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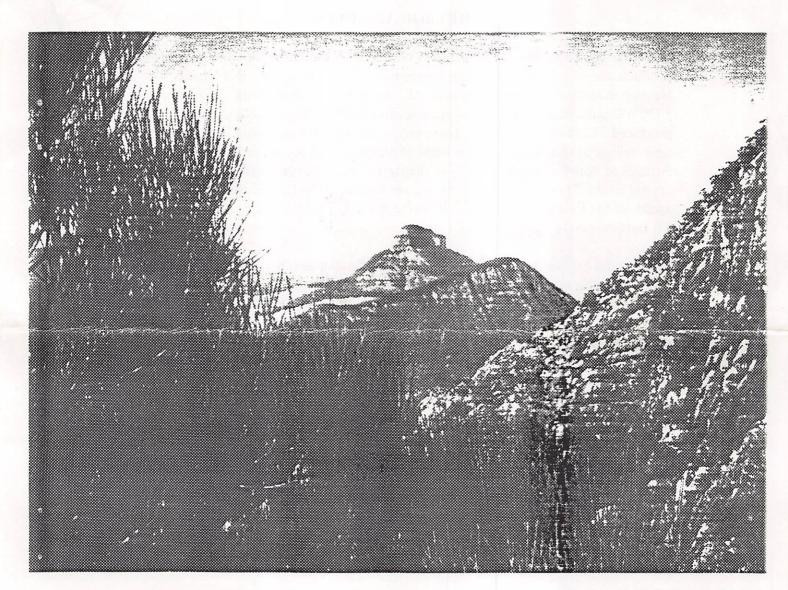
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HEYBOB ARTICLES

Now that you've all been on holidays its time to start writing those trip reports for the production of a new Heybob magazine, to be published this year. But what is this Heybob magazine, new members may ask. Some history is required. In 1959 UQBWC published its first club magazine, and in 1990, Heybob number 22 was produced. Each of these twenty-two publications is like a snap-shot of the club at that time, telling of the thoughts and actions of previous, and some current members. Articles of note include the history of the Barney hut, the placement of the quartz crystal on the Thumb (Hinchinbrook Is), the legend of the Barney bunyip and the first ascent of the East face of Barney. If you're thinking the club has a preoccupation with Mt Barney, you're right!

Trip reports are the predominant articles of course, but also there have been sketches, poems, quotes, recipes and other historical and informative articles. Everywhere from South-east Queensland to Antarctica has been covered, and running through all these trips is the common thread which is the essence of bushwalking. This in turn depended on whose eyes it was seen through. To the freshers and fresherettes it was the horrors of lantana, gympie, leeches, rain and burnt porridge, but to those who survived this and kept coming, it was, and is, something else.

The Heybob is also a forum for discussion of important issues. The earliest editorial expresses concern at the apparent decline of bushwalking. Thankfully this has not been the case. For those who wish to know more, Heybobs 9 and 20 contain indexes of all preceding magazines, and are to be found in the club library. So now is your chance to go down in history by submitting an article which will be recorded for posterity. To ease the burden of compiling the magazine, it is asked that all articles be typed, and if possible, submit on disk. Start writing now!!

GOSSIP AND NEWS

O-Day stall was a success. We wish to thank all those who attended, including Louise, Kate, Anthony, Rob, Simon, Malcolm, Peter, and Larissa. We also owe our thanks to television news for coverage, SPRA for leaving us alone, and the Union for not noticing our absence.

Clean-Up of Venman's Reserve last Sunday was a resounding success. 30 people attended, including 8 UQBWCer's (Peter Allen, Vanessa, Kate, Larissa, Simon, Rob Dancer, and Jane). Despite the fowl weather we helped the NPAQ to fill a hugh hole with tin, glass and five car bodies. The reserve will receive National Park status this year and is part of a greater conservation zone to protect the Koala population in the area. Thank you to all who participated and also Collin Grant of the NPAQ for the organisation.

In a report to the Federation the Minister responsible, agreed that their could be some flexibility with camping limits and camping areas in parks. Although leniency on fees for remote bush camping would not be considered.

Boombana Lantana Clearing Project by the NPAQ continues this year again, contact the outings officer for dates or consult our diary. (they are usually held every Saturday following the third Wednesday of the month. Read about the project in the 'February NPAQ News' in our library. Contact Ruth Read (870 9436) to get involved.

Two Rooms for rent. Shared house in Indoorpilly. Small room \$50 per week (available now), Large room \$70 (available from Easter) close to all amenities. Telephone Jane on 878 9076.

Many thanks goes out to Louise and Anthony for compilation and printing of the Summer Mini-Heybob.

On March the 13th, Peter Allen is conducting a review of all club gear, the gear will be checked and repaired if need be. Contact Peter on 870 2820 (H), or 365 4138 (W). Good luck!!

The Queensland Rogaining Association was newly established last August. In their recent newsletter (January, 1994) they announce the next Queensland Rogaining event will be held at Mt. Brisbane Station, near Esk on the 16th of April. There will be a 6 hour and 12 hour events. Closing date for entry is the 25th of March. Contact Les Williams (355 7841).

