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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



## UQBWC

*presents*

### *Tim Macartney-Snape*

*Mountaineer / Conservationist / Bushwalker*

### *7pm, Thursday, 14th July 1994*

*Tim will present a slide and talk show about some of his other less notable trips. Tickets are strictly limited, \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Tickets are available from Vaughan, Lousie, Peter Zund, Rob Dancer and some other executive members, or make out a cheque to UQBWC and send to Peter Zund, 10/125 Waverley st. Annerley, 4103. TealCoffee and cakes provided. Peter Zund (848 5148) is co-ordinating this event, please direct all queries to him.*

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Mail has been received this month from the Caldera Environment Centre (Murwillumbah) regarding their organized "Great Escarpment Walk". This walk will be conducted in stages along the rim of the ancient volcano (of which Mt Warning is the central plug) extending from the Garden of Eden Rd gate (Border Ranges) to Barrington Tops in the Mt Royal Range. The walks will take place from May 1st to September 17th. People are invited to join the walk at all stages, for more information ring the Caldera Environment Centre on (066) 721121

**The deadline for articles for the 23rd HEYBOB magazine (the big one) is the end of June (this year!). Please submit articles to Vaughan Andrews or leave them in the letterbox at Clubs & Societies. The preferred format is MS-Word or WordPerfect on disk.**

**The following articles were taken from WILD magazine, Autumn edition.**

- Last year Peter Treseder climbed all the peaks of the Glasshouse Mountains in the following order: Mt Coochin, Mt Ngungun, Mt Coonowrin, Mt Beerwah, Mt Tibberooowuccum, Mt Tibrogargan, Mt Beerburum and Tunbubudla. He completed the run in the typically remarkable time of 7 hours and 32 minutes.
- The University of New England Mountaineering Club is planning to release a revised edition of the popular "Guide to North Eastern New South Wales". Public input to this project, in particular regarding present conditions of the areas described, corrections and other information is welcome. Write to the University of New England Mountaineering Club, c/- Sports Union, University of New England, NSW 2350.
- Of great concern to conservationists is a proposal to build a 2000-bed resort and a 250-berth marina at Oyster Point near Cardwell. The area concerned is between Hinchinbrook Island and Hinchinbrook Channel, both part of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. Access to the marina would require dredging of a channel and construction of a breakwater. Hostels, shops, bars and other facilities are also envisaged. The true scale of the project is hard to determine at this time as the final development plans have not yet been made public. There appears to have been no effort to assess the environmental impact of the resort on the World Heritage qualities of the surrounding area, but it is imperative that the final development plans become available for public comment. Readers are urged to write to the relevant authorities, making them familiar with the high value walkers place on Hinchinbrook Island and to express their concerns at the development, requesting that a full, public environmental impact assessment be initiated. Write to the Minister for Environment & Heritage, Molly Robson, 160 Ann St, Brisbane 4000, and the Premier, Mr Wayne Goss, Executive Building, 100 George St, Brisbane 4000.

This newsletter is published five times per year. The next issue will be printed in the week, beginning the 11th of July. Trip reports and other typed articles for the next issue, will be accepted up to the 6th of July. Short messages to be included in the "gossip and news page" can be received up until the day before printing. The newsletter is co-ordinated by Peter Zund, and all articles should be handed to him or mailed to UQBWC - MINI HEYBOB, c/o. Clubs and Societies, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld., 4072.

## The Gossip Column

The Mount Brisbane Station rogaine held on the 16th of April was well attended by UQBWCers. Jane O'Sullivan, Eric and Duncan Young won the mixed division and came 2nd overall in the 12 hour event. The other UQBWC competitors were Kitty Carra, Belinda Pursey, Colin Canfield, Vaughan Andrews, Bob Hoey, James Cameron and Peter Zund. At the meeting after Kitty Carra and Bob Hoey were appointed to the five member committee of the Qld Rogaining Association.

For "Home Improvement Month" Vaughan is holding weekly working bees, attendance is compulsory. 14/15 May Gardening/Tree planting, 21/22 May Start on the "extension", 28/29 Paint house, 4/5 June dig hole for inground pool. He has given up bushwalking in the pursuit of the "Australian Dream".

The hardest undertaking on Hinchinbrook Island seems to be obtaining permission from QNPWS to go there! Even though we play it by the rules, having booked and paid for a permit after confirmation that space is available, beware, your trip could be ruined, not by the weather, but by the rangers who go back on their word. It seems that there is preference for large groups over individual bushwalkers. "Why not operate on a first come, first served principle."

Tim's Tip: On a recent trip to Mt Walsh N.P. we had the "privilege" of running into National Party leader Tim Fischer. Apparently he is a keen bushwalker. Wasting no time he trundled off in the pouring rain to climb Mt Walsh, while seven "hardened" bushwalkers from YHA and UQBWC (Peter Z. & Reg) decided to give bushwalking the flick that day, Tim ("our hero" - Ed) was not perturbed by

