



THE GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK. IS THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

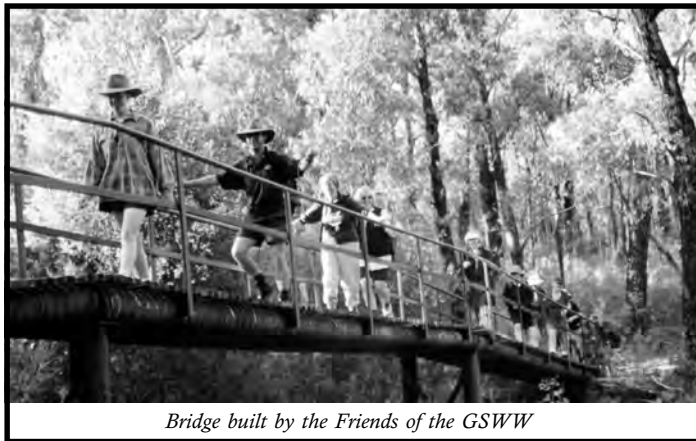
IT MAY BE AUSTRALIA'S
BEST KEPT SECRET.

Fronting the Southern Ocean,
Portland, Victoria's first permanent
settlement, marks the start and finish
of The Great South West Walk.

This 250 kilometre loop boasts a
variety of scenery probably unmatched
by any other Australian trek. Sure,
other walks may have vistas of
heathland or forest or mountain or river
or rugged coast. This one has them all.

Written by Frank Davis
Sydney Bushwalkers

here have suffered from an extended dry
spell and the colours have been some-
what flat. Now, the change at
Cobboboonee, from sandy, dune soil to
the richer basaltic soils originating from
Mount Deception to the north has
revitalised the forest. We now see
Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), a
highly prized furniture timber. Manna
Gums are present but Koalas remain
elusive.



Bridge built by the Friends of the GSWW

From Portland the track passes
many coastal historic features before
heading inland at Henty Bay to turn
west through farmland then north to
Cubby's Camp. A short distance from
camp a wandering Don Brooks discov-
ered a pair of romantically inclined
Brown snakes. Some exciting moments
were spent photographing this spectacle.

Next comes the Cobboboonee State
Forest, a poorly drained area of exten-
sive swampland. The forest contains
Messmate (*E. obliqua*), Brown
Stringybark (*E. baxteri*), and Swamp
Gum (*E. ovata*). Cut Out Camp is
reached via Ralph's Bridge, an impres-
sive and lengthy structure built by
members of The Friends of the Great
South West Walk. Just 13.5 km this day
brings us into camp early, leaving ample
time for some to tackle the Hodgett's
Grove track through the natural fern
gully of Surry River Gorge. A couple of
Koalas were spotted on this excursion.

Day 3 takes us on past Cobboboonee
Camp to Fitzroy Camp. The forests

The track
swings west from
Fitzroy Camp
towards the
Glenelg River.
Back into poorer
sandy soils once
more the Brown
Stringybark
replaces the
Messmate as the
dominant species.

Lunch is taken
at The Inkpot, a
large pool of water,

stained black by decaying vegetable
matter. The depression, resulting from a
collapsed cave or from water dissolving
the underlying limestone is some 10
metres deep.

The valley of Moleside Creek leads
us to camp and the Glenelg River. After
four days of slightly desiccated forests
the first glimpse of the river sends the
spirit soaring.

The Glenelg, rising in the Gramp-
ians, winds its way over 400 kilometres
to the Southern Ocean at Nelson. Over
eons of time the river has cut deeply
into fossiliferous limestone deposited
millions of years ago, leaving vertical,
yellow-orange cliff faces of the gorge
that cradles this majestic stream.

At last, the canadian canoe atop
Gordon's Toyota all this time makes
sense. Some of the group grabbed the
opportunity to explore this broad,
meandering waterway. Two chose the
wet option and proceeded by canoe the

FAILING THE PUBLIC

by Ronald.D.Woodland-Blanch

RE REDUCTION OF MAINTENANCE IN NATIONAL PARKS.

With many visitors to National
Parks complaining about the level of
maintenance in recent times, a survey
was undertaken, revealing some surpris-
ing results. If the really big problems
are set aside, such as the stinking
pollution of the once pristine Myall
Lakes, it was found that general mainte-
nance in many Parks can only be
described as very ordinary. Instead of
rolling-up the sleeves & tackling the
problem, the NPWS has CUT-BACK
on some of it's work, by no longer
supplying FIREWOOD to existing
FIREPLACES, & we are officially
advised that fireplaces will shortly be
dismantled.

Note that this is being done in a
secretive way, with apparently no
reference to the taxpayer, or any of the
outdoor organisations, which should
alarm you. After all, YOU own the
Parks & YOU employ these people to
manage & maintain them for you.

Rather than continue to supply
FIREWOOD, they have decided to
discontinue, The FIREPLACES are
still all there, but there is no firewood to
go with them. Not only that, but new
signs are going up, threatening heavy
penalties if you gather your
own. (Imagine if you camp in high, cold
Parks like Kaputar or Warrumbungles
in winter, and having to climb into your
sleeping bag at sundown because it is
just too cold to sit up without a fire.)

As a walker & camper & Park user
for over sixty-five years, and an Honor-
ary Ranger for many years, I deeply
resent such an outrageous policy. It
denies our most basic freedom - THE

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A BUSHWALKER LOST ? IN FINLAND?

There is plenty of scope for bushwalking in Finland, but then it is the seventh largest country in Europe stretching over 1150 km north to south. (In air miles this is more than Sydney - Hobart and similar to Brisbane - Townsville.)

