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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



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Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Catholic Centre, Edward Street, City, commencing at 7.30p.m.

Enter via the car park, not the front door. If the door is shut, please ring the door bell and wait for someone to come down and open it. Car parking is available behind the Cathedral. Use the second gate in Charlotte Street and drive around between the buildings to the Cathedral rear.

Visitors are always welcome.

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Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer. The Emergency Officer is listed under each trip. Please do not ring before 9.00p.m. at the earliest.

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CLUB CALENDAR

October

22	Buchanan's Fort	DW
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November

3/5	Retreat - Club Hut	BC
10/12	Edinburgh Castle - Oblielisk	Roving BC
19	Family Bar-B-Cue	
20	Monthly Meeting	
25/26	Valley of Diamonds	ON

December

1/3	Northbrook Creek	TW
9	Christmas Party	
15/17	Connondale Ranges	TW/BC
18	Monthly Meeting	
22/24	Mystery Trip	TW/ON

January 1979

7	Coomera River	DW
12/14	Harry's Hut	BP
22	Monthly Meeting	
26/29	Cataract River	TW/BC

February

4	Running Creek Falls	DW
9	New Members Night	
10/11	Obi-Obi	ON
17	FMR Training-Beginners Morning	
19	Monthly Meeting	
23/25	Toocloem Falls - Paddy's Flat	TW/BC

March

4	Mt. Moon	DW
10	FMR Training-Beginners Morning	
10/11	Mt. Warning	ON
19	Monthly Meeting	
23/25	Condamine Gorge	TW/BC
30/1 April	Safety & Training	

LEGEND

TW	Throughwalk
ON	Overnighter
BC	Basecamp
DW	Daywalk

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7	FMR Training-Beginners Morning	
7	New Members Afternoon	
8	Bear Rock - Camp Stacey	DW
12/16	Mt Kaputar	BC
23	Monthly Meeting(Not 3rd Monday of month.)	
24/25	Hell Hole Gorge - Double Top	ON
27/29	Beau Brummel - Mt. Castle	TW/BC

May

4/7	Red Rock National Park	TW/BC
11	New Members Night	
12/13	Hoffman's Falls	ON
21	Monthly Meeting	
27	Mt. Haldon	DW
27	FMR-Advanced Training Day	

June

1/3	Safety & Training Weekend	
10	Mt. Beerwah	DW
15/18	Main Range	TW/BC
25	Monthly Meeting(Not 3rd Monday of month.)	
30	FMR-Advanced Training Day	

July

6/8	Mt. Barney	TW/BC
16	Monthly Meeting	
27/29	Annual FMR Training Weekend (Giraween National Park)	BC

August

3	New Members Night	
14/15	Annual Barney Mass	ON
20	Monthly Meeting	

September

8	FMR-Beginners Morning	
14/16	Federation Pilgrimage	BC
17	Monthly Meeting	
23	FMR-Advanced Training Day	

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EDITORIAL:

The overseas travel bug has bitten lots of the B.O.B.C. members. Already two of our members are traversing the length and breadth of New Zealand, and according to the post cards received, are having a great trip. Others are busily planning a similar trip late in December, and I believe, training hard for this more than moderate trip. Early in the New Year we have two Himalayan trekkers off to Nepal to realise a life-time dream.

Also, in this issue, we present an exciting Club Calendar for the New Year, offering something for everyone. The pre-cuttings are already under way, so 1979 is now taking shape within our Club.

Thought I might mention the Family Barbecue as this promises to be quite an occasion. The President and his Committee are especially anxious to meet all the Mums and Dads and other relatives of our members.

Bev. Price

VISITORS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS:

A warm welcome is extended to all visitors who attended our October monthly meeting. At the gathering, we noticed Laurie and Thea Kearney, Ann Dick, Pat Pynja, Christine Carter, Bill Oliver, Mary Walsh and Susan Pingel. Hope you will come again and in due course, join our ranks as members.

SAFETY & TRAINING OFFICER:

Nominations are being called to fill the vacancy of Safety and Training Officer, and will be voted on at the November meeting.

FEDERATION HUTS IN NATIONAL PARKS:

At the last federation meeting, the University of Queensland Bushwalking Club moved that all huts in National Parks be removed.

This Motion will be voted on at the next Federation meeting.

At our next meeting we will have to vote 'Yes' or 'No'.

L. Mort

NEW MEMBERS:

We have four more fully qualified new members:- Ann Carter, Jim Besgrove, and Thea and Laurie Kearney.

