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
EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to UQBWC 1992 (UQBWC is pronounced UKBUK). Greetings to all well-loved old members, and especially to the avid new members who, I'm sure, are keen to trek out into the wilds of BFP or Lamington for their first walk with the Club. Welcome to any rock-apes who are joining us from the defunct UQ Rockclimbing Club. You will hopefully add to the excitement of many trips in the future.

Murmur has it that members have been busy over the Summer holidays. Revisits and exploratory trips to Tasmania, Lamington, New England, Mt Etna and the Toowoomba Base Hospital have all occurred recently.

Early on in the semester is probably the best time for trips, with a few long weekends on the horizon around Easter. Everyone, please remember to ring the trip leader before the Wednesday night in the week before the walk, so they can know how many are going on the trip, or whether to plan an alternate weekend activity .

If anyone is willing to help put together the next issue of the Mini-Heybob in April, please contact me. It's a worthwhile experience learning how to use the Clubs and Societies' room and photocopier !

The "Heybob" is due to come out soon (see article), but only if members want it to - (very democratic). "Heybob" in 1992 will be like a huge Year Book covering 1990/91/92. It would be wonderful to hear from  a.s.a.p.

Finally, if anyone has concrete ideas for any social functions (eg. bushdance, slide night, party, dinner, piss up, etc), please let me know and I can let everyone on the birdwire know about the "do".

May your walks be inspiring.
Janice

NB old members: Subscriptions for 1992 (\$5 student, \$7 other), are due a.s.a.p. otherwise your name will be struck off the membership list.

O-WEEK ACTIVITIES

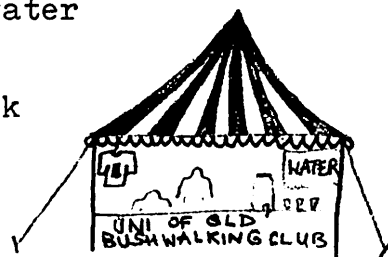
Our biggest membership drive of the year is the Annual O-week Market Day stall.

New members are encouraged to join on the Day or at their first walk. It's important to breed lots of new bushwalkers, so that the Club remains strong and includes a wide variety of interesting students to come on walks, and chat to at meetings. Having lots of members signed up also helps gain valuable Clubs & Socs funding.

O-WEEK MARKET DAY STALL : Volunteers needed
9:30 am - 3pm Wednesday 19th Feb. (contact Les)

Events planned include -

- + providing free cups of "rainforest-fresh" water
- + 10 minute bushwalking feature film
- + demonstrating Club equipment eg. tent, pack
- + welcoming new members
- + selling Club T-shirts (to members only)



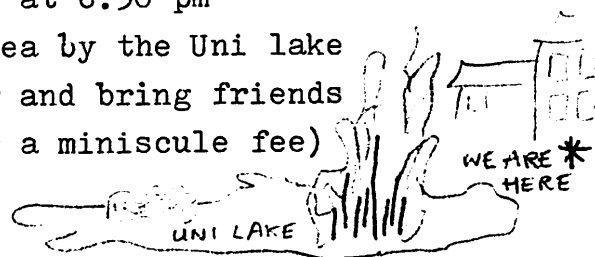
BUSHWALKING CLUB O-WEEK BARBIE

When ? On Saturday, 22nd February, 1992 at 6.30 pm

Where ? Architecture/Music Pit Picnic Area by the Uni lake

When should I book by ? Just come along and bring friends

Why ? BBQ Food and drink provided (for a miniscule fee)



DAY WALK "O-WEEK-END"

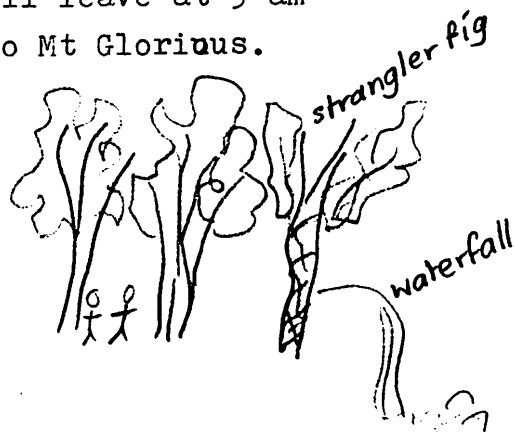
SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

The first and easiest walk of the UQBWC Calendar for 1992.

Miala Nat Park/Tenison Wood is a picturesque area of local rainforest in Brisbane Forest Park. We will leave at 9 am from the Uni hitching post for the drive to Mt Glorious.

Bring : Picnic lunch

Contact : Anthony Smith (Ph. 300 3488)



AN INTRODUCTION TO WALKING IN KOSCIUSKO - A FEW SURPRISING FACTS

(OR: NOT MORE BODILY FUNCTIONS!)

Kosciusko National Park is a long way from most places; 5 to 6 hours drive from Sydney and more than 15 hours from Brisbane. Despite the distance it is still worth the time and petrol. Alison and I were visiting Kosciusko for our first exploratory trip and had decided on an easy two day circuit, covering the alpine Mt.Kosciusko/Blue Lake area. This circuit is located in the central section of the park - the area most popular with tourists.

The most surprising fact about Kosciusko is the large number of roads criss-crossing the park, most of which are closed to regular vehicular traffic. Many of these roads were built during the construction of the Snowy Mountains hydro-electric scheme - with the exception of the road to the summit of Mt.Kosciusko, which was built by an enthusiastic N.S.W. Premier at the turn of the century. Thankfully the last 8km of the Mt.Kosciusko road is restricted to walkers. Despite the roads, the combination of potentially extreme weather conditions and the large size of the park allows considerable scope for isolated walking.

Our circuit (see map) included Mt.Kosciusko (a dull pimple of a mountain with generally poor views and large numbers of tourists); Mt.Townsend (the second highest peak in Australia with much better scenic valley views); Muellers peak (with great views down over Lake Albina); the three major glacial lakes in Kosciusko (L.Albina, Club Lake and Blue Lake) and Mt.Sentinel (with its spectacular razor-back access ridge). We didn't get to see the views from Watson's Crags and Mt.Twynum due to the strong winds and heavy mist (25m visibility) on our last morning.