Become involved! Put something back into your club. There are many jobs that need doing, contact the relevant executive member for further information on how.



CLIMBING GEAR HAS A NEW HOME

The clubs climbing gear now resides at 211 Venner Rd., Fairfield. Ropes (static only), harnesses, jumars, helmets etc. are available for hire to experienced club members. To borrow any of this equipment phone me at home (892 4228) or work (837 4649), and leave a message if I'm not there. Fees for hiring of gear are -

Rope \$2 day \$10 week

Harnesses \$1 day / \$5 week

Jumars \$1 day / \$5 week

Helmets \$0.50 day / \$2.50 week

Note also that a once only refundable \$10 deposit applies, and that equipment should be returned promptly, along with any relevant information on the condition of the gear hired. This is especially important for equipment which has been damaged.

LIBRARY REPORT

Do you want to go for a walk, be it a day or through walk and you simply have no idea where you want to go? The answer is quite simple. Come and have a browse through the club's library and you'll find a multitude of articles to bring about the much needed inspiration.

The library has a large range of reference material from many various sources (trip reports from people within our club as well as many others), a bound set of the club magazine 'Heybob', novels and guides covering a wide range of Australian, as well as some overseas areas. Of course once you have found a place you want to walk in you'll need a map. Maps are also available from the library, these are on loan for 50c per map up to \$2.50 (more than 5 maps are still \$2.50). This fee is to enable the library to buy new maps when required and to have them laminated.

All loans are for a maximum period of three weeks, unless you happen to be in Tasmania or some other location for longer than this. There is a 'borrowing book' in the library. If I am not available it is essential that this book be filled out. At present there a couple of books missing from the library that have not been noted down in 'THE BOOK' ie, Advanced Rockcraft does anybody out there wish to return it??

Topics that the library covers are guides, rock climbing, caving, cross country skiing, wildlife and many others. Something worth a look is the club photo album from 1954, which has many old and suprising photo's in it. Below is short selection of books from the Library, a complete list is stored in the library as well as a list of books available through the University of Queensland libraries.

Books

Angus, M. The World of Olgeas Truchanas

Rankin, R. Classic Wild Walks of Australia

Crib, A.b & J.W. Useful Wild Plants

Davies, J. Rope and Rucksack

Grimes, K. Sandstone Gorges of Central Queensland

Harrer, H. The White Spider

Jansen, C.L. Lightweight Backpacking

Nielson. D. South-West Tasmania

N.S.W. Ski Association - An introduction to Ski-Touring

Styles, S. Backpacking

Sydney Speleological Society - Bungonia Caves

Wibberley, L. The Epics of Everest

Guides

Bush walking near Canberra

Kokoda Trail

Mt Barney Guide

New England Tablelands

Snowy Mountain Walks

Tasmania - Western Arthurs

Tasmania - Federation Peak

Bushwalking Guide to Southeast Queensland (very useful)

This is just a small sample of what is available. The best way to find out more is to come and have a look. See you on a walk or browsing through the library.

Malcolm Haskins

ABSEILING & ROCK CLIMBING TRAINING DAY

Fine weather ensured a good turnout of new and old members to the first training day for the year. Participants were taught the basics of abseiling, climbing and pussicking, which involves going up the rope and is hard work. Everyone managed to take the difficult step over the edge of the cliff, even if some required a couple of attempts. Thanks to Michele. Collin, Eric, Malcolm and Peter for helping out, and to Bob Hoey for supplying scones and drinks.

Vaughan Andrews

SOME THOUGHTS. New members to the club often say "I didn't realise the club did rock climbing". Whilst I could easily justify the usefulness of abseiling and rock climbing for bushwalkers, for such activities as canyoning, and increasing people's skill in scrambling, I feel this is the wrong approach. Bushwalkers are people who enjoy the outdoors, and as such often have a great many other interests in common. So why not take advantage of this fact and encourage other activities besides just bushwalking. Some that spring to mind are canoeing, caving, canyoning, cycle-touring, snorkelling, li-loing, mountain-biking, motor-cycling, kayaking, mountaineering, rock-climbing, orienteering, rogaining and cross-country skiing, but I'm sure there's more. So if you want to do something that's not exactly bushwalking, suggest it at a meeting - others might be keen as well.

Mini Heybob

Trip Reports

Over the years the need for a detailed route descriptions of trips UQBWC has undertaken has change in emphasis. Before the 1970's there were no guidebooks to bushwalking in Queensland. Thus it was essential to document in detail each trip in either the Mini-Heybob, the Heybob magazine or filed away in the Library. Today many areas we visit route descriptions and thus it's only necessary to document deviations from these routes. Yet there is still a need to convey our wealth of experience to members about each walk, be they light hearted accounts of the trip or a detailed route description.

