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## 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. Toowoonin - 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

## MAINT

3	Safety and Training - Rescue Techniques	
8/11	Burnett Creek - Mt Lindesay	
	Leader Gary Logan	TW
	Justin Tobin	BC
17	Panorama Point - Leader - Tony Young	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	

## 29 AUGUST

WALKATON - ENDEAVOUR Ro 2

10/12	Nightcap Range - Leader - Tim Apelt	TW
14/15	Barney MAs - 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

TW	THROUGHWALK	BC	BASECAMP
ON	OVERNIGHTER	DW	DAYWALK
NW	NIGHTWALK		



COMING OUTINGS

## Minto Crags - Daywalk

LEADER Geoff Dower (H) 3712382 (W) 2263323  
DATE 27th May 1984  
EMERGENCY OFFICER Anne Besgrove (H) 3492468  
COST \$ 8.00  
LOCATION South of Boonah  
MEETING TIME 7.45a.m. Sunday morning inside the Cathedral Grounds.

This walk promises to be quite an easy Sunday outing. We will drive to Boonah and from there it is only a short drive to the foot of Minto Crags.

As the name suggests, Minto Crags is a crescent shaped set of rocky outcrops rising abruptly from the surrounding farmland. The crags are not high with the tallest peak being no more than 350 metres.

The walk will take us through private property to the base of the rocky outcrops. We will then go on an easy rock scramble up and along the top of the peaks. From the top there should be some quite superb 360° views of the surrounding countryside and of the Scenic Rim. We will scramble up as many of the peaks as possible before returning to our cars to head back towards Brisbane.

Don't forget, an added bonus for walkers on this trip will be coffee stops both before and after the trip at Paragon Cafe in Boonah. The capuccino's there are good value.

Please nominate to me at the May Monthly Meeting for this easy daywalk.

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## Burnett Creek - Mt. Lindesay - Throughwalk

LEADER Gary Logan (H) 3499891  
DATE 8/11th June 1984  
EMERGENCY OFFICER Russ Nelson (H) 3785200  
COST \$ 14.00  
LOCATION Mt. Barney National Park  
MEETING TIME 7.15p.m. on Friday Night inside the Cathedral Grounds.

This is a virtual wilderness area in which we will be walking over the three days. It is planned to leave Burnett Ck Road and follow the ridge up Minnoges Mt. and over to Junction Peak. Time permitting, a trip will be made to Double Peak on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. From here you get 360 degree views of the greater Mt. Barney/Mt. Ballow area. From Junction Peak we follow the border ridge past Nothofagus Mt. to the border fence and the Mt. Lindesay border gate.



## Coming Outings Cont.

I would rate this as a 'Medium' ability work, requiring form walking experience and firness. Water should be available at camp each day, however it is recommended you carry 2 litres for the days supply.

Gary Logan

Basecamp

For those not capable of doing the throughwalk, but still want three days of walking this basecamp is for you. Friday night will be spent with the throughwalkers before spending the next three days exploring the surrounding area. As the Leader is not in a fit state to do the Pre-Outing as yet, the details will be given at the meeting.

Justin Tobin

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Panorama Point - Daywalk

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LEADER	Tony Young (H) 2623159
DATE	17th June 1984
EMERGENCY OFFICER	Janine Lucas (H) 3432365
COST	\$ 8.00
LOCATION	Main Range - East of Cunninghams Gap
MEETING TIME	7.45a.m. outside the Cathedral grounds in Charlotte Street

We will leave Brisbane at 7.45a.m. and drive to Aratullah for a goodie stop. We will then drive to the farm where the cars will be left.

We will then start the walk up the main ridge which is long but not too steep with some level sections where you can catch your breath. On the way up we will walk through open forest so good views of Brisbane to the north can be seen. Lizard Point can also be seen on the way up. Once reaching the top of the ridge we continue through open forest to Panorama Point where lunch will be taken. After lunch we will head back to the cars.

This is a medium walk so nominate to me at the next meeting. Also remember to bring along 2 litres of water.

Tony Young

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ATTENTION

## New Walkers - Members or Older Members with Bad Memories

Set out below is the procedure for Club trips.