The grandeur of the Kosciusko mountains matches many parts of Tasmania. Even the alpine vegetation reminded me of the high plateau areas of Tasmania, (including that old favourite 'Scoparia'). However, due to the significantly higher altitude, the Kosciusko high alpine meadows make for easier, if potentially exposed walking. This fact, together with the ready accessibility afforded by the roads and tracks, (several small sections of which are actually laid with paving stones), create their own complications for walkers:

(i) People/Terraine:

The central (alpine) section of Kosciusko is very popular with day walkers and gives a good introduction to the park. Unfortunately the generally open terraine of this area, with it's smooth, rolling hillsides, sometimes makes it difficult to find a private location for bodily functions. This problem is accentuated by the aforementioned large number of day walkers. When camping out, personal ablutions must be undertaken either very early or very late in the day!

(ii) Camping:

No permit is required to camp in the park, although a fee of \$9 per day is charged for every vehicle entering the park. Although no camping is permitted within the catchment area of any of the lakes, we saw several tents pitched beside each of the three lakes we passed. (Don't the N.S.W. National Parks people ever get off their bums to check these lakes.) I'm sure the major reason for this camping restriction is more to limit human damage to the fragile alpine landscape surrounding the lakes rather than for reasons of hygiene. Campsites away from the lakes are not a problem. We saw plenty of locations, most with reasonable weather protection. Only in severe weather conditions, would it be necessary to camp beside the sheltered lakes.

(iii) Poo:

In contrast to Tasmania, all body wastes should be deposited on the surface of the ground in alpine areas of Kosciusko AND toilet paper should be carried out from these areas.

When I queried a Park Ranger about this inconsistency with hygiene habits in Tasmania the following reasoning was advanced. Holes dug in alpine soils take many years to recover. In the wet Tasmanian climate biological degradation of body wastes is very slow and thus must be buried. However in Kosciusko the significantly drier climate allows for much faster biological degradation while the higher altitude (in combination with the drier climate) results in U.V. radiation rapidly destroying the harmful bacteria present in such wastes. In addition, carrying toilet paper out from alpine regions ensures the park is not covered with pieces of wind-blown toilet paper.

Thus the alpine motto is: BRING YOUR OWN (BLACK)
PLASTIC BAG!

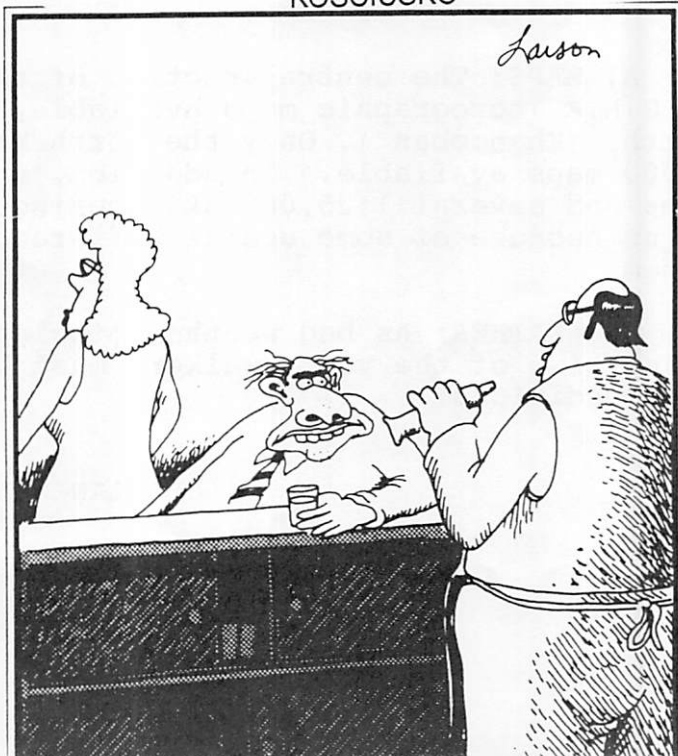
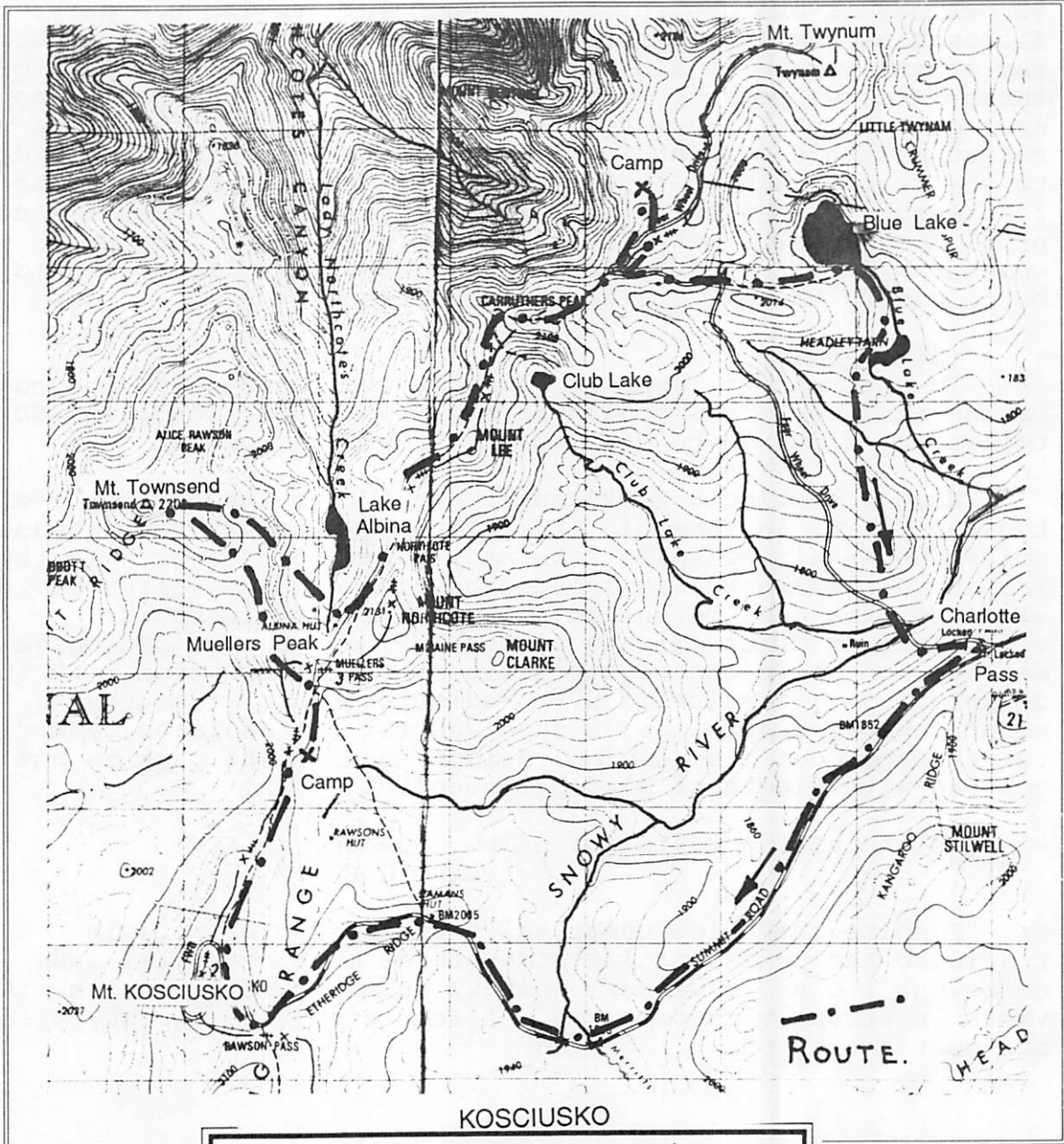
Despite these 'occupational hazards' for walkers in Kosciusko the park contains some of the most beautiful and different (to a Qld walker) scenery in mainland Australia. A visit is strongly recommended - Alison and I are already planning our next two trips.

