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MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE
CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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The Club's address is PO Box 151, North Quay, Brisbane 4000 and the telephone contact number is listed in the white pages Telephone Directory under 'B'.

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 St). From Charlotte Street the door is near a white statue. If the door is locked, please ring the bell. Visitors are always welcome.

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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.

ATTENTION!

ALL persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake all activities of the Club at their own risk. The Club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken. It is repeated that all persons undertake all activities entirely at their own risk.

May:

- 18 Safety & Training - Abseiling/Rope Work
- 19 Beau Brummel - Leader: Peggy Rutter DW
- 20 Monthly Meeting
- 24 Back to School BBQ - 78 Richmond St Kedron

June:

- 1/2 Mt Huntley - Leader: Geoff Dower ON
- 8/10 Queen's Birthday W/E - Richmond Gap to Numinbah
Leader: Mark Daly TW
- 16 Social - Car Rally
- 17 Monthly Meeting
- 19 Safety & Training Night
- 23 Social - Golf Day
- 25 FMR - SES Regional and Search Organisation
- 29/30 Mt Michael - Laidley Gap - Leader: Geoff Egert TW

July:

- 6/7 FMR Weekend Training
- 13 Social - Boat Cruise
- 14 Mt May - Leader: Pat Lawton DW
- 15 Monthly Meeting
- 20/21 Federation Clean-up
- 24 Safety & Training
- 26/28 Ramparts

August:

- 4 Flinder's Peak - Leader: Pat Lawton DW
- 10 Social - Rural Youth Ball
- 11 Safety & Training - Basic Rope & Cliff Skills
- 14 Barney Mass - 25th Anniversary
- 19 Monthly Meeting
- 23 Social - Bowling
- 24/25 Clunie to Lindsay - Leader: Justin Tobin ON
- 27 FMR - Police Communications
- 28 Theatre Night

September:

- 14/15 Mt Greville
- 28/29 Condamine Gorge

October:

- 6 Flinders Peak
- 19/20 Table Top Mt NW
- 26/27 North Coast Mts - Leader: Cathy McHugh

November:

- 9/10 Ravensbourne National Park
- 23/24 Peters Creek
- 30 Nov/1 Dec Bunya Mts

December:

- 14/15 Night Cap National Park
- 28/29 Springbrook

January:

- 4/5 Cougals

Legend:

- TW Throughwalk
- BC Basecamp
- ON Overnighter
- NW Nightwalk
- DW Daywalk

PAST OUTINGS:

LONG CREEK - OVERNIGHTER - 13/14 APRIL 1985
Leader: Geoff Dower

Saturday night saw a group of 12 walkers head south to the border. The campsite was just across the border at the picnic ground overlooking the "border loop" on the interstate railway line.

After a good night's sleep we were up early on the Sunday morning to start walking before 8.00am. Leaving the border gate at Richmond Gap, we made fairly steady progress as we followed the border fence westwards along the top of a ridge. Walking through patches of rain forest along the way made for a welcome cool break from the heat of the day.

Morning tea was taken in such a shady spot at about 10.30am. After a further 2 hours walking, we arrived at our destination at the waterfalls at the head of Long Creek. After an enjoyable lunch break in the picturesque rockpool setting, we started off walking again and backtracked a few kilometres along the fence. Then, instead of trekking all the way back to Richmond Gap, we veered down a steep grassy ridge to the Lions Road below where our cars were parked. We were back in Brisbane at about 6.30pm.

Thanks to all who came on this outing and especially to Eugene for being our expert reptile spotter.

Geoff Dower

TAYLOR RANGE - DAYWALK - 25 APRIL 1985
Leader: Greg Endicott

All nineteen of us met at Indooroopilly Station, and were driven off to the Nelson residence where the walking commenced. Timeworn tracks traversing the terrible terrain took the troops to the terrific tops telling tall tales to the tremendous trees. We also walked along the road.

