charity of Christ urges on to live continually amongst these people, to gain from their example the fervor to show no repugnance nor turning away.

As a precaution, the priest, when anointing a leprous patient, wears gloves. Once in a while, time may not permit this. One afternoon I received a sick call to an Aboriginal woman named Winnie. When I reached the bedside, the sufferer was in her agony. As I bent down to whisper the Holy Name into her ear, she passed suddenly from her agony to eternal life. There was no alternative but to anoint her at once without bothering to obtain gloves. Yet, the chances of infection by such isolated cases of contact are very small.

The heat of the tropics and the nature of the ailment demand that the corpse be buried without delay. Timber suitable for coffins is most difficult to obtain in the Kimberleys. The result of all these factors was that our poor Winnie was wrapped in a sort of sack for a burial shroud; for a hearse, we used one of the institution's trucks. I sat in front with the driver and we proceeded very slowly towards the burial ground followed by as pitiful and pathetic a cortege of mourners as ever followed a corpse.

It must be remembered that Winnie, while a Catholic, was an Aboriginal. The mourners consequently were mostly Aborigines and many of them pagans. They have an almost psychotic fear of death and, above all, are terrified of dying where they cannot be buried in tribal grounds. Aborigines near the end of their lives have been known to stagger and crawl hundreds of miles here in Australia so that they might die back on the tribal lands.

To many of Winnie's pagan mourners, then, it was a great tragedy that she had thus died at the leprosarium and was to be buried far from tribal lands. I finished the burial prayers and stepped back from the grave. As I did so, the pagan mourners took over. Shrieks, as if all the world's banshees had assembled for a final yell, rent the air. It was horrible. Some, in their hysterical outbursts of grief, threw dust on their heads while others beat themselves with sticks or stones or whatever implements were at hand.

Late that night, I noticed that the pagan custom of lighting a fire by the grave was observed. The object of this is to hide the tracks of the living who buried the corpse so that the spirit of the departed may not follow them.

True to pagan custom, Winnie's name was never again mentioned among them and her friends went back to their favorite pastime, gambling. Hour after hour they play cards, not for money of which they have none, but for tobacco.

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The last night, after the mission closed, the leper patients put on a little show for me. Forty-five Aboriginal actors sang, with surprising beauty, such old-country airs as, "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms," and "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls."

Next day, I departed back across the mud flats, leaving the leprosarium and its covering mirage behind me.

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FEDERATION REPORT:

by Madonna Stratford.

When you hear mention of Federation, are you aware of what it is all about? To you, is it an unknown group of people employed in mysterious doings which are in some way connected with bushwalking? If this is the case, let me try to explain a little and perhaps clarify the matter for you.

In 1965 the University Bushwalkers made the first tentative moves to federate, i.e. unite the bushwalking clubs under one single body namely, The Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs. As all clubs approached on the idea applauded this suggestion, the Federation soon came into being with the adoption of a constitution.

The idea of Federation is to help member clubs with any problems that might arise from time to time, on problems relating to bushwalking as a whole. I must point out here, that Federation is purely a co-ordinating body, i.e. it is only an advisory body, but usually their advice is well worth listening to.

Some of the aims and objects of Federation are listed below:-

- (1) To promote the interests of all affiliated clubs and extend their privileges and facilities.

- (2) To encourage safety among bushwalkers and to provide for co-ordination in search and rescue.
- (3) To promote the establishment and preservation of National Parks and primitive areas and reserves for the protection of native flora and fauna.
- (4) To prevent the despoliation of the natural scenery and wildlife and to educate public opinion to appreciate and preserve these things.

These aims and objects I feel, are very worthy of everyone's attention.