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COMING OUTINGS

VALLEY OF THE DIAMONDS - Overnighter

Date: 25/26 November, 1978
Leader: Val Pedrolini 358 3578
Cost: \$6.00
Emergency Officer: Russ Nelson 370 2170
Meeting Time: 7.15p.m., Cnr. Roma & Turbot Sts. 25.11.78.
Location: East of Crows Nest

This is a walk to a new area. The walk starts above the Valley of the Diamonds and goes east to Perserverence Creek and then turns upstream to Perserverence Dam. We will sleep by the cars on Saturday night. On Sunday you will need a small daypack, preferably waterproof. A different but easy walk.

NORTHBROOK CREEK - Throughwalk

Date: 2/3 December, 1978.
Leader: John Hood 597 787
Cost: \$4.00
Emergency Officer: Bev Price 48 4795
Meeting Time: 7.00 ~~A.M.~~ ^{SAT} Cnr. Roma and Turbot Sts. 2.12.78.
Location: Northwest of the Gap
NOTE: Usually starting time

This walk is a follow up to the highly successful day-walk earlier this year. The walk will begin from the same spot as last year and will end at the Brisbane River. The trip will be notable for the swimming and the gorges. Bring your li-lo and togs and a fairly waterproof pack. This will be a medium trip.

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Date: 15/17 December, 1978.
 Leader: John Carter 356 4931
 Cost: \$7.00
 Emergency Officer: Jim Conway 351 4368
 Meeting Time: 7.15p.m. Cnr. Roma and Turbot Sts. 15.12.78.
 Location: West of Malaney

Here is another Throughwalk which will have great waterfalls and cool, deep ponds. We will camp on Friday night at the foot of Mt. Allan. Then on Saturday we will rock hop up Lobster Creek and then follow a ridge which will lead us to Boulloomba Creek. On Sunday we head down Boulloomba Creek and here we will see some of the prettiest country in the Connondale Range, with several beaut Falls, along down this creek. This leads back to Mt. Allan. Numerous swimming stops are planned.

OUTINGS IN RETROSPECTLITTLE MOUNT BRISBANE.DAYWALK.15th OCTOBER, 1978.

Little Mount Brisbane is situated beside Somerset Dam in the Brisbane Valley and as the name implies, it is only very small and easy to ascend. Six walkers assembled on Sunday morning including a first timer in Kieran Price, aged 10 years.

We arrived at the picnic area below the dam at 10:30 where we left the car and headed off across the river to start the walk. As no one had been to this area before, we followed directions given by Marko and reached the top by 12:00. Views were non-existent due to the low cloud. However, there was a myriad of flora to be observed. After taking in these sights we headed back to the car.

On the way back we had to pass through a 'Blackboy' forest and in the mist it appeared to be a tribe of aborigines. Our imaginations worked overtime as we pointed out bushes that resembled different members of the tribe.

Arriving back at the car at 2:00 p.m., we had lunch while we waited for the billy to boil. Afterwards, we drove around to have a look at the dam. The village itself consists of old but well-kept cottages which were built to house the workers who built the dam in the years long past. The flowering trees and shrubs were in full bloom and were a sight to behold. The rain closed in and the day darkened as we left for Brisbane, arriving at 5:30 p.m.

JOHN HOOD.

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CARE OF HEAVY BOOTS

A new pair of boots today can easily cost \$50.00 and so are a valuable part of your bushwalking equipment. They protect your feet from all sorts of injuries and help to make bushwalking a very enjoyable experience. This article sets out to explain how to keep your boots in the best possible condition.

The uppers of your boots should be cleaned regularly to keep them pliable and water resistant. This will also help to avoid the rotting effect of soil, manure or water, which often contains harmful chemicals such as iron salts, alkalis or acids.

Your boots should be cleaned immediately after wear, clinging mud should be removed, and the boots brushed clean or wiped with a damp cloth before the dressing is applied. The boots should be treated with a good dubbin (NOT WAX POLISH OR OIL DRESSING). When the boots are worn in wet or muddy conditions dubbin should be used as soon as possible after the boots are wet, and again after they have dried out.

Leather is very easily damaged by heat, the danger being especially great when the boots are wet. Boots should be allowed to dry out slowly in a well ventilated place and should be kept AWAY FROM FIRES. If the boots are in a very wet condition it will facilitate drying if they are stuffed with newspaper before drying out.

Russ Nelson.

LAUGHTER:

A rustic type with straw in his hair handed over a \$5 note at the station booking office.

"Does the next train go to London?" he asked.

"That's right, Sir, Change at Tunbridge Wells."

"I ain't waiting till I gets to Tunbridge Wells" shouted the rustic,

"I want my change now!"

A very mean Scotsman once travelled down to Wembley to watch the big international match between Scotland and England. When he returned home, one of his friends asked him;

"Was it a big gate, Jock?"

"It was indeed," he replied. "One of the biggest I've ever had to climb over!"

