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Visitors are always welcome.

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When 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.

JILLALANCLUB CALENDARFEBRUARY

5	Cougals	DW
10/12	North Coast Mountains	ROVING BC
10/12	Christmas Creek	FAMILY BC
20	Meeting	
25/26	Club Hut Working Bee	
25/26	Montserrat Lookout & Barney Creek	ON
28	FMR Meeting	

MARCH

3	Social	
10	Social	
12	Mt. Greville	DW
17/19	Cooloola	TW/BC
20	Meeting	
21	Cliff Rescue Training Night	7.30p.m.
	Kangaroo Point	
23/27	Blackdown Tableland	BC
28	FMR Meeting	

APRIL

9	Mt. Misery	DW
16	Social	
17	Meeting	
21/23	Canungra Creek	TW/BC
28/30, 1 May	Guy Fawkes River	TW

MAY

12/14	Moreton Island	TW/BC
15	Meeting	
28	Panorama Point	DW

JUNE

2/5	Warrumbungles	BC
18	Knapp's Peak	DW
19	Meeting	
23/25	Running Creek	TW/BC

LEGEND

TW	Throughwalk
DW	Daywalk
B C	Basecamp
ON	Overnight

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As a bushwalking club our main aim is to walk but every now and then it happens to rain when we're away walking. The big question is should we let the rain interfere with our walking? At times, yes, but for the majority of times we should not. With the rain there comes a whole new array of scenery, delicate pools of mud, mist shrouded mountains, little streams of water cascading off the rocks, drops of water from the trees and so on. So what if you happen to get a little wet! You can get wet on a fine day (crossing a creek). When one walks on days when the weather is against you it tends to bring one closer in friendship to the people one is walking with, a bond that the weather will not break them and they will achieve what they set out to do.

C O M I N G O U T I N G SMONTSERRAT LOOKOUT AND BARNEY CREEK - Overnighter

Date: 25/26 February, 1978
 Leader: Maree Reynolds 3761471
 Cost: \$4.00
 Emergency Officer: Ann Perkins 2676303
 Meeting Time: 7.15p.m. on 25 February, 1978 at Cnr. Roma and Turbott Streets
 Location: South-west of Beaudesert

On the evening of the 25th we will walk up the ridge which leads to Grace's Hut. Good views of Maroon Dam can be seen as well as interesting evening views of Barney. Grace's Hut will only be a short resting spot as we will be stopping at Montserrat Lookout. Next morning there should be one of the most spectacular views of Barney waiting for you. If you get up early enough you will see the sun rise with the peaks of Barney in the foreground.

After this spectacular sight the trip will descend into Barney Creek and the first stop will be at the Upper Portals. With all the recent rain the creek level should be well up. Therefore be prepared to get your boots wet. After five hours of walking we will reach the Lower Portals. That will then only leave us about 45 minutes to the cars.

MT. GREVILLE

- Daywalk

Date: 12th March, 1978
 Leader: Greg Endicott 3514092
 Cost: \$2.00
 Emergency Officer: Terry Ward 2661974
 Meeting Time: 7.45 a.m. on 12 March at Cnr. Roma and Turbott Streets
 Location: North-west of Ipswich

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This is a very popular mountain on the eastern side of the Scenic Rim. The mountain itself has a number of cliff faces but the route is up a sage gorge. Good views of the northern sector of the Scenic Rim can be seen. Greg will have more details at the meeting.

Please note the change of date

COOLOOLA

- Throughwalk and Basecamp

Date: 17/19 March, 1978
 Leader: Keith Shapcott 3454041
 Cost: \$7.00
 Emergency Officer: Kath Conway 3514368
 Meeting Time: 7.15p.m. on 17 March at Cnr Roma and
 Turbott streets
 Location: East of Gympie o

Keith is the club's sand-walking specialist. He has a detailed knowledge of southern Queensland's coastal areas and therefore bound to lead a good trip. In past years the throughwalk has visited Double Island Point, M.V. Cherry Venture and Freshwater Lake. At the meeting Keith will supply more details.