Federation at present consists of two representatives or delegates of the following clubs:-

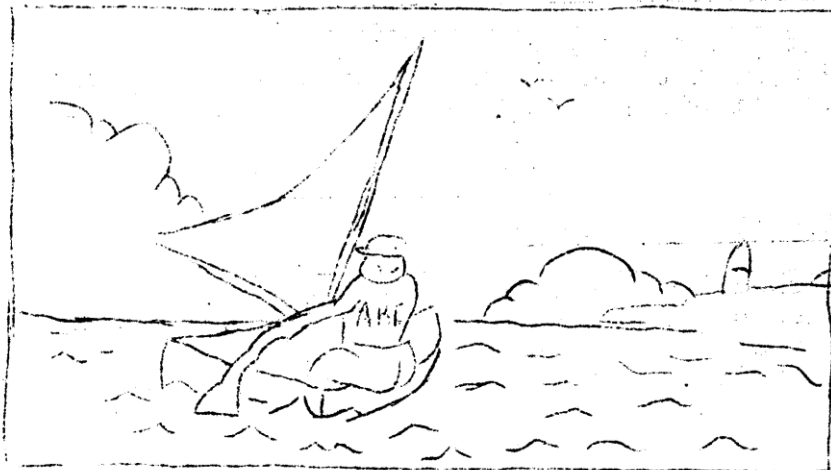
The Binna Burra Bushwalking Club.  
The Brisbane Bushwalking Club.  
The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.  
The Bushwalkers Family Club.  
The Ipswich Catholic Bushwalking Club.  
The National Parks Association of Queensland.  
The Brisbane Rockclimbers Club.  
The University of Queensland Bushwalkers Club.  
The Y.M.C.A. Ramblers.  
The Youth Hostels Association of Queensland.

These delegates attend the Federation meeting, which is held approximately every eight weeks. At present I am one of the representatives for our Club and Larry Corkran is the other.

To date Federation has undertaken and completed a sizeable amount of work. At present its main and most pressing task is the co-ordination of an adequate search and rescue team. This is being set up, with the help of all member clubs and the police. A rescue stretcher has been purchased and is being shipped from Scotland. Other necessary rescue equipment will be purchased as finance becomes available.

Another aspect of Federation work I would like to mention here, is the help that has been given the Forestry Dept., in clearing tracks and removing and disposing of rubbish from popular walking areas. In this day of many tourists and unfortunately, unthinking bushwalkers, this problem of rubbish dumping is very much on the increase and will prove an even greater problem in the future. I feel it is a feather in Federation's cap to be firstly privileged to assist in the clearing of track systems, and secondly that they are undertaking the pressing task of disposing of litter.

To sum up, Federation in fact, by ironing out problems relating to bushwalking, helps the Clubs to help themselves to more enjoyable outings, and in so doing, endeavours to protect them while on such outings.



AB SAILING

NOTICESPROPOSED EXTENDED TRIP - NEW YEAR:

Venue: C A R N A R V O N S.

Tentative dates: Wednesday 30/12/69 to Sunday 4/1/69  
means you will need Wednesday and  
Friday off from work.

Base camp well inside the National park is  
contemplated, to make other features including Battleship  
Spur accessible.

Cost \$15-20 depending on the number going.

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DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR LODGINGS?

If you do, Gerry and Hank de Wit are seeking a  
third person to share the house they are renting at  
23 Ada Street, Toowong.

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CANCELLATION OF LAIDLEY CREEK TRIP:

Scheduled for the weekend 10/12th. October, this  
trip has now been cancelled. Difficulties in obtaining  
leaders and the general heavy programme have caused the  
cancellation.

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T:

Peter McMahon (East Brisbane) is interested in  
purchasing a second-hand Kiandra (extra long) sleeping  
bag. Ring Peter at 91.3532.

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Members are asked to take note of the fact that the throughwalk for September to Mount Warning, will be in the nature of an "exploratory" trip. An exploratory trip is one where no pre-outing has been done so the trip itself is in effect run on a pre-outing basis. An exploratory trip while endeavouring to return at a suitable hour, can offer no guarantees, and those wishing to attend should be aware of this fact.

Open "private" trips at times have caused animated discussion. Such trips are not necessarily frowned on and can be treated as Club trips provided they are conducted to the Club's usual principles of behaviour and subject to Committee approval. However there will be a clarification of all these matters in the editorial of the October circular. Due to lack of space Larry's article on "Club" and "Private" trips could not be printed this month and will appear as next month's editorial.

Larry Corkran wishes to advise his fans that his telephone number at work has now been changed to 33.9415. However he asks that you do not use this number unnecessarily as he prefers to be rung up at home. (The boss gets suspicious).

The following members have completed the requirements for Ordinary Membership and have been declared Ordinary Members by Committee resolution. Congratulations to:-

Lyn Boatwright	Maurice Allen
Garth Comerford	Paul Elliot
Greg Gilby	Peter Gleeson
Tom Plunkett	Chris Sweeney

Financial Membership reached 100 last month. A complete membership list will be published later in the year.