It is impossible for guidebooks to provide the latest news on track alterations, closed camping areas or routes, fire damaged areas and new walking areas. Guidebooks are written for the masses and consequently some of the more difficult routes or sensitive wilderness areas are left out. This is where trip reports are sought after by our members. Trip reports need not be long, nor literary works and they can be left unpublished if so desired and filed in our library. We only ask that they be as accurate as possible. Trip the trip. Trip reports show how active we are, their our proof to the student union that we diary' under the relevant date. Today as in the past, it is still necessary to communicate our experiences to fellow bushwalker's so we can all build on your experiences.

The Budawangs Ranges

Walkers - Eric Young, Michele Elmes, Ashlea Troth, Reg Pollitt, Janice Porter (author)

During the September break when a planned Cross Country ski trip did not eventuate due to slushy snow, we decided instead to go walking in the Budawangs.

The Budawangs is part of the Morton National Park which is an area of rugged wilderness 200km south of Sydney and inland about 50 km from Ulladulla, with access by various well sign-posted dirt roads. During our stay we only saw a few dozen square kilometres of the wild Morton National Park. For a true idea of the potential of the Budawangs there is a recommendable though patronising guidebook for the area, 'The Bushwakers Guide to the Budawangs' (1993) by R. Doughton,

It was a pleasant drive down in Eric's old Volvo via the New England Highway and the Putty Road with its excellent road surface, hills and bends (great for motorbike riding). We passed the outskirts of Sydney, pigged out on meringues at the Thirlmere Bakery, and picked Ashlea up at our Fitzroy Falls rendezvous. The five waterfalls make this a worthwhile stop for a walk around the rim of the gorge. We even found a 1-2 year old plane crash along the Western rim.

On Monday in the Budawangs, the cold westerly wind nearly blew Eric off the Trig beacon on the top of the rocky outcrop of Mt Pigeon House - the local landmark (720m) named by Capt. Cook. Expansive views north along the Clyde River valley, Mt Talanterang, the Castle-Shrouded Gods complex and the flat plateau called Byangee Walls were unsurpassed on the rest of the trip.

We drove down to Yadboro Flat to start the walk on the tourist track up the relentless Kalianna Ridge to the first tier of cliffs around the Castle. This is a well used and short route making the Castle or Monolith Valley a suitable destination for a long day walk, and it is now strewn with lumps of the bedrolls of 60 or so school kids who passed along the track during our stay.

On the first night, we camped by a creek on the way up to the Castle, in a flat floored cave large enough for about 15 people to sleep but with a low roof (hey Reg!). It was cosy by candlelight and out of the wind. Later we base-camped at a good large campsite 10 minutes from water in the Castle-Mt Nibelung Saddle. Camping in the Monolith Valley Protected Area is not allowed due to the fragility of the vegetation in this gorge-like, moist green valley.

Our four daywalks explored the Valley and scaled a different mountain each day - The castle, Mt Own, Mountain of the Shrouded Gods and around to the camping caves on the north side of Mt Cole. Other possibilities for exploration were Mt Dojon, Mt Nibelung, Mt Cole or further afield, but the views were all so disgustingly similar that we decided to go home rather than climb any more.

Nibelung Pass provided an opportunity for novices to explore a genuine underground streamway (15m long boulder cave) complete with glowworms. Rockclimbers beware the Budawangs - they will have an addictive effect. The 100m sheer cliffs and the spectacular sandstone monoliths that look like beehives - are eminently climbable though without much natural protection.

We pioneered a new route up onto the Shrouded Gods after following the incorrect directions in the Guidebook - 'turn right and follow the ledge eastward' should read 'turn left and up an easy rock gully' which leads to the cairns on top. A day of knee to waist high scunge bashing on top of Shrouded Gods is recommended for different views, but keep to the high ground and the rock slabs, or your legs will be shredded like Reg and Eric's.

It was perfect weather as we signed the log book at the far end of Mt Owen and watched a pair of eagles soaring on the thermals. The nights were cold and Reg retreated to the fireplace which the old folks nearby had set up. We cooked some gourmet dinners, and proved the efficiency of Trangia stoves because MSR's always tend to stuff up and are too hot for baking self-saucing puddings anyway!

The vegetation was thick dry eucalypt and heath up on the mountains so there tends to be cairned tracks around most of the area to make outlying landmarks easier to reach. In Monolith Valley, the Green Room, the Natural Arch and the Seven Gods Oinnicales were all worthy of many rolls of film, and the old eroded campsite in the depths between cliffs of Mt Owen and Mt Nibelung is rather a special place.

Spend a day of two in the Budawangs, its guaranteed to impress!



Magical Mystery Tour: Mystery Walk Saturday 15th January 1994

Walkers: Jane O'Sullivan, Eric Young, Helen Lawson-Williams, Willum, Brenden O'Malley, Robert Dancer.

When most people put down a Mystery Walk in the trip list, this usually means that they are going to do a walk but haven't decided where to go yet. Mine was different: I knew where I wanted to go, but simply wasn't going to tell anyone. Yet. Which is why a lot of my telephone calls were like the one I had with Brenden:

"Where are you going?"

"It's a mystery walk."