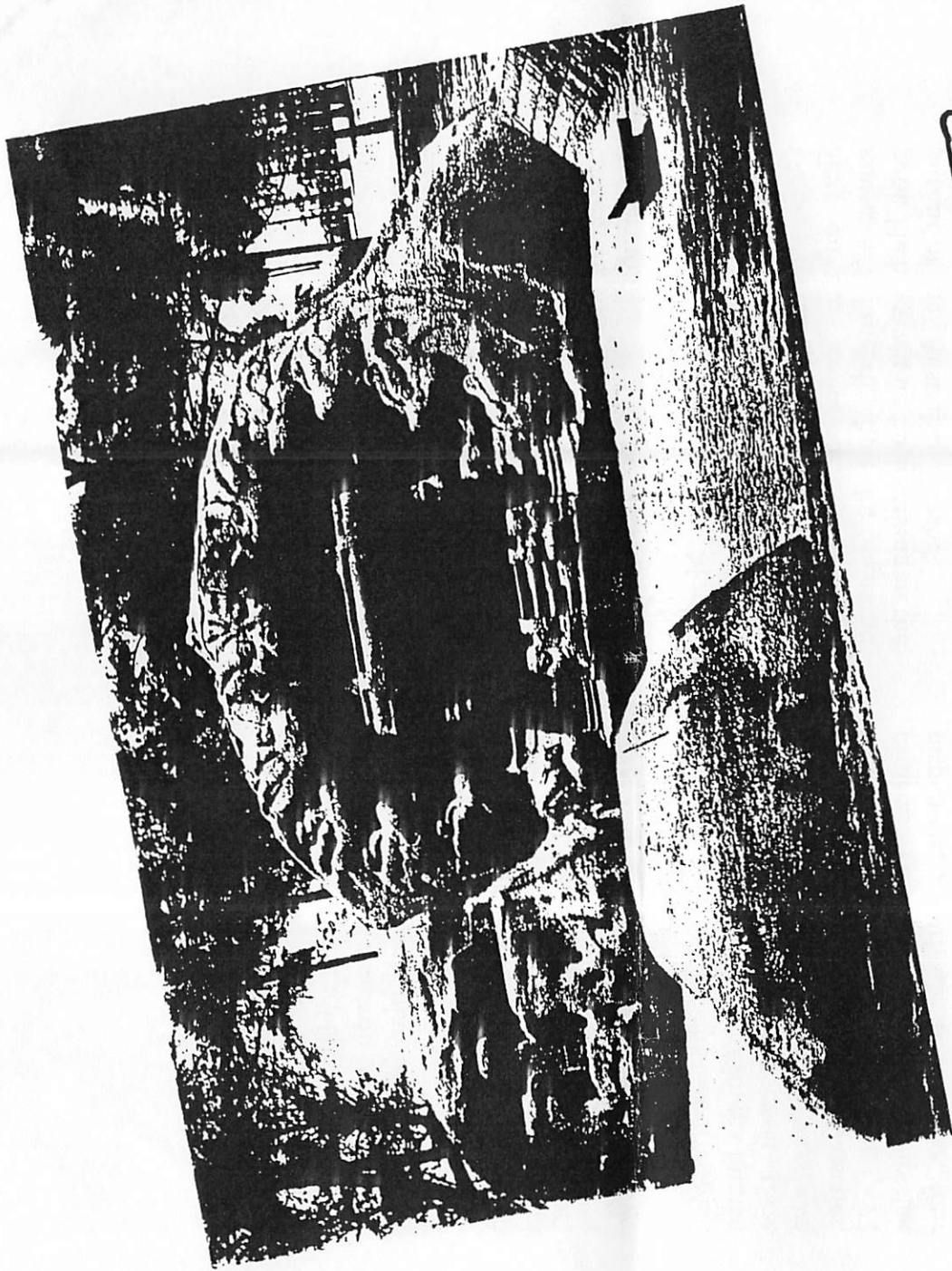
the weather. Tim is the antithesis of a gear freak, demonstrating the need only for willpower not raincoats or warm clothes. Tim also gave his advice on where to walk such as Carnarvon Gorge to Mt Moffat and, in particular, in Bhutan. See you in Bhutan Tim!

Congratulations to Denise Pretty and Rob Dancer who "tied the knot" on the 23rd of April. Both are members of UQBWC and keen bushwalkers. They're now off in NZ on a walking holiday.

Recently spotted in the Courier-Mail (23/4/94) Interesting Fact #95: Six human skeletons, 487 pairs of sunglasses, three car bodies, six toupees, four full wigs, two plastic statues of Jesus, 123 tape Cassettes, five tape recorders, two TV sets, 22 cameras, 41 sleeping bags, 4028 lipstick dispensers, a bathtub, a telephone, four typewriters, two church pews with cushions and more than 10,000 combs were found by National Park rangers in Yosemite NP, USA, last year.

Comments have been made recently regarding the state of some of the popular trails in SE Qld, particularly about the amount of litter that is being left around, things like orange peel, tissues, wrappers etc. These trails are used by bushwalkers who should know better. Please remember to practice minimal impact bushwalking always regardless of where you are. Remember if you carry it in, CARRY IT OUT. Even "biodegradable" products like orange peel take a long time to vanish (ie years) and can cause problems to the micro-environment as well as detracting from the wilderness experience of others who pass. If you wish to check your minimal impact techniques please talk to the conservation officer (Simon Hoyle) or any exec member.

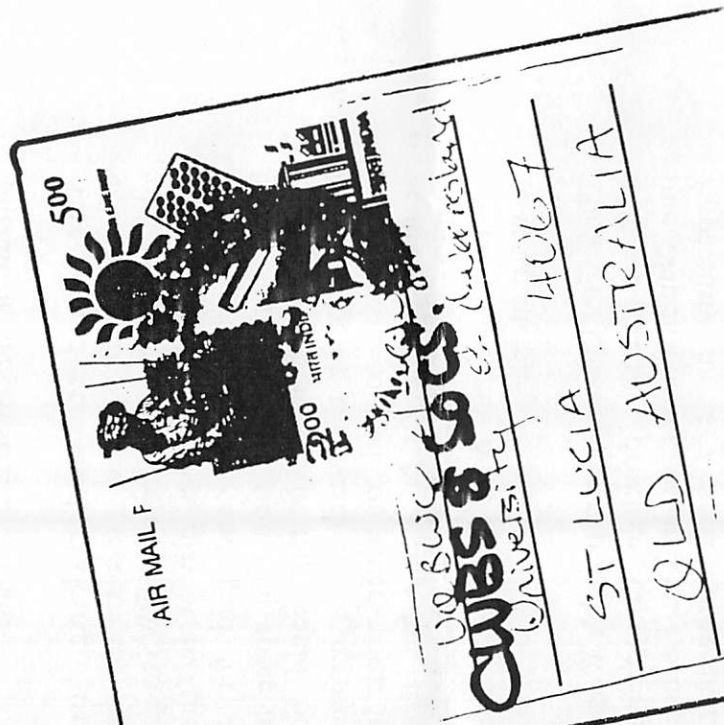




13-03-94, Mahabalipuram  
 Dear all, Your first Indian trip report! My apologies for jettling off without so much as a polite farewell, but things got a tad hectic near the end. I have an extra coffee for me sometime. Spent nearly a week in Madras, dealing with the whole concept of finally being here, and being fed thermoses of coffee by the staff of the hotel - very cheap (\$5/night) and a Maharajah's ex-tour-house (apparently). Very cool and quiet, with my very own holy tree outside my window. Come here on Tuesday, on my first Indian bus. I was lucky with my time) and actually got a seat for the 21/2 hr. trip. Am staying with my family in the outskirts of a village. I think they've had as much entertainment out of me as I have from them - dressing me up in saris and playing with my extended family, who all think I am very funny. Oh well. Haven't done much tourism stuff except taking photos of various things and people - it gets incredibly hot and dusty during the middle of the day so its not much fun doing anything then, but early morning swimming at the deserted beach, with the silhouette of a 5th century carved stone temple on the headland to the north and a company can't be bad and right now, with the sun below the horizon and a sort of apricote afterglow behind the palm trees, above a small lagoon of waterlilies, isn't so hard to take, either. The whole village echoes from dawn till about midnight with tapping and dipping - there must be 100 or so sculptors here, mostly granite, but some wood and sandstone- truly amazing things. Take care xx Helen.

