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Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Catholic Centre, Edward Street, City, beginning at 7.30pm. To enter the Catholic Centre use the rear entrance. This is reached by entering the grounds of St Stephen's Cathedral via Charlotte Street (entrance nearest Edward Street). From Charlotte Street the door is near a white statue. If the door is locked, please ring the bell.

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EMERGENCY OFFICER Where a trip is overdue, parents may telephone the Emergency Officer (as specified for each trip). Please do not ring before 9.00pm at the earliest.

EQUIPMENT OF EVERY TRIP On every trip run by the Club all walkers, both members and visitors, are expected to take the following minimum equipment:-

torch; first aid kit; parka or raincoat
and at least $\frac{1}{2}$ litre of water.

Month of April:

7/8	Blacksnake Ridge - Leader - Peter Dore	ON
14/15	Annual Mass and dinner/Mt Beerwah	ON
16	Monthly Meeting	
19/23	EASTER TRIP - Cataract River	
	Leaders - Greg Endicott	TW
	- Geoff Dower	BC
27/29	Club Hut Working Bee	
29	Mt Toowooin - Leader - Therese Lacey	DW
30	Slide Night - Peter Dore	

May:

4/7	McIntyre Gorge - Leader - Russ Nelson	BC
11	Tennis Night	
12/13	Mt Cordeaux to Mt Devlin - Leader - Cathy McHugh	ON
13	F.M.R. Training Day Intermediate	
18/20	The Steamers - Leader - Geoff Egert	TW
21	Monthly Meeting	
25	Theatre Night	
27	Minto Crags - Leader - Geoff Dower	DW

June:

3	S & T - Rescue Techniques	
8/11	Burnett Creek - Mt Lindesay	
	Leader - Gary Logan	TW
	- ???	BC
17	Panorama Point - Leader - ???	DW
18	Monthly Meeting	
23/24	Social	
30	Pilgrimage Pre-Outing including Mt Castle Overnighter	ON

July:

7/8	F.M.R. Training Weekend	
13/15	North Christmas Creek	
	- Leader - Greg Endicott	TW
	- ???	BC
16	Monthly Meeting	
22	Mt May - Leader - Russ Nelson	DW
28	Social	

August:

10/12	Nightcap Range - Leader - Tim Apelt	TW
14/15	Barney Mass - Leader - Cathy McHugh	ON
19	F.M.R. Training Day Intermediate	
20	Monthly Meeting	
26	Mt Samson - Leader - John Palmer	DW

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LEGEND FOR THE CALENDAR

TW	Throughwalk	BC	Basecamp
ON	Overnighter	DW	Daywalk
NW	Nightwalk		

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23 April	Mt Maroon - Leader - Russ Nelson	DW
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COMING OUTINGSMt Beerwah - Nightwalk

Leader : Steve Arthur (H) 359 7562
 Date : 14 April 1984
 Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - 57 8314
 Cost : Free
 Location : Glasshouse Mountains - just north of Brisbane
 Meeting Time : After the Mass and Dinner, at the Paddington Tavern. Bring your walking clothes, sleeping bag, anarack/rain protection, torch and waterbottle to the dinner.

This terrific trip starts straight after the dinner, so read the meeting time details above.

The walk itself is reasonably easy: going up rock slabs, clambering around rocks, and just following the track. Beerwah is usually climbed at night, either at the commencement of an 'all the Glasshouses' epic, or after a function like this one. So don't be put off because you've seen Witland and can't imagine a night walk. It is an enjoyable way to climb this one. Greg Endicott will be leading the climb.

See the sunrise,
 Watch the mist rise,
 Come down before the day warms up.

Remember, it's cold in mid April and it's dark at night; and read the meeting time notes.

Cataract River - EASTER - Throughwalk

Leader : Greg Endicott (W) 33 9611 (H) 351 4092
 Date : 19/23 April 1984
 Cost : \$25.00
 Emergency Officer: Tim Apelt - 38 4761
 Location : Just across the border, to the east of Tenterfield
 Meeting Time : 7.15pm Thursday night inside the Cathedral Grounds

As none of you know this area, it is somewhat pointless giving too much description. But, you throughwalkers will see the Wattle Creek Falls (a rather pretty series of white water falls, better than most in S.E. Qld), then walk along the banks of the Cataract. This starts off in cattle country, but winds through some reasonably hilly country, so good views of ridges reaching right down to the creek should be shot on film. Mind you, this party will sensibly stay in the river and not climb those ridges.