Soon our party followed the trail up Mt Coot-tha, each step giving us a better view of the country opening up at our feet. Our horizon took in an arc from Archerfield to Swanbank, with the Brisbane River cutting its way diagonally through our picture. As the day was overcast, my friends did not take overly long to reach the bitumen atop the mount. This was followed around to the TV Stations, whence we cut off down the old goldmine track to view old bridge supports, overgrown non-permanent way and finally, the mine shafts. Then up the ridge, down into the gully and up to TVO, across to the map reading summit for homage, and off into the wild green yonder. Down, down, down, into The Gap, around and around till a vacant allotment let us into the street. Now a stroll through the reserve to Walton Bridge, and morning tea at 12.30pm. And this was only half way.

So a stroll back under the historic eighty year old Walton Bridge, past the golf course and up the hill behind, reaching the summit in fast time. Views this time were over the inner City, looking towards Mt Cotton, Mt Gravatt, and in the distance, Springbrook. Once this trip rounded the top and commenced to descend the ridge on the right, the outlook

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changed to the blue waters of the bay contrasted against the white sands of the islands off shore. I led the troops down what turned out to be a steep ridge, into a back yard, through more suburban roads to the electric train track which was followed to Ferny Grove Station.

The ones with time to spare stayed at my place for the 3.30pm BBQ lunch, leaving by the 4.35pm train for Indooroopilly.

A good way to spend a mid week public holiday. Good to see so many visitors coming for this unusual, though reasonably easy, trip.

Greg Endicott

MT BARNEY - BASECAMP - 26/28 APRIL 1985
Leader: Dave Mort

After dropping the throughwalkers off on Friday night, we went to the camping reserve near Yellow Pinch. On Saturday we were up and walking at 7.10am. Our aim for the day was West Peak on Mt Barney. The day was fine and the walking was easy to start. After walking over Yellow Pinch and along the road to Cronin's Creek, we started climbing Mt Barney by South Ridge. The going was of medium standing. We reached the saddle between East and West Peaks about 11.30am.

After lunch we started climbing West Peak. The going was reasonably steep. The views as we were up West Peak were great. In the distance we could see the throughwalkers. After a short rest we headed down the mountain. We reached the tents at 6.20pm.

On Sunday we headed along the forestry road near Cronin's Creek. We were going to follow Cronin's Creek, but the creek was up so we followed the road. This was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

My thanks to all who went on the walk.

David Mort

MT BARNEY - THROUGHWALK - 26/28 APRIL 1985
Leader: Tim Apelt

Intrepid explorers left behind the last bastion of civilisation when we waved off our drivers, Peggy and Ken. Our first test of manliness came when confronted by Barney Creek. After a brief ugly scene from the mutinous party, the leader stamped his authority and ordered the troops to wet their feet. More tears at the next crossing when we walked through boots and all. Ian proved himself a real man at the final crossing - by falling in. This excitement only whetted our appetites for the thrills and spills of Saturday.

After a 6.00am rise and a quick walk to the falls along a full Barney Creek, we started our trek up Short Leaning Ridge. Despite full packs we ascended the steep ridge quite rapidly and were visited by a large eagle coming into close quarters for a bird's eye view (sic) of the silly human walkers.

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The weekend's greatest display of bravery (read stupidity) came shortly afterwards when JC and Justin showed us the hardway to climb a not so difficult part of the ridge.

With cameras clicking to catch Justin's last moments, we admired how this dynamic duo manoeuvred themselves into a situation where they could neither go up nor down. Some good soul lowered a rope to the pair and hauled up their packs which gave them enough freedom to return and come up the easy way. But alas, no; Justin proved he could forget the lessons of Feb '84 and followed JC to an even more precarious position. After an anxious request we lowered the rope again and up climbed two relieved walkers.

A short difficult climb and lunch on Leaning Peak found Justin out of water and the leader having lost his! It's hard to enjoy lunch if you can't salivate. After abseiling off Leaning Peak we made our way to the saddle between North and East Peaks and camped there.

A warm fire and good company couldn't make up for missing the Gold Lotto results, although JC did console us with a rainbow impersonation as per the Lotto ad.

