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LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK - VIA BEECHMONT, QUEENSLAND

The south-east corner of Queensland was once an area of extensive Volcanic activity which resulted in the formation of the mountains now making up the scenery of Lamington National Park.

An elementry knowledge of the geological story will give you an idea

of the surrounding country: (a) The Basement is made up of sedimentary rocks containing sandstone, schiet and coal measures, the oldest of these dating back 600 million years and the more recent from the Mesozoic era.

THE ERUPTIONS.

20 to 25 million years ago, lavas issued from a vent now represented by Mt. Warning. This mountain was about 6,500 ft. high and was the centre of a shield volcano covering an area of more than 2,000 square miles. The lava flows extended from Mt. Warning north to Tamborine west to Beaudesert south to Lismore and east to the sea.

Mt, Warning is now the centre of an erosion caldera with part of the rim forming: the border ridge where the lookouts are on top of near vertical cliffs in horizontally bedded layers.

(b) VEGETATION.

Rain forest vegetation favours the rich basalt soils whereas the eucalypt forest are more suited to the poorer rhyolite soils. Due to the alternating lava flows and subsequent valley erosion, the type of soil changes suddenly in many places, resulting in equally sudden changes in the vegetation. (c) CLIFFS.

- are either rhyolite or trachyte。 IN one gorge alone one line of cliffs up to 700 ft, high extends for $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles along the eastern wall. (d) <u>HISTORY</u>.

1770 - Captain Cook named Mt, Warning in association to the rocks on Point danger.

One of the main differences between rain forest and eucalyptus forest is found in the leaves, those of the rain forest lack the moisture saving devices of the eucalyptus, long narrow leaves containing oil which hang vertically and turn on their stalks so that only the edges face the sun. Leaves of rain forest trees are usually wide, lie horizontally and are not usually oily. Light in the rain forest is 1/50 to 1/100th of that in daylight.

To get to the Park is from Brisbane via the Binna-Burra Lodge bus or you can go via Sydney:- Pacific highway, Gaven Way, Nerang and Beechmont to Binna-Burra (72 miles) - or to O'Reilly's from Brisbane 65 miles via Mt. Lindsay hwy., Tamborine and Canungra.

Binna-Burra has Log Cabin Accommodation and Camping facilities. O'Reilly's has Weatherboard houses. At both guest houses, food is no problem. 3 meals a day and more if you want it, any time from 6.30a.m. till 8.00p.m.

If you want more information

refer to MBW WALK Magazine - 1969 edition.

- Chris Milne -

APPEAL TO ALL TYPISTS

I have tried unsuccessfully to find a successor to the position of News Convenor for the coming elections as all the people I have asked seem unwilling to take on the responsibility of the job.

If you value your News and feel that it is worthwhile to continue each month then would all you typists come forward and seek nomination or offer your help.

The job does require a fair amount of your spare time, mostly about once a month, taking notes at the committee meeting and spending several nights ----(continued on Page 2.)---

The "NEWS" January, 1972, Page -(continued from Page 1,)preparing and typing NEWS plus part of one weekend. You also have to keep people interested in writing articles of all description and obtain walk previews from Leaders. The new News Convenor could have several people willing to help and so ease the burden of leaving everything to the one person. Some months News editions are larger than others with the List of Financial Members in August and the Office Bearers Reports in February which both could do with some other people sharing the typing I have enjoyed typing News and feel that the time and effort have been well worthun gand am sure that who ever decides to take on the job for the next year would have the support of other typists if they are willing to give a little time to their Club. - Joy Seymour -10th January, 1972. Unless a member nominates for the position of News Convenor and can assure the Committee that he or she has the support of typists for the duration of the year, before 23rd February, 1972, I move that News be discontinued. $F_{\rm eff}^{\rm t}$ Proposed: Geoff Kenafacke Seconded: Joy Seymour NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 1972 (WEDNESDAY) AT 8.00 p.m. IN THE CLUBROOMS, AT 14 HOSIER LANE, MELBOURNE. All correspondence should be addressed to:-Hon.Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers, Box 17510, G.P.O., MELBOURNE. VIC. 3001 Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. - · · · · NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE: Reports: Walks Secretary -A total of 210 people were out walking during the month of December. Over the Christmas/New Year Period the number of people totalled 65. Social Secretary --2/2/72 - Film: 'The Peace Game' - Prize-winning award film on the wild game in South African reserves. If you enjoyed the film 'For Love of An Eagle' - this is another one well worth seeing. Don't miss it, 8.00 p.m. 16 2/72 - Slide Night - Western Australia by Barbara Davies V.N.P.A. -A new book out now available in the shops is recommended to bushwalkers -Title - Nature Conservation of Victoria, by Judith Frankenburg Price \$2.00. Federation -Further to last month's News which stated the area allotted to our Club to

