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## BUSHWALKING NEWS, DECEMBER 1961.

The monthly General Meeting is held in the Temperance Hall, Hotel Canberra Building (Edward Street entrance) on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting is on January 15th.

### OFFICE BEARERS.

President	Chaplain Fr. K. Aspinall	90.6280	Treasurer	Merv Galvin
Vice President	Col. McLellan		Outings Recorder	Vacant
General Secretary	Kath Clancy	48.5391	Social Sec.	Mary Leahy
Outings Secretary	Byron Moss	89.1313		79.3039

### COMING EVENTS

Thursday	December 21st	Christmas Party	R.S.L. Hall, Bardon.
Sunday	January 14th	Day Walk	Cedar Creek, Closeburn.
Monday	January 15th	General Meeting	Hotel Canberra.
Weekend	January 26/29	Weekend Trip	Noosa Heads & Nat. Park.

### EDITORIAL.

Christmas greetings are extended to all Club members, both at home and overseas, and also to all other people who have helped the Club during the year. May the true religious significance of Christmas be remembered and may the coming year give us good weather, good walking and good luck.

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One of the steps taken by your Committee to aid the new member and also to increase the enjoyment of the present member is to introduce the group system on overnight trips.

The idea of grouping, although new to our Club, is by no means an innovation in bushwalking circles, as some other associations have been operating successfully on this basis for many years. The main idea is that people signify on their trip nominations the names of persons they will closely be associated with during the trip. Usually such a group will camp near each other, will share the same fire or fires, will probably each be responsible for certain provisions and generally act as a team. Such a procedure is already unofficially in force in many instances.

It is believed that more people would like to take part in such a scheme and if such people approach the Outings Secretary or Committee members, efforts will be made to form new groups. These will help to form friendships, will assist newcomers and in general will provide full companionship to all concerned. One important factor will be that no person will be compelled to join a group if he does not feel inclined to do so.

Wherever possible, new members will be allocated to groups who are prepared to accept them and when nominating for trips it would be helpful if other members of the group were marked on the nomination form.

The group system is an imaginative attempt to improve the efficiency of the Club and it is hoped that it receives the support it deserves.

### NEW BY-LAW.

Your Committee has seen fit to add a further By-Law to be incorporated

in accordance with the Club Constitution. It is set out for your guidance -

By-Law Number 8. "Any member wishing to announce or publicize any non Club activity at any Club meeting, outing or social function, shall first obtain the approval of the General Committee or its nominees."

VACANCY FOR OUTINGS RECORDER AND ALSO COMMITTEE MEMBER.

With the resignation of Margaret Kennedy from the position of Outings Recorder and the return of Col. McLellan to the Vice Presidency, vacancies exist for the positions of (1) OUTINGS RECORDER, and (2) COMMITTEE MEMBER. Under Section 7 (IV) of the Constitution, the positions are declared vacant as at the meeting of December 18th, 1961, and nominations are called to fill the vacancies accordingly. Nominations must be in writing, bearing the signature of the nominator, nominee and a seconder (all of whom must be financial members of the Club for 1961/62) and must reach the Secretary not later than Monday-January 8th, 1962. Should more than one nomination be received for either position, a ballot will be held. THE POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED AT THE GENERAL MEETING ON JANUARY 15TH.

Margaret Kennedy, who has held the positions of General Secretary and Outings Recorder during her association with the Club, has submitted her resignation from the latter office because of her approaching marriage. The Club wishes Margaret all the best for the future and thanks her for her interest in the Club's welfare and enthusiasm displayed in carrying out her duties whilst holding the above positions.

DAY WALK SUNDAY JANUARY 14th - CEDAR CREEK - CLOSEBURN.

A special bus will leave Anzac Square 9 a.m. Nominations of 7/6 to be at the Club Box before January 4th. Leader Tony O'Brien and Contact Officer Byron Moss (89.1313).

This area has been visited before by us and its popularity always ensures good attendances. Cedar Creek rises in the high country between Mounts Glorious (2100 ft) and Daguiilar (2214 ft) and flows over several waterfalls into the Closeburn valley from where it proceeds past Mt. Samson and Mt. Lawson to merge with the South Pine River. We hope to advance higher than on previous occasions and the progress along the upper reaches, heavily festooned with rain forest, is exceptionally cool and pleasant. Swimming is good and it would be impossible to have a more pleasant day within such a comparatively short distance of Brisbane.

GENERAL MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 15TH, TEMPERANCE HALL.

We have been fortunate in being able to arrange an address by Dr. Jon Stephenson for this meeting. Dr. Stephenson, founder of the University Club, needs no introduction as he attained nation wide fame whilst attached to the Antarctic expedition led by Sir Vivian Fuchs in collaboration with Sir Edmund Hillary some years ago. He is probably the most famous product of our walking clubs and his address will be on the Himalayan Districts, in particular the Karakoram Range, North India. It will be illustrated with colour slides and could well be the highlight of the year. Do not miss out, and be early so that our loquacious speakers at the general meeting can unburden themselves as expeditiously as possible and not delay the main feature.