MAHABALIPURAM - S.INDIA  
 TIGER CAVE

Seventh Century A.D. Pallava architecture of animal  
 carving in cave model  
 Photo: Baiju Nariker



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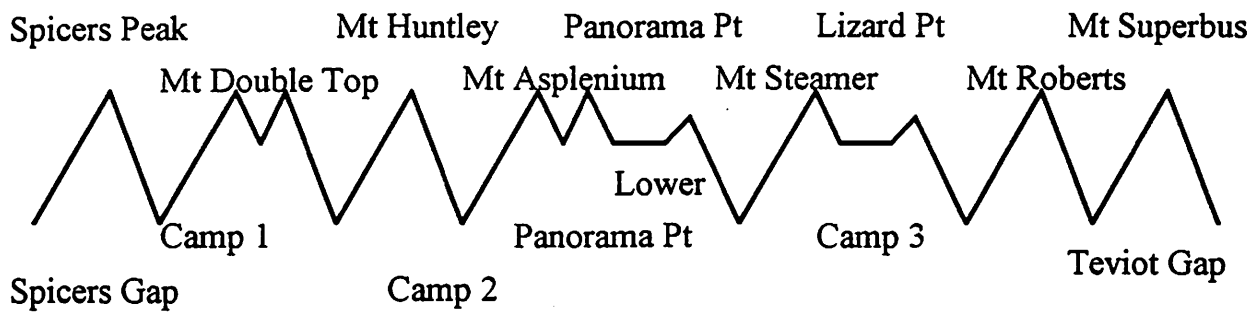
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**The MAIN RANGE at Easter**  
**Walkers - Simon, Larissa, Vaughan, Geoff, Colin, Eric, Duncan**



With clear skies and high hopes we set out from Governor's Chair after doing the mandatory car shuffle. Since Geoff had brought his 3-man (sorry 3-person) tent, Colin and myself had to carry a share of his food. Never before have I seen anyone bring so many tins of food on a trip! Geoff assured us that this didn't have anything to do with the fact that he wasn't carrying it, but we weren't so sure.

It didn't take long to lose Larissa and Simon, who were obviously trying to escape, but we managed to find them after a bit of searching. Our first obstacle was Spicers Peak, a complete unknown. Failing to start in the right spot, we struggled up near-vertical slopes, over loose rock and through stinging nettles. At one stage Colin became stranded on a cliff, and was fortunate in that it was his camera, rather than him, which took a fall. We reached the summit at the late time of 4.00pm, and didn't linger too long before heading down the other side to the campsite in the saddle. By this stage everyone was covered in dirt and scratches, and we still had 6 mountains to go!

The next morning Duncan was first up and off photographing. I'm convinced that taking good photographs merely involves getting out of bed early - alas, I shall never be successful. Geoff & Duncan dropped down from the saddle to get water, which was present in abundance, before we all set off. As we were scrambling up Mt Double Top I had a very close encounter of the reptilian kind. Leaping back I lost my footing and rolled back down the hill. It turned out to be only a carpet snake, but it was still quite large. Soon after I came across an even bigger one, with a bulging stomach from a recent meal. We did a quick head count to ensure it wasn't one us.

On Double Top we met our first people - a large group on a day trip from Hell Hole Creek. Mt Huntley was next on the list, and it proved to be a long tiring slog up steep grassy slopes. The last bit was actually a scramble, and Duncan was less than happy by the time he reached the top. He probably would have found it easier had he not been carrying so much camera gear. With the shadows getting longer we descended to Fern Tree Gully and filled up with water before heading for the next saddle to camp. The Young brothers proved their worth by each carrying about 10 litres of water.

Even though today was Easter Sunday, I was a bit surprised to find Easter eggs outside the tent. We were prepared to believe that these were Geoff's doing, until someone pointed out that Geoff, like most bushwalkers, would never give chocolate away. Therefore the Easter bunny must exist.

After crossing Mt Asplenium we continued on to Panorama Pt and the obligatory photo stop, from which we had some trouble finding the cliff break by which to descend. From Lower Panorama we made fast progress around to Mt Steamer, with a water stop on the way. Due to lack of time we couldn't do a side trip out to the Steamers - large rock formations called the Prow, Funnel, Mast and Stern. Upon being told this Geoff burst into tears, as he only came on the trip to see them, or so he said anyway.

From Mt Steamer to Lizard Pt the path follows a spectacular razorback with a huge cliff on the eastern side. An aggressive little snake held us up briefly, and we reached the campsite at Lizard south (Lizard Pt now being closed) shortly after dark. The night there was cold (14 degrees) and windy. Duncan's full sized tripod came in handy for supporting the candle lantern, and we sat around it cooking dinner. Colin's desert didn't turn out as planned, and the fact that it was still there the next morning says something about its consistency.

The next morning I pulled off my fourth tick, thus earning the title of "tick magnet", since no one else got any at all. We headed to Lizard Point for breakfast, where we watched the storm clouds roll in. The path to Mt Roberts and Mt Superbus was through rainforest in misty rain, which was quite a pleasant change from the heat of previous ascents. At Mt Superbus most of us made the quick side-trip to the summit, although there wasn't much to see there. Then all that remained was the slippery descent down the rabbit fence and out to the car at Teviot Gap.

Black Hat.

## Can cats and wildlife live together?

No. Cats reduce wildlife populations by predation, diseases and competition. Even the presence of cats is enough to drive wildlife away. When combined with habitat loss and failing natural processes Australia's wildlife is struggling to survive.

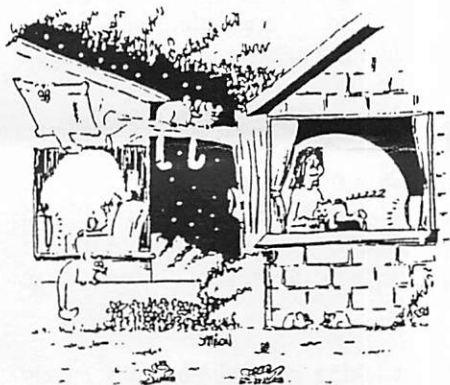
Keep cats and wildlife apart.

## Why do we have cats as pets?

Well cared-for cats can be wonderful companion animals BUT ...

- roaming pet cats can annoy neighbours
- noisy cat fights or meowing calls are disruptive to the night-time neighbourhood
- uncontrolled stray and feral cats are a serious community problem
- wildlife cannot survive increasing predation, competition and disease from cats.

Protect your cat, protect your wildlife.



## How can I better protect cats and wildlife?

Having a pet cat is a privilege. Remember, a pet requires a lifetime of proper care. Properly cared-for pet cats will live for over twelve years, few pet cats living outside survive as long as three years.

- Be a responsible pet owner:
  - identify your cat, with a collar and tag and microchip implant or tattoo
  - desex your cat - neutered cats make better, more contented pets
  - confine your cat to your property
  - keep your cat in at night - cats kept indoors won't be hurt in fights, won't be hit by cars and won't harm wildlife
  - put bells on your cat's collar.
- Never dump your cat. Either rehouse or arrange humane euthanasia for unwanted cats:
  - contact your local vet or animal welfare shelter.
- Help control stray cats:
  - contact Animal Welfare organisations or your local council for assistance.
- Support a Local Council Animal Welfare Law with provision for:
  - compulsory desexing
  - compulsory registration
  - compulsory identification
  - compulsory curfew.



