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National Parks Association of the A.C.T. Inc.

"A National Park for the National Capital"

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Monthly meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month.

Activities for 1971 have already begun for our Association with an outing to the Snowy Mountains area in January. February and March will be busy months with four proposed outings and two meetings.

Can You Help?

Positions of Secretary and Minute Secretary.
Miss C. Westwood found it necessary to resign as secretary in early December and the position is now vacant. To relieve the burden of work of the Secretary's position it is proposed to have the minutes of committee meetings and general meetings taken by a member acting as Minute Secretary.

To this end a panel of names is being drawn up, of members who are willing to act occasionally as Minute Secretary. We already have four names but would like two or three more, so that each volunteer is not called on too often. We also need a Secretary. The holder of this office does not need to be a typist, as typing assistance will be provided.

Membership

(Family subscription: \$5.00) (Single subscription: \$3.00)
The association welcome the following new members:
Mrs. M. Freeman, Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Kendall, Mr. & Mrs.
D.R. Wolstencroft.

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Collection of Slides

The association wishes to make a master collection of slides covering the proposed reserve areas at Jervis Bay and the Gudgenby area in the southern section of the A.C.T. These will be used for publicity, talks to other organisations, etc.

Would members who have good slides of either of these areas, which they are willing to have copied and used, please contact Mr. E. Slater at the monthly meeting or by phone (813570) and discuss the matter. Slides from which the basic collection will be made will be asked for at the end of April.

Black and white or colour prints which might be used for publication would also be welcome.

Ausventure Holidays

From 4th September to 4th October, 1971, "Ausventure" (Box 54, P.O., Mosman, N.S.W. 2088) are planning a tour through Japanese National Parks. The Leader will be Colonel Gordon Wallace, a member of the Sierra Club of America. According to the number in the party, the cost will vary from \$1,852.81 to \$1 959.87. For details write to the above address.

N.P.A. of N.S.W. Explorer Group

"One of the Association's aims is to recommend to the Government areas for dedication as natural reserves, covering all aspects of conservation. To support these proposals, exploration of the new areas is necessary and the relevant information written into a report for submission to the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The benefits are obvious, embracing an acceleration of recorded knowledge of the nature resources of the State, and the dedication of conservation areas towards the minimum of five per cent of the land area of N.S.W. recommended by the Minister for Lands".

The association is asking for people to join this group and states that all nature lovers can contribute and suggestions from kindred bodies will be most welcome. For further information contact Mr. Tom Kirsop, Convenor, Reserves.

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Committee of N.P.A. of N.S.W., 120 Comenarra Parkway, South Turramurra, N.S.W. 2074

"The Environment" - a course at the Centre for Continuing Education. Time: Tuesday, 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. Terms I, II, III. Fee: \$18 for three terms. Organising Tutor: Mr. Elzo Vandemalk, M.Econ., B.D. M.Th. Urban Research Unit, R.S.S.S.

The aim of this course is to view the environment from a number of different but relevant disciplines. The following questions will form the core of the course: Is there an environmental crisis? What are the most important factors in environmental preservation or decay? If change is to be made how can it be brought about?

On a typical night one of the tutors will present a paper of about 30 minutes in length, a second tutor will then comment on this paper for some 10-15 minutes from the point of view of another discipline. A group discussion will follow for which the class may either break into smaller groups led by the three tutors or remain intact.

Term commences Monday, 1st March, 1971. Enrolment accepted 25th January to 22nd February, 1971, at the Centre of Continuing Education, F. Block, corner Hutton and Childers Streets, Canberra.

"Do people care about Conservation? The following extract from "S.W.A.N.S.", Vol. 1, No. 2, published by the Western Aust. State Wildlife Advisory News Service. " A recent Gallup survey conducted for the National Wildlife Federation of the U.S. showed that most Americans do care about conservation. The survey revealed that:

a) 51% of Americans are deeply concerned about deterioration of environment, 36% somewhat concerned and 12% not very concerned.

b) 73% are willing to pay additional taxes to improve natural surroundings, 51% would pay \$10 or more, 18% around \$50 and 4% \$100 or more

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c) 75% are in favour of setting aside more public land for conservation purposes; 19% are not in favour.

It would be most interesting to see a similar study conducted in Australia - perhaps sponsored by a National Conservation body.

Due to a mistake in the dates given with the proposed 1971 outing programme in the last bulletin, the Programme is given once again with correct dates:

February	13-14th	- Tollgate Island
February	28th	- Yass (Wee Jasper area)
March	13-14th	- Gudgenby - Mt. Kelly (weekend camp)
March	28th	- Dingo Flats
April	9-12th	- Nallacoota National Park
	(Easter)	
April	25th	- Tinderries (Queanbeyan River)
May	30th	- Coree-Blue Range area to hear Lyrebirds
June	27th	- To be arranged
July	25th	- Smokers Flat
August	29th	- Southern A.C.T.
September	26th	- Fishing Gap

A weekend may be arranged in the Moreton National Park, Kangaroo Valley area, in September.