In the Central Region (which is central between the West Coast and the Russian border and between Helsinki and the Arctic Circle) there are two long distance track networks. The "Trail of Pirkka" is a network of 330 km of marked tracks north of Tampere connecting seven towns or villages. It was set up in the 1950's by one, Tuomas Vinha, who negotiated rights of way over private land where necessary.

The Maakuntaura (Provincial Track) zig zags through the province centred on Jyvaskyla and has been progressively established over the last 15 years

Finnish Lapland is above the Arctic Circle and is almost totally wilderness, State Forest or other protected lands. It has lakes, swamps and treeless rocky fells. Trekking Maps are not available for all areas, but in most there are shelter huts for each days

stage so that you don't need to carry cooking gear. if you are really confident in your navigation skills. This part of Finland is about 200 km wide, so if you can carry enough food as well as your all seasons clothing you could traverse all the way to the Russian border zone. and maybe not see another person.

70% of Finland is covered by forests which apart from the Strict Nature Reserves and other protected areas are periodically clear felled for the timber and paper industries..

10 km from the centre of Helsinki along the motorways you will be in the "bush" the hills being covered with regrowth pine, birch and spruce. Road cuttings are fenced to try to prevent the elks from falling onto the road. Cars and their drivers often don't survive an elk

by Alex Tucker



collision. The elk might!

So this bushwalker was not lost for lack of opportunity because he is also interested in Finnish history and engineering, what he lacked was time. Three weeks is not enough so personal experience has been limited to shoe walking in the bush

The Wilderness Church is near Inari about 300 km north of the Arctic Circle. The church is in a cleared area, which was one of the venues for the annual get together of the nomadic Sami people. They traded reindeer, and celebrated marriages and christenings. The church is still a popular destination for walkers and it is accessible by

boat or skis for wedding parties. I thought that a classification of "medium" could not be true of a 4km track in Finland but this was one of several occasions when I wished I had brought my boots. The track is so littered with rocks and exposed tree roots so you really must stop to appreciate the scenery

Pyha- Hakki National Park.

This is 1200 ha of primeval forest protected since 1912.

As far as possible it has been left undisturbed so has trees of all ages from seedlings to the dead grey "snags" which provide nest holes for the red squirrels and owls, goshawks, ravens and woodpeckers.

On display in the information shelter

are two sections of Scots Pine showing how they can survive forest fires

and how growth rings relate to historical records. One sample has heart wood dating from 1694. It fell in a storm in 1981, Another tree section with 1594 heartwood is misshapen by fires in 1634, 1666, 1721, 1766, 1816 and 1911. The averages fire frequency for any tree is about 50 years, but until 1850 there were fires in this forest every 9 years. There has not been a major fire since 1921 so the fire sensitive spruce is flourishing. This park is one of the very few remaining wild locations of this species.

A feature of the park is Iso Puu (Big Tree) estimated to be nearly 500 years old and still growing. The two nature trails in this park are part of the Provincial Trail mentioned above.

Punkaharju is a rocky ridge seven km long left by the Ice Age glaciers that carved out the lakes on either side. Tree felling was prohibited in 1802 by the decree of the Grand Duke who happened to be Czar Alexander 1. However. Later, the lower slopes of the ridge were the only locations for the road and rail corridor In 1938 - 1945 the ridge was again part of the Finnish defence line against the Russians and some evidence of this is still visible. There are still good walking tracks away from the upper road and you could also catch a bus in & out of the town.

Kotka Langinkoski National Park

When in 1889 a later Grand Duke, Czar Alexander III, expressed a wish for a fishing lodge to be built for his use on his favorite rapids (In Finnish "Koski") the local authorities did not hesitate to build a simple two story four bedroom "cottage" where the czarina could cook for the family and the czar could carry wood and water. With only a minimum of Court staff. The town council also built some wooden fences in the river to ensure that not too many fish would evade the imperial rod and line.

The surrounds are still natural and the Finns do not make any great distinction between National Park, people's park, nature park, scenic park and historic site, all of which are applicable

Tallinn. The main reason for our visit was the mediaeval city, which is about one Kilometre Square with a maze of cobbled streets, churches houses and

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Phya Hakki National Park

LETTERS TO EDITOR**ACCESS TO BLUE MOUNTAINS NAT PARK
AT GLENBROOK STATION***by Rod Julian*

It has been suggested that an alternate route be established.

It would benefit many sections of the community if direct access to the Blue Mountains National Park could be provided from Glenbrook Station. Glenbrook is unique in that it is the only station in the Blue Mountains that is ideally suited to direct access to the national park.

Why should this be done?

1) On any weekend there are numerous hikers who leave the train at Glenbrook station and walk along Bruce Road to gain access to the Blue Mountains National Park. For some distance either side of the boom gates hikers and cars share the narrow roadway, not an ideal situation.

2) School groups from the city could catch the train to Glenbrook and hike directly into the BMNP directly from Glenbrook Station. Access could be to Red Hands Cave, for example, for Aboriginal Studies, or Euroka Clearing to camp or study natural history.

3) It would not be an expensive exercise - the track in its entirety would be approximately one kilometer long.

How can this be done?

This plan is entirely practical, but would rely on co-operation from the Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC), the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and the State Rail Authority (SRA). The proposed walking track is to the Blue Pool; from here other walking tracks can be accessed. It could be built as follows:

1) Extension of the present footbridge above the Glenbrook railway station to the southern side. (S.R.A.)

2) Construction of a new walking track along the gazetted public roads "Station Street" and Watson Street", with permission of BMCC. (These 'streets' are still virgin bushland.)

3) Construction of a walking track from "Watson Street", bordering the BMNP, to a walking track built by volunteer labour in 1909. This section of walking track within the BMNP is listed as having 'regional heritage significance'. (Walking Track LG3, Walking Track Heritage Study, managed by the NPWS.)

