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Monthly General Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St. entrance). The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th October at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

CLUB CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING	19th October,	
FLINDERS PEAK	25th October,	Daywalk
BEAU BRUMMELL	15th November,	Daywalk
GENERAL MEETING	16th November,	Slide Competition
BEACH PICNIC	22nd November,	
COOLOOLA	27/29th November,	BASE/T.walk
MT. EDWARDS	6th December,	Daywalk
CHRISTMAS PARTY	12th December,	
GENERAL MEETING	21st December,	
GUANABA GORGE	10th January,	Daywalk
SOCIAL	23rd January,	
GIBRALTAR RANGE	30th.Jan, 1st Feb.	Basecamp
CLUB RETREAT	12/14th February	
SAFETY & TRAINING	26/28th February	Basecamp

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AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - Proposer Kathy Graham,
Secunder Brian Hanvin.

The following amendment to the constitution will be voted on at the October General Meeting.

9(iv) That the words "except such moneys provided for under Section 9(v)" appearing in the 2nd sentence be deleted.

9(v) Repeal completely.

The effect of the above amendments will be to close the Outings Account and to operate on the General Account. This shall enable the Treasurer to have a tighter control over club finances. The Committee is in favour of the above amendments.

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL

GENERAL MEETING

The feature for the October meeting will be a film accompanied, if possible, by a talk on road safety.

FLINDERS PEAK DAY WALK

DATE. 25th October, 1970

FARE £ 2.50

TRANSPORT From North Quay (behind Trittons) at 9a.m.

LEADER Peter Gleeson

Emergency Officer Michael Laherty (976303)

NOMINATIONS Close Monday 19th October.

Mt. Flinders is one of the closest mountains to Brisbane to which a trip is really worthwhile. It can be seen out to the south, near Ipswich, from almost any high point in Brisbane, the best view being from Red Hill church.

Like the Glasshouses, it is an old volcano; but it has not been as severely eroded as have the Glasshouses in the 25million years, or so, since its emplacement. Consequently some of the original lava and rocks blasted out of the volcano still lie around the core or plug. Near the top, between different layers of ejected volcanic material some caves have formed. On the southern side of the mountain there is a whole string of them which as far as it can be established the club has never visited before. They are interesting, and the trip will include a visit to them; but not so large that you will need any caving gear.

Its only a short walk from the lunch spot near the caves to the main peak which is the actual plug. The mountain is about

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2,000ft. so, dust haze, smog, smoke permitting a very wide view to the ranges is possible.

There is no water on the mountain so, unless you can do a successful rain dance, come prepared with 2 or 3 pints of water.

Trip Rating - difficult for a daywalk but if you can walk up Edward St. to the Canberra, with a little extra time you'll make the steep pinch on Flinders.

We will be leaving North Quay on time. To ensure that you aren't left behind aim to reach the Quay one quarter to one half an hour early.

BEAU BRUMMELL

DAYWALK

DATE 15th November
FARE £ 2.50
LEADER Terry Panton
TRANSPORT From North Quay (behind Trittons) at 9 a.m.
EMERGENCY OFFICER Michael Laherty (976303)

Mt. Beau Brummel, 2297ft., is a peak in the Little Liverpool Range, which runs north from Mt. Castle. It overlooks Mount Walker and Fraser on the east, with views extending across to Flinders Peak and Ivory's Rocks. To the west lies the Mistake Range, with Mount Mistake and Zahal being prominent.

FULL WATER BOTTLES (of at least pint capacity) ARE NECESSARY ON THIS TRIP.

GENERAL MEETING

The November Meeting is set aside for the Annual Photographic Competition. There will be three sections Open, Land/Seascape, and Characters. Be careful when deciding in which section a slide should be entered. The entry fee will be 5c. per slide and a prize of £2 for each section will be awarded. Members wishing to submit slides should give them to the Secretary at the October meeting. Judging the competition will be Gerry De Wit.

BEACH PICNIC

DATE 22nd November,
FARE £ 3.00
TRANSPORT from North Quay (behind Trittons) DEPARTURE 8.15am
DESTINATION Noosa Heads.
NOMINATIONS All nominations to be with Chris at the October general meeting, where full details will be given.

COOLOOLA

DATE 27/29th November,
LEADER Brian McMahon Throughwalk - Kath Vingoe Basecamp.
FARE \$ 4.50
TRANSPORT from North Quay (behind Trittons) at 6.30p.m.
NOMINATIONS Close November general meeting.