After breakfast we enjoyed a quick stroll to East Peak and then descended via Rocky Creek. Being true to its name, there were plenty of interesting rock slabs and boulders with some tricky spots.

Thanks to John Carter, Mike Wood, Justin Tobin and Ian King for enjoying a memorable throughwalk with me.

Tim Apelt

COMING OUTINGS:

MT HUNTLEY - OVERNIGHTER

Date : 1/2 June 1985
Leader : Geoff Dower (H)371 2382 (W)2295011
Cost : \$8.00
Emergency Officer: Michael Wood - ph 398 3018
Meeting Time : 7.15pm on Saturday night at the rear of the Cathedral

As the drive to the base of Mt Huntley will take some 2½ to 3 hours, we will need to depart as early as possible on the Saturday night. The drive takes us through Cunningham's Gap to the Swanfells district east of Warwick. From here we travel a further 20kms east along a forestry road and then set up camp on a flat grassy stretch beside Swan Creek.

The walk will start reasonably early on the Sunday with an easy stroll along a track up the valley for a few kilometres. We will then turn to our right and climb a fairly steep ridge and then have morning tea at the top of the ridge. An easy ridge walk will follow providing excellent views to the north and south as we push on towards Mt Huntley. After scrambling our way up through a small set of cliffs, we should make the summit with a further half hour's walking. Excellent 360° views can be enjoyed from this vantage point while we await the boiling of the billy for lunch.

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During the afternoon we will retrace our steps down to the cars and should be back in Brisbane no later than 7.00pm.

This is a relatively easy walk, and given good weather it should make for a very enjoyable weekend's outing. Nominations will be taken at the May monthly meeting.

Geoff Dower

RICHMOND GAP TO NUMINBAH GAP - THROUGHWALK

Date : 7/10 June 1985

Leader : Mark Daly - ph (H) 2643731

Cost : \$12.00

Emergency Officer: Jannine Lucas - ph 3432365

Meeting Time : 7.15pm on Friday night at the rear of the Cathedral

See Mark Daly at the May Monthly Meeting for details.

EDITOR'S SCRIBBLES:

Reprinted (in parts adapted to suit our Club) from the September 1984 edition of the Waysider by Vince Murtagh. I think the same reasoning could be applied to our own Club.

"Sometimes people ask why do you bushwalk, and it isn't all that easy to answer. The temptation is to reply, "Because it is there.", the traditional polite way of saying, "Go away, you cannot understand." But other times the question is more along the lines of "Why walk with a Club?" Easier, this one, unless you also subscribe to the "hard" school of sole walking. (In which case you may have forgotten the pleasure of walking in company, replacing it with the more subtle and philosophically more satisfying rewards of enjoying/enduring one's own company.) You meet people with common interests and outlooks, and enjoy a greater variety of walks as others share their secrets of favourite places. Not to mention the aspect of safety.

More probing still is the question, Why a Christian Club? Why do we continue to exist among so many other groups that encourage preservation and enjoyment of the bush land? I like to think there is more to it than being able to respect our obligation to attend Mass. But sometimes the theory of our being Christians is hard to see in the middle of our disputes.

Without putting aside our indifference, we could accept they will continue to exist, but don't build on them. Working together is part of it. And that need not be obvious helping one another - there are a hundred charities crying out for assistance in helping those in need.

But not all groups have that something. I have tried walking with another group, and found there was a gap. There was the same bush and enjoyment of it; but where was the mutual interaction? The difference was in little things, like leaving it to the leader to worry about the slower people, or no sharing a brew at mealtime. Just each one for oneself.

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Perhaps we should work harder on that point of showing consideration for others. Remembering our weaknesses and not inflicting them excessively on others. Because as long as BCBC can preserve that aspect of its identity, we will show a reason for the Club's existence that can be understood even by those who do not share our Faith and who cannot see the absolute necessity of a Christian based group of bush-lovers.

THINKING CATHOLIC:

GENTLE LADY

O guide me gentle Lady,
O see me on my way.
And joint me to the battle,
This dark and eerie day.

Though storm clouds rise above me,
And darkness fills my mind;
Guide me through the dark night,
Lest my soul be ever blind.

