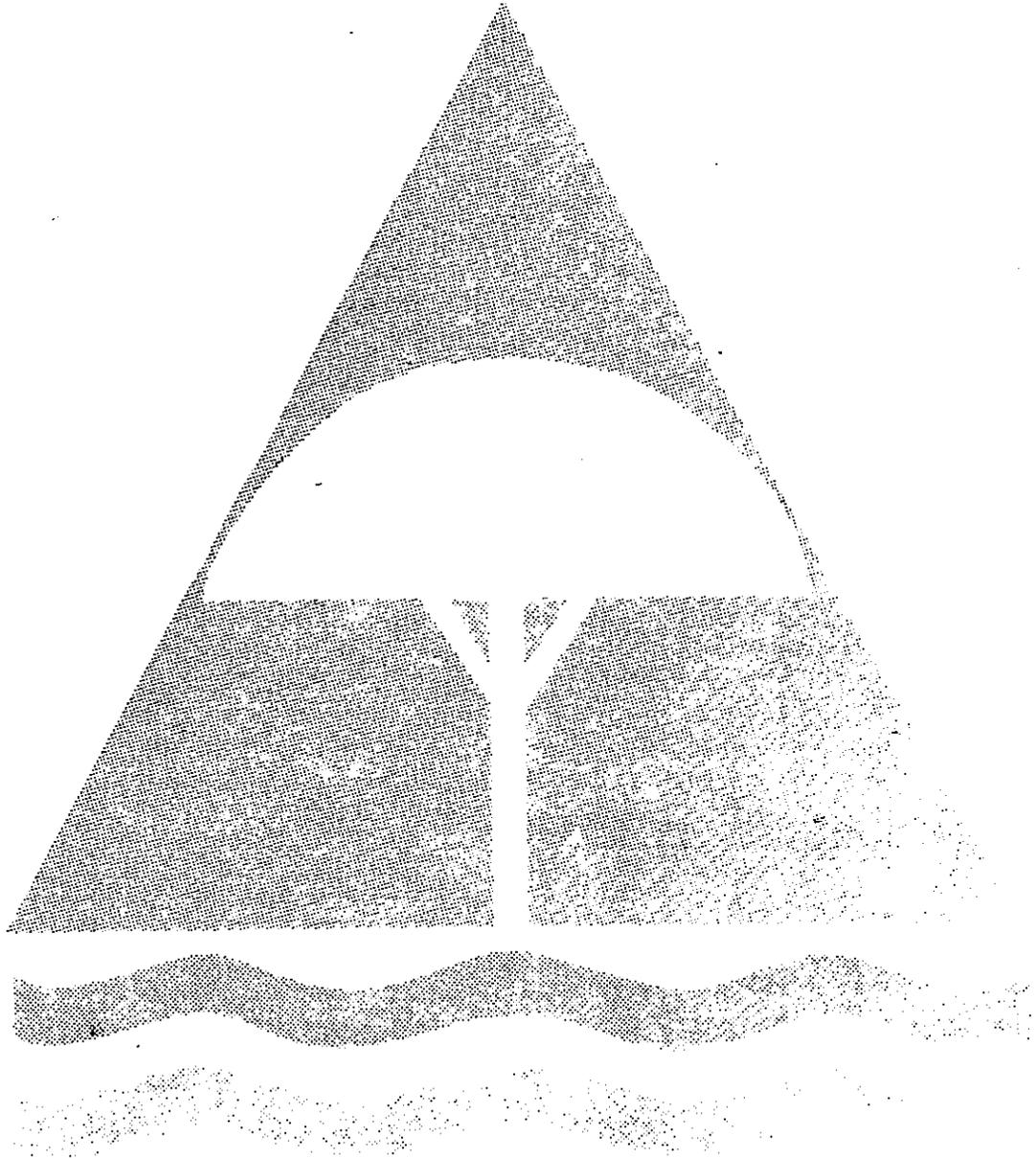


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AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- * 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

Incredible though it seems, another year has passed and it is Annual General Meeting time again. We hope everyone who can attend this vital meeting in our calendar will do so.

The various steps taken in producing the Bulletin are aimed at getting it into your mailboxes by the first week of the stated month. There have been cases where a member has not received a copy due to either clerical errors, wrong addresses or going astray within the postal system. Anyone who does not receive a Bulletin by the end of the first week of March, June, September or December should ring the Secretary who will send them a copy.