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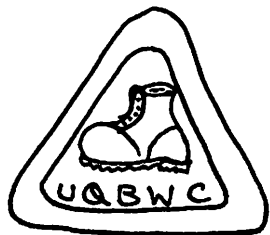
A) MAPS: The central section of the park has only 1:50,000 scale C.M.A. topographic maps available, ("Mt.Kosciusko" and further north, "Khancoban"). Only the northern section of the park has 1:25,000 maps available. In addition, the 1:100,000 federal NAT maps and several 1:25,000 ski touring maps have been recommended to us because of some useful differences in detail contained on them.

B) WEATHER: As bad weather (including blizzards) can strike at any time of the year, walkers must be prepared for camping in snow conditions.

ALAN BARTRAM



About University of Queensland Bush Walking Club



FOR
NEW
MEMBERS

So...you want to join/have joined/are considering joining the highly distinguished University Bushwalking Club. Welcome. We hope you will come along on some of our walks.

The club was formed in 1950. And it's still here, so we must be on to a good thing. We aim to encourage people to explore and appreciate what is left of our natural landscape. Bushwalking is...

- * Good wholemeal exercise
- * A great way to get to know people
- * The best way to recover from "civilization"
- * A refreshing change from study
- * An exhilarating way to experience nature.

A prospective bushwalker requires.

- (1) Legs (1 pair each, preferably good working order)
- (2) Appreciation of nature.

If you satisfy the above two criteria, then we are the club for you. Read on.

TRIPS

Some people are put off coming on walks because they fear they will be left behind by a bevy of gung-ho bushwalkers with huge boots and no pain threshold. But we are in fact a mixed bunch with a wide range of capabilities, experience, fitness, and tolerance for punishment. Hence the walk will always be at a pace the slowest can manage. If you are doubtful of your capabilities, (you'll probably surprise yourself) come along to one of the easier walks we run at the beginning of the semester. There will be lots of other new people along.

Trips are run on most week-ends (either one day or two day walks) with longer walks during the holidays. Frequently visited spots are the Scenic Rim, stretching from Cunningham's Gap to the coast, Mr. Barney, Lamington Plateau, Moreton Island, the granite country of northern N.S.W., and Cooloola. Longer trips include Hinchinbrook Island, Carnarvan Gorge region, cross country skiing or walking in the Snowies, and numerous walks in Tasmania.

Transport is arranged in car pools of members private vehicles. If you want to go on a trip, then ring the outings officer by 9.00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the walk. Week-end walks usually leave at 7.30 on Friday nights from the Carpark at the corner of Mill Road and Sir Fred Schonell Drive. Don't be surprised if people are a bit late, but please try to be early so we can leave on time.

EQUIPMENT

Good quality equipment is moderately expensive, but it is usually possible to survive without much by begging, stealing or borrowing some or hiring it off the club until you are sure you are committed to bush-walking and need some of your own.

The club has a range of equipment for hire at cheap rates including packs, tents, stoves, and sleeping bags. To enquire about hiring these, ring the equipment officer.

Some advice on equipment for overnight walks:

- 1) Tents are not essential in Queensland. A fly and ground sheet will frequently suffice, but in any case there is generally heaps of tent space. Can be hired from the club.
- 2) Sleeping bags: a down sleeping bag is expensive but a great investment if you are serious about walking. Can be hired from the club. A cheaper range of down sleeping bags would be suitable for most Queensland conditions - the more expensive ones would be too hot.
- 3) Packs: There are a wide range of packs varying in price, size, and degree of sophistication. Internal frame packs in vogue at the moment are very comfortable. The club has several packs for hire.
- 4) Footwear: The most important thing is that your shoes are well worn in and won't give you blisters. A bushwalker's most vulnerable part is her/his feet. Boots are not essential for most Queensland walking, and sandals will suffice. However some of the best value boots around are Chinese work boots available from such salubrious establishments as K-Mart for about \$25. Make sure they have solid rubber (not synthetic) soles. Allow for at least 1 thick e.g. woolen and 1 thin pair of socks inside the boots.
- 5) Clothes: For Queensland weather, shorts are usually most comfortable, particularly in wet weather as they dry out easier than jeans. Warm clothing (jumper and trousers) are generally necessary to change into at night, as it can get very cool in the mountains even in summer.
- 6) Waterproof Gear: Some form of raincoat is necessary for all trips (unless you enjoy getting wet). A plastic raincoat is suitable until you decide to go in for quality (plastic will rip very easily in undergrowth).

- 7) Water carrier: Often essential in S.E. Queensland, and always useful. Ask the trip leader what the water availability will be like. Don't rush out and buy an expensive aerodynamic non-rust titanium alloy water bottle, a plastic cordial bottle or wine cask bladder will do.

If you wish to find out more about equipment, consult the equipment officer or any other older member. They will be able to tell you which are the best shops and give advice. Also pick up a check list of equipment for a week-end walk from the club.