Madonna Stratford's article on the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs should be noted by members. Madonna is the Federation's current President and has been a Club delegate for a number of years.

Federation policies are formed after considering the opinions of member organisations which do not necessarily agree. If you have any opinion to express on any matter of Federation policy, you are invited to use the general business section of the General Meeting for this purpose. Your help in the process of forming a Club attitude on these matters is always welcomed.

If you have a first or second edition of the song book and wish it to include the songs and new index of the third edition, bring your song book to the meeting. The extra pages are available for five cents and will be stapled together for you at no extra cost.

Members are always welcome to contribute material to the Club Circular by sending in articles on trips or on other matters of interest. Letters to the editor or letters to Committee will be welcomed.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Michael Grigg, Unit 1C, Whyenbah Home Units,  
Markwell Street, Hamilton. 4007.

Gerry & Hank de Wit, 23 Ada Street, Toowong. 4066.

LAST MONTH'S TRIPS:

Seventeen members attended the Flinders Peak day-walk led by John Sanders on 3rd. August.

The following weekend saw four members on a pre-cutting for the Running Creek throughwalk and three climb Barney via Leaning Peak, returning via Barney Gorge. Ideal weather conditions prevailed.

The overnight base camp/day-walk for the Barney Mass was the best attended on record. A total of nearly eighty people participated including fifty current members, two former members, Sister Evelyn

Mary (Rita Clancy) and Sister Mary Gelsus (Sherry Sawarde), some girls from Corinda convent and some parents. A party of twenty climbed Mezzanine Ridge while the others followed the route up South Ridge. Everybody was up by 1.0p.m. It was an overcast day and the top half of the mountain was covered in cloud. Many got rather damp as a result. Fr. Oderick O.F.M. of Padua College celebrated Mass in the absence of Fr. Keohane, who was on Retreat. All were back at the transport by nightfall.

Twelve attended the Base Camp at Running Creek, while eleven travelled by train to the Border Loop, walked to the Tweed Trig on Saturday and rock-hopped??? down the South branch of Running Creek on Sunday, before returning home on Monday morning. The rest of this story is covered elsewhere.

To finish off the month, thirty-five went caving at Texas on the trip organised by Mike Laherty. The Federation track clearing activity proposed for this weekend had been cancelled.

#### BUSHWALKER'S CASEBOOK:

Many members had a most enjoyable evening at the recent Rural Youth Ball at the City Hall. Almost everybody stayed till the end at 3.0a.m. and recovered sufficiently to go roller skating at Red Hill that night. Kath reports forty-one turned up. Most people learned quickly and ventured away from the railing before the night was out and then adjourned to the O'Mahoney residence for supper.

Monica (Bunie) Fienberg moving to Canberra to take up a position with the Commonwealth Department of Census and Statistics. Bunie was "guest of honour" at a Bar-b-que at Ferny Grove on Friday 5th. September.

Villanova Players are presenting a comedy thriller this month at St. James' Hall, Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Dates are September 5,6,12,19,20,26 and 27th. The play is called "Miss Pell is Missing" and the cast includes Leon Buchanan.

Congratulations to Brian McLoughlin who has announced his engagement to Margaret Doyle of Launceston, Tasmania.

Congratulations to former member, Carmel Ozanne of Bardon on her wedding to Jim Hansen of Red Hill.

Conversation on the Running Creek throughwalk in its closing stages.

"overdue, refugees from Border Loop prison train, last seen carrying packs of ticks."

"China promises aid".

"Mr. Nixon flies to Geneva for conference."

"Mr. Gorton undecided what to do."

And so it went on.

Jim Collins doing some walking around Melbourne recently.

Club Hut found again after strenuous 1½ search by Ivan and two comrades. The comrades are not as keen on leftist tendencies now as they used to be.

Five Club Members taking three weeks trip to Perth especially to collect ammunition for the Photographic competition in November.

Mike Laherty says "stirring rather than stagnation." Dictionary definition of stagnation- "cease to flow" - we wish this could have happened at Running Creek!

Therese M. drove ten miles to buy an ice-cream! !

If your knees are knocking, kneel on them.