NOTICES

Frazer Island, for anyone interested in it, has been well described in an article of Donna Ransom's. I have a copy and anyone wanting to see it should contact me.

Peter Gleeson.

HOI!

You fella wan sell walhum pack ?

Him bilonga "H-Frame".

Send ansa bilong brian McMahon

(roughly translated, I'm looking for a walking pack of the H-Frame type. The bigger the better.

If you can help, please ring me at 913532.)

Reminder

Dont forget to bring your entries for the slide competition to the NEXT general meeting. They will be collected by Denise and collated for the competition at the November general meeting.

The Bushwalkers Annual Xmas Party will be held this year at the Grassdale Country Club on Saturday, 12th December. Please keep this date in mind.

ANNOUNCING

The time has arrived to think once again about an exciting New Year walk, probably to some area further away that we dont have the time to reach at weekends.

The New Year period is a golden opportunity to extend our horizons for those who can obtain a 4 or 5 day break.

So far the outings secretary has not proposed a trip, and is not likely to, unless you let him know that you want a New Year trip.

In any case if anyone would like to organise and lead an "open" trip for members over New Year a club trip will probably not be run. The field for such a trip is wide open at this stage.

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MEMBERS PAGES

CONSERVATION AND ALL THAT

Brian McMahon.

Recently the question of conservation in Queensland took on a new light. In a blaze of publicity the campaign to conserve an area of our near north coast scored a resounding victory over the sandmining companies threatening to exploit the area for mineral sands. The area involved covers approximately 77,000 acres and stretches from Wide Bay, to the mouth of the Noosa River. It is bounded by the Noosa River and Tin Can Bay to the west, and the Pacific Ocean to the east, a major portion of being the Cooloola State Forest..

BACKGROUND

A short history of the area reveals some interesting facts. The Cooloola area, with a sandy soil supporting mainly swamp and forest was unsuitable for cattle, grazing or agriculture. Because of this the area was seldom visited by the early settlers. Those who did penetrate this inaccessible area were mainly hunters and timber getters as the eucalypt and rain forest boasted tall stands of kauri pine and beech. Logging operations were carried out up to the turn of the century, the felled trees being transported by one of two methods.. In the south the logs were built into rafts and floated down the Noosa River to a saw mill on the north-east shore of Lake Cootharaba. From here barges transported the sawn wood to the coast where it was loaded onto coastal steamers. In the north the logs were transported on tram cars along a timber tramway (somewhat similar to our cane tram in the sugar cane area) to the edge of Tin Can Bay and placed on barges. Part of this tramway remains, and is to be found about 7 miles southwest of Double Island Point.

The present lighthouse on Double Island Point dates back almost a century and is still fairly inaccessible. Access is either by boat or by land vehicle along the beach from Noosa or on the four wheel drive tracks through the forest.. Originally the whole area was very inaccessible and for conventional vehicles an impossibility. Gradually, however, the Army and the forestry depts. pushed tracks from the west. Recently these have become much better but are still suitable for four wheel drive vehicles only. In 1963 a sand mining company constructed the bitumen road to Rainbow Beach, which was a major step in opening up the area to those without 4 wheel drive transport.

Up to 6000 acres of this area contained workable percentages of mineral sands. A number of sandmining companies including Cudgen R.Z. Ltd., Queensland Sironium Pty. Ltd., and Consolidated Rutile Ltd., have spent in the vicinity of \$5 million in prospecting the area and providing such facilities as the bitumen road to Rainbow Beach. Mining operations are in progress just north of Noosa Heads and also at Inskip Point where after four

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years of operation this venture is reported to be on its last legs. When the mining companies applied for mining leases in the early 60's they encountered some opposition and withdrew their applications. However judging by the amount of money they then proceeded to spend in exploration it seems likely they received a tacit go-ahead from the government at the time. Certainly they did not expect the tremendous opposition they encountered and the subsequent objection of their applications by State Government after both the Mining Warden of Gympie and the State Minister for Mines came out in favour of the mining.

THE COOLOOLA AREA

The part of Cooloola most tourists see are the coloured sand cliffs near Teewah, and more recently the cliffs of Wide Bay (these are almost untouched as yet). Fishing parties are also dropped off along the beach and collected at the end of the day. Board riders operate mainly around Double Island and most fishing is done on the beaches on the eastern coast. The beaches are the most populated areas but this population could rarely reach above 100. Inland of the coastal dunes the land is virtually untouched and only the occasional 4 wheel drive track indicates the presence of some early visitor.