BLACKDOWN TABLELAND

- Basecamp

Date: 23/27 March, 1978 (Easter Weekend)
 Leader: Mike Keane 2247270 (work)
 Cost: \$25.00 minimum
 Emergency Officer:
 Meeting Time: 6.55p.m. on 23 March, 1978 outside
 "Pillow Talk" in Ann Street. "Pillow
 Talk" is between Edward and Albert Streets
 and is on the King George Square side of the
 street. The bus leaves at 7.00p.m.
 precisely.
 Location: Near Blackwater (in Central Queensland)
 Bushwalking Details: Mike Keane over the last few months
 has shown slides of the area and given
 everybody a good idea of what is there.
 At present you are assured of two full
 days of walking (basecamp style).
 Please bring a full 5 litre water
 bottle as you might find yourself
 camped in some funny spots along the
 way.

Money: The only way to ensure a seat on the bus
 is to pay \$25.00 at the February meeting.
 \$25.00 is the price provided 45 people
 go on the trip. It will be increased to
 cover any loss. However we expect a full
 bus because Binna Burra Bushies are
 coming with us.

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Luggage:

Only 1 frame pack per person. Other luggage sits on your lap.

Mass:

We are going to Mass at Blackwater

Private Cars:

On this trip private cars are a definite no, no. If you're not on the bus you're not on the trip. There are good reasons for this:-

1. The long distance will ensure that the driver will not be as fit as he should be when we start walking.
2. The bus can't be expected to wait for private cars which break down. The bus company has a commercial duty to ensure the bus is reliable.
3. If all travel in the bus, the cost is kept to a minimum.
4. You will probably enjoy the road travel because you can enjoy the company of many friends.

Arrival in Brisbane: The expected returning time to Brisbane will be between 6 and 9 p.m. on 27 March, 1978.

O U T I N G S I N R E T R O S P E C T

TWEED PINNACLE - Keith Conway - 21/22 January, 1978

At approximately 11.30p.m. thirteen eager people started the trek out along the razor back to the end of the Tweed Pinnacle. The night walk was well worth the effort everyone agreed as we looked down on the mist and the few clouds gathering over the valley below.

Eleven of us managed to find some sort of space on which to lie on top of the Pinnacle while two moved down the track a little. At about 4.10a.m. the first tinge of red appeared on the horizon and most of us stood up in our sleeping bags and watched the sky change colour as the sun rose.

At 6a.m. we then trooped back across the Pinnacle to the cars and then drove around to Brindle Creek for breakfast. By 9.30 we had arrived at Grady's Creek and began our walk along the track to the NSW/QLD border where we had morning tea.

We then re-traced our steps to the main track which followed the creek along to the Falls where we had lunch. By 3p.m. we were back at the cars.

P.S. Thanks must go to the Outings Secretary for his co-operation and enthusiasm in arranging for a goods train to pass un on Saturday night and for the passenger train we saw on Sunday afternoon passing through The Loop.

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CATARACT RIVER - Mark Tottenham - 27/30 January, 1978

Seven people left Turbott Street a little later than anticipated and headed towards Stantnorpe where we had a stop. The weather, at this stage did not look too bright. Our campsite was reached at 2 a.m. after a bit of car trouble. There was a light drizzle all night and next morning the forecast was for more rain.

I decided to cancell the Cataract River throughwalk so we proceeded to Tenterfield where we had lunch and then drove on to Wyberba. As the camping area was full we camped the night at Accommodation Creek. On Sunday morning we drove back to Wyberba where we met some more club members who had come from Brisbane that morning and were on their way to Armidale. Our party climbed the First Pyramid which was well worth the climb, next we had a go at Running Rock, however the girls did not show much interest in this as they did not want skinned knees. After this we found a gorge which was only a body width wide. Lunch was partaken in the picnic area. On Sunday evening we attended Mass at 7p.m. at Stanthorpe. That night we camped at Storm King Dam and on Monday we climbed Mt. Castle, Turtle Rock Sphinx Rock which is the best rock formation I have ever seen. At 3p.m. we headed for home after not having done much walking due to the rainy conditions.

COUGALLS - Cecily Endicott - 5th February, 1978

We left Turbott Street at 7a.m. sharp and arrived at the Tomawin border gate just before 9a.m. After a few words with the gatekeeper we set off following the rabbit fence which leads almost to the top of the east peak of the Cougalls, via Mt. Tomawin.