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# Protect your cat protect your wildlife

Have you noticed that there are no longer any small birds or lizards in your garden?

Do you miss the sounds of the bush?  
Do you or your neighbours own a cat?



This leaflet shows you, the cat owner, what to do to help conserve our unique wildlife, dispels some myths about cats, and outlines just how great an impact cats have on wildlife.

Australia's wildlife is both unique and special. The many kinds of marsupials, birds, reptiles and frogs living in this country evolved in an environment that did not include cats. Cats are introduced predators with which our native wildlife cannot live. While native predators do exist, these have evolved in a way that preserves a natural balance between animals, plants and the land. The relatively recent addition of cats to our environment has upset this natural balance because cats are very efficient destroyers of wildlife.

## How many cats live in Australia?

Estimates are:-  
- 2.2 million domestic cats  
- 12 million feral cats

34% of households own cats and half a million domestic cats are born annually. Many cats and kittens are received by the RSPCA and other animal welfare organisations. Thousands have to be euthanased.

Too many cats live in Australia and numbers are increasing.

I'm a great mouser  
... Frogger... wrenner...  
lizarder... possumer...



## Cats threaten the future survival of most wildlife



## Do cats harm wildlife?

All cats, even well-fed pet cats, can kill wildlife. On average each pet cat kills 25 creatures every year; this adds up to 55 million creatures every year. Feral cats eat the equivalent of seven native bush rats each week, over 100 million creatures each year.

Most wildlife killed by roaming pet cats is often caught just outside the back door. All cats, including your pet cat, hunt by instinct. Often a captured bird or possum will appear undamaged but, almost certainly, it will die within 36 hours from shock or infection. Cats' mouths are hot beds of bacteria. One bite to a native animal leads to rapid spread of infection against which it has little resistance. Cats carry toxoplasmosis, a protozoan disease which can devastate wildlife populations.

## Don't cats control rats and mice?

Cats will kill some rats and mice. However, as cats need a continuing supply of food, it is not in their interest to kill off all the rats and mice. Readily available household poisons are a more effective and efficient way of treating a rodent problem. The most effective poisons contain anti-coagulants such as Bromadiolone. These are readily available from supermarkets.

## Don't cats control snakes?

As snakes are native wildlife they are protected by law. Having a cat is no deterrent to snakes and cats can be killed by snakes.

If you are concerned about snakes around your house:

- be alert
- remove piles of rubbish and other shelter
- keep the grass near the house very short
- keep garden ponds (which attract frogs, a favorite food of snakes) away from children's play areas.





## UQBWC PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 1994



The photography competition for 1994 is now on. The competition is open to all members and is for slides and prints taken in the last year.

Categories are:

- Australian Photo
- Queensland Photo
- Overseas Photo
- Wildlife Photo
- UQBWC Photo (interpret as you wish)
- Amusing Photo
- Arty/Farty Photo

Entries are limited to three photos per person per category

Entries close at the end of the August meeting 1994. Winners announced at the AGM and in Mini-Heybob. Display of selected entries will be shown at the AGM. Prizes may be awarded if we can find some. Judges are yet to be decided. For details or submission of entries see Louise 289 2847 AH 365 1405 OH



### **GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS - AN ABORIGINAL LEGEND**

*This story was gleaned by Mrs Gwen Trundle of Annerley from Aboriginal sources before it was utterly lost or irretrievably confused, though even by then it bore a touch of embellishment arising from an association with white culture.*

*Tibrogargan, the father, and Beerwah, the mother, had many children - Coonowrin, who was the eldest, Beerburrum, the Tunbubudla twins, Coochin, Ngun-gun, Tibberoowuccum, Micketeebumulgrai, Elimbah, little plump Round Mountain and Wild Horse who was always wandering off to paddle in the sea.*

*One day, Tibrogargan saw that the sea was rising. He called to his eldest child to go and help his mother while he himself gathered up his other children to take them to the safety of the mountains in the west. But Coonowrin ran off by himself to play. This made Tibrogargan so angry that he struck him a great blow with his club, dislocating his neck. After the sea had subsided and the family had come back to the plains, the other children teased Coonowrin because of his broken neck, so he went to ask his father's forgiveness, but Tibrogargan was so filled with shame at his son's behaviour that he merely wept and his tears flowed out into the sea. Coonowrin went then to his mother but she also wept, as did the other children when he appealed to them in turn and there were many streams flowing across the plain to the sea, as there have been ever since. Then Tibrogargan called out to his son asking him why he had not helped his mother when told to, and Coonowrin replied that as she was the biggest of them all, he thought she should have been able to look after herself. Tibrogargan was so filled with shame at this answer that he turned his back on Coonowrin, vowing he would never look at him again. Beerwah, whose great size was because she was pregnant once again, wept even more for the disgrace of her son. Beerwah is still large and heavy with child for it takes a long time for a mountain to be born, and there are still many streams flowing over the plains beneath the mountains as Tibrogargan gazes forever away from his son and out to sea.*

*Quote from Helen Horton's book Brisbane's Back Door - The story of the D'Aguilar Range, Brisbane: Boolarong Publications, p.141.*

# G I R R A W E E N

CAN YOU LEAVE IN TWENTY MINUTES?  
DECLARED THE START OF OUR WEEKEND TRIP  
WITH EAGER HANDS I PACK MY PANNIERS  
FOOD, TIN CUP & CYCLE GEAR, NO TIME FOR LOOKING HIP

PIZZA FIRST, PACK CAR SECOND  
THREE BIKES ARE CLAMPED ON TIGHT  
THEN IMAGES OF BIKE SHAPES  
PLAY ON REAR CAR WINDOW IN THE NIGHT

WITH TIRED EYES AND GOOSE BUMP LEGS  
WE MEET GIRRAWEEEN QUITE LATE  
WARMTH IN FEATHER DOWN ARE PUT ON HOLD  
FOR TENT BUILDING WE MUST WAIT

STRUCTURE SOON ESTABLISHED  
I GET DOWN TO SERIOUS SLEEP  
WOKEN BY LUMINOUS GLOW OF TAUT NYLON  
I TAKE A PEEK

IN THE CRISP LIGHT OF MORNING  
WITH BREAKFAST RITUAL COMPLETE  
I SURVEY THE CAMPSITE AND SURROUNDING BUSH  
FROM MY TIMBER BATTEN SEAT

THE TENT SHRINKS BACK TO PANNIERS WELL PACKED  
OUR BIKES WEIGH MORE NOW LOADED  
FIVE CYCLISTS WE PUSH OFF  
MAP IN POUCH SO OUR MOVEMENTS MAY BE CODED

HOWEVER THE MAP SO OLD LEADS US ASTRAY  
FROM TRACK TO SWAMP TO IMMEMORABLE GRANITE  
UNLOADING BIKES TO CROSS BARRIERS  
WHICH SEEMED LIKE EVERY CATTLE FENCE ON THIS PLANET

BY AFTERNOON WHEN AIR COOLS  
IN LINE WITH WARMTH RETREATING  
WE SIT ON GRANITE OUTCROP  
OUR CURIOSITY AT LOCATION DEPLETING

FOR ONE AMONG US RECOGNISES A MOUNTAIN ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE  
MILES FROM OUR PLANNED MEETING WITH BUSHWALKERS AT SOUTH BALD ROCK  
MT. NORMAN INSTEAD STANDS PROUD IN ITS CLOSENESS  
SAYS COLIN WITH MUCH SHOCK!