Thus, at the end of two and a half days walking, the bright sandy beach of Paddy's Flat will be welcome.

Now, off to Mass in Tenterfield, and onward towards Bald Rock, which is Monday's outing. This single rock is one large hunk of granite, easily climbed, with such features as Balancing Rock on its top. Views over the granite country can be appreciated. A good easy to moderate throughwalk.

Cataract/Rocky River - Basecamp

Leader : Geoff Dower (H) 371 2382 (W) 226 3323
Date : 19/23 April 1984
Cost : \$25.00
Emergency Officer: Tim Apelt - 38 4761
Location : 30km east of Tenterfield NSW
Meeting Time : 7.15pm Thursday night inside the
Cathedral grounds

This year the basecamp walk of 1984 takes us to a quiet area around the Cataract and Rocky (Timbarra) Rivers, just east of Tenterfield.

We will look to leave as early as possible on the Thursday evening to allow us plenty of time to get to our destination. Trip should take approximately 4-5 hours.

On Thursday night we will camp near the Bruxner Highway, not far from the Cataract River. After a decent night's sleep, we will do an easy day walk to Wellington Rock. This walk will provide excellent views of the Cataract River Gorge and beyond. We will detour on the way back to Waterfall Creek which branches off the Cataract River. There is an imposing set of waterfalls along this creek with some excellent swimming holes to be found.

Late on Friday, we will move to the Rocky River area, and set up camp along the Rocky River Road approximately 4km south of its junction with the Bruxner Highway. Everyone will be up bright and early on Saturday morning to prepare for a lengthy day walk to Poverty Point - the site of an old disused Gold Mine. We will drive as far as we can along the River Road, depending on conditions, and then walk the rest of the way until we reach the ridge leading to the Point. The view from the top of this ridge should afford a panoramic outlook over the Rocky River valley and the Gibraltar Ranges in the east. If time permits, we will cool off with a quick dip in the Rocky River on the way back to our cars. Saturday night will be for feasting around the campfire, so don't forget to bring your Easter goodies.

Sunday will be a fairly leisurely day. During the morning we will pack up and drive to Paddy's Flat near where the Cataract and the Clarence Rivers join. After a short walk upstream, we will have lunch and wait for the throughwalkers to emerge before setting off to Tenterfield for Mass. Sunday night's camp will be in the Bald Rock/Boonoo Boonoo Falls National Park area. An easy half day walk around Bald Rock will be done on Monday before returning to Brisbane that evening.

This walk will provide you with the opportunity of escaping the Easter rush and, at the same time, to explore an area which the Club has not visited for many years. If the weather holds it should be a great, relaxing and enjoyable Easter experience. Please nominate to me as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Mt Maroon - Daywalk

Leader : Russ Nelson (H) 378 5200 (W) 224 6413
 Date : 23 April 1984 (Easter Monday)
 Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - 57 8314
 Cost : \$8.00
 Location : Between Boonah and Beaudesert
 Meeting Time : 7.45am at Cathedral

This is a special daywalk being put on for all those who cannot make the whole of the Easter trip to Cataract River. The write up is straight forward without complications. On top of Mt Maroon is relatively flat without major trees - wear a hat. As a result the views of the central Scenic Rim are spectacular, particularly the views of Mt Barney. Those new to walking may find this trip to be of a medium standard, but old hands like the leader find it easy.

