

of the BUSHWALKERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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SOUTH WEST TASMANIA

- CAN WE SAVE THE WESTERN RIVERS?

Only one year remains before the Tasmanian Government decides to accept one of the Hydro-Electric Commissions Franklin-Lower Gordon Schemes. The proposed flooding of the western rivers will be the major conservation issue affecting S-W Tassie since the loss of Lake Pedder.

Already the H.E.C. have spent about \$6m "justifying" their planned destruction of one of the world's greatest remaining temperate wilderness areas. Activity has been stepped up at the various H.E.C. camps along the Franklin and Gordon Rivers. Both the H.E.C.s proposed schemes include the Franklin Dam which will flood the Great Ravine (Deception Gorge) and everything else back to Pincham Crossing. One of the schemes has a dam near Buttler Island which will flood the whole Lower Franklin back to Propsting Gorge. Our last wild river, the Franklin will be sacrificed to short term economic gain.

Bushwalkers who are concerned over the consequences of the hydro-schemes should support the South West Tasmanian Committee (N.S.W.) - P.O. Box N204, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 2000 or phone Dave Kelly 662 2424. The group meets every second Monday at the N.S.W. Environment Centre. Donations are welcomed.

Any bushwalkers who have recently returned from their summer's walking in Tasmania and noticed any new roads, construction work or other environmental damage are asked to notify the S.W. Committee. One party noticed a recently constructed firetower on Mt. King William I and a speed boat on Lake Curly in the Spires Range.

DAVE NOBLE
S-W Tasmania C'ttee.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Ferdapelaq Islands (the Icelandic equivalent of FBW and KHA) celebrated its 50th anniversary on 27th November 1977 with an entertainment at the House of the North, Reykjavik. The ceremony was attended by among others, the President, the Minister of State, the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Finance. After the anniversary speeches and presentations, a jubilee exhibition was opened in the basement of the House of the North where pictures and gear were displayed. Also other clubs and institutions which are associated with F.I. showed slides etc. of their activities.

F.I. has at present 7,500 members and 19 huts, the largest with 200 beds.

(From Fjell og Vidde,
Vol. 12. No. 1 (1978) Oslo)

The Sydney Morning Herald is presently featuring a bushwalk each Friday on the Getaway extra page. Although, in the fairley style, the articles contain a sketch map and give good advice for beginners.

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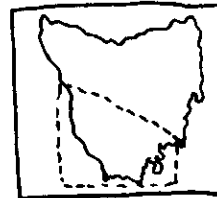
Instructional Rock Climbinb Course. Tarana and the Wolgan Valley being granite and sandstone respectively. For beginners. This course is intended to convey an elementary knowledge of rockclimbing and more general climbing techniques as well as gear and safety precautions concered with the sport.

All the necessary gear and safety equipment is provided. You only bring your own camping gear and some food, plus a car if you own one. (We will be driving together to the Wolgan Valley on the Saturday after an initial day and film evening at Tarana).

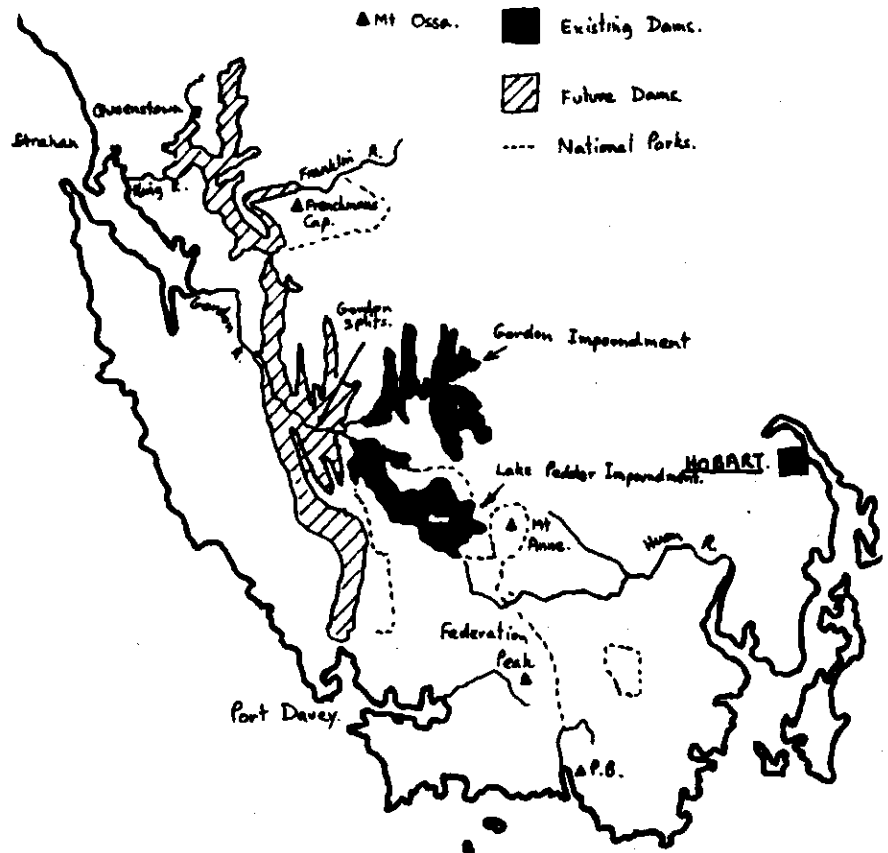
The programme will start at Tarana, P.O. Friday 9 a.m. and finish about 5 p.m. on Sunday at Lidsdale P.O. A more detailed programme shall be available to all interested on request.

