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FEDERATION BALL

The Federation's annual Ball was held on September 23rd at the Lane Cove Town Hall. With Cambage Spire again providing the music another very enjoyable night was had by all who attended. The dancing continued on till about 1pm with many people keen to continue dancing.

Ramblers continued to be the best-dressed (?) club at the Ball. This year's theme was "Life after the Holocaust".

Gordon Lee provided a new dimension to the night's entertainment with "organised competition". Although I did not understand the rules involved in the games it did provide a different way of filling the time between sets.

FEDERATION NEWS

About 40 people attended the A.G.M. federation meeting which was held on the 19th July. The following officer bearers were elected:

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THEN AND NOW

Discussions at recent Federation meetings have highlighted on the fact that Federation is becoming increasing less obvious in the public's and government's eyes. But these recent observations appear to have been aired before - as long ago as 1932. An issue of "The Hiker and Bushwalker" in 1932 comments on the move for federating the various recreational bushwalking clubs operating within Sydney and makes the comment:

"Lots of movements suffer from an overdose of limelights. The trouble with the bushwalking fraternity seems to lie in the absence of limelights. There is just a trifle too much modesty."

And after fifty years the same comments still appear to apply.

ACCESS TO BONNAN PIC

Access to Bonnan Pic on the Wangerderry Tableland is gained by crossing three properties. Much etiquette and politeness should always be followed in crossing private property.

Mr. Sampson owns the property at the end of the road. He should be notified by telephone before your trip through his property. He is the only Sampson in the telephone book.

An elderly gentleman at "Old Wangerderry" is easily approachable but owns only about 200 metres of the road.

Mr Goodfellow also owns an adjoining property and should also be notified about access before trip.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 18th October | Federation meeting 6.30 pm 399 Pitt Street |
| 27th October | Search and Rescue Night Search - contact Tony Parr |
| 24, 25th March 1984 | Search and Rescue technical canyon |
| 23, 24th June 1984 | Search and Rescue - organised by Camden Bushwalkers |

SEARCH & RESCUE

On Tuesday 19th July I received a phone call at 12:30am from Marrickville Rescue Squad. They required a small group of searchers from our organisation with the emphasis being on cliff searching.

My first priority was to contact Nick Eichhorn and organise the trailer. I then phoned Span and Camden Bushwalkers to rally some walkers/climbers. Both clubs responded with four members from each.

All walkers met at 4am at Burragorang Lookout where police had their base set up. Our members were briefed and ready to go by first light.

The missing person was Tom Burgess, a 56 year old mental patient. Tom had wandered off from a picnic around 2:30pm the previous day. The weather was bitterly cold and police were concerned with Tom's safety.

At first light our searchers set off to their designated search area. While our teams were scouring the edge of the escarpment the police were controlling a line search with the use of State Emergency Service personnel. At 8:00pm one of our search parties radioed in to confirm that they had found the body of the missing person. Police personnel were called in to take charge of the body. Willing hands helped to carry the stokes litter the mile or so back to base. The operation finished up about 10:30pm.

Many thanks to Span Unlimited and Camden District Bushwalkers.

Steve Prothero
Field Officer

BOOK REVIEW

Outdoors Magazine

A change in the editorial policy has meant that Outdoors no longer features blood sports but is now concentrating on adventure sports and the environment.

It seems the editors have decided to compete directly with Wild: they have gone quarterly.

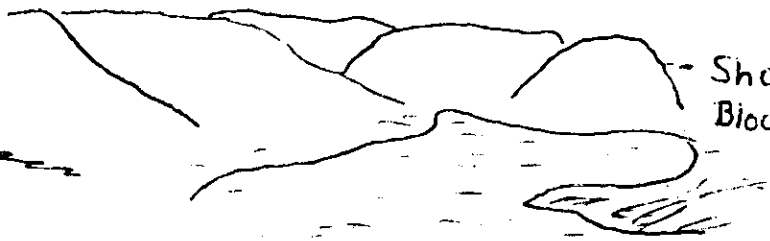
The first issue of the "new" Outdoors has a couple of articles of interest to bushwalkers. There is an account of the rescue from Mt. Cook of two climbers who were trapped for 14 days. For gear freaks there is an article on "this year's trends in cross-country ski gear". There is also a reasonably informed article on the Franklin River Politics.

As one would expect there is lots of colour and plenty of advertisements, some of them rather unexpected.

Those who read Wild and gear catalogues may find something to read in this magazine.

Ian Wilson

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