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Monthly General meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St., Entrance). Visitors welcome.

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Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9 p.m. at the earliest.



J I L A L A NClub Calendar

GENERAL MEETING	15th Feb.
CUNNINGHAM'S GAP	21st February Daywalk
SAFETY & TRAINING	26th/28th Feb. Basecamp
BLUE KNOB	5th/7th March Basecamp/Throughwalk
GENERAL MEETING	15th March
PAGES PINNACLE	21st March Daywalk
MT. GLENNIE- MT. TANA	26/28th March Throughwalk
EASTER ?	8/12th April

Mike Laherty regrets that the Fraser Island trip, which he was to lead, cannot be organized. Fisherman have already booked all the ferry trips to the Island over the Easter period.

PRESIDENT'S FOREWARD

Everyone realizes we are in a time of rising prices. Bushwalkers can no longer afford to go on every outing, particularly if they are young wage earners, and this is not uncommon within our club. The reaction of such economizing walkers is to shoot at our General Meetings "Cheaper Trips" !

Yes, why not bring the prices down? Why not subsidise trips out of our huge reserves.

Our monetary reserves consist of an operating balance of \$200 for administration. This is not fantastic in the light of the size of our bus expenses. We have a fixed reserve of \$400 which also is nominal compared to our age and membership.

With this in mind then trips must pay for themselves, or the alternative is to eat into these necessary reserves. The reserves of cash are of vital necessity because today it is these funds that have kept the cost of the annual subscription down to \$2. Administration expenses - those not directly concerned with outings (eg. Circular, postage, stationary etc.) are well in excess of \$200 - for this is our present income from subscriptions.

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But by letting the trips pay for themselves we don't mean high costs. At the moment Committee is offering low prices (Gibraltar Range) and in order that we won't find ourselves bankrupt in six months, it is up to you to patronize the outings. Bear in mind: CHEAPER TRIPS ARE ONLY FEASIBLE WHERE SUPPORT IS GIVEN.

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COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL

# CUNNINGHAM'S GAP

<u>DATE</u>	Sunday 21st February 1971
<u>FARE</u>	\$2.00
<u>LEADER</u>	Danny O'Mahoney
<u>TRANSPORT</u>	From North Quay (behind Trittons) at 9.00am
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	Close at the February General Meeting (Monday 15th February 1971)

The Cunningham Highway leaves the New England Highway 8 miles out of Warwick. Away in the East is the dark blue mass of the Great Dividing Range, with the road running straight for a saddle like cleft between two sharp peaks. The northerly peak is Mount Cordeaux, the southern one Mt. Mitchell; both of them roughly 4000 ft. high.

The Cunningham Highway includes eight miles of sharp repetitive curves to the Gap, passing through dense rain forest which is part of the Cunningham National Park. Queensland's first National Park, it was made a reserve in 1909 and extended two decades later to its present 7,200 acres. These magnificent forest lands remain just as they were when Allen Cunningham rode to the eastern rim of the Darling Downs in 1827. This was when he named the two peaks after the Surveyor-General Mitchell, and one of his assistants, William Cordeaux. There are no other roads through the forest open to motor traffic, though more than fourteen miles of walking tracks have been threaded through it.

On the lower slopes of the range the forest is almost as dense as tropical jungle, giving way on the heights to open timber. In October masses of orchids and rock lilies bloom on the outcrops. Along the tracks are ground orchids, giant spear lilies, staghorns, elkhorns and dense groves of piccabeen palms, while high up on Mt. Mitchell is a forest of grass trees. Lyrebirds are plentiful here, also scrub turkeys and a large colony of bellbirds in Spicer's Gap to the south.



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Beside the Highway, right at the Gap, is a monument to Cunningham, recording the fact that he found his pass through the ranges in 1828, just over a year after his original discovery of the Darling Downs. On this occasion his party came through from the east, riding up from Ipswich - or Limestone, as the convict-formed settlement was then called.

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# BLUE KNOB

DATE 5-7th March 1971  
FARE \$4.00  
LEADERS Base Camp- to be advised  
Throughwalk- Christopher Sweeney (Mr. Cravat)  
TRANSPORT From North Quay (behind Trittons) at 7.00pm  
NOMINATIONS Close Monday 1st March 1971

Blue Knob, 3,060 ft. high, stands at the junction of the Tweed Range (running north-south) and the Nightcap Range, which runs in an approximately east-west direction. Its affinities, however, are more with the Nightcap than the Tweed Range.

Coming east from Blue Knob we have Mt. Matheson, (2,636 ft. high, on which stands the TV Tower for Lismore) and Tuntable Falls (pronounced TUNtable to rhyme with puntable), which are of some considerable height and which at this time of the year should have a very good flow.

On the other side of Nimbin (the chief town in the area) are the formations known as Nimbin Rocks, which from the road have a forbidding appearance but which are easily negotiated from the back.

Mr. Christopher Sweeney advises that anyone who is not wearing a cravat will not be allowed to go on the throughwalk - so take note, all you prospective throughwalkers! (Chris may even put his own cravat round your neck- perhaps a little tightly!)