1. Nominations for trips close with the trip leader the Tuesday before the Week-end of the walk. This insures you a place on the trip. Late nominations can be made but no guarantees are made.
2. Cars to be taken on trips are decided by the Outings Secretary in consultation with the walk's leader. If you have said on nomination that your car can be used and your car is needed the leader will phone you no later than Thursday, unless your car is needed for late nominations. Unless you are notified by the leader your car will not be taken.
3. Drivers on walks do not pay and are reimbursed at the clubs current reinbursement rate which takes into account type of Vechile, Distance Covered, wear and tear. Cheques should be available by the next meeting.
4. Cancellations should be made as soon as possible to the leader. If on the morning of the walk you find for some reason, you can't go, are running late etc. Contact the Emergency Officer listed in the magazine under the trip details. Remember the Trip Leader has to contact the E.O. before they leave Brisbane. Knowing what is happening helps the leader so much, and if you are just running late should be able to leave a car for you.
5. Please remmeber no Alcohol is to be taken on Club trips. A trip starts and finishes at the Cathedral.

JUSTIN TOBIN  
(OUTINGS SECRETARY)

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PAST OUTINGS

Blacksnake ridge - Overnighter

After Mass on Saturday night we began to gather at the meeting spot back of the Cathedral, well under shelter outside the presbtery. Somebody suggested that by personal observation, taking into account the rate of the downpour, that there was a chance of a wet night and perhaps a wet day - nonsense - it was merely a local downpour in the vicinity of the Cathedral due to the fact that Catholics love the rain. I assured them of this but some remained sceptical and grumbling erupted around me to the effect that some prospective bush walkers retreated to the shelter of their cars and, very soon afterwards their homes, leaving three idiotic, foolish wet-loving Catholics intent on experiencing the rage of nature in the wild and wooly McPherson Ranges. A quick trip to the campsite on Christmas Creek not too much rain, plastic designer floral tent erected and off to sleep. A beautiful day dawned grey scudding clouds, streaming like smoke from a friendly camp fire - through the tent. Breakfast was eaten, raincoats put away and sun cream applied. We drove on towards Chingee Gap and Running Creek, the windscreen wipers frantically scraping away the layers of moss, algae, fungi, bacteria, lichen and amoebae as quickly as they could form. Chingee Gap was climbed, the ducks, chooks, geese, cows, bulls, steers, turkeys, seagulls and children avoided and the car sped downhill skating on a picturesque country road paved in muddy cow dung. Car parked, sunglasses on and the walk had begun. Ahead of us loomed the dark, forboding mass of Blacksnake Ridge rearing above the mist on the creek to plunge into greyness of what was supposed to be blue sky. We climbed the ridge to the corner and held our breaths as we peeped over the side to view - nothingness. The mist cleared a little however as a great downpour swept north through the valley and a deafening roar above told us that we were on the flight path of the Sydney to Brisbane Jets. However one look at the sky, which was located by following a straight line from our feet to our heads and continuing on from there, it therefore being positioned somewhere near Byron Bay on account of the lean on our bodies to counteract the lean on the wind, revealed that the trees were making the noise and the wind was greater than any I had experienced in the bush before. The walk continued a compass march through a wet rainforest in the wet rain to the boarder fence in more wet rain. A pause for a technical inspection of the inside of a hut, then it was once more into the drink dear friends. For lunch we sat down in the rain, too clod for more than ten minutes. On to Mt. Gipps from where we caught a glimpse of the car and thought we could see the bridge, though Ken said it was flooded. Down the grassy slopes to the bridge, which was just beginning to disappear and across to the car parked on the home side of the creek and up out of the gully.

It was a memorable walk 7.30a.m. to 3.00p.m. in pouring rain and roaring wind. It was fantastic to experience the incredibly wild conditions which we will be unlikely to have the chance to do again for years. Thanks to Ken McCarron



## Past Outings Cont

and Graham Walters - heroes of Catholic Bushwalking - for helping  
ture a possible dull, boring, wet day watching T.V. into one  
of high adventure in our real surroundings.

Peter Dore.

"What would the world be, once bereft  
of wet and of wildness? Let them be left,  
O let them be left wildness and wet,  
Long live the weeds and the wilderness Yet."