"Yes, I know that, but where are you going?"

"It's a mystery."

"What, don't you know yet?"

"Yes, I know, but I'm not telling. Yet."

"When will you tell us?"

"Oh, I suppose about halfway through the walk."

"But we will know where we are going then!"

"Probably, but don't count on it!"

"Well, where are we starting from?"

"It's a mystery."



.......And so on. What I <u>did</u> tell everyone is that it would be a fairly long day (~12 hours), at a reasonable pace, with good views, different types of vegetation, rockhopping, and great scenery. Oh, and bring a torch. And something to swim your gear in, as there is a compulsory swim...

After a quick (?) meal at Ian's farewell BBQ on Friday evening we all set off to O'Reilly's, and quickly set up camp and went to bed. Except for the other car, containing Eric, Brenden and Willum, who went sailing through Canungra, forgetting to turn off, and only realising that something was wrong when they got to the roundabout at Beechmont... So they had a somewhat later night...

Saturday morning we had an early start (~6.15: I was doing well: only 15 minutes behind my schedule...) and under overcast skies (this was Lamington, after all...) we high-tailed it up the Border track. It was interesting hearing the speculations as to where we were going. As we passed turn-off after turn-off the consensus was that we were going to take the Border track to Binna Burra, and the Middle Ridge Traverse back, until we turned off to Echo Point. Echo Point was as lovely as ever, meaning that I'm sure the view would have been great if we weren't in the cloud... From Echo Point we went up to Mt Worendo, and then headed down the ridge toward Lost World, arriving at the saddle at ~10.30. I still cite the view of Lost World while descending to the saddle as being one of the really great views of Lamington.

After a quick refuel, we dropped down into the north branch of the Albert River, and proceeded to rockhop upstream. The rocks were quite slippery (not surprising, since it had started to rain: Lamington being Lamington again...), and the rockhopping was quite slow. It was at this point that Eric sliced his leg open a bit on a rock. Not, as you would expect, from slipping off a particularly slippery rock, but simply a freak accident. After a bit of "sticking-Eric-back-together-again" we headed upstream to Red Rock Cutting which was actually more of a wade than a swim, but then had to swim through the pool at the base of Red Rock Falls. It was the first time I had been through that section, and I can well understand why it is described as one of the gems of Lamington.

We reached Shooting Creek and found shelter under an overhang for lunch, as the rain had really set in. After lunch we rockhopped up to Black Canyon without packs. I had only been to Black Canyon once before, and that was at a time when the water was low. This time, both Thunder and Lightning falls were flowing magnificently, and the roar

echoing down through the canyon produced a truly awesome feeling of majesty. I can heartily commend Black Canyon to anyone after such heavy rains.

We made our way back to the packs at Shooting Creek, and started our way up the steep exit route. At this stage, we were running a bit behind schedule, since the wet rocks meant that the rockhopping had taken ~1 hour 15 minutes each way, as opposed to the usual half hour... We reached the graded track without incident (except for apparently walking though a leech nest somewhere: our boots/legs had numerous tiny leeches on them. I think the top count on an individual (probably Jane...) was ~70), and made good time back to O'Reilly's, arriving back just before sunset (~7 pm). After a quick shower (made quicker by the fact that the hot water system was not working), I took Eric and his leg down to get stitched up, while the others had a bit of gourmet dinner.

Next day, after a seriously lazy morning, we raided the Canungra bakery en-route to Nobby's Beach for a bit of body-surfing. After an hour or so of relaxing in the pathetic surf, we consumed suitable quantities of ice-cream and finally headed back to Brisbane late afternoon.

A nice weekend! Thanks to those who came. Where will my next mystery walk be? You guessed it: it's a mystery...

Robert.

Interim meeting of the Gourmet Walkers Group: Lost World

A hurriedly arranged meeting of the informally named gourmet walkers group was convened on top of Lost World on Saturday 22nd January. Fare included cheese (various), cheese (various), more cheese (various), fresh bread, fruit (various), chocolate (of course), and fresh nachos (courtesy of Eric), plus numerous delights that my fading memory has forgotten. The next formal (?) gathering will be sometime mid-year, more than likely in a colder environment. Watch this space!

Robert Dancer.

Night Navigational Training Evening: Tuesday 1st February

On this evening I was the organiser (for UQBWC) of a navigational training exercise which was well attended by approximately 40 walkers from clubs throughout Brisbane (and the Sunshine Coast). There were exercises set for people of varying standard, from rank novices through to experts. On the whole, a good time was had by all (and we didn't lose anyone!).

Many thanks to Jane O'Sullivan who helped me put the controls out the previous Sunday, who helped with novice instruction on the night, and helped bring the controls in the next evening. Also much thanks to Madame La Presidente Louise and Anthony for controling all the paperwork on the night (it is nice to have people you know you can rely on!), and again to Anthony for bringing in the lion's share of the controls in the next few days (not to mention assisting a sickly kingfisher!).

Mid-year I shall hold a navigation training weekend for club members. All will be welcome, including beginners. More details later.