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MIRACLE OF THE PROM

In many ways it is almost a miracle that Wilson's Promontory has survived as a national park.

During the 80 years since land was first reserved in the area, many development schemes have been planned.

Tin mining was carried out in the northern section during World War I; bushfires periodically burn the forests and heathlands; a commando training camp was set up in World War II; now the ever-growing stream of visitors poses new problems.

The history of the Prom is outstanding among Victoria's national parks for adventure, variety and sustained fascination. Chinese squid fishermen, the ubiquitous Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, resort developers, sealers, timber-getters and naturalists, as well as the tin miners and commandos, figure amongst the annals.

Today's visitors, especially bushwalkers, should contemplate with respect the achievements of the early visitors.

Perhaps one of the most memorable and distinctive attractions is the grandeur of its granite peaks and ridges.

The processes which formed this spectacular landscape began about 300 million years ago, when semi-molten rock from the Earth's interior pushed up into overlying rocks.

This granite massif was once the northern end of a high, jagged land bridge extending south to Tasmania. The melting of glaciers 10,000 years ago considerably raised the level of the ocean. Only the highest points on the ridge were not submerged - the Bass Strait islands and the smaller islands off the Prom.

After the flooding, Wilson's Promontory was only a series of islands separated from the rest of the continent. Over long ages wind-blown deposits of sand accumulated between the islands and also formed the Yanakie isthmus, joining granite peaks, sandy beaches and dunes into a single unit.

Granite decomposes or is worn away at widely differing rates. In some places it crumbles readily to form gravel and soil, in other places it is highly resistant. The splendid balancing rocks of Mt. Oberon are evidence of this process. Less resistant rock has been worn away, leaving the isolated boulders of harder rock.

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MIRACLE OF THE PROM Cont.,

The diversity of plant communities in the National Park is incredible: sparse cover on the sandhills; heathland shrubs and thickets of tea-tree, sheoak and banksias; the open dry eucalypt forest, the scrubby wet eucalypt forest and isolated pockets of luxuriant tropical rainforest.

About 700 species of native plants have been recorded and, to the observant amateur, the wealth of plants is fascinating.

Lodge accommodation at Tidal River, inside the park, must be arranged in advance with the Victorian Tourist Bureau. Bookings for tent or caravan campsites should be made through the National Parks office at Tidal River. Outstation camping at a number of specified sites elsewhere in the park is controlled by the National Parks Service, and walkers planning to camp overnight on an extended trip must first obtain a permit from the Ranger-in-Charge.

SELF HELP MEDICINE from Thompson D.S.
Education for self care of the Common Cold.

1. For your feeling of tiredness, headache, malaise, chilliness and feverishness:

Two aspirin tablets (a total of ten grains) every three to four hours - you may chew these for slightly faster action.

2. For your uncomfortable throat and cough:

a. Hot (about as hot as you can tolerate) salt water gargle at least four times a day.

b. Analgesic throat lozenges. Suck them slowly and use as needed to reduce throat irritation. Actually, any hard candy will provide more-or-less similar relief.

3. For your running and/or stuffy nose:

Phenylephrine hydrochloride nasal drops (0.25% concentration) - Use approximately five drops in each nostril no more than four times a day.

Several principles to be kept in mind when selecting medication for your cold are: do not use antibiotics in any form: nasal drops and sprays should be water based; your cough, although annoying, if productive of sputum may be helping you so it should not be suppressed too much, if at all.

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Imperial Chemical Industries has announced the discovery of a new fire-fighting agent known as WATER (Wonderful And Total Extinguishing Resource). It is particularly suitable for dealing with fires in buildings, timber yards and warehouses, and is fairly cheap to produce. It is intended that quantities of about five million litres should be stored in open ponds or reservoirs near urban areas and installations of high risk.

WATER is already encountering strong opposition from safety and environmental groups. One group member has pointed out that if anyone immersed his head in a bucket of WATER it would prove fatal in as little as three minutes. Each of ICI's proposed reservoirs will contain enough WATER to fill half a million 10 litre buckets. Each bucketful could be used a hundred or more times, so there is enough WATER in one reservoir to kill the entire population of the United Kingdom.

Did we know, asked a fire-brigade spokesman what would happen to this new medium when it was exposed to intense heat? It had been reported that WATER was a constituent of beer. Did this mean that firemen would be intoxicated by the fumes?

The Friends of the World said that they had obtained a sample of WATER and found it made clothes shrink. If it did this to cotton, what would it do to men?

In the House of Commons, the Home Secretary was asked if he would prohibit the manufacture and storage of this lethal new material. A full investigation was needed, he replied, and the Major Hazards Group would be asked to report.