BACKTRACKING FAST DOWN GRANITE SLOPE  
KELLY SLIPS #\*! ? WORDS NOT FIT TO RECORD  
THE FIRST ACCIDENT OF THE TRIP  
THE COCKATOOS & GALAHS APPLAUD

WE SHARE THE NIGHT WITH GRANITE MASSES  
SHELTERED GROUND PLUS FLOWING CREEK NEARBY  
NO ONE COMPLAINS ABOUT DISORIENTATION  
WHEN LOOKING COFFEE & CHOCOLATE FUDGED BANANAS IN THE EYE.

Happily lost in Girraween.

The trip was supposed to be from Underground Creek to South Bald rock. Despite a "geographical embarasment" for the campsite and Vanessa trying to break the road with her head a good time was had by all. The riders; Heather, Vanessa, Colin, Matt and Kelly. More cycling trips will be coming up in the future!

Colin



## An Englishman Down Under (or a trip to Girraween)

Walkers - Eric Young, Ashlea Troth, Graham Sewell (the Pom), Kate Campbell, Paul Hill  
Caitlin? (American)

I wasn't sure really quite what to expect from my first bushwalking expedition, but I certainly wasn't disappointed with what happened. After some desperate phone calling to arrange transport the night before, I was greeted at 6:30 am by a red faced Kate Campbell who had been taking an early morning run up and down my street trying to find my residence.

After a sleepy 3 hour drive, and a narrow escape from the gas station of death, we rendezvoused with the rest of the crew at Girraween split into two groups - those with two legs, and those with two wheels. I was glad to be one of the half dozen walkers as I was saddle sore from the challenges of cycling up the hills of Indooroopilly all week. Following a short drive in Eric's legendary Volvo we set off on foot, and soon reached Underground Creek. After some jaunty bounding around on the granite and climbing through some of the fascinating water-smoothed chambers we hit the bush again. At this point my lack of outdoors experience first became apparent and as the flesh was slowly scraped from my bones I suddenly realised why half of the party was wearing gaiters. However, it was not until we stopped for lunch that the others began to stare at me with humorous twinkles in their eyes. Whilst the pro's indulged in their gourmet fair I consoled myself in the high food energy value of my hot cross buns and dry roasted peanuts.

A few hours later we had made several wrong turns and the guides gleefully lead us through more merciless bush to get us back on course again. By the time we reached our camping site it was starting to get dark, and we were more than a little surprised to find that the cyclists had yet to get there. It soon became apparent that they weren't going to make it, but I had other things on my mind as meal time approached. Nobody expected me to have a gas cooker, but as the news came out that 'the pom' didn't even have a cup or a bowl audible laughter could be heard. I wasn't completely stupid though, and had brought some equipment. Yes, Graham had at least remembered his fork! Looking back, I think I would have got about the same amount of respect if I had brought a floppy disc with me. Fortunately the others were charitable with their wares and Kate had organised a large dinner on my behalf.

It was somewhere at this stage of the evening that the word 'gypsy', later to become the catchphrase of the trip, suddenly caught on as I tried to restore a little respect for myself with some light humour. From that moment on, until we got back to Brisbane, if your body made any of its functional sounds, or if you said something untoward, then you was a gypsy. Childish, but funny.

The missing cyclists provided us with more tent space than we'd planned for so I got a good night's sleep. At dawn, after a breakfast of my final 4 hot cross buns, we climbed that massive chunk of granite which is called South Bald Rock, and soaked up the magnificent view from the summit. Looking towards Mount Norman, our next destination, my eyes lingered on the thick bush in between, and I had to concentrate to suppress the urge of sapping out and putting jeans on. As it turned out my fears were unfounded, and the second day was less painful - unless you were Kate who had to remove what looked like half a pencil from her leg at one stage.

Lunch by an idyllic creek was a mouth-watering selection of the finest dry roasted peanuts, during which time I heard the word "gypsy" at least twice. The climb up Mount Norman wasn't too difficult, although the final "packs off" scramble to the trig point was fun. Boy is that granite sharp! The view was not dissimilar to that from South Bald Rock, i.e. granite and bush, but was nevertheless refreshing. After making my mark in the log book, it was a simple case of "tearing along the dotted line", which had been so thoughtfully provided for our guidance, back to Castle Rock campsite. Not long after my senses were reeling from the delights of a fast food outlet somewhere on the journey home. All in all a good trip!

Graham Sewell

## Mount Brisbane Station Rogaine, 16th April

Jane O'Sullivan

The first rogaïne for '94 was held at Mount Brisbane Station, near Esk. It was a great event in almost every respect: beautiful scenery, glorious weather, a first class map and a five-star hash house. Only the moonlight was conspicuously lacking. The event was organised by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club, and they've set quite a precedent for those of us who might cop the job at some time in the future.

UQBWC was well represented with 5 teams in all, 3 in the 12 hr event (Peter Zund & Vaughan Andrews, Eric & Duncan Young & me, Bob Hoey & Peter Lehmann), and 2 in the 6 hr (Colin Canfield & friends, Kitty Carra & friends). Between us we achieved a good record of injury and misadventure. But all survived in good spirits and a determination to do better next time.

For us, the day started with some early morning carbohydrate loading at the bakery. We arrived with a couple of hours to prepare our maps and plan our course. The quality of the map was a pleasant surprise after the last few rogaines, but the pleasure soon drained when I realised that it had 20 m contour intervals! All hope of bluffing my team mates about my state of (un)fitness was lost. We tanked up with Gatorade - a very welcome promotional freebie - and raced off at the 11 o'clock start. The teams soon scattered in all directions, which is a good sign of a well laid course. Up and over the first hill, and I could already feel the blisters forming on my heels. I had had to decide between broken shoes or new ones, and I probably made the wrong decision. This turned out to be a considerable handicap for the rest of the event, but my team mates were very tolerant, and we charged on regardless of physical comforts.

Our course planning paid off well, as we hit the worst of the lantana early in the day. Not so lucky were Vaughan, Peter and Bob, who found themselves crawling on their bellies through inestimable expanses of it in the middle of the night. We heard a few horror stories about lost controls along the way, but on the whole the navigation seemed pretty straightforward if you approached things from the right direction. We ran out of time to complete our planned course, but we'd allowed for this with any number of short cuts home. What we didn't do was stop and reroute to make best use of our time. This cost us a potential win, but we learnt the lesson.

