



# MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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## BUSHWALKING NEWS - DECEMBER, 1963.

The Monthly General Meeting is held in the Temperance Hall, Hotel Canberra (Edward Street Entrance) on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting will be January 20th, 1964.

### OFFICE BEARERS

President Chaplain	Fr. K. Aspinall	58-2126	Outings Secretary	Tony O'Brien	7-4750
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Treasurer	Leon Buchanan	49-1109			56-4851
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### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday	December 18th	Christmas Party	Catholic Church Hall
			Bowen Hills.
Wednesday	January 15th	Social - Iceskating	Mowbray Park.
Monday	January 20th	General Meeting	Temperance Hall.
Weekend	January 24/27th	Long weekend	O'Reillys.
Weekend	February 14/16th	Base Camp	Numinbah Valley.
Sunday	February 23rd	Day Walk	Tunbudla (The Twins)
			Glasshouse.
Sunday	February	Social	Car Rally.
Weekend	March	Base Camp	Barney Portals.
Sunday	March	Day Walk	Cedar Creek - Samford.
Weekend	April	Base Camp	Minto Crags.
Weekend	May	Long Weekend	Wyberba.
Weekend	June	Long Weekend	Swan Creek.

## EDITORIAL

There is a great need when bushwalking to be responsible without being inhibited. This need applies to all activities and it is particularly acute when there are obvious dangers and more so if the activity is confined to a small number of people. A few accidents on our mountains in the past months have highlighted this need.

However, often after these occurrences there arise demands that such activities should be banned, or at least severely regulated. Of course this is only natural. It demands that we consider the matter of safety, and the right of each member to decide for himself whether the flame is worth the candle, and included in the cost of the candle must be the worry and effort required of others if things go wrong.

There is no such thing as absolute safety. It is our own duty to see that we do not take too much upon ourselves. We must assess the risks and then do everything possible to minimise them. This applies to everything. We should train and equip ourselves and learn our limitations and not be show-offs. However it does not mean that we should never accept any challenge; that we should be afraid to stand up against natural obstacles. Most outdoor activities, especially bushwalking, can at times entail some risk. Occasionally these get to the headlines but let's try and keep them in perspective. There may be some form of craziness that should be banned but certainly not bushwalking. As members of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club let us try and retain a sense of responsibility without being inhibited.

### DECEMBER 18TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Members are reminded of the Christmas Party on Wednesday next. Particulars appeared in the last circular however for the benefit of new members we advise that it will be held at the Catholic Church Hall, Bowen Hills. It will commence at 8 p.m. and admission is 4/-, however if you bring supper along you will only have to pay 2/-. Santa will be there and everyone is asked to bring along a present to the value of 2/6.

Directions: If travelling by tram (Clayfield, Doomben or Ascot) get out at the first stop past Cloudland. Walk up Jordan Terrace, turn into Roche Avenue (first street on left) and will see Church and Hall in that street. For those going by train we suggest

you depart at Bowen Hills Station. Walk up Boyd Street and down steps into Church grounds.

JANUARY 15th - ICESKATING.

The Social for January is Iceskating at the MOWBRAY PARK ICESKATING RINK on Wednesday 15th January from 8 p.m. to 10.15. p.m. After the skating the nights entertainment will continue at the home of Roslyn Andrews' at Coorparoo. The cost of this wonderful nights amusement is only 7/6 which also includes the party following so come along and join in the fun.

We have been advised that 'better' shoes can be hired at an extra fee by any expert skaters. However for the benefit of the majority we remind you that cushions cannot be hired so it is advisable to take you own.

Nominations close with Social Secretary 8/1/64 (Don't send any money. Fee will be collected on the night.)

SOCIAL - FEBRUARY

The Social Committee are also busy organising a Car Rally for the February Social so all car owners can start getting their cars ready now. Details will appear in the next circular.

JANUARY 20TH - GENERAL MEETING (Temperance Hall)

The feature of the evening will be a showing of slides (possibly also a movie) by club members who recently did the through walk on the celebrated overland track across the mountains in the Cradle Mountain - Lake St. Clair Reserve in Tasmania. This National Park, with its scores of peaks, great valleys, lakes and forests is a bushwalkers paradise and an entertaining night can be anticipated.