4) A replica of the original footbridge be constructed at the site of the original 1909 abutments.

5) Erection of suitable signage.

6) Clearing of vegetation from all connecting walking tracks:

Blue Pool to the causeway (connects to Red Hands Cave and Euroka Clearing walking tracks.)

Blue Pool to the Duck Hole walking track. (Connects to St Helena fire trail and Kanuka Brook track.)

Conclusion

The proposal to have direct access to the BMNP direct from Glenbrook station is not new. To date the following people or organisations have been approached, with little interest shown:

Blue Mountains City Council
National Parks and Wildlife Service
Blue Mountains Gazette
Mr. Bob Debus, NSW Minister for the Environment

Faye Lo Po, State Member for Penrith

Mr. Bob Carr, NSW Premier
If you would like to write below is the address of the relevant MP.

Jackie Kelly, MP
Federal Member for Lindsay
P.O. Box 712
Penrith NSW 2750



If you can help our readers queries, or just want to have your say, send in a letter to Bushwalkers NSW C/O Editor PO Box 2090 Sydney 1043 or email turton@smartchat.net.au

Dear Editor;

I have recently read that feral cats have been documented having weights of 21kg as they revert back to their genetic makeup of the wild past. Our moggie is a generous 4 kg brute and eats half a tin of whiskas a day not to mention snacks. It is no wonder then that the native species are endangered and quolls are competing for food supplies. Do your readers have any other information on the subject?

Domestic bliss (with bells on)

Dear Editor;

During the Olympics I was escaping to the Ruined Castle and *en route* my friend and I ran into a foreigner who may have been lost. He asked us something but we were not sure and smiled and pointed to the track leading back to the golden staircase. When we looked back he was completely disappeared. Is this a common occurrence? Worried Walker

Dear Editor;

My husband and I want to get away for awhile but have little or no budget. Please don't recommend the Hydro Majestic or another spiffy joint mentioned in Good Weekend. Where should we go for a decent night under the stars? Frustrated

Dear Editor;

I finally picked up a copy of the Bushwalker and found it interesting and full of in depth articles. It would look even better if you had more pictures of the beautiful bush. Avid reader

Ed; I would love to run more pics, but with a tight budget the quality I would like makes it too expensive to print

Dear Editor;

I was walking in Heathcote National Park during the Olympics and was disgusted by the rubbish at the Kingfisher Pool. While I took out two bags of rubbish it was barely enough to touch the sides. How often do the relevant authorities look here and remove this detritus? I would hardly want to go back after seeing the slimy plastic bags and used food containers at the bottom of the pool.

Regards;
Overwhelmed.

NAVSHIELD 2000

BUSHWALKERS WILDERNESS RESCUE NAVIGATION SHIELD

The following is a list of all rescue groups that attended the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue navigation weekend in July this year. Each category of rescue group has been summarised in both the one and two day event. As each group enters for a variety of reasons e.g. competitive, training or its novelty value, it would be an assumption only that one group is better than another. However, it is possible to gauge a general consistency value between the various groups.

Category Winners (All teams are Class 1 unless otherwise stated)

1 DAY EVENT

BUSHFIRE BRIGADES

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Baulkham Hills Bushfire | 560 |
| Hillside Volunteer | 410 |
| Kangaroo Valley | 300 |
| Valley Heights | 280 |
| Winmalee | 270 |
| Winmalee | 140 |
| Gosford City (Class 2) | 120 |
| Mulwaree Shire RAFFT | -10 |

BUSHWALKERS

| | |
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| Mudgee | 520 |
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| Upper Blue Mountains | 450 |
| Wild Dogs | 330 |
| Watagan Wanderers | 320 |
| ANC | 270 |
| NPA | 260 |
| SPAN Unlimited | 260 |
| Nordic Ski Club | 260 |
| Berowra Bushwalkers | 250 |
| Nordic Ski Club | 240 |
| Springwood | 230 |
| Upper Blue Mountains | 220 |
| Mt. Druitt | 210 |
| Sutherland | 180 |
| Nordic Ski Club | 170 |
| The Bush Club | 160 |
| Springwood | 160 |
| The Bush Club | 140 |
| Watagan Wanderers | 130 |
| Up & Downers | 67 |

NPWS

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|----------------|-----|
| Blue Mountains | 560 |
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POLICE

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| NSW Police Rescue | 330 |
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SES

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|------------------------|-----|
| Gisborne Victoria | 550 |
| Blue Mountains | 530 |
| Wollongong | 390 |
| Baulkham Hills | 350 |
| Hornsby | 320 |
| Baulkham Hills | 290 |
| Nunawading Victoria | 260 |
| ACT Emergency Services | 220 |

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|------------------------|-----|
| ACT Jerrabomberra | 220 |
| ACT Emergency Services | 210 |
| Hornsby | 210 |
| Blue Mountains | 200 |
| ACT Hall | 200 |
| Hornsby | 200 |
| Bendigo Victoria | 190 |
| Baulkham Hills | 170 |
| Nunawading Victoria | 150 |
| Hornsby | 150 |
| Willoughby/Lane Cove | 130 |

VRA

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|----------------------|-----|
| Berrima Rescue Squad | 370 |
| South Coast | 340 |
| WICEN | 260 |
| Berrima Rescue Squad | 180 |
| Binalong | 140 |
| NSW Cave Rescue | 140 |

2 DAY EVENT

AMBULANCE

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Shoalhaven | 1070 |
| Shoalhaven | 550 |
| Shoalhaven Medical Disaster | 280 |

ARMED SERVICES

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|------------------------|-----|
| RAAF Richmond - 37Ssqn | 960 |
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BUSHFIRE BRIGADES

