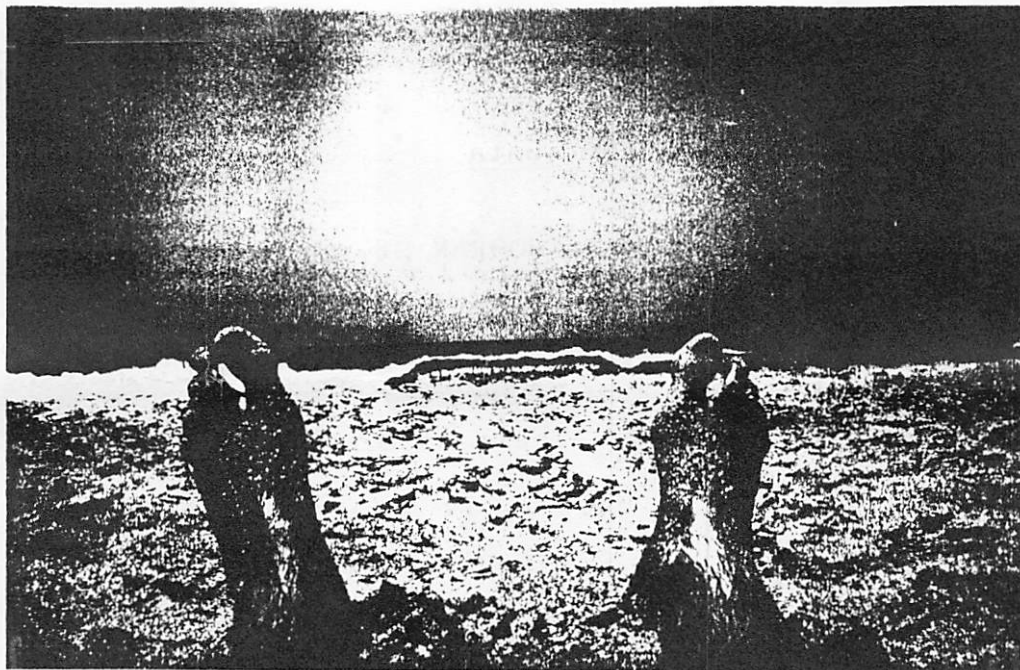


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## MEGALOMANIA on UQBWC'S "HINCHINBROOK 1990" TRIP!

Have the Club's core walkers been needlessly sacrificed to HUEY?  
AAP-London/Cardwell: Reliable sources, close to the expedition, (Double Island Meteorological station) indicate that appalling weather conditions could cut short the plans of the 9 intrepid UQBWC expeditioners. It is expected that at least eight UQBWCers will be violently ill on the boat trip from Cardwell to the Island!

Only yesterday our reporter (with his B.A. in Journalism/Sociology/Tree Hugging) sensitively asked Don Roberts mother what she thought of his prospects of coming back in one piece? "Donald should be alright", she said. "It's well known in bush walking circles that Don's stomach can survive on a diet of cold Soyaroni and Deb mash potato for breakfast as well as dinner for weeks. Malcolm's the one I'm worried about. After his sacrifices last year for the club's study of Qld & NSW grease food establishments his stomach is not in good condition", she added tearfully.

One eyewitness account of the early days of the expedition commented, "The 13 of them looked terrible as they boarded the boat to the Island; as though they'd been out sleeping under rest area park benches with no time or thought for personal hygiene or appearance. Four of the bearded ones even stole a bottle of metho from an old lady and some lollies from some children in the park while mumbling something about fuel and alcohol shortages already". (Unfortunately this account has not been corroborated as the eyewitness has since signed a lucrative exclusive deal with Dag Hinch.)

Exclusive Photo:  
Mal Roberts feet  
at Byron Bay?

More photo's

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## EDITORIAL.

Yes folks, this is the third issue of Mini-Heybob for 1990. The year is already half over, winter holidays are here and how many of you "meant to go on a walk but just haven't had time yet"? Well now is the best time of the year in S.E.Qld for walking! Lots of easy and medium day walks are planned for the next few months, so try one or two before the pressures of work restrict your time. Have a go at one of the easy through (2 day) walks - camping out with no man/woman made sounds or sites to disturb you is really what bushwalking is all about.

On a different note:

As you saw from our front page exclusive, the club's annual pilgrimage to Hinchinbrook Is. to make sacrifices to Huey, (God of weather) has already commenced. (At least one Goretex garment per person is required - taking goretex jocks or socks is considered offensive to Huey, as well as to fellow walkers after 2 weeks of use.)

There are strong rumours of the embryonic development of the club's second issue of "HEYBOB" in two years, (last years issue was the first for ten years), and it may even be published in 1990!! CONTRIBUTIONS ARE REQUIRED, (although the editor reserves the right to do with them what he pleases!)