It was reported in the press recently that the World Wildlife Fund will set up a branch in Australia. Funds donated to this worthy cause will help in attempts to preserve endangered species both in Australia and overseas.

N.H.M.

ECOFEST '78

The University of New England is continuing its series of Ecofest schools into 1978. Those interested in participating should try to enrol early to ensure a place. The address is UNE Continuing Education, P.O. Box 591, Tamworth, NSW 2340.

The trips certainly sound interesting. Mt Kaputar 3-5 June, to study the flora and experience wilderness camping (adult \$30, couple \$45, family \$60). Pappinbarra field study centre, 30 September to 2 October. This is an area 30 km from Wauchope in the mid-North coast of N.S.W. (adult \$45, couple \$70, family \$90). Barrington Tops National Park 16-17 December - and on to 19th for those interested. This school will study the diverse fauna and flora of the region. Finally there is a Nature Photography school, 18-22 September. This is a workshop aimed at basic aspects and also special interests. It will be held at a centre on the foreshores of Burrendong Dam near Dubbo. Enrolment forms and further details are available from the above address.

NANCY BURBIDGE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Australian Systematic Botany Society is to establish a Memorial Lecture in memory of Dr Nancy Burbidge. The lecture will be delivered as part of either the botanical programme of ANZAAS Congresses or General Meetings ASBS. The lecturer will be invited to speak on any aspect of the Australian flora, thereby honouring Dr Burbidge's substantial contribution to knowledge of Australian flora.

NANCY BURBIDGE MEMORIAL LECTURE Continued

Any person who wishes to make a donation to ASBS funds for this purpose is invited to do so. Cheques should be made out to 'Australian Systematic Botany Society', should be accompanied by a note stating that the amount enclosed is for the Nancy Burbidge Memorial Lecture, and should be sent to the Treasurer, C/o Herbarium Australiense, CSIRO, P.O. Box 1600, Canberra City, 2601.

The Committee proposes that the June General Meeting should discuss whether the Association should make a donation to the Memorial Lecture or whether it should reserve its contributions for a specific NPA memorial; if the latter, what form such a memorial might take. Individual members may, in any case, wish to contribute to the ASBS memorial. The Committee would also like to hear the views of members not likely to attend the June meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 July, at 8 p.m. in Room 1, in the Griffin Centre, Civic.

Business:

- * To receive from the Committee a report on the affairs of the Association, together with the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 1978.
- * To elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer and six members of Committee.
- * To appoint an Auditor.
- * To transact any business which may properly be brought before the meeting.

Nominations are called for the twelve positions listed above. Nominations in writing should be signed by the proposer, the seconder and the nominee, and should be in the hands of the Secretary before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

THE CARNARVON EXPEDITION - PART 2

At Boomi Creek, near Mungindi, beside a picturesque waterhole, we made the first of several roadside camps. Later, on warm Queensland nights and on very hard, dry ground, many of us gave up the struggle with tent poles and pegs, and enjoyed camping under the stars. From Mungindi we drove via St George to Mitchell, with the streets planted with huge old bottle trees. From St George it

was real outback driving - mostly on gravel roads with patches of bull dust; all credit to our drivers who negotiated these without bogging down completely!

Our first goal was the scenic road along the Dividing Range at the back of Carnarvon Gorge. On the lower slopes of the range in the Mt Moffat area there has been a great deal of rock erosion over the centuries. Here and there great isolated monoliths remain - Lot's Wife and Cathedral Rock (whose sides show regular fissuring resembling masonry) and more split and weathered formations - The Chimneys and the magnificent Marlong Arch, some 10 m. high with a span of perhaps 25 m. Most of these are quite near the road. They appear to be mostly a rather soft, white sandstone; it is a little surprising that they have remained when the rest of the rocks have disappeared.

Also in this area are The Tombs, the caves in the upper part of which were aboriginal burial places. Beneath the overhang at one side there is an unusually good display of aboriginal 'stencil painting' - mostly hands, with some boomerangs and animal tracks and one full length human figure.