FOOD

Food is an area of great debate. Generally on short walks it does not have to be worried about greatly. However there are four general aims in preparing food.

- 1) Keep it light (e.g. no tins where possible)
- 2) Make sure it will keep
- 3) Food should be high in energy and easy to prepare
- 4) Bring lots of extra goodies for those people with only a fork!

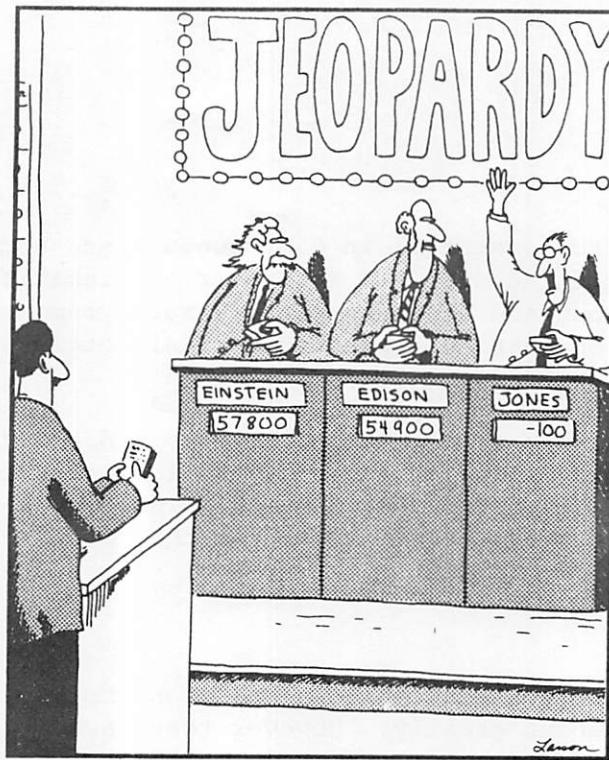
Just because you are going camping does not mean you have to force down monosodium glutamate laden dried muck like Vesta or Rosella meals. Whether you eat this sort of stuff or not depends on whether laziness or the tastebuds win out. However, if you find it simpler there are a myriad of dried meals awaiting you...chicken supreme, beef chow mein...need I go on. Alliance dried meals are considerably more palatable, but correspondingly more expensive. Dried meals are useful for very long walks or when you're excessively tired.

However, with a little inventiveness, bushwalks can turn into gourmet events. Fresh vegetables (e.g. carrots, zucchinis, tomatoes) can be carried for several days.

BREAKFAST : Cereal, porridge
Milk - condensed, powdered
Twinings, Moccona, akta-Vite
Fruit - fresh or dried

LUNCH : Bread rolls, dry biscuits
Cakes from Canungra Bakery
Cheese, jam, Vegemite, peanut
butter, tomatoes, onions, carrots
Salami, sardines, smoked salmon

DINNER : Cup-a-soup
Pasta, rice (quick-cooking), lentils or bread, Sayaroni, TVP
Frozen meat/fish - OK for 1st night
Hard-boiled Egg, Tinned Meat/fish, omelette
Dehydrated meals, vegetables
Fresh potatoes, carrots, onions, anything (properly packed)
Herbs and spices, curry powder, coconut milk !
Dessert - Ricecream
Tinned pie-filling fruit
Instant Custard--- very nice



"Excuse me...I know the game's almost over, but just for the record, I don't think my buzzer was working properly."

THE MISSING CAPTION ON p.5:
 "Rejected again, huh, Murray?
 Have you heard of this new
 breath-freshening toothpaste?"

A weekend trip will usually involve 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner. Trips longer than 3 or 4 days require careful planning regarding amounts and weight of food. This article should not be considered a guide for an extended trip.

SKILLS REQUIRED FOR BUSHWALKING

1. A minimal level of physical fitness. Probably the most important part of a bushwalkers make up is her/his psychological adjustment. You may at times be hot, dirty and thirsty, or cold, wet and hungry. However, after adjusting to the discomforts, the bushwalker can often do hard trips even if only poorly fit. It's always worth it in the long run.
2. Navigation - After a few walks, most members should master the art of using map and compass for finding routes in difficult country. Always look at the map yourself rather than letting someone else get you lost. Ask for our publication "Bushwalking Navigation for Beginners".
3. First Aid - Some knowledge of first aid is useful, but will rarely be used. The most dangerous part of sensible bushwalking is driving there.
4. Rock climbing - If a walk requires rock climbing skill, this will be stated. Some small confidence in rock climbing is sometimes helpful on walks. The club runs training days at Kangaroo Point where you can learn how to abseil (descent on a rope), belay (protect a person on a rope in case of a fall), and how to climb back up a rope using some new snagled devices called jumars.

SYMBOLS AND RITUALS

On the front page you see the time honoured club symbol. The boot is normally black on a blue background. The call is "HEYBOB", instead of the mundane "Cooee". Anyone cooeing may be mistaken for a boy scout or something equally unpleasant.

LOBSTER CREEK - CONONDALE RANGE- WEST OF MALANEY

In Summer Booloumba Creek in the Conondales has always attracted the attention of our members due its delightful water falls and swimming holes. On the other hand, Lobster Creek on the South Eastern side of the road which climbs the ridge between the two creeks has remained somewhat of a mystery.

Our intention was to forego the allurements of Booloumba Creek of a few hours and to explore the Western arm of Lobster Creek from its headwaters down to the confluence with Booloumba Creek.

From the road, the ridge dropping down into Lobster Creek is very steep in places and combined with the considerable drop in height suggested to me that the creek was worth our attention.

Obviously we were not going ^{to} find large deep pools nor a great deal of water in these dry conditions. However, after a car shuffle and Vaughan reversing back along the road at 80 Kph., all six of us set off.

As expected the upper reaches proved comparatively uninteresting. Small pools were soon encountered, the creek taking on a more interesting appearance with palms and rainforest species. Occasionally we saw a forest giant having been overlooked by the timbergetters whose activities were all too apparent.

The walking was surprisingly easy going with little lantana in the creek, but with dense concentrations at various points along the way, particularly near a snigging road which crosses the creek. Beyond this point the creek drops in a series of interesting waterfalls which would be spectacular after heavy rain. Down climbing the basalt waterfalls was made easy with the dry conditions, a point that Kate no doubt appreciated.