To the west, the land is low-lying with mainly wallum plains giving way to mangrove swamps on the fringes of Tin Can Bay. In the wild flower season, these plains are a mass of yellow, pink and white blooms. As the plains merge into the sand ridges, eucalypt appears with cool stands of thick rain forest. Near the coast banksia flourishes in sheltered groves carpeted with thick grass; flowered vines and pandanus cling to the sand cliffs overlooking the beach. A few miles south of Rainbow Beach, fresh water lakes occur in secluded valleys and fresh water streams flow from the base of the sand hills to the sea. Along the shores of Wide Bay there are some excellent coloured sand hills up to 200 feet high, stretching for about 4 miles. These are not as accessible as those at Teewah, as well as being part of the State Forest, and this has saved them from the abuse suffered at the more popular area. The Teewah tourists are taken over by four wheel drive vehicle and encouraged to dig up a bit of the coloured sand to take home. Recently one such tourist boasted a score of 29 plastic bags of sand! The effect of the cliffs is to leave well worn tracks and disfiguring gorge marks, transforming the scenic cliffs into merely a source of coloured sand. If Cooloola is declared a National Park this practice will be stopped and the cliffs might be restored.

Double Island Point stands apart from the sandhills and farms of the north east tip of Cooloola. It is a rocky isthmus of black basalt, with vertical cliffs and many steep crevices. In the near-by waters fish abound and both porpoises and tortoises are not uncommon sights. The lighthouse is built near the cliff line on the northern side and at night casts a lingering flash

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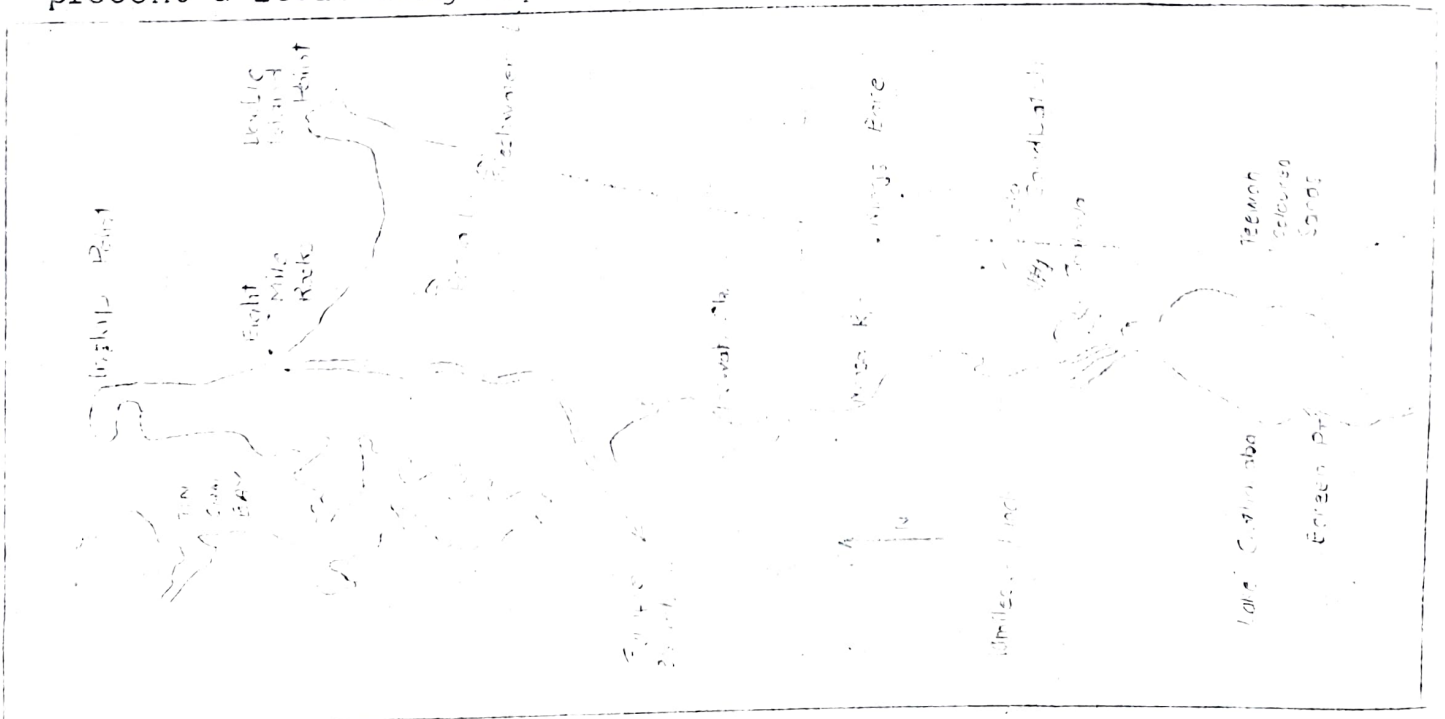
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over the surrounding land and out to sea. From a vantage point you can see right across the isthmus at the low lying neck, giving the impression of an island. The name itself is reported to originate from Cook's voyage of discovery in 1770.