JANUARY 24/27TH - O'REILLYS LONG WEEKEND.

Departure - Tamborine Depot.  
Time - 6.30.p.m.

Fare - 25/-  
Nominations close 20/1/64.  
Leader - Rosemary O'Brien.



The Annual trip to O'Reillys will take place on the January Long Weekend. As most members already know the Lamington National Park is a wonderland to those of all ages and it is expected that nominations will be heavy so it would be advisable to nominate early.

For the benefit of members how have never visited the area before we can certainly recommend it and we are sure that when you leave the Park you will have the desire to return again. There will be organised all-day trips to various areas, or you can walk and rest, or just rest and enjoy the health-giving air and wondrous beauty of the mountains, valleys, sea and sky that meets the eye at all angles.

The camp site will be near the Lone Pine and from this point early morning mists in the Western Valley are well worth rising early to see.

Some of the walks which will be arranged will most likely include:- Elabana Falls, Bethongabel, Lightning Falls and Echo Point, Blue Pool, Castle Crag, Lost World and Black Canyon plus many others.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The results of the various sections of the Annual Photographic Competition are as follows:-

	<u>General</u>	<u>Club Activities</u>	<u>Club Characters</u>
1.	Rosemary O'Brien	Pat Lawton	Madonna Stratford
2.	Pat Lawton	Pat Lawton	Claire Macquire
3.	Kath Clancy	Rosemary O'Brien	Madonna Stratford.
4.	Margaret Thompson		

Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to our judge Mr. Jack Laverty of the Queensland Colour Group.

## BARRANI

The fourth issue of our annual magazine 'Barrani' will be available at the meeting to-night. This magazine is published to assist in spreading the pastime of walking and to provide material of interest and assistance to all walkers, whether bushwalker, ex-bushwalker or armchair walker.

The magazine this year contains excellent photographs of the Barney Mass as well as interesting articles, poems and sketches. (You never know you may even read about yourself). It is advisable that you obtain your copy as soon as possible before supplies are sold out.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations to Pat and Raoul Mellish on the birth of their son - John Oakley. Social Committee pleased to see 74 people attended the beach picnic to Bribie Island - Let's see if we cannot get that number (or more) on the trip to O'Reillys. It cannot be said that there were no flys on the members who went to Koreela Gorge. Margaret Thompson and Margaret O'Shea both off to Tasmania for holidays while Mary Leahy and Marie Downs are heading down Melbourne way. Congratulations to Rosemary O'Brien on being elected our new Social Secretary. Believe that Sister Francis' (Sherry Sawarde) long habit does not deter her from racing around the Convent. Allan Giles proved himself to be a very capable bus driver on recent trip - Congratulations Allan. 126 financial members at present - 8 married couples, 64 girls and 52 boys. Wedding bells will be ringing on 28th December for two prominent club members - Anne Byrne and John Josefski. Moira McBurney also to be married early in January to Denis Gardner. Certain members appear to be enjoying camp fires lately. Kath Clancy was recently seen at Bogga Road Goal!! Many operations carried out on recent trip for the removal of ticks. Rita Byrne returning to Brisbane for Anne's wedding. Outing secretary's advice to members - "Don't pull iguana's tails, don't chase snakes and don't dive into pools". Members made a quick exit from creek at Koreela Gorge when they found they were swimming with a black snake. Tent manufacturers will be complaining of the decrease in sales if more members don't buy their own tents. Joch Murdoch is back in Brisbane again. Gavan Clancy now out of hospital and resting at home.

Following the exchange of 89 acres of Lamington National Park with 124 acres of freehold land held by O'Reillys, it has been suggest that the Government will most likely put down a system of tracks from the roadway to connect with the track already constructed to the foot of Morans Falls. Previously, access to the Falls was through private property. The land which has been taken from the Park is along the road to the Guest House, however provisions has been made for a strip of scrub to be preserved, thus ensuring scrub on both sides of the road.