G.M.Hopkins.

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## Cataract River - Throughwalk - Easter

It has struck yet once again, the Cataract jinx. In my twelve years walking with our club, this memorable trip has been programmed numerous times, but never completed. Normally bad weather causes problems. It was a fine and sunny day when my nine wackers left the basecampers at the sandy hills bridge. Staying with the creek bed, we immediately located a farmer out looking for his horse. "Why do you want to walk down the Cataract, nobody ever does" were his opening words, as well as "its twenty miles, er, ah, eigh, no, more like thirty."

As scunge inhabited the creek, it was thought better to walk through cow paddocks till the forest proper. At this stage the plan was to stay with the 'creek' and cross when necessary. But some of the troops didn't too well relish the idea of wet boots, so plan two was to climb over the ridges as the creek snaked its way through the hills. To set the scene, the river - with creek proportions winds its way between steep ridgers which zoom down to it, thus it has long 'U's which link up to form a zig zaging snake.

So now the nine of us are walking accross the ridgers, cutting off all those 'U' bends. Some crossing points looked either long or deep keeping us to the one bank, though we saw a nice patch of Melaleuca swamp. But when the inevitable happened, it made sure it got us. A nice sandy bend with a sunny grassy slope behind was a nice lunch spot, except it was on the other side. I immediately jumped in and crossed. Instead of sand, the bottom of the creek was rocky, silt in suspension meant the bottom couldn't be seen, thus where does one place ones foot. Half way accross my pack started to float. Could it be that Deep? The others run up the bank. Ken takes his pack off, he jumps in, Help! Its up to his neck.

Lunch over we continue. Same as before till late in the afternoon, when the hills get steeper (not just seem so) and the banks become cliffs. Gullies now cut accross our path, and the creek rearly seen, though just over the edge. Down to the rock slabs for a rest, the water flowing gently over the slabs, in the cracks of which grew those little red bottle brushes of the Conondales. Then off into the sunset. By about 5.30p.m. the idea of camp set in, so I tood a look over the edge into the creek. Rock wall on both sides, no vivible way down, but water down there. Up on our ridge,



## Past Outings (Cont)

wood and soft grass, so a camp away from water.

Not much feasting, but enough to eat. Two tents and two flies almost joined together covered us nine. But it's a starry night. One o'clock is the time it started, and eight a.m. is the time it thought about stopping. The rain all four inches of it smashing through tents and fly alike, flowing through them as water down a river, wetting everything filling packs. Dark, heavy, pendulous skies. The creek was now gushing from bank to bank, a swirling, filthy, brown mass of water boiling over rocks and down drops. Now it was a river, and a cascade too. Realising the trip was pointless the guys turned their heads for home, a saddened sorry lot. To speed up the process, the river was left behind as we climbed up to the main ridge to follow its spine. I have never seen so many barbed wire fences, you could not go for more than half an hour without climbing through one. After some hours of this our ridge took us back to the river, still a fast flowing torrent. Back up, back up to the top. Some pretty steep contouring, water following in amazing places, boggy sections on sixty degree slopes was the order of the day. Now for the unfortunate part, it started to fine up. There were shadows by 3p.m. At 4.30p.m. the bitumen road was reached and by 6p.m. we were back where we started 30 miles from where we should have been. The basecampers informed us that the bridge where the throughwalk was to finish went from 3m above the water to 2m below the water in one day.

Many thanks to Tim the farmer for putting us up in his shed, and for putting up with us. The basecampers though washed out themselves, did not realise we were also, so did not look for us. This left us with a whole day at the farm, or up the creek so to speak. Thanks to Tim for his good work as Emergency Officer.

We joined the basecampers at Bald rock on Monday.

Greg Endicott

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### Basecamp

Eleven hardy basecampers together with nine throughwalkers left Brisbane on Thursday evening for what turned out to be a real Easter experience.