Everyone was pretty pleased with their efforts. Vaughan and Peter came 4th in the men's section, and Bob and Peter also scored well. With 1020 points, we finished a tantalising 20 points behind the winners, but still won the mixed section, and I was pleased to have survived my steepest rogaïne yet (we had climbed, and descended, more than 2,000 m in 45-odd km). We all mellowed out around a huge glowing campfire, ate copiously and exchanged stories before waddling off to a very welcome sleeping bag.

Next event: August 20th-21st, Queensland Championship 24hr, 12hr & 6 hr. See you there!

<b>FOR SALE :</b> Kodachrome 64 Slide Film, 36 Exposures, \$12 per roll (includes developing). Black Polarplus Pants. As new. \$50. Trangia (metho) Stove with pots. \$60. Contact Vaughan Andrews.
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**FOR SALE:** Backpack, medium size, internal frame, Canadian make. \$130 o.n.o.

Car-camping tent, A-frame, 3 person with large tarp included, \$50 o.n.o.

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## - ZIZZARD CANYON -

December '86 saw us in the Blue Mountains for the fourth consecutive year of canyoning. After spending a week and a half in some of the more well known canyons and a few of the lesser ones, we drove west to Lithgow and then north east to Newnes on the Wolgan River. This extraordinary town, once the centre of intensive mining and industrial activity is now reduced to nothing but a rambling hotel precariously hanging out over the eroded banks of the Wolgan.

The drive into Newnes is magnificent, with high sandstone escarpments on either side of the valley. It is through these escarpments that many ancient streams have been cut, providing a wealth of canyoning opportunities. For those who prefer to rest between trips or are not interested in abseiling down waterfalls (I can't think why) there are many pleasant hours to be spent in wandering through the extensive ruins offering a valuable insight into Australia's early industrial history.

On this occasion we crossed the stream and followed the disused road past overgrown brickwork. The only saving grace to this greed and rape of the environment is that nothing lasts and eventually nature takes over. Needless to say that it can never be the same.

These thoughts and many others on the ephemerality of existence were with me as we passed exposed coal seams, the basis of these early attempts at industrialisation. The river flows on in the glorious sunlight as it did aeons ago. Crossing over to the true left we came upon a well worn track which lead up to the top of the escarpment from which we could look over towards Glen Davis. The path passed evidence of an aquaduct presumably used for sluicing in the mining operations. Its very existence at this height on such a dry day was incongruous.

Once on top we came upon signs directing us to a bluff lookout, affording a view over the Wolgan to the area we had been canyoning on previous days. Our first thoughts were to dismiss this side of the valley as being limited in scope so in the heat of the day we trundled over towards Petrie's gully using the Mt Morgan 1:25000 topographic map.

Feeling generally lethargic at the prospect of walking on such a hot day, we consulted the map to see what the alternatives were. Ah! a thin, unnamed blue line. Entering the gorge at 450:274 by a forty-five metre abseil brought us to the head of the canyon and cooling water. Here the world was soft and secretive, a few tall trees thrust skyward seeking the life-giving sunlight. The atmosphere was cloisterish. It was as though we had entered a sacred place. We felt privileged and marvelled that such a place could exist so close to an area so altered by man.

As we moved down the gorge we soon discovered that we were indeed the first party to feel humbled by this thin blue line on the map. With high walls on either side and five more abseils before we exited through the sheer sandstone walls high above the Wolgan at 452:262 we encountered no evidence of slings which have to be left at some of the belay points.

We were elated. At every turn the pristine nature of the place impressed us. Mosses, lichens, and ferns all seemed cleaner, untouched. Canyon devotees will understand what I am talking about. Ordinarily, even in canyons that are infrequently visited, there is evidence of damage to the micro flora. Such damage is unavoidable. So here we were, elated at being the first to damage this place.

For me the highlight of this particular canyon was the wonderfully sculptured rocks. In these canyons we wear wetsuits or thermal underwear even in summer. Prolonged swims or exposure such as Bell Creek or the Kanangra Falls slot make the wearing of them desirable if not essential. Although I know of one woman who has swum Claustral Canyon naked, in mid winter, and at night. They make them tough down that way.

On the way through we found a lace monitor. Being cold blooded, he was exhausted and unable to get out of this darkened world. Strapping his limp body under the top of my pack, I abseiled out of the canyon and to an extended life for a lizard who would have otherwise died slowly.

As we sat around the camp over dinner that evening, Mark Tischler said, "I know what we will call the canyon, Zizzard Canyon." He was referring to the fact that my son David, when learning to speak would call lizards zizzards. So the thin blue line finally had a name, as if it needed one.

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- BARRINGTON TOPS NATIONAL PARK -

Situated 110km north west of Newcastle, Barrington Tops (39,121ha) can be explored from Barrington House to the south of the Tops, from Gloucester 65km to the east, or from Scone in the west. The very steep forestry road, completed in 1978, provides easy access to many of the more significant features in the northern part of the Park. Of particular interest is Polblue Swamp, an alpine lake draining into the Hunter River. Unfortunately this area, like so many of the easily accessible sections of the Park, has been inundated by Broom, the introduced yellow flowered shrub.

Despite this intractable infestation, the higher surrounding area to the west of the swamp provides a very pleasant campsite among the trees. The characteristic understorey of snow grasses and wildflowers provide a home for wombats. The gradations of greens and browns are very restful on the eye and are very beautiful in the late afternoon light. Early morning is the time to stroll among the wildflowers which in summer include the blue-mauve, veined sun orchid (*Theymitra venosa*), and the Native Buttercup (*Ranunculus lappaceus*).

Walking to the south along the Barrington Trail leads to Mt. Barrington (1554m), and Barrington Falls to the east on the way down to Junction Hole. From here, you may choose to return to Polblue Swamp via the ridge to the north, or ascend to the Gloucester Tops Walking Trail which follows the ridge to the east to Gloucester Tops (1313m), and then down to Gloucester Falls.

Unless you have arranged a car shuffle, you may wish to head south to Mt. Nelson and across country over Dixie Creek and on to the Barrington Guest House, returning north up the Careys Peak Trail and north to Polblue Swamp. Alternatively, return via the Gloucester Tops Trail. Either way you are assured of traversing a variety of forest types, ranging from the snow gum (*E. pauciflora*), through stands of the Antarctic Beech (*Nothofagus moorei*) with an understorey of lush tree ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*), to the sub-tropical rainforest of the lower slopes and moist gullies where there are red cedars (*Toona australis*), a rich variety of ferns, vines, and orchids.

The area is extensive, and offers the walker scope for extended trips with the advantage of snow cover on the Tops in winter.