We made camp that night just short of the end of the road, the last 2 or 3 km. of which was judged too steep and rough for our vehicles. Just below us were lovely views to the S.E. and next morning we looked N. and N.E. into the Carnarvon Gorge area. This is Kenniff country - perhaps the most famous of the Queensland bushrangers; their hideaway cave can be reached from the road, and from several points one can see the 'camel's hump' range which was their lookout.

To reach the entrance to Carnarvon Gorge we had to make a wide semi-circle via Injune. It was bushfire weather, and as we came nearer to the mountain wall we saw alarmingly widespread smokes rising. However, the road in and the gorge itself was clear, and a timely rainstorm during the night put out the fires in the neighbouring ravines.

The camping area was a beautiful spot in the valley floor near the creek, among macrozamia, Livistona palms and tall eucalypts. Tame grey kangaroos with joey in pouch roamed about and, after dark, tents were likely to be invaded by foraging brushtail possums.

This is very rugged country, with frequently two and occasionally three terraces of sheer sandstone cliffs below the basalt caps of the higher plateaux. These sandstone beds are part of the intake system of the Great Artesian Basin; Carnarvon Creek springs from these, so has never been known to run dry. Various groups explored the main and side tracks for the length of the gorge including the Amphitheatre. After 9 creek crossings, 2 steel vertical ladders lead into a narrow crevice beyond which is an area of tall grass and low shrubs backed by cliffs. Far back there is what in a rainy season would be a considerable waterfall. In another lovely side gorge are the Moss Gardens, a cool place of tree ferns, smaller ferns, elk horns and many kinds of moss.

The wider parts of the gorge are fairly open forest with thick brown kangaroo grass, darling pea, red inkweed, blue borage, mauve and yellow hibiscus.

THE CARNARVON EXPEDITION Continued

On a tree trunk near the path a flower head of a saprophytic orchid (*Galleola*) was seen, and further up the gorge, rock lilies (*Dendrobium speciosum*). Above the Aljon Falls in a narrow side gorge there was a colony of the rare *Angiopteris* tree fern. The *Livistona* palms were in full flower.

Carnarvon is a place of birds. As well as the shouting flocks of rainbow lorikeets among the gum blossoms, the kookaburras which came looking for handouts and the little pied cormorant on his favourite rock by the creek, grey shrike thrush, rufous and white throated warblers, restless and brown flycatchers, yellow robin, olive backed oriole, peaceful dove, blue faced and scarlet honeyeaters, red winged parrot, red backed and purple backed wrens, scrub wren, golden bronze cockoo, white throated and brown tree creepers, red browed finch, spotted pardalote and brown goshawk were seen in the gorge and on the plains outside a small flock of bustard.

Our return was back to Injune, then via Roma, Chinchilla, Glen Innis, Armidale, down the steep, winding Old Kempsey Road through magnificent forest country, Maitland and up the Puttee Road to Wallacia, arriving back in Canberra on Monday, 3 October.

Both Warrumbungle and Carnarvon National Parks, we found, are visited especially during the spring term by coach loads of school children, as part of their science programme. In both areas the park rangers co-operate through talks, planning help, and sometimes slide shows. Both men were willing to talk with us around the camp fire about their work, its interest and problems - somewhat different in each area. At Warrumbungle they are in the midst of the 1080 and the kangaroo export controversies. At Carnarvon there was the problem created by a privately owned and so not controllable tourist lodge right at the entrance to the park; there is also the problem of too little money and inadequate staff overseeing a large area. Setting aside wilderness and national park areas is, at least sometimes, good politics; making adequate provision for their care and maintenance may be something else again.

