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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, November 17th. at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

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NOTE:- Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9.0p.m. at the earliest.

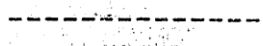
EDITORIAL by John Walker

The time has come for each member of our Club to take a good look at himself, his walking habits and basic safety precautions. It's fine and lucky to be able to say that we have been free from serious accidents, but will this remain the case?

However there have been and still are, several members who persist in breaking even basic walking precautions. This could endanger not only themselves but also other often inexperienced members. Courtesy should be the by-word. When walking you should consider your leader as well as your walking companions. Walking can be an enjoyable sport but not when you have to "keep an eye " on someone to ensure that nothing happens.

Another matter of concern is the general Club apathy towards personal first aid kits. If an accident occurs a competent first-aid kit could save a life, possibly your own. It's no use saying "Member 'A' always carried a first aid kit, we're right as long as he is there." We all know how a party can string out and how time, a vital element in first aid, can be lost in retrieving a kit from the front or rear of a party.

I think that a number of our members could do with a brush-up on safety and training and I hope that the coming Safety and Training weekend will see a large roll up.



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CLUB CALENDAR:

MONDAY 17TH. NOVEMBER General Meeting.

WEEKEND 21/23RD. NOV. Safety & Training Weekend.

SUNDAY 30TH. NOVEMBER Social - Beach Picnic.

WEEKEND 5/7TH. DECEMBER Base Camp - Bouloumba Creek.

FRIDAY 12TH. DECEMBER Christmas Party.

MONDAY 15TH. DECEMBER General Meeting.

NEW YEAR Carnarvon Gorge - 5 day trip.

SUNDAY 11TH. JANUARY Daywalk - Northbrook Creek.

SATURDAY 17TH. JANUARY Social - Captain Cook Night.

MONDAY 19TH. JANUARY General Meeting.

LONG WEEKEND 23/26 JAN. Base Camp/Throughwalk - Cataract Riv.

SUNDAY 1ST. FEBRUARY Daywalk - Mount Misery.

WEEKEND 13/15TH. FEB. Motorised Base Camp - Nth. Coast.

MONDAY 16TH. FEBRUARY General Meeting.

SATURDAY 21ST. FEBRUARY Social.

WEEKEND 27/1ST. MARCH Base Camp/Through Walk - O'Reilly's.

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:MONDAY 17TH. NOVEMBER - GENERAL MEETING TEMPERANCE HALL, CANBERRA HOTEL, AT 7.30P.M.

Business will include the tabling of a new by-law in terms of Section 20 of the Constitution:-

"Members who do not attend a trip for which they had nominated and fail to inform the Outings Secretary or trip leader of cancellation earlier than half an hour before the scheduled departure time, shall be liable for the full nomination fee."

On the lighter side it has been seriously proposed to make the twelfth trip undertaken in any one Club year, free to any member so qualifying. (This also applies to the 24th trip, etc. etc.)

Feature for the meeting will be the photographic or "Popular Appeal" competition, where the entries will be judged by all those present. Members are asked to keep in mind that each selection of slides should be judged on its merits and not voted for merely because one's friends are depicted or because one's best friend has entered them.

At the December meeting members will have the opportunity of discussing the competition as it is presented at the November meeting, to give a guide to the way future features of this nature should be conducted.

WEEKEND 21/23RD. NOVEMBER - SAFETY AND TRAINING WEEKEND:

<u>Leader-</u>	John Walker	<u>Time-</u>	7.00p.m.
<u>Nominations-</u>	Monday 17th. Nov.	<u>Fare-</u>	£3.60.
<u>Departs-</u>	North Quay (behind Supreme Courts).		
<u>Emergency Officer-</u>	(39.2309) Kevin Herlihy		

Can an S. & T. weekend be fun? Not if you don't like camping, swimming, climbing, walking and other sundry outdoor activities.

Aim of the weekend is to teach everyone how to get more out of his or her walking. (If you know all about bushwalking already, then come as an instructor.)

Instruction will cover practical first aid (treatment of cuts, blisters, scalds, cramps, heat exhaustion etc;) navigation, food and cooking (including lightweight T.W. recipes by Father) and etiquette for walking and camping.

Rope instruction is intended mainly for through-walkers but anyone interested is encouraged to join in. It is rumoured that there will be a demonstration of creek crossing on a lilo of the "Angelino" line.

Sunday will be spent in the Barney foothills with the new navigators trying their skill. There is a chocolate frog for anyone who can get to East Peak and back before lunch!

So there it is - a chance for the newer members to learn and the old-hands to air their knowledge, with swimming holes and campfires for no extra cost. Exams will be past, so nominate now in case you forget.