Robert Dancer.

CANYON CLOSURE by NPWS

Coomera Crevice is now closed for an "indefinite" period. This was brought about by overuse, safety concerns and environmental impact. The mystery track is also closed, and has been for some time. As the Binna Burra NPWS have no plans to reopen it. I urge people to express their opinions to National Parks about the closure of this beautiful canyon.

Vaughan Andrews

Dandahra Creek, Gibraltar Range National Park

While visiting northern New South Wales last October, we did a walk down Dandahra creek in the Gibraltar Range National Park. Reg and I wanted to explore both the south and north branches of Dandahra creek which drains eastwards off the Great Divide. The rate of fall in both branches is very steep and this results in the 100m high Dandahra Falls on the north branch which is easily accessed via a graded track from Mulligans Hut. The two branches had been included in a hydro-electric scheme proposed by Mulligan early this century. We planned to follow the south branch from where it leaves the graded track, to it's junction with the north branch, then walk up the north branch to the base of Dandahra falls, then scramble up out of the creek below the falls and meet the graded track to the falls at the top. This involved around 17km of rock hopping, not bad for a long day walk.

So much for plans into the unknown country, reality proved we knew as much as was printed on our 1: 100 000 map of the area.(i.e. very little) We set off early with lunch, raincoats and daypacks, including ample flim, lens and cameras. From Mulligans hut it took an hour along the track to where we met the south branch, the water level was low. The decent began almost immediately and the granite boulders were very large and easy to hop along.

Ahead of us it appear as if we were approaching a set of impassable waterfalls, yet they were small, around 10 to 20m and easily down climbed due to the large jumble of boulders. We passed and took many photo's of all the waterfalls, approx. 15 in total, all were superb. We thoroughly enjoyed the walk down the south branch arriving at the junction around 1pm. At the junction there is a cascade of waterfalls and pools and it is a delight to wander amongst them.

After a swim and lunch we headed up the north branch which only boasted four sets of falls. The boulders here were 'house size' and much harder to move amongst. We arrived late afternoon (4pm) at the base of Dandahra falls. The narrow chasm into which the water falls curves around near the base and thus it's impossible to see the top of the falls and vis versa. After photo's we hurried back downstream a short distance and set off up the very steep and scrubby northern bank. We expected to meet a track near the top of the ridge, but no such luck. It became dark quickly and we were not sure of our whereabouts, due to the difficulty of the terrain we camped out for the night.

In the morning we quickly found our way back to Mulligans hut in time for soup cooked on the log fire by Pete.

In summary this trip was well worth while, especially the south branch of Dandahra creek. The trip as described above would be ideally undertaken at the start of summer over a easy 2 days, as there are many inviting pools along the way. An alternative one day walk would be to walk down the south branch to it's junction with the north branch and then return via a old track which ascends the main ridge in between the two branches. This track may be hard to locate on ascent but is easy to find no decent. Thus if unfamiliar with the area, take the graded Dandahra Falls track from Mulligans Hut carpark, the turnoff off this track is sign posted along the way, follow this old track for 3-4 hours to the junction of the two creeks and then proceed up the south branch to meet a graded track back to Mulligans Hut. Allow 10 hours in total for this walk.

The 1:100 000 Newton Boyd sheet is adequate for this walk and is available in the club library. Walks on either branches of Dandahra creek can only be successfully completed when the water levels are low.

Summer 93/94 in Brisbane

Towards the end of year, when most normal students were starting to enter panic mode and planing their extended summer holidays, UQBWC was still very active. Most members who went on UQBWC trips over the summer holidays were either workers stuck in Brisbane or students who were unable to go on any epic three month holidays. What follows is an attempt to prove that those of us who did not go to Tasmania or overseas did have a good time in the Brisbane environs.

First up on the 14th of November we went canyoning in Burnett Canyon. Or should I say we tried to. Our intrepid leader was unable to find the gorge. It was an interesting walk carrying ropes, wet suits and wearing totally unsuitable footwear.

On the 20th to the 22nd of November we had a three day li-loing trip down the Cataract River in northern NSW. Unfortunately it ended up being more of a walk down a rocky creek since the water level was too low. We ended up walking out a day early. Six of us spent the night sleeping on the ground (except Larissa who slept on a table) in the beer garden of the Tabulam pub. Quite an experience. We went home via Byron Bay and had a swim and lunch there which made up of the lack of water on the river.

The weekend of the 27/28 was spent on the Annual Gourmet Noosa river trip. A most relaxing weekend of paddling, swimming, walking and gorging on food. Highlights included Vaughan demonstrating his susceptibility to alcohol (how he became an engineer I'll never know), and an Ex President spending 15 minutes on a tree branch unable to bring herself to jump into the Noosa river.