At one waterfall we startled a snake which dropped into the pool below, descending out of sight in the dark brown water which is a product of leaf matter decomposition.

By this time it was getting hot. Shortly a suitable pool appeared. I always like looking at the colours and shapes of decomposing leaves in the water. Standing in the stuff is a different matter, with methane bubbling up and emerging with blackened leaves on your body. It is a small price to pay for cooling off.

So far we had not seen any lobsters, only eels. At one point the waters became turbid with grey mud as a huge specimen sought deeper water at our approach.

After the junction with the eastern branch, the creek inclined more gently. Occasionally large strangler fig trees were encountered. However, none were suitable for climbing up inside. For those who are not familiar with this activity, the centre where the host tree has long since decayed provides an easy and safe access to the top from which, if there is a window one can abseil down through the tree canopy, an altogether agreeable experience.

Five and half hours of ambling saw us back at the road. Lobster Creek receded into our memories as we sought the refreshment of the large pool upstream from the Breadknife.

Despite the total fire ban and many of the surrounding trees tinder dry due to heat stress, a thoughtless couple had left their fire smouldering by the pool. The water was glorious after such a dry trip and at least ten degrees warmer than our trip of a few months earlier. An uneventful trip saw us back in Brisbane in daylight! Daylight saving is an added boon to these Spring/Summer trips. However, I think we will swim our way down Booloumba Creek when next up that way, hopefully after some rain.

REG POLLITT

Bushwalking Gear Hire

The club has a range of gear for hire to FINANCIAL club members, who have been on at least one club trip, or who are about to go on their first trip with the club.

A refundable deposit is required for gear hired for private (non-club) trips. The deposit will be about 10% of the replacement cost of the equipment. No deposit will be charged for hire on club trips.

Remember that priority will be given to people hiring gear for club trips, over private trips.

The gear resides at my (Rob Stevens) place at 7/14 Bishop St, St. Lucia. Ph. 371 6462 after 5:30pm weekdays to check on gear availability.

When hiring equipment...

- * Hire gear by the Wednesday *before* your trip.
- * PAY for the gear when you pick it up. A receipt will be issued.
- * Return gear by the Wednesday *after* your trip.
- * Please return the gear in the condition you hired it in (or better).

Hiring rates :

Item	Price per Day/Night	Price per Week	Deposit
RUCKSACKS			
'Lowe' Weekend Packs..	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$35
Day Packs.....	\$0.50	\$2.50	\$7
SLEEPING BAGS			
2-3 Season.....	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$15
4 Season.....	\$2.00	\$10.00	\$40
SLEEPING MATS.....	\$0.75	\$4.00	\$1.50
		(dependent on use)	
STOVES			
Camping Gaz (Butane)..	\$0.50	\$ N/A	\$4
Trangia (Meth. Spirit)	\$0.50	\$ N/A	\$3
TENTS (with Groundsheet)			
Outer Fly only.....	\$0.50	\$2.50	\$6
Inner + Outer.....	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$8
SNOW TENTS			
Ultimate.....	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$40
Black Ice Meridian....	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$50
Macpac Olympus.....	\$ N/A	\$20.00	\$70
ROCK CLIMBING GEAR.....	\$ Please ask		

Letters to the Editor-in-Chief

MEETING VENUE

For some time we have had to put up with substandard accommodation for our meetings. The present room is totally inappropriate for the showing of slides due to the extraneous light.

Members look forward to our monthly meetings to see what others have been doing. Photography has always played an important role in disseminating information and providing enjoyment to others in our Club.

Some members have invested a great deal of time and effort, not to mention money, in recording their view of the world. Let us share that world in surroundings which do justice to those photographs.

Ed's note : Negotiations to find a better meeting place than the Clubs and Societies Room have been thwarted so far.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Since we only effectively meet nine times a year (January, February, and December being months when most people are away), let us make good use of those occasions.

Back in the Jurassic period, meetings were held fortnightly and members looked forward eagerly to those meetings. They were conducted in an atmosphere of fun and informality. Nonetheless, they were conducted; members were able to be heard, and the proceedings recorded in the minutes.

Whilst I have no complaint with the present Executive, as they say of the Goss Government I voted for them, I am sure that members would appreciate a return to the values held in the Jurassic or at least the Cretaceous period for our nine meetings.

REG POLLITT

The onus is on individual members to inform the Secretary or the Mini Heybob Editor of any changes.
Ed's note : An up-to-date list should appear in the next issue of the Mini-Heybob.
There have been lamentable inaccuracies in the list of members' names and addresses. It is important that members have confidence in the accuracy of this list so that they can contact each other. A concerted effort is needed to ensure that what is published is correct.

LIST OF MEMBERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

CLUB T-SHIRT

WHITE BACKGROUND

MERGING HUES OF GREEN/AQUA/BLUE
OUTLINES ONLY

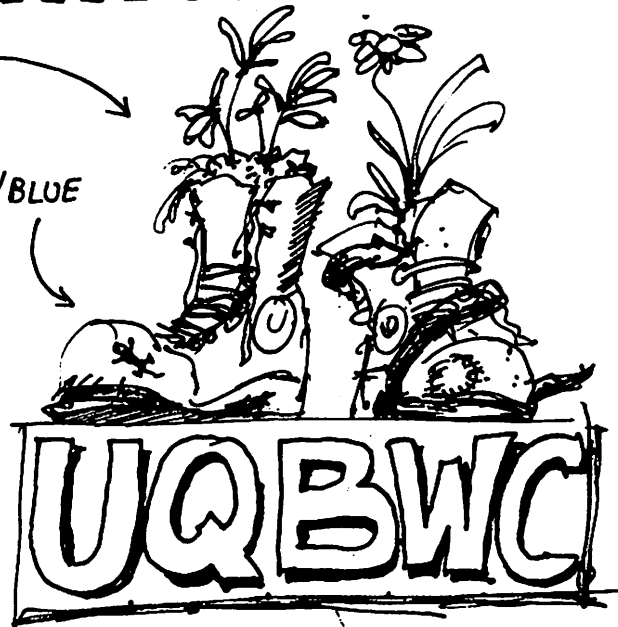
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covers cotton T-shirt
and screenprinting back and front

The design on the BACK
speaks for itself really ...

The FRONT features a five-colour
drawing of photographer/bushwalker character trying to crawl
through thick tree-y vegetation.

