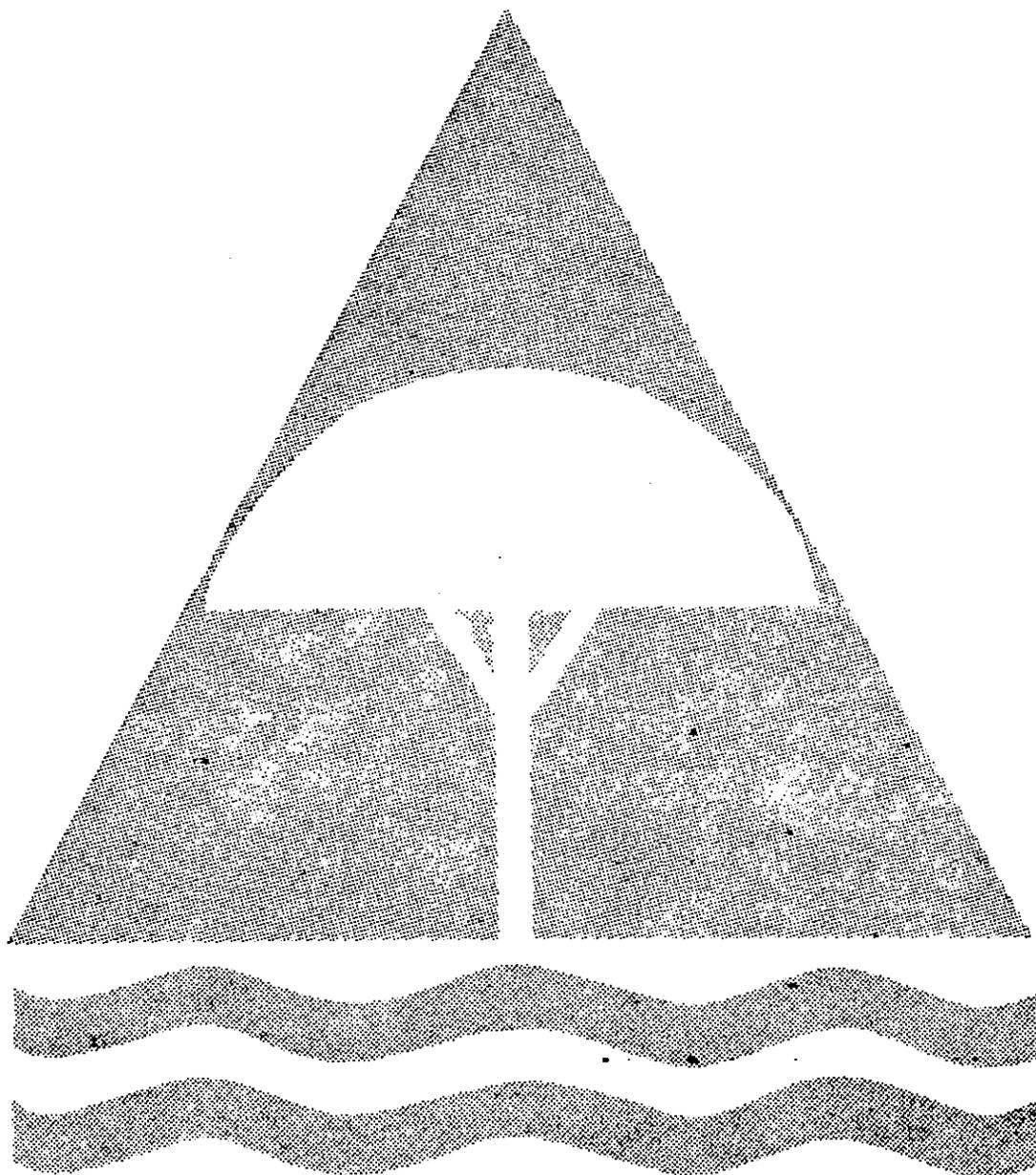


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AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- * Promotion of National Parks and of measures for the protection of fauna and flora, scenery and natural features in the Australian Capital Territory and elsewhere, and the reservation of specific areas.
- * Interest in the provision of appropriate outdoor recreation areas.
- * Stimulation of interest in, and appreciation and enjoyment of, such natural phenomena by organized field outings, meetings or any other means.
- * Co-operation with organizations and persons having similar interests and objectives.
- * Promotion of and education for nature conservation and the planning of land-use to achieve conservation.