Mt Toowooinin - Daywalk

Leader : Therese Lacey (H) 44 5687
 Date : 29 April 1984
 Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - 57 8314
 Cost : \$8.00
 Location : South of Boonah, west of Maroon
 Map : Mt Alford, sheet 9441-IV
 Meeting Time : 7.30am at Cathedral

This mountain is set in the centre of the goldfield of southern Queensland bushwalking. It is 720m high and we start the walk at 260m above sea level! The ridge is medium steep in sections, but for most parts is easy walking; plenty of trees for sun shelter on the ridge, and less trees on the top enabling a 360° view of our greatest walking areas including Mts Maroon, Ballow, Barney, Moon, Minto Crags, Knapps Peak, the Main Range, Lakes Moogerah and Maroon; and many more sights to be seen. The walk will be geared to beginners, especially to those undecided on taking bushwalking as a serious pasttime. You'll walk away abounding with ambition after you see the view at the top of Toowooinin. Depending on people's punctuality at the Cathedral, we have three ways of completing this walk:

- 1) orienteering - please all come equipped with a compass and map if possible
- 2) photographic tour of stark white trees in peaceful dam - good reflections, wildlife and cave
- 3) swim.

Please bring 1½ - 2 litres water, torch for safety as well as cave, raincoat - good to sit on while having lunch, first-aid kit, compass. If you're considering commencing a map collection, this is an excellent starter (Mt Alford; sheet 9441-IV; 1:50,000) as many of our walks are in this area. If no map: The Bushwalker's Guide to South East Queensland, 4th Edition, map 2 shows the area.

Rating: Scenic picnic to easy (medium section for 30 minutes).

McIntyre Gorge - Basecamp

Leader : Russ Nelson (H) 378 5200 (W) 224 6413
Date : 4/7 May 1984
Cost : \$28.00
Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - 57 8314
Location : South of Texas
Meeting Time : 7.15pm Friday 4 May 1984 at Cathedral

The Club has not been to this area before and, as such, it is a novelty to visit a new area which is not too far from Brisbane. Camp will be made just upstream from the Severn River and McIntyre River junctions. Two other clubs have been there recently - Family and NPA. Both reported favourably on the area. The standard of walking is fairly easy and is definitely suitable for new comers to bushwalking.

The cost is what it is because we expect to cover about 1000km getting to and from the Gorge.

Mt Cordeaux - Mt Devlin - Overnighter

Leader : Cathy McHugh (H) 281 3128 (W) 221 1977
Date : 12/13 May 1984
Cost : \$8.00
Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - 57 8314
Location : Map reference Cunningham's Gap 1:50,000
Meeting Time : After 6.30pm Mass outside Cathedral

We will leave from the Cathedral and drive to Cunningham's Gap on the Saturday night. If it is a fine night we will be walking up Mt Cordeaux that night. Cordeaux is the mountain on the right hand side of the Gap and it is about one and a half hours' walk to the top along graded tracks. The walk up the mountain is lovely at night and very enjoyable.

We will sleep the night at Morgan's Lookout and wake up to superb views on Sunday morning. It will be a fairly early start the next morning. The first half hour's walk is along a track through the rainforest to Bare Rock where there are views of both sides of the range. From here we will be doing a slow compass march for about 2 hours through rainforest. We come out of the rainforest into a eucalypt forest and from here we just follow the ridge along and gradually down towards Mt Develin.

Lunch will be in the saddle just before Mt Develin, and after lunch it is an easy walk up to the top of Develin and then down another ridge to where the cars will be waiting.

The walk is not difficult and, although it is long, we will be taking it fairly slowly the whole way. There is no water on the walk, so you will need to bring at least one and a half litres plus a cold breakfast and lunch, sleeping bag and groundsheet. For the photographers in the Club, bring your cameras as the views are great. There is a bit of scunge along the way so everyone is advised to wear either jeans or gaters.

Come along for a walk that includes a bit of everything.

The Steamers - Throughwalk

Leader : Geoff Egert (H) 48 4918
Date : 18/20 May 1984
Cost : \$12.00
Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - 57 8314
Location : East of Warwick on the Main Range
Map - Warwick 1:100,000
Meeting Time : 7.15pm in Cathedral grounds, next to
Catholic Centre, on Friday 18th

Camp on Friday night will be made at the site of the old saw mill on Emu Creek, a beautiful area and noted for its early morning frosts. Early Saturday morning, the group will follow the track along South Emu Creek, and after several creek crossings we will veer off, climbing a ridge to the Lincoln wreck. From here there are excellent views of the Steamers. Late in the morning the main ridge to Mt Superbus is followed through tall closed rainforest. Mt Roberts is then climbed, which then leads to the campsite at Lizard Point. This is one of the most amazing campsites on the Scenic Rim, offering superb views.