40 T-shirts only have been screenprinted, so hurry in and get
one from Les Tillack. He will be at O-day, the BBQ or on a walk.
or at monthly meetings.



THE "HEYBOB"

Production of the 1990/1991/1992 edition of the UQBWC Annual Magazine "HEYBOB" has been in the capable hands of Mr. Brendan O'Malley - a newly graduated Science Journalism student.

Although Brendan has been enthusiastically encouraging past and present members to provide articles to be published in the "HEYBOB," the members' reverberating lack of tangible support for the Club Magazine has been astounding.

Reasons for this may be :

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- * a downturn in membership literacy
- * reduced lengths of "creative" free time due to members going on more long walks than usual.
- * just to spite Brendan's attempts to get the Mag off the ground

Whatever reasons you may have for not submitting a trip report, poem, fictional tale of heroism, a sketch, your quote of the year, or any other account of your bushwalking experiences - any time is better than never.

It is impossible to publish a "HEYBOB" with just 5 articles submitted over the past 2 years. We need your literary skills to enhance the forthcoming edition. But Brendan is not holding his breath!

→ First issue 1959!

Old editions of the "HEYBOB" dating back decades are freely available from the Club Library. They provide excellent details of trips done by previous and present members to distant parts of Australia, and also give an intriguing historical backdrop to bushwalking in the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties. Check them out.

WANTED
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TRIP REPORTS TO PUBLISH IN THE COMING EDITIONS OF "MINI HEYBOB"

(this newsletter)

Any trips, private or official, short or long,
local or interstate, bushwalking or canyoning, ...

THE GREAT FOOD DRIER

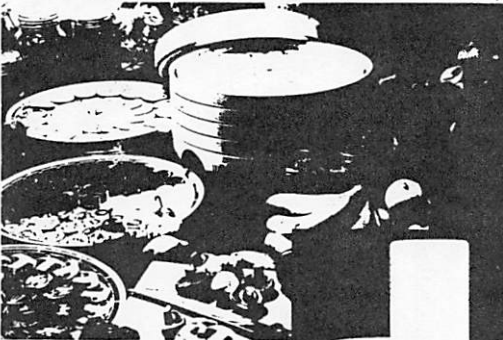
DEBATE

At the last meeting of UQBWC in November, an interesting and controversial topic cropped up. The topic raised was that the Club consider using its funds to purchase a food drier. Such dehydrators are useful for drying large quantities of fresh fruits, vegies and even meats to take on long and short walks. Below are some details of the types of food drier considered suitable for the Club to buy if we buy one.

Amid some heated and uncontrollable debate about the issue, some uninformed and some authoritarian views were expressed in an attempt to settle the point raised without having an informed discussion. This page serves to inform all members about both sides of the debate.

WITH THE *Harvest Maid* DEHYDRATOR

NO PRESERVATIVES, NO SALT, NO SUGAR, NO ADDITIVES!

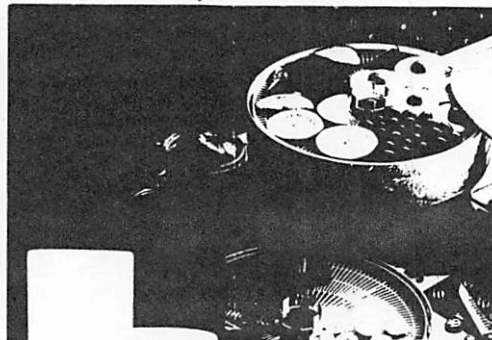


'FD1000' \$267

THE SUPER DELUXE BULK DRYING MODEL

- 2700 rpm motor—the fastest dehydrator made
- Expandable to 30 trays—the largest dehydrator
- Triple wall insulated—energy efficient
- 100% solid state thermostat—no moving parts to wear out

- Heavy-duty steel constructed base
- 1000 watts of fast drying heat
- Patented Converga-Flow air flow for the ultimate in even nutritious drying



'FD500' \$219

THE ECONOMICAL 'SNACK-MAKER' MODEL

- 1800 rpm motor—fan forced, pressurized air flow
- Expandable to 12 trays
- Double wall insulated—energy efficient
- Appliance mechanical thermostat—durable snap action
- 500 watts of drying heat
- Patented Converga-Flow air flow for the ultimate in even, nutritious drying



DEHYDRATE FRUIT, VEGETABLES, MEATS, HERBS AND EVEN FLOWERS

There are dozens of exciting ways of preparing dried produce. Here just some of the delicious results.

VEGETABLES
Just about every vegetable can be processed. Different varieties can be dried at the same time, even on the same tray. From artichokes to zucchini, they're all a success.



FRUITS It is difficult if not impossible to preserve some fruits except by drying. Shown here is an excellent example—how strawberries can be processed to retain their natural flavor and colour.

PUREES OR SOUPS
Having dried your vegetable or fruit puree it is a simple matter to rehydrate it from the leather state to make full-bodied soups or purees.



HOME MAKERS

Buy and store food in bulk and save money, rather than buying smaller amounts at higher prices. Electricity costs only a few cents per hour and the process is as simple as slicing, and setting the dial.



GARDENERS

By dehydrating your vegetables and fruits and storing them for later use, you can save hundreds of dollars in grocery bills each year when you would normally buy expensive and out-of-season produce.



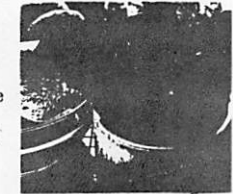
HEALTH CONSCIOUS

Save up to 90% on expensive health foods—make your own. Enjoy delicious home-made natural snacks, vegetable chips and savoury dips. No additives or preservatives.



OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

Camper, hunters, fishermen, skiers, trappers and boaters—make your own low cost, better tasting dried foods. Dehydrated food is light and compact—simple to pack and store. Easy to rehydrate and preserve.



BEEF JERKY
The dehydrator is ideal for experimenting with your own original recipes that can be made at a fraction of the commercial costs. You'll love the results.

THE GREAT DEBATE - AGAINST BUYING A \$219 - \$367 FOOD DRIER

Unfortunately, though most would agree that it would probably be of benefit to have a food drier in the Club, and also someone to keep it clean and in an electrically safe working order, its purchase is fraught with various problems.

These will be highlighted by a look into the Clubs meagre annual finances. Thanks are due to the Club Treasurer Les Tillack who has produced the first publishable financial report for a while.

