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Monthly General Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St. entrance). The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th. February at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

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EDITORIAL

by Michael Grigg

Many remarks have been made about the loneliness of the head that wears the crown, and for its exalted state, not many of us covet the role of monarch. The responsibilities of leadership would rest heavily on our shoulders. We would feel the weight of the burden rather than humble gratitude for the opportunity of helping our fellow man.

The leaders of our club trips are given this burden to shoulder. The responsibilities of their office are great. Be it for one day, a weekend, or longer, they are in a position where they must look to the total well-being of their bushwalking party. They have to familiarize themselves with the territory to be covered, they must try to work out the lengths of the stages so that both faster and slower walkers can reach the destination; they must encourage those whose spirits flag; they must allow for resting time during the long hauls, they must select a comfortable campsite; must see that water is available; must try to reconcile clashing personalities; and must always be ready to combat an emergency by day or by night. The club gives its leaders absolute authority, and no leader should be afraid to exercise this. But the task of keeping a party happily and safely disposed is a formidable one.

Many of us would not want this responsibility and prefer to be led. But our responsibility in that position is only changed; it is in no way lessened. We have accepted to subject ourselves to someone else's authority and this is often hard to do. It is much easier to grumble and complain about our discomforts and grievances. It is easier to act with superiority than to accept an inferior position. But if we prefer to be led, or agree to be led, then our responsibility is to give the leader our co-operation in every way. Our responsibility to help him is as real as his responsibility to help us.

In our Club the happiest trips have been those during which this mutual responsibility has existed. This, whether we are the leader or the one who is led, has a lot to do with putting our personal preferences after the well being of the club as a whole, and this is a spirit we would do well to encourage.

CLUB CALENDAR:

WEEKEND 13/15TH. FEB.	Roving Base Camp - Nth.Coast Area.
MONDAY 16TH. FEBRUARY	General Meeting.
SATURDAY 21ST.FEBRUARY	Social - Ten Pin Bowling.
SUNDAY 1ST. MARCH	Day Walk - Mount Misery.
WEEKEND 6/8TH. MARCH	Base Camp/Throughwalk - O'Reilly's.
SATURDAY 14TH. MARCH	Full dress concert rehearsal.
MONDAY 16TH. MARCH	General Meeting.
FRIDAY 20TH. MARCH	Concert - All Saints Hall.
EASTER WEEKEND MARCH	Private Trips.
SUNDAY 5TH. APRIL	Day Walk - Mt. Wongawallan.
SATURDAY 11TH. APRIL	Social - Capt. Cook Parade.
WEEKEND 17/19TH. APRIL	Base Camp/Throughwalk - Spicers Gap. & Federation Track Clearing.
MONDAY 20TH. APRIL	Annual General Meeting.
SUNDAY 26TH. APRIL	Day Walk - Mount Moy.
WEEKEND 1/4TH. MAY	Base Camp - Wyberba.
SATURDAY 9TH. MAY	Social

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

WEEKEND 13/15TH. FEBRUARY - BASE CAMP - NORTH COAST MOUNTAINS:

Leader- Pat Lawton Time- 7.00p.m.
Nominations- to Paul Skehan by Wednesday 11th.
Fare- $4.00.
Departs- North Quay (behind Supreme Courts).
Emergency Officer- (39.2309) Kevin Herlihy.

What could be more pleasant in the hot summer months than a trip of this nature? The idea is to camp on the Friday night in the Pomona area and after climbing Mount Cooroora on the Saturday morning, move on to Mount Cooroy (near Cooroy) and Mount Ninderry (near Yandina). All of these mountains afford extensive views of the lovely North Coast histerland and of the Coast itself.

Saturday night's camp will be at Yaroomba Beach, Coolum and it is hoped to climb either Mount Coolum or to visit Noosa National Park on Sunday morning leaving plenty of time afterwards for swimming at Coolum.

MONDAY 16TH. FEBRUARY - GENERAL MEETING:

Business of the Meeting will include consideration of an invitation to participate in a Captain Cook Thanksgiving Service at the Exhibition Grounds on 17th. May.

"Lost property" will be available before the meeting commences and items may be claimed on payment of a nominal fine. Unclaimed articles will be dealt with in an appropriate manner and members will have the privilege of bidding for the items involved.

We hope to have a movie to show at the meeting.

SATURDAY 21ST. FEBRUARY - SOCIAL TEN PIN BOWLING:

Venue- Exhibition Bowl, Gregory Terrace, 7.30p.m.
Cost for 2 games and supper- $1.60.
Nominations- to Kath Vingoe by Monday 16th. February.