It wasn't until 10a.m. when the mist cleared that we got our first view. We could see the east and west peaks of the Cougalls, Boyds Butte and Tallebudgera Mountain. This gave us a chance to knock off some of the leaches and also to have a look at the map.

We plodded on at a reasonable rate, climbing over two large trees that had come down across the fence and track, slipping in the mud and fighting off the leaches.

By 11.45a.m. we were at the steep climb up to the cliff line and the end of the fence. From here we followed a blazed track that runs along the bottom of the cliff line for a while then goes up to meet the track joining the east peak of the Cougalls and Boyds Butte. Instead of following the track up we continued along the cliff line and met the track at a lower point. From here it takes about 10 minutes to reach the top of east peak.

We arrived at the top just on 12.30 but the mist had closed in again by this time and it wasn't until we had had lunch and were about to leave at 1.30 that the mist cleared giving us a

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Cougals contd.

a view of the west peak.

We came back the same way, stopping again for a rest at the hut at 3.30p.m. We arrived back at the cars at 4.40 and were back in Brisbane shortly after 7.00p.m.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to the member who made three (3) STD phone calls advising us she would not be able to attend a trip.

Our members are reminded that it is still your club's policy that no alcohol is to be taken on trips and that no drinking is allowed on the way to or back from trips. This means all the way back to Brisbane.

Why not bring pen and paper to the next meeting, take notes and raise points about them in General Business. Also the weekend before the meeting why not think of points and arguments to voice during the meeting.

S O C I A L S

FEBRUARY SOCIAL - Beach Picnic

Date 19th February
Departure Time 2.00p.m. Cnr. Turbot and Roam Streets
Nominate To Mark Tottenham 573925

The beach picnic for this year is at Bribie Island, one hour's drive from good old Brisbane. Beach picnics have always been popular every year and this year is no exception. Get those board shorts on fellows and girls get that gear on and be there. Don't forget soccer and beach balls, we'll have a ball of fun.

Bring your own steak and I will provide salad and bread rolls. We'll be having a camp fire so also bring those song books for a sing-along. Members if you have gas lamps or any sort of lantern bring them along. Nominate as soon as possible. See you there for a fun afternoon, the more the better. Bring anybody you know not doing anything on that day.

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MARCH SOCIAL - Country Ball

Date 3rd March, 1978

Departure Time 6p.m. Cnr Turbot and Roma Streets

This will be a first for the club, a country ball social to be held at Stanthorpe (the Granite Belt Celebrations). There will be a procession on Saturday through the main streets.

The cost is \$5.00 single, light supper provided. Camp on Friday night will be at Storm King Dam 10km from Stanthorpe. I will fill you in on the rest of the details at the next meeting.

FILM NIGHT

Date 10th March, 1978

Another March social is a film night which is on the 10th. Movies range from "Gay Nineties", "Donald Duck", "Abbott and Costello" etc. These are super 8 movies. If you have a movie projector or films bring them along. Also featuring slides from New Zealand taken by various members. We have had the morals officer check these movies for your assured entertainment. Tea and bickies will be provided.

Venue for the movies will be at - 44 Rinevare Street,
Ferry Grove
(That's in the estate behind the Ferry Grove railway station)

Commencing time - 7.30p.m.

COMING SOCIALS

Watch your Jilalans for details for these planned socials:

April - Fishing
May - Car Rally
June - Mass and Dinner

HOLIDAYS

Holidays are coming around all the time and you are forever thinking of where to go. Well, this August, why not make it a holiday with a difference by going to all those places you wanted to go to all along the SCENIC RIM. Yes, the 21st August is the starting day for a fourteen (14) day trip from Cunninghams Gap to the Gold Coast. This a trip where you will view the many splendours of the bush that we all enjoy so much. You are probably wondering how do you get on this TRIP OF THE YEAR. All you do is let the Outings Secretary know that you

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are interested and he will pass your names on to me, or you can get in touch with me direct at the Bank NSW, Millmerran. The party will be limited to eight (8) so you will have to get in early to avoid disappointment. The details again are:-

SCENIC RIM - August 21st to September 3rd
Leader - Bernard O'Keefe

Nominations are required by June.

The Early Days In The Stanthorpe Area

by John Carter

In the last couple of months there have been some walks in the Stanthorpe area. As well as being a good area to walk in it also has an interesting history. Now the Kambu Wal tribe lived in this area from Wellangarra to Millmerran and several bora rings and cave paintings have been found.