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|---------------------|------|
| Kangaroo Valley | 1060 |
| Kangaroo Valley | 880 |
| Kangaroo Valley | 700 |
| Gurnang | 500 |
| Gungahlin Volunteer | 310 |
| Woodford (Class 2) | 310 |

BUSHWALKERS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Berowra Bushwalkers | 1210 |
| Springwood | 1200 |
| Sutherland | 1130 |
| UTS Outdoor Adventure Club | 1120 |
| SPAN Unlimited | 850 |
| SPAN Unlimited | 700 |
| Newcastle Ramblers (Class 2) | 530 |
| Watagan Wanderers | 480 |
| SPAN Unlimited | 330 |
| SPAN Unlimited | 310 |
| Nepean | 310 |
| UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (Class 2) | 310 |

Bankstown

NPWS

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|----------------|------|
| Blue Mountains | 1460 |
| South Coast | 740 |

SES

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Wollongong | 770 |
| Gosford | 740 |
| Willoughby/Lane Cove | 480 |
| Randwick | 340 |
| Mosman | 340 |
| ACT Emergency Services | 310 |
| Wingecarribee | 270 |
| Mudgee | 270 |
| Waverley Woollahra | 240 |
| Wollongong | 230 |
| Campbelltown | 180 |
| Shellharbour | 170 |
| Wollongong | 160 |

VRA

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| NSW Cave Rescue (Class 2) | 1000 |
| NSW Cave Rescue | 620 |
| Wagga Rescue/Hunters Hill SES290 | |
| Central Coast | 220 |

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DE-BRIEF NOTES ON SEARCH FOR OVERDUE SOLO BUSHWALKER IN MORTON NATIONAL PARK 25-26TH SEPT.

Search Team – Bravo

Task – walk the main track from Wog-Wog car park via Korra Hill, Corang Peak, Burrumbeet Brook, and then Bibbenluka to check camp caves and sites.

Leader – Constable Mark Goode, Braidwood Police

Team Members – 5 on Monday and 2 on Tuesday (3 returned to Wog-Wog car park Tuesday morning).

Steve Irwin, BWRS Field Officer
Rick Nieunhuis, BWRS trainee team member

Malcolm Hughes, BWRS team member

Michael Course, BWRS team member

Clive Wilmot, BWRS trainee team member

Communication – 1 Police radio

Weather and Conditions – Conditions were poor during the entire period we were out, with only one period from about 0800 to 0930 Tuesday when there was clear sky. Otherwise weather consisted of low cloud cover and mist, rain (heavy at times), thunderstorms overnight, and wind increasing on Tuesday.

General – From the point of view of a team member I was satisfied with the team and the outcome. We performed the given task in difficult conditions, covering approximately 11.5k/s on the first day and 21.5k/s on the second day (almost 33k/s in a 24 hour period). Constable Mark Goode of Braidwood Police, who lead our search team, was an excellent choice due to his bush fitness and previous bushwalking experience. All team members were happy with his leadership and decision making.

What went well –

- The decision to delay a general call-out of BWR squad members until the results of Tuesday were known was good.

- I believe our response time was reasonably good. From an initial call received at 0900 (at work) we had people at the start point walking at 1445, (despite the fact that I was 30 minutes late!).

Steve Irwin Field Officer Bushwalkers
Wilderness Rescue Squad



- The allocated task was completed.
- As we were on top of the plateau most of the time the Police hand held radio worked reasonably well despite a couple of black holes in valleys.

- Support from Command Post was good, eg offer to be airlifted or winched out after the missing person was found was much appreciated despite being unable to use this due to weather conditions.

- The 3 person team that continued to Mt Tarn on Tuesday was able to continue and stay another night if required.

What could be better –

- Our members turned up to field two teams. For a track search of this type a team of 3 or 4 would have been sufficient. This is the principle reason for the slower team of 3 members returning to the car park.

- Team members should generally be prepared and equipped to stay out at least 2 nights.

- The alternative track to Corang peak via the Corang River would need to have been checked (via Cascades). The second team could have done this, however communications would have been required. There was insufficient time to arrange an extra radio. I was aware of the capabilities of our walkers present and this task would have been possible.

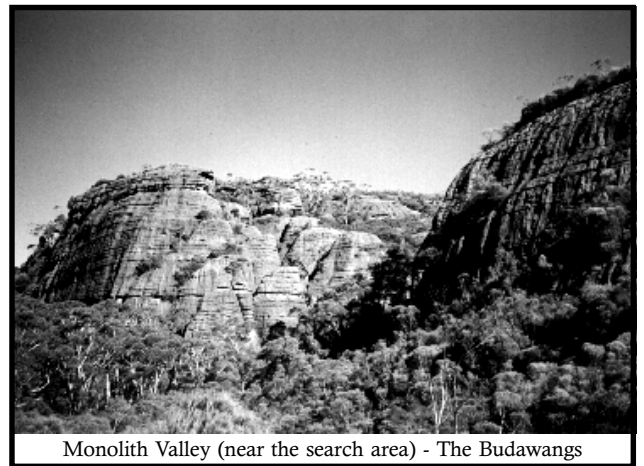
**Steve Irwin Field Officer
Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad
29/9/2000**

The above report is an edited version of the debrief notes of the involvement of BWR in the search for an overdue solo woman walker during the Olym-

pics. She had started her four day Budawang walk on Tuesday 19th September, 2000. A search was started when she had not returned by Saturday.

On Monday morning the Police called on the local Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA – BWR is a member) Regional Coordinator, Rod Roderick to utilise VRA resources in this search. BWR was asked to search parts of her planned route with two small fast teams.