study for The Land Conservation Council:

The Committee and interested members will report on the area - 'Strezleckis' on Saturday 22nd January. Map Reference: 250,000. Warragul Sheet. Anyone interested in going, please see Bob Steel or Tyrone Thomas without delay.

Nominations are required for the General Elsotions on 23/2/72. As 8 people out of 14 are standing down from the committee and not seeking re-election, more nominations would be welcomed. Please forward any to the Secretary.

DUTY ROS	TER:		
26th Janu		Alex Stirkul,	Pam Lambeth
2nd Feb		Geoff Kenafacke	Jenny Meade
9th		Rex Filson	Joy Seymour
16th		Roger Brown	Sue Ball

A WELL KNOWN CLUB MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY LAST WEEK. THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE & MEMBERS EXTEND THEIR SYMPATHY TO MARGARET FOR HER SAD LOSS.

DAY WALKS:

- February, 6 PHILLIP ISLAND SOUTH COAST, BEACH WALK Leader: Lexley Holmes Easy Van leaves Batman Ave, 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.75¢ Map Reference: Woolamai 1" = 1 mile. Noarest Medical Help:- Cowes Hospital,Warley Avenue,Cowes. The walk will be from Sutherland's Bay to where the penquins come in. If there is a high tide some of the walk will have to be along the top of the cliffs. Bring water for lunch and bathing togs.
 - 12 TALLAROOK SEYMOUR GOULBOURN RIVER Leader: John Hammer (p) 878 7497 8 miles. Easy Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2,00 Map Reference: Broadford 1: 50,000 Nearest Medical Help: Seymour District Memorial Hospital, Brettoneaux Street, Seymour. An easy and satisfying walk along the glorious banks of the Goulburn river. Wildlife here is abundant and very easily observed. Where the banks of the river steepen we will walk through farm fields - so gaiters would be advisable. Come along anyway, and enjoy a refreshing swim and for a stimulating afternoon's walk. - Don't forget your togs.
 - 20 LORNE ERSKINE FALLS INCLUDES FAMILY WALK Leader: Tim Andrews (p) 329 8529 Easy-Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00 Map Reference: Beech Forest 1" = 1 mile. Nearest Medical Help:- Lorne Community Hospital, Mountjoy Pde., Lorne. A pleasant walk alongside the Erskine river to the spectacular falls and back. Many optional extras for skilled log balancers and rock hoppers. Fern Gully vegetation is found near the falls with Eucalypt forest above.
 - 27 MT. LITTLE JOE MT. TUGWELL LALA FALLS FRUIT SALAD FARM (WARBURTON) Leader: Spencer George (b) 63 2406 Easy-Medium Van leaves Batman Ave, 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1.75¢ Map Reference: Gembrook 1: 50,000. Nearest Medical Help:- Yarra Junction Bushnursing Hospital. The exact length of this walk will be determined by the temperature. The walk is planned as a pleasant climb amongst ferns and tall forests, walking on soft "ushy tracks.