UQBWC's famous expatriate journalistic skills are once again flowering (Ed:Puke). Following the return home of our Japanese and British correspondents in 1989 we are now proud to announce the stationing of two new correspondents in .... TONGA and ....CANBERRA ! (And possibly also at that throbbing centre of academia - CAMBRIDGE University!!)

Finally, don't forget to reserve your seat at the Club's annual dinner at August 25th at the "Malaysian Experience". Ring Don Roberts one week before.

Good Walking,  
Alan Bartram.

- 5:15am. Flocks of Flying-Foxes are returning to Indooroopilly Island, after a night of foraging. A Clock Radio blares into life. I do not.
- 6:15am. Assembled at the Hitching Posts are Alan, Alison, Mal, Don, Brendan, James and I. A clear day dawns.
- 7:30am. Beaudesert Bakery is open for business. We participate in helping their business.
- 8:45am. Yellow Pinch Campsite: Cool breeze, What?
- 9:45am. The first of the slabs are ascended. More ahead.
- 11:00am Morning Tea, by popular demand. A beautiful day - why hurry?
- 11:50am 'Change of diet' blamed for lack of personal freshness in more than one person.
- 12:30pm Another photo-stop. 'Quite good' views of the East face of Barney from a rocky knoll on the ridge.
- 1:30pm Where's the summit? Where's lunch? An ascent below a cliff-line leads to a rusted billy, a hat, and finally a slabby obstacle, which leads to...
- 2:10pm The Summit! Wow, its burnt out! Perfect day for views, though.
- 3:00pm Descent to Rum Jungle, in record time as all vegetation is burnt off.
- 4:15pm Down via Peasants Ridge (shame!, shame!, shame!)
- 5:45pm Yellow Pinch, and the cars are sighted in moonlit darkness. A good day's walk.
- 8:30pm Civilization(?) again...

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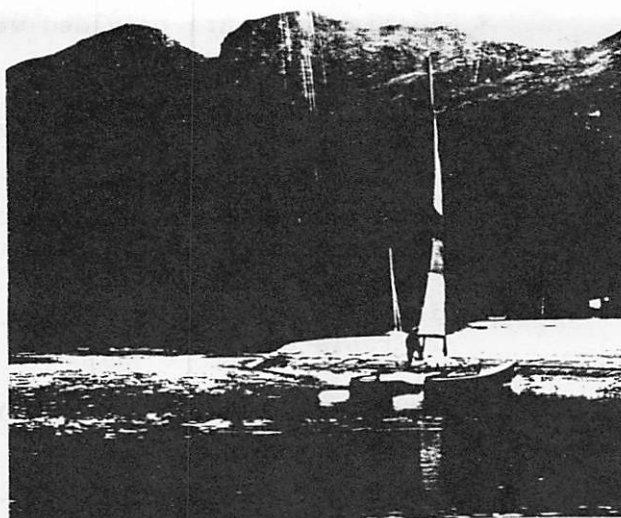
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To further cloud the issue there has also been a reported sighting of 14 UQBWC expeditioner's at Byron Bay. Our investigative journalist managed to obtain the above exclusive photograph of Mal Robert's (or Peter Scott's) feet at Byron Bay beach. If true, this photo is evidence both of fraud and of the likelihood of more rain - if the appropriate sacrifices to Huey have not been made on Hinchinbrook Is.



Above: Jungle  
on Hinchinbrook Island.  
Top Right: The Mouth of  
Sth Zoe Creek.  
Right: The channel  
between H'brook Is.  
and the mainland.



STOP PRESS: Reports of Megalomania on the 1990 UQBWC expedition to Hinchinbrook Is. have been denied by several club spokesperson's. Said one member, "Many of us consider the 6 walkers attempting the Mt.Bowen to Mt.Diamantina traverse to be Mono-maniacs, however the reported takeover of the walk by Megalomaniacs is pure fabrication."

More from Hinchinbrook Is, in the coming edition of "HEYBOB".

BUSHWALKING GEAR HIRE

The club has a range of gear for hire to any financial club members. From the 12th May, the gear resides at my (Rob Stevens) place at 7/14 Bishop St, St. Lucia. Ph. 371 6462 after 5:30pm to check on gear hire.

When hiring equipment...

