

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND BUSHWALKING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT - 1965

Ladies and Gentlemen (as always),

I have great pleasure in presenting the sixteenth annual report of the U.Q.B.W.C. Last September the committee elected for 1964-65 was as follows:-

President	: Barry Baker
Secretary	: Rod O'Donnell
Treasurer	: Jim Miller
Outings Officer	: Warwick Willmott
Librarian	: Margaret Moses
Equipment Officer	: Sybil Curtis

This year has, I think, been one of the most profitable since the formation back in 1950. We have been a very happy Club and much of this happiness has stemmed from the harmony of the committee who have all worked very hard indeed and who have supported my whims to their utmost, while not always agreeing (thank God). It is probably unfair to single out anyone in particular from such a hardworking band but Rod O'Donnell and Warwick Willmott have between them shouldered the bulk of the work and for this I am particularly grateful.

The year started off very dramatically in 1964 with the meetings about the Barney Hut and its sad state of repair. The new Hut is a credit to all who worked on it and I am pleased to say many Club members once again helped with this Hut; also we should thank all those who gladly gave donations without which we could not have afforded the renovating. However there are still some modifications needed and I hope that the Club will never cease to be vitally interested in Barney and the Hut. Lessons should also be learnt from such projects concerning the usefulness of graduates staying affiliated with the Club.

I should like now to talk briefly about Club Trips this year - they have nearly all been very successful but the Widgee trip on Australia Day Weekend should continue to stand before us as a lesson in disorganisation and unpreparedness, and the Nimben Peaks as a lesson in indecision. The tendency has I am pleased to say been for throughwalking and I hope this trend will continue; and also I hope in the future that Navigational Trips will be revived as these are excellent training grounds in bushwalking. Climbing unfortunately has been rather quiet this year but once again we should congratulate Pat Conaghan and Grahame Hardy for their great effort on North-East Tibro. Another associated feature of trips has been the bus transport used by courtesy of Mount Tambourine Bus Company - this has been a new venture in Club walks and I again hope it will continue as people tend to be drawn together more under one roof than spread over many miles and several cars.

Also this year we have made available financial life membership for those desiring to continue Club support, and also we have constitutionally straightened out the honorary life membership wording. It is hoped that many past Club members will again return to the Club as financial life members which will not only swell the finances but also give the younger members much valuable guidance.

This year we have produced a monster Heybob (in size not aesthetism) which is equal to any we have so far produced and what is more is financially sound. Our thanks should be extended particularly to Margaret Moses, Warwick Willmott and Ken Grimes from the many who helped to produce this magazine. We have in this magazine something which Queensland can be genuinely proud and I feel that with swollen advertising we should once again think very seriously of printing our magazine so that we can produce an even worthier product and one which will allow us to use more excellent photographs. The committee has discussed this matter and we feel it is possible and hope that the in-coming committee will endeavour to carry this out. This year we also started a new format for our Club circular, a format which allows us to send circulars more cheaply and also which carries more of interest than just future announcements. Its name "Mini-Heybob" is of great interest and will in times to come cause historians much delight - it is a sound name and will become a traditional part of the Club's activity.

The committee has as you can see managed to have a flag designed and it is with some pleasure that we present it to you tonight. We hope that it will encourage you to be proud of our badge and use it on your equipment.

Finally I should like to say something about the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs. This has probably been the greatest incident in an action packed year. It is as everybody has been made aware a unifying body of Clubs and we hope to use this to advantage especially in such fields as Search and Rescue, and Bush Supervision. It is of course a Big Brother and I hope fervently that this side of it will not get out of hand, and I feel that U.Q.B.W.C. should always strive to hold it back in this direction as it is our Club (in keeping with University life) which will always have the more radical views and enterprising actions.

It is with this thought that I leave you, and thank you all most sincerely for making this year such a success and my moments in it so gratifying.