Friday morning saw the throughwalkers depart on their two and a half day walk while the rest of us ventured out from our initial campsite on a relatively easy day walk to Wellington Rock. The walk took us along the banks of the Cataract River before ascending a ridge to the Rock. After enjoying the spectacle from the top, we detoured on our return journey to Waterfall Creek to view an impressive set of falls. Late on Friday we drove to the Rocky River Valley to set up our next campsite in preparation for what was to have been our main day walk to Poverty Point gold mine. Alas, it was not to be as Mother Nature took its toll. Five inches of rain in as many hours forced the cancellation of Saturday's walk and led to our hurried departure back to the highway. Apart from a few hairy moments crossing a couple of flooded causeways, Saturday turned out to be a most relaxing day as we found ways



## PAST OUTINGS (CONT)

of whiling away the hours.

After spending that night in the dry Uniting Church Hall at Drake, we travelled to Paddy's Flat early Sunday. A half day walk following the Clarence River upstream to the Cataract River junction and beyond was done in the afternoon in the hope of meeting up with the throughwalkers. As it turned out, the throughwalkers had returned to where they had began their walk on the Friday, because of an over abundance of the river water.

Both groups of walkers were reunited that evening back at Paddy's Flats where we camped the night before setting off once more on the Monday. A leisurely hour and a half climb at Bald Rock National Park on Monday morning was enjoyed by all, with excellent 360° views from the top of the Rock. Lunch was had at the base of the Rock prior to our return trip to Brisbane that afternoon.

The actual trip itself over Easter ended up being quite different from our original expectations, but nonetheless was thoroughly enjoyed by all those basecampers who came along. Thanks to Sandra, Helen, Noleen, Steve McGrath, Steve Arthur, Lennie, Tony, David, Mark and Barney for participating in the Easter basecamp

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Geoff Dower

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Toowoonen triumphant - Daywalk

19 punctual people met at the Cathedral Sunday 29th April. We headed to Boonah for a goodies stop and regathering before going along Burnett Creek road to the foot of Mt. Toowoonen. Eugene came to our rescue as soon as he realized a creek was between us and the mountain. E.S.P. told him a crossing was only a short way to his left and it took him no time to locate it for us.

We followed a 4 wheel drive track for 10 minutes to where a shelter shed and water tank has recently been built. Once we gathered here; being 11a.m. already, we immediately headed to the ascending ridge (for the those of you who were on the walk and have not yet realized it, that is the same as the descending ridge) It wasn't long before the party grouped themselves into 3 distinct speeds. The difference was possibly in the number of morning breaks. Group one managed two, group two, only one and group three probably six - they managed to avoid being spotted all the way! Group two had a dangerous ascent as they were attacked by grenades. Never invite David S. to a science fiction party he'll want to play battle Star Gallacta all night!

All parties were on top by 1p.m.; a billy was boiled and we relaxed for an hour; Enjoying the sunshine and walking around to see the great views. MAJAILL The descent was made quickly and the first party down walked a little further to see the commencement of Maroon Dam.

Thank-you all for coming on my walk, especially the five visitors - Great to meet you. If everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did it was truly a great day. For those walkers who had two days of sore legs after, you weren't the only ones. The mountain must have gotten steeper.

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Coming Safety and Training.

DATE Sunday June 3rd.  
 TIME 10.00 a.m.  
 LOCATION Sherwood Forest Park, Jolimont St.  
 U.B.D. map 33; N 5 ; at the picnic shed  
 WHO All Members  
 All Visitors  
 WHAT Discussion on rescue techniques  
 : types of searches  
 : search organisation  
 : radios  
 : police dogs.  
 WHY From time to time the club is called out  
 on F.M.R. searches, and we are expected  
 to know what to do.  
 As important, if ever you are in a lost  
 party, you will know how the searches are  
 thinking, so you can aid your own rescue.  
 LUNCH Bring a picnic type, a B.B.Q. will be  
 provided. Bring your own everything.  
 NOMINATIONS To Greg Endicott (training) at the meeting  
 or phone (work) 339357.

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 W.A.I.T.T.

QUEENSLAND DAY

Did you know that Wednesday June 6th  
 is Queensland Day? Why know throw  
 yourself a party!

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CONGRATULATIONS

- \* To John Palmer and Giose Vecchio on their recent  
 engagement. Looks like you have set a new trend.
- \* To Tim Apelt and Yolanda Selley on their engagement  
 last Saturday.