- \* Book gear by the WEDNESDAY BEFORE the trip, preferably.
- \* Pay for the gear when you pick it up. A receipt will be issued.
- \* Return the gear by the WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING the trip.
- \* Return the gear in the condition you hired it in (or better). For example:
  - \* DRY out all wet or damp gear.
  - \* Sleeping Bags are provided with inner sheets : these MUST be used, and then WASHED after use.
  - \* Check ALL pegs, poles, ropes, etc are found before returning tents. New pegs WILL cost you \$1.50 each.
  - \* Camping Gaz stoves are provided with an extra Butane cylinder. Replace when necessary - if you don't, the next person hiring it will have to.
  - \* First Aid kits are available at no charge, providing all items used are replaced.

The following Gear Hire rates apply for 1990 :

Item	Price per Day/Night	Price per Week
<b>Rucksacks</b>		
'Lowe' Weekend Packs..	\$1.00	\$5.00
Day Packs.....	\$0.50	\$2.50
<b>Sleeping Bags</b>		
2-3 Season.....	\$1.00	\$5.00
4 Season.....	\$2.00	\$10.00
Sleeping Mats.....	\$0.75	\$4.00
<b>Stoves</b>		
Camping Gaz (Butane)..	\$0.50	\$ N/A
Trangia (Kerosene)....	\$0.50	\$ N/A
<b>Tents (with Groundsheet)</b>		
Outer Fly only.....	\$0.50	\$2.50
Inner + Outer.....	\$1.00	\$5.00
<b>Snow Tents</b>		
Ultimate.....	\$1.50	\$6.00
Black Ice Meridian....	\$2.00	\$8.00
Macpac Olympus.....	\$ N/A	\$20.00
Rock Climbing Gear.....	\$ Please ask	

## Four Glasshouse Mountains in One Day

Aficionados of old Heybobs will have probably read the exploits of the first UQBWC'ers to attempt all Glasshouse mountains in one day. Aficionados of recent editions of mini-Heybob will probably not have read the exploits of the first UQBWC'ers to attempt one Glasshouse mountain in a day and to succeed in climbing no less than four and a half. This is because the stirring story of those intrepid few was written only four days ago.

By me.

So, aficionados of recent editions of mini-Heybob, rivet your eyeballs to this page and suspend belief as their amazing story unfolds before you.

### Departure plus 30 minutes

With Janice and Ian (not the pop singer) in the backseat and myself navigating in the front, our driver Eric propels us along the road to the Glasshouse mountains.

### d+60 minutes

We drove aimlessly around Beerburrum township before heading off for mount Beerburrum itself. The view is interesting from here but the 2m wide concrete path to the summit concerns me: would this be a mega-slack trip? My heart begins to sink.

### d + 3 hours

We are basking in radiant sunlight on the peak of Tibrogargan. Below us the Pacific highway thrusts purposefully through the pine forests and tourist developments. Lunch is hours away and our scheduled itinerary is already completed.

### d + 4 hours

We are driving back and forth around Glasshouse Mountains township and still cannot find the road to mount Ngun Ngun. As a last resort we consult the map and minutes later are parked at the foothills.

### d + 5 hours

It is lunchtime. I am masticating salami sandwiches while before me a bonsai garden of leptospermums peeps out through the cracked rock platform of Ngun Ngun's summit. Mt Crookneck is imposing in the middle distance and behind it Beerwah is, from this angle, a huge corona of triangular rock. Bushwalking appears to be a more worthwhile past-time at the moment.

### d + 6 hours

The sheer, shattered rock finger of Crookneck looked so good we had to try it. We are now twenty feet above the track and although the cliff looks temptingly easy to scale we decide to descend before we kill ourselves.

### d + 7 hours

My arguments prevailed and we are climbing Beerwah after all. Even going by the recommended time for the return trip we should be back before dark.

**The continuing story of four and a half Glasshouse mountains in one day**

d + 8 1/2 hours

On top. The view is great and as the sun sinks in the west the startlingly pyramidal shadow of Beerwah flees from it into the east.

d + 9 hours

We are passing the spectacular fluted cliff-face below Beerwah's peak. This is definitely the best Glasshouse we have climbed today.

d + 11 hours

Back in Brisbane. It was (for me) a surprisingly delightful day. It was (for Janice, Eric and Ian) a surprisingly strenuous day: "one Glasshouse mountain, or two if time permits" had turned into an all-day extravaganza over four and a half peaks.





## TRIP LIST

16/17 &amp; 23/24 - UNI VACATION

## JULY

1st - (Sunday) Training Day. Instruction will be provided in navigation, first aid, rockclimbing etc. Contact Don Roberts on 371 4865 All welcome.