WEEKEND WALKS:

February 11-13 BRYCES GORGE - ALPINE BLUDGE (LICOLA) Leader: Robert Steel (b) 652 7417 Easy-Bludge Transit Van-Private transport. Fare \$6.00 Map Reference: Howitt 1" = 1 mile. Nearest Medical Help: Heyfield Bushnursing Hospital. People who like a good hard walk can stay at home! This trip is for those who would like an idyllic weekend in beautiful alpine country, with Wildflowers, Waterfalls, Cliffs and expansive views, as well as swimming. There will be a fixed camp at or near Guys Hut and easy day walks will be conducted on the Saturday and Sunday. This trip will be especially suitable for new chums who want to try camping out but are deterred from carrying a heavy pack. So come along One and all; I have especially arranged perfect weather

> 18-20 <u>*WILKINSON LODGE (FALLS CREEK)</u> Leader: Lodge Manager Private Transport. Fare \$7.00. This trip is open to all members for those wanting a relaxing weekend in the Bogongs or for the energetic ones who wish to bag any peaks in that area, then this is your chance. Book early as the maximum allowed is 15 at Wilkie. No camping is allowed on the High Plains. All modern conveniences at the Lodge. Contact the new Lodge Manager after the elections, for further details. (More Weekend Walk Previews on Page 4.)----

(continued from Page 3.) WEEKEND WALKS:

18-20 MT. COWLEY - CUMBERLAND FALLS & RESERVE (LORNE) February Leader: Dave Thompson Medium. Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$3.50¢. Map Reference: Nearest Medical Help:- Lorne Community Hospital, Mountjoy Pde., Lorne. As the leader is somewhere in the wilds of Tassie at the moment it was not possible to find out about his walk. I have heard that he has not as yet previewed it but will do so before the actual walk. So come along and see what surprises the leader has in store for you. Very Brief Description:- Otways forest, clear waters, and part beach Contact Dave when he appears for further information. tracks。 25-27 PRECIPICE PLAIN - MAYFORD - MT. TABLETOP (MT. HOTHAM) Medium-Hard Leader: Tyrone Thomas (p) 89 5197 Fare \$6,00 Transit van/Private Transport. Map Reference: Dargo 1" = 1 mile. Nearest Medical help:- Bright Hospital, Cobden St. or Omeo & District Hospital. Precipice plain is a little-visited area between Mt. Hotham and Omeo

off the Alpine Highway. It is an extremely beautiful alpine grassland area with just the right number of snowgums to make it interesting. There are extensive views, cliffs and waterfalls plus a beautiful Woollybutt area. Mayford is an old gold town now deserted with the Dargo river flowing through it, and Mt. Tabletop is about 5500' and rimmed by cliffs. All round this promises to be another of those perfect alpine area walks. It will be medium hard standard but will be worth the effort.

The News Convenor, Melbourne Bushwalkers,

Dear Madam,

The paddle steamer came up from Rangoon last week, bringing four hundred tons of strong lye scap, four months' rations, and my 1972 edition of "Walk" and another magazine. My batman has just finished washing about seventy of the natives, for which I feel he deserves to be mentioned in despatches; and I have just finished reading "Walk" and the other magazine.

I feel that I must congratulate the editorial committee of "Walk" not only for the quality but also for the range and variety of the contributions they have assembled for us this year. While "Walk" lacks nothing in comparison with the other magazine when it comes to track notes and geographical and historical detail, it also projects a more thoughtful and technical approach to bushwalking and the environment in which it is pursued. Curiously enough, while "Walk's" approach might thus be said to be more intellectual than that of the other magazine, it is also far more readable!

Perhaps we have some indication of the difference to be expected between the two when we notice the bright splash of colour on the cover of "Walk". This brings me to my second main reason for writing to you: Would a full-colour cover for"Walk 1973" be prohibitively expensive? Perhaps this could be done in conjunction with a competition within the Club, when members could be asked to submit their best colour photographs for a combined exhibition, with first prize being that of having one's effort immortalised as "Walk 1973"'s cover! I should imagine that if expense and enthusiasm were both at a high level, it might be possible partly to defray the one against the other by charging a competition entry fee of, shall we say, five shillings.

Finally, Madam, may I express the hope that we do not suffer the agonising doubts which attended the launching of "Walk 1972"? I feel that the standard reached amply justifies continuation of the venture - indeed not to do so would be unthinkable. We should not waste time this year asking ourselves whether "Walk" is to be or not to be.

Please express to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria the continued loyalty and devotion of her subjects at this outpost - especially that of seventy who, though dark of skin, now no longer inform the nostrils of their presence at any greater distance than does a bar of MacConnochie's Lye Soap!