The typical Budawangs weather suggested that this was going to be a repeat of the major search in May, 2000 for four Scouts. In that search many resources were hastily called in and hence difficult to coordinate. To avoid a repeat it was decided to put designated



Monolith Valley (near the search area) - The Budawangs

resources on standby for an early start on Wednesday, if required.

During a brief break in the weather the 35-year-old woman from Killarney Heights was sighted by a police helicopter (Polair) at the junction of the Clyde River and Hollands Creek about 9:30am AEDT 26th September. Landing was not possible so she was winched out.

Police Search Coordinator Peter Cornelius says it is thought she took a wrong turn on difficult to follow tracks. Unfortunately she lost a lot of her gear (including map and compass) when her rucksack fell into a rock crevasse. She was slightly injured retrieving her pack and rested in an overhang during the bad weather before attempting to walk out. Without her map she wandered off her planned route.

“The area up there is criss-crossed with little tracks, but some of them are no more than a slight indentation in the grass, and you can be excused for thinking they’re animal tracks,” he said.

“It is certainly very easy to get lost if you don’t know your way around there.”



SADLY MISSED AT SUTHERLAND BUSHWALKERS

Carl Milne

It is with feelings of great sadness and loss that we acknowledge, and each in our own way, come to terms with the passing of Don Rice. Some had the opportunity to know and appreciate him more than

others. I personally only recently had the opportunity to sit and talk and get to know him a little. I remember walking

away from that meeting feeling honoured that he had been so willing and happy to share his time and knowledge with me and me not even a 'real' bushwalker.

There have always been 'Don Rice stories', and I am sure that although he is gone, he will never, ever be forgotten. He has done so much for this Club from its very inception that we can undoubtedly call it his 'Club'. In fact he has



Don Rice - photo by Noel Bocket

lovingly and respectfully been known as the 'Godfather' of Sutherland bushwalking Club. He was always interested and keen that the Club measured up to his own strong beliefs and convictions.

On behalf of all our membership I would like to acknowledge our gratitude and desires to keep the Club running as Don would have liked.

Eulogy by Maurie Bloom: *My close association with Don goes back to the mid sixties. Don and I were both active members of the scout movement and both worked at Lucas Heights. Don was a keen outdoors person with a strong love for the bush.*

In the late sixties Don encouraged his close scouting friends and his work colleagues to participate in overnight bushwalks covering his favourite areas in the Budawangs. His forays into this area and the Blue Mountains continued through the years with the group slowly but surely expanding. Don would prepare meticulous notes and kept a log of trips that he would later distribute to the participants.

As time went on it was decided that our group should become more formal-

ised and that we should become affiliated with the Federation of Bushwalkers. A constitution was drafted and "The Sutherland Bushwalking Club" was born.

Don was very protective of his beloved bushwalking environment and on occasions was seen demolishing unnecessary cairns. Often lunchtime excursions at Lucas Heights were interrupted by Don darting into the scrub to drag branches and logs across the tracks to discourage errant trail bike riders. Don was active on club commitments. He also ran the navigation and abseiling courses.

Don built a large circle of friends in the bushwalking fraternity. He was an active member and participant in Federation and Bushwalkers Search and Rescue.

Many of Don's bushwalking friends, work colleagues and others rallied around Don and Lorraine and the family when their home was burnt in the devastating Como bushfires.

Don's ever helpful and friendly nature will be missed by all those who knew him.



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Judy hellyer

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TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON BUSHWALKING.

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The Scripture Union Bushwalkers is interested in establishing a working committee for the Confederation to approach a television network (possibly the ABC) in the near future to suggest the making of a short series of documentaries called "The Bushwalkers".

Such a documentary series could showcase the activities of Confederation and feature at least some of the affiliated clubs. The series could help promote minimal impact bushwalking and walking with clubs. It would also hopefully encourage more young people to take up bushwalking.

We expect there would be a strong "market" for a documentary series on bushwalking. Over the years there has been a strong following in Australia for programs on leisure and the outdoors (eg. Getaway, The Great Outdoors) and on observation of and interaction with the natural environment (eg. Bush Tucker Man, Harry Butler in the Wild). In addition short documentaries have featured strongly on the ABC in recent years. Consider for instance the series on Bondi, Kings School, and learning to dive.

There would be no shortage of material for a short TV series on Confederation and club bushwalking. Events, topics and activities that could be highlighted include links between bushwalking and growth of the conservation movement (eg. Blue Gum Forest campaign), small party expeditions in remote areas, the annual NavShield Rogain, day walks popular with clubs but less known to the general public,

*Tony Miller Chris Owens
Scriptur Union Bushwalkers*

Bushwalkers' Wilderness Rescue, and clubs' canyoning and/or abseiling activities.

It would seem fitting if such a series could be made before the end of 2001, the year in which Australia celebrates 100 years of Federation. It would also be good to draw attention to the activities of Confederation in the lead up to our 70th "birthday". Getting "the show on the road" would take some work and probably the formation of a committee, but the benefits could be considerable and the exercise a lot of fun.

Scriptur Union club is enthusiastic about the prospects of a TV documentary on "The Bushwalkers" and hopes that many other affiliated clubs would look at lending their support.

Yours faithfully
Tony Miller Chris Owens

shops, enclosed by large remnants of the original walls. The old gates were guarded by towers called Tall Hermann, Fat Margaret Tall Jalg and Kiek in de Kok, because it was said the guards there could keep an eye on every kitchen in that part of town

And Engineering? Loviisa Nuclear Power Station in Finland and the submarine Lembit built in England in 1936 for the Estonian Navy

As the above all happened so we could avoid the predicted shambles of the Olympics for those not interested in competitive sports I have to report that the Opening Ceremony looked marvellous on TV in a youth hostel in a Finnish Village whose name dates from 1743 when it was on the eastern frontier between Sweden and Russia.

