



MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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BUSHWALKING NEWS - JANUARY, 1964.

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 February 17th, 1964.

OFFICE BEARERS

President Chaplain	Fr.K. Aspinall	58-2126	Outings Secretary	Tony O'Brien	7-4750
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COMING EVENTS.

Weekend	January 24/27th	Long Weekend	Lamington National Park (O'Reillys)
Weekend	February 14/16th	Base Camp	Numinbah Valley.
Monday	February 17th	General Meeting	Temperance Hall
Sunday	February 23rd	Day Walk	Glass Houses
Sunday	March 1st	Social	Car Picnic
Weekend	March 13/15th	Base Camp	Barney Portals
Sunday	March	Day Walk	Cedar Creek - Closeburn.
Monday	March 16th	General Meeting	Temperance Hall
	March	New Members Night	Hibernian Building
	April	Grand Annual Concert	All Saints Hall.

EDITORIAL

Let us all spare a tear for the end of a year,
And welcome a new one with fun and good cheer,
Move forward we must and move forward we shall
To stand still is to rust like a long silent bell
So in the New Year, give your best to the Club
And of all your enjoyments, may it be their hub.

A little more philosophical than usual, but one advantage of writing verse? is that one never knows where one will finish up. Why not make this year "The Year of the Great Leap Forward" as the rulers of a certain oriental state designated a recent period but let us hope we have more success than they achieved. Our Club has been in existence long enough now for the core of experienced walkers to take a larger interest and suggestions for trips, offers of leadership, coaching of newcomers and contesting of positions at elections should be forthcoming from these people. As far as newer members are concerned, and this also applies to the very latest to join our ranks, we depend on your support and cooperation to help us maintain our enthusiasm in the running of the Club. May all concerned do their utmost in the forthcoming 12 months and may all our walks be favoured with good weather, good fortune and good company.

JANUARY LONG WEEKEND - 24/27TH - O'REILLYS SECTION OF LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK.

Leader Rosemary O'Brien. Nominations of 25/- (bargain price) to Club Box by January 20th. Bus leaves 16 Roma Street 6.30 p.m. on the Friday.

Acclaimed throughout the Nation as one of Australia's most highly regarded National Parks, Lamington offers mountain scenery on the grand scale. O'Reillys Guest House is situated on the north west section of the Park and is the starting point for many really spectacular trips. The many waterfalls of the Canungra Creeks can be visited by the most inexperienced walker and the rain forest enshrouded fairyland lookouts of the main MacPherson Range can be comfortably reached in two hours. This is a particularly fine area for a bushwalking career to commence.

Veteran walkers will be well aware of the many places of interest off the beaten track and everyone will no doubt have a favourite spot to visit. The morning scene from the camp site usually is a view of mist covered lowlands with grey green peaks and ridges cutting through the mist in the whole western perimeter.

One word of warning. Advise the trip leader if you wish to attempt any trip other than the official ones so that your destination will be known to responsible people. 50,000 acres is a big area and it is essential that strict cohesion be maintained amongst all club members on this trip. Also remember that this is a three day trip so plan your tucker accordingly.

BASE CAMP - FEBRUARY 14/16TH - NUMINBAH VALLEY

Leader Mike Laherty. Nominations of 30/- to Club Box by Friday February 7th. Bus leaves 16 Roma Street on the Friday.

Numinbah Valley, known to the aborigines as the "Place of Devils" contains the Nerang River. This stream rises in the south eastern portion of Lamington National Park under the mighty ramparts of Wagawn, Orchid Bower and Ship's Stern. Well known tributary streams include Cave Creek dropping from Springbrook via Natural Arch and Nixon's or Ballanjui Creek flowing over the falls of the same name and then winding past Turtle and Egg Rocks to join the parent stream a little to the north.

The camp site will be on the main Nerang River adjacent to the road and about three miles north of Natural Arch. Turtle Rock represents a climb of about 1,000 feet and tunnels and caves formed by volcanic lava being pressure forced through older rock, will be visited. Even in mid-summer the caverns are quite chilly. They are also pitch dark in sections and torches are handy. Several waterfalls on Springbrook will be visible and exceptionally good views of the Binna Burra section of Lamington National Park including Egg Rock are readily obtainable from Turtle Rock. Southwards are the awe inspiring cliffs of Ship's Stern.

An interesting trip that is not particularly strenuous is to proceed to the state border by road and follow the border fence westwards to the Rock Wallaby Caves underneath a vantage spot known as Point Lookout. This used to be an access point to Mount Wagawn 2,000 feet higher up but the rough track is almost obliterated. The Caves are really overhangs and are referred to in detail in Arthur Groom's "One Mountain after Another".