Cost of the weekend training shall be just \$20, which covers the costs of new gear, wear and tear plus other instructors.

JOE FRIEND
P.O. Tarana 2740



SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA



OFF-ROAD VEHICLES' DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

There is an increasingly powerful lobby on behalf of off-road vehicle users seeking to gain access to National Parks in order to enjoy their form of motorised recreation. One group has called for a moratorium on new national parks - in particular, the Deau-Tuross and Colo-Hunter proposals.

In order to counter this lobby, Ted Daniels, convenor of field activities N.P.A., in a letter to Federation has suggested that bushwalkers should provide evidence of damage by off-road vehicles in natural areas.

If you encounter instances of such damage during your walks, the most effective action to take would be to write to Mr. W.F. Crabtree, Minister for Lands, expressing approval of the National Parks & Wildlife Service policy of restricting off-road vehicles in national parks to the public roads. If the instance you are citing is located in an area proposed as but not yet a national park, press the Minister for its early dedication in order to end the damage noted. If the example cited is located in an area not in a proposed or existing national park, you might express your support for the NP & WS policy because of the protection it gives to the more important natural areas in existing or proposed parks.

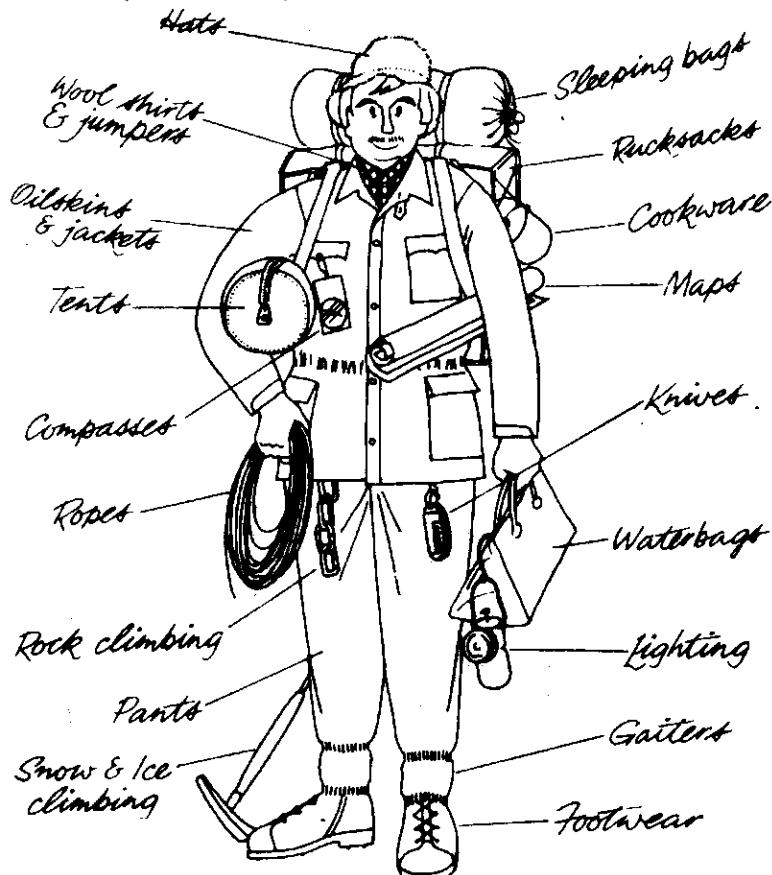
If possible, you should include photographic evidence with your letter.