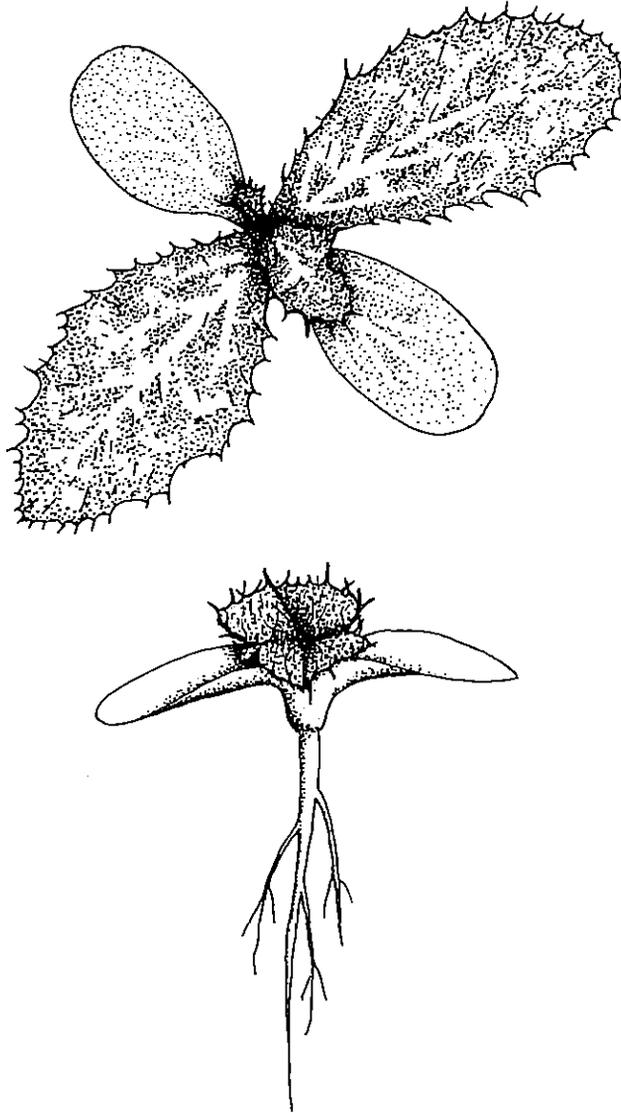
Violet Poeknaïi

MORE MISTLETOE

Our last issue had an article on mistletoes. This prompted a letter from Molly O'Neill, one paragraph of which follows. Observations of this sort are not only interesting in their own right but sometimes can result in stimulating new ideas or discoveries. Anyone else seeing unusual plants, animals or other natural phenomena could drop a brief note to the *Bulletin*. After all, one of the aims of the Association is the stimulation of interest in nature.

'A few years ago I was travelling across the Gibson Desert, and came across a tree *Hakea*, which has long, hanging clusters of orange-yellow flowers, and needle-like leaves. On this was growing a Mistletoe, whose leaves had taken on the exact needle shape of those of its host, and could only be distinguished by its slightly lighter, bluish colour. Also, it was in flower, with small, trumpet shaped red and green flowers, so that apparently the tree had two different flowers. There were a few of the characteristic white berries of the Mistletoe.'

COTYLEDONS



Cotyledons are the seed lobes or the first leaves of the embryo, to be observed by dissecting the seed or watching germination.

The Class Monocotyledonae have only one cotyledon and the Class Dicotyledonae have two (rarely more). Currently to be noted germinating in the field, and clearly exemplifying these two cotyledons is the 'variegated thistle' - *Silybum marianum* (L.) Gaertn. It is an introduced species now common in waste areas and roadsides and pasture.

Note also that the seedling demonstrates the tap-root system and reticulate venation, typical of the Dicotyledonae.

Helen Hewson-Friend

PROBLEMS AT YOSEMITE

Yosemite National Park in America is world famous for its scenic wonders. In a sense this fame is also its undoing as according to *National Wildlife* Oct/Nov 1977 the park is facing serious problems.

A master plan which has taken three years and more than \$US1,000,000 to produce is scheduled to be released soon. No one is certain what the recommendations will be but one thing seems sure: planners want to cut back on the number of visitors allowed into the park each day.

The roots of the problem go back to 1872 when Congress established the first national park and included a provision that private enterprise should provide visitor services. This has led to the current paradox: more visitors bring in more revenue but lead to deterioration of the park and less enjoyment for visitors.

Yosemite Valley has nearly 1,200 permanent and seasonal buildings, everything from hotels to a beauty shop and a bank. This network of shops and accommodation became a magnet attracting more and more people till by the mid-1960s it had become a hybrid playground and resort. Camp grounds became so crowded that it was nearly an urban experience. The crime report for one year listed 2 manslaughters, 5 rapes, 36 assaults, 622 larcenies and 465 traffic accidents. On 4 July 1970 America's first park riot occurred when rangers tried to oust people who had camped away from the designated overcrowded areas. That day saw 174 arrests.

