



# MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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## BUSHWALKING NEWS — MARCH 1963.

The monthly General Meeting is held in the Temperance Hall, Hotel Canberra (Edward Street Entrance.) Next meeting is on Tuesday, April 16th. 1963.

### OFFICE BEARERS.

President Chaplain Fr. K. Aspinall	90.6280.	Treasurer	Merv. Galvin	6.6116.
Vice President	Col. McLellan	Outings Secretary	Jim Collins	56.4270.
General Secretary	Kath Clancy	Outings Recorder	Mary Leahy	79.3039.
		Social Secretary	Sherry Sawarde	

### COMING EVENTS.

Weekend	March 22/24th.	Base Camp	Cunningham's Gap.
Saturday	March 30th.	House Party	40 Campbell Tce. Alderley.
Weekend	April 5/7th.	Through Walk	Upper Tallebudgera/Springbrook.
Tuesday	April 16th.	Annual Meeting	Hotel Canberra
Sunday	April 21st.	Day Walk	Miketeebumalgrai.
Sunday	April 28th.	Annual Mass	Grange Hill.
Weekend	May 3/6th.	Base Camp	Wyberba.

EDITORIAL.

In a recent article in the "Courier Mail" an English migrant compared several differences between life here and in England. When touching on recreation he commented on how we extol the Barrier Reef and the Gold Coast and practically ignore the mountain scenery of our National Parks. The author continued the article by stating how his family was thrilled with the Cunningham's Gap and Mount Glorious districts and how he wondered that more Australians did not visit what we know as "the Bush."

Members of the bushwalking fraternity have long discovered the joy and satisfaction that can be gained from these places. But what of our friends and workmates? It is a rather serious situation when so many of our young people have adopted almost a religious fervour known as "going down the coast." A balanced life which includes coastal visits is good, but what will be the future of our State if this spine bashing, indolent, do nothing strenuous, habit continues to increase?

When the whole way of life is leaning towards the line of least resistance it is good to have an occupation that gives exercise, variety, good fun and friendship. Make certain you give your friends details of our Club activities so that they can also participate in the best of all recreations.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING. The next meeting will be held at the Temperance Hall on Tuesday, repeat Tuesday, April 16th. at 8.0p.m. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be presented and election of office bearers will take place.

Attached to this Circular is a candidate nomination form.

GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT. You lucky Coolumites. Thanks to your heavy patronage of this trip, you are going to be awarded a refund of not two, not five, but ten sparkling shillings. Hurry to Jim Collins and obtain your refund before he is tempted to embezzle this fantastic sum. Better still credit it towards your next trip. The more people who attend trips, the better the chance of a dividend being declared for that trip.

WEEKEND TRIP MARCH 22-24TH. CUNNINGHAM'S GAP.

Nominations close tomorrow March 19th. This trip was detailed in the last Circular. Cunningham's Gap is one of the show pieces of Queensland National Parks Administration. Graded tracks lead to many lookouts, fern glades and lyre bird areas and two waterfalls are really spectacular in wet weather. Altogether a delightful area. The leader is MIKE LAHERTY (97.6303) and nominations of 30/- close tomorrow March 19th. Contact Officer is Jim Collins (56.4279).

APRIL 6-8TH. - THROUGH WALK - UPPER TALLEBUDGERA - SPRINGBROOK.

Leader Bernice Caffery (66.9544). Nominations of 30/- to Club Box by April 2nd. Bus leaves Tamborine Depot 6.30p.m. on the Friday. Contact Officer Merv. Galvin (6.6116).

This, our first through walk of the year is a very suitable one to open the season. Not unduly strenuous, it provides diversified scenery ranging from the dairylands of the coastal plain to the rain forested cliff lines of the Springbrook massif. Mounts Tallebudgera, Cougal and the "Three Sisters" like, Boyd's Buttes, are particularly prominent on the walk. The upper reaches of Tallebudgera Creek are very pretty and the waterfalls and lookouts of Springbrook are too well known to need elaboration. It is always rewarding to follow a stream to its source and then to follow the ridges up to the mountain tops and this delightful walk will be no exception.

TUESDAY APRIL 16TH. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There is no truth in the rumour that certain members of your present committee changed this meeting from the normal Monday to the Tuesday to confuse the voters in the all important elections. It was thought that Easter Monday evening was not the best night on which to have an Annual meeting. When the punching and scuffling die away, Peter Robinson will present his movie film dealing principally with club trips. Come and have a good look at the photogenic people with whom you mix on your weekends.

SUNDAY APRIL 21ST. - DAY WALK - MIKETEEBUMALGRAI.

Leader Rosemary O'Brien. No nominations required. Train leaves Roma Street No. 2 Platform at 9.8am. and Central 9.12am. Purchase Sunday return to Elimbah for 10.9. Tickets are same price from any suburban station. Bring full water bottles.

I have stood on Barney East Peak, I have conquered Mt. Maroon,  
New Conquests do I now seek, They cannot come too soon.  
To conquer all the peaks around is now my great ambition.  
A mountain with a fearsome sound I next will make my mission.  
All caution throw I to the winds, all danger I defy,  
I will gain your hallowed summit - O Miketeebumalgrai.