Following the Main Range northwards to Mt Steamer, we turn westwards (as turning eastwards would involve a 300 metre plummet). Vegetation changes to tall open eucalypt forest as we near the lookout over the Steamers (interesting geological formations). Dropping off this ridge into Emu Creek, we follow the track back down to the saw mill. This is one of the more enjoyable throughwalks of the year with great views and climbing S.E. Qld's highest peak. Bring your woollies and 2-3 litres of water, as there is no water once the creek is left behind.

PAST OUTINGS

Old Cedar Creek Track - Binna Burra - Overnighter
- 3/4 March 1984

Nine intrepid walkers left the Cathedral after the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday night. The trip was uneventful until the group reached Nerang. There, two members, who had not dined at that stage, indulged in take-away Chinese. In particular, one member dined upon a curried concoction. It was not until half-way up the range that the troops in the leader's car came to understand the full implications of a take-away Chinese curried concoction. Windows were wound down, up, down in rapid succession. A member was threatened with banishment to the non-existent roof rack on the leader's car.

We made camp, which was situated about a half kilometre from the Forestry Barracks, at 10.00pm. We rose about 6.00am and proceeded up the road to the Forestry Barracks where we had breakfast. At 8.00am the overnighters were joined by eight daywalkers, and the whole group left shortly thereafter. The 3km walk to the "Swimming Pool" took about fifty minutes. Only Geoff Dower braved the cool waters of the pool. We then retraced our steps until we branched

onto the Old Cedar Creek Track. Once on that track, we negotiated, over the next two hours, 13 creek crossings. At 10.20am we had morning tea at the sixth creek crossing. This allowed most of the troops to have a nibble and de-leech. Ten minutes later the ever patient Dave (T.E.C.) arrived with the Daly, Kirkwood and Dore Photographic Co which had been engaged in photographing a particularly interesting ant which had crossed their path.

After morning tea we negotiated the other seven creek crossings. At the eighth, Pat and Nick decided to study the bottom of the creek a little more closely without the aid of the necessary scuba diving gear. We finally reached the Illinbah Clearing at 11.45am just as it started to rain. Fortunately, we were able to take refuge under an old shed for our lunch break. After lunch we explored the rest of the clearing and then left at 1.15pm. We retraced our steps to the Illinbah Track in order to return to the Forestry Barracks. We arrived back at the barracks at 3.50pm.

Peter Walpole took the prize for the "most photographed feet". Special mention goes to Bruce (Bazza) Rennie who completed this 18km walk, his first walk, without "dying in the attempt".

Thanks to all those who came.

Overnighters: Peter Nally, Cathy McHugh, Bruno Sperka, Anne Besgrove, Dave Mort, Francis Tobin, Richard Kolarski, Peter Dore.

Daytrippers : Pat Lawton, Peter Walpole, Geoff Dower, Margaret Anderson, Nick Carter, Bruce Rennie, John Daly, Lester Kirkwood.

Geoffrey Egert

OUTINGS BACKGROUNDER

MacIntyre Gorge Basecamp

The Gorge is on the MacIntyre River near the junction with Severn River. You will probably have heard of the Severn River in connection with Sundown National Park. The nearest town to the gorge is Ashford, which is the centre of the largest tobacco growing area in NSW. The basecamp will be on the property of Lavendervale Tobacco Plantation. Other points of interest include some limestone caves and MacIntyre Falls.

Mt Cordeaux to Mt Develin Overnighter

Mt Cordeaux is the northern peak overlooking Cunningham's Gap, with the highway being the commencing point for the overnighter. What a luxury to have done most of the climbing by car! Not so fortunate was the English botanist Alan Cunningham in 1828.

Earlier in 1827 he had set out from a cattle station in the Hunter Valley. After skirting the Liverpool Plains he travelled northwards. After crossing the Severn River in early June, he reached the Darling Downs, not a minor

discovery. Then, in July 1828 he set himself the task of finding an overland route from Brisbane to the Downs. In the company of Capt. Logan (Moreton Bay Commandant) and Charles Fraser (Colonial Botanist), he explored the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. The first part of their expedition involved climbing Mt Barney, but that is another story.

