



## THE SYDNEY BUSHWALKER

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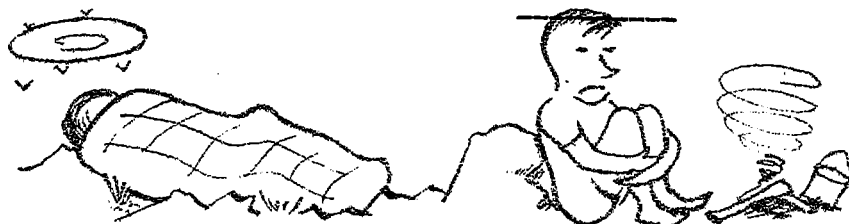
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Hi,

I know you're sick of being wished a happy new year and all that jazz so no harm will be done if we dispense with the formalities.

Traditionally, though, this is the time to look around and get rid of all the dead wood, clarifying ideas for the year ahead. While our new year does not really start until March, this is as good a time as any to start worrying about our problems. If you're like me, you'll break out in a nerve rash at the mention of the Era Trust Fund so we'll bypass that. In this issue you will find extracts from two letters on Rutile Mining recently published in The Sydney Morning Herald. Apart from the actual problem itself, these illustrate the marked diversity of opinion that exists at the official level, in this case, the National Trust of Australia and the Minister for Mines. It is also clear that some officials would blithely sacrifice our national heritage to commercial interests without turning a hair.

The casual attitude that 'you can go and find your National Parks somewhere else highlights the growing need for more public awareness of our fast diminishing balance of land in its natural state. Only through public pressure can such officials be convinced that they should have a second think.

We, individually, and as a club could do more in making our ideas known to these officials. Having a member of N.P.A. come one evening to outline their aims is a step in the right direction - that of broadening our ideas on what this fuss is all about.

Also in this edition, there is an article from N.P.A. calling for assistance in the creation of parks and reserves.

And this will be followed next month by one on "Investigation of Land Tenures in N.S.W. which is a sort of do-it-yourself land speculators course and should prove of assistance to any of us who feel the urge to rush out and look over likely future reserves.

What about an official walk on every programme to visit a possible future national park?

Certainly, there exists the need for a quick appraisal of all these likely areas so that action can be started as soon as possible to have them made reserves.

Once they are alienated we will never be able to get them back.

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AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING.

A. Colley.

As there were no new members to welcome and no contentious matters arose from the routine agenda items, Club business in the early part of our December meeting was soon completed. In correspondence was notification from the Fauna Protection Panel that a Senior Ranger is required for the Warrumbungles Reserve. The Social Secretary informed us that arrangements had been made with the National Parks Association to discuss National Parks Policy with the Club on a Wednesday night in February. Our bank balance stood at £113/3/7. Woods Creek was soon chosen for the Reunion site but an alternative site occasioned some discussion. Long Angle Gully was chosen, despite inevitable encroachment of settlement and some water pollution. Bob Godfrey, Dick Childs and Mick and Evelyn Elphick volunteered for the Reunion Committee.

Ron Knightley then drew the meetings attention to the rule on the walks programme which states that prospectives may not bring visitors on walks. This initiated a lengthy discussion on what procedure should be adopted when a member of a S.B.W. party cannot be found. Wilf Hilder thought S. & R. should make thorough investigations and advise all Clubs what procedure should be used. Dick Childs thought that contacting Paddy Pallin should be good enough. Stuart Brooks thought we shouldn't be bound to call in S & R, and Frank Ashdown, pointing out that S & R. was an entirely voluntary organisation, thought that it should not have to worry about us until we ourselves were incapable of finding the misplaced person. There were already clear instructions on the walks programme as to what should be done. Alex Colley said that if leaders were expected to take all comers, including some who made no effort to keep contact with the leader, it was virtually impossible to keep a large party together. The difficulty of leading walks under such conditions was one of the reasons why the programme was hard to fill. It was up to those attending walks to help the leader by keeping contact with him, rather than add to his difficulties. Colin Putt said that St. Johns Ambulance was also a voluntary organisation, but if you didn't report an accident to a person who, in your opinion, was not badly hurt, the Coroner might have some nasty things to say.