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT:

1. The Club Financial Year ends on 31st December, each year.
 2. The Annual General Meeting is in February at which-
 - a) the Annual Report is discussed and
 - b) the new Committee is elected.
 3. Nominations for Committee positions can be accepted after the close of the December Meeting.
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Coming Social: Christmas Party

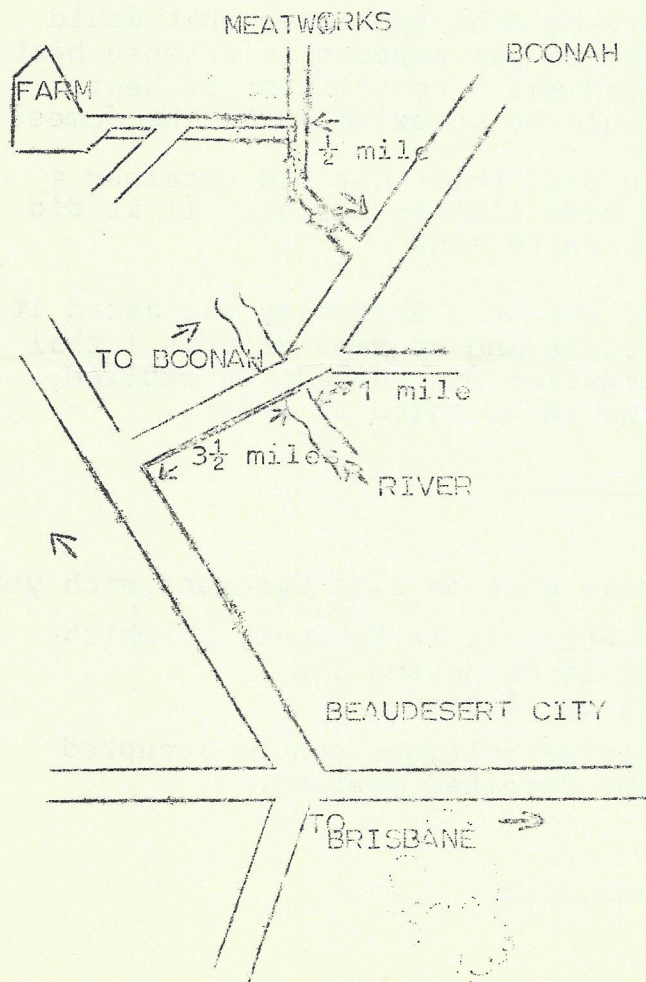
Date: Saturday 9th December

Place: Therese Ward's parents' farm outside Beaudesert.
(See map below. Also anyone needing transport should see Val)Come: \$2 plus a Christmas gift worth \$1 for Santa's sack.
(You get a gift back) Also bring along your own meat for the barbecue.

Time: 6pm pm.

Since last year's Christmas party was successful at the Ward's farm. We will be having it there again. So come along for a great time of games and your big chance of sitting on Santa's knee a giving him a big hug 'n' kiss. It will start off with barbecue tea, so don't forget to bring along your own meat. Soft drinks and salads etc. will be provided. There will also be Christmas Carols sung by candlelight, followed by supper. Like last year you are welcomed to stay overnight at the farm provided you bring your own camping gear etc.

Sunday we will be going down to the river for a swim or mud fight so come prepared.



Proceed through
Beaudesert.

Turn right to Rathdowney
and first turn right
after small bridge to
Boonah. Keep to road
veering left at all
junctions. Turn left at
the sign to Meatworks but
before it. Watch for a
white gate on the left going
over a grid. Follow dirt
road and B.C.B.C. signs to
the farm.

CLUB PHOTO - GRAPHIC COMP'TN

Slide competition time again! So, hopefully everyone will go through their slides taken within the last 12 months. Slides must not have been entered previously in any other club competition. Judging will take place at the December meeting by Mr Bill Smit, who was out judge last year. There will be 4 categories:-

1. Scenic - taken on club trips, including pre-outings.
2. Scenic - not taken on club trips ie., holidays, private trips.
3. Nature - animals and plants etc., taken in their habitat.
4. People - one or more persons, taken on trips, socials or meetings.

NB. The following are required:-

- a. An entry fee of 5c. per slide.
- b. Name of entrant.
- c. Category Number (as shown above).
- d. Title of slide (if any).
- e. A spot for projection on the bottom left hand corner as viewed correctly.

Slides in plastic mounts can have this written on an adhesive label fixed to the mount.

Slides should be submitted to Val at the next meeting, 20th November. Closing date will be the 10th December. The best slide winner will receive a gift voucher to the value of \$7 from Herbert Smalls Camera Store in the Valley.

This year, instead of prizes being given to each category winner, we have decided to make use of the money by making prints from the winning slides. These will then be kept in a photo album in the club library.