In the forest and along the coast the sound of bird life is a constant welcome. Hawks, crows and sea birds are visible along the coast while inland the sound of many small voices is silenced by the cry of the whip bird. Other wild-life includes snakes, large goannas (the three foot variety) and emus on the plains.

Further south the Noosa River points the way to the lake country. Lake Cooloola is fresh but the others are salty or, in the case of Lake Como blackish. Boreen Point on the western shore of Lake Cootharaba is a popular fishing spot and visitors frequently make the trip to the eastern side and hence to Tewah. The extensive waterways of the Noosa River provide excellent boating and canoeing as the surroundings are virtually untouched. About two miles north-east of Lake Como is the Cooloola Sandpatch. A long valley leads from the coast and fine white sand is built up over an area of about a mile square almost completely encircled by vegetation.

The Cooloola area is unique in its arrangement of landforms, wildlife, and vegetation. It contains rare bird species, giant sandhills and lakes, and is an unspoiled piece of Australia. There is a tremendous amount to offer tourists, birdwatchers, scientists, bushwalkers, and people who simply want to get away from it all. This area will now almost be declared wholly or partially a National Park. It will be ironical if, like other popular spots this hard won area is despoiled by those who drop the empty cans and bottles on the beach and do not think of the next time they will visit the area, or of those who follow. Cooloola is at present a refreshing experience let's keep it that way.



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SAFETY & TRAINING

The following are a list of Club members who have volunteered for the Federation Search & Rescue Group. If any other members would like to volunteer, John Graham will be revising the list after the examinations.

John Graham 45 Waterworks Rd. Red Hill.
 Kathy Graham 45 Waterworks Rd. Red Hill
 Madonna Stratford 8 Stoneleigh St. Red Hill
 Pat Lawton 38 Stewart St. Ashgrove
 John Walker 19 Walsh St. Ipswich
 Greg Gilby 13 Paragon St. Yeerongpilly
 Denise Thompson 19 Brook St. Highgate Hill
 Gavin Clancy 15 Forsyth St. Fairfield
 Brian Mc Mahon 12 Heidelberg St. East Brisbane
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BUSHWALKERS CASE BOOK

Linda Moule celebrates her twenty-first birthday in October.
 Congratulations Linda.

Congratulations to Lyn Moynihan on reaching her majority.

Best wishes to Pat and Judith Ebert on their recent marriage.

Peter McMahon, who recently left for New Guinea, is now employed as a teacher in a missionary school in Kondiu, a small highland settlement. His address is P.O. BOX 130, Kundiawa, I.P.N.G.

Sincerest sympathy to Fr. John Power on the death of his mother.
 Sincerest sympathy to Brian Horan on the death of his mother.
 Sincerest sympathy to Frank Brown on the death of his father.

The committee wishes success to everyone studying for important exams in the coming weeks.

Paul Wijngaarden has just completed a 4 week camping tour of Europe and sends his regards to club members.

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BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB MONTHLY CIRCULAR

NOMINATION FORM (Trips or Social)

To: Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club, P.O. Box 151, Brisbane
North Quay, 4000.

I hereby nominate for
to be held on

I nominateas a visitor on the above
outing/social.

I/we enclose postal order/money order/cheque for \$.....
this being the specified nomination fee.

I/we undertake to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of
the Club. The Club or its agents does not accept any liability
for injury, loss or damage suffered or caused by any Member,
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Club's activities.

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