Also that in Estonia the "community cauldron" at the yachting venue for the 1980 Olympics based in Moscow

records only the names of Russian winners! (The three Baltic states were under Russian occupation until about 1990)



Douglas-Apsley National Park Tasmania - photo Colin Wood

Om Trek

Dear Marilynne & Mingmar

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BUSHWALKING LEADERSHIP

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

LEGAL LIABILITY

This section examines the Australian and NSW legal system in relation to outdoor and experiential education. It focuses on liability and negligence and the available insurance protection.

Leaders should be aware of the current laws in this area, and of any potential changes to those laws occurring through the setting of precedents. The ideas presented in this section must not be thought of as legal advice. For all questions about the law, consult a lawyer!

HOW LIABILITIES ARISE

A legal liability is a liability arising from the operation of the law, creating an obligation on the part of one person to compensate another for injury or damage sustained by that other. The liability may arise either in tort, in statute or in contract. In tort, the liability arises out of a breach of duty of care, which a person owes to all other people. In contract, the liability arises out of a breach of obligation which one person owes to another with whom the contract is made. In statute, the liability arises out of a breach of a statutory duty.

In tort, the duty is always fixed by law, in contract, the obligation is sometimes fixed by the terms of the agreement between the parties to the contract, and sometimes fixed by law. In tort the duty may arise under common law for example, the common law duty of care which a person owes to society generally) or under statute (for example, the statutory duty to guard against dangerous machinery). In contract, the obligation (apart from that which a party accepts as a term of the contract) may arise either at common law (for example, the common law duty of a bailee in respect of goods in his or her charge) or under statute (for example, the implied condition of warranties as to fitness or quality, under legislation governing the sale or supply of goods).

The matter that commonly concerns most Leaders is their exposure to legal liability arising from an accident causing injury to participants involved in their program. To establish this we need to understand the legal framework in place that deals with such matters. The law is divided into two separate and distinct areas; Civil Law and Criminal Law.

The area of Civil Law provides for compensation in matters where there are accidents causing injury. It is concerned with assessing fair compensation in terms of the pain and suffering that the injured person experienced through the fault of another person. Damages when awarded to the injured party are monetary damages paid by way of compensation.

The area of Criminal Law is concerned with acts that are deemed so serious that they are criminal in nature.

CRIMINAL LIABILITY

It is conceivable that as the degree of negligence increases you can cross the line from civil to criminal negligence, to a situation where the court views the actions or conduct of the party at fault to be so grossly culpable that criminal proceedings may be brought against the party at fault. Whereas civil liability usually deals with the award of compensation to the injured party, criminal liability can give rise to penalties imposed on those deemed culpable including both the sponsoring organisation and the individual staff member. (The Club and the Leader).

CIVIL LIABILITY

In most cases where a leader is found to be liable, it is in the area of civil liability. Civil liability arises when the Leader is deemed to have acted contrary to, or failed to act as, an ordinary, reasonable and prudent person would have in the same situation.

NEGLIGENCE

Before a person can be found to be liable in either a civil or criminal context, they must first be shown to be negligent. To establish negligence it must be proved that the four premises of negligence were present and took place. The four premises are as follows.

1. A duty of care must be owed to both the participants in the program and any third party who may be affected by the participants actions. Undeniably, operators and leaders of outdoor experiential education programs owe a duty of care to their participants regardless of any legal form they may have signed prior to participating.

2. It must be shown that there was some kind of breach of that standard or duty. Such a breach can be either an act

or an omission, which is contrary to that of the perceived behaviour of the reasonable, prudent person.

3. The breach must lead to injury: real physical and/or psychological damage that is legally recognisable and compensable. It must be shown that the negligent act contributed or led to the injury.

4. The injury that was occasioned and the damage that occurred must have been reasonably foreseeable, ie the type of accident and the damage which occurred must have been of such a nature that an ordinary person could have reasonably foreseen it.

In summary, you are negligent if you owe a duty of care which you breach, that results in a foreseeable accident causing injury to one or more of the participants or to a third party.

INSURANCE FOR LIABILITY

Liability insurance policies offer protection to all persons who may incur a legal liability and not just in terms of liability of an operator to an injured participant. The different types of policies available provide indemnity to the insured for his or her legal liability, which may arise at common law, under statute or under contract. There are many different types of liability policies. Cover may be provided in a policy covering one particular type of risk or in a 'combined' or 'package' policy offering protection against several eventualities. The operator must be aware of the risks that they should be insuring for, and the type of policy needed to cover them.

The policies considered below fall into two main groups: compulsory insurances and optional insurances. Compulsory insurances are those which are made compulsory by statute. Optional insurances are those where the obligation to insure is not imposed on the insured by law. There are, however, instances where to insure is assumed or imposed under contract. For example, in contracting with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service for access and usage of their parks, it is required that the operator takes out a public liability policy which is classed as an optional insurance. The basic cover offered by each class of insurance is summarised in brief below



WALKING WITH CHILDREN

Judy hellyer - Bankstown Bushwalkers

Taking the kids out bushwalking is definitely a time for planning. Anybody who has taken out a tribe even to the city on a summers day will know the parental catchcry, 'expect the unexpected'. I had been to Wentworth Falls once before and while the maps say 'easy' (for the National Pass); my six year old earned a few piggy backs on the return journey.

I'm a train person, it seems more in line with the ethics of a bushwalk, but it *does* mean more work on the adult's part. (Do I really need to add one more car on an already crowded and dirty road?) Be prepared for a long journey to the mountains, but how easy it was to provide paper and pencils, something chewy, a few games of I-spy, and a chance to instruct a little on a few topics, ie , litter, feeding native birds (don't), how close can I go to the cliff edge (not at all!), etc.