December rolled around and on the first weekend we had a weekend of Canyoning. On the Saturday we went back to find Burnett Canyon. Our trip leader was the same one who could not find it in November. By the end of the day we had walked numerous kilometres and, yet again, had not found the canyon. One car load of us headed off to Moogerah Dam for a swim while our trip leader and Peter Zund headed back to try to find the canyon. With Peter using his highly honed rogaining skills they found the Gorge and they were out just as the sun set. One day I'll get to see Burnett Canyon but it did not happen this summer. After spending a night at O'Reillys we did Black canyon the next day which was quite an experience. I had never quite realised how cold the water was at Lamington, even through a wet suit. I also learned that absailing through waterfalls on wet slippery rock is quite different to absailing on dry rock.

At about this time I took my 'caving' trips under Brisbane. There were so many enthusiastic people that I took two trips. The first trip visited the 'cave' at kangaroo point. Due to a miscalculation in tide times we had to jump into waist deep Brisbane river. The trips were quite interesting with small bats, cave formations (of sorts) and we even ended up being able to get out the far end of one of the 'caves' branches.

At about this time, a few off us decided to extend the definition bushwalking to include bike riding and so we caught a train to Caboolture, rode to Toorbul, borrowed a car and went and had a swim on Bribie Island, then rode back to Caboolture.

The weekend of the 18th/19th was an off track walk in Lamington, the last trip led by Ex President, Janice Porter before she became the UQBWC Tasmania correspondent. We continued true to UQBWC tradition of not getting back to the cars until after dark. In fact it now seems to be compulsory to take torches on any of the longer UQBWC trips. As it was, we reached the graded track at 7pm, just as it got dark. We walked for a while in darkness, our path only lit by the fire flies and the remains of the day. We ended up getting out at 8ish by the light of one torch (the other one was very dead).

Strange to say, the next few weekends, the 24th till the new year, saw little activity as everyone did the family thing and took advantage of the traditional period of inactivity.

The New Year and the first weekend trip was a 'Lazy weekend on Morton'. In the true tradition of a holiday by the beach, we went over to Morton on Friday night, walked up the beach to Ben-awa camp ground and proceeded to spend the next 2 days swimming, snorkeling and reading. We made one sortie down to the Tangalooma resort, ate their food, drank their beer, and swam in their pool. The resort had changed the rules so that only people with dolphin feeding tokens could actually feed the dolphins. We contemplated mugging some small child for a token but since only one dolphin came in and we had a good view of it from the jetty, we decided not to. That night when we got back to the tents, there was the largest spider any of us had ever seen outside one of the toilets. Think of a very big huntsman and put it on steroids. It was happily sitting there, dismembering a cricket, while our photographers set up tripods and took pictures.

The weekend of the 15/16th was Rob Dancer's mystery walk which was a long walk in Lamington that went up the Albert river via Red Rock Cutting to Thunder and Lightning Falls. During this trip, a certain person managed to slip over on a flat, smooth piece of rock. This would be an insignificant fact except that there was a sharp piece of rock near by. The resulting injury to a shin ended up requiring 7 stitches. The heartless Rob took photos of this poor injured fellow as he tried to maintain his dignity while swimming across a pool with his injured leg encased in a bright orange garbage bag. That night saw a quick trip to the Nerang medical centre for stitches. It was about 10 hours from when the injury occurred till when it was stitched up. That accident could have occurred to anyone, so it is well worthwhile to always take a good first aid kit. The next day, true to the summer holiday theme we went to the beach for a swim and ice cream.

Since the Mystery walk went onto the eastern saddle to Lost World, it seemed logical to go to Lost World from the western end the next weekend. This trip was billed as a gourmet lunch trip so we had quite a good feast on the Lost World plateau. Again, most us had a swim in a creek when we got back to the cars (except for those injured the previous week).

The last weekend in January had a trip to North Brook Creek lead by Jane O'Sullivan. It was a really nice trip down a creek/gorge very close to Brisbane. It involved, you guessed it, more swimming.

At about this time I bowed out of trips for a few weekends due to re-opening an injury. The next trip I went on was on the 26/27th which was a Colin Canfield lead bike ride to Cougles Cascades which are inland from Currumbin. Some of us stayed at a beach house at the Gold Coast on both the Friday and Saturday night, and of course went swimming. The bike ride was a pleasant 20km each way with nice falls and swimming holes as a backdrop for lunch.

So ends my account of what those of us trapped in Brisbane did over summer. This Mini-Haybob will probably probably have accounts of wonderful trips to Tasmania. Don't believe a word of it, they had lousy weather and were cold and wet the whole time. We really did have a good time in Brisbane, I didn't want to go to Tasmania, I'm not already planing my Tasmania trip for next year, no not at all.....

Eric Young (he who swapped jobs and so had no holidays)

August Rogaine

Robert Dancer from the University of Queensland Bushwalking Club had offered to conduct the Augus: fogaine, however he is now going to be heading off to Europe to further his career. We therefore urgently need an organiser for this rogaine or it will not take place. I have a few suggestions about possible areas, but I will be absent from Queensland from May to July and therefore some other keen enthusiast/s will need to step forward by the 31st May after which time a firm decision will need to be made. There is a very good handbook available for organisers and there is some experience among Committee members to help and advise. So if you volunteer, you will not be left in the lurch.