Steps taken to date to ease the situation are clearly marked-off camping sites, one-way roads and shuttle buses, but the crowds are still coming. Meantime the master plan is being considered and it is certain that the recommendations will arouse protest from one or more of the interested parties involved. The recommendations will be subject to public review, then examined by the Administration and Congress. Many observers believe that the final plan could serve as a bellwether for the entire American park system as nearly all parks will require new plans in the next decade.

MARBLE ARCH/BIG HOLE

Seven members met on the Krawarree Road on 5 February and under the capable leadership of Leigh McClintock proceeded to the Shoalhaven River near the Emu Flats property. The hot sun was tempered by a pleasant breeze as we waded the river, re-shod our feet and proceeded to walk the 8 km to Marble Arch. All 7 members made the steep descent to the fascinating 'tunnel' formed by the Moodong Creek wearing its way through a limestone section - leaving interesting caves, stalagtic-type formations and wierd rock shapes.

Emerging into a deep, narrow canyon - with vast areas of lovely marble - white through shades of pink to deep red, and pale mauves and purples, 2 members decided to return to a pleasant lunch spot above the gorge. The remaining five members cautiously slithered their way through the flowing water - from an inch or so to

MARBLE ARCH/BIG HOLE Continued

to about a foot deep - often not able to put two feet side by side, so narrow were some places of the water course.

The creek water was very clear, but slime on the rocks both under foot and on the walls of the canyon - only 3 to 5 feet wide in places - made our hundred yards progress very treacherous and slow, but very lovely, as the marble, ferns and mosses towered about 80 to 100 feet above us. Eventually we had to turn back at one very deep pool - which Leigh reconnoitred in swimming trunks. Of the five members only one managed the return trip without a 'whoops' - 'bang' - 'splash'. The other four were soaked to the waist, but luckily with no injuries in spite of reasonably heavy falls. A very large yabbi posed on a nearby rock for close up photos - but alas! these will never materialise as the camera suffered the soaking of its owner!

Back to sunshine above the rock falls for lunch and a climb out of the valley, into low clouds swirling around. On the way back we detoured, taking a 15-minute climb to the Big Hole - another fascinating natural feature on a steep slope of the hillside - approximately 150 feet in diameter and 340 feet deep - no doubt caused by underground washing away of softer layers and collapse of those above, or some similar explanation! A small group of climbers looked like ants at the bottom among the tree ferns.

Back to the cars - coffee and a chatter in the sunshine with the mists still swirling off the hill tops above us - and so to home.

Olive B.

A STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The pleasures, the values of contact with the natural world are not reserved for the scientists. They are available to anyone who will place himself under the influence of a lonely mountain top - or the sea - or the stillness of a forest; or who will stop to think about so small a thing as the mystery of a growing seed.

I am not afraid of being thought a sentimentalist when I say that I believe natural beauty has a necessary place in the spiritual development of any individual or any society. I believe that whenever we destroy beauty, or whenever we substitute something man-made and artificial for a natural feature of the earth, we have retarded some part of man's spiritual growth....

We see the destructive trend on a national scale in proposals to invade the national parks with commercial schemes such as the building of power dams. The parks were placed in trust for all the people, to preserve for them just such recreational and spiritual values as I have mentioned. Is it the right of this,

A STATEMENT OF BELIEF Continued

our generation, in its selfish materialism, to destroy these things because we are blinded by the dollar sign? Beauty - and all the values that derive from beauty - are not measured and evaluated in terms of the dollar.

*Rachel Carson, quoted by Paul Brooks in
'The Home of Life', 1972.*

THE TUROSS FALLS AND BIG BADJA HILL

Some members of the Association may be familiar with the Tuross Falls. Others, like myself and my wife, may have wanted to see the Falls but found them difficult to reach. We made unsuccessful attempts some years ago through the beautiful Gareloch property but found the going hard. But there is now a comparatively simple route and some members may care to have particulars.

The NSW Forestry Commission has built a substantial new fire trail into the area. It branches northward from the rough but trafficable road which links the Countegany-Nimmitabel road with Cobargo. Shortly after the junction (MR 255781 on Sheet 8825 (Cobargo) on the 1:100,000 map) the rough road crosses the Tuross and proceeds through some very beautiful country to Yowrie and Cobargo. This is an interesting route down to the coast and can be managed by a reasonably robust car. We use a Kombi. The Tuross crossing will be impassable after heavy rain but has a hard bottom. There may be problems, however, on the east bank where a sand drift accumulates after floods. We once had to dig ourselves out here.