7/8th - (Weekend) Mt Ernest & Mt Lindesay (Base camp). This trip will be divided into two day walks, the first being to Mt Ernest (a lizard like mountain near Mt Barney), grade - Medium and a trip up the imposing Mt Lindesay, grade - Hard, with an early start. Leader : Rob Stevens ph. to be advised (contact 3714865)

15th - (Sunday) Mt Castle. This isolated peak is reached by a route that passes the superb Sylvester's lookout, the unique Hole-in-the-wall, and a tremendous razorback. Well worth a visit. Leader : Malcolm Roberts 300 5260 Grade : Moderate

21/22nd - (Weekend) Mt Barney. Surprise, it is being led by Rob Stevens. Up South East ridge and down Barney Gorge. Great views. Grade : Medium

29th - (Sunday) Turtle Rock (Binna Burra). This accessible monolith is noted for its collection of caves that is unparalleled in S.E.Q. Leader : Dave Boston 3906181 Grade : Easy

## AUGUST

5th/6th - (weekend) Cooloola Track in two days.  
Leader: Alan Bartram 3780238

11/12th - (Weekend) Gwyala Peak & Barrabool Creek. Visit one of the truly primitive areas of S.E.Q. Gwyala Peak is near Mt Barney so the leader is Rob Stevens. Grade : Medium-Hard

18/19th - (Weekend) Mt Moon. (isolated peak near Moogerah) MT Moon has one of the most distinctive visages of any S.E.Q. mountain. Its razorbacks and gorges will be explored in this traverse. Leader : Don Roberts 371 4865 Grade : Hard

25th -(Saturday) Club Dinner. Venue - "Malaysian Experience" at Toowong. Ring Don Roberts at least a week prior to the date. 371 4865

## SEPTEMBER

2nd - (Sunday) Leaning Peak (Mt Barney). An immense slab forming part of Mt Barney's famous Eagle's Ridge, Leaning Peak offers unusual views and some exposed scrambling. Leader: Rob Stevens. Ph: To be advised. Grade:Medium / Hard.

9th - (Sunday) Mt Bangalore (Near Boonah). In search of the hidden Bangalore Gorges ! Mt Bangalore has some spectacular gorges that are very infrequently visited. A chance to do some "Exploring". Leader: Don Roberts. Grade: Medium/Hard. Ph: 371 4865.

17th - (Sunday) Meeting of the Waters. Visit Springbrook's answer to Lamington's Thunder & Lightning Falls track. A good daywalk. Leader : Brendan O'Malley 378 0238 Grade : Easy-Moderate

24th - (Sunday) Mt. Maroon. GOOD VIEWS OF THE Main Range.

Leader Brenden O'Malley 378-0238

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6/7th - (weekend) Stinson from O'Reilly's.  
Leader : Les Tillack 2862684

MEMBERS are reminded that Committee members are always available to discuss new trips and ideas. Everyone should feel free to mention any walk they might wish to do at Club meetings. (every month)

Club meetings are held at 7.30PM the first wednesday in every month at the Ryan room.

# CONSERVATION in AUSTRALIA : 1990

**THE Duke of Edinburgh, with one offhand remark during a visit in 1963, founded Australia's modern environmental establishments. Prince Philip remarked that this country might like to donate to the World Wildlife Fund, which he had agreed to patronise when it was founded in Britain two years earlier.**

The WWF was the first group in the world to establish itself as a purely conservationist lobby, with an international vision, as opposed to the nature-loving and bushwalking societies of that period.

Its theory that royal patronage would attract big donations from millionaires worked remarkably, allowing it to develop from one-off romantic projects like saving the African rhinoceros, into a global network representing the politically conservative side of conservation.

Prince Philip's idea for Australia germinated slightly differently than he intended. In August 1964 a public meeting was held in Melbourne to consider conservation matters, and one year later the Australian Conservation Foundation was formed.

It would take the WWF a further 13 years to establish an Australian branch - then at the initiative of another prominent person, Malcolm Fraser.

For most of the intervening time, the ACF had the national landscape largely to itself, but had to jostle among the proliferation of local, usually single-issue, groups of "alternative lifestyle" which grew in the 1960s.

In 1974 branches of Friends of the Earth, another British-sourced lobby but this time on the political left of the spectrum, began to emerge, centred in Melbourne. And in 1976, fresh from bitter campaigns on the hills and waterways of Tasmania and finding itself with a large following in Sydney, the Wilderness Society went national.

Two years later the WWF and Greenpeace arrived, one conservative, scientific and a little stuffy, the other a swashbuckling, expert manipulator of television but both paying homage to foreign masters.

And that is about where it remains today - five nationally based environmental organisations, competing vigorously with each other for funds, public attention and the ear of governments.

Five years ago they could muster just 33,000 members between them. Today they have 115,000 - many enrolled in just the last year. They are controlled by bright, young, university-trained internationalists, who run a fulltime army of about 150, plus hundreds of part-timers and thousands of volunteers.