The Upper Reaches of the Noosa River

What is the Noosa River like in it's upper reaches? Is it possible to paddle down the full length of the river? Can I drive to the start of it? These are the some of the questions I had about canoeing the upper reaches of the Noosa River. Janice and I decided to give it a go. We planned to combine this trip with the annual Noosa River Gourmet Canoe trip, in December. An old forestry map told us that the Noosa river was not navigaable above it's junction with the Teewah creek and Ross Buchanans guide suggests taking the Teewah creek to the Noosa river. Also there is a vehicle track to the starting point on Teewah creek, branching off the Cooloola Way, 4km south of the Rainbow Beach road. As Janice was returning from a 'Fraser Island trip that week, we decided to meet at the start of the paddle, on Friday night at Teewah creek.

This trip involves a large car shuttle, where it's best to leave a car at Harry's Hut, then drive on up the Cooloola Way to a vehicle track leaving the road on the right, 4km south of the Rainbow Beach road. This vehicle track is good enough for conventional vehicles, so long it is not too wet. Follow the track for 1 1/2km, taking the right branch, continue to follow it across a old log bridge and on to a pump station on the Teewah creek, in all about 3km from the Cooloola Way. Here it's possible to camp and get an early start if you wish to make it a day trip. At the pump station there is a water level gauge in the creek which showed '40cm' when we started the paddle. The next 6km down the Teewah creek is very narrow, with many snags in the creek. We did not have to portage on the entire trip, and thus it only took us 2 1/2 hours to the Noosa river junction. If the water level were any lower, there would be a considerable amount of portaging. We had to squeeze under many logs and thus a higher water level could also make the trip slow.

We had set off at 6.15am, in a strong current, a lot of the bends were so tight that at times the kayak had difficulty fitting around them. In places there were little rapids and snags-aplenty at the end of them, making for a hairy ride. A lot of luck was involved in not holing our kayaks, this is not the place to take your new touring kayaks.

The rising sun sent rays of sunshine into the tea-coloured waters which at times produced brilliant red colours. Lower down in the creek, the current slowed as we approached the Noosa river and we glided down the creek, scaring various reptiles and birds along the way. We arrived at the junction of the river and creek quite unexpectantly at 9am. Just opposite the junction is campsite 15, which could fit a large party. It's a beautiful and peaceful spot, although the Noosa river here is just as wide as at campsite 3 and the seenery is no different here.

After morning tea we spent another 2 hours paddling to reach campsite 3 by 11.30am. Although we had a headwind, we made good time. From Teewah creek pump station to campsite 3 is approximately 20km on the map, and this took us 4 1/2 hours to complete. Yet depending on water level and headwinds this trip could take twice as long. Teewah creek is not suitable for Canadian canoes thus Touring kayaks are essential. Possible trip suggestions from Teewah creek pump station are,

6 hours, One day trip to Harry's Hut, or Two easy days to Elanda point, or Three to Four days to Tewantin?

All campsites are good up stream of no.3 but, 15 and 9 are great as you're not likely to see anyone elas that far up the river, but be sure to book. This trip would not have been as successful without Michele and Peter who drove our cars back to Harry's Hut for us, thanks guys!

Peter Zund 14/2/94

- FREYCINET PENINSULA -

Normally regarded by Bushwalkers as a rest and recreation stop after more strenuous walking in the South West of Tasmania, Freycinet Peninsula (6,500ha) on the mid east coast, a mere 100km from Hobart, offers short but splendid walking south of Coles Bay.

Once the Hazards, twin peaks, are negotiated, the magnificent Wineglass Bay comes into view on the eastern side of the peninsula. There is a certain perfection in its symmetry. White sands curve graciously and are lapped by a wondrously blue sea.

A circuitous track system can be followed, but the climb up Mt. Freycinet (620m) provides a panorama over Schouten Island to Maria Island to the south east. Much of the granite is covered with red lichens which provide an intense contrast to the blue of the surrounding seas.

The vegetated area of the peninsula consists of heaths and dry sclerophyll forests with (Leptospermum spp.) forming a dense undergrowth making track walking a delight, particularly in early summer when wildflowers such as Boronias, the wedding bush (Ricinocarpus pinifolius), and numerous orchids are delightful. In the area leading down to Wineglass Bay, the rare Oyster Bay Pine (Callitus tasmanica) grows.

At Bryan's Beach on the south west, we had the Bennett's wallaby come right up to us to be fed. In their own interest, it is important that these animals are not fed by people, despite their insistence.

The peninsula is very different from the rest of Tasmania in that it is considerably drier. While it may be snowing in summer on Mt. Anne in the south west, in Freycinet heatwave conditions can be experienced.

White breasted sea eagles (Haliacetus leucogaster), with their 2m wing span can be seen riding the thermals over the land as you make your way up the hill and between the Hazards. As you look back you are left with the feeling that you have experienced a very special part of Tasmania.

REG POLLITT 24/2/93

From an unknown author.