Come along to the Exhibition Bowl and try your skill at Ten Pin Bowling. There will be supper afterwards at the home of Joseph Fry at 68 Milanion Street, Belmont.

SUNDAY 1ST. MARCH - DAYWALK MOUNT MISERY:

Leader- Greg Gilbert Fare- $2.00
Nominations- to Paul Skehan by Monday 23rd. February
Departure- North Quay (behind Supreme Courts)at 9.00a.m.
Emergency Officer- Kevin Herlihy (39.2309).
Map- "Springbrook" Military.

Mount Misery the 1,732 foot peak overlooking Canungra is the northerly peak on the Canungra Range. The walk will commence north of Canungra, climb the peak which is covered by open forest, and continue south for some distance before descending to Canungra Creek for a swim. This is a ridge walk and adequate water supplies should be carried.

WEEKEND 6/8TH. MARCH - BASECAMP/THROUGHWALK O'REILLY'S:

Leaders- Margaret Boyle (B.C.) Peter Gleeson (T.W.)
Departure- North Quay (behind Supreme Court) 7.00p.m.
Fare- $3.50 including 50¢ camping fee.
Nominations- Larry Corkran by Monday 2nd. March.
Emergency Officer- Kevin Herlihy (39.2309)
Map- "Roberts" parish map - "Springbrook" & "Murwillumbah" military.

As usual on an O'Reilly's Base Camp, individuals may with the permission of the official leader, Margaret Boyle, lead day walks in the area different from the one she chooses. The area provides ample scope for all walking abilities from short easy walks of Elabana Falls, Boxlog Falls or Box Forest, and the rewarding Tooloona Creek, Wanungra and

other border lookouts, to the more difficult Black Canyon - Red Rock Cutting walk.

The throughwalk will be an excellent one - Lightning Creek/Echo Point/Lost World and back to the Guest House via Lower Morans. This is a rewarding trip featuring views spectacular.

SATURDAY 14TH. MARCH - DRESS REHEARSAL CONCERT:

If you are in the concert please keep this date free. The Dress Rehearsal will be held in All Saints Hall, Ann Street (opp. Shell House) between Creek and Wharf Streets.

FRIDAY 20TH. MARCH - GRAND CONCERT:

Venue- All Saints Hall, Ann Street, between Creek & Wharf Streets.
Time- Curtain rises 8.00p.m.

Further details next circular.

LOST PROPERTY??

Have you lost any property on the bus? Don't forget to claim it at the February meeting. Unclaimed items will be auctioned.

CLUB LIBRARY has various books on subjects allied to bushwalking. In addition other clubs' magazines and newsletters are available.

...Therefore, go forth, companion: when you find
No highway more, no track, all being blind,
The way to go shall glimmer in the mind.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER SENT TO COMMITTEE:

by John Graham.

I haven't managed to get along to many trips this year, but on one of them - Carnarvon Gorge, I noticed that one or two people seem to get along quite well without a waterbottle.

Perhaps these people have some secret unknown to mankind but as this club of ours stresses safety and commonsense on trips and sponsors safety and training weekends, surely a mention could be made that everyone is expected to carry their own water on a trip. More importantly - they should also carry enough for the particular trip.

It is, to me, rather selfish to go on a walk and be dependent on someone else for water. Borrowing water is fair enough if one runs out, but to start out on a days' walk without water is plain stupid. Naturally I have my own philosophy about it all - if I am stupid enough to carry half a gallon of water all day, then I feel entitled to enjoy it by myself. This particular selfishness stems from a thirty-six hour period around Gympie with only chlorinated swamp water to drink.

I suggest that the committee stress the fact that all members on all trips carry their own water and cease being a drag on the rest of the party. So far this club has been lucky, no one has been seriously inconvenienced by lack of water but if one considers the type of terrain and trips we go on, it will only be a matter of time before we do have to carry someone home (as happened on the Christmas 1968 extended trip when one member was hospitalised).

A camel can go for eight days without a drink but who in this club claims to be a camel?

LAST MONTHS TRIPS:

The Northbrook day walk was postponed because of lack of nominations by the closing date.

The Base Camp and Throughwalk to the Cataract River area east of Tenterfield was attended by thirty most of whom travelled down by bus, arriving at the base camp at 12.30a.m. Nine throughwalkers were dropped off near "Boorook."

The throughwalk followed Boorook Creek to a sixty foot waterfall. The pool at the foot of the falls provided an excellent opportunity for swimming. Cataract River was soon reached and followed downstream through interesting cataracts, past many excellent swimming holes, and through a fairly narrow gorge through which thethroughwalkers were forced to swim. The track then followed the remains of an old tramway once used to take out copper ore. Camp was made one hundred and fifty yards short of the junction with Crooked Creek.