Good news brethren: We have a worthy successor to Deadly Dave. Keen observers will no doubt have noticed, "Pouncing Pierre" at work over the last couple of months. It is hoped that he will maintain the high standard of conduct set by his predecessor in his delyings with the damsels.

It seems to me that there is a definite plot afoot, the principle aim of which is to ensnare yours truly. These dastardly machinations are being stirred along by certain people whose sole aim appears to be to rid the Club of all bachelors. If they persist, Spencer and I will have to appeal to SMELLS(Single Men's Exclusive Lifetime Layabout Society) for assistance.

Have recently heard from the usual unreliable source that our Walks Secretary (bless his steam pudding heart) is taking secret square dancing lessons in preparation for his Grand Debut at the next Square Dance. It is rumoured that he will be wearing a daring square dancing ensemble fashioned from the latest putrid pink storm-proof japara by Paddy Pallin of Sydney.

It is perhaps just as well that our Marriage Guidance Delegate did not attend the barbecue at the Hodgson's place last month. She would have had a field day (or should I say, night?). Some of the more crafty barbecuers arrived early so as to get a headstart with the drinking side of things. By the time everyone else arrived, L.P. and W-J were in a very merry mood and were among the leading revellers singing respectable bushwalking songs(so far, all good clean fun). But as the evening wore on, certain individuals (mainly the claret drinkers) became decidedly unsteady on their feet. At this stage the Treasurer was noticed to have aquired two supporters, and so it went on. The best dancing puple award of the evening must definitely go to Dave and Kelvin for their inspiring exhibition of the highland fling or whatever it was.

Predictably, Rod has mentioned to me that what I wrote about "Harry" last month was a lot of baloney (or words to that effect)

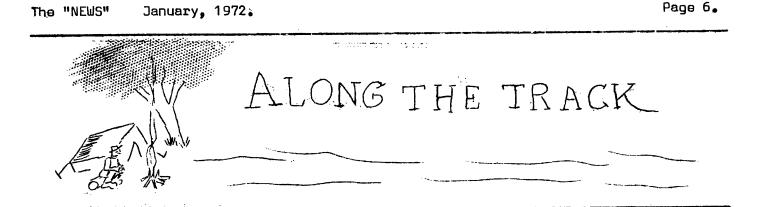
Recently, a non-member complained to me that on one night last year he was prevented from entering the clubrooms by two individuals who barred his way and who told him that admission was restricted to members only. I find this incredible to believe and no doubt most other members will also, but the non-member concerned assured me that it did happen to him. If those two morons read this (this is assuming they can read) I would like to point out to them that members in general and the Club in particular, deplore this type of irresponsible behaviour which harms the Club in that it turns away prospective members who harbour nothing but ill feeling towards the Club.

The latest bushwalking wonder foods, Sustagen, Lactogen, Nuntogen and Octogen were tried out over the holidays by a certain marathon bushwalker. They were consumed with ample quantities of Muesli. The results proved to be very interesting, because the aforementioned bushwalker was often seen to move very quickly through the bush though not always in the same direction the rest of the party were travelling.

The News Convenor, on behalf of others would like to thank Margaret Jorgensen, our Social Secretary, on the successful Square Dance held in December. The caller, Ken Hooke and his attractive drummer were very popular once again and we were most disappointed that Tyrone didn't go. The hall decorations and some of the people's country and western style outfits added to the atmosphere and a beaut time was had by all who attended. The supper and cool drinks were also well appreciated.

MBW welcomes the following now members +

Virgil Davis, 31 Lee Avenue, Mt. Waverly, 3149 p)232-5474 b) 541-2681 Ian Hill, 93 Severn Street, Yarraville, 3013 p) 314-6757 b) 792-8511 Frank Burt wishes to be remembered to members - change of address elsewhere in News. (Page 7.) (Plus.other changes.)