The fire track is after the second gate and about 2 miles from the crossing. It runs for some 8 miles, partly through stands of dwarf casuarina, and emerges on the top of the Tuross gorge a mile or so to the east of the Falls. Scrambling is rough here but with a little effort there are fine views to be gained over the gorge which is exceptionally narrow and precipitous. The forest here contains large numbers of smallish casuarinas on the seeds of which several of the red-tailed Latham's Black Cockatoo were feeding.

A small side turn about half way along this fire track leads to the Falls. From the junction it is about 1 3/4 hours easy walking through light forest and dwarf casuarina to a point just east of the falls.

From the end of this track one scrambles down to a jagged, knife-edged ridge overlooking the falls from the east. There was little water coming down them when we were there (in March) but they are very beautiful at any time and with a full flow of water must be most impressive. You can scramble further down the ridge and eventually down to the gorge bottom.

I would, however, add a word of caution. The gorge is a dangerous place with steep and treacherous gravelly slopes running down to precipices. Visitors should be

THE TUROSS FALLS AND BIG BADJA HILL Continued

Careful and properly shod and think twice about taking children there. A few months before our visit a man wearing thongs fell and was severely injured climbing up from the gorge bottom.

The Falls and gorge are most spectacular but not in my view a suitable place for a National Park. The area is too confined - there is not much room for visitors - and far too dangerous. Furthermore provided the Forestry Commission do not log or clear fell the area it can perfectly well stay as it is without fear of deterioration.

Coming back from the Tuross we spent a night a little way below Big Badja Hill, known locally as Snowball (MR 312122 on the Cobargo 1:100,000 sheet). It is easily reached from the Shoalhaven-Badja Road. The night stop was designed to enable us to have early morning light next day while returning down the extraordinarily gracious Shoalhaven Valley. A quiet and pleasant night and at dawn we had the company of a flock of yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos.

The top of Snowball is open and provides a very fine view. The Badja area is being heavily logged at present and an unpleasing feature of the view nowadays is a steep and devastated slope immediately to the west of the mountain. It shows very clearly how much unnecessary damage and erosion can be caused by logging with heavy modern equipment on excessively steep slopes. Though I suppose that if queried on the subject the Forestry Commission would claim that the trees on the slope had been left there far too long for their own good and that all the Commission was doing was to improve on the work of the Almighty!

Alastair Morrison

NEW MEMBERS

Terry and Lynette Annetts & family, Giralang; Alan and Marjorie Ashley, Yarralumla; Rosamund Austin, Garran; Kaye Birmingham & family, Weston; Jeffrey Bennetts, Garran; Trisha Harris, Page; Meryl and Cec. Hunter & family; Michael and Helen Morriss & family, Narrabundah; Ron and Margaret Russell & family, Farrer; Engelberta Schaffer, Griffith; Jan Trevithick & family, Red Hill.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS (not listed in March-May *Bulletin*)

Allan Anderson; E.G. Baillie; Fiona and Morag Brand.

LOCAL NEWS

Roy Tait. We omitted to report in the March-May *Bulletin* that Roy Tait has left Canberra and is now living in Yeronga, Queensland. Roy was a foundation member of NPA, its first Treasurer and since 1964, when the Association became incorporated, its Public Officer. Upon Roy's relinquishing the post, John Schunke was appointed Public Officer.

National Parks regional offices. The National Parks and Wildlife Service of NSW has opened a regional office at 39 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan. The Regional Director is Mr Jack Erskine.

Donations. The Association donated \$100 to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NSW) 1978 Appeal for funds to aid endangered species through research and the establishment and extension of parks throughout the ACT and NSW.

Received for comment: NCDC's draft code of ethics for off-road vehicles, the Australian Heritage Commission's questionnaire relating to the evaluation of its programme of grants to voluntary conservation bodies.

CASEREC. The Canberra & South-East Region Environment Centre is now located in Kingsley St, opposite Toad Hall.

NPA OUTINGS

It has been suggested that as the NPA are conservation-conscious, we could show an example by meeting at pick-up points on the outskirts of the city, thereby using the cars to their full capacity.