COMPOSITION IN PHOTOGRAPHY

A photographer must know as much as possible about Composition because, after Lighting, it is the next most important aspect of good photography. Man is generally a very orderly being, having his possessions neatly arranged in several set or alternate patterns. If he does not do this, then he is termed downright untidy. Composition means the arrangement of the contents of a picture in an orderly, pleasing presentation.

If you look closely at a good picture, you will probably find that its appeal lies in its Composition.

Composition commences in the way you hold your Camera, i.e. vertical or horizontal. Vertical subjects, such as church spires, waterfalls, tall buildings, giraffes, trees, tall grasses, etc. require a vertical format. This gives the subject a feeling of tallness, dignity, aloofness or grandeur.

A horizontal format is required for subjects like Landscapes, trains, boats, ships, or for moving subjects such as racing cars, horses etc. It will be seen that the horizontal can convey the feeling of calm, rest or peace, or when the moving object is blurred or the background blurred, a feeling of movement or action.

Before releasing the shutter, always consider the format that you are using. Vertical or horizontal.

Generally pictures should have a dominant point of interest. Beginners generally place it in the centre of the picture - dead centre - and it is really static and lifeless. The point of interest should be placed just off centre, approximately at the intersection of the thirds. If cotton threads were placed across a slide, two from the top, and two from the sides, equidistant from each other, the point where the threads cross "a third".

Much has been written and said, that, because we read from left to right, we naturally look to the left side of a picture first. Therefore it follows that a pleasing arrangement in a picture can be achieved, by having an "entry" or "leading line" starting on the left hand side, preferably near the bottom, to lead the eye into the picture.

Something is often required to "hold" the eye in the picture area - a point of interest - and thus to prevent the eye from quickly travelling out of the frame, via over-bright areas, (patches of washed out sky). Some landscapes fall very easily into this category, because they lack interest and have a bald patch of sky.

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Composition in Photography cont.

The "S" or variation of the "S" composition is a very pleasing arrangement. Of course the line need not be exactly in the shape of an "S" in the picture. Usually the start of the "S" curve commences near the bottom left hand side of the frame, then curving upward to end at the point of interest.

A triangular composition creates a solid and restful photograph, because of its firm base and equal sides. The Egyptian pyramids certainly look solid. At school you learnt of the many variations in triangles, and all these variations have their uses in Composition.

A diagonal Composition gives a feeling of movement or insecurity. This is best illustrated by a child using a slippery dip. Other shapes are ovals, circles, diamonds, arrows, wheel spokes and crosses.

All shapes and formats in your composition assist in conveying a mood to your picture.

Pat Lawton

(Taken from March '73 circular)

HOW TO TAKE CARE AND CLEAN YOUR DOWN SLEEPING BAG

I bet 95% of you were never told by the people who sold your sleeping bag how you should care for it. The remainder of you probably asked and were told different things with varying degrees of accuracy. We shall now try to correct this position. We will only restrict ourselves to the better quality down bags. The first thing to understand is that you the buyer is at the mercy of the down processor or manufacturer as far as the quality of down used - call it No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 Super-down, Prime goose down, down, A1 premium down etc. Down consist of thousands of particles of light fluffy filaments growing from a single quill point without a quill shaft. The bigger these fluffy bits are the more mature the duck or goose was. It is usual to find around 10 - 15% of small feathers mixed with the down. When your bag was new there was still a good amount of natural oil left in each particle of down, this keeps the down supple and resilient resulting in good loft. If you imagine yourself as a particle of down at this stage, you will understand easily the simple things to do to care for it. Do you like being severely crushed and compressed into a small stuff sack? If you do, don't bother to read any further. Keep your bag when not in use flat on the floor and well protected from damp, cockies, snails, etc. - say, under your bed. Loosely folded in an oversized plastic bag is not bad an idea too. You like to sit or lie in the sun once in a while, so does the down in your bag provided it is not a heat wave when excessively high temperatures will melt the natural
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How to Take Care and Clean your Down Sleeping Bag
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oil in the down and cause it to stay in a collapsed state - like you would too! Sunning your bag will sterlise the down plumules and increase the loft. You don't like someone lifting you up in the air by your hair so don't yank your bag out of the stuff sack too forcefully. Take it easy, take your time, this way you won't tear any of the internal baffles or tucked stitching. Like animal fur, down is made of protein and lanolin. When the fine tendrils of down plumules is kept wet for any length of time it begins to rot. Always keep your bag dry but if it gets wet dry it as soon as possible. It's a good idea to fluff up your bag a couple of hours before you intend to sleep in it. This allows the down to regain its loft. A sleeping sheet is vital to the cleanliness of the bag although it is additional weight to lug around. Resist the temptation to use your bag as a cushion, nylon bag owners watch out for sparkes from the campfire - a flying spark will burn a hole.