They were attracted to here because there was plenty of "good tucker" such as possums and Hepialide (moths). There was little trouble between them and the early settlers, who started arriving in 1842. This was M. March and his party. Shortly there were several large stations in the area. They were Maryland, Ballandean, Pikedale and Glenlyon, and the properties could cover as much as 15,000 ac. If you had say 4,000 sheep then you had only to pay the State \$40.00 for 14 years. No wonder it was settled quickly.

Tin was first discovered in 1853 by Rev. Clarke, but it was kept quiet. Mining went into full swing in 1872 in such places as Quart Pot Creek, Maryland, Ruby and Four Mile Creeks. It became a big concern with over 3,700 people in the district in 1873. Overall 8 million dollars worth of tin was extracted. A chap named Horton in 1864 even mined for gold at Boonoo Boonoo.

It was about 1870 that Stanthorpe received its name. Till then it was known as Quart Pot and it was renamed by the Government surveyor but the townsfolk liked the old name. It was settled though when it was explained that if a Bishop was on day appointed to the town, then it would need a more dignified name. The Rev. Glennie was the first minister in this region.

Expansion was greatly helped with the coming of the railway in 1881. In the 1890s as tin mining waned then fruit growing became the main money maker. Two men who helped the industry get established in a big way were Dr. Davadi and R. Hoggan. Some of the early experimental plantings can be found near The Caves.

JILALANA GAME ABOUT BARNEY - by John Carter

With a trip to Barney approaching (Montserrat Lookout) with good views guaranteed it would be interesting to see how many names of the area we can recall off hand.

Below is an easy word game using the names of the ridges, creeks, peaks and huts found in the Barney Massif. Their names run in all directions, up, down, forwards, backwards and diagonally. When you recognize a word in the puzzle, draw a line through the letters. There are 17 names altogether and 9 of them are listed below:-

Yamahra	Mezzaine	Drynans	Eden	
Barrabool	Midget	Isolated	Rocky	Tomstum

S	Y	I	T	O	M	S	T	U	M	B
M	K	S	B	E	W	E	G	O	S	A
E	C	O	A	E	G	N	E	D	E	R
Z	O	U	S	D	I	D	E	T	C	R
Z	R	T	R	N	R	T	I	S	A	A
A	R	H	A	M	A	Y	H	M	R	B
I	E	E	W	L	P	O	N	F	G	O
N	L	A	O	Y	E	N	R	A	B	O
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M	I	T	A	S	N	A	G	O	L	S
F	S	T	N	A	S	A	E	H	P	D

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CALLING TENDERS

The club is looking for one H frome pack and 1 Two man tent. All tenders are to made to the Equipment Hire Officer, Val Pedrolini.

OUTINGS SECRETARY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Russ Nelson's real work telephone is 3940559 or if engaged ring 3940111 Ext. 559.

CLU B SCANDAL

Jan eats vitie mite sandwiches before a walk!!!!

Mark doesn't wear socks as they stick too much!!!!!!

A certain circular typiste is beginning to wonder about out Outings Secretary for she was told Russ is in room number 161. Sounds more like he's a patient at Greenslopes and not on the staff. No wonder he has to change his telephone number so often.

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BCB C Leadership Training Courses will start soon please see the Outings Secretary for further details.

THE QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSH WALKING CLUBS

NEWSLETTER

February, 1978

This is the inaugural newsletter of the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs. We hope that the publication will promote better communications between the Federation (with its subdivisions) and bushwalkers, and that smaller and country clubs in particular will benefit.

It is intended that the newsletter will contain reports on Federation and FMR activities, articles explaining Federation policies, news from clubs, conservation news and articles from readers. Therefore we hope it will also promote communication between clubs and between individual bushwalkers, and if you have an article you think all bushwalkers should read (which needn't necessarily reflect Federation policies, but should be signed), you are welcome to submit it.

At present it is intended to publish the newsletter about five times a year. The first two issues (February and April) are somewhat experimental, after which its successfulness or otherwise, and any associated problems (including cost), will be assessed at a Federation meeting. So let us know what you think about it, and any changes or articles you would like to see. It is hoped that most clubs will distribute it to all their members appended to their own newsletter. Presently editors are being alternated for each issue, and each club will get a chance to produce an issue.