When they are not travelling between world environmental conferences they run budgets, approaching \$12 million this year. They are in constant demand as speakers at seminars and conferences, many organised by industries trying to promote a green image.

Activists have infiltrated government departments and political circles to such an extent that it is often easier to obtain policy information directly from their head offices. Three of the five groups have permanent lobbyists in Canberra.

Two, Greenpeace and the WWF, have their international headquarters in Europe - Amsterdam and Geneva respectively. The Wilderness Society, like the WWF, has strong links with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, a Swiss-based organisation housed in the same building as the WWF. Friends is autonomous in Australia but owes much to its British roots.

Locally, the groups do their own thing. They are jealous of their own aspirations and often suspicious of their colleagues' motives. Elements of elitism, arrogance and bureaucratic empire-building have accompanied their astonishing growth.

The campaigns, previously organised from the kitchen of someone's flat, are now nipped out over the boardroom table. The money is rolling in from a public captivated by their message, and sometimes they spend it unwisely - WWF officials were castigated by members for producing an annual report on expensive, non-recycled glossy paper.

Only one of the quintet's national directors in Australia - the ACF's Phillip Toyne - has been with his organisation longer than two years. They have university backgrounds, are roughly the same age and were hired directly into the top positions.

They compete for media attention as well as funds, sometimes stupidly, according to Greenpeace media director, Michelle Grosvenor. Three groups recently had protests on the same day, prompting Grosvenor to suggest an informal arrangement to alert each other about upcoming actions (but not to the extent of disclosing advance plans for any of Greenpeace's famous swoops). The WWF wants to go further and have occasional summit meetings of group leaders.

As Simon Balderstone, a former senior adviser to Senator Graham Richardson, now an environmental consultant, told a recent seminar in Sydney, it is a "myth" that the green lobby is some solid mass heading in one direction.

Balderstone said the ACF had the most influence in Canberra because it gave credit where it was due, did its research and education, and made constructive proposals.

Greenpeace, with its international base, had more resources and was rapidly expanding in Australia, "but not without some internal wrangling".

The Wilderness Society, he said, had an interesting mix of ACF and Greenpeace qualities - but proved less sophisticated when political decisions were close, and had "allowed its influence to wane on several issues by giving the impression it would not be satisfied with whatever the Government did".

Balderstone picked only those organisations with lobbyists in Canberra to compare, but here is a sketch of all five, with their own definitions of what makes them different:

**WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE:** Head office in Sydney. It has kept its acronym and giant panda logo but recently changed name from World Wildlife Fund to the World Wide Fund for Nature.

With a staff of 15, plus specialists hired for scientific projects, the WWF is directed by 33-year-old Queenslander Don Henry and it has a budget of \$1.7 million this year.

Henry, a past director of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, has a BSc in ecology, is an honorary fellow in the division of environmental studies at Griffith University and is a commissioner of the Australian Heritage Commission. He joined the WWF as national director about one year ago.

WWF Australia (local patron, the Governor-General, Bill Hayden) is funded one-quarter from philanthropic donations and corporations, three-quarters from bequests, membership fees (\$25 annually) and donations.

An executive council of eight meets every three months. This is the decision-making body, but it is influenced strongly by a scientific advisory committee.

What makes it different? "All our work is scientifically based," says Henry. "Our projects aim at practical solutions to the conservation

challenges we face. A lot of them are in the field, such as saving the numbat from extinction or monitoring the humpback whale. We are involved in land management practices to stop degradation."

**THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY:** Head office in Hobart reflects its Tasmanian origin. Its mentor is Green Independent MP Bob Brown, but it is directed by Allstair Graham, 36, a New Zealander. An activist in his homeland and holder of a degree in agriculture and forest science from Oxford, he was "talent-spotted" during his work with the Fund for Animals in Australia.

While with the FAA Graham, Greenpeace activist and fellow New Zealander Lyn Goldsworthy and Michael Bland, drew up a minerals-free proposal for the Antarctic that was adopted by Senator Richardson as Australian policy. Graham came into the society as national director two years ago.

The Wilderness Society has 45 full-time staff, mostly in Sydney where 40 per cent of its membership lives, and a budget this year of about \$4 million. It is funded from

membership fees (\$28 a year), donations and sales from nine Wilderness shops.

The society has a vacancy for a Canberra lobbyist. The previous occupant, Judy Lambert, joined the staff of the Minister for the Environment, Ros Kelly.

It has national meetings every six months plus a monthly phonenumber.

"We have a commitment to direct action from the grassroots," says Graham. "We're out there on the dam site or at the logging operation or running a rally in the city. Decisions are made on a collective, negotiated basis, unlike Greenpeace, for instance, which has a very tight elite network of core activists. Our actions are designed to be participated in by anyone."