As a trial run a number of day walks have meeting places at either the corner of Eucumbene Drive & Cotter Rd or Cooma Rd and Mugga Lane (Long Gully Lane). It is suggested that those who would like to take this opportunity note the meeting times at these points; those who run late are given a meeting place and time closer to the actual walk. Please let the Outings Committee know how you find this new arrangement, or if you have any further suggestions.

Also, could all members interested in camps or pack walks please contact the leaders no later than the Wednesday before. Transport can then be organised and details of the trip filled in.

Although NPA outings are often mild by nature, some basic rules should be followed for walks in the MEDIUM to HARD categories:

- * Proper walking boots should be worn.
- * Adequate clothes, food & water to suit the particular walk should be catered for.
- * Each member should be fit enough to not unduly delay the party.

The phone numbers of the various leaders are provided in the outings list and any queries should be directed to them.

NPA OUTINGS

JUNE

3rd-5th, Saturday-Monday

Batehaven: camp

Ref: Bateman's Bay 1:100,000

Three easy days exploring the coast and hinterland around Bateman's Bay. A limited amount of private accommodation may be available - contact the leader for details.

Meet at Bateman's Bay (at the Batehaven turn-off) at 10.30 a.m. (approx. 3 hrs driving from Canberra)

Leader: Jan Kiek 862140

11th, Sunday

Blundell's Flat: walk

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

Commencing at the meeting place, this walk will follow the general line of Condor Creek towards Mt Coree as far as Blundell's Flat.

Meet at the Condor Creek crossing on the Brindabella Road at 9.30 a.m. (approx. 45 mins. drive from Canberra)

Walking: 10 km total: easy

Leader: Penny Hebbard 814070

18th, Sunday

Mt Orroral: walk

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

Beginning near the tracking station, this walk follows the track up to the ranging tower, then up the ridge to Mt Orroral summit (747-537).

Meet at the tracking station at 9.30 a.m.

Walking: 10 km total: easy/medium

Leader: Les Pyke 812982

24th, Saturday

Mt Majura: walk

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

A short afternoon walk around the slopes of Mt Majura. Good walking tracks are provided in the area.

Meet at the Mt Majura end of Antill Street at 1.30 p.m.

Walking: 4 km total: easy

Leader: Cla Allen 953824

NPA OUTINGS

JUNE Continued

24th-25th, Saturday-Sunday

Woolla Creed: pack walk

Ref: Araluen 1:50,000

Woolla Creek is a tributary of the Deua River. The walk begins near their junction, and proceeds upstream for approx. 10 km to a suitable camp site. Walking is always along the creek valley and is thus easy and pleasant.

Meet at the Braidwood War Memorial by 8.30 a.m. Saturday (approx. 1 1/2 hrs driving from Canberra)

Walking: 10 km total: easy

Leader: Bob Story 812174

JULY

2nd, Sunday

Tidbinbilla Peak: walk

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

Another assault on this familiar landmark. The summit provides spectacular views over much of the northern A.C.T.

Meet at the Cotter Kiosk at 8.15 a.m.

Walking: 12 km total: medium

Leader: Peter Judge 496396

9th, Sunday

Mt Hartwood: walk

Ref: Goodradigbee 1:50,000

A day walk along a medium grade track, with views over the Wee Jasper area.

Meet at the junction of Sawyer's Creek road and the Wee Jasper-Yass road at 10 a.m. (approx. 1 1/2 hrs driving from Canberra)

Walking: 10 km approx.: medium

Leader: Lyn Richardson 412425

16th, Sunday

Westbourne Woods: walk

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

An inspection of the trees in Westbourne Woods (now the Royal Canberra Golf Course). This will be followed by a barbecue in Weston Park.

Meet in the car park at the Royal Canberra Golf Club at 10 a.m.

Leader: John Banks 816641

NPA OUTINGS

JULY Continued

23rd, Sunday

Booroomba Rocks: walk

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

One of the best known rock escarpments in the A.C.T. Access is via a fire trail beginning near the Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station where the walk commences.

Meet at the corner of Mugga Lane & Cooma Road at 8.45 a.m. OR at Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station at 9.30 a.m.

Walking: 10 km total: easy/medium

Leader: Leigh McClintock 723911 (work)

29th-30th, Saturday-Sunday

Hidden Valley-Mt Tarn: pack walk

Ref: C.M.W. The Northern Budawang Range

Another trip to the Budawangs. This walk is in the same general area as the previous Budawang walk. Hidden Valley has its own special charms, however: sunrise from Sturgess Mountain can be a rewarding experience. Please contact leader if you intend to go.