During sleep moisture passes through the shell into down carrying with it an assortment of smells or flavours, body dirt and oils. Dirt and oil cling to the down plumules preventing them from lofting thereby causing the bag to feel cold. So, before it smells like a giant sweatsock or dead rat it's time for it to be cleaned - NEVER DRY CLEAN!!! unless you can find someone - I have not yet. Most dry cleaners will say they can do it but the harsh chlorinated hydrocarbons will strip the natural oil from the down causing it to be brittle and break. Once it's broken you lose the loft and warmth. The most common chemical is perchloroethylene also known as "perk" which will turn your light fluffy down plumules into a cotton string! Go to a good shop and ask for down soap, specially for washing down garments current price is from \$4.50-\$5.80 depending on brand names. Next, soak your sleeping bag in the long bath. Now the fun starts - it's not easy to get the down soaking wet is it? You'll find that it's a bit easier to thoroughly soak the bag when it's in a fairly tight roll when there's not much air in between the down. Try to get the bag completely submerged and lying flat at the bottom of the long bath - add weight to it if necessary. Leave it overnight to loosen all grit, dirt, oils and fabric dye. Hand wash a little and rinse thoroughly a few times. Now fill the bath again with lukewarm water to submerge the bag by 2" and put in the special down soap. Knead the bag so that the soapy solution gets into each quill of down. Leave overnight again if possible. Handwash the bag thoroughly for the last time followed by as many rinses necessary to get all suds out. Next, fold the bag into half and start rolling it tightly to squeeze out as much water as you can get out. Do not wring but use a kneading action. Carry the wet rolled bag outside to dry on hammock or similar gismo.

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How to Take Care and Clean your Down Sleeping Bag
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If you carry the wet bag in one hand by the hood there is danger of tearing the internal baffles. If you do then you may experience a sight to behold - a down waterfall. Carry it in both arms like a baby. Get it? Turn the bag over occasionally to dry the down evenly. You can separate balls of wet down to hasten drying. It will take 3-4 days of good dry sunny weather to completely dry it. You'll be surprised at the results - better loft, smells sweet, feels clean and the effort worth it. Happy Washing.

J. Lim

Jim the Backpacker 6.9.78

PS. Send self addressed envelope with correct postage if you have any questions you want clarified or you wish to seek a second opinion. Our advice is free for the asking.

(Taken from the Queensland Hosteller, Nov., Dec., 1978 and Jan., 1979)

MORE BEAUT SCANDAL:

Who's the NEW teddy bear in the club now?

The challenge of the century 'Mac verses the Calories'.

Congratulations to Marnie Niland for giving birth to a big baby boy - Peter Carl, on the 2 nd November.

Springtime sure is the breeding season. There will be quite a few bushies again turning another year older. Those who have just celebrated their birthdays and those who will be are:-

Anno Carter, Mary Ebbage, Chris Price, Tricia Pease,
Anne Ebbage and John Hood.

Two jettsetters were seen off at the International Airport in a big JUMBO. Well of course! How else were they going to get their gear over there.

Rumour has it that a group of walkers have been seen tramping the streets of Taringa, carrying packs, reportedly weighing up to 60lbs. Are they a group of dedicated masochists or just disoriented, keen bushies?

Good luck to Trisha Pease who is going to Charleville to work in the local hospital for 6 weeks, (and good luck to her patients as well). She leaves on November 22nd.

Val last seen floating down Perseverence Creek after attempting to cross it on a log. No need to worry, it was only the preouting, we will pick her up on the actual trip - Valley of Diamonds o/n.

THE QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS

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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1978.

Next Federation Meeting:

Thursday, 23rd November, 1978, 7.30 p.m. at National Fitness Rooms, Ann Street, Brisbane.

ALL WELCOME!

PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY (79)

Federation Mountain Rescue:

Training Night - Tuesday, 7th November, 1978, 7.30 p.m. at Kangaroo Point Cliffs - meet at the top.

F.M.R. Meeting - Tuesday, 28th November, 1978, 7.30 p.m. at National Fitness Rooms, Ann Street, Brisbane.