The excitement of 'going bush' was met with the seriousness of responsibility. They each had to carry their own pack with their lunch, and water. I made them carry (yes, the six year old, too) a litre each, and the eleven year old two litres. We also had belts with bottles for easy access, which we refilled as needed.

Going across the highway to Wilson's Park, we went down Darwin's Track taking about ¼ of an hour, including stopping for water. This put us at the top of Wentworth Falls, whereupon we turned right, and in five minutes witnessed the breathtaking views from the top of the 600m high cliffs. This is, in itself, worth the one and a half hour train trip, and seemed in our case, to put wings on the children's feet as they raced the cliff track to see more.

We went for two hours in on the 'undercliff track', (one hour in is plenty), stopped for lunch, and then turned back. This way there was no danger of overtiring and coming back late and unhappy. We saw plenty of bush, cliffs, hair-raising drops, ferns, and a few tourists.

Budding Crocodile Dundettes and Dundinas could go further into the national parks, while some might just want to see a *little* bit of our great outdoors. Either way, it is up to the parent to make the journey meaningful and enjoyable for each individual child.

WALK THE WALK

This is extracted from the Australian Standard September issue. Confederation was represented at the drafting committee

Australia with its vast areas Of national parks and terrain ranging from tropical rain forests to alpine highlands offers a diversity of walking experiences To provide a means of consistently classifying the many different tracks that already exist or are to be constructed or modified, a Standard, walking tracks Part 1 Classification and signage developed by CS-029, is close to publication. It specifies the level of development for six classes of track

Class 1 tracks are the most developed in terms of modification to the environment and are suitable for all levels of walkers or those in wheelchairs

At the other end of the scale class 6 tracks are the least developed. The environment is only modified for user safety or nature conservation. They are for experienced walkers who are equipped to navigate unmarked routes.

The standard identifies six elements that are used for classifying cracks, These include things like the accessibility of the track (e.g. provision of wheelchair access), the level of experience required by the walker and the provision of facilities like lookouts and campsite.

The Standard will also provide Guidance on the design, fabrication and use of track marker, and information signs to be used on the tracks

Use of the Standards will mean walkers will be better able to assess tracks before using them. Selecting those that will provide the experience and facilities they are looking for. And track builders and managers will know what elements are required for Providing a particular type of track or to simply classify an existing track.

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We are in receipt of many excuses, ranging from - "Wood gets stolen" to "Criticism of quality of wood", "Too time consuming" and "Insufficient Funds" etc. but NPWS Budget has never been greater, and whereas entry to National Parks was FREE for well over a hundred years, now there is a considerable FEE to enter, & an ADDITIONAL fee to camp.

How many people do you actually see WORKING in the Parks? - As against a growing army of tertiary-trained rangers in new vehicles & manning modern offices. With the new fees there is an EXPECTATION by users that maintenance should be IMPROVED, net reduced. Everybody is saying that they want to see employees willing to put their hands on the Brushcutter & Chainsaw, Pick up the Shovel & the Rake. Perhaps it's time for a complete rethink on Park management & employment!

Rangers will tell you that there is a plan to install Gas & Electric BBQ's, Where are they? The plan would run to millions & they wont boil a billy or keep you warm on cold nights. If you don't make urgent & strong protest, then it's very likely that long-accepted rights will be lost forever. - And what comes next?

(INACTION will simply be interpreted as APPROVAL.)

Concerned users might like to direct enquires to -

National Parks & Wildlife Service, 43 Bridge St.Hurstville.2229

Minister for the environment, Level - 25,59 to 61 Goulburn St.Syd.2000

A REPLY WAS PROMISED BY THE NPWS, BUT AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS IT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING

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next two days.

For three days the track followed the river, approaching at the low, landing sites, retreating as the high cliffs at the outside bends dictated.



Surry River Gorge

Patterson's Canoe Camp, with its 1834 'heritage' boatshed, magnificent River Red Gums and 'feral' Walnut tree - complete with Walnuts marked the culmination of a memorable three days.

Next day we walked to Hirth's Landing, hitched a ride on the Nelson Endeavour downstream to Nelson, the halfway point of the walk. A delectable dinner of Jewfish and a mountain of chips were a celebratory feast after a week of camp fare.

The second week began with a marked change in terrain, from the benign forest and placid river to the ever breaking waves of the Southern Ocean and the endless beach of Discovery Bay with its immense arc of sand stretching into the dim distance.

Left foot, right foot - the temptation is to count the steps to the far, unseen end of the bay. To do so would be to court insanity. To resist the temptation you wrench your gaze from the foot prints ahead - look towards the vegetated frontal dunes - towards the advancing waves arriving from an ocean uncluttered by land - photograph people - photograph Shipwreck Rocks.

Don't count the foot prints - don't count the prints.

Six kilometres on rocky outcrops named for local pioneers McEachern and Noble provide a welcome respite from the sand and reveal Pipi, Turban and Whelk shells in Aboriginal middens.

Beyond Noble's Rocks an inland track through Coastal Wattle, Tea-tree and She-oaks reaches and skirts Mombeong Lake and on to the campsite. A swim in the clear, fresh water is most acceptable after 23 kilometres of beach, rock and sand dunes.

Next morning a blanketing mist has rolled in from the Southern Ocean - Don's tent, less than 30 metres distant, is not visible.

A short inland track returns us to the beach and it's beach for 15 kilometres to the access track to Swan Lake Camp. Sadly, Swan Lake is devoid of swans - and water.

Track notes for the next day read: "The beach alternative on this section is NOT EASY GOING. The sand is soft and the beach slopes seaward, making comfortable walking difficult."

The inland track passes between extensive dunes and a pine plantation, then into Mount Richmond National Park.