**ACF:** Head office in Melbourne. Has 47 full-time staff, 22 part-time, a lobbyist in Canberra, Paul Rutherford, and vacancy for a second. It is directed by Phillip Toyne, a Victorian lawyer who was involved in Aboriginal issues before joining the ACF in 1986. He was the driving force behind the royal commission into nuclear testing at Maralinga and involved in the handing back of Ayers Rock to the Aborigines.

The ACF has a budget of \$3 million, funded 10 per cent from government grants, the rest from membership (\$36 a year, or \$63 for subscribers to Habitat magazine), fundraising and merchandising, mostly through its shop in Sydney.

Policy is set at biannual meetings of the president, Peter Garrett, and 35 councillors elected by the membership.

"We're involved in a breadth of issues. The others tend to have a limited agenda," says Rutherford, 37, a 15-month veteran of the ACF,

holder of a BA in the social studies of science and technology, formerly with government and political departments in Victoria.

"We have been generally successful, which has helped increase our profile and influence. We've concentrated on being politically astute, and work on the premise that to bring change you have to be involved and participate in the political process.

"We have good access to State and federal ministers, and combine that with the protest side. Toyne has been very astute in picking opportunities for developing alliances, like with the National Farmers Federation on land degradation and the railway unions on transport issues. Two teachers are working for the ACF developing material for schools."

**GREENPEACE:** Head office in Sydney and new premises that reflect its remarkable growth. Worldwide, Greenpeace, like the WWF, has 4 million members — a fourfold increase in five years. Before last November, Greenpeace was located in a tiny fourth-floor office in Broadway.

Now, courtesy of a supporter, it pays the same rent for a giant, open-plan warehouse on the Balmain waterfront stocked with word processors and wall clocks showing the time in Rome, Washington, London, Moscow and Tokyo. It has 45 full-time staff, mostly in Sydney, and a budget of \$2.3 million, funded from donations, sales of Greenpeace merchandise and membership (\$35 a year or \$50 per family).

Paul Gilding, 31, has just assumed the post of executive director from an American, Stephen McAllister, who has been promoted to head office in Amsterdam. Gilding, a former electronics technician for the RAAF who left in 1986 to campaign against nuclear warships, joined Greenpeace only last November as toxics co-ordinator.

Policy is set at an annual meeting in Europe, where Australia is one of several voting countries. Each country implements policy locally according to local campaign objectives. This is determined by a board of five directors who meet every three months. Greenpeace has a Canberra lobbyist, Rick Humphries.

"Direct action makes us different," says Michelle Grosvenor. "We were founded on that and will always do that. We only use our own people in direct action. We have a very strict non-violence policy, which extends to equipment and property, and we guard our reputation very carefully. Our actions are based on serious research beforehand."

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH:** Has no head office as its groups are largely autonomous but its largest base is in Melbourne. Friends has no national director or full-time staff. Cam Walker, 26, a high school teacher of geography and environmental science and 10-year veteran of forest campaigns is now the Friends office co-ordinator in Melbourne. He is one of 11 part-time workers.

Friends has always been smallest of the five, but it has groups in all States except Tasmania. A national conference is held each year and it is up to each group to raise funds and set policy. Melbourne's budget this year will be about \$700,000 funded about 10 per cent from government grants, the rest from donations, membership (\$24 a year, \$30 for households), a food cooperative, bookshop and community arts centre.

"We're a social change organisation, linking social justice issues, examining why there is exploitation, and looking for solutions," says Walker.

"We're very much grassroots. We don't specifically lobby government but educate people and have a non-hierarchical, consensus system."

## AUSTRALIAN MEMBERSHIP

	1975	1980	1985	1988	1990
WWF	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,000	28,000
ACF	8,984	8,296	13,384	14,680	20,693
Greenpeace	n/a	n/a	3,000	9,000	47,000
Wilderness Society	n/a	500	4,800	7,002	14,500
FoE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,000

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Mt. MITCHELL from Sth to Nth 29/5/90  
(Spicer's Gap to Cunningham's Gap)

To all those who missed this trip: It turned out to be surprisingly interesting and not quite the easy stroll implied in the trip list.

Following UQBWC tradition I was last to arrive at the hitching posts. Ten of us set off - Don, Les, Peter, Reg, Wendy, David, Geoff (with two young ladies !) and myself.

From Spicer's Gap I'd intended to follow the vaguely interesting looking ridge line Nth and Nthwest of Spicer's Gap. See Map.