EDITORIAL

Who would like to be an editor? Anyone who answers "Yes, I would" to that question, please step forward and be recognized. The reason for the question is that for various reasons the present editorial staff feel unable to do justice to the job and will stand down next year. So now is your chance - if you don't contact us, we may be forced to contact you!

Back to the trail bike issue. We've had a letter telling us how things look from "the other side". Personally I feel we ought to listen to the other side in all environmental questions - they often have very valid points or new and exciting ways of looking at problems and can provide new ways of solving them.

With no further ado, here is the letter.

"Some comments on trail-bikes in recent NPA Bulletins (March April May pp. 4-5 and September October November p.3) call for response. I am a member of the National Parks Association of the ACT and the Australian Conservation Foundation. I am both a bushwalker and a trail-bike rider and I do not consider myself a hypocrite.

"As the editor describes the rising costs of trail-bikes and riding as 'heartening', it seems apparent that he would like to see them priced out of existence. I would protest that trail-bike riding is a legitimate form of recreation enjoyed by a minority, and the effects of inflation on this activity are as deplorable as they are on any other.

"I would be the first to admit that the trail-bike riding fraternity has its share of irresponsibles. As implied in the Bulletin, unregistered bikes and unlicensed riders are against the law in public areas. Licensed riders on registered bikes are rightly entitled to use any public roads, including dirt roads which may happen to be impassable to conventional cars. Unfortunately, in the hands of an irresponsible rider, the trail-bike may become an environmentally-damaging tool due to its great versatility off road.

"The statement that the Stromlo Forest Trail-Bike Area is 'large enough to meet the needs of most trail-bike riders' shows a lack of understanding of the situation. One may as well say that the Black Mountain Reserve is large enough to meet the needs of most bushwalkers.

"With regard to the noise levels of trail-bikes, Australian Design Rule No. 28 relating to noise emission of motor vehicles states that, in order to qualify for the granting of a Compliance Plate, a motorcycle up to 500 cc. capacity (this includes all trail-bikes) must not exceed 84 decibels. Without a Compliance Plate, a machine available after 1 July 1975 cannot be registered.

"I hope I have cleared up some points here in trying to present a view from the 'other side'.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Puller"

One of the joys of being editor is that one can always have the last word. This means I can either jump to my own defence, or present my own arguments - unedited!

There are a few points that could be discussed here. First, the point that there are serious and responsible trail-bike riders is not disputed. The trail-bike is, after all, an agricultural tool and is also used by surveyors and naturalists. If it is not employed by bush rescue and fire fighters, then perhaps a good case could be made that it should. What most bushwalkers object to is the irresponsible use of trail-bikes. While it is not really proper to generalise, it does seem that it is the young rider (in some cases the very young rider) who has obviously been given a trail-bike by his parents and sent off into the bush near cities and parks ignorant of the damage he can do. Perhaps higher prices and education will help decrease this sort of abuse.

Another point is noise. While 84 decibels is the legal limit, a lot of people would feel that the law has made a mistake on this score. It is interesting to note one of the recommendations of the Third Report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation of March this year: the recommendation is that further research be done by the Department of Transport with a view to decreasing maximum noise limits imposed on motor bikes under ADR 28.

I would like to thank Kim Puller for giving us the "other viewpoint". Meeting people who hold other opinions and discussion notions held in common and finding ways to accommodate all needs is definitely better than shouting at each other as well as being less noisy!

D.B.M.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Are you a financial member? If you are, this message is not for you. If you are not, please renew your subscription soon, as this will be the last Bulletin sent to unfinancial members.

You can send your money to the Treasurer, or you can pay directly by coming to any General Meeting.