** F.M.R. CALENDAR 1979 **

Jan 23rd	Meeting	7.30 pm	National Fitness Building
<u>Feb 17th</u>	Beginners training morning (abseiling and belaying) Organisers: Ross Buchanan Stan Doblo John Lowe	8.00 am	Kangaroo Point
Feb 27th	Meeting	7.30 pm	National Fitness Building
<u>March 10th</u>	Beginners training morning (abseiling and prussicking) Organisers: John Webb Helen Parsons Frank Windeatt	8.00 am	Kangaroo Point
March 27th	Meeting	7.30 pm	National Fitness Building

<u>April 7th</u>	Beginner's training morning (abseiling and anchoring, afternoon's rockclimbing if interested) Organisers: Gus Fergus, Bob Hoey, Alan Hobson	8.00 am	Kangaroo Point
May 22nd	Meeting	7.30 pm	National Fitness Building
<u>May 27th</u>	Cliff rescue training day (advanced personnel) Organisers: Neil Gibson, John Webb, Peter Fentiman	8.30am	Glasshouse Mts. (Meet at Tibrogargan Rest Area)
June 26th	Meeting	7.30 pm	National Fitness Building
<u>June 30th</u>	Cliff rescue training day (advanced personnel) Organisers: Alan Hobson, Ron Farmer, Peter Fentiman	8.00 am	Kangaroo Point
July 24th	Meeting	7.30 pm	National Fitness Building

1978 FEDERATION PILGRIMAGE

The Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club was the host for this year's Pilgrimage held at Beechmont, and after several days of rain and the worries this caused, the weekend was blessed with beautiful weather.

Friday dawned clear and bright, however, you can't win all the time, on arrival at the campsite there was a bitingly cold westerly blowing, brr! Fortunately, the area where the tents were placed was somewhat sheltered by the trees.

In spite of the fact some folk didn't arrive until about 1 am, everyone was up bright and early on Saturday morning and the wind had dropped. By 8.30 am everyone was just about ready to start on the walks.

The walks were all in the Lamington National Park and varied from the energetic to the easy - Egg Rock and Turtle Rock, Nixons Creek, Ships Stern, Daves Creek, Coomera Circuit, Illinbah and the Swimming Pool. It was surprising the number of folk who had not visited these parts of Lamington before.

Saturday night, campfire time, Brian Mackness from the National Parks & Wildlife Service, very capably led this sing song both with and without his guitar.

While this was in progress some of the BBBWC members were mixing and cooking pikelets which were served with the usual cuppa. Then it was back to the fire and the singing continued.

Thinking the walkers might like to sleep in on Sunday, the starting time was set for 9 am but by 8.30 am all seemed rearing to go, so the day's programme was started. First a very interesting discussion came question time, which was very ably conducted by Brian Mackness. This was an excellent opportunity for the bushwalkers and National Parks & Wildlife Service to learn something about each others problems in bushwalking fields.

Next came the competitions -

Billy boiling	won by Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers
Tent pitching	won by Family Bushwalkers Club
Egg & Spoon race	Six heats - all Clubs had a first. No time for a final
Sack race	
Crocodile race	1st heat - Ipswich Bushwalkers Club
	2nd heat - Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers
Tug-o-war	won by Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers Club

By this time it was about 1.30 pm and a very hungry crowd adjourned for lunch.

After lunch about 2.30 pm, it was time to break camp and prepare to head for home, another happy annual get-together behind us.

Clubs represented were - Brisbane Bushwalkers, Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers, Family Bushwalkers, Gold Coast Bushwalkers, Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers, Wavell Bushwalkers, YHA Bushwalkers, Ipswich Catholic Bushwalkers and Binna Burra Bushwalkers.

We now look forward to next year's Pilgrimage which will be hosted by the Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers Club.

A new listing of clubs affiliated with the Qld Federation is being compiled. Besides listing the names and addresses of our member clubs, we would like to include other relevant information such as the criteria for joining each club (e.g. age limits and qualifying requirements) and when and where club meetings are held. This information will be printed in pamphlet form and distributed throughout the state to retail outlets, etc., as well as to our members and hopefully will be a means of promoting bushwalking clubs, ethics, and safety.

Listed on the back page is our current membership. Please check for your club's address and notify the Assistant Secretary (Mrs Sharyn Kann), The Qld Federation of Bushwalking Clubs, G.P.O. Box 1573, Brisbane 4001, of any errors.

CLEANINGS!

Our beloved Premier could take some lessons on running a Democratic election from the (still) current Family Bushwalkers Club President. Alan Becker informed their A.G.M. that he had been president for the past 9 years and wished to stand again for a further term (& thus qualify for retirement benefits: gold watch, pension, etc.,?) and with no one offering to oppose him, was duly re-elected. A short time later, during the Budget Debate, a newly arrived visitor inquired, somewhat incredulously, for what purpose would a "walking club" need a Post Hole Auger, and screens. Alan, very delicately explained the need for one on trips with an attendance in excess of one hundred people.

While a few weeks previous, B.B.W. found itself rivalling the Papal elections while trying to find two Vice-Presidents. To liven up an otherwise ordinary A.G.M., the electors managed to produce two consecutive tied votes until a third vote managed to come up with two names.