Deadline for next issue: March 30th.

Articles to: Rob Walpole, 290 Fairfield Road,
Annerley. 4103. Ph.275 1333 (work)

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FEDERATION

In 1965, the original clubs formed the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs. They hoped to be able to present a united voice on matters such as conservation, safety and ethics and to co-ordinate the individual club efforts in these areas.

The Federation at present consists of 15 member clubs of which 4 are outside the metropolitan area. Each club (no matter what the size) is entitled to two voting delegates to the Federation. However, all individual members are encouraged to attend these meetings and to express an opinion. Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 4th Thursday of each month on the 1st floor of the National Fitness Building at 147 Ann St., (next to the Presbyterian Church). The present executive consists of:-

President: Robin Walpole (QITBWC); Vice President: Greg Endicott (BCBC); Secretary: Alan Becker (FBC); Assistant Secretary: Doreen Shelton (BBBWC); Treasurer: John Mackay (Wavell BWC).

Unfortunately the ordinary club member sees very little of the Federation. The first real contact is usually at the annual Pilgrimage or through FMR. In this and following issues we will endeavour to explain aspects of Federation policy, and we hope that more people will soon tell us their attitudes on such matters.

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WHAT IS FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE?

FMR is a division of the Federation consisting of safety and training officers and one other delegate from each affiliated club. These people form a committee to co-ordinate safety and training and search and rescue activities within the clubs of the Federation.

FMR organizes training in search and rescue and carries out searches and/or rescues for people in distress whether they are from a club or not. Indeed most of the recent search and rescue operations have been in response to Police requests for assistance to help non-club walkers.

Another role of FMR should be the dissemination of knowledge on S. & T. and S. & R. topics. This newsletter should serve to give member clubs some help in this regard, and clubs are asked to submit topics they would like to see discussed in future newsletters. Questions on equipment go to the equipment officer, questions on training go to the training officer etc. Requests for audio visual material (mainly just slides at the moment), can go to the photographic officer. Address your reply to :-

.....Officer,
Federation Mountain Rescue,
G.P.O. Box 1573, Brisbane. 4001.

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FMR PROGRAMME - FEBRUARY to JULY, 1978

FMR runs a two level training programme, with Tuesday night sessions catering especially for beginners and day sessions catering for both beginners and advanced groups. All bush-walkers are encouraged to take part, though of course more value will be obtained from day sessions if beginners attend a night session beforehand.

Feb.	28	*Meeting	
March	21	Cliff rescue training night	7:30pm Kangaroo Point
March	28	*Meeting	
April	11	Radio Training night	7:30pm Victoria Park, (meet at gully in Herston Road)
April	16	Cliff Rescue training day	9:00am Coomera Crevice (meet at 9:00am at Binna-Burra).
May	23	*Annual General Meeting	
May	30	Cliff Rescue Training night	7:30pm Kangaroo Point
June	27	*Meeting	
July 22-23		Search & Rescue weekend	9:00am Conondale Ranges (meet at 9:00am at Little Yabba Creek picnic area)
July	25	*Meeting	

* All meetings 7:30pm at National Fitness Building
147 Ann Street, Brisbane.

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SOME RECENT ISSUES AT FEDERATION MEETINGS

Issues that have been discussed at recent Federation meetings include the proposal to charge fees for use of national parks, whether bushwalkers should support the Uranium Moratorium, helicopter pads in national parks for rescue purposes, should track cutting be allowed in wilderness areas and a proposal to standardize nationally track marking methods.

While we hope all these matters will be dealt with in future newsletters, ^{which} one does need immediate clarification to some clubs is the Federation's policy on track cutting. The controversy was rekindled in 1977 after the mass of searches in Lamington, with people calling for clear marking of tracks and construction of helicopter pads. However before any of these proposals can be implemented, one must think of the future repercussions on the area, especially when bearing in mind how the area should be managed, and that many more people are now using these areas than they were when the tracks were originally cut.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service currently manages the southern section of Lamington (and most other areas where club bushwalkers visit), as a wilderness area, a policy with which the Federation agrees. Accordingly, the Federation opposed the helipads proposal because of long term effects (diminishment of wilderness character, possibility of chartered flights, encouragement of entry to park of less experienced people who may depend on helicopters, and biological reasons), and it seems this proposal will not proceed. Similar factors need to be considered with regard to track marking. For example, does track marking diminish the area's wilderness value, will it be the first step towards a graded track system, and could it make the problem of people getting lost worse, by encouraging even less experienced people to enter the area than there has been to date. Track marking will also worsen the rubbish problem, and in judgement the park appears better off with the current management policy, thus restricting the area's usage somewhat.