To both couples we wish you all the best for your future  
 lives together.

W.A.I.T.T.



EXTRA SPECIAL FEATURE

It is not culture gone wild -

It is not in competition with the clubs social -

It is not Heavy, Formal, or sane.

It is - - - Hamlet on Ice.

What is it about? Don't ask me, even the actors don't know.

But it

is a farce,

is funny

is nothing like a play

is enjoyable

and it is nothing like shakespeare hoped.

Come yourself and find out what it is. Wednesday May the 30th.

If you don't like plays, you will even like this.

Force yourself on Greg Endicott, tell him your coming.

Phone 339357 (Work)

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SOCIALSAnnual Mass and Dinner

Due to Easter and a last minute change of plans by Father, saw us participating in Mass at the Cathedral. Although not the small personal Mass of the past years, it gave Janine a chance to show her organ playing skills to the Masses.

After Mass it was off to the Paddo Tavern to indulge ourselves in their smorgasboard. Quiet a few thinking it was so good had more than one course of everything. After finally being thrown out at midnight (they had no food left anyway) fourteen people went off to climb Mt Beerwah the largest peak of the glass house mountains. Camping on top they enjoyed the sunrise and views of the surrounding area. They then spent the rest of the day at the coast.

I am sure that everyone had a great night and enjoyed this social.

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GOOD NEWS FOR BUSHWALKERS

The reservation of large areas of rainforest in Northern New South Wales recently has greatly increased the size of that State's National Park Estate. This ensures the protection of old bushwalking areas and opens up new areas to explore and enjoy. It was in 1982 that the N.S.W. Government decided to protect substantial areas of rainforest from logging and clearing.

In 1983, through an Act of Parliament, some 64,000 ha. was reserved. Now, this year, Mr. Wran has announced a further 54,000 ha. of rainforest to be gazetted as National Park. These two decisions have increased the rainforest areas in Northern N.S.W. that are in National Parks by 80%. Listed below are some Parks that have increased in size.

<u>NATIONAL PARK</u>	pre 1982	1983	1984(total)
Washpool	----ha.	23,445ha.	27,715ha.
Dorrige	3,909	3,909	7,819
Barrington Tops	16,332	16,332	38,669
Border Ranges	673	30,729	30,729
Nightcap	668	4,945	4,945
New England	23,623	29,823	29,823

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J. Carter

OUTINGS RAMBLINGS

How fortunate to be a walking Catholic, living our suburban lives amidst the chaos of World politics, Third World hunger, Terrorism and senseless killing. Sometimes we must wonder what sort of God would let it happen.

Then, the weekend- backpacking again, out amongst the mountains. Gazing across the Scenic Rim into a land of incredible beauty and timeless grandeur. A place of peace and tranquility. We realize that THIS is the world God created. Where it is so easy to see what a great architect He is. Where a vision of Peace can be easily imagined. The world we left behind, the world of chaos and disorder, THAT was Man-made.

Yes, how fortunate we are that when we return to it and ask that inevitable question, "WHY"? we only have to let our minds wander back to the times and places spent Walking to believe that there IS a Peaceful World, a better tomorrow.

Outings Secretary

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WELCOME

I would like to thank the 31 members who are currently financial. It's good to see some new faces in our membership list with the recent joining of Graham Walters, Michael Schoch and Steve Mc.Grath.

A Hello also goes to all the visitors at the last meeting-Noleen Barnard, Helen Miosge, David Grigg, Anne Hayes, Sue Needs, Cathy Slattery, Deborah Wain, Margaret Anderson and David Scott. I hope to see you all on the members side of the book soon, or on the track.

It is good to see so many new faces on the walks these days. With the Easter trip being the major walk last month, it was good to see Graham Walters attempting his first Throughwalk. Well done, Graham!

While on the basecamp we had seven new faces- Noleen, Helen, Steve Mc.Grath, Steve Arthur, David, Mark and Lennie. Well done everybody!

