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Freshers' Trip (6-7th March)

Grace's Hut and Upper Portals
(Leader: Barry Baker)

This walk has been designed specifically to introduce freshers and fresherettes to the pleasures of a weekend with the club out in the bush; so come along and discover for yourself an area of rushing waters and craggy peaks. You can rest assured that this will not be a strenuous trip, as most old members are decidedly out of condition at present.

Transport will leave from the Kidney Lawn in the George St. University grounds at 8.00 a.m., Saturday 6th March. After driving through Beaudesert and Rathdowney we hope to reach Grace's Hut, at the northern foot of the main mass of Mt. Barney.

That afternoon will be spent swimming amongst mountain nymphs in pools near the Upper Portals; - a rugged area where the waters of Barney Ck. have cut a gorge in solid rock. This is only a short walk away from our basecamp at Grace's Hut. Be sure to bring plenty of swimming equipment.

On the following day we intend to climb to Montserrat Lookout, where a spectacular view can be obtained of the peaks and crags of Mr. Barney, Mt. Ballow and Mt. Maroon.

We hope to be able to take some transport right to the basecamp, so gear need not be carried far.

Everybody interested in coming should ring the Outings Officer (Warwick Willmott) at 97 3536 by Wednesday 3rd March. To pay for transport, a financial setback of approximately 16/- per person will be necessary.

Any further enquiries will be welcomed by any member of the committee.

Special General Meeting

Wednesday 17th March.

This is to be held at 7.30 p.m. in the Cellar, below the Refectory, to discuss some constitution changes, and for general business. After our usual slide showing, supper will be laid on, so please bring oodles of eats to help out.

First Throughwalk (20-21st March)

Christmas Creek Area

This will be a relatively easy trip spent on the western edge of the Lamington Plateau, an area of luxuriant rain forest, roaring waterfalls, and crystal clear mountain streams. The character of this trip will be somewhat different, in that the party will split into smaller groups to explore different areas. This provides good practice in navigation for new and old members alike. Spots worthy of a visit include the Stinson plane crash, the Stretcher track, Running Creek Falls, Mt. Throakban, and Buchannan's Fort.

This time transport leaves the Kidney Lawn at 7.30 p.m. on Friday the 19th. Be sure and get Warwick on the phone at 97 3536 beforehand.

2 day Throughwalk (3-4th April)

Springbrook
(Leaders: Rod O'Donnell
Trevor Vollvon)

This area is often looked upon as too civilized for bushwalkers, but on the eastern slopes of the mountain there exists a greater extent of interesting country than is usually imagined. Approach will probably be from Upper Tallebudgera, and although exact routes are not decided, Mt. Gannon, The Pinnacle, Mt. Cougal and the Gorge Falls may be visited. The club has not explored the area for some time, so all old members as well as new, flock along for some interesting walking.

Ring Warwick at 7.30 p.m. Friday 2nd.

General Meeting.

Wednesday 7th April

To be held in the Cellar at 7.30 p.m. Once more we hope to see some hilarious slides of the preceding trips. Please bring some contributions towards supper.

Easter (16 - 19th April)

Bookookoorara Creek -
Boonoo Boonoo River Area

(Leaders: Jim Millar,
Warwick Willmott)

We hope this brand new area will be explored fully by club members over this 4-day weekend. The area is so vast all gradations between 4-day throughwalks and 4-day basecamps can be arranged in or fort. Once more we intend to split into small groups, and by this time we hope a number of girls will have learnt enough about navigation to lead parties.

The area is south-east of Stanthorpe, in N.S.W., and is decidedly mountainous. The Boonoo Boonoo River is quite large, with deep quiet billabongs alternating with clean granite rock pools. Two spectacular waterfalls exist to impress you, and there are numerous idyllic camping spots right on the river. If you don't believe it, come along and see for yourself. Bring plenty of swimming gear. Ring Warwick early that week as transport arrangements may be touchy. Trip leaves from Kidney Lawn at 7.30 p.m. Thursday 15th.

General Meeting

THURSDAY 22nd April

Cellar, at 7.30 p.m. Note the change in the day of the week. Please bring food again to give us strength to look at even more slides.

3 day Throughwalk (1-3rd May)

Tweed Ranges

(Commem. and May Day
Weekend)

(Leader: Dennis Townsend)

This trip is usually regarded as quite hard, but by this time everyone should be well seasoned. Dennis should make an excellent leader, as he has never been there before. Approach will be through Wiangaree, but the exact route has not yet been decided. Excellent views should be obtained from Tweed Pinnacle eastwards towards Mr. Warning. The club has not visited the area for some time, so this trip should be a new experience for practically everybody. Ring Warwick at 97 3536 in plenty of time. Rumour hath it that it would be wise to bring a water bottle. Transport leaves Kidney Lawn at 7.30 p.m. Friday 30th April.

May Vacation Trip

Last year a highly successful week was had by all in the Carnarvon Gorge. Something similar may be repeated this year, either to the same place, or to a fresh area, such as the Wallomombi Gorge near Armidale. However, plans are indefinite at the moment due to the transport problem. Please let the Committee know early if you are interested, and your suggestions and preferences are urgently needed.

The Committee this year reads as follows:

- President: Barry Baker 6 2785
- Secretary: Rod O'Donnell 7 5971
- Treasurer: Jim Millar 97 2336
- Outings Officer: Warwick Willmott 97 3536
- Equipment Officer: Sybil Curtis 70 2021 Ext. 748
- Librarian: Margaret Moses 70 2021 Ext 8269

Remember that the club has an equipment hire service which is very reasonable, Also, issues of 'Heybob', the Club magazine, both past and present, may be obtained from John Tillack (Uni. 702021 Ext. 353) or the committee. Interesting descriptions, anecdotes, and amusing rubbish should make any purchase worthwhile.

Remember also that the committee will always be glad to answer any queries regarding trips. We are only too pleased to give advice about anything you may wish to know.

Warwick Willmott

(Outings Officer)