And fill this empty chasm,
With the fullness of Your love;
And give me grace and blessing,
From the Lord that reigns above.

Wade me through the canyon,
Of my elusive dreams,
And lead me to the stillness,
Of life's cool glistening streams.

When life's walk is over,
And you call me to your side,
I will be withyou forever,
In your bosson I will abide.

Jim Teys
The Waysider

SOCIALS:

PAST SOCIALS -

Annual Mass & Dinner

A most enjoyable evening was had by the 28 people who participated in the Annual Mass and Dinner. After Mass which was celebrated by Father Grice of St Augustine's at St Cecilia's Church at Hamilton, we headed off to the Hamilton Hotel for a dinner which was enjoyable but not up to the standard of recent years. After dinner there was dancing available next door for those who wished it. After the dinner three people took the opportunity to climb Mt Beerwah on the North Coast.

My thanks to Jannine for playing the organ at the Mass and Geoff Egert for organising the Mass details. Cheers

Barney

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SOCIAL JOTTINGS -

Just a short note to remind people that the social dates are in the calendar in the front of the magazine. If these dates clash with any important dates in your lives, please let me know so that I can change the dates to enable the greatest number of people to attend socials of the Club to enable the socials to be a viable proposition.

While socials are there as a relaxant and a chance for members to enjoy each others company and visitors to get to know each other, they are also there for the Club to make a marginal amount to enable the Club to keep going while keeping costs down.

I realise that while Club members have their own lives to lead outside the Club, it is hoped that people will assist the Club by putting private socials on the same night, day or weekend as Club socials. As a Club with the number of people we have we are able to get group discounts at films, theatres and other places of recreation; while we get this discount which is passed on to you, we have to book early and put cash up; therefore if you don't get the numbers the loss is passed back to the Club.

Hope to see you on more socials in the coming months.
There is sure to be something for everybody. Cheers

Barney

COMING SOCIALS - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT BBQ - 24 MAY 1985

Yes, it's here 6.30pm 24th May at 78 Richmond Street Kedron, the chance to relive your school days by coming to our Back to School BBQ. This is a chance for you to show your school colours, so come along. The cost is \$5.00. Drinks have to be provided by you. Dinner will be a BBQ with pudding afterwards and billy tea.

For further details feel free to ring me on 260 5065.

Barney

TREASURER'S REPORT:

SUBSCRIPTION -

At present there are 35 financial members in the Club. As everybody should be aware of by now, 1985 annual subscriptions are now overdue. Anyone who has not yet paid their subs - \$15 for singles; \$22.50 for married couples - should do so at the May monthly meeting, otherwise they will not receive the Club's monthly newsletter.

REINTRODUCTION OF NOMINATION FEE -

It has been decided to reintroduce the Club's previous policy of charging a \$2 nomination fee for all Club walks in future. This change has been brought about by an increasing number of people making last minute cancellations after nominating to go on a particular trip. From now on, anyone who nominates for any walk must pay the \$2 fee to the trip leader upon nominating, and this fee will in most cases be non-refundable. The fee is included in the cost quoted for any club trip.

Geoff Dower

SUMMARY OF GENERAL BUSINESS FROM APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

- Australian Conservation Foundation to be given a donation of \$50.
- Thanks was given to all those who helped at the Bush Dance.
- Costs for Club equipment to be obtained and taken to the next meeting.
- There will be a special feature at the next meeting on "Bushwalking Equipment".

Margaret Anderson

PAST SAFETY & TRAINING: Kangaroo Point Abseiling Night
Wednesday 17 April

The night kicked off with a BBQ, in which 4 hungry members participated while 2 people watched on. Michael showed the new abseiler how to set up the rope, while Greg and myself set up another. By 8.00 we had two ropes set up with safety for the 11 abseilers there.

After going over the nursery slope a few times, another rope was set up over the larger cliff at quite a challenging spot. As new people felt they had satisfied their wish for the nursery slopes, they moved to the bigger cliffs and were put over parallel to an experienced abseiler.