SUNDAY 30TH. NOVEMBER - BEACH PICNIC BRIBIE ISLAND:

Transport departs at 9.0a.m. sharp from behind the Supreme Courts at North Quay. Nominations of \$2.00 close with the Social Secretary on meeting night, i.e. November 17th. so nominate with Kath for what promises to be a most enjoyable day at Bribie - and don't forget the sunburn cream.

A pawn-shop is a loan-some place.

WEEKEND 5/7TH. DECEMBER - BASECAMP BOULOOMBA CREEK:

Leader- Laurie Kearney Time- 7.0p.m.
Nominations- Monday 1st. December Fare- \$3.60
Departs- North Quay behind Supreme Courts.
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Another good summer trip in an area not visited lately by the Club. Boulloomba Creek flows into the Mary River near Kenilworth west of Obi Obi.

The trip is being planned as a base camp only but anyone in favour of another exploratory Through-walk should mention this to the Outings Secretary.

Walking attractions are the numerous rain-forest covered creeks and waterfalls in the area, and the planted State forests. Gold has been found in some of the creeks.

And in case you think we forgot O'Reilly's this year, check the Calendar for the end of February.

FRIDAY 12TH. DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Christmas Party will be held this year at the Mater Christi Hall belonging to the Oblate Fathers at Eagle Junction. The address is 51 Norman Parade, Eagle Junction and the Hall is situated directly behind the Church.

Are you going out more and enjoying it less?? Do Christmas Parties seem to have lost their PUNCH? If so, then you are going to the wrong places.

Come along and have a whale of a time at the Bushwalker's Christmas Party - the one with a difference!

Admission for this, the grand Social event of the year will be only \$1.00 plus of course the usual 40¢ present for Santa's bag. This year due to rising costs, Santa won't be in a position to give a reciprocal present to anyone who hasn't contributed one to his bag.

The Social Secretary advises that dress for boys should be casual, and suggests that the girls use their imagination! Time of commencement - 8.0p.m.

NEW YEAR - CARNARVONS TRIP:

Still cannot give exact dates, but if these do not matter to you, please nominate so we can gauge the support for the trip.

We must make it this year because the area is being spoilt very rapidly by tourists.

TEXAS TRIP - POT-HOLING AND PHOTOGRAPHY - 12-14TH. DECEMBER:

Private transport leaving after the Club Christmas Party will take pot-holers and photographers to Texas.

Leaders will be Mike Laherty and Paul Skehan. Paul is taking nominations on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

CANADIAN/U.S.A. ROCKIES - SOUTH AMERICAN ANDES:

The "daddy" of all extended trips!

May - July 1973 to March - April 1974. A working-walking-climbing-caving trip through the wonders of the western world with Mike Laherty.

Start planning now!

Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future,
And time future contained in time past.

T.S. Eliot

UNSCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF A BUSHWALKER'S WAGON:

<u>Element</u>	Actually they have motors! Isn't that a thing in an electric jug anyway?
<u>Symbol</u>	V.W. K.W. or familiar rude sign.
<u>Atomic Weight</u>	Overloaded, almost critical.
<u>Occurrence</u>	Usually found in small convoys on bush tracks, footpaths, garages, cafes or creek banks.
<u>Characteristics</u>	Noisy. Usually clusters around broken-down mate. Sometimes causes traffic-jams and high blood-pressure to - owner; passengers; other drivers; pedestrians; dogs; policemen and rabbits (see below).
<u>Identification</u>	Usually bursting at seams. Deposits all types of junk and junkies at every stop. Sometimes accompanied by bang-bang noise (how the hell do you think rabbits get high blood pressure). Can be heard coming for miles.
<u>Physical Properties</u>	While there is noise, don't worry - when rumbling sound suddenly stops follow instructions- (1) Panic, curse, stink mickly, er fink lickly, er think slowly- (2) Open door (use door handle - not tin-opener or karate chop)- (3) Unclench teeth and step out of door. (It's easier than the window mate!) (4) Who was supposed to refill tank at last petrol station- (5) Slink off into the night with a used baked bean tin clutched in hand - for petrol.

<u>Chemical Properties</u>	Never boils, dislikes dust, slow on hills, geronimo on reverse slopes, likes water in creek bed; has funny noise at back - almost like motor.
<u>Storage</u>	Any Garage will do, but a certified Dealer would be better.
<u>Value</u>	Equal to 495 $\frac{7}{8}$ pairs of good walking boots - about as fast too!
<u>Use</u>	Storage of rubbish; transportation of bushwalkers; rabbit-stomper-outer.
<u>Mating Call</u>	Persistent beep-beep (watch it charlie) or loud rebel yell, usually out of tune.
<u>Caution</u>	When herds of them appear it is time to- (1) Head for the hills- (2) Pray devoutly- (3) Commence World War III- (4) Ignore them- (5) Start shooting- (6) Wish you had one- (7) Gaze in awe at lucky/unlucky owner. Take your pick or better still, do the lot.