THE AYERS ROCK-MT OLGA AREA

The Ayers Rock-Mt Olga area of the Northern Territory has been declared a national park, to be named ULURU (the aboriginal name for the Rock), under the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1975. Previously, the area was a national park under the management of the Northern Territory Reserves Board. It is the first national park for which the Federal Government has assumed full responsibility, and authority will be vested in the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Professor J.D. Ovington. The area is 132,000 ha.

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PARKS COUNCIL FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Conference was held at Belair in the Adelaide Hills on the week-end of 13-14 August. As Councillors were in residence, there was ample time to discuss ideas which were not necessarily on the formal agenda.

A highlight was the announcement by the W.A. delegate of the formation of the Western Australian National Parks Association.

A proposal that unallotted Crown Lands in the S.A. Ninety Mile Desert be reserved to adjoin the Big Desert in Victoria was adopted by Council on the recommendation of the Nature Conservation Society of S.A., supported by Victoria. This item was reported in the Adelaide Advertiser on the Monday morning.

The Tasmanian Conservation Trust introduced a recommendation for a Maatsuyker Island National Park (an article will appear in a later Bulletin).

The Queensland NPA focussed attention on the need for national parks on Cape York peninsula and along the Scenic Rim near Brisbane, and for marine national parks. Their recommendations were accepted by Council.

The Victorian NPA delegate supplied information on the success of the Land Conservation Council of Victoria. After discussion only the N.S.W. Councillor felt that such a Council would be relevant in his State. (Subsequently the N.S.W. Government announced that it had set up a Committee of Inquiry with a view to forming such a Council.)

The ACT put forward proposals for World Heritage Areas, woodchip policy and Antarctica.

The NPA of N.S.W. put forward proposals on a number of items including Kakadu National Park and a Cameron's Corner National Park.

Paul Barnes (NPA OF NSW) was re-elected President. His experience and leadership have been invaluable in building the ANPC into what we believe is a worthwhile national organization. Darryl Hawke (NPA of ACT) was re-elected Secretary, and Keith Jarrott (QNPA) Treasurer.

An advertisement of the ANPC in The Bulletin, coinciding with the series of articles on Australian national parks, was an idea of the Fourth Conference. Numerous enquiries have already been received from people interested in joining member bodies.

Following the Conference some Councillors had a two-hour discussion with the SA Minister for the Environment, and paid visits to the Department of the Environment and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

I. S. HARRIS

U.N.E. ECOFEST

Macquarie Marshes. 1977.

When I say that I have just returned from a Bird-watching School on the Macquarie Marshes, people either ask me "What's that?" or "Where is it?" or more often both.

It is a great flat endless plain through which the Macquarie River and its billabongs and tributaries curl and wind in a vast network of waterways as they proceed northwards to join the Darling. A great spot both for water birds and bush birds and a noted breeding area.

Something more than 300 miles from Canberra we arrived at Sandy Camp and met the organisers from the University of New England. Our base was the shearing shed and shearers' quarters and our hosts, Arthur and Sue Robertson, owners of Sandy Camp, a freehold property of 80,000 acres when reasonably dry, but only about 20,000 when a big flood comes down.

I had heard that modern shearers live in near luxury. Not so at Sandy Camp; but the showers were hot and laughter is a great smoother of obstacles and of that we had plenty.

It may not seem at first to be fun to thrash round in the back of a Land-rover, with Sue driving like crazy over the lumpy bumpy paddocks, but it does give you a good idea of the marshes as well as a big selection of bruises. Better to drift down the Macquarie in a Canadian canoe, dipping a paddle now and then. That is until within two minutes of our destination at Sinclair's Hut the worst rain storm in history hit us.

The hut has a roof and a floor and four walls of fly wire, and some had elected to stay there all night to bird watch at dawn. Twenty-five miles from camp and the land was going under water fast. It did not auger well for the car that was to bring the bedding and the food.

It finally arrived, the young driver having had an awful trip. He had a worse one going back, after having loaded some aged and infirm (like me) and a local to guide him to the passable tracks. Three and a half hours, innumerable boggings, a flat tyre and water in the electrical system later, we got home. This enlightened us about the famous black soil plains. When the mud gets so thick on the tyres that they stick to the mudguards, you get out and with big sticks try to push it off.