On Sunday morning old mine tunnels were briefly explored and the walk continued downstream. Approximately one and a half miles downstream from the Crooked Creek junction, the area opened up providing grassy banks and long pools similar to those found along Boonoo Boonoo River. Morgan's Creek was reached and after lunch at the junction with the river, the party climbed a steep ridge south west in hot weather and returned via a track along an obvious ridge running west to the road and south to the bus.

The Basecampers pottered around the old mines in the Crooked Creek area and explored the creek upstream from the junction with Cataract River. The long haul in the bus took its toll and only a few hardy ones plus some late arrivals on Saturday night and Sunday morning participated in the base camp trip down Boorook Creek and Cataract River. The poor

participation was disappointing.

Monday's trip to Wellington Rock was relatively uneventful for the party of twelve that set off at 6.30a.m. and was back by 10.00a.m. before the heat of the day. The party which left about 7.30a.m. however, finally returned at 2.30p.m. after having followed down a different ridge from that intended.

CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS:

January General Meeting: Highlight of the evening was an excellent audio visual slide showing produced by Bernice Caffery., John Caffery, Gavin Clancy, Pat Lawton, Therese Moynihan and Madonna Stratford whose long hours of effort were suitably rewarded.

The attendance of fifty-nine members and fifteen visitors was the best for some time. The business of the meeting took half an hour. No matters of great moment were raised.

Current financial membership is 120.

Contributions to the Magazine section of the circular will be welcomed.

Also welcomed are brief trip reports on any private trips done, particularly if a lesser known area is involved.

The Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs has so far received $420 from member clubs and other orginisations and has purchased the McInnes stretcher - cost to be deducted from the Rescue Equipment Fund. Ancillary equipment including ropes will cost a substantial sum. In addition ropes will need to be replaced periodically. These costs will arise from use of the ropes at trainingsessions and on rescues.

At present this equipment is being provided by a dedicated band of individuals, something that should not be necessary. Various ways and means of raising finance are under study. Full particulars of the Federation S. & R system are not yet available.

Although the Annual General Meeting and Club elections might still be two months away, now is the time for members to give serious consideration as to whom they would like to see in the various Committee positions, and to approach these people to nominate. They should also consider whether they are able to take on a position themselves. Nomination forms will accompany the March circular.

To stand will mean certain sacrifices of your time and energy for the sake of the Club, with little thanks for your efforts. However there is great satisfaction in doing your best for the Club. Accepting nomination is one way of acknowledging your thanks to the Club for what it has done for you.

N O T I C E S

U.Q.B.W.C. "HEYBOB" for 1969 is available from the Secretary. Price 50 cents.

Club Badges are available to financial members.

- Cloth badges $1.80
- Large Metal 30¢
- Small Metal 40¢

First Aid Kits available at $1.70

BUSHWALKER'S CASEBOOK:

Private trips coming back in vogue. Recent ones have included Crookneck, Greville, Minto Crags, Area south of Gatton, and Barney.

Then of course there is that private trip to beat them all, the three weeks trip to Tasmania. As there have been no newspaper reports of any rescues in Tassie lately, we presume the intrepid party to be still on the march.

Greg Gilbert had to operate on Peter Gleeson to remove prickly pear which he sat upon whilst on Glen Rock.

Club members in more distant places include Peter Herzog, 95 Newtown Road, Hobart; Paddy Font, Room 4, 'M' Barracks, Savage River Mines, Savage River Tasmania.

Bernice Doughty now residing at 29 Totten Street, Kepnoch, Bundaberg.

Sorry to hear that Gerda Ammer was hospitalised recently in Broome, W.A. Hope you are feeling better now Gerda.

Throughwalkers on Catarack River let Paul Wijngaarden sleep on so that the luncheon period might be extended.

Ivan, our leftist member believes that "if you go left you'll be right." This implication can be carried further.

Large lizard found that the best way to remove obstacles in its path ([illegible]e Kearney & Paul Skehan) on recent Cataract River trip, was to "mow 'em down."

Australia Day was celebrated by members on Wellington Rocks. After singing of National Anthems by the choir a naturalisation ceremony was performed especially for the benefit of Angelino Kearnee. Angelino has been seen around twon proudly showing off his naturalisation certificate.

BELMONT BUS
EMERGENCY 976303
Ohhh_!
Mike
NEW MEMBER'S FIRST TRIP — AND MOTHER
WHAT! ME RING 976803! YOU CAN STAY OUT
OLD MEMBER — AND MOTHER
Mike