Mount Richmond is a volcanic tuff cone some 2 million years old, now covered by windblown coastal sands. The park contains a rich diversity of flora including gums, wattles, banksias and hakeas.

Tarragal Camp is reached soon after leaving the Park. This inland retreat from Discovery Bay adds a day to the walk but has the advantage of including Mount Richmond, a morning-tea break at Bridgewater Lakes and an early arrival at The Springs Camp next day.

This allowed time to visit the cliff-base spring, via the ramp built by hand in 1920 to give cattle access to the water. We walked on along the cliff base to Green Pool where breaking waves top the protecting, black-rock rampart to become a waterfall of white foam flowing into the sheltered pool.

The track from The Springs hugs the cliff edge, past Blowholes (now collapsed), Petrified Forest, the Australian Fur Seal colony near Cape Bridgewater and around to the Cape Bridgewater Kiosk - yes, it IS on the map. Here a steak sandwich contains so much it is speared with a skewer to hold it together.

It is so good that care must be taken to avoid eating the skewer.

After the wrench of leaving steak sandwich and cappuccino we tackled the sand of Bridgewater Bay, then a low, rocky headland sent us inland to Trewalla Camp. Then we were back on the sand to the end of the bay where a short climb leads to sandstone ledges on Cape Nelson headland and eventually to the Lighthouse. We are welcomed with a sausage sizzle, compliments of the new lessee.

We reach Mallee Camp - named for the rare Soap Mallee (*E. diversifolia*), this area is thought to be the eastern extremity of its range.

From here it is a stroll into Portland, but still the walk has surprises - the Enchanted Forest, an old land slip covered with dense, almost tropical vegetation including extremely tall Melaleuca - Yellow Rock - Crayfish Bay.

The walk draws to a close - past the Smelter Nature Walk, the Gannet rookery, Bill's Walk, enough cannons to excite Capt. Kidd and some wonderful, early, stone buildings - the history of Portland.

As impressive as the Walk is, it is outweighed by the audacity of the concept and the construction.

The sheer volume of works: bridges, boardwalks, stairs, platforms, built and maintained by volunteers must be seen to be believed.

Erosion control works alone must run to thousands of hours. They are innovative and they are working - they are bringing vegetation back to grazing-ravaged limestone.

Gordon Page was walk leader. He has obviously spent an incredible amount of time working on the track, such is his knowledge of all of its 250 kilometres. The group owes him very special thanks.

Undoubtedly there must be many other volunteers, but of course for our walking group the most visible were - Friends of The Great South West Walk.

I think it should read -
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PROFORMAS LIMITING LIABILITY

Exclusions Clauses - Waivers of Liability, Liability indemnities

These generally take the form of a document sent out to a participant or guardian of the participant asking them: to waive their right to sue and to exclude the Leader from liability. They are very controversial and the opinion obtained indicates they are of little use. The courts take a dim view of exclusion clauses and are inclined to rule, for a variety of legal reasons, that Leaders cannot contract their way out of negligence.

CONSENT FORMS AND RECOGNITION OF RISK CLAUSES

The consent form is often used with miners. If it is sent out to parents or guardians and seeks their consent for the child to partake in the program. It also asks them to realise and accept that there are certain inherent risks involved in the activities of the program. A recognition of risk clause is also used for adult participants.

It is important to understand that these forms do not ask a participant not to sue, take action, OR exclude the Leader from liability. Their purpose is to

prevent a participant using the grounds that they didn't give permission to participate in the program. Additionally it prevents them from claiming that whilst they gave permission they had no realisation of the risks involved.

Legal opinion suggests that such Proformas do offer a degree of protection from claims of this nature, but only with certain provisos.

The principle of law that dictates these provisos is what the judicial system calls 'informed Consent'. That this says is that if a participant gives consent for participation in a program in ignorance of the risks involved, then the consent given is negated. Therefore, consent for participation must be obtained from the participant, with his or her full knowledge of the risks involved. Two ways of doing this that should be used together are:

Adding a clause to the consent form that specifies the activities involved in the program and the risks involved. The difficulty here is trying to list all the different risks without leaving any out.

The second thing you can do, which hopefully covers any of the risks you may have missed, is to use your consent form in conjunction with a full and detailed description of the program and all the activities and events involved

MEDICAL HISTORY FORMS

Medical History Forms are used by the Leader to identify any physical disabilities or health problems of the participants, which may influence their ability to partake in the program and/or increase the risk of the program or its activities, and so adversely affect the health of the participant.

Many forms also contain a clause seeking permission to obtain medical or emergency evacuation services in the event of injury or illness of the participant.

Medical forms should be treated with total confidentiality and only the persons who really need to know the information contained on them should have access to them. They must be kept in a safe place and out of sight of other participants.

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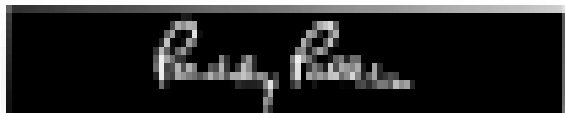
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| March | 10-11th 12hr Upside-Down Qld | 20th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | | 31st March-1st April S&R Training |
| April | 1st 6hr Rogaine ACT 0262- 475334 | 7/8th 12/24hr Rogaine west of Blue Mountains | 17th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | |
| May | 5/6th 24hr Rogaine ACT Championships | 15th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | | 26th/27th May St John First-aid training |
| June | 17th 6hr Rogaine Paddy pallin | 19th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | | |
| July | 7th & 8th BWR* Emergency Services NavShield | 17th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | | |
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| September | | 18th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | 21st Annual Bushwalkers Bushdance Petersham Town hall | |
| October | | 16th Confederation general metting Ashfield RSL | 20/21st Advanced S & R Training | 27/28th St. John First Aid Training |
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