Enjoy your walking,

Ken Mc.Carron  
New Members Officer

Editors Scribbles

Well, hello again. I trust you all enjoyed the last magazine. Unfortunately our main contributor to the magazine- J.C., has been transferred to Cunninghams Gap, for his job, so come on- send those articles in. This is your magazine, I'm only the caretaker.

My apologies to the people who did not receive a magazine last month, either through an error in my mailing list or through a change of address, everyone will receive one this month.

Happy reading

Barney - Editor

Top value for your dollar.

You all believe in top value for your dollar, well it has been noticed that a lot of people are getting top value for nothing. Yes, NOTHING folks. While we have 31 financial members in the club, we have a mailing list of 83 people, not including the Clubs or other bodies we send Jilalan to. So support your Club by paying your membership as soon as you can and continue to get top value for your dollar right through 1984.



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M. B. S.

From Mount Gravatt to the Cathedral. What next Janine? the Vatican.

Congratulations to John Carter on his recent appointment to the staff of the National Parks. J. C. is stationed at Cunninghams Gap.

Bruno's recent party was a surprise to us all when it turned into a Housewarming. Congratulations Bruno!

All the best to the future Mr. and Mrs. David Mort, on their coming Nuptials on May the 26th.

Birthday Wishes to Helen Miosge, who turns 21 later this month.

A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE

On behalf of Frances and myself, I would like to invite all members of the Club to attend our Nuptial Mass, on the 26th May, at 3pm. at the Little Flower Church, Turner Road, Kedron.

David Mort

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley- but be  
The best little scrub by the side of rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,  
And some highway happier make;  
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass-  
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,  
There's something for all of us here,  
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,  
And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun be a star;  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail-  
Be the best of whatever you are!

Douglas Malloch



In this month dedicated to Mary, it would be well to remember our Patron, "Our Lady of the Way."

#### OUR LADY OF THE WAY

In the forming of our club, the early members desired that the club be placed under the protection of Our Lady. She was named the club's patroness, under the title of Our Lady of the Way, to guard over our members on their journeys. The following is a brief account of this title of Our Lady.

A picture of the Blessed Virgin and Child, known for centuries as Our Lady of the Way is enshrined in the Church of the Gesu in Rome. No one is certain of it's age, but it dates back many centuries. Prior to the 16th Century, the painting was located in a little wayside shrine along an ancient highway of Rome. Hence the title originated due to it's location.

In the first half of that century, a Roman family, the Astalli's constructed a building to shelter the painting from the elements. This Became known as the Church of Santa Maria degli Astalli. This was later demolished to make way for the Gesu Church.

During the reign of Pope Paul III (1534-48), the painting was acquired by the Jesuits and it was transferred to the Church of St. Mark. It is known that the founder, Ignatius Loyola had a great devotion to Our Lady. In 1575 the Order completed the Church of the Gesu, as a shrine to the Virgin Mary.

At the present time, Our Lady of the Highway is patroness of travellers. This modern version of the ancient title originated in 1937, in New Jersey. This title is appropriate for Our Lady, in virtue of the many journeys she made in her life- the Visitation to Elizabeth, from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the Flight into Egypt, journeys to Jerusalem and following Our Lord to Calvary.

"Our Lady of the Way be with us on our journey; for all your ways are beautiful and all your paths are peace."

John Carter



QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS  
CONSERVATION SUPPLEMENT FOR CLUB NEWSLETTERS

APRIL 1984

CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK

THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE desires a suitable plan for the management of Carnarvon Gorge. The problem is of over-use by visitors, particularly during holiday periods. They talk of re-development of the Outer Gorge but many of us do not like to use the word development applied to a National Park.

Binna Burra Lodge is seeking an alternative location inside the Outer Gorge.

As a National Park becomes popular, visitors go there because it is the thing to do; they might not see much of the Park at all, except crowd the entrances. The place becomes a retreat and visitors seek a social life rather than a Nature-based experience, especially when there is a liquor licence. Places other than National Parks can be made to suit these people. There is a case for recreational parks here similar to the State Parks of the United States; however, we do not want our National Parks to deteriorate into "Second class National Parks". Look at what happened to Hayman Island at the whim of a Tourist Company.