On the 18 August with only several convict servants, he set out again from Limestone (Ipswich) travelling up the Bremmer River. Once at the foothills he sent men out to reconnoitre, with one reporting the sighting of a gap in the range. The 21st saw Cunningham and a servant climbing a ridge, which swung northwards to the gap.

The summit of the pass was easily reached, which was bounded on each side by "the most stupendous heads" towering some 600 metres above the gap. He wrote,

"This pass or door of entrance from the sea coast to a beautiful pastoral country was this day visited by myself and a servant convict, and the practicality of a high road constructed through it at some future date fully ascertained."

However, a road was built through Spicer's Gap to the south in 1847, after its discovery by Harry Alphen. It wasn't till 1949 that a road through Cunningham's Gap was officially opened. It was proclaimed a National Park in 1909, only two years after the declaration of the first National Park. The present track system was built during the 1930's (a Government unemployment scheme).

Those "stupendous heads" were named after William Cordeaux of the Surveyor-General's Department and Sir Thomas Mitchell, the Surveyor-General. There is a monument erected on the pass to honour the efforts of this determined explorer (bushwalker).

The Steamers Throughwalk

Mt Steamer lies in the headwaters of Emu Creek, a tributary of the Condermine. It lies on the eastern side of the Darling Downs, which was first settled by the Leslie brothers in the early 1840's. A small township is situated at Emu Vale, named by brother George due to the presence of numerous emus (obviously). William Wright was the first pastoralist to establish a run in the valley, in 1859.

Today's primary industries are grain and beef production. In yesteryear sawmills have contributed to Emu Vale's economy, with two major mills in operation. One was in the township with the other located on Upper Emu Creek, where the Club has camped on several occasions. This mill was owned by Bouldry and Brett and they employed at one stage 50 men, with 8 bullock and 3 horse teams to bring out the cedar and other valuable timbers. Now, all is silent.

In the early hours of Easter Saturday morning, a party of Brisbane Bushwalkers camped on Upper Emu Creek heard a terrific explosion. A four engined Lincoln Bomber had ploughed into the rainforested slopes of Mt Superbus that were shrouded in cloud. It was 9 April 1955.

The Bomber from No 10 Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron based in Townsville with a crew of four, was on a mercy dash to Brisbane, carrying a seriously ill baby girl and a young nurse. All perished. The crew, included a Wing Commander and two Squadron leaders. The plane was off course in a storm and it was believed that the pilot was unaware of the mountainous terrain below. The Bomber struck in level flight, shearing off trees with its impact.

The bushwalkers, led by Bob Hart, were first on the scene by 2.30pm in the afternoon. Police and Air Force rescue parties reached the scene on Saturday night. The wreckage covered a large area.

Of interest was a party of 12 who set out at night from Old Koreelah with only one torch amongst them. In due course the torch was lost and the party reached the crash site by using several boxes of matches! A large proportion of the plane's body is still lying on those slopes, but the area is slowly being reclaimed by nature.

SOCIALS REPORT

Past Socials

Yalburru Games

We all left on the Friday night full of excitement. Some of us more full of it than others. After stopping off at Beaudesert to get some milk (which was very hard to come by) we headed into the hut, coming across a snake and a lot of large spiders. Upon arriving there we all had 2 cups of tea and went straight to bed. The next morning we got up, had breakfast, and then the games started.

The first major event of the day was the submarine races, which was won by the boys. Following that we were split up into our teams for the blindfolded tent pitching, which Toni and Michael won. Nolene also won in that event with the quickest way to pull a tent down. The next event was the iron man and woman. Tony's hold of the title was ripped off him by Michael.

Following that we had the billy boiling competition which was won by, you guessed, Toni and Michael.

Tea came next, and for a change Cathy and Paul won with a very good meal. Just ask the judges. After tea came the award ceremony with -

Toni and Michael	winning first place
Ken and Helen	second place
Steve and Nolene	third place
Cathy and Paul	fourth place
Geoff and Margaret	fifth place

The rest of the night and the following day were free, so we did what we wanted, leaving the 'place of contentment' at about 2pm on Sunday. Thanks to Bruno, Anne and Sandra for a great weekend.