The best course was to do what we could ourselves, but at the same time to contact S & R. Wilf Hilder pointed out that S & R didn't spring into action instantly. It would therefore be possible to send the slower members of the party on to contact S & R while the rest tried to find the missing member. Explaining the circumstances of the girl reported missing on the previous week-end, Ron Knightley said that she was not a prospective, only a friend of a prospective, who had turned up on the walk without notice to the leader. At lunch time she had asked if she

could go down to the beach and after that could not be found. It was thought she might have gone ahead with other members of the party. Jack Gentle (The leader) arranged with the prospective who brought her to check with the girl's parents and, if she were not home to ring Paddy. Because she misread her own writing the prospective could not find Paddy's number, and the lost girl's parents contacted the police. Stuart Brooks then moved that the meeting record its opinion that no criticism of the leader was implied. "Having lost as many members and prospectives as anyone" Stuart felt he knew what he was talking about. The motion was carried unanimously.

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1964 CAR TRIAL - FOURTH OF A SERIES.

See some of the off the beaten track areas during the coming car trial

February 15th - 16th

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W. Rodgers.  
J. Gentle.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO -

Margaret Wilson and Dick Childs who announced their engagement at our Christmas Party, and to Peter and Dot Stitt on the arrival of their first child, a boy.

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Letters to the Editor of "The Sydney Morning Herald".

Damage Caused by Rutile Mining.

Sir, The National Trust recently submitted detailed proposals to the Minister for Local Government on the need for controlled development of our foreshores. Much of the destruction of natural beauty in recent years has been due to the lack of a positive policy by many councils and shires.

However, one of the reasons for damage is the activities of companies engaged in beach rutile mining. Despite claims to the contrary, restoration cannot be effectively carried out and too often devastation is the result.

A recent issue of the National Parks Journal comments that "damage caused by rutile mining is final and complete. No manner of skill can restore the biotic communities which rutile mining eliminates. Some of these communities, such as the spectacular hind-dune rainforest, are of unique significance."

A further disturbing feature is that applications have been made for rutile leases in areas which are under consideration as future national parks or reserves.

As it has been estimated that only some 2 or 3 per cent of this State remains as vacant Crown land it is obvious that more determined action by the State Government departments concerned is the only means of preventing further destruction.

I.F. Wyatt, Hon. Secretary,  
National Trust of Australia. Sydney.

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Sir,

I am deeply concerned that Mr. I.F. Wyatt, honorary secretary of the National Trust of Australia, should criticise the beach sands mining industry of this State.

This industry at present employs 900 men and I estimate that value of production from this State during 1963 will be in the vicinity of £4 $\frac{1}{4}$  million. Practically the whole of this production is exported overseas. Over the years, restoration techniques have been developed in association with the Soil Conservation Service of N.S.W. and large cash deposits are lodged by operators to ensure that proper restoration measures are carried out. On the far north coast of N.S.W., which has been the hub of this industry, councils and local organisations not infrequently approach the operators with a request that certain areas should be mined and restored for civic development.

I would like to make it very clear that, as Minister for Mines, I intend to make sure that valuable rutile and zircon deposits are developed in the interests of the nation. The State of New South Wales, in common with the rest of Australia, must progress and land for national parks must be set apart in areas that are not rich in natural mineral resources occurring at or near the surface.

J.B. Simpson,  
Minister for Mines., Sydney.

#### SOCIAL PROGRAMME JANUARY 1964

X Variety is the keynote for the January social programme. On the 16th Dave Ingram ("California Here I Come") will entertain us with slides and commentary on the first half of his recent visit to the U.S.A. Dave will take us as far as California and since I've had the privilege of a preview of his slides, I can personally recommend a most interesting evening.

X Bushwalkers are sure to enjoy a talk with illustrations by Mr Ford on 23rd January, dealing with flora in the Sydney area. It is some time since we have had this kind of entertainment and the subject is one in which most members show great interest.

X On 30th January Mr B. Byles (brother of Marie) will have very much pleasure in telling us the story of the Kosciusko State Park. Mr Byles is an authority on this area and what he has to convey will be enlightenment to the majority of members.

Thus January has variety, travel,  
flora and conservation.

"The new outer suburbs are no prettier or more 'desirable' than the older inner suburbs. The only trees in the new streets are dead ones - the power poles. Oleander and hibiscus are no substitute for 'bush' devastated by excessive speculative subdivision."

J.H. Shaw, Associate Professor in Town Planning, University  
of N.S.W. quoted in S.M. Herald 7/6/63.

# PADDY MAIDE

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SAFETY ON THE WAY TO THE BUSH.

A. Colley.

The biggest danger facing the motorised bushwalker of today is the journey to and from the bush. There have been already two fatalities from car accidents, one near fatality and numerous accidents to members. In view of this the following item from the "Open Road" for November should be of interest. The type of motoring done by Snowy Mountains Authority employees is very similar to that done by bushwalkers, and ex-bushwalkers.