And finally, a word of comfort to C.A.R.E. and S.T.O.P. Your influence has been felt out at Qld University, where the U.Q.B.W.C.'ers have elected a "Morals Officer"!

P.S. Not to be left out of this new wave of Morality and Decency, B.C.B.C. have appointed a "President of Vices, Chief Censor, and member of Committee in charge of Morals" who is censoring his club's mag. and affixing his official Imprimatur, and thus depriving Federation's Official Reader of All In-coming Mail (and Manager of Dept. for finding more work for the Secretaries) of a bit more scandalous reading!

The National Parks & Wildlife Service has produced a brochure entitled "Wildlife Series 1 - The Platypus", which contains photographs and information on the Platypus.

The back page contains a Questionnaire, to be returned to N.P. & W.S., by any person who has sighted a platypus. Information is needed on where these animals still occur.

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CONSERVATION NEWS

New Lakefield National Park

... Liz Bourne

The recent welcome announcement by the Premier of the creation of a 500,000 hectare national park extending from Laura to Princess Charlotte Bay will preserve one of the more extensive wetland systems in Cape York. The variety of wetlands includes mangroves, marine plains, melaleuca swamps, lagoon systems and the Normanby River. The area should make a major contribution towards the preservation of the habitat of the rare golden shouldered parrot.

According to the Premier, it is planned to turn one of the four homesteads in the Park into a "tourist lodge similar to the famous Kruga Lodge in Kenya". He suggested that the Lakefield Park will become the headquarters for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Cape. This he claimed was part of a "long range project to make the peninsula the world's largest wilderness area".

It can only be hoped that this, along with other recent large Park declarations, are indeed an indication of an intention on the part of the Queensland Government to improve on its past poor track record in the Cape. The fact that this Park will be covered by extensive grazing leases does not demonstrate an appreciation of the concept of wilderness management for the Cape.

But regardless of these reservations, this park gazettal is certainly a commendable achievement and the Premier should be congratulated for his efforts. It is believed that this important Park declaration was largely due to the actions of the Premier overriding the objections of other Cabinet Ministers. We urge you to write to the Premier, Mr J. Bjelke-Petersen, C/- Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane Q 4000, commending him for this move aimed at increasing the national park estate on Cape York.

Fraser Island Management Plan

It seems likely that the long-awaited management plan for Fraser Island will be presented to State Cabinet in December this year. This was revealed by the Premier in response to a question in Parliament on the 12th September by the member for Maryborough, Mr Hansen. The management plan is being prepared by an Inter-Departmental Committee under the Co-Ordinator General's Department based on submissions from government departments and local authorities. Not surprisingly, no conservation or other public interest groups were invited to contribute their comments on the future use and management of the island. Sadly, public participation seems to be a concept that is totally alien to our present State Government.

THE QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS

Metropolitan Clubs:

Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club

G.P.O. Box 1274,
BRISBANE ... 4001.

Brisbane Bushwalking Club

G.P.O. Box 1949,
BRISBANE ... 4001.

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club

P.O. Box 151,
NORTH QUAY ... 4000.

Family Bushwalkers Club

C/- Mr R. Williams,
53 Paten Road,
THE GAP ... 4061.

Griffith University Bushwalking
Society

C/- R. Wylie,
School of Aust. Environmental Studies,
Griffith University,
NATHAN ... 4111.

National Parks Association of Qld

G.P.O. Box 1752,
BRISBANE ... 4001.

Qld Institute of Technology
Bushwalking Club

C/- Q.I.T. Union,
P.O. Box 2434,
NORTH QUAY ... 4000.

University of Qld Bushwalking Club

C/- University of Qld Union,
Queensland University,
ST LUCIA ... 4067.

Wavell Bushwalkers

C/- J. Mackay,
37 Zeehan Street,
WAVELL HEIGHTS ... 4012.

Youth Hostels Association of Qld
(Bushwalking Section)

C/- 147 Ann Street,
BRISBANE ... 4000.

Non-Metropolitan Clubs:

Emerald Bushwalking Club

P.O. Box 153,
EMERALD ... 4720.

Gold Coast Bushwalkers

C/- Rosaline Stephensen,
2/15 Baker Avenue,
LABRADOR ... 4215.

James Cook University Bushwalking
Club

C/- James Cook University Student Union,
Douglas Campus,
James Cook University,
TOWNSVILLE ... 4810.

Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers Club

P.O. Box 324
MAROOCHYDORE ... 4558.

Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club

568 Greenwattle Street,
TOOWOOMBA ... 4350.

Warwick Bushwalking Club

P.O. Box 13,
WARWICK ... 4370.