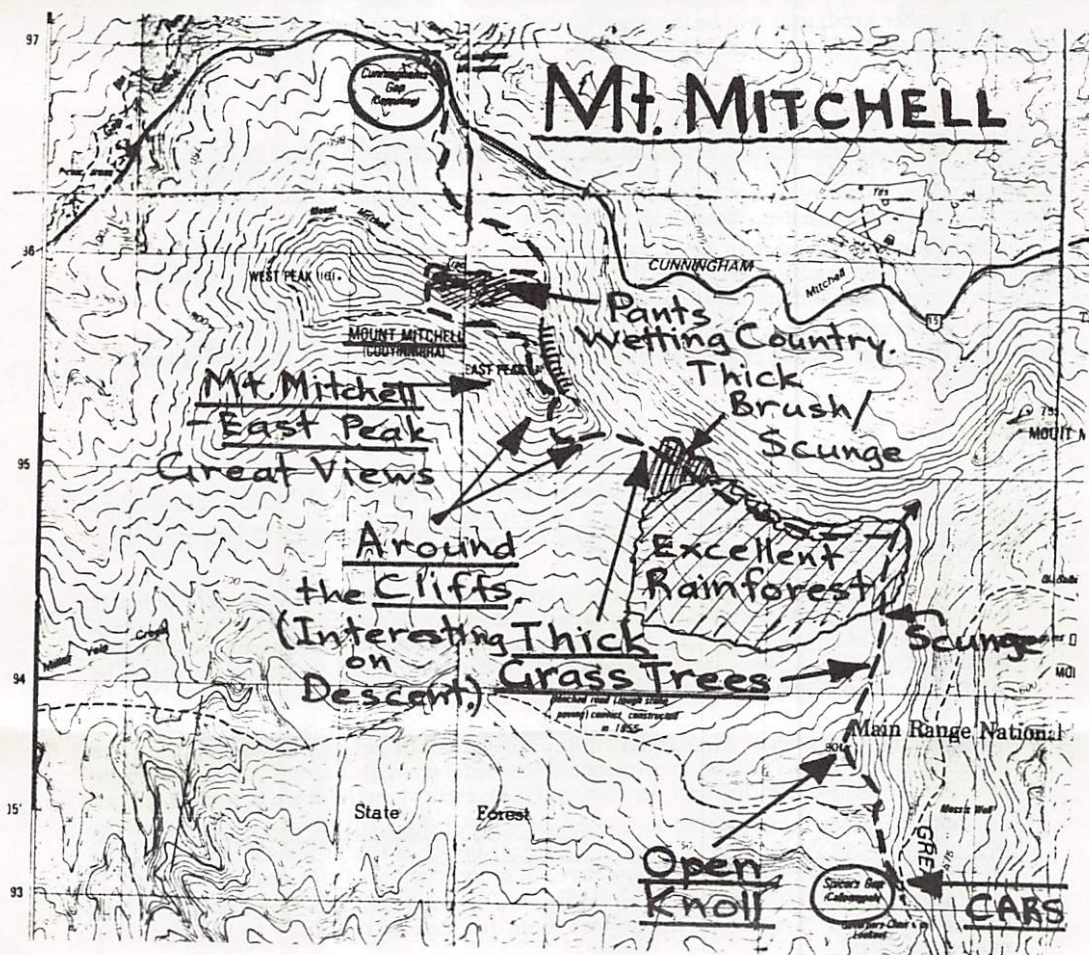
We headed off, only stopping for the excellent views (and some scroggin and water - some of us suddenly remembering how unfit we were) at the top of the small knoll Nth of the Gap. After descending to the Grass Tree covered saddle we then encountered the scunge interface separating us from the rainforest ahead. By keeping more or less to the top of the ridge we soon stumbled across a major highway through to the rainforest proper.

This track led through some delightfull, apparently regenerated rainforest, and on to Mt. Mathieson - where we didn't want to be! (Lesson 1: Never trust pads or tracks to necessarily lead you any where useful.) We retraced our steps and headed west through easy, open rainforest, keeping the scunge barrier always on our right and exploring several very large strangling figs on the route.

This rainforest ended with a long section of thick brush/scunge which slowed us considerably until a barely visible? route was located close to the RHS of the ridge. Thereafter the route ascended steeply uphill through heavily wooded grass tree country underlayed with nettle patches. Keeping right of centre on the rapidly narrowing ridge we soon clambered over several jutting rocky sections to emerge at the base of the main cliffs - high above the highway (which appeared to pass almost directly beneath us!)

As usual, following the cliffline west until an obvious break proved to be the correct route, (Lesson 2 from this walk). The first cliffline was ascended in a gradual upward curl, thence along a narrow scrubby ledge and steeply up to the second cliffline. Moving to the R.H.S. of this cliff, (along an obvious pad), the last large boulder/blocks were easily ascended and we emerged at the top at the eastern tip of East Peak (a somewhat exposed spot) for a late lunch.