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### TRIP LIST

- MAY 7-8 Lazy weekend at the BUNYA MOUNTAINS, contact Eric Young, Ph. 371 0196.
- MAY 15 A climb to the top of Mt Lindesay, at times exposed. Ross Buchanan grades this climb as a 6.5 or 7. Contact Mal Haskins on 371 7305.
- MAY 21-22 A canyoning trip in Lamington N.P. - be warned, this could be bloody cold! Contact Mal Haskins on 371 7305.
- MAY 28-29 Anthony Smith is taking a trip to Main Range starting at Emu Creek and descending via the Steamers. probably moderate trip with some great views, Ph 289 2847.
- A Girraween Mystery Trip is being led by Geoff Seawright, Ph. 870 1400.
- JUNE 1 Monthly meeting, 7.00pm in Clubs and Societies room as per usual bring your photos, slides and trip ideas along.
- JUNE 4-5 Mt Barney via Short Leaning, very rocky and exposed abseiling experience a must, this is a difficult walk - must be fit. Contact Vaughan Andrews, Ph. 392 4228.
- JUNE 11-12-13 Ashlea is going to the Mt Ballow massif, moderate trip in thick rainforest, great walk, be prepared for some steep sections, Ph 371 0196.
- Glen Sharrock is taking a trip to the Warrumbungles to do some walking and climbing ie. Wollomombi, Chandler Ridge, Ph.378 4277 or work 365 3687.
- JUNE 25-26 Mt Barney via Eagles Ridge, "This is a long, rugged and arduous ridge," according to good old Rob Rankin, not that he'd want to put anyone off! A classic climb with great views from Isolated Peak. Contact Ashlea Troth on 371 0196.
- DON'T FORGET!!!, TIM MCCARTNEY-SNAPE IS COMING TO TALK TO US, SHOW SLIDES ETC., ON JULY 14, TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

**PEAK-BAGGER'S GUIDE REVISED**

by Geoff Morfrew

A lack of knowledge shown by some bushwalkers of Tim Christie's article, "A Peak-Bagger's Guide to Tasmania", (*The Tasmanian Tramp* No. 18, 1968) indicates that a reprint is required. Encroachments by roads and other "developments" have made revision necessary.

Peaks have been grouped into geographical areas and then in descending order of height above sea level. For the latter, considerable use has been made of "*Tasmania - 500 Peaks*" by Bob Brown (Tasmanian Wilderness Society, 1980).

Tim's list has been extended to a total of 412 peaks. To each peak is assigned a score which a peak-bagger may count to his or her credit; the total points now possible is 838. The scoring system is fairly arbitrary; it cannot always be consistent nor will it satisfy every walker. Points have been allocated according to notability (or notoriety!), height, accessibility, walking time, scrub, rock, height to be climbed, tracks and proximity to other peaks. The list has been limited to "worthy" peaks.

Official nomenclature has been used except where indicated. Unfortunately some peaks in remote areas, such as on the Prince of Wales Range, are not included owing to lack of nomenclature. Ranges have been listed where the highest peak is not named.

Rules are few and simple: the actual summit must be reached; walking 10 metres below a peak just doesn't count a thing; nor does a repeat ascent.

Changes have been made to the categories of Peak-Bagger. The previous system gave no incentive to truly dedicated peak-baggers, who upon attaining the score of 250, had to reverse down the ladder of status. The increased number of peaks and points enables the revised categories to be:

Downright Idle	less than 50 points	.. ..
Member of Old Lags Brigade	50-99 points	.. ..
Dishonourable Peak-Bagger	100-199 points	.. ..
Honourable Peak-Bagger	200-299 points	.. ..
Peak-Bagger Extraordinary	300-499 points	.. ..
Peak-Bagger Supreme	500 points or more	

How did you score?

**SOUTH-EAST**

Wellington - 1, Collins Bonnet - 2, Trestle Mt - 2, Marian - 1, Collins Cap - 2, Montagu - 2, Charles - 1, Patrick - 1, Dromedary - 2, Platform Pk - 1, Cathedral Rock - 2, Faulkner - 1, Quoin Mt - 1, Grey Mt - 1, Hobbs - 1, Brown Mt - 1, Maria - 2, Prossers S.L. - 1, Freycinet - 2, Graham - 1, Mangana - 1, Bishop & Clerk - 1, Fortescue - 2, Dove - 1, Amos - 1, Storey - 2, Mayson - 1.

**NORTH-EAST**

Legges Tor - 1, Stacks Bluff - 3, Hamilton Crags - 1, Old Bills Monument - 1, Coalmine Crag - 1, Wilmot Bluff - 1, Burrow - 1, The Knuckle - 2, Ragged Jack - 1, Ben Nevis - 2, Sphinx Bluff - 1, Pavement Bluff - 1, Saddleback - 2, Victoria - 2, Arthur - 2, Maurice - 1, Tower Hill - 1, Albert - 1, St Pauls Dome - 2, Byatts Razorback - 1, Foster - 1, Scott - 1, Snow Hill - 2, St John - 1, Strzelecki - 3, Munro - 1, St Patrick's Head - 1, Cameron - 1, Kerford - 2, Leventhorpe - 1.

**NORTH-WEST**

Black Bluff - 2, Roland - 2, Mayday Mt - 2, St. Valentines Pk - 1, Vandyke - 1, Claude - 1, Stormont - 1, Tor - 1, Everett - 1, Loongana Ra. - 1, Edith - 2, Norfolk - 2, Bertha - 2, Gog Ra - 1, Hadmar - 1, Mabel - 1, Helen Pk - 1, Sunday - 1, Duncan - 1, Hazelton - 1, Lily - 1, Detention Pk - 1, The Gnomon - 1, Lorymer - 1, Dial - 1, Montgomery - 1.

**CENTRAL PLATEAU**

West Wall - 2, Wailing Wall - 1, Jerusalem - 2, Clunmer Bluff - 2, Turrana Bluff - 1, Ironstone Mt - 2, Mersey Crag - 1, The Temple - 1, Western Bluff - 2, Fisher Bluff - 1, Bastion Bluff - 1, Wild Dog Tier - 1, Rats Castle - 1, Sandbanks Tier - 1, Brads L.O. - 1, Forty Lakes Pk - 1, Blue Peaks - 1, Blackwood - 1, Drys Bluff - 1, Mtns of Jupiter - 2, Rogoona - 2, Great Pine Tier - 1, Split Rock - 1, Projection Bluff - 1, Mother Cummings Peak - 1, Howells Bluff - 1, Billip Bluff - 1, Quamby Bluff - 2, Liffey Bluff - 1, Millers Bluff - 2, Layatinna Hill - 1, Parson & Clerk Mt - 1, Oana - 2, Cathcart Bluff - 1, Molly Yorks Nightcap - 1, Table Mt - 1, Charles - 1, Brads S.L. - 1, Stephenson's L.O. - 1, Old Mans Head - 1, Woods Quoin - 1.