It would be greatly appreciated if a copy of your letter, and if possible of any photographs sent, could be forwarded to NPA, 399 Pitt Street, Sydney, 2000

Photographs should preferably be black and white, but any colour slides sent in will be copied and returned.

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Buddy Kelly

Autobrick Industries Pty. Ltd. have withdrawn their mining lease application as a result of the unfavourable (for Autobrick) findings of the recent SPCC enquiry.

SECOND WRAN TOUR OF BLUE MOUNTAINS?

The Colong Committee is hoping that the Premier and Mrs. Wran will accept an invitation to inspect the northern Blue Mountains in spring this year.

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"And so from the hills we return refreshed in body, in mind and in spirit, to grapple anew with life's problems. For a while we have lived simply, wisely and happily; we have made good friends; we have adventured well. The hills have taught us to be content in our faith and in the love of God who created them".

Day broke upon the Murray,
The morning mists were gone,
The Magpies sang their matins,
The river murmured on.

Edward Harrington

Hence all who love their country, love
To look on thee - delight to rove
Where they thy voice can hear.

Wordsworth.

Most bushwalkers will be familiar with the role of the Colong Committee in the saving of the Kanangra Boyd wilderness from the intrusion of mines and pines.

The Committee and the Federation are now battling for our last substantial sub-tropical rain forest - in the Border Ranges - for the Blue Mountains, and for other wilderness areas.

The Colong Bulletin, now in its 48th issue, is a vital source of funds, an inspiration to our supporters, and an effective vehicle for conveying our case to the decision makers.

You can be fully informed on the progress of the campaigns, and make a valuable contribution to victory, by returning this form with your cheque.

The Secretary
The Colong Committee Ltd.,
18 Argyle Street,
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Dear Sir,

I enclose \$5.00 being my subscription to the Save Colong Bulletin to Dec. 1978.

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SIGNED.....

Date:.....

Posters: Two decorative Henry Gold black and white posters of the Border Ranges are on sale for \$1.30 each (including postage) or both for \$2.30. A vividly coloured Henry Gold poster of the proposed Kakadu park is on sale for \$1.80 (including postage). Copies may be bought at 18 Argyle Street, Paddy Pallin's or the N.S.W. Environment Centre, 399 Pitt Street.

BORDER RANGES

The Inter-departmental Committee that was required to 'investigate management policies for the Border Ranges for the purpose of preparing a report to cabinet of relevant employment, environmental and economic aspects' has submitted its report.

Premier Wran has promised that the report will be referred to the State Pollution Control Commission for a public enquiry before cabinet makes a decision.

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AUSTRALASIAN EXPEDITION NEPAL 1980

A2A3 ANNAPURNA III

Permission has been received from the Foreign Office, Nepal for an expedition to Annapurna, III, 1980. This peak is 24,858 ft and is reached via a 10 day approach march from Pokhara. Central Nepal reached by road from Kathmandu. Due to recently lifted restrictions, the Northern aspect of the Annapurna Massif has received little attention from climbers.

The expedition has adapted as its legal structure a (non profit) company limited by guarantee. It is envisaged that this structure may be ongoing and a secondary aim of sponsoring a Himalayan Mountaineering School in Nepal is planned.

Foundation members are:-

Warwick Deacock - leader/organiser
Geoff Wyatt - climbing leader
Soli S. Mehta - base camp manager
Pertemba sherpa - sardar
Bob Ryan, Jack Higgs, Adrian Blake,
Jim Dorrington.

The expedition will take place in the period March to May, 1980 with 10 weeks on the mountain.

Cost to all members will be a minimum of A\$1,500.00 and for climbing members an agreed A\$3,000. High altitude porters will be subsidised in lieu of pay.

10 climbers in all are sought, 5 high altitude porters (who work alongside sherpas) and require a background of back-packing if not alpinism.

Applications should be sent, background and a (non returnable) fee of \$10.00 to Bob Ryan - 3 Denison Road, LEWISHAM 2049.

On selection a balance of \$90.00 is immediately due. (The peak fee has been paid in accordance with Foreign Office regulations Nepal).