"The Snowy Mountains Authority has achieved an outstanding record of road safety, principal reason being the compulsory use of seat belts.

This has reduced the time lost due to injuries by 76 per cent compared with a similar period prior to the installation of the belts. In a report on road safety, the S.M.A. says that 600 vehicles travelling over 5.5 million miles per annum are involved in its operations.

In the three years prior to installation of seat belts, working time lost per million miles run was 2.2 per cent. In the three years following installation, the time lost dropped to 0.35 per cent, and all of that loss was in the first of the three years.

In the last two years, ended June 30, 1963, no time whatever was lost due to road accident injuries.

The Authority's report says that after extensive tests had been carried out, diagonal belts were selected because in its opinion they gave the greatest degree of safety to drivers and passengers. Use of the belts is compulsory, and disciplinary action is taken if employees do not wear them.

In the year ended June 30, 1963, a total of 118 vehicle accidents occurred on the Authority's roads. Worst injury sustained by any of the personnel involved was serious bruising. This was despite the fact that in some cases vehicles were damaged beyond repair, while in others repairs cost hundreds of pounds.

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X	<u>FOUND</u> - in a 'phone booth in Sutherland	X
X	area - plastic bag containing maps, pro-	X
X	gramme, information concerning walks, etc.	X
X	Apply Sutherland Police Station or contact	X
X	Ed Stretton.	X

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HELP CREATE ADDITIONAL NATIONAL PARKS AND OTHER  
NATURE RESERVES.

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The N.P.A. seeks the assistance of groups of active walkers and campers in the task of investigating areas of vacant Crown Land for possible reservation for national park and wildlife purposes.

During the past few years Mr. Gordon McKern has spent many weeks in transferring the boundaries of reserves onto County maps for the Fauna Protection Panel and, at the same time, has located most of the remaining areas of vacant Crown Land of a size and location worthwhile for our purposes in the N.S.W. coastal area and along the Divide. Now that Gordon McKern has located these areas, and is in a position to prepare for investigating groups suitable maps showing the boundaries, given reasonable notice, it is highly desirable that field investigations be completed before the areas are put to other uses.

A Map and list are available showing the whereabouts of these areas and groups are requested to offer to investigate particular areas of their own choosing. No doubt more than one group will choose the one area. In some cases this could be a good thing, in others it might be more effective to negotiate the best area for each group. It is probable that many areas would require say a twelve month's campaign covering a number of visits, and more distant ones could be done only during holidays.

During the year a report would be prepared and when complete would consist of a written report, map or maps and, if possible slides and/or photographs. The written report should cover the following:- General description of type or types of country and vegetation. Condition of area - signs of fires, timber getting, mining, farming etc. Alienations. Bird and animal life - prevalence, location and type of habitat. Scenic values, large and small campsites, water, any items of special interest. Recommended boundaries and type of reserve.

The report can be in non-technical terms. Lists of technical names are not required although any such list would be welcome. A list showing the information which should be included in the report will be available.

Any walker of reasonable experience and ability would be able to make a valuable contribution to this work and it should be intensely interesting and rewarding. Would groups or individuals wishing to assist please contact:-

Mr. Gordon McKern, 166 Bridge Road, Wentworthville - 6358485. or  
Mr. Tom Moppett, 48 Park Avenue, Roseville. 418873, Bus 277321.

(Note. The road maps of NSW currently displayed on the Notice Board is not a hint that walks should be longer. It shows the location of areas referred to above: about forty or so. Also on the Board is a list of these areas giving more details of each. Ed.)

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KOWMUNG CROSSING

## An Odyssey.

("The Weather Bureau expects a few scattered showers").

Note: Extracting this story cost your Editor a lot of time and money. The latter it is hoped will be recouped when an itemised expense account is presented to our benevolent Business Manager.

I am sitting in what is quaintly called 'Lounge - The Management may refuse etc etc' at the old Yerranderie pub and feeling way down more than a little. It has been raining like someone maybe forgets to turn the tap off and I am sitting here thinking maybe I will write my life story or something. There is an old guy dejectedly plonking away at a piano in the corner and a couple of sad-faced kids are jumping up and down nearby (If Knightley was here I guess he would call it stomping).

Just then four guys walk in. These are the wettest guys I have ever seen and I have seen some wet guys in my time. They sit at my table mainly because it is the only one with vacant seats. One produces a plastic bag full of a sticky liquid like burnt porridge. "Have a biscuit, Dud?" he says, sort of slow and tired-like. "No thanks, Jack, I'm trying to give them up" says Dud. "Please yourself" says Jack.