The night finished up about 12.00pm and I would like to thank those who came along. A special thank you to Greg and Michael who showed the troops the way its done.

Ken McCarron

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES:

1. Only dead men have widows.
2. The train was 88 yards long
3. His mother
4. Four statements of information are made. If they are numbered one to four it is easier to follow the reasoning. Albert is not the broker (1) nor the lawyer (3). The politician is friendly with two of the other three men (4) while Albert is friendly with two of them (1), so Albert cannot be the Politician. He must be the doctor. The broker is neither Alfred nor Albert (1) and cannot be Alexander since that gentleman is on good terms with the doctor (2) whom we have just proved to be Albert. The broker must therefore be Aloysuis. Of the remaining two men Alfred was not on good terms with Albert (1) and from (4) we can tell that Alfred cannot be the politician. Hence Alexander must be the politician and Alfred the lawyer.

PUZZLES:

1. Which is correct 8 and 8 are fifteen or 8 and 8 is fifteen?
2. A boat will carry only fourteen stone. How may a man weighing 14 stone and his two sons, each of whom weighs 7 stone, use it to cross a river?
3. In which book of the Bible does it tell about Abel slaying Cain?
4. Moral -
A lion was walking through the jungle. When he came upon a bull. Being hungry the lion devoured the bull. Being full and contented he roared as lions do to show his satisfaction. Hunters nearby heard the lion roar and came and shot the lion.

Moral - When you're full of bull keep quiet.

M.B.S.

- Who were the married couple who brought blankets and sheets on a recent basecamp?
- Ask Michael about Goondiwindi Policemen - There's no autobahns in Qld.

NOTICES:

- Wanted - one lodger - apply Greg Endicott (H)3514092 (W)339562.
- Cathy McHugh finally brought a house - new address 74 Lynne Grove, Corinda - ph 3794447.
- Therese Lacey's work phone number - 221 8400 ext 229.
- Jannine Lucas's work phone number - 226 3434 or 226 3126
- Greg Endicott's work phone number - 339 562

THE THREE NEW NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES RAINFOREST PARKS - A BRIEF DESCRIPTION.

(From Dec 1984 edition of NPA News)

Border Ranges National Park:

The Border Ranges National Park is situated in far north-eastern New South Wales on the Queensland border, 30 kilometres west of Murwillumbah and 30 kilometres north of Kyogle. The park is predominantly rainforest and encompasses some 30,000 hectares of the rugged McPherson Range, from the Tweed Range in the east to Mount Lindesay in the west.

Much of the Border Ranges are clothed in luxuriant subtropical rainforest, while some of the higher, moister parts of the Tweed Range supports cool temperate rainforest dominated by Antarctic beech. Dry rainforest predominates over much of the lower country towards the western end of the McPherson Range.

The mammal fauna of the Border Ranges is probably richer than in any other part of New South Wales and possibly Australia. About a quarter of the total bird species present

in Australia have been recorded in the vicinity of the Border Ranges. Likewise, the invertebrate groups which have been studied there have been found to be extremely diverse. It has generally been concluded that the Border Ranges are home to a treasure trove of undescribed species,

The Tweed Range Scenic Drive from Lillian Rock to Wiangaree is a spectacular round trip through the eastern Tweed Range section of the park. Facilities include a rest area for short-term camping, picnic spots, lookouts and walks. The lookouts provide breath-taking views of the rim or caldera of the Mount Warning shield volcano, with the Mount Warning volcanic plug in centre stage. Lamington National Park across the border to the north and the Nightcap Range to the south are set off by the Pacific Ocean on the eastern horizon.

The western Roseberry section provides a more remote style of recreation, with perimeter roads providing a base for day walks and wilderness walks to places like Levers Plateau. The Lions Road passes through the narrow central section of the park, providing travellers with glimpses of rugged, rainforest clad ranges to the east and west. Picnic and lookout facilities provided by the Lions Club along this road add to its beauty and charm.

The eastern Tweed Range section of the park provides the opportunity for day use, short-term camping and wilderness exploring in a scenic rainforest environment.

