



MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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The Monthly General Meeting is held in the Temperance Hall, Hotal Canberra (Edward Street entrance) on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting will be March 16th, 1964.

OFFICE BEARERS

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

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| Sunday | February 23rd | Day Walk | Glass Houses |
| Sunday | March 1st | Social | Car Picnic |
| Weekend | March 13/15th | Base Camp | Barney Lower Portals |
| Monday | March 16th | General Meeting | Yearly Review |
| Tuesday | March 24th | New Members Night | Hibernian Building. |
| Sunday | March 29th | Day Walk | Cedar Creek. |
| Weekend | April 17/19th | Base Camp and Through Walk | Minto Craggs. |
| Friday | April 24th | Grand Concert | All Saints Hall. |
| Sunday | May 10th | Annual Club Mass | Grange Hill. |

EDITORIAL

The time for straight from the shoulder speaking has arrived. We are a club devoted primarily to the pursuit of bushwalking but many people seem to be totally unaware of this cardinal point.

What is the present position? It is this. Six years of activity have seen our overall standard stagnate, slump and degenerate. We find that good pioneering types of trips are being shunned by many people who seem to be addicted to the devonshire tea and crumpets type of activity. We find trips being sabotaged by people shuffling along at a pace reminiscent of Queen Street on a Saturday morning. We find leaders schedules being ruined at the very outset by unpunctual members and we incredibly still find members of years standing begging the use of club equipment. Day walks attract people clutching shopping baskets and the like and the impression is gained that groups are about to assault the untracked wilds of the Botanic Gardens.

Has Club spirit sunk so low that some members now take advantage of the yearly bus trip to O'Reillys to save money on the normal bus? We see people using the club bus at the reduced fare and then see them no more for the weekend as they become house guests for the whole time and only rejoin us when the club bus returns to Brisbane. Do they have no conscience even though they are cheating both the club and the normal bus proprietor?

The time has come for the reckoning. We impose no quotas, we encourage no snobbery as far as ability is concerned and we disapprove strongly of competitive cliques. We do not expect those with other commitments to attend many or any trips. We cater for normal healthy enthusiastic people. Our walks will continue to be formulated for these people and newcomers will continue to be catered for. The trips will not be designed for picnickers. To all those people who have no scruples in holding up the bus, holding up the leader or interfering with the trip or others who are so far out of condition that they cannot maintain a normal rate of progress we say this

"Take up some other recreation but do not come bushwalking and above all, do not come with us".

DAY WALK - THE TWINS - GLASS HOUSES - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD - LEADER BRIAN JONES.
Hurry your nominations of 12/6 to Club Box by this Thursday 20th. Bus leaves Anzac Square Adelaide Street 9 a.m.

The Glass House area is a thirsty one so bring full waterbottles. The Twins, or Tunbubudla to use their correct title, are peaks situated to the south west of most of the group. They are well back from the highway and the walk in is through the picturesque pine tree clad tracks so typical of the area. Really large kangaroos can sometimes be seen and the view from the larger summit embraces the Daguiar Range, the Pacific and Moreton Bay, Tamborine and of course the rest of the Glass House group. This trip is by Club bus and consequently the party will return to Brisbane in time for participants to have tea at home. Remember full water bottles.

SUNDAY - MARCH 1ST - CAR PICNIC AND SOCIAL

The deadline for nominations is TONIGHT. Full details were given in the last circular but briefly speaking, the cars will assemble at Anzac Square at 9 a.m. to receive destination information etc. Bring lunch and dinner and swim togs as well as accordions, pianos, double basses and herps but please no transistors. (You can however bring your own sisters). There will be a small charge so come prepared. Any further details can be obtained from Rosemary O'Brien.

WEEKEND - MARCH 13/15TH - BASE CAMP BARNEY PORTALS

Nominations of 30/- to Club Box by March 6th. Bus leaves 16 Roma Street, 6.30 p.m. on the Friday. Leader BOB SCOTT.

Rising in the great tangled ranges bordered by Barney and Ballow, Mount Barney Creek twists and turns as it gropes for an escape route to reach the Logan River. It finally cuts a passage through the northern bluffs and bursts through two great rocky walls to do so. The first is known as the Upper Portals and the second, which is the venue for this weekend, is the Lower Portals.

The campsite is situated in a pleasant grove between Barney and Maroon a mile or two up from the junction with the Logan River and not too far from the famous Drinans Huts. The bottle brush lined lower reaches contrast strongly with the cliff bordered stream a little to the west of camp and a side watercourse on the Maroon quarter leads to a quite spectacular wet weather waterfall.

The area offers scope for all classes of walking. The striking serrated skyline of Eagles Ridge, North and Leaning Peaks of Barney looms to the west and the gently rising foothills of Maroon appear to the north. A magnificent pool at the base of the Portals will reward swimmers and a climb over the rock barrier allows the walker to penetrate the interesting chasm as it winds through and around the very heart of Barney. Altogether a most suitable trip for this time of the year.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING - TEMPERANCE HALL - MONDAY, MARCH 16TH. 8 P.M.

Our monthly meeting will feature our Annual Review of Club trips for the year. Note that this is a Review and that our Annual "Revue" will be on April 24th at All Saints Hall. Tony O'Brien will be in charge of the Review and will welcome slides in advance if possible of all club trips since last March. Come along and see the places you visited (or should have) and the people you associated with. This will also be the meeting when you should be discussing candidates and nominations for office bearers at the Annual Meeting in April.

TUESDAY - MARCH 24TH - NEW MEMBERS NIGHT - HIBERNIAN BUILDING - 8 p.m.

We have not had any new members nights for a long time so make sure you attend this one. There is no obligation for anyone to join the club and the whole idea is an informal get together of new members, aspiring members, and merely curious people. Equipment will be explained, questions answered, films shown and advice bestowed by a selected panel of senior members. The Hibernian Building is still at Adelaide Street and the Y.C.W. room on first floor is the venue. Timid people would find the stairs more dependable than the lift.

COMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

The daywalk after next is the trip to Cedar Creek (the Closeburn one and not the Tamborine). Merv Holman is the leader. March 29th is the day and your remittances of 12/6 must hit the Club box by the 25th. April sees our first combined base camp and through walk and Minto Crags is the venue. A most important event in the Club Year

is the Grand Annual Concert on April 24th. This year we return to All Saints Hall to accommodate the crowd but please oh please, volunteer an item. Finally keep Sunday morning May 10th free for the all important Annual Mass. More details in later circulars.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Membership now stands at 130 with Chris. Flook, Roy Giles and Terry McCorley admitted to ranks - Loretta Creevey engaged to Jim Smith - John Van Kempen engaged to Joyce Gitz - Col Huddy spending three months up in Atherton - Madonna Stratford off to New Zealand and Judy Egan also heading for Shaky Isles - Songbooks and Barrani still on sale - new songbook being discussed and new songs required; how about obliging with any but surfie ditties? Who spilt tea on leaders foot on recent O'Reilly trip? - Some character tried to heat instead of eat fruit salad by mixing it with curry. Finally a little verse about another anecdote concerning O'Reilly Weekend -

"Above a creek named Moran, a gentleman named Horan,
Upset our fair Pat Lawton's prize chapeau.
When he spoke a little verse, he evoked Patricia's curse
As his gestures sent her hat down far below.
If he says again "Blithe Spirit", and "Bird thou never wert"
He may go himself o'er Morans Falls and will no doubt get hurt.