October Long Week-end - Budawang area.

The above programme may be subject to change, but the dates are firm. Watch your Bulletin for details.

Week-end Outings

To assist leaders in planning and organising the weekend trips, members are asked to nominate for these trips and to forward the information to the Association's address, P.O. Box 457, Canberra City, by the Monday before the outing.

Membership Renewals: Mrs. I. Grant Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Howlett, Mr. & Mrs. M. Lazarides Mr. A. Meadows, Mr. B.P. Moore, Mrs. A. Nicholson, Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Pinson, Miss R. Rawson, Mrs. Schwarzlose, Fisher, Dr. & Mrs. R. Story.

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Standard Week-end Outing Advice to be completed for
Week-end Outings

To Outing Committee
N.P.A. Inc. of the A.C.T.,
Box 457, P.O.,
Canberra City. A.C.T.

I/We wish to join the outing to

on

I/We will be accompanied by

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I/We a) will proceed by private transport
b) will need transport
c) can provide transport for other persons

I and my guests agree to be bound by the rules and
by-laws of the Association and to take part in the
above field outing entirely at our own risk.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: Home: _____ Work: _____

Signature:

Please forward to reach organisers by the Monday
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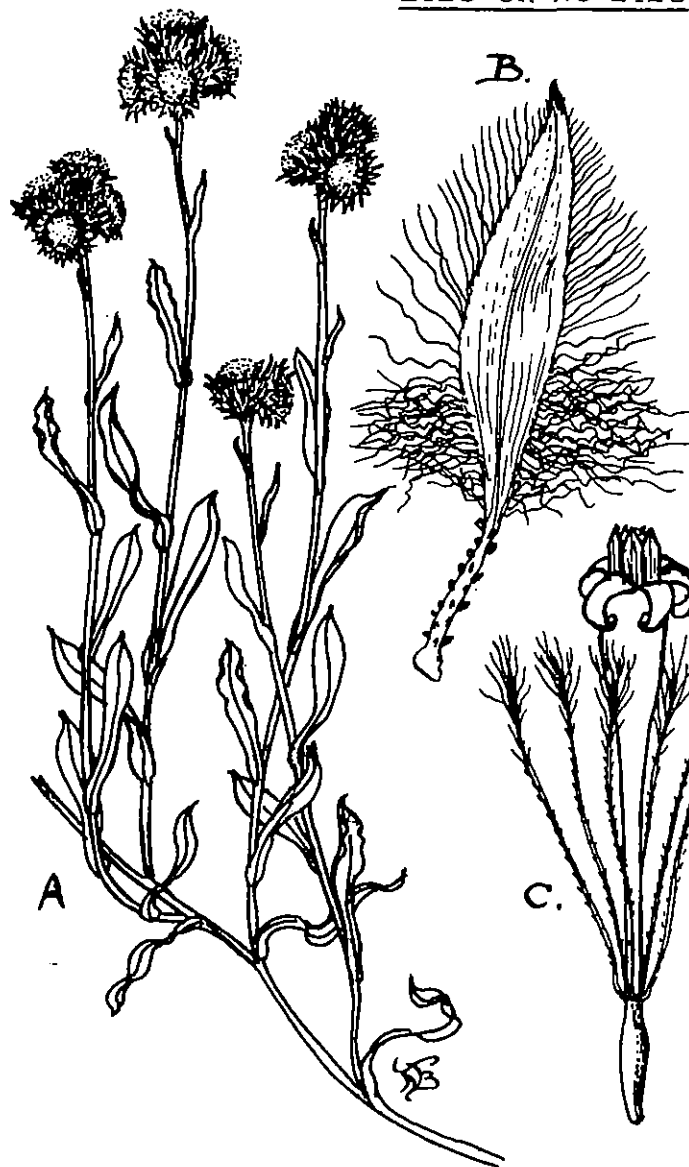
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Campint Techniques

1. Plan your trip - have a menu and plan your food accordingly. This will avoid taking too much.
2. Have a check list for all items to be taken - you may not be near a shop to replace items left behind.
3. Choose your campsite carefully - preferably a flat area - depressions hold rainwater.
4. Don't camp under trees with dead limbs.
5. If possible camp near running water. If water is doubtful, always boil first.
6. If using tank water, do not waste.
7. Use fireplaces where these are provided - if no fireplaces, choose a clear space.
8. Fire restrictions in the summer months must be observed where these apply.
9. Wash eating and cooking utensils in hot, soapy water - not in the creeks - and keep them under cover or in a bag.
10. Keep food in cloth or plastic bags; plastic or metal containers.
11. Don't wash near where drinking water is being obtained.
12. Dispose of food scraps - where there are no bins use a small pit and cover with earth, or burn on the fire after you have cooked. Don't leave food scraps on a dead fire.
13. Empty bottles, tins, etc. should for preference be taken home.
14. Don't litter the countryside with a paper trail of lolly papers and fruit peelings.
15. Make sure the campsite is clean before you leave it. Leave it the way you would like to find it.
16. Make sure your fire is out - use earth or water or both.