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SAFETY AND TRAINING WEEKEND

DATE 26/28th February FARE \$1.50  
LEADER John Graham  
TRANSPORT From North Quay (Behind Trittons) at 7.00pm  
NOMINATIONS Close Monday 22nd February

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The next S. & T. weekend will be held on the 27th & 28th February 1971 at Flinders Peak. Every member of the club should turn up, pending examinations will not be accepted as an excuse; To make things entertaining I am trying to obtain the services of a rock-climber from B.B.W., this is not definite yet. Other star attractions will be -

Kathy "Always Clumsy" Vingoe - As the 1st Patient  
 Mike "Indian Scout" Plunkett - As the Map Reader  
 Terry "Big Chief" Panten - As the 1st Lecturer  
 John "Fearless Leader" Graham- As the 2nd Lecturer

And two unknow conscripts as two extra patients.  
 Anyone who has a current first aid certificate will also be press-ganged into minor service.

All you need is your first aid kit and a cushion to sit on. Old bandages will be supplied. Don't bring your cameras - there won't be any time for pictures.

Members from other clubs may be attending, so be warned.

If it's raining like it was last week, the weekend will be off.

John Graham

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MEMBERS PAGES

Fables and Morals for Moderns

by Mike Leherly

Once upon a time:

There was a fledgling hawk named Henry. He saw little Sammy Sparrow zapping from twig to twig and branch to branch in the trees. Said Henry, "That's for me!"

Said Henry Senior, "What? Be like an overgrown flea, when you can fly high and wide and free?"

Moral: Its better to fall from the top than be at the bottom to be hit by a falling rock.

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Once upon a time:

There was a green little ant named Winston. He was true to his kind and stung my behind. Maddened, in anguish and pain, I slapped again and again...

Moral: Don't carry a hip flask in a hip pocket.

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Once upon a time:

There was a lady goanna of mottled hue whose eyes left and right always darted. She never missed a bird's nest, North, East, South or West.... Until her ambition subdued intuition, and she tackled the eggs of an Emu.

Moral: Don't try a trip above your capacity.



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Once upon a time:

There was a new member named Fred,  
Who thought to leave all for dead,  
Who through many years past  
Had been so fast,  
At C'Reillys, Lost World or Binna Burra.  
He entered our Club intending to conquer  
But left in a hurry, in greatest dismay.....  
Learned what took him a week,  
Took us just a day.

Moral: The best form of training isn't walking but running  
..... to nominate for the next social

FROM COMMITTEE

Rex Adamson who has audited the books of the club for the  
past few years, has agreed to do so again this year and is  
nominated by Kathy Graham. Seconded Denise Thompson.

Copies of "Skyline", the magazine of the Tasmanian  
Bushwalking Club have been ordered for the club library.  
They will make interesting reading when they arrive.

CAPSULE COMMENTS ON PAST TRIPS

Gibraltar Range

Despite threatening skies 26 walkers set out for Glen Innes  
on the 29th. Private transport was used as the most  
economical means of carrying the less than bus load size  
party.

Kev Kearney lost a retread between Glen Innes and the  
National Park, and was towed by John Elliot. After a  
delayed arrival and some rest, the basecampers explored the  
creek on Saturday which was mostly fine. Three throughwalk-  
ers also set out. A B.B.W. throughwalk was upset because  
their Land Rover had stopped in Glen Innes for repairs. Our  
men made it in without the landrover. They were picked up  
by a Ranger's landrover coming out on Sunday.

The basecampers had an exciting time swimming and liloing in  
the creek, brimming over with recent rain. This continued  
until one member was swept through rapids, and only saved  
from greater dangers by a log, and hastily organized belt  
and swimmer rescue. On their return the basecampers found a  
snake asleep on the radiator of Gavin's car. Gavin then  
began to think of other things besides "Where's Ralph and  
Peggy?"; but the snake was OK, a non-venomous fellow, and did  
not object too much to being put out.

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Sunday rained and with the B.B.W. our club returned to Brisbane via Toowoomba. The Cunningham Highway was cut at that stage.

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BUSHWALKERS CASEBOOK

Garth Camerford was treated to a surprise birthday party this month, after a successful conspiracy between his parents and fellow club members. Stephen Graham, who cooked the cake, was not surprised to find that everyone liked it.

The platypus at Mulligan's hut was not sighted by club members there. Much else was missed at Gibraltar Range. Is it worth a return trip soon?

The club extends its sympathy to Greg Gilbert whose father died recently.

Jan Weston returns to Brisbane. Great to see you back Jan..

Rumours are about that Barrani still lives and, with your co-operation willing, make its appearance again this year.

Wedding bells rang for Rita Dittman and Brian Hanvin last month. Congatulations from all.

One member is thinking of taking guitar lessons with the YMCA. They conduct Beginners and Advanced courses for both sexes over a ten week period.

The Alice Springs Surf Lifesaving Club wants John Graham as an honorary member after his big save at Gibraltar Range. They also want Bill Conway as a (dis)able(d) supporter.

Sweetness herself, Jenny Cushing celebrates her 21st this month. Congratulations.

Fr. Keohane was bushwalking during his recent stopover in Brisbane. He did the Wyberba circuit with some club members over the Australia Day weekend.

Anoter private trip in the area was led to Boonoo Boonoo by Doug Anderson. It took four hours to push the cars out after the rain.

Leon Buchanan is rehearsing for "Matchmaker" to be staged by the Villanova Players soon.

Madonna Stratford made headlines in Roma's paper during her recent visit there.

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