Meet at Nerriga by 9 a.m. Saturday

Walking: 20 km total: easy/medium

Leader: Jan Kiek 862140

AUGUST

6th, Sunday

Mt Coree: walk

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

This walk begins near Blundells Flat and proceeds directly up the south-east face. A return journey via Two Sticks and Curries Roads is planned.

Meet at the corner of Eucembene Drive & Cotter Road (Duffy) at 8.30 a.m.

Walking: 12 km total: medium

Leader: John Webster 476769

12th-13th, Saturday-Sunday

Fitzroy Falls: camp

A camping weekend to view the spring wildflowers of the area. Local walks in the Moreton National Park give excellent views of the deep gorges intersecting this area. Please contact leader if you intend to go.

Meet at the Ranger Station, Fitzroy Falls, at 10.30 a.m. (approx. 200 km from Canberra)

Leader: Ian Currie 958112

NPA OUTINGS

AUGUST Continued

20th, Sunday

Bullen Range: walk

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

This walk begins near Murray's Corner and ascends the foothills of the Bullen Range. After reaching the crest a short scramble leads down to the Murrumbidgee.

Meet at the corner of Eucembene Drive and Cotter Road at 9 a.m. OR Murray's Corner at 9.30 a.m.

Walking: 10 km: easy

Leader: Hela Lindemann 864926

26th-27th, Saturday-Sunday

Mt Clear: pack walk

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

The Clear Range lies along the south-eastern border of the A.C.T. between the Murrumbidgee and Naas valleys. Beginning near the Naas crossing on the Boboyan Road this walk traverses part of the Clear Range. An ascent of Mt Clear, the highest point in the range (1603 m) is included. Meet at the Naas crossing on the Boboyan Road at 9 a.m. (approx. 2 hrs driving from Canberra).

Walking: 25 km total: easy/medium

Leader: Neville Esau 864176

SEPTEMBER

3rd, Sunday

Ridge south of Honeysuckle Creek: walk

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

A medium grade walk through open scrub country - unsuitable for small children.

Meet at Tharwa at 9.15 a.m. OR Honey suckle Creek Tracking Station carpark at approx. 9.30 a.m.

Leader: Charles Hill 958924

10th, Sunday

St George Hill: walk

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

A walk along tracks and in bush along the Lake George escarpment. Thirty minutes drive from Canberra.

Meet outside the Canberra Club, West Row, Civic, at 9.30 a.m.

Walking: 9 km total: easy

Leader: Nicholas Blandford 723933 (work)

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

JUNE, 15th:

Mr Tony Bomford, Director of National Mapping

"Mapping Australia"

JULY, 20th:

Annual General Meeting

AUGUST, 17th:

Dr Robert Boden, Australian National Parks and Wildlife
Service

"Protection of Australian Endangered Species"

(This talk was advertised for April, 20th, but postponed owing
to Dr Boden's absence from Canberra.)

DON'T FORGET

Annual Subscriptions are due

1st July

National Parks Association outings summary

JUNE

3 Saturday- 5 Monday	Batehaven	Camp
11 Sunday	Blundell's Flat	Walk
18 Sunday	Mt Orroral	Walk
24 Saturday	Mt Majura	Walk
24 Saturday- 25 Sunday	Woolla Creek	Pack Walk

JULY

2 Sunday	Tidbinbilla	Walk
9 Sunday	Mt Hartwood	Walk
16 Sunday	Westbourne Woods	Walk & Barbecue
23 Sunday	Booroomba Rocks	Walk
29 Saturday- 30 Sunday	Hidden Valley	Pack Walk

AUGUST

6 Sunday	Mt Coree	Walk
12 Saturday- 13 Sunday	Fitzroy Falls	Camp
20 Sunday	Bullen Range	Walk
26 Saturday- 27 Sunday	Mt Clear	Pack Walk

SEPTEMBER

3 Sunday	Honeysuckle Creek area	Walk
10 Sunday	George Hill	Walk
17 Sunday	Devil's Peak	Walk
23 Saturday	Black Mountain	Walk
23 Saturday- 24 Sunday	Corang Peak	Pack Walk