The central Lions Road section offers day use opportunities. An important secondary role of this section is the access provided by Lions Road to wilderness areas along the Queensland/New South Wales border to the east and west.

The eastern Tweed Range section of the park is popular with visitors, reflecting a decade of community interest and the provision of recreational facilities by the Forestry Commission. The Service has continued to maintain these facilities, which include the Tweed Range Scenic Drive, picnic areas, lookouts, graded walks and a rest area for short-term camping and day use. Additional picnic facilities have been provided by the Service on Bar Mountain and graded walks from these facilities through the Bar Mountain rainforest to scenic outlooks are progressing. The existing rest area at Forest Tops is small and often shrouded in mist and rain because of its high elevation. The Service proposes to build a new rest area on Sheep Station Creek. The Service is also investigating a scenic rim walk along the escarpments of the Mount Warning volcanic caldera commencing at Numinbah Gap north of Murwillumbah and then around the McPherson, Tweed and Nightcap Ranges.

Nightcap National Park:

The Nightcap National Park is located near the Border Ranges in far north-eastern New South Wales, 30 kilometres north of Lismore and 30 kilometres south-west of Murwillumbah.

Straddling the eastern half of the Nightcap Range, this park is made up of a scenically spectacular series of peaks, ridges and gullies. The park features one of the best developed sub-tropical rainforests in New South Wales. This rainforest is found on the higher mountains and ridges as well as the lower altitude valleys and gullies and reflects an underlying geology of rich basaltic lava flows. The park's midslopes support less complex warm temperate rainforest and

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dense wet sclerophyll forest dominated by eucalypts and brush box. The park is situated in the closely settled Richmond/Tweed district. It has a diverse and scenic environment and is readily accessible by road from the Richmond and Tweed Valleys, the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

The Nightcap offers both residents and tourists the opportunity of day walks in an ancient and beautiful rainforest. The Nightcap National Park provides outstanding recreation opportunities, especially for close appreciation of a rainforest environment. The Service sees low key development of the park, with construction of walking tracks and picnic areas, as being complementary to the Border Ranges and Washpool National Parks which will be less accessible to the public. The park will also help relieve visitor pressures on the smaller Mount Warning National Park where the steep terrain restricts the provision of parking and recreational facilities.

* Terania Creek:

The popularity of Terania Creek reflects a decade of interest and promotion as Lismore's own beautiful rainforest. To cater for the existing high use, the Service has provided all-weather access to a delightful creekside picnic area. A graded walking track has been constructed from the picnic area to Protestor's Falls. The Service proposes to complete the picnic area to construct a two-kilometre graded circuit walk through the subtropical rainforest of the Terania Creek Basin. This walk will depart from the picnic area and will replace the existing walk along an old logging track.

* Mount Nardi:

The summit of Mount Nardi, accessible by sealed road from nearby Nimbin, is girded by largely undisturbed subtropical rainforest and is the most logical visitor destination in this section of the Nightcap National Park.

The summit area has been heavily clad to construct two television transmitting towers and associated roads, power lines and buildings. The land between the towers is managed by Lismore City Council as a picnic area. The Service believes that little can be done to soften the overpowering impact of these developments on the Mount Nardi summit.

While an excellent existing walking track departs from the summit, the Service believes Mount Nardi has been so altered that it does not offer the visitor a high quality rainforest experience. It therefore proposes to maintain Googarna Road to its junction with Mulgum and Flying Fox Roads in the belief that this former forestry road offers a rainforest drive of exceptional quality and beauty.

A picnic area and turn-around, with parking for nineteen cars, will be constructed at this junction and Mulgum and Flying Fox Roads will be closed to vehicle use. Karawatha Road in Griers Scrub will also be closed. The Service proposes to construct a viewing platform at Pholis Gap lookout so that visitors can safely enjoy the view from this spectacular vantage point on Googarna Road. Mulgum and Flying Fox Roads will be converted to walking tracks to features of interest such as the flying fox at the head of Kunghur Creek.