JANUARY WEEKEND TRIP TO NOOSA HEADS - JANUARY 26/29th, 1962.

Bus leaves Greyhound Depot, Melbourne Street, South Brisbane, 6.30 p.m. Nominations of £2.0.0, repeat TWO POUNDS, to reach Club Box before January 18th. Leader Brendan McCarthy and Contact Officer Byron Moss. Camp fee included in nomination fee.

The Noosa district is particularly interesting, embracing rugged cliff

lines, rain forest clad ridges, graded tracks and coastal scenery at its best. The club will be camping in the public reserve adjacent to the Noosa River and the Reserve is noted for its shady trees.

The Noosa district, or Neusa, as it was spelt in the early days, was first explored by Andrew Petrie and Henry Stuart Russell in an open boat in the forties of the last century. Coming across an escaped convict named Bracefell near here, they named the area "Bracefell's Head" and it retained this name for some time. Timber getting developed the district and the gazettal of a National Park some years ago gave it a variety of scenery not often obtained in coastal resorts. From Noosa Hill (482 ft) extensive views can be obtained including magnificent vistas of the 40 mile beach running north to Double Island Point. Rain forest is found in the Park reserve and bird life is abundant. The graded track system leads past such famous cliff formations as the Boiling Pot, Devil's Kitchen and the awe inspiring Hell's Gates. The Paradise Cave at the Coolum end of the beach is well worth a visit in low tide.

It is hoped that arrangements can be made for the party to visit the famous Teewah coloured sands. This entails a launch trip across the river and a fantastic run up the beach in a battered old army truck. Due to some geological formation, the sand at Teewah varies in colour from black to white with shades of browns and yellows.

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GROUCH COLUMN.

There is no social this month and the above space has been donated by the Social Committee. We have been asked to fire broadsides at all and sundry on several subjects. The Club spade, lantern and a tent are missing. While we are prepared to call a spade a spade, we feel that the guilty persons could be called something more appropriate, but perhaps this tactful approach will do the trick. Secondly, people are falling into bad habits when nominating for socials. We have had examples of nominations coming in with no money attached. Others nominate and do not turn up resulting in a whole bus-load wasting time waiting for them. The list could carry on forever, so fair go, chaps and chapesses, help your organisers, don't hinder them.

Some people shine on the crests of the hills  
Others are fine crossing rivers and rills  
Many again in the scrub are no fools  
But the elite of the club ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

The place getters in the Competition decided last month were as follows:-

<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>CLUB ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>CLUB CHARACTERS</u>	<u>CLOSE-UPS</u>
Phil Gaffney	Margaret Kennedy	Paul O'Regan	Pat Meagher
Ray Fairfield	Pat Meagher	Ray Fairfield	Pat Meagher
Bernice Caffery	Pat Twomey	Margaret Kennedy	Pat Meagher and Margaret Kennedy

The Champion of the Club was Phil Gaffney and Margaret Kennedy won the Jim Collins Prize for Club Activities.

SECOND EDITION OF "BARRANI" ON SALE

The Second Edition of this fabulous magazine has arrived and can be purchased from Merv Galvin for 2/6d. Merv was nearly swamped by purchasers last meeting and it would be unwise to delay in picking up your copies. There are a few of the first edition still left also,

and as each edition is obviously going to be very popular with members, this may be your last chance to secure the original issue. These magazines are particularly valuable in giving your friends an idea of club activities.

NEWS AND VIEWS AND ECHOES FROM THE HILLS.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Brian Hart in his recent sad bereavement. Suggestion Box being reasonably patronised but many are still outstanding - have you sent your questionnaire in yet? - More new members accepted by Club include Janice Murphy, Mary Hawley, Margaret Hounslow, Pat Courtney, Mary Campbell and Bill Harden - Denis Hoey and Julie Weir married recently - Club is trying to obtain classic New Zealand Film "Safety in the Mountains" for future meeting; correspondence already exchanged between three different Government Departments in Brisbane and Canberra; film may be available by 1980 - Hugh Morrissey turned farmer and following the furrows up Pilton Way (Darling Downs) - Definitely last warning on unclaimed refunds to following: D. Hoey, D. Desmond, M. Holman, M. & P. Stratford, J. Weir and J. Flanagan; These members are finally and irrevocably informed that their refunds will be forfeited if unclaimed before the January Committee meeting - What a pity they could not be used on a Christmas Party for your hard worked committee - If you want to inspect your committee you will recognise them by looking for outsize name tags being sported by the distinguished looking ladies and gentlemen at future general meetings - Don't forget the sensational Club Christmas Party at R.S.L. Hall, Stop 24 Bardon tramline next Thursday the 21st. - See you there!



# GREETINGS



BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

invites you to the 1961

Christmas Party

WHERE? The R.S.L. Hall, Bardon. (Take Bardon Tram to Stop 24 and there you are).

WHEN? Thursday 21st December at 8 p.m.

ADMISSION? Just 4/-. Half price with supper, and a present to the value of 2/6d. to help Santa spread good cheer.

Hope to see you there!