THE BLUE TERROR.

Alias-

The Snow Buggy.

Wallangarra

CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS:October General Meeting Report:

After the long discussions at the September General Meeting, apparently there was little else to discuss with the result that the business section took up only three quarters of an hour before members were treated to a well prepared slide showing presented by Paul Skehan and Tony Crowley on their holiday trip to Adelaide and back via the scenic Victorian coastline, Sydney, Newcastle and Gladfield.

Larry Corkran gave the following figures on attendances at trips during the first six months of the current Club year.

78	on	7	throughwalks
137	on	9	basecamps
<u>202</u>	on	7	daywalks
417	on	23	trips held on 16 weekends.

Financially, trips have been breaking even on present fares. This will however, continue only if there is continued support for the trips.

A further analysis on these figures disclosed that those most attending trips were the following:-

Garth Commerford	14	
Gavin Clancy	12	
Laurie Kearney	11	(Angelino)
Paul Skehan	10	(Cyril)
Greg Gilby	10	(Dave)
Larry Corkran	9	(Felix)
Peter Herzog	9	
Patricia Lawton	9	(Hyacinth)
Paul Wijngaarden	9	(Ivan)

In all 33 members have attended 5 trips or more and accounted for 242 of the 417 attendances. 9 Committee members were included in the 33.

NOTICESNEWCOMERS TO THE CLUB:

Financial membership for the remainder of the Club year costs only \$1.20 for those joining for the first time. Catholic visitors are expected to become financial members no later than after attending two outings.

Other people regularly attending Club functions should if eligible for membership, also become financial members. This is only a fair thing if the Club facility is being used.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:

Members considering purchase of Paddy Pallin equipment are asked to contact Paul Wijngaarden (7.3655) before placing their order. The Club may benefit by your doing so.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUYING A LENGTH OF NYLON ROPE?

Mike Laherty is purchasing a 360 foot length of No. 3 Nylon rope but only requires 180 foot of this. Anyone interested in the other 180 foot or parts thereof should contact Mike at 97.6303.

NEWS & VIEWS (cont.)

Congratulations to the following who were declared Ordinary Members at the October Committee Meeting - Mary Boland, Michael Lavarack, Justin Hatfield and Frances Neiland. Ordinary Members are those who have done a minimum of two trips within three months or more since becoming financial.

Investigations are to be carried out to gauge the interest of former members in attending a reunion type function in conjunction with the current membership, as an extension of the May Club Mass function. Very tentative proposals are for a format along the lines of Evening Mass for current and past members, followed by a dinner and trimmings and a party.

As a more or less natural follow-on from such functions, a form of associate membership has been proposed for those people interested in maintaining some contact with the Club after they cease active participation. For a very nominal fee to cover costs, it has been suggested that those members be sent a summary of the Club's Annual Report early in May with the invitation to attend a function of the nature proposed above. Such an annual form of contact could include information on members of social interest.

Opinions on the proposals or variations thereof would be greatly appreciated - preferably in writing. In addition any member aware of the addresses of former members is asked to let the Secretary know, so that Club records can be brought up to date.

The Club has now made a further donation of \$25.00 to the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs' Rescue Equipment Fund.

LAST MONTH'S TRIPS:

Twenty-five attended the Day Walk to Mount Moon including quite a few on their first walk with the Club. After travelling via Aratula past the base of Mount Greville, the party tackled the mountain from the western side following for a time a prominent and interesting creek. The party here split in two, one group continuing up the gully and returning via the southerly peak to the bus, which was then taken to the south eastern side to collect the remaining 12, who arrived just before dark. After a 40 minute discussion with local farmers, the party returned to Brisbane via Boonah, singing themselves hoarse - well almost - in the process.

Obi Obi Trip: After two attempts to traverse the Obi Obi Gorge from South to North, a party of six finally made it on the weekend of the 24th. to 26th. of October. Drought conditions prevented the trip being undertaken on the previous occasions.

Six inches of rain fell during the preceeding five days. With the all important camping permit and five lilos, we set out with all our gear well sealed.

The lilos proved to be essential. They were our means of transport for nearly four hours. Several rapids were negotiated. The last pool in the gorge was almost 150 yards long and only 10 yards wide. A waterfall tumbled down the 200 foot cliff on the eastern side.

It was a trip of lost items, which included; one shoe, two hats, a walking cane and one lilo.

The pride of Flotta Lauro's fleet, the T.L. (twin legged) "Angelino Lauro" under the control of captain Angelino struck a rock while travelling at full speed. It developed a serious list to starboard. In answer to distress signals, a number of other lilos in the area sped to its aid. Nothing could be done to correct the

list, so it was abandoned and then taken in tow.