If the weather is suitable a night visit to Natural Arch to view the glow worms is well within walking distance of the camp site.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING - TEMPERANCE HALL - MONDAY FEBRUARY 17TH. 8 P.M.

We have been fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Mr. Oscar Hausknecht for this evening. Mr. Hausknecht is a well known member and Councillor of the National Parks Association. He will be screening slides of Central Australia taken on two recent trips and besides covering the normal attractions he will be showing us places not usually accessible. Particularly interesting are Haarsts Bluff, Blanche's Tower, Mt. Zion and Pitchi-Ritchi. Do not miss this evening and if it is a warm night, you will feel much cooler after viewing this country which is truly representative of our "Red Heart".

DAY WALK - THE TWINS (GLASS HOUSES) - SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 23RD

Leader Brian Jones. Send nominations of 12/6 to Club Box by 20th. Bus leaves Anzac Square (Adelaide Street) 9 a.m. Bring full water bottles.

This walk will be detailed next circular. Suffice it to say that the Twins which rise 900 and 1050 feet respectively, afford sweeping views of the rest of the Glass House family, the reafforestation areas and the Caloundra district. Known to the aborigines as TUNBUBUDLA (Two mountains) the peaks were very popular vantage points in the early part of the century when the main Gympie Road passed close by. The new road passes some distance to the east of the mountains.

SUNDAY - MARCH 1ST - CAR PICNIC (SOCIAL)

This is real cloak and dagger stuff as you will not know your destination until you get your instructions from the organisers. These people will be disguised as pigeons and will be in Anzac Square at 9 a.m. sharp with sealed orders for you. During the day all cars will cover about 150 miles over scenic country and ample time will be allowed for lunch and also a barbecue tea (the latter very close to Brisbane). Swimming will be possible in a nearby river. Security does not make it possible to say where, but it is not the Fitzroy, Thames, Potomac or Volga. Seriously speaking, this should be a great day. Fill in nomination form attached to this circular and send to Club Box without delay. You will note that February 17th (Meeting Night) is the deadline and Rosemary states that this deadline is definitely fair dinkum.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Another of our popular new members nights is being arranged for March. The usual format consists of a 30 minute lecture by experienced walkers on equipment, safety, camp etiquette etc. an equal time for questions and a display of slides demonstrating salient points. More details later but keep an eye on prospective recruits and contact them when the venue and date are finalised. It will probably be the Hibernian Building, Adelaide Street.

BOOK REVIEW

Two publications of interest to members have made their appearance. The first is our own Club Annual "Barrani" on sale at 2/6. Once again this magazine provides interesting reading and covers travel, anecdotes, poems, triumphs and disasters and the various authors, poets etc. are all club members. Particularly striking are the accompanying cartoons and photographs taken of the Annual Barney Mass provide a very moving introduction to the magazine. It is to be hoped that Barrani receives its justifiable number of purchasers. Make sure you receive your copy at the next meeting.

The other publication is Bernard O'Reillys "Over the Hills". This book again demonstrates the authors brilliance in writing fluently on simple things and his knack of making the bushland we know so well, live so vividly, is carried on in this book. It is particularly suitable as a present to bush loving friends. Club members will be interested in the chapters dealing with Lost World Guest House and older ones will recall our visit there in 1958. A word of criticism could be levelled at a certain similarity between various photographs and also some exaggerations such as "waist deep kikuyu grass" but in general the book deserves the highest praise.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Keep your April appointment book free until you learn the date of our Grand Annual Concert; it would be tragic to miss this highlight of Brisbane's Theatre Year. Membership is still increasing and now stands at 129 - Congratulations to Pam Davy and Frank Brown on recent engagement - Good wishes to Rita Dwyer who is entering Rosary Sisters - Margaret Hounslow left for New Guinea where she will spend three years as a lay missionary with the Franciscans - Carmel Nolan married recently - Geraldine Buchanan attained her majority - Wedding bells pealed for Anne Byrne and Jack Josefski, Rita travelled up for ceremony - Peter Murphy touring in Central Australia - Mike Carmichael and Carmel Steele likewise in Tasmania - Frances Horan off to England and the Continent - Christmas cards received from various members in various parts of world, always glad to hear from them - Committee member recently embroiled with Medico resulting from horseless carriages colliding;

"It may be just as well, If her name we do not tell,
And as discreetness we are courtin'
We won't divulge her as "