"Would you guys like a beer?" say I. (Colley will pay for it). "Well, there's an idea" says another, who also, apparently, doesn't like biscuits. Pretty soon, we are sipping away at long, cool beers and chewing on good dry potato crisps (Ave Alex) and the one called Jack says to me "I suppose you think we are nuts or something?" I make a non-committal sort of gesture. "Well" he says, "we're walkers" (I grunt in a 'What do you know?' sort of way) "and its like this." He pauses to demolish the remnants in his glass. I catch the waiter's eye and after half-an-hour or so he is back with us and the situation is remedied. I move back a little to avoid being dripped on and say sort of interested like "Speak, young man - tell your harrowing tale."

"I am thinking" goes on Jack, after a pause, "that maybe the Walks Secretary makes a mistake holding a camp trip from Kanangra on Queen's Birthday. Because it always rains on Queen's Birthday and this time in particular. Going up in the train the rain is pouring nicely. At Kanangra it is not raining quite so heavy and we don't get real wet walking to the cave. Everybody agrees the weather is breaking and Saturday will be fine, but I don't see anyone laughing his head off at the downpour. Saturday morning is nice and misty and we are in great spirits, eating up heartily. Some other walkers ask where we are headed and when we tell them they are startled somewhat, backing away as if they figure we might get violent. We pack and climb onto the Tops where there is a wonderful view of the dense fog all round and light rain is falling which makes everyone real happy. All feet are wet already except mine, since I have

the good sense to go to considerable effort to oil and waterproof my boots beforehand. This proves a very wise precaution because my feet do not get wet for another five minutes.

We pass the salient features along the track, sometimes seeing them dimly. In fact, too dimly, for some time is spent regaining the track down to Gabe's Gap. Slap in the middle of the Gap itself is a wombat, the happiest looking creature seen all day. Like us, he is drenched and on his face has an expression homelier than a fireplace. He turns around and goes to bed while we battle on up the High and Mighty. The rain is nice and steady now while the fog is thicker than Christmas cake, and some of the crew is saying the climb is not so bad but later they are saying things I am shocked to hear. After a while I am telling myself we must break through the clouds shortly, but perhaps we pick the wrong day because we sign the visitors book at Cloudmaker and the rain is still falling like it only just started to get fair dinkum. We decide to head to Tiwilla for lunch, stopping at the first water. Which seems a quaint idea since we are walking in inches of it all day and I am getting spiky about it and do not feel in a mood for funny jokes.

We have a very pleasant lunch standing up in the rain, though Cooper crawls into a hollow log and claims it very comfortable and then some despite a couple of lethargic snakes. Morgan tries to build a humpy but throws in his hand after a bit, figuring he might as well be soaked as the way he is. Lunch over, and washed down with some very fresh water we move towards Tiwilla, but find there have been some indiscretions committed in the fog and some doubt exists whether Tiwilla is north or south of us. I think to myself this is a fine thing but we obviously have an even chance of being right, so maps are seriously studied, bearings taken, a coin tossed and we unanimously declare the map wrong and head on a different track finally reaching Tiwilla.

Meantime it is getting late and dark more than somewhat so we decide to camp, the Kowmung being as distant as Bourke for all we care. Morgan starts looking for caves known to exist nearby but direction proves most uncertain so we pitch tents on the least submerged spot we can find." -

Jack has another suck at his bag of biscuits and I order another round of beers (goodole Alex) -

"Then Battling Bob tries to light a fire in the swamp but gives in after an heroic performance when the rain starts to pour. We have chocolate and cigarettes for tea. That night there is much suffering in the camp.

I wake in the morning and the sun is shining and there is great activity. Wood is being gathered, a fire lit and breakfast prepared. Furthermore, O'Gara is stirring and showing signs of making a move. Nobody is in much of a hurry to finish breakfast or pack but we finally leave and reach the pass down the buttress. The pass being somewhat washed away we carefully toss the packs down and descend. At the bottom of the pass we

very skilfully take the wrong ridge and painfully climb back to the right one. Reaching it we smartly scarp down the long buttress to the Kowmung. I hear a noise I think is maybe a train going over the harbour bridge. Or maybe ten trains. Or something. The noise grows and grows and soon we see the source. We approach with fear and trembling as the river roars and spits before us. A rapid kit muster shows we have no collapsible dinghy or even a pair of water wings so we camp the night. Interest for the evening centres largely on the rate of river fall and the earliest crossing date. Wednesday is worth only six to five and is snapped up smartly, but Tuesday has a few supporters at eights while some real unhappy jokers are trying to get a price for Christmas day.