**CRADLE MT. - LAKE ST. CLAIR**

Ossa - 4, Barn Bluff - 4, Pelion West - 5, Cradle Mt - 4, Du Cane Ra - 1, Geryon North - 8, Massif - 4, Gould - 4, Geryon,

South - 5, Hyperion - 3, Acropolis - 4, Thetis - 3, Falling Mt - 4, Olympus - 3, Gell - 4, Pelion East - 2, Emmett - 1, Goulds S.L. - 2, Rufus - 2, Walled Mt - 3, Bishop Pk - 1, Cathedral Mt - 3, Manfred - 3, The Guardians - 3, Hugel - 2, Cuvier - 3, Byron - 2, Eros - 1, Macs Mt - 2, The Minotaur - 1, Dean Bluff - 1, Paddys Nut - 1, The Little Horn - 1, Achilles - 3, Inglis - 3, Cheyne Ra. - 2, Perrins Bluff - 3, Little Hugel - 1, Oakleigh - 3, Pillinger - 2, Ida - 3, Horizontal Hill - 2, The Parthenon - 1, Pyramid Mt - 2, Back Pk - 1, Coal Hill - 2, Nereus - 4, Kate - 1, High Dome - 5, Remus - 2.

**WEST**

Frenchmans Cap - 7, Eldon Pk - 5, King William II - 3, King William I - 2, Milligans Pk - 1, Pitt - 1, Clytemnestra - 4, Philps Pk - 4, Murchison - 4, Eldon Bluff - 6, Lions Head - 1, Hobhouse - 1, Loddon Ra. - 3, Wentworth Hills - 1, Dome Hill - 2, Camp Hill - 1, Rocky Hill - 1, Jukes - 3, Castle Mt - 2, D'Arcy Bluff - 1, Sedgwick - 2, Owen - 1, Sorell - 3, Ronald Cross - 3, Last Hill - 1, Dundas - 2, King William III - 3, Tyndall - 2, Read - 1, Proprietary Pk - 1, Sharlands Pk - 2, Flat Bluff - 1, Geikie - 2, Pyramid Pk - 1, Sticht Ra - 2, Wards Bluff - 2, Raglan Ra. - 1, Granite Tor - 2, Darwin - 2, Mary - 2, Pearse - 2, Arrowsmith - 1, Walford Pk - 1, Sophia Pk - 2, Emma - 2, Romulus - 2, Black - 1, Victoria Pk - 1, Cripps - 1, Huxley - 2, Lyne - 3, Lyell - 1, Parsons Hood - 2, Cracroft Hills - 2, Alma - 2, Elliott Ra. - 2, Seal - 2, Canning Pk - 1, Ramsay - 2, Fincham - 2, Charter - 1, Agnew - 1, Strahan - 2, Meredith - 2, Livingstone - 2, South Darwin Pk - 1, Heemskirk - 2, Lee - 2, Farrell - 1, Zeehan - 1, Princess Ra. - 2, Nicholls Ra. - 1.

**MT. FIELD - MAYDENA**

Field West - 3, Naturalist Pk - 1, Florentine Pk - 2, Rodway Ra. - 1, Tyenna Pk - 2, Mawson - 1, The Watcher - 1, Field East - 2, Lord - 2, Lanes Pk - 1, Abbots L.O. - 1, Marriotts L.O. - 1, Dawson - 1, Lorkins L.O. - 2, Wherretts L.O. - 1.

**LAKE GORDON**

Wyls Craig - 3, Reeds Pk - 3, The Thumbs - 3, Bonds Craig - 3, Great Dome - 1, Shakespeare - 2, Clear Hill - 2, Conical Mt - 2, Wright - 3, Shining Mt - 2, The Spires - 6, Stepped Hills - 3, The Flame - 2, Innes High Rocky - 4, Algonkian Mt - 4, Humboldt - 6, The Pleiades - 3, White Pyramid - 2, Curly - 4, "Humboldt North" - 4, Diamond Pk - 8, Southern Cone - 2, The Camel - 2, North Star - 2, Centre Star - 2, South

Star - 1, Robert - 2, Ragged Ra. - 1, Sawback Ra. - 1, Olegas Bluff - 2.

**CENTRAL SOUTH-WEST**

Anne - 6, Eliza - 2, Sarah Jane - 3, Mueller - 2, Wedge - 2, Lot - 3, Schnells Ridge - 2, Lots Wife - 2, The Needles - 1, Sentinel Ra. - 2, Bowes - 2, Tim Shea - 1, Solitary - 3, The Coronets - 2, Helder - 2, Cawthorn - 1, Scotts Pk - 2.

**SOUTH**

Nevada Pk - 2, Snowy South - 2, Weld - 5, Picton - 3, Hartz Pk - 2, Pindars Pk - 5, Adamsons Pk - 3, Snowy North - 2, Snowy - 1, La Perouse - 4, The Calf - 1, Precipitous Bluff - 9, Victoria Cross - 4, Devils Backbone - 1, Bols - 5, Styx - 1, Wully - 3, Esperance Pk - 2, Burgess Bluff - 2, The Boomerang - 2, Chapman - 1, Mesa - 1, Bisdee - 4, Jubilee Ra. - 3, Alexandra - 2, The Hippo - 2, Frederick - 2, Riveaux - 4, Leilataeh - 3.

**ARTHUR RANGES**

Federation Pk - 10, Geeves Bluff - 2, West Portal - 5, Sirius - 3, Hayes - 3, Orion - 3, Procyon Pk - 3, Hesperus - 2, Scorpio - 2, The Phoenix - 2, Aldebaran - 3, Cahopus - 2, Columbia - 2, Dorado Pk - 3, Hopetoun - 4, "Pegasus South" - 2, The Gabies - 2, Capella Crags - 1, Capricorn - 3, Taurus - 2, Carina Pk - 1, Pegasus - 3, The Dial - 2, East Portal - 3, Shaula - 3.

**WILMOT - FRANKLAND RANGES**

Double Pk - 3, Sprent - 2, Coronation Pk - 6, Frankland Pk - 3, Secheron Pk - 2, The Cupola - 2, "Mt Lloyd Jones" - 2, The Lion - 2, Remote Pk - 2, Redtop Pk - 1, Cleft Pk - 1, The Citadel - 3, Murphys Bluff - 2, Greycap - 1, Koruna Pk - 2, Terminal Pk - 1.

**SOUTH-WEST**

Ironbound Ra. - 3, Greystone Bluff - 3, Folded Ra. - 2, Maconochie - 3, Norold - 3, Louisa - 3, Pollux - 2, Propsting Ra. - 2, Robinson - 2, Cinder Hill - 2, Corner Pk - 1, Provis Hills - 1, Giblin - 2, Ray Ra. - 2, Wombat Pk - 1, Stonehenge Pk - 1, Counsel - 3, Lewis - 2, Ripple Mt - 2, Rugby - 3, Sculptured Mt - 1, High Round Mt - 2, Castor - 1, Harrys Bluff - 2, Hean - 2, Wilson - 2, Braddon - 2, Legge - 2, Piners Pk - 1, South West Cape Ra. - 2, Berry - 2, Melaleuca - 2, Karamu - 1, New Harbour Ra. - 2.