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticise and knock?
Do you take an active part and help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the "ind that just belongs?
Do you push the cause along and make things really tick,
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the "clique"?
Think it over, member. You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member? Or do you just belong?

TRIP LIST

- 12 March. Obi Obi Gorge lilo trip. From Baroon Pocket Dam we will float to the entrance of Skene creek and then walk up to Kondalila Falls. Contact Kate Campbell, 368 2746.
- 13 March. Michael Cohen is taking an easy walk in Lamington National Park, contact him on 371 3587.

Club gear working bee will begin at 2pm at the Axon engineering building at Uni. This event is compulsory for all executive members and anyone else is Welcome to give us a hand.

- 19 March. A day walk to **Booloumba Gorge** in the Conondale Ranges from the camping ground to the upper car park including Booloumba Falls. This is a hard, long day walk with plenty of rock hopping and scrambling. Contact Peter Zund on 848 5148.
- 19-20 March. A weekend walk in the Girraween National Park in the granite belt. Hopefully we will get to some of the following features, Underground Creek, Bald Rock, South Bald Rock and Mt. Norman. This should be an easy to intermediate trip. 1968 2746
- 22 March. Federated Mountain Rescue general meeting 7.30pm.
- 26 March. NPA Boombana lantana clearing project, contact Ruth Read 870 9436.
- 26-27 March. Anthony Smith is leading a walk in Lamington National Park from Binna Burra to O'Reilly's via the border on graded tracks. For details call him on 289 2847.

Ashlea Troth is taking a trip to Mt Barney, not much is known except that she plans to visit Logan's Ridge, contact her on 286 2457.

1-4 April. Easter Long Weekend. Michael Cohen plans to visit Stradbroke Island for 4 to 6 days, Ph. 371 3587.

A trip to the Cooloola sand mass is planned. Beginning at Harry's Hut on the Noosa River it will continue on to the sand blow and the beach before heading inland to the headwaters of the Noosa River. This is an easy-intermediate trip, Ph. 289 2847.

1-4 April A trip to North-West Ranges (Mt. Micheal - Mt.Haddon - Mt. Lowe - Mt.Mistake - Townson Knob) A ridge top walk similar to Main Range, including rainforested areas. Just as good as the Main Range. Grade Medium Contact Peter Zund 848 5148.

The Main Range has lots of peaks and spectacular views. Vaughan Andrews is a four day trip that will include a visit to the Steamers, a hard but a must-do walk, Ph. 892 4228.

The **Gibraltar** National Park and possibly the nearby wilderness of **Washpool** is the destination for Ashlea Troth's trip which will include base-camping and through-walking, Ph.286 2457.

Malcolm Haskins is keen to go caving at Bungonia, near ACT, this site hasgreat caving and walking — it also has hot! showers, Ph. 371 7305.

- 6 April. Monthly Club Meeting at the Clubs and Society's room at 7pm, bring your slides.
- 16 April. Lantana clearing, contact Ruth Read on 870 9436.

Mt Brisbane Station **rogain** six and 12-hour events, registration closes March 25.

- 23-25 April. Running Creek south branch three-day trip. Three very long days, hard trip, contact Peter Zund on 848 5148.
- 30-2 April. Trip to **Mt Wal**sh near Biggenden. Three days, contact Peter Zund, 848 5148.
- 4 May. Monthly Club Meeting, at 7pm, bring your slides. Also the last day for Mini Heybob articles.
- 8 May. A day walk to **Mt Beau Brummel**, a grass tree-covered peak on the Little Liverpool Range. An easy- intermediate trip, contact Kate Campbell, 368 2746.

7-9 May. Bunya Mountains, a lazy wear camping weekend, confact Eric Young on 37/0196 Minutes of the executive meeting held on 15th February 1994

The meeting opened 7.30pm.

<u>Present</u>: Malcolm Haskin, Louise Colthorpe, Anthony Smith, Simon Hoyle, Kate Campbell, Eric Young, Robert Dancer and Peter Zund.

General Business:

- # Organisation for O-Day was finalised.
- # Budget submissions from Vaughan (Climbing gear), Malcolm (Library) and Peter Zund (Mini-Heybob) were submitted to Eric (Treasurer).
- # Rob and Peter proposed that the club undertake a clean-up of a reserve on 'National clean-up Day', the motion was supported, Peter elected to co-ordinate it.
- # It was moved (in Peter Allen's absence) to carry out a survey of all club gear and undertake repairs on gear where possible. This will take place on the 13th of March.
- # Kate moved that a beginner's trip to the Lower Portals be undertaken on the 20th of

55 per colour.

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NIGHT NAVIGATION EXERCISE 1st February 39 people from various clubs took part in the navigation exercise which was held at the Old Gold Mine on Mt. Cootha.

After registering and forming teams, those taking part were given a topographic map of the area and a list of grid references, which were used to locate markers that had been placed in the area. Points were awarded for each marker found. All teams returned by 9.30 and scores were tallied.

Thanks to UQBWC and their S & T Officer, Robert Dancer for organising and hosting an enjoyable and informative night.

Graham