The rescue craft, a big four wheel drive vehicle, passed us on its way out to try to bring in the other 11 people. We arrived together at camp at ten past nine to find it under water. One man boasted of having slept on his li-lo as it floated round the tent!

Pigs abound and so do very large red-bellied black snakes. Sue drew her revolver and debated whether to shoot a big pig or not for fear of frightening some of us. The snakes one simply walks around.

By this time the number of birds seen and the amount of assorted experience made pretty impressive totals, and when next day dawned bright and sunny, we went off to watch the Spotted Bower Bird work on his bower.

For further colourful details, contact Ian and Jean Currie, Cla and Rose Allen, Sheila Kruse, Eathorne Hanlin, Jocelyn Long or Bea Holt.

B.H.

NATIONAL PARKS APPEAL

For the past seven years, the National Parks & Wildlife Foundation (NSW), has successfully conducted appeals to raise funds with which to help preserve our National Heritage.

During this period, thanks to the help of many thousands of volunteers, it has been possible to allocate more than \$1.7 million to the following:

- Expansion of the National Park System
- Protection of threatened, unique flora and fauna habitats
- Preservation of historic sites
- Improvement of recreational facilities and amenities
- Additional scientific research

The Foundation's aim is to continue with this task of raising money for such purposes because it sincerely believes that this and future generations will eventually acknowledge the validity of this action.

In 1978, National Parks & Wildlife Week will run from 27 February to 5 March.

NATIONAL PARKS APPEAL continued

On 5 March the Foundation will be operating the Annual Door-Knock Appeal and Volunteer Chairmen are urgently needed to help with the Appeal in the A.C.T.

Those interested in offering their services to the Foundation in this way, can obtain further details by contacting the Foundation's local representative, Gordon Dickens, on 88-7006 after 6 p.m. week days or any time at weekends.

LOW IMPACT CAMPING

Parks in America are experiencing a problem that hardly existed only ten years ago. The problem is over-use of wilderness areas. In the mid-1960's as park camping areas became more crowded, people began turning away toward remote back country regions. In such areas campfire scars, debris and worn footpaths are increasingly visible. For instance, between 1966 and 1976, there was a 730 per cent increase of wilderness use in the Rocky Mountain National Park. In one year 40,000 people used one trail in New Hampshire's Pemigewasset Wilderness and camping and campfires had to be restricted.

This could be the future pattern in Australia: what can be done about it? According to the May issue of National Wildlife, there are two possibilities: one is to impose camping restrictions by limiting numbers or prohibiting various activities, and the other is to educate campers to be "low impact" users.

How does one become a low impact camper?

1. Begin at home. Do you know all the limitations imposed on the area you intend to visit, i.e. do you need a permit, how far from a road must you be to legally camp, are fires allowed, where can you park your vehicle, etc.? Are you properly equipped? If you don't know what to take, you're not ready to visit wilderness areas.
2. Protect the campsite. Look for areas that show no signs of previous use and leave it in the same condition so others will not be attracted to camp there, move camp every few days to avoid excessive trampling, avoid digging any more than is absolutely necessary, and replace logs and rocks which you may need to move.
3. Use a lightweight stove. If you must have a fire, keep it as small as possible, and remove the top three or four inches of soil which can be replaced when you shift camp.

4. What about a toilet? A single large latrine is better than several smaller ones; once again remove the top soil to replace when you leave.
5. Garbage disposal. If you have a fire, burn as much as you can and carry out the rest. Try to be package conscious before you set out.
6. What about your dog? Leave him at home: no matter how careful you are, your impact is higher if you take your pets with you.

LOCAL NEWS

Meeting of Conservation Societies. Conservation societies in Bega, Cooma, Goulburn, Woollongong and Canberra, were invited to send representatives to a meeting in Canberra on Sunday, 4 September. The organisers of the meeting felt the time was now ripe for a combined and concerted effort by conservation groups in the Southern Tablelands region to secure an appropriate proportion and cross-section of the region as viable reserves. NPA was represented by Darryl Hawke, Gordon Dickens and Beatrice Holt. A media release stated that ten conservation groups had met as "the South East Region Conservation Council". NPA participation in such a Council will be considered when formal minutes of the meeting have been received.