Other solutions to the problem involve removing the Stinson wreck and Rat-a-tat hut from the park. This action is currently being considered by the NPWS. While this may be unfortunate from the historical point of view, there may be little other option.

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If you wish to discuss these matters at Federation meetings, please feel free to come along. The next few dates are Feb. 23rd, March 30th, April 27th and May 23rd (AGM). Place-147 Ann Street.

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FMR NEWS

- (i) FMR now responds to State Emergency Service requests to assist police on callouts. This gives all personnel involved full compensation and liability cover.
- (ii) Planning for an equipment trailer is progressing.
- (iii) The possible production of a movie to educate the public in bush safety is being discussed with a possible sponsor.
- (iv) 1977 saw 7 callouts with 542 mandays spent in the field. Only 1 callout was for a club bushwalker.
- (v) An instructional manual and audio visual material is expected to be available soon for member clubs.

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CONSERVATION AND BUSHWALKERS by the
Federation Conservation Committee

There would appear to be little apparent argument against the idea that bushwalkers should hold considerable concern for the environment. After all, the very future of bushwalking depends on the conservation of natural areas in which to bushwalk, and probably over half of popular bushwalking areas are still not national parks. Nevertheless, the bushwalkers' concern for the environment should surpass the single issue of creating more national parks.

As people who value natural aesthetics, bushwalkers should not underestimate the threats of many proposals which call for development no matter how massive the cost to the environment, even if such proposals do not directly relate to national park issues.

One such proposal at present is that of the Stradbroke Island bridge. It is perhaps the most potentially disastrous proposal ever for the Stradbroke and Moreton Island environments, and a bridge will certainly unleash massive development and overuse. It also seems feasible that, if a bridge is built to Stradbroke Island the future will bring pressures for an extension to be built to Moreton. Despite also that it has been clearly shown by surveys that the residents of Stradbroke don't want the bridge (why would they have settled there if they did?), it is evident that Parliamentarian Hinze, a man who has absolutely no regard for such natural values, will continue to push the proposal.

The issue makes me ponder on the power of real estate developers interested in the islands. These people have wrecked many natural areas, and I remember only twelve years ago the Maroochydore to Noosa road winding through the heath, headlands, and above long beaches, with barely a house in sight. Scarcely any of that stretch is not now subdivided for real estate. Conservationists must oppose all such senseless development (as well as the establishment of canal estates), and press for the preservation of as much remaining natural environment as possible.

Nevertheless, we must also ensure our own back door is clean. All club bushwalkers now carry rubbish out of bushwalking areas, and I would say that any club member who senselessly littered, or removed fauna or flora from a national park, would risk getting expelled from the club. So it should be. Why is it though, that I have recently heard of some club bushwalkers rolling rocks down cliffs? This disgraceful practice is not only just as environmentally destructive in the long term, it is also dangerous. We must make examples of such offenders and expel them, and also push for heavier implementation of fines for all such types of vandalism in natural areas.

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If you would like to know more about specific conservation issues, contact either the Federation's Conservation officer (Ross Buchanan-379 2306), or the Queensland Conservation Council (221 0188). Some issues of particular interest to bushwalkers are Moreton Island, The Scenic Rim, Mt. Etna, the Conondale Ranges, South-West Tasmania Cape York, Fraser Island and Cooloola.

THE VALUE OF AN UNTOUCHED ENVIRONMENT

As a special article in this newsletter, we have included this rare description of the value of a pristine environment. In 1854, the Great White Chief in Washington made an offer for a large area of Indian land and promised a "Reservation" for the Indian people. This is Chief Seattle's reply.....

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water how can you buy them?

Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people.

The sap which courses through the trees carries the memories of the red man. The white man's dead forget the country of their birth when they go to walk among the stars.