(Descent to Cunningham's Gap was hastened for some of us by cutting short the circuitous walking trail as we bombed straight down from the saddle. This was fine until one innocent dolt - no names please - headed directly down to a "bracken" patch only to find it rapidly became chest deep and later developed into a huge wild raspberry and nettle plantation! The others contoured to avoid this scramble - definitely not a recommended down route!)



# RAM Act Receives its LAST RITES.

Excerpts from Pat Comben's Parliamentary Speech:

67 Prior to the 1989 election I guaranteed that we would repeal the Recreation Areas  
 68 Management Act. I stand by this promise today.

69 It is necessary to undertake this repeal process in two stages. The passing of this amendment  
 70 Bill will complete the first stage which is an interim measure designed to address the most  
 71 pressing problems with the Act.

72 The second stage of the process will involve repealing the Act and replacing it with  
 73 acceptable legislation that facilitates the management of recreation in natural areas without  
 74 taking away landholders' proprietary rights.

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 98 We will not throw out the entire Act but will retain the positive aspects of the original  
 99 Act. The goals of increased coordination in the planning and management of nature-based  
 100 recreation across different land tenures, and the raising of standards in recreation management  
 101 are desirable and they will be retained.

102 I do not want to see the benefits of managing recreation areas lost. Accordingly, this  
 103 legislation encourages cooperation between landholders, encourages professional standards of  
 104 management, encourages the raising of public awareness of the environment and, above all,  
 105 protects those environments that have been set aside for conservation and recreation.

106 On the other hand, gone will be the opportunity for developers to turn our national parks  
 into a kaleidoscope of five-storey, five-star hotels.

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 130 This Bill addresses the more consistent and serious public concerns regarding the present  
 131 legislation, all of which were ignored by the previous National Party Government. These  
 132 concerns relate primarily to the existing lack of qualification applying to the powers of the  
 133 Recreation Areas Management Board and the authority.

134 Changes made to subsection (a) of section 3 ensure that the Act now only has relevance  
 135 to recreational issues and that recreational management is carried out in a manner consistent  
 136 with the interests and responsibilities of proprietors.

137 Similar changes made to sections 18(1) (b) and 20 (1), which deal with the functions and  
 138 powers of the board and the production of management plans respectively further strengthens  
 these points.

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 140 Subsection (b) of section 3 has been amended and now stipulates that the joint management  
 141 of any recreation area must be undertaken without derogating from the rights of either the  
 142 Director of National Parks and Wildlife, the Conservator of Forests or any other proprietor  
 143 in regard to their responsibilities.

144 This is in contrast to the existing clause which stipulates that the Act cannot derogate  
 145 from the rights of proprietors (being the Ministers of the Crown administering the departments).  
 146 This has the clear implication that the authority of the Director of the Queensland National  
 147 Parks and Wildlife Service, the Conservator of Forests or any other landholder could be  
 148 usurped in any decision-making process.

149 The unnecessary and problematic words "subject to this Act" have been removed from  
 150 the beginning of section 6. Their inclusion has been a serious point of contention since the  
 151 inception of the original Bill and they indicate that specific provisions of this Act may override  
 152 provisions contained in earlier Acts, particularly if these earlier provisions are generally phrased.

153 Section 15 has been amended so that the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife is  
 154 now a member of the Recreation Areas Management Board in lieu of the Chief Executive of  
 155 the Department responsible for the administration of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

156 In section 18 (4) (b) which deals with the powers of the Board, the open-ended term "do  
 157 any specified thing" has been replaced by the more qualified phrase "carry on any recreation  
 158 related activities".

159 In section 20 (1) the word "commerce" has been removed from the list of values to be  
 160 taken into account by the management plan. This value is considered inappropriate in the  
 161 management context of national parks.

162 The two new subsections (6) and (7) inserted at the end of section 20 respectively provide  
 163 for the management plans to be sanctioned by Governor in Council and ensure that management  
 164 plans are made available to the public. These new subsections give increased authority to the  
 165 plans and addresses the previous concerns that such documents may not be open for public  
 166 scrutiny.

167 The new section 20A ensures that the same conditions applying to the original management  
 168 plan also apply to any later amendments.

169 The new subsection 21 (2) ensures that public comment is sought whenever management  
 170 plans are reviewed.

171 These amendments are straight forward and address fundamental problems that should  
 172 never have been passed as part of the original Recreation Areas Management Act. This Bill,  
 173 as an interim measure, removes that grossly offensive aspect of the original Act, and I commend  
 174 it to the House.

175 Debate, on motion of Mr Elliott, adjourned.

The House adjourned at 12.04 a.m. (Friday).

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