The Equipment Officer has also prepared a report of suggested additions to the Club's gear. These recommendations must be considered before deciding to spend funds on a food drier which only a few people might use.

From an older member, I discovered that there was previously a food drier available to all members in the Club for a couple of years around 1987. It was owned by one member who was very keen to hire it out cheaply. He even brought it to meetings to show people how to use it. The problem is : Why did only 3-4 members ever use it ?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
BUSHWALKING CLUB
Dec 1990 - Nov 1991

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Membership 578.00	Gear Purchase 353.00
Union Grants 482.89	Books 30.00
Gear Hire* 340.00	Govt. Tax 6.10
Interest 7.84	BBQ. 78.70
Funds from BBQ. 50.00	Australia Post 156.20
	Maps 34.00
	Petty Cash 35.00
TOTAL 1458.73	693.00
Opening Bank Balance 296.10	
Opening Petty Cash 20.00	
TOTAL INCOME (Opening + Income - Expenditure)	1081.83
Closing Bank Balance 953.83	
Closing Petty Cash 128.00	
TOTAL	1081.83

* This figure is only approximate, until I can see the equipment officer.

<u>EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PRIORITIES</u>	-	1992	\$
1 2-person 3-season tent (Hallmark/Eureka/etc)			300
1 cheap down-filled 3-season sleeping bag			300
10 sleeping sheets to be used with all Club bags			150

Rob

HAVE YOU SEEN A NATIVE CAT RECENTLY?

The Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service is undertaking a survey to determine the distribution and abundance of the Tiger cat and the Northern cat in south-east Queensland. These two animals are usually referred to as native cats because they have a similar diet and are a similar size to the domestic and feral cat. However native cats, unlike domestic or feral cats, are part of our native marsupial fauna and belong to the group of carnivorous marsupials that includes the Tasmanian Devil. In south-east Queensland, during the early decades of this century, there were numerous reports of Tiger cats in the Brisbane, Darling Downs and Springbrook areas and to the north in the Glass House Mountains and Maleny districts. However, the distribution of the Tiger cat has diminished over the last few years due to changes to its natural habitat, competition from introduced animals and diseases carried and dispersed by feral animals.

The Tiger cat (sometimes called the spotted-tailed quoll or tiger quoll) is one of the largest and most impressive of the marsupial carnivores, weighing up to 7kg (16lbs). It is most often seen on the ground but when the need arises the Tiger cat is an agile climber. Native cats are most commonly seen at night, however they are occasionally observed basking in the sun for short periods during the day. They spend the remainder of the day in dens located in rock caves or hollow logs and trees. Their diets include insects, lizards, snakes, birds and other small mammals. Rainforest is the preferred habitat of the Tiger cat, but it has also been recorded from drier *Eucalyptus* forests as far west as Chinchilla. The Northern cat (sometimes called the little northern cat or northern quoll) is smaller than the Tiger cat weighing up to 1kg (2lbs) and is most common in open country, such as grasslands and open woodland. Native cats are solitary hunters and so it is uncommon to sight more than one at a time. They are thought to have large home ranges, which may be exceed 300ha (742 acres) for male Tiger cats. Native cats are most often sighted during the breeding season, which occurs during the middle months of the year.

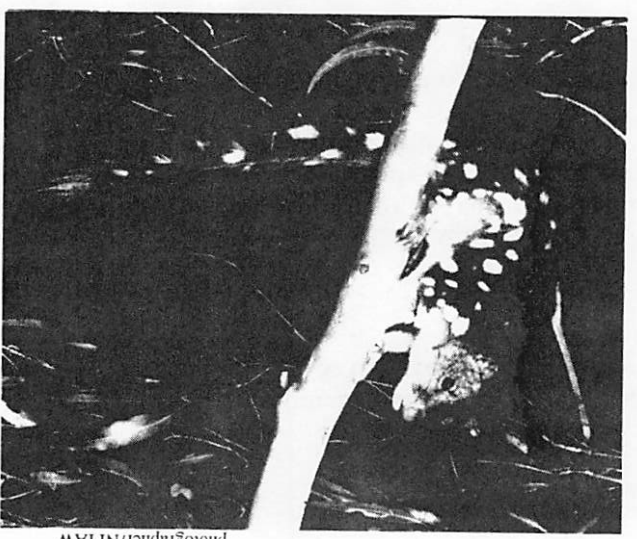
The Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service would like your help to determine the past and present distributions of these remarkable animals to secure their survival in south-east Queensland. You can help by reporting all sightings of native cats and any related observations to National Parks. If you have sighted native cats in the past, you could also help by filling out the attached questionnaire and returning it to us.

The type of sighting information we require are:

1. Identity of the animal (distinguishing features etc.)
2. Location of sighting (as precisely as possible)
3. Type of vegetation in which the sighting was made
4. Time of day sighting was made
5. Any other relevant information

NATIVE CATS OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

The native cats are distinguished from all other animals by the spots on their fur.



photographer/NPIAW

Tiger cat
(*Dasyurus maculatus*)

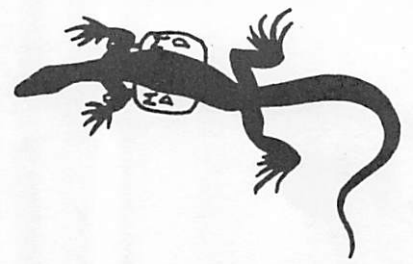
- * rufous-brown to dark-brown fur with white spots
- * long bushy tail with distinct white spots.
- * pink nose (many feral cats have black noses)
- * similar in size to a medium to large domestic cat (< 7kg)

Northern cat

(*Dasyurus hallucatus*)

- * grey-brown to brown with pale spots
- * long slender tail with no spots
- * similar in size to a large kitten or small domestic cat (< 1kg)





Trip List - March to May

March 1st: Day Walk to Thunder and Lightning Falls. The trip is a classic introduction to rainforest bushwalking in SE Queensland. The entire walk follows the National Parks graded tracks, with views into the Albert River Valley, Black Canyon, Thunder & Lightning Falls, and Echo Point (great views to Mt. Warning and the coast). You will see Antarctic Beech forests, rainforest creeks and falls, and some excellent lookouts.

Bring: 1 Litre of water, Lunch, a Rainjacket, and a Camera.