Application for Government grant. The Committee has applied for an administrative support grant of \$2,000 from the Department of the Environment, Housing and Community Development.

West Murrumbidgee development. Members will doubtless have read the letters from the President to the Canberra Times, published on 3 September and 5 October, commenting on NCDC's "Structure Plan for West Murrumbidgee, Tuggeranong".

"Wilderness in Australia". The Committee has purchased a number of copies of the Helman Report (Helman, James Pigram, Smith: UNE publication, 1977) for resale to members at General Meetings. Price is \$5.00.

CONCERN OVER SPREAD OF NATIONAL PARKS

At the August meeting of the Imlay Shire Council, Councillor Gill made reference to the six-fold increase in area of Myall Lakes National Parks which he said had taken in farmland.

In support the Council passed a resolution to write to the NSW Government expressing its concern over the spread of national parks and recommending that no more land be acquired for national parks until the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service could effectively look after and maintain its existing parks. (Abridged version of Bega Times article of 31.8.77.)

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Some time ago one of our members queried the necessity for minutes to be read at General Meetings. The Committee, having ascertained that there was no legal requirement for minutes to be read, put the following suggestions to the August General Meeting:

- a) that minutes be taken, as usual;
- b) that the minutes be presented to the Committee at its next meeting, for acceptance - or correction if necessary - and signature by the President. (Or they could be signed at the next General Meeting without being read if members preferred this);
- c) that a signed copy of the minutes be available at the next General Meeting for members to peruse;
- d) that the customary "Committee Report" at General Meetings contain a paragraph stating that minutes of the previous meeting had been accepted by the Committee and reporting any topics discussed or directions given - or that there had been no discussion from the floor.

It was moved at the August meeting that a decision be deferred until after due notice had been given to all members through the Bulletin.

Comments, please.

J.M.K.

NEW MEMBERS

M.J. Bowles (Std, Sydney); Cathy & John Busby; Robert Carveth; Judy & Tony Corp and family; Helen & Bruce Drake and family; Richard Johnson and family; Claire and Bob Lewis and family; Mary Newport; Brig. J.J. Shelton; Rudolf Urech (Std); David Wall (Std); Peter & Kim Hegarty; Gerald & Jacqueline Ingarfield and family; Helen & John Thompson; Ian Wright; Mr & Mrs J. Slobber and family; Veronica David; Mrs Rasma Bandle and Andrew Bandle.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Mr & Mrs J. Anderson; Fiona & Morag Brand; Mr & Mrs C. Barker; Mr & Mrs John Banks; Prof. & Mrs D. Brown; Olive Buckman; Mrs H. Clark; Mr & Mrs George Chippendale; Dr P. Cooper; Mrs Jenny Czajor; Mr & Mrs J. Doyle; Barbara Graham; Margaret Middleton; Adrienna Hardham; Mr & Mrs R. Hegarty; John & Kath Holtzapffel; Brian & Pat Hammond; Mr & Mrs Ken Kerrison; Prof. E. Koch-Emery; Mr & Mrs D. Moss; Mr & Mrs J. Marshall; Mr & Mrs P. Marsh; Mary McDonnell; Mr & Mrs K. Paijmans; Mr & Mrs D. Reid; Dr Robert & Sybel Story; Brig. J. Shelton; Mr & Mrs N. Trudinger; Sir Fred & Lady White; Norma Price. (Incomplete.)

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY

Anything can happen in a tropical rain forest. In Panama some tiny fruitflies have taken to living on the backs of a web-building spider. They get their food from the bodies of other insects the fly has caught and it is obviously highly rewarding to warrant such a dangerous life style. As the biologist who discovered them writes, "their behaviour requires extremely accurate landing, with any error likely to be fatal."