To take the load off the Carnarvon Gorge, alternative destinations in the neighbourhood such as MOOLAYEMBER Gorge to the south east, BLACK ALLEY to the north AND REID'S DOME should be made available within the National Park framework to cater for a wider range of activities and to cater for a greater number of people.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Present perceived problems include -

- (a) Diminished water quality in Carnarvon Creek (and probably quantity too).
- (b) Erosion and other deterioration of Art sites.
- (c) Track erosion and vegetable loss at key sites including MOSS GARDEN and ANGIOPTERIS RAVINE.
- (d) Soil compaction and loss of ground cover in camping area.

VISITOR NUMBERS.

Four hundred is considered a realistic number but during peak periods such as Easter and school holidays, a larger upper limit of eight hundred could be allowed.

THE WORKSHOP.

In January 1983, the National Parks and Wildlife Service invited representatives from various groups to a workshop to consider five options for the re-development of the Carnarvon Gorge or, more correctly, the re-arrangement of the Lodge and Campsites.

The Options were:

- (1) All major facilities out of Outer Gorge.
- (2) Walk-in camping only in Outer Gorge.
- (3) Walk-in camping and walk-in Lodge in Outer Gorge.
- (4) Walk-in camping and Lodge in Outer Gorge
- (5) All facilities, except some servicing in Outer Gorge.

Most of us feel that none of the options is acceptable. It was unfortunate that the Outer Gorge was ever used for camping. If camping facilities and the Lodge are placed in the Outer Gorge in this 're-development' scheme, then we predict they



will be shifted out in a further necessary re-development. It would save expense to place everything outside the Outer Gorge NOW, except for toilets, water taps and garbage bins for day visitors.

If only camping is allowed in the Outer Gorge and not the Lodge, or vice versa, it would give the impression that priority has been given to one but not the other, as the N.P.A. News points out.

N.P.A.Q. Policy has always been --

(a) No roads in National Parks, except where they were in existence before the National Parks were gazetted.

(b) No Lodge or Hotel accommodation in mainland National Parks. There is ample land available adjoining the National Parks.

Referring specifically to bushwalking, Federation's Policy is that camping could be allowed in several selected locations well upstream of CATHEDRAL CAVE. No such camping should be allowed between a camp outside the Outer Gorge and Cathedral Cave.

All major services, such as water supply, effluent disposal and solid waste disposal should be located outside the Outer Gorge, that is, outside the CUESTA RIDGE.

Excepting some day visit facilities, all facilities should be placed outside the CUESTA RIDGE.

The Carnarvon Lodge should stay where it is, even though the Park boundary, in due course, extends downstream beyond the Lodge.

A shuttle bus and servicing vehicles only, could go into the Outer Gorge. A shuttle bus seems to be the best compromise for all and everything concerned. It would shorten the distance for those who want to walk up the INNER GORGE and to other attractive places.

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#### CAPE TRIBULATION NATIONAL PARK

In the last Conservation Supplement we drew attention to the Cape Tribulation National Park between the Daintree and Bloomfield Rivers. Apart from the Great Barrier Reef, this area is the crowning jewel of all our natural wonders. While we are only repeating what others have said, we are certainly in accord with them.

In Cairns, during the SECOND WORLD WILDERNESS CONGRESS, (June 1980), the Premier said --

"The area provides a living museum of plant and animal species in what is one of the few remaining examples of undisturbed coastal rainforest in the world."

This Park will provide an outstanding example of Queensland's Wild Heritage.

The vision of the Council will allow all the generations of the future to appreciate this breathtaking example of Nature's work."

Yet with all this, and much more, the Douglas Shire Council is bulldozing a road through Cape Tribulation National Park. They are doing this without any official Proclamation, nor the revoking of parts of National Park, which requires the Government to lay the proposal on the table of the Parliament. The road is, therefore, illegal. Yet it seems that the Government is supporting the road.

Again, it seems that the road is being pushed through quickly without proper survey and ecological study, before many of us would be aware of it. It may be a fait accompli.



To most people, the building of a road needs a narrow strip only a few metres wide, although foreign forms of vegetation always enter at least along the margin of the road. That is in level country. In mountainous country a road with its cuttings and embankments means a much wider disturbance on which the foreign plants are the first to grow. Then we have landslides. Streams which were once so clear become muddy, and we see a great scar across the virgin rainforest.