Monday morning comes; gloomy dials gaze into the contrary stream and contemplate ending it all while strong language is heard from the more desperate members. A deputation is formed and after a lot of deliberation it is wisely decided that something must be done. When I hear that the two most popular ideas are to walk to Jenolan or to fell a tree with a medium sized penknife I am strongly against such violent activity for I am quite comfortable where I am, and furthermore a certain attachment for the spot is forming inside me. Anyway, to make it look good we walk up the river and inspect the fords whereupon the umpires decide there will be no play today because the pitch is too wet and there will be another inspection tomorrow morning. Meantime rain is falling again and food is very light on, so we are not in the best of humour.

By Tuesday morning the river has dropped nearly three feet so we pack and tramp up to the intended crossing at Gingra Creek where O'Gara and Morgan try the water, there being a noticeable lack of enthusiasm among the rest of us. Dud declares it no go after being taken downstream more than somewhat and the next time Bob comes up for air he agrees. We decide to get one man across and rope the packs over. Dud arms himself with a rope and wearing his boots and a determined expression wades out until the current seizes him and washes him to a tree branch. The next thing he is shouting and hollering for his pack to be sent over because the water is very chilly and it's not so hot out likewise. So he ties a water bucket to the rope, puts some water in it and casts it as far across as he can to some poor soul standing knee deep on the home side. It misses, of course, and he fronts up again. Which sets the patterns for the days sport as it takes about six tries to get the rope over. It makes me real sad to see the poor coot knee deep in water getting bluer and bluer. Finally he grabs the line and staggers out. One by one the packs are pulled over, most of them sinking before they reach the other side, but if you are real lucky some of your gear doesn't get more than a little saturated.

Now there is some old wire by the side of the river and we decide to string some across and go over hanging on to it. After the usual performance with the rope it is erected and I decide to try it before rigor mortis is advanced too far beyond the preliminaries. About fifteen

yards from the far bank the water lifts my feet up and as I have a death-like grip on the wire I flop under, on and over the surface like a hooked trout and meantime have a very interesting view of the K owmung. I am wondering whether I will come apart at the elbows or shoulders first when Bob drags me out and threatens to cut off my hands if I don't let go. Regaining breath I now give a very comprehensive, descriptive and voluble account of the method adopted for crossing but they all say I am a wet blanket which amuses me but little.

Well I am now a spectator which is really amusing if it isn't so serious. Jim comes over and sometimes I see his hat above the water. Frank tries it and when he goes down for the third time we are all disturbed as he has the only dry matches in a tin in his mouth. Joe wades in, very formal, in pants and emerges, informal, without. Everybody wears a death or glory expression which does the trick and we all get across. After pouring back into the river all the surplus water in our packs we head up the Cedar Road for home and Mother."

The effort has been too much. He is exhausted and then some. There is only one remedy. "Waiter!" (Three cheers for Alex).

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SCIENCE NATURALLY.THE WOLGAN VALLEY.

Wolgan Valley is situated about 130 miles west of Sydney. In the early part of the century it was known as a duffing ground for stolen stock, being well-grassed and watered. During this time kerosene was in great demand and shale mines were operating at Hartley Vale, Torbane (Mittagong) and Teemi (Murrurundi).

Various prospectors and geologists were seeking more fields and then a German geologist, Martin Zoble, discovered the first shale in the Wolgan Valley. It was so rich that work commenced almost immediately and soon there was quite a large number of men engaged there. A railway line was eventually built out of the Valley and connected with the main Western Line at Newnes Junction. Then Sir George and Lady Newnes came out from England and officially opened up the townships of Newnes and Newnes Junction; Newnes being called after Sir George and Newnes Junction after Lady Newnes (as if you hadn't guessed).

The locomotives used on this railway line were the Shay engines from Scotland and all the wheels were cogged to enable them to pull up the steep grade out of the Valley. The mines were now producing first grade kerosene and various by-products such as naphtha, lead, aniline dyes, candles, pinch-gas oil and, being economical, even the shale ash was used - as a base for toothpaste.

In 1910, John Fell took over the works and pushed ahead with the production of kerosene and oil in a big way. Geologists working for him found that the shale seams went through the mount to Glen Alice. Then in 1917, the works closed down. Nothing more was heard or done until 1929 when A.E. Brove of Sydney, commenced operations in a small way. He was eventually taken over by a government body of selected men who called the company "The Shale Oil Development Committee." They worked it for some three years and then as before, they closed down. Negotiations proceeded with various companies to work the mines but these all fell by the wayside.

In 1939, G.F. Davis (of Davis Gelatine) decided to subscribe £600,000 to work the deposit on the Glen Alice side of the mