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MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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The Monthly General Meeting is held in the Temperance Hall, Hotel Canberra (Edward Street Entrance.) Next meeting is on Monday, June 17th, 1963.

OFFICE BEARERS

President Chaplain	Fr. K. Aspinall	49.2280	Treasurer	Leon Buchanan	49.1109
Vice President	Col. McLellan	31.2427	Outings Secretary	Tony O'Brien	74750
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			Social Secretary	Jan Whitman	97.4877

COMING EVENTS

Friday	May 31st	Annual Concert	Ann Street.
Weekend	June 7/10th	Base Camp and Through Walk	Mount Ballow
Monday	June 17th	General Meeting	Temperance Hall
Sunday	June 23rd.	Day Walk	Mount Goolman District
Saturday	June 29th	Barbecue	Jollys Lookout.

EDITORIAL
DRAMATIS PERSONNAE

This is the time when your Committee members receive some publicity. It is customary to present them to you in the first issue of "Bushwalking News" and although blushing coyly, we proceed to do so. Father Aspinall is again in charge of proceedings and Col. McLellan is again his deputy. Brian Jones has gallantly taken over the reins of secretaryship while Kath Clancy has saddled up again but this time as a committee member. Tony O'Brien has set himself to keep trips functioning smoothly and Leon Buchanan will be one Treasurer not worried about decimal currency, particularly as subscriptions have now been raised to 12/-. Jan Whitman is your new smiling Social Secretary and Bernice Caffery is back with us as a Committee member. Mary Leahy is also back with us in this capacity and Pat Lawton is making her debut as a Committee stalwart.

We also vote a sincere word of thanks to Jim Collins, Merv. Galvin, Sherry Sawarde and Peter Murphy. Jim and Sherry held the key positions of Outings and Social Secretaries in the year just concluded and Peter was a committee member who also was Editor of Bushwalking News for six of the twelve issues of the last Club year. Merv. Galvin gave sterling service as Treasurer and put in enormous time and labour in operating the Gestetner machine for the year.

ANNUAL CONCERT - FRIDAY MAY 31ST, 8 P.M. ADMISSION 4/-

The scene for this cultural highlight is the Congregational Church Hall, 446 Ann St. This Hall is near I.B.C. at the Barry Parade end of Ann St. and is in close proximity to transport.

Imagine the best performances culled from the Edinburgh Festival, The Chubby Checker Terrible Twisters, The Bayreuth Festival, Stratford-on-Avon, The Surfies and Rockers get together, and the New Orleans Jazz Convention. Stage them with the enthusiasm of the Ban-The-Bomb marchers or the Jubilee Bridge debate and you have some idea of the extremely varied and interesting programme our producers and Directors are presenting. All of this for only four bob too. Roll up in your thousands, bring your friends and parents also, but above all bring yourselves as this concert is really stupendous. It will still be talked about when the new King George Square becomes a reality fifty years from now.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Yes indeed they are. Not only are they now payable but they are a little dearer than last years sub. The Annual General Meeting agreed to an increase of 2/- making single subscriptions 12/- and Married Couples sub. at 18/-. Please send your remittance to the Club Box or pay Leon Buchanan at meetings as soon as possible.

"Give a cheer not a tear for the start of the year
And quick as a shot from a Cannon
Make a vow, pay up now, with motive sincere
Your subscription to Leon Buchanan."

THREE DAY BASE CAMP AND TWO DAY THROUGH WALK - MOUNT BALLOW - JUNE 7/10TH

Send 30/- to Club Box by May 31st. Bus leaves Tamborine Depot 6.30 p.m. on the Friday. Leader Paul Tracey. Bring your winter woollies,

Situated on the N.S.W. Border, Mount Ballow is a collection of many peaks rising to an altitude of 4,200 feet. From the summits which are reached via forests of Hoop Pines and Antarctic Beeches, superb views are obtained of Barney, Lindesay, Lamington on the east, Clunie and Wilsons Peak to the south west and the whole of the Dividing Range to the west. Ballow is partly contained in the great Mt. Barney National Park and its peaks include Mowburra, Durramlee, Montserrat Lookout, Cedar Pass, Focal Peak, Double Peak and Big Lonely.

The Base Camp will be near a small gorge on the Mount May side of the mountain and trips will be run past Grace's Hut to the upper Portals via Yamahra Creek, one of the Ballow Peaks and possibly Mt. May. A two day through walk will take in the heart of the Ballow Peaks and will return to the Base Camp in time for Father Aspinall's arrival for Mass at the Base Camp site on late Sunday afternoon.

This is a grand opportunity to visit some of the most inspiring mountain scenery in the Moreton District. The great range is a geologists and botanists delight bearing many types of rock formation and vegetation ranging from stunted eucalypts to dense rain forest through which the craggy summits penetrate, giving stupendous aerial views of the surrounding and distant ranges and countryside.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY JUNE 17TH - TEMPERANCE HALL

We have arranged a particularly interesting evening for you. Mrs. McGillie who has been connected for some time with the Queensland Branch of the Gemmological Association of Australia will address us on this fascinating subject. Bushwalkers have unrivalled opportunities to be amateur prospectors and as Mrs. McGillie welcomes questions, come along and make the most of your chance.

DAY WALK - MOUNT GOOLMAN DISTRICT - SUNDAY JUNE 23RD.