One of the Glass House Mountains, Miketeebumalgrai is the most southerly and the smallest of the group. Rising gently from the tee-tree plain, it is seldom visited but rewards the explorer with exceptionally good views of the rest of the mountains. As there are practically no trees on the summit surprisingly satisfying vistas of the surrounding pine-tree plantations can be obtained. An easy trip but a worthwhile one. Bring extra tucker for tea as the train reaches Brisbane about 8.0p.m.

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH. - ANNUAL MASS AND COMMUNION BREAKFAST.

Full details of this most important Club Function will appear in the next circular. However the Annual Mass with Father Aspinall as Celebrant will take place at Grange Hill (a few doors up Gregory Terrace from the Museum tram stop) at 10 a.m. Afterwards a Breakfast has been arranged at the Jacaranda Room, Canberra Hotel at a cost of 12.6d. per person. If you cannot attend the Breakfast you are still requested to make every effort to attend the Mass. Breakfast nominations close April 20th.

NEWS AND VIEWS AND ECHOES FROM THE HILLS. Keep Friday May 31st. free, as we present our great Concert. More details later, but Acts and artists are still wanted by entrepreneur Mary Fitzgerald or Social Secretary Sherry Sawarde - Madonna Stratford - holidaying in Tasmania - Oscar Hausknecht of National Parks Assn. is Club Auditor - Pat Twomey holidaying in Tasmania - Elizabeth O'Brien and Joy Bical granted full membership to Club - Roslyn Hinton holidaying in Tasmania - Several probationary members will remain so, until prescribed two walks completed - Bob Scott holidaying in Tasmania - Club membership now stands at 157 - Many Club members not holidaying in Tasmania - Notice certain photogenic President Chaplain getting social headlines in certain Saturday Courier Mail and photograph in following Sunday Mail?

HOUSE PARTY - SATURDAY MARCH 30TH. 8.0P.M.

You thought this function had been forgotten, didn't you, huh? Actually it nearly had. However we journey to Margaret Thompson's house at 40 Campbell Terrace, Alderley for a house party par excellence. Get off Enoggera tram at stop 20, and guides will be awaiting your arrival (may be scouts too). Admittance only 4.0 or half price if you bring some supper.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

At the Annual General Meeting on April 16th. Office Bearers for the next 12 months (with the exception of President Chaplain) will be elected, where necessary by ballot. Nominations are invited and must be lodged with the Secretary at the Club Box before Saturday 6th. April. Positions to be filled are Vice President, Outings Secretary, General Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, four committee members and Auditor.

Any two financial members for year 1962/1963 may nominate and second any other financial member for any of the above positions. The person nominated, however, must acknowledge by his signature in the space provided hereunder that he is willing to accept such nomination.

A short explanation of the procedure may be in order. If you are not interested in nominating anybody, do not take any action at all. If you wish to nominate one person only for, say, Treasurer, and no other position, merely insert his name opposite "Treasurer" as nominee, have him sign the next space, have your seconder sign the third space and put your own signature at the space provided at the immediate commencement of the form. If you wish to nominate the one person for every position down to and including Committee number one, you can do so, but signatures are required against each position. You can nominate different people for all ten positions if you obtain their authority and a seconder but you should not nominate a person for a position on your own form and second somebody else for the same position on another person's form. This would mean that you hope two different people win the same position. In conclusion do not be afraid to nominate people as we need the best to look after Club interests. Voting is by secret ballot, so have no embarrassment over the number of votes you or your nominee will score. No one else will ever know.

I.....hereby nominate the following person or persons for the position or positions detailed hereunder:

POSITION	NOMINEE	SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED	SIGNATURE OF SECONDER
Vice President			
General Secretary			
Outings Secretary			
Treasurer			
Social Secretary			
Auditor			
Committee 1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Return this form to P.O. Box 151, Brisbane, North Quay before April 6th. 1963.

GET UP AND GO.

In a recent issue of "Bushwalking News" we considered a few matters in setting up camp for new members. This perhaps was putting the cart before the horse and we will deal with equipment and provisions in this issue.

Bushwalking is perhaps the cheapest recreation as far as equipment is concerned. The minimum equipment to enjoy a weekend is far less costly than the gear to indulge in other occupations such as golf, water skiing, cricket or similar field sports. What is the essential equipment? The first requisite is of course a tent. Experienced swaggies and deadbeats have no complaints or qualms in sleeping under railway bridges or the trees in Musgrave Park, but bushwalkers do not camp in close proximity to railway lines very often, and almost certainly never indulge in a night cap of metho to keep out the wet and cold of a chilly evening. Shelter is therefore of maximum importance. Tents can be purchased from about £3. 0. 0, upwards and the ideal tent must be waterproof, windproof, reasonably strong and, most importantly, easily erected.

The writer feels that Japara silk is still the best material for tent construction and also thinks that white or orange is the best colour scheme to adopt. A green tent looks very suitable for colour photography but is inclined to blend too realistically into the background when a tired party is seeking the camp spot after a hard day's trip. Particularly is this so in rain forest. As far as shape is concerned, it should be remembered that sleeping space and not standing space is all important in bushwalking tents and finally the test is whether it completely keeps out rain and wind.

What other equipment is essential for the first few trips? As far as purchasable items are concerned, the answer is nothing. A rucksack is not necessary on base camps and even a suitcase would suffice provided it can stand getting wet. Blankets may be prickly and are certainly bulky, but a lot of people use them for the first trips as sleeping bags vary in price and once it is decided that bushwalking does appeal it is wise to buy the best you can afford as it will be much warmer and more compact than cheaper ones.

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