FOR SALE AT CASEREC

The Canberra and South-East Region Environment Centre, "E" Block, Childers Street, Canberra City (47-3064) is selling the Tasmanian Wilderness Calendar (\$4), wildlife posters (Tasmanian & N.S.W.), Kakadu posters, kites and T-shirts.

N P A OUTINGS

DECEMBER

3rd-4th, Saturday-Sunday

Jagungal: Pack Walk

Ref: Kosciusko 1:100,000

This area includes some of the least frequented country of the Kosciusko National Park, and has points of outstanding interest. Jagungal, although only 168 m lower than Kosciusko, is an isolated crag, and thus a splendid sight from distant vantage points, resplendent white in winter, dark and forbidding in summer. From the summit a magnificent panorama is available: to the south Kosciusko and the Main Range; to the east the Munyang Range, the ACT mountains and the Monaro; to the north Tabletop, Round Mountain and Tumut Valley, and to the west, the Dargals and in the distance the Murray River.

Walking: medium/hard

Distance: approx. 30 km total.

A Friday night departure from Canberra is necessary to enable an early start for the walk on Saturday. The meeting place will be arranged at a time and place convenient to intending walkers. Please phone the leader to discuss arrangements.

Leaders: Philip and Neville Esau 864176.

N P A OUTINGS

DECEMBER continued

4th, Sunday

Hurdle Creek: Walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Beginning near the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve entrance the route of this walk follows a track up the gently rising foothills of the Tidbinbilla Range to meet Hurdle Creek, which rises on the eastern slopes of the Range. A short walk up the left hand branch of the track beyond Hurdle Creek enables a little height to be gained and a splendid lunch spot over-looking the Paddy's River Valley.

Walking: easy

Distance: 7 km total.

Meet at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve entrance at 10 a.m.

Leader: G. Snelgrove 547370

11th, Sunday

Gibraltar Peak - Woods Recreation Reserve

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BARBECUE/WALK

As a variation on the usual Christmas outing, a barbecue and walk will be combined this year, members attending either or both as the mood takes. The walk will commence at Woods Recreation Reserve on the Corin Dam Road, and climb through both pine and native forest to Gibraltar Peak. The walking is very pleasant, partly on track and partly through lightly timbered slopes, and there are no very steep grades. Sweeping views over the Paddy's River Valley and the Tidbinbilla Valley and Range are the reward for the effort in walking to the summit.

The barbecue will be held in the recreation reserve commencing at approx. 4 p.m., although members may care to arrive earlier. The usual activities will precede and conclude the barbecue: singing, sampling the President's mulled wine etc. wine, cheese, and biscuits will be provided.

Walking: easy

Distance: 6 km total

Walk: Meet at recreation reserve at 10 a.m.

Barbecue: Meet at recreation reserve from 3 p.m. onwards

Leaders: Walk: Red Alder 542240

Barbecue: Ian Currie 958112

JANUARY

15th, Sunday

Swamp Creek: Walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Swamp Creek joins the Murrumbidgee River at Uriarra Crossing. The proposed walk is along Swamp Creek (upstream) for approx. 4 km to a suitable swimming hole.

N P A OUTINGS

JANUARY continued

Walking: easy
Distance: 8 km total
Meet at Uriarra Crossing at 10 a.m.
Leader: Hela Lindemann 864926

22nd, Sunday

Shoalhaven River: walk/swim

Beginning at the Warri Bridge on the Bungendore-Braidwood road, one may walk/swim/li-lo down stream for approx. 2 km to a small gorge which makes a pleasant lunch spot.

Walking: easy
Distance: 4 km total
Meet at Warri Bridge car park at 10 a.m. approx. 80 km from Canberra by road.
Leader: Neville Esau 864176

28th-30th, Saturday-Monday

Long Plain: Camp

Ref: Tantangara 1:100,000

Activities for this weekend will include swimming, caves visits (at Yarrangobilly) and walks in the Cooleman area.

Walking: easy
Distances: various (up to 10 km)
Meet at the junction of the Rules Pt road and the Snowy Mountains Highway at 10.30 a.m. Approx. 3 hrs driving from Canberra via Coomba and Kiandra. (There are alternative routes - see appropriate maps)
Leader: John Webster 476769

FEBRUARY

5th, Sunday

Big Hole/Marble Arch: walk

Ref: Araluen 1:50,000

Another expedition to view these features on the Shoalhaven River.