Lunch was eaten at the northern end of the gorge at 3.30p.m. A good campsite was reached at 9.00p.m.

After an early start on Sunday, good progress was made and the junction of Skene and Obi Obi Creeks was reached in time for an early lunch. We continued along a timber track through dense rain-forest.

Finally we arrived at the Mapleton/Kenilworth Road to find the basecampers waiting for us.

BUCHWALKER'S CASEBOOK:

The Club extends a warm "welcome home" to John Power (Fr. Arthur O.D.C.) who has returned to Brisbane recently following completion of his studies in Ireland. John was a Foundation Member and an extremely active walker in the early days of the Club, before leaving to follow his vocation in 1961. He has been an honorary member since 1963.

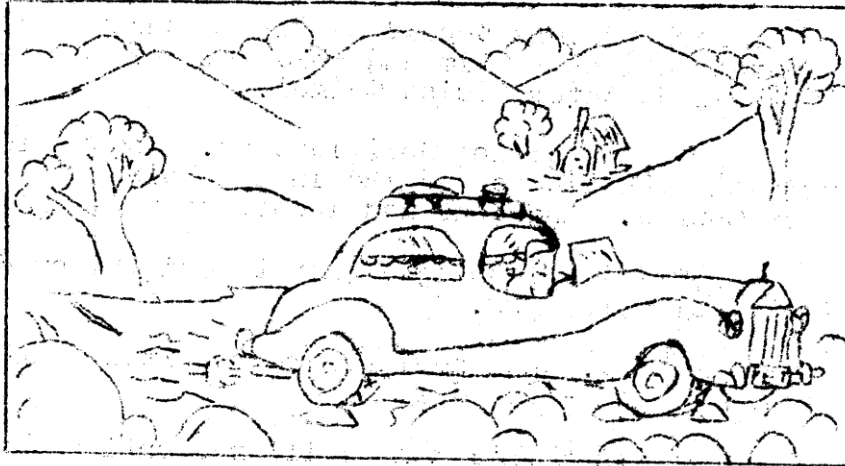
With Thursday night tennis washed out for the fifth consecutive Thursday, several players took to their part-time "employment" as Obi Obi Motors Ltd. (liability) to replace a muffler on Judith Cushing's vehicle. The can-opener technique proved most effective.

Kath Vingoe on evading customs- "Generally I don't smuggle a lot."

"Scunge-bashers" having mixed success playing 'D' grade table-tennis fixtures Tuesday nights.

Bernice Caffery has been advised to sell her car. - All offers gratefully received.

Private Transport



There seems to have been a lot of "comings and goings" of members and former members in the past month. Unfortunately the "goings" outnumber the "comings."

Welcome back to Monica (Bunie) Fienberg who has returned from Canberra. She found it too expensive to fly up to Brisbane every other weekend to go bushwalking, so has managed a transfer home.

Roslyn Kenny (nee Hinton) back from the west for a few weeks holiday.

Goodbye to Peter Hertzog who has now gone to Tasmania, before returning to Europe next year. Believe the boys gave him a big send-off at the Homestead Hotel.

We also say farewell to Imelda Endicott and Bob Sully. Imelda flew back to America for another year and Bob with a small crowd of bushwalking fans to see him off sailed for Genoa.

Madonna Stratford on transfer to Rockhampton for a couple of months.

Perhaps this should be listed under "comings." Congratulations to Jim and Enid Collins on the birth of their daughter Louise Carmel.

Ivan now giving Golf lessons. Under his excellent tuition Prunella scored 184 in a 9 hole game at Nudgee Golf Course. Angelino had lowest score - only 55.

Cyril is planning a trip to Obi Obi by Hovercraft - 40 years from now.

Kathy V. and Angelino are reported to be eating by tape-recorder.

Certain "gentlemen" still recounting with glee their bomb attacks via laundry chute at the Ave Maria Retreat House recently. Felix thinking of setting up a bomber command squadron after his successful bombing of Judith Cushing. Judith is now on the mend.

Group of 14 bushwalkers and friends recently spent enjoyable evening at Villanova play "Hang your Clothes on Yonder Bush." For anyone interested further performance dates are Friday and Saturday nights 14th. & 15th. and 21st. and 22nd. November.

Club Member Gerda Ammer now a lay-missionary in Broome, Western Australia has sent an urgent request to the "Leader" for people to assist in providing toys for the thirty or so children at the mission. For anyone who can help, the address is "Holy Child Kindergarten, P.O. Box 147, Broome, Western Australia, 6725.

It has been noticed that Therese Moynihan never stops eating.