Bush Dance and Walk - 31 March/1 April 1984

This would have had to have been one of the best socials of this type I have ever been to. Most people got there at about 8.00pm. The older bushwalkers in the Club soon ran into friends from other clubs as soon as they got there, with Therese Lacey introducing us to a long lost friend. We all danced on into the night, with not one person wanting to leave.

After the dance we went up to Fisher Park (which is just past the crest of Cunningham's Gap), and most of us headed straight to bed (preouting people excluded).

The next morning, after a late rise and breakfast, we headed off to climb Mt Cordeaux. We had an easy walk to the crest, seeing plenty of wildlife and no nettles. (We think we were the April fools). Upon arriving at the crest, we headed up Cordeaux at a leisurely pace. Upon arriving at the top we had a short rest then headed back down, some people going with Greg on a walk along the ridge and then back down to the campsite via Camp Stacey.

While Greg and the others walked down the ridge the rest of us had lunch. Greg and his team of eager beavers arrived back at about 2.30pm.

Thanks to everybody who came and made it a great weekend.

Cordeaux/Camp Stacey Daywalk

Read the other report, but after "we reached the top of Cordeaux", start reading here.

The "B" party kept on the track, soon reaching the saddle, from which the views were good, though smokey. The pinnacle of Cordeaux looked startling, and the cliffs of Mitchell stood out well. Then the troops continued northwards, back into the rainforest to Morgan's Lookout. A short Tim Tam stop, then back along the track to the Camp Stacey turnoff.

Here we left the graded track and onto the brush trail. The constructors of this way back to the cars followed the top of a ridge westward, till directly above it, and then straight down the only ridge to the creek below.

Upon leaving the escarpment, this track continues through the rainforest, which is open down at ground level, scunge free and reasonably dry. Eventually transitional forest was reached, then the true open eucalypt.

Losing the track in the long grass, Gary did a good job keeping course. When things looked as though we went too far, the well used and loved track straight down the side of the ridge appeared; I mean straight down. Shortly afterwards, the party exchanged greetings with the Camp Stacey caretaker.

Greg Endicott

Coming SocialsAnnual Mass and Dinner - 14 April 1984

Mass is being held at the little church next to the Cathedral. Please be there at 6.15pm. After Mass we are going to the Paddington Tavern for a great seafood meal. Cost is \$20 which covers cost of food and donation for use of the church. Drinks are extra. Any late nominations to Steve Arthur on 359 7562.

Theatre Night - 25 May 1984

We are going to the world premiere of a play called Parker Pen at Twelfth Night Theatre. Cost will be less than \$10.00. More details at next meeting.

TENNIS NIGHT

Date : Friday 11 May
 Place : University of Qld Tennis Courts
 Time : 7.45pm
 Cost : Approximately \$2.00 (includes cost of balls and court hire)

The Club will be conducting its first ever social tennis night at the Uni. courts at St Lucia. It will be a night to cater for those who can play any standard of tennis and for those who just wish to spectate.

Tennis racquets can be borrowed from other tennis players on the night.

Two courts will be booked so that everyone should get a chance to play plenty of games. We will play until 11.00pm and then retire to a coffee shop to indulge a little.

Come along for an enjoyable and different Friday evening. More details will be given at the April meeting.

BUSHWALKERS JAM SESSION OF SONGS AND DANCE MUSIC

Until further notice a jam session of songs and dance music will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm at the "Loyal Hope of the Valley" Hall, Morgan Street, The Valley.

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The Rainforest Conservation Society needs you.

Join now --- \$8.00
 Post to 15 Colorado Avenue
 Bardon 4065

SAFETY AND TRAINING REPORTPast S & T Days

F.M.R. BEGINNERS' TRAINING DAY - 24 MARCH

We turned up in force, with at least ten of B.C.B.C. present. Five ropes were set up on the nursery slopes for abseiling, three of which were easy beginners. Some started slowly, with increased confidence as each try increased the tally. Michael, in particular, got his act together by the end of the morning.

The rain halfway through the morning did stop the new ones, but gave the old (ie more experienced) hands a more than fair go.

An ability to rockclimb is only icing on the bushwalking cake, but if you become proficient it could aid in someone else's rescue.

Think about attending these training days.