Nominations of 12/6 close June 17th (meeting night). Bus leaves Tourist Bureau at 9 a.m. SHARP. Bring full waterbottles. Leader Col. McLellan.

The sharply rising peaks of the Teviot Range always excite comment. This walk will traverse the eastern ridges of the range and will include the ascent of either Mount Perry (1080 feet) or Mt. Goolman (1640 feet) depending on available time and speed of the party. Both peaks give views of Flinders Peak (2223 feet) in the immediate vicinity and westwards to the Dividing Range and from Goolman eastwards to the ocean. A ridge dividing the Oxley and Bundamba creeks will be followed to the Rock Wallaby Caves which are quite famous in this district.

From the caves either Perry or Goolman will be climbed and Bundamba Creek will be followed back to the Ripley Valley near Bundamba Lagoon, a noted landmark which is badly choked by hyacinth at present. The majority of this walk, including lunch, takes in dry country so bring full waterbottles.

GET UP AND GO (Continued from March issue)

We now have reached the stage where we have shelter, warmth and baggage and will now consider other equipment. Clothing depends of course on the relevant weather and time of the year and must be influenced accordingly. It is invariably cooler in the bush than at home and even in summer, it is wise to provide for a complete change of clothing.

Footwear is of vital importance. There is diversity of opinion on the merits of different types of boots, shoes etc. but for the usual Queensland conditions rubber soles seem to be favoured (Crepe rubber however is out). Perhaps the golf shoe incorporates as many of the virtues as possible, combining as it does toughness, good rubber patterned soles, comfort to the foot and reliability. Under no circumstances should a weekend be commenced with footwear needing attention from the bootmaker. Any weakness is quickly emphasised by the rocks, tree trunks and other obstacles encountered and the walker could be completely immobile as far as real walking is concerned before the first hour is up.

People with weak ankles can be helped by boots but it is possible for normal ankles to be toughened considerably by exercise. The ligaments and tendons will become so strong and elastic that they can withstand normal shocks and strains without trouble.

People indulging in through walks or carrying heavy packs should ensure that the soles are rigid. Many walkers using sandshoes and similar soft soled shoes have suffered bad stone bruises because their feet are suddenly called upon to support 20 to 30 extra pounds at each step and the resultant pounding on rough ground can be crippling. Remember that the feet swell when hot and the usual walking shoe or boot should be half to a full size larger than the usual workaday shoe.

Finally an emergency recipe to break in brand new boots or shoes. Fill a receptacle about 2 inches deep in warm to hot water and correctly lace the boots on the feet and stand in the water for ten minutes. Immediately afterwards walk for perhaps a mile. The warm water will make the leather give to the contours of the foot and will prevent a lot of blistering. If you have time however, it is preferable to break footwear in gradually by use.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Wedding Bells rang merrily on May 11th for Doreen Fitzgerald and Leo Dempsey - Cupid's arrows resulting in engagements between Paul O'Regan and Tess Breen and Neal Reville and Val Lawson - The Ernie Lythalls joined ranks of proud parents - Social Committee will be elected at May Meeting - first new members of club year are Brita Nelles and Margaret O'Shea - July walks are The Steamers and Brookfield district - Congratulations to choir on very fine renditions at Annual Mass - members due for refunds on trips are urged to collect promptly instead of trying to credit towards coming events - Don't forget to keep June 29th free for Jolly's Lookout Barbecue; this could be common meeting place for both walking and social addicts - Hope Temperance Hall returns chairs removed because of tile laying; alternatively provide straps for late comers - Have you paid your new subscription yet? - noted Mary Fitzgerald and Kath Clancy members of choir that cleaned up titles recently in Maryborough - Keep weekend August 30th/Sept 1st. free for annual retreats; boys at Carmelite Monastery Gregory Terrace and Girls at Ave Maria Coorparoo.

IN DAYS OF YORE

From time to time we will reminisce about the "good old days" and present flaskbacks to the identical periods for the various years of the Clubs existence. Remember the Labour Day weekend in 1958? If you do, you are quite unique as we did not have a trip. We had a three day weekend the week before as Anzac Day fell on a Friday. 39 members went to Lost World - Dr. Broe addressed the May general meeting and showed slides of a trip to Perth - May 1959 saw our first big touring trip, 40 members visiting Wyberba National Park and Undercliffe and Tooloom Falls in N.S.W; guest speaker was Peter Solomon who spoke on Mt. Warning - May 1960 saw another big Walkabout to Broken Head and Kyogle by 57 members while 1961 saw 34 off to the Acacia Plateau - Last year 34 went to the Bunya Mountains - Feature for May 1960 was a film on New Zealand while 1961 saw six club members describe the Cradle Mountain walk and last year Rosemary O'Brien showed her slides of Europe.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The recent controversy between the Kosciusko State Park Trust and the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority over the primitive area on Australia's highest mountain was interesting on more than one count. Briefly speaking, the Trust wishes a large area on Kosciusko preserved as is, while the Authority wishes to cut canals etc. and build earth works to divert the streams from their natural paths. A recent threat by the Commonwealth to disregard the Trust recommendation and request the Authority to proceed with their plan has been met by the New South Wales State Government by considering legal action to uphold the Authority of the Trust. Now comes the thought. Would our State Government do likewise if the preservation of one of our National Parks was threatened? On the evidence of Federal usages of Hinchinbrook Island and concessions to private companies on Hayman Island and Conway Range National Parks, WHAT SO YOU THINK?