Meet at the junction of Krawarree Road and Captains Flat - Braidwood Road, at 9.30 a.m. (1³/₄ hrs from Canberra).

Walking: easy/medium
Distance: 3 km each way to Big Hole and 8 km each way to Marble Arch
Leader: Leigh McClintock 863786

NPA OUTINGS

FEBRUARY continued

12th, Sunday

Moonlight Hollow: walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Distance: approx. 10 km

Walking: easy

Meet at Bulls Head (shelter shed) at 9.30 a.m.: approx. 1½ hrs driving from Canberra.

Leader: Lyn Richardson 412425

18th-19th, Saturday-Sunday

Sawpit Creek: camp or pack walk

Ref: Kosciusko 1:100,000

Local walks in KNP (many alternatives to choose from)

Walking: easy

Distances: up to 10 km

Meet at Visitors' Centre (Sawpit Creek) at 11 a.m.: approx. 3 hrs driving from Canberra.

Leader: Ian Currie 958107(W); 958112(H)

Pack walk starting from Guthega going into the Jagungal wilderness area via Schlink Pass.

Walking: medium - distance up to 30 km

Meet at Visitors' Centre at 10 a.m. A Friday night start to allow extra walking time is being discussed; please contact the leader if interested.

Leader: Pat Mitchell 473264

** Week-end accommodation may be available at the Canberra Alpine Club Chalet at Perisher Valley. If any member wishes to avail themselves of this facility, please contact JULIE HENRY 485130 for details **

26th, Sunday

Shanahan's Mtn: walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

This is a walk which is very easy and approx. 1 hour walking time through open forest to the top of Shanahan's Mountain. From there a beautiful view to the Tinderry Mountains to the north-east and the higher mountains in the Kosciusko National Park to the west, not to forget Mt Clear nearby to the south south-east can be enjoyed. This really easy walk should be a good starter for "future bushwalkers wanting to get to the top".

Meet at Gudgenby Crossing beyond Glendale at 10 a.m.

Leader: Hela Lindemann 864926

N P A OUTINGS

MARCH

4th, Saturday

Kambah-Pine Island: Walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

An easy afternoon stroll along the Murrumbidgee River, finishing with an evening barbecue at Pine Island.

Walking: easy

Distance: 6 km

Meet at Pine Island at 1.30 p.m.: a car shuffle will be arranged to avoid double walking

Leader: Penny Hebbard 814070

4th-5th, Saturday-Sunday

The Castle: pack walk

Ref: C.M.W.

Walking: medium

Distance: 25 km

Meet at Yadborough at 9.30 a.m.

Leader: R. Story 912174

11th-13th, Saturday-Monday

Dubbo Hill: camp

Ref: Brindabella 1:100,000

Local walks (and blackberry picking)

Walking: easy, up to 10 km

Meet at Brindabella Bridge at 10 a.m.: approx. 2 hrs driving from Canberra

Leader: Lyn Richardson 412425

12th, Sunday

Honeysuckle Creek Area: walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Meet at 10 a.m. at the carpark of Honeysuckle Tracking Station - 45 mins. driving from Canberra. Distance of the walk is approx. 8 km return.

We commence right from the carpark to the west and gradually climb along a ridge to the top. It will not take more than 1½ hrs from the start to reach the rocky top, from where there is a beautiful view over Orroral Valley to Mt McKeahnie in the foreground and further on Mt Gingera and Mt Ginini. The return walk will be easy but slightly more in a northerly direction. So come on "potential mountaineers"!

Walking: easy/medium

Distance: 8 km return

Leader: Hela Lindemann 864926

N P A OUTINGS

MARCH continued

19th, Sunday

Sentry Box: walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Meet at Naas Creek on Boboyan Road at 9.00 a.m.: approx. 1½ hrs driving from Canberra (see ACF map for details)

Walking: easy/medium

Distance: 15 km total

Leader: Charles Hill 958924

Sheep Station Creek: walk

Meet at Naas Creek on Boboyan Road at 9.30 a.m.