50¢ at Paddys etc. Features articles on the Bylong Labyrinth, food, Claustral at night, the Wollangambe River and an article by the Tasmanian poet, Barney Roberts, on a solo walk on the Central Plateau of Tasmania.

**"CULOUL BEHIND US NOW COLO"
WEEKEND SEMINAR 6th-7th MAY
CULOUL RANGE**

Late last year we gave notice of a weekend on the Culoul Range to celebrate stopping the Culoul Shale Mine. However, recently, a greater threat to the area has arisen, namely, a dam on the Colo with its attendant pipeline. Consequently the weekend will take the theme "Culoul Behind Us Now Colo"

The programme for the weekend will be as follows:

Saturday, 6th May

11.00 a.m.
Rendezvous on Putty Road at start of Culoul Range (Map Reference 892364 Sydney 1:250,000)
Transport will be provided from here so participants should pack their weekend supplies in one ruck sack suit case etc.
Security for cars parked on the Putty Road will be provided.

2.00 - 3 p.m.

- Seminars. Anatomy of a Cause - Culoul
Bruce Vote
History of Private Proposals over the Colo
National Parks Ass.
Government Proposals - Parks & Otherwise
National Parks & Wildlife Service
Current Problem & Action
Colo Committee

3.00 - 4 p.m.

- Workshops .Is Water from the Colo really necessary for a Power Station at Newnes? Is a Power Station really necessary?
.Political Action
.Fact Finding and Investigation

4.00 - 5 p.m.

Reports on Workshop Leaders

7.30 p.m. Campfire

Sunday, 7th May

1.00 a.m. Daywalks to the cliff tops, the Colo, & Wollemi Creek.
Leaders provided.

3.00 p.m. Any comments

3.30 p.m. Transport to Putty Road

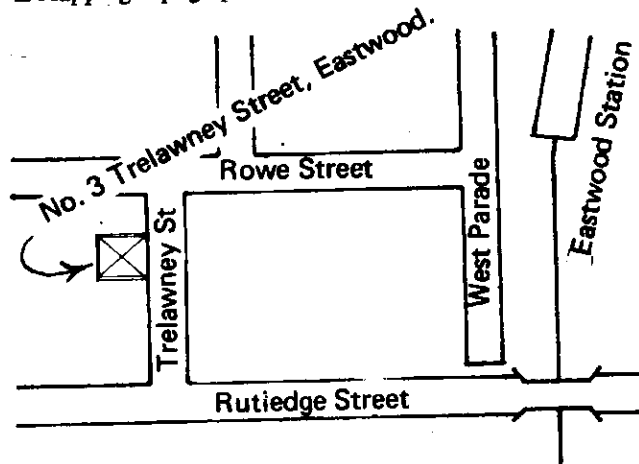
All participants should provide own food, cooking equipment, tents, sleeping bags, water (approx. 10 litres per person in plastic bottle or wine bladder) & note paper & pen. Registration \$5.00 per person. (To pay for transport, speakers, campfire supper - surplus to fighting fund)

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BITS AND PIECES

AREAS on the Queensland-NSW Border have now been accepted by the Australian Heritage Commission and placed on the National Estate List.

DISMAL SWAMP near Smithton, Tasmania has been dedicated State Forest, rather than national park.

THE land Conservation Study Group, NSW, is receiving submissions on policies, problems and procedures involved in the future of State controlled lands.

FEDERATIONS Search and Rescue Committee has restructured requirements for active participation in rescues etc. For information contact Fergus Bell, 121 Sherbrook Avenue, Asquith, NSW.

INTERNATIONAL Wilderness Conference scheduled for Queensland in May 1980.

MOST of the Jardine River, on Cape York Peninsula, has been gazetted national park. NORTHERN bank of Shoalhaven River to escarpment (2758.8 ha) gazetted as addition to Morton National Park.

BUDAWANG National Park gazetted (113,000 ha) extending south from Morton National Park, and including Mt. Budawang.

IN a letter to the Tasmanian Premier, Mr. Doug Lowe, Federation registered its objection to the proposed development of the Gordon and/or King River for hydro-electricity.

FEDERATIONS newly created Outdoor Recreation Education Committee has begun the mammoth task of instigating the 2nd New South Wales Workshop to be held over a 6 month period in 1978.

P. HARRIS

Send to F.B.W. Box 2090, G.P.O., Sydney
Before 16 April 1978.

Please includepersons in the "Culoul Behind Us - Now Colo" weekend.

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