Our dead never forget this beautiful earth, for it is the mother of the red man. We are part of the earth and it is part of us.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers. The rocky crests, the juices in the meadows, the body heat of the pny, and man - all belong to the same family.

So, when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us. The Great Chief sends word he will reserve us a place so that we can live comfortably to ourselves.

He will be our father and we will be his children. So we will consider your offer to buy our land. But it will not be easy. For this land is sacred to us.

This shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell you land, you must remember that it is sacred, and you must teach your children that it is sacred and that each ghostly reflection in the clear water of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of my father's father.

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst. The rivers carry our canoes, and feed our children. If we sell you our land, you must remember, and teach your children, that the rivers are our brothers and yours and you must henceforth give the rivers the kindness you would give any brother.

We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on. He leaves his fathers' grave behind and he does not care. He treats his mother, the earth, and his brother, the sky, as things to be bought, plundered sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert.

I do not know. Our ways are different from your ways. The sight of your cities pains the eyes of the red man. But perhaps it is because the red man is a savage and does not understand.

There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the unfurling of leaves in spring, or the rustle of an insect's wings. Perhaps it is because I am a savage and do not understand. The clatter only seems to insult the ears. And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whippoorwill or the arguments of the frogs around a pond at night? I am a red man and do not understand.

The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the face of a pond, and the smell of the wind itself, cleansed by a midday rain, or scented with the pinon pine. The air is precious to the red man, for all things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man, they all share the same breath. The white man does not seem to notice the air he breathes. Like a man dying for many days, he is numb to the stench.

If we sell you our land, you must remember that the air is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath also receives his last sigh. If we sell you our land, you must keep it apart and sacred as a place where even the white man can go to taste the wind that is sweetened by the meadow's flowers.

I have seen a thousand rotting buffaloes on the prairie, left by the white man who shoots them from a passing train. I am a savage and do not understand how the smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive.

What is man without beasts? If all beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected.

Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground they spit upon themselves.

This we know: The earth does not belong to man: man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life: he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

Even the white man, whose God walks and talks with him as friend to friend cannot be exempt from the common destiny. We may be brothers after all. We shall see. One thing we know, which the white man may one day discover-our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him as you wish to own our land; but you cannot. He is the God of man and His compassion is equal for the red man and the white. This earth is precious to Him, and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator. The whites too shall pass; perhaps sooner than all other tribes. Contaminate your bed, and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

But in your perishing you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God who brought you to this land and for some special purpose gave you dominion over this land and over the red man. That destiny is a mystery to us, for we do not understand when the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with scent of many men, and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires.

Where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone. The end of living, and the beginning of survival.

JILALANCLUB CALENDAR FOR SECOND HALF OF 1978JULY

9	Flinders Peak	DW
15	Social	
17	Monthly Meeting	
21/23	Richmond Gap - Collins Gap	TW/BC
29/30	Bushranger's Cave - Binna Burra	ON

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6	Beau Brummel	DW
12	Social	
15/16	Barney Mass	ON
18/20	Mt. Ballow	TW/BC
21	Monthly Meeting	

SEPTEMB ER

3	Binna Burra - O'Reilly's	DW (2parties)
8/10	Federation Pilgrimage	BC
16/17	Spicer's Peak	ON
18	Monthly Meeting	
23	Social	

OCTOBER

1	Mt. Dalaney	DW
13/15	Edinburgh Castle - Oblielisk	Roving BC
16	Monthly Meeting	
21/22	Grady's Creek - Christmas Creek	ON
28	Social	

NOVEMB ER

5	Valley of the Diamonds	DW
11	O'Reilly's - Christmas Creek	TW/BC
20	Monthly Meeting	
26	Diana's Bath	DW

DECEMB ER

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

Most of these trips don't have a leader. So if you want to lead some of the trips see Russ as soon as possible. A Leadership Application Form is attached.

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LEADERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply for authorisation to lead the following trip/s

.....TW/B C/DW/ON*
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During the last six months I have been on the following club trips:-

.....TW/BC/DW/ON
.....TW/BC/DW/ON
.....TW/BC/DW/ON
.....TW/BC/DW/ON

I believe I am capable of leading a trip because:-

Previous trips led:-

Knowledge of area:-

Desire to lead:-

Signature...../...../78

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*Delete as necessary.