Careful interim management of the logging roads inherited with the Nightcap National Park is crucial. This park has the highest recorded rainfall in New South Wales - when it rains it pours. Roads must be either well maintained or closed and rehabilitated or they are destroyed by landslips and washaways.

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This damages the forest and community town water supply reservoirs on Doon Doon and Mulgum Creeks.

Because the continued presence of Mulgum, Flying Fox and Karawatha Roads threatens the environmental integrity of the rainforests of the Nightcap, the Service proposes to close and rehabilitate them. This will involve digging cross drains to stop water from washing any more of the roads away, and by ripping their gravel surfaces so that natural revegetation can proceed quickly.

The management of Googarna Road will involve road grading, clearing roadside drains and directing run-off water. This will minimise damage to the forest by roadslip and erosion and will maintain future options.

* Nightcap Track and Mount Matheson Loop Track:

The Service will maintain these walking tracks for day walkers.

Washpool National Park:

Washpool National Park is situated in northern New South Wales on the eastern escarpment of the New England Tablelands. It is 670 kilometres north of Sydney midway between Grafton and Glen Innes and adjoins the Gibraltar Range National Park to the south. Washpool National Park is of national significance for its permanent reservation of a major complex of warm temperate rainforest with its associated mosaic of open hardwood forests. It also provides outstanding wilderness recreation opportunities. The park offers long wilderness walks in rugged forest-clad mountain ranges and creeks.

An important secondary role is day use and short-term camping in the southern and northern edges of the wilderness. The Washpool is complemented by the long-established Gibraltar Range National Park which adjoins it to the north.

Management of the Washpool by the Service must aim to protect the important wilderness value identified by the Government's rainforest policy. The Service has inherited a wilderness area of national significance with established visitor destinations and increasing use based on old logging roads. Service management aims to provide all-weather access to facility areas on the edge of the park with the early closure and rehabilitation of roads which compromise wilderness values.

* Roads: Coombadja Road: Will be retained from the Gwydir Highway to Coombadja Creek as the principal access road to the park. Road repair and regravelling will be undertaken as soon as practicable. A picnic area is to be constructed on Coombadja Creek and will provide an appropriate terminus. The road beyond this point will be retained as a walking route.

Moogem Road: The section of this road between Coombadja Road and Dundarra Gully requires extensive repairs. A functional terminus for public vehicular use will be provided at Dundarra Gully. Beyond this point Moogem Trail and Northwest Trail will be retained for fire management purposes only.

Granite Road: This road, which provides access to Granites Lookout, will be upgraded to all-weather standard.

Cedar Road: Is currently in poor condition and not trafficable. It will remain closed to vehicles and its long-term future will be reviewed when a draft plan of management is prepared.

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* Wilderness: The whole of the park north of Coombadjha Creek and east of Moogem Road Trail will be declared wilderness under Section 59 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

* Recreational facilities: Coombadjha Rest Area: An attractive area above Coombadjha Creek has been carefully assessed and designed for both day use and short-term camping. About 50 campsites will be provided along with parking for buses and caravans. A graded walking track system will be constructed through an unlogged coachwood/banksia forest. A graded walking track system will link the Coombadjha rest area to the existing Hakea picnic area and associated walks in the adjoining Gibraltar Range National Park.

PLEASE NOTE:

IN FUTURE, ALL NOMINATIONS FOR SOCIALS ARE TO
BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FULL COST OF THE EVENT!

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A SOURCE OF LIGHT

By Paul Gibney

It can be found in the bustling cities.
It can be found in the serenity of old,
It can be found in the humble and meek,
It can be found in the courageous and bold.

It can be found in the one who's gentle,
It can be found in the one who's strong,
It's never found in the one who's harsh,
It's never found in the wrong.

Whoever it's in, it's in the mind,
It's in the calmness to cope,
It's in the burning fire in the heart,
The fire that glows in hope.

With care, it grows with every breath,
For it has no limitation,
It serves you best, in a time of need,
It's a source of motivation.

It adapts with every single hour,
With persistence that will never cease.
It's the serenity, the light, the pinnacle of power.
The fantastic gift of peace.

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