Seventy scientists from all round Australia, attending a National Rainforest Workshop at Griffith University in December 1983, signed the following letter:-

"We support the preservation of the rare and spectacular coastal rainforest wilderness between Cape Tribulation and Bloomfield in its natural state.

This is the only readily reachable region of such coastal rainforest wilderness on the Queensland coast that is still largely not permanently scarred by human intrusions with roads.

The scientific value of such regions uncomplicated by human modifications is extremely high.

The proposed bulldozing of an unsurveyed four wheel drive clearing along the mountainous coastal fringe will result in land destabilization with land-slide, scars and the destruction of the exceptional wilderness value of the rainforest.

We are, therefore, opposed to the construction of any roads through this wilderness area."

The Australian Conservation Foundation says that the Queensland Government has failed to protect this rare region. On the contrary, it has fostered land speculation and destructive road building, forestry and mining.

From the fringing coral reefs the rainforest climbs over the high coastal mountains and on to the high tablelands of the west which drop down to the dry sclerophyll vegetation so typical of Cape York. This continuum of vegetation must be preserved.

Up to now the Daintree has been protected by its general in-accessibility due to ruggedness and the yet unbridged Daintree River. However, developments have happened and continue to gather like storm clouds, - logging, roading, mining, subdivisions and agriculture. The full force of the storm must not be allowed to break.

#### RESIDENTIAL SUB-DIVISIONS.

A very serious problem exists on the narrow coastal plain from Daintree to Cape Tribulation. Hundreds of one to two hectare residential blocks are being sold. These involve the clearing of rare lowland forest.

The National Parks Association of Queensland is strongly opposed to the road through the Cape Tribulation National Park and said -

"A road will bring a wave of destructive developmental pressure to the region. The construction will inevitably be followed by a call for a tourist development and engineering infrastructure within the National Park, further residential encroachment and clearing of rare lowland rainforest.

The pressure of this road will create a corridor which will intensify cyclone damage in the National Park and cause the introduction of lantana and other foreign weeds into an unspoiled ecosystem.

There is an alternative route already existing, known as the CREB track west of and outside the existing National Park."



We feel that all Bushwalking Clubs will support these protests about the Cape Tribulation illegal road. How much longer will it take conservationists to convince the Authorities, that preservation of something of the original is necessary?

Will the Authorities make a proper plan for conservation before everything has disappeared?

Not everything is measurable in terms of cash!

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#### MORETON AND FRASER ISLANDS

How much longer must we think about preservation of Moreton and Fraser Islands? Despite the decisions of the Mining Warden about sand mining on Moreton Island and of the Commonwealth Government about export licences for Fraser Island, the Moreton Island Protection Committee (MIPC) and the Fraser Island Defenders Organization (FIDO) have to be more active than ever. It seems that eternal vigilance is necessary.

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#### 4 WD's AND THE LIVING BEACH

Cooloola was spared the sand-miners. But can the coloured sands survive the tourists?

The magnificent beach sweeping more than sixty kilometres north from Noosa Heads to Double Island Point and beyond has become a speedway for four wheel drive vehicles.

A howl would arise if four wheel drives were banned from the Cooloola and Rainbow Beaches. But this must happen if we are to save them. The time must come when only vehicles such as shuttle buses will be allowed. Camping shall be permitted only in designated places back from the beach.

What effect such traffic has on the life below the sand surface might not be known. Perhaps a study should be made by comparing similar beaches not used for traffic. In its natural state the beach sand is full of life. We have even seen 4 WD's drive, deliberately it seemed, through a colony of beach birds, killing and maiming a number. This cannot be condoned.

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#### RAT-A-TAT CLEAN UP

Let us show appreciation to those bushwalkers who finally managed to carry out all rubbish from the Rat-A-Tat Hut, in Lamington National Park. Now the place has been cleaned up, we trust that all visitors to Rat-A-Tat will do the correct thing and carry out their rubbish, taking notice of the bushwalkers maxim, "IF YOU CAN CARRY IN, YOU CAN CARRY IT OUT."

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