Leader: Janice Porter (Ph. 3710591)

March 4th: Club Meeting in the Clubs & Societies Room. 7:00pm. Slides of former trips, and upcoming trip destinations will be shown. Tea & Bikkies served. Come and see how organization really works!

March 7th: Abseiling and Rock-climbing Training morning at Kangaroo Point Cliffs. This is the time to brush up on your rope techniques, or learn new skills which do come in handy on the harder bushwalks. All levels of expertise are catered for - you don't have to know one end of a rope from the other!

Bring: Old Gardening Gloves (if you value your hands), and old clothes.

Leader: Michael Bowman (Ph. 371 8622)

March 8th: Day Walk down the Mystery Track at Binna Burra. This is a spectacular way to descend DOWN into Coomera Creek. The route combines easy track walking with extremely steep descents where a head for heights is helpful. Following the descent, an hour's rockhopping results in the arrival at the base of Coomera Falls - a spectacular 75 metre drop, with a great swimming hole at the base.

Bring: Swimming Togs, 1 litre of water, and shoes with some tread on them.

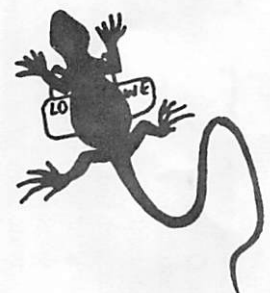
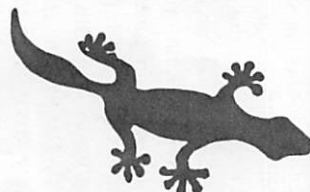
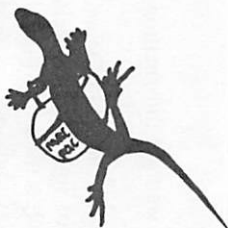
Leader: Les Tillack (378 7551)

March 14-15:

Weekend walk from Lower Portals to the Upper Portals. This is a great summer weekend trip with plenty of swimming stops, while exploring up one of the most impressive rocky gorges in SE Queensland. Some of the rock pools defy description, so I won't try! An easy weekend walk, so bring lots of food...

Bring: Swimming Togs, Sunscreen, usual weekend gear and food, tent, etc.

Leader: Michael Bowman (Ph. 371 8622)



March 21-22:

A weekend walk from O'Reilly's to the Stinson Wreck is planned for this date. The walk is through very specky rainforest, with views down rainforested valleys, and one of the highlights is the Stinson Wreck, which crashed in the 30's. The trip is easy but quite long, so bring a torch.

Bring: Weekend Gear, a torch.

Leader: Les Tillack (Ph. 378 7551)

March 29:

A Day walk to Black Canyon and Thunder Falls, via Silver Falls, is planned. This trip is an interesting way to get to an little-visited part of Lamington National Park. The route descends down the side of the Albert River, and is quite rough and steep in places. Check with the Leader if you don't like heights!

Bring: Camera (Mandatory), 2 Litres of water, shoes with good tread.

Leader: Rob Stevens (Ph. 371 6462)

April 1:

Club Meeting in the Clubs & Societies Room. 7:00pm. Slides of former trips, and upcoming trip destinations will be shown. Tea & Bikkies served. Come and see how the club runs!

April 4-5:

Two Daywalks are planned for this weekend, both of which are in the same area of Numinbah Valley : Turtle and Egg Rock, and Natural Arch and Bushranger Caves. Thus the option of going on both and camping down there on Saturday night is provided (you can keep the leader company, too!). Turtle rock contains some good small caves, while Egg Rock is a spectacular outpost of rock surrounded by rainforest.

Bring: Weekend gear if staying overnight, otherwise 3 Litres of water and lunch.

Leader: Anthony Smith (Ph. 300 3488)

April 12:

A Day walk to the Glasshouse Mountains with a difference - starting time is 2:30am! The reason is to see if we can do them all in a day, starting with sunrise from the top of Mt. Beerwah. Should be easy (!)... Note that this has rarely been achieved, so extra brownie points are available at the end of the trip! Note - Mt Crookneck is not for the faint-hearted!

Bring: Water, good grippy shoes, lots of chocolate or other stamina-building substances.

Leader: Les Tillack (Ph. 378 7551)

**April 17-20: and/or
April 21-24:**

The Easter long weekend is a time for one of the few four-day walks : The Main Range Traverse. This walk covers the mountain peaks between Spicer's Gap and Teviot Gap, and has truly spectacular campsites and views over it's

entire length. A truly satisfying trip to complete. Either or both possible dates could be used for this walk - see the leader regarding your preferences.

Bring: Full equipment for four days, lots of food, and container(s) to carry at least four litres of water.

Leader: Anthony Smith (Ph. 300 3488)

April 25-27:

A three-day trip from Wiangaree in Southern Lamington is planned for these dates. The exploratory walk through unmarked rainforest has many views. Genuine navigation skills will be used to find the way, so bring your compass !

Bring: Full gear for a three day trip (ask the leader if in doubt), containers for 4 litres of water, a compass.

Leader: Don Roberts (Ph. 371 4865)

May 2-4:

Another long weekend, and there are two destinations : Yuragir National Park which is on the coast in northern New South Wales, and Fraser Island. Ask the leaders about the details of each walk, as these have not been confirmed at the time of writing.

Bring: Full equipment for three days.

Leaders: Yuragir - Anthony Smith (Ph. 300 3488)
Fraser Is - Ask at any meeting...

May 6:

Club Meeting in the Clubs & Societies Room. 7:00pm. Slides of former trips, and upcoming trip destinations will be shown. Tea & Bikkies served. Come and help with organising the next trip list!

Duties of Trip leaders

- ① Organise transport to the start of the walk
- ② Obtain maps, information and any specialist equipment
- ③ Tell Anthony Smith a) who is going and home phone no's
b) intended route
c) estimated time of return

EITHER To do this, fill out and leave the Outings Form (Oct 91 MH) or a replica thereof in Rob Stevens' mailbox, OR ring Anthony Smith (300 3488) and he will jot down the necessary details.

The Procedure has changed slightly : There is no need to contact Anthony by 10 am on the day after your return. If anyone is late back, their family or flatmates should ring Anthony if they start worrying. So, all members should keep his phone number close to the phone or stuck to the fridge.



Tough spiders

UNI of QLD BUSHWALKING CLUB CONTACT?/ OUTINGS OFFICER to ring
in case of emergency : Anthony Smith (07) 300 34 88