Walking: easy

Distance: 8 km total

Leader: Trevor Plumb 813258

24th-25th, Friday-Monday - EASTER

Saltwater Creek: camp/or pack walk

Ref: Eden 1:100,000

From the camp site there will be local walks in the Ben Boyd National Park and (perhaps) the Nadgee Nature Reserve. Walking is very easy and pleasant along mostly coastal heath land. A two day (Saturday-Sunday) pack-walk south to the Merica River will be arranged, starting and finishing at the main camp.

Walking: easy, distance approx. 25 km

Meet at Eden (on the corner where the Pacific Highway turns sharp right) at 10.30 am

Leader: John Webster 476769

APRIL

2nd, Sunday

North Tinderry: walk

Ref: Michelago 1:100,000

Walking: medium/hard

Distance: 14 km total

Meet at Michelago at 8.45 a.m. for 9 a.m. departure

Leader: Peter Judge

N P A OUTINGS

APRIL continued

9th, Sunday

Mt Tennant: walk

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Walking: easy
Distance: 11 km total
Leader: Gillian O'Loghlin

For those who would prefer a direct approach to the mountain, a second party will attempt the walk up the south ridge.

Walking: medium
Distance: 12 km
Leader: Lyn Richardson

Both parties: meet at Tharwa (near the bridge) at 9 a.m.

15th-16th, Saturday-Sunday

Mt Franklin: camp

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Accommodation for this weekend will be in the Canberra Alpine Club Chalet on the slopes of Mt Franklin; local walks (including the much postponed Ginini-Gingera walk) will be arranged.

Walking: easy/medium
Distance: up to 12 km
Meet at the Franklin Chalet at 10.30 a.m.
Leader: Neville Esau 864176

23rd, Sunday

Ref: A.C.T. 1:100,000

Mt McKeahnie: exploratory walk

Walking: medium
Distance: up to 20 km
Meet at Smokers Flat (on Corin Dam Road) at 9.15 a.m. (approx. 1½ hrs driving from Canberra)
Leader: Charles Hill 958924

At alternative shorter walk in the same area will also be arranged.

Walking: easy
Distance: up to 8 km total
Leader: Les Pyke 812982

GENERAL MEETINGS

at 8.00 p.m. in Room 1, Griffin Centre
Bunda Street, Civic

DECEMBER: No meeting

JANUARY: No meeting

FEBRUARY, 16th:

MR A.M. FOX, formerly Education Officer, National
Parks and Wildlife Service of N.S.W., now with
Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service,
will talk about -

"INLAND NATIONAL PARKS"

National Parks Association outings summary

DECEMBER

3 Saturday -	Jagungal	Pack walk
4 Sunday		
4 Sunday	Hurdle Creek	Walk
11 Sunday	Gibraltar Peak - Woods Recreation Reserve	Christmas Barbecue/walk

JANUARY

15 Sunday	Swamp Creek	Walk
22 Sunday	Shoalhaven River	Walk/swim
28 Saturday -		
30 Monday	Long Plain	Camp

FEBRUARY

5 Sunday	Big Hole/Marble Arch	Walk
12 Sunday	Moonlight Hollow	Walk
18 Saturday -		
19 Sunday	Sawpit Creek	Camp/ Pack walk
26 Sunday	Shanahan's Mountain	Walk

MARCH

4 Saturday	Kambah-Pine Island	Walk
4 Saturday -		
5 Sunday	The Castle	Pack walk
11 Saturday -		
13 Monday	Dubbo Hill	Camp
12 Sunday	Honeysuckle Creek Area	Walk
19 Sunday	Sentry Box Sheep Station Creek	Walk
24 Friday -	EASTER	Camp/
27 Monday	Saltwater Creek	Pack walk

APRIL

2 Sunday	North Tinderry	Walk
9 Sunday	Mt Tennant	Walk
15 Saturday -		
16 Sunday	Mt Franklin	Camp
23 Sunday	Mt McKeahnie	Walk