EYES OR NO EYES

Plants of Yellow Buttons (*Helichrysum apiculatum*) are very common among grasses in sunny places. The stems and leaves are pale grey and the clustered heads are orange-yellow. Each head is surrounded by beautifully fringed yellow bracts. An enlarged drawing of one of these is shown. (B) Inside the circle of bracts there is a dense mass of tiny flowers of a deeper yellow or orange (C). If you have a magnifying lens you will be able to see the bracts for yourself.

N.T.B.

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OUTINGS

Date: 13th - 14th February.

Place: Tollgate Island Reserve at the entrance to Bateman's Bay, N.S.W.

Leader: Eric Slater.

Meet: At Keith Shepherd's Marine Centre at Nth. Western end of Clyde River Bridge (right hand side), Bateman's Bay, not later than 10.30 a.m., Saturday, 13th February. Parking space is available for cars.

Requirements: Each person must bring at least 2 gallons of water in plastic cans as no fresh water is available on the islands. It is suggested that any cooking requiring water is done with sea-water, which is quite suitable for vegetables, etc.

Only 1 or 2 man bushwalking tents can be erected as there is a very limited space on the shingle beach shore high tide line. (Small tents may be hired from Paddy Pallin, Garema Place).

If people have life preservers and wish to bring them for the boat trip to and from the island, they may do so. Carry only essentials of food and clothing in order to reduce the total volume of gear to a minimum. Take emergency rations in the event that we don't get off the island on Sunday, due to a storm. Pack gear in kitbag or rucksack for easy storage and handling on boat. Members will be responsible for their own gear so don't take anymore than you can handle yourself. Fishing gear, cameras and binoculars may be taken. Plastic bags for the last two items are a good idea when on board the boat. The cost of hiring boat for trip to and from islands is \$20, and will be divided amongst the party which is limited to 12 persons. An additional small charge will be made if we can hire a dinghy to be used for crossing from one island to the other. If more than 12 nominate it may be necessary to draw lots, as the number is limited to 12 as laid down in the permit issued by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, N.S.W.

Objective of excursion is to look at the spectacular scenery which includes sea caves and archways and to examine the insular marine environment. We

will have the opportunity to become familiar with the little Penguin and the young of two species of sheerwater or Mutton birds which will be occupying their nesting burrows. 11.

Walking and climbing and the general exploration of the two islands will take up most of the time. Fishing and sunning may also be enjoyed.

Nomination for this outing should reach the Outings Secretary, addressed P.O. Box 457, Canberra City, not later than Monday, 8th February, 1971.

February

Date: Sunday, 28th February.

Place: Wee Jasper area.

Leader: Mr. J. Jennings (Geography Dept. Research School of Pacific Studies, A.N.U.)

Meet: Wee Jasper Store at 10 a.m. Allow at least 1½ hours travelling time from Canberra.

Feature: Short walks from the cars over rocky terrain to look at limestone platforms and a cave.

Special Instructions:

Bring a packed lunch and something to drink (good water may not be available). Torches or candle will be needed to enter the cave. Old clothes are advisable.

A hand-out providing information on the areas to be visited will be distributed on the day to members attending the excursion.

March

Date: 13th-14th March, 1971.

Place: Gudgenby area to inspect the southern section of the proposed National Park.

Meet: At Tharwa at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday 13.3.1971. Park cars west side of bridge.

ADDENDUM TO N.P.A. OF A.C.I.

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Details of this trip are not yet finalised, and will be given at the February monthly meeting. Nominations will need to be in by Monday, 8.3.1971.

March

Date: 28th March, 1971
Place: Dingo Flat
Leader: Mr. J. Schunke (Phone 489828)

Meet at 10.00 a.m. at concrete picnic area on Mountain Creek Road, which is the back road to Yass. Travel via Uriarra.

Feature: A walk along a trail, beside a creek and through a timbered area (approx. two miles). Carry lunch and hot drinks (no fires).

MEETINGS

February

Date: 18th February at 8.00 p.m.
Place: Griffin Centre, Studio Room (upstairs)
Feature: Dr. Peter Rudman, Principal Biologist, Dept. of Applied Sciences, Canberra College of Advanced Education, will speak on training in conservation and teaching at the college as compared with U.S.A. and other places.

March

Date: 18th March at 8.00 p.m.
Place: Griffin Centre, Room I.
Feature: Mr. Paul Herbert, Arboriculturalist with Parks & Gardens Division of Dept. of the Interior, will speak on aspects of U.S.A. National and State Parks. Mr. Herbert recently spent some months in U.S.A. on a study trip.