MAP READING DAY - 25 MARCH

I feel there was a disappointing turn up, with only four club members interested enough to be there. Skills like this help

- (i) to make your trip more interesting. Knowing how to read a contour map gives you the ability to appreciate even more the territory through which you are walking;
- (ii) it helps you, even in the early stages, on your way to becoming leaders yourselves;
- (iii) the more members of a party who know map and compass work, and follow the course of their trip, the safer the trip becomes;
- (iv) it is an added skill to boost your ego.

Anyway, as the troops were happy with maps, contours and the like, I gave them a quick talk on it and moved around the hill for the comprehensive compass work. This took some time, as the only way to learn is to do it. So the rest of the morning was taken up with showing one aspect and setting the party a bearing to find. When this lesson was over, I took them a step further and set another problem. So it went till lunch time. And these four now know bearings, magnetic variation, back bearings and strict compass marches.

Ask Geoff the bearing to the third top white window of Stuartholme;

Cathy the one to the quarry with magnetic variation taken into account;

Peter the back bearing on the Channel 9 tower; and

Eugene what is the degree of magnetic variation

Coming Training Days

FMR TRAINING DAY

Leader : Greg Endicott (H) 351 4092 (W) 33 9611
 Date : 13 April 1984
 Cost : Minimal donation

This is an intermediate day, which is for members with some basic skills. So it is not intended for the beginners.

A SECOND CHANCE

Erma Bombeck

If I had my life to live over again...

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been sprayed.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the lounge faded.

I would have taken time to listen to my grandfather mumble about his youth.

I would have burnt the candle sculptured like a rose before it melted while being stored.

I would have sat cross-legged on the lawn with my friends and never worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have eaten less cottage cheese and more ice-cream.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would stop if I weren't there.

I would never have bought anything simply because it was practical, wouldn't show dirt, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

There would have been more I love yous ... more I'm sorrys more I'm listening ... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute of it ... look at it and really see it ... try it on ... and live it ... exhaust it ... and never give that minute back until there was nothing left of it.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has a number of H Frame backpacks and a tent available for hire to those people who wish to join in on Club trips but do not have all the necessary gear. This equipment is in reasonable condition and can be hired for a nominal cost of \$2/weekend.

So, if you are keen to do a walk with the Club and you wish to hire a pack or a tent, give the Equipment Hire Officer (Geoff Dower) a phone call on (H) 371 2382 or (W) 226 3323, or see me at the next monthly meeting.

N.B. Deadline for submission of articles for the May Circular is 7 May.

EDITORS SCRIBBLES

Well as you can see, the magazine is in better shape than it was last month. No need to turn our heads 180 degrees to read it. With the machine being serviced and two months practice, hopefully the next ten magazines will be of the usual high standard.

J. C. is writing most of the feature articles - keeps him busy during his period of non-working. Thanks J. C.

Everybody is most welcome to write something for the magazine AND hopefully all members will contribute something throughout the year, to keep it varied and interesting. New members and visitors most welcome.

EDITOR - Barney

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FUTURE MR. AND MRS. NEIL DOWER, ON THEIR COMING
NUPTIALS ON APRIL 14TH.

OUTINGS RAMBLINGS

Well at the moment my walking is restricted to memories. Sitting outside Cottage 7 at Boys Town, gazing into the mountains. Remembering the many times I've walked them and the friends I've walked them with. The memories are good but the ache and itchy foot that goes with them are obvious signs of withdrawal symptoms. Hopefully it won't be long before my next injection.

As you can see by the Coming Outings reports, it's a busy month. Easter once again is a good chance to escape for four days. It's a good chance for visitors and new members to meet the walkers in the club. This time it's the Cataract River, read all about it in Greg and Geoff's report.

Just in case you miss the report or its significance, the walk of the Month and probably the Year is the Steamers Throughwalk and Basecamp (Yes, we have catered for non-throughwalkers) A rare chance to walk along the most scenic section of the Rim, to discover the rocky outcrops known as the Steamers, to let your eyes stretch for miles across the wilderness.

I could write page after page, telling you about the walks' splendour and beauty. Before me it's all there and on the 20th May, you should be too. I hope you are.

OUTINGS SECRETARY