Dec. 3-5th

From the middle of a dense green tangle of undergrowth which was shaking violently an indignant voice was heard: Barbara was "emanding a refund on her walking fee. A little further on NOBODY could see anything, and we all thought they ought to trim the scrub down a bit or give us our money back. Those who had been on Art's South Point Scrub-Bash last year remarked that the undergrowth was much thicker now, and the rest of us wished we had come last year. Undeterred, though bleeding somewhat, Art forged ahead through a gully choked with every conceivable form of spiny, springy, strangulating shrubbery, and up onto a ridge overlooking the sea. We had lunch with a superb view of Rodondo Island and the passing shipping.

The southernmost point of the Australian mainland is satisfyingly definite. comprising a narrow peninsula of rock jutting four hundred yards out into the se from the main beach. Satisfying too was the thought that comparatively few people visit it - only the dedicated scrub-basher will be found in these parts. Several times during the weekend I heard people canvassing the proposition that one of the easiest ways to ruin an area is to declare it a National Park. Access roads and publicity bring in people by the thousand, while extortionate fees are charged to pay for the resulting ruination. Do you know that it now costs nearly as much to sleep in the swamp below as it did ten years ago in a second-rate hotel room?!!

Well, let us hope they don't "improve" the park further by cutting a track down to the mouth of where we camped in a delightful little valley with two creeks rushing down over the rocks into a fiord where they meet the sea. This camp was reached only after another brisk scrub-bash which left Peter's "space blanket" with a lot more space than blanket - in fact it looked like a bundle of blue streamers held together with occasional strands of white cotton and bits of Alfoil. Altogether quite colourful.

Some took a swim at this stage, including your foolish correspondent, who found the water at least twenty five degrees colder than he expected! In fact I lasted about thirty seconds; while even Andy (who reckons that water which doesn't turn you blue is too warm to swim in) didn't make as many minutes. However, Sunday was sunny and warm, and I think everybody enjoyed swimming at lunchtime in Oberon Bay. A bonus was being able to rubbish the other MBW party which sought to atone for not climbing by climbing and was just then passing by along the beach.

Have you ever seen a pantechnicon full of boiled lobsters? Because a Gronows van full of sumburnt bushwalkers was seen heading north on its way back to Melbourne late on the Sunday evening. udging by the noises they were making one would have imagined them to have been in pain, but I think the noises actually indicated happiness and the fact that they had had a good weekend - for which votes of thanks to the three leaders are due.



The Editor, "News",

I fully support Warren Baker's letter advocating that we print WALK 1973. Further, I would suggest that the magazine committee be asked to consider increasing the size from 72 pages to 80. We increased from 64 pages to 72 pages as an interim measure two years ago, with the intention of printing 80 pages eventually.

I think that you would agree that in comparison with some other walking club magazines WALK represents good value to the purchaser, and also provides a service to people interested in bushwalking and the outdoors. I believe that the standard can still further be improved.

On reading some of the reports of bushwalks, printed in "NEWS", it seems strange that some of the walks described are not the subject of articles in WALK, because of the talent displayed. In my opinion, some of the subject matter with just a little more work and some editing would be very suitable for inclusion in the magazine. Articles in "NEWS" would reach about 300, whereas in WALK they would be read by possibly ten times that number, as justification for the little extra work by the author.

Articles of that type, narratives of bushwalks in Victoria are the most suitable type for our magazine, they are what bushwalking is all about. In my opinion WALK needs more articles of the type - bushwalk narrative.

Another reason why we should print WALK in 1973 is that we have already enough material left over from this year's magazine, therefore work on the editing could start much earlier than usual. Only a little more by way of articles should enable us to be very selective, and so maintain a high quality.

Last year, there were enough people to assist in production of WALK, with the possible exception of typists. An editorial sub-committee of 6 is adequate, much greater numbers would make it too unwieldy. For at least a dozen years Norm Richards was the sole editor of WALK, and made a very good job of it too, as he had the happy knack of knowing what was suitable for publication. I am not suggesting that one person do the lot, but an editorial sub-committee of 6 should provide a satisfactory breadth of opinion, without being too cumbersome.

A few years ago, the comment was made that from a financial point of view we could not afford to not print WALK, because the magazine subsidised other financial aspects of walking. For a period of 4 years the magazine profit was \$450. I do not know what the magazine financial situation has been during more recent years, but I believe it to be quite sound. Apart from financial considerations, as Club Contacts Merle and I realise how valuable WALK is to the Club because of the number of enquiries that are made as a result of people reading the magazine.

> Yours faithfully, Fred W. Halls.

WANTED ARTICLES FOR WALK 1973. - TYPISTS WANTED.

Good, detailed Track Notes required to be written advising full details of camps, water, sites, distances, etc. Start preparing now.

MBW advises the following changes of address:-

Ted Brown, 15A Paris Court, Realty Gardens, 41A Conduit Road, HONG KONG. Dave & Joan Gibson, 137 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, 3122. Greg Harwood, 28A Coorigal Road, Carnegie, 3163. Trevor & Pam Lambeth, 128 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg, 3084. Les Markham, 57 Hillside Street, Springvale North, 3171. Robin & Helen Mitchell, C/o Development Division, Australian Wool Board, 261 George Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000 Marion Paule, 632 Inkerman Road, Caulfield, 3161. Ken & Sandra Sharpe (please correct name on List.) Honorary Members -Frank Burt, C/o Post Office, Goldsworthy, W.A. 6723. Michael Griffith, 56 Harrowby Street, Corinda, Qld. 4075. (p) Brisbane 796719. Elizabeth Shaw, Bacteriology Dept., Hammersmith Hospital, Ducane Road, LONDON, W.12., U.K. (Please include on H.M. List).

BY CANOE DOWN THE GOULBURN

Over the Christmas - New Year holiday broak Joan and Dave Gibson, Peter Bullard and Andy Price in two double kayaks, Geoff Greenwood in a single kayak and Julian Morris Graham Hodgson, Bev and Tony Morris in 16 foot Canadian canoes padeled 55 miles or so down the Goulburn river between Thornton and Trawool.

As none of us was very experienced at canoeing(Bev. and I had been over the trip only 2 weeks before with Brian Scott, a National Fitness Council Field Officer) we had allowed five days for the journey, as freeing canoes from snags, chasing gear and people down the river after capsizes and repairing canoes is a slow business, particularly if it is raining. The weather was hot and we had only about half a dozen capsizes and so were able to make camp fairly early in the afternoon as scheduled.

This stretch of the Goulburn is the standard first long trip in Canoe clubs as the river is interesting without being too difficult and there are no portages as the flow is stabilized by Lake Eildon.

On Monday as we were fired with enthusiasm and the first few miles down from Thornton are fast, we were able to cover about 20 miles and camp about 2 miles upstream from Molesworth. We had fairly easy days on Tuesday and Wednesday. There were some stretches where it was a slog as there was almost no current but these stretches were not too long. The fast stretches have most snage and once you start into them there i no turning back. The willows which grow on the outsides of many of the bends where the current is strongest are a hazard as their branches grow under water. Julian and Graham capsized their cance as they re-entered the main stream from a billabong we had explored. graham, half-submerged, was doing a Tarzan act on the branch of a willow tree as his 80 lb pack (a conservative estimate; it had 35 cans in it plus soggy cereal) took off downstream. Without our life-jackets and flotation vests we could have lost our 10%. (If you go canceing get a hat which floats)!

On Thursday night at the Trawool pub where we had T-bone steaks and a few jugs, Geoff was a bit flabbergasted when a fellow in the lounge who had been talking to us about the trip and who had "a few too many", came up to him and wished him all the best at Munich next year. He had somehow got the idea into his befuddled head (and I couldn't convince him otherwise) that Geoff was in the Australian Olympic team and that the trip was part of his training program!

** Tony Morris **

NEWS CONVENOR'S NOTE:-

My thanks to the contributors of this month's News, especially to the writers supporting WALK. It was NOT possible to publish all but have covered the subject in the letters published.

I hope that the same interest is now shown in the future of News with some support offered.

Mygmetaful thanks go to my flatmate - Barb Davies for helping me to type News this month. It certainly made the job finish quicker.

For the benefit of those people who sent articles to my former address would you please refer to the December News for my new address.

Would Office Bearers please hand their Annual Reports to me as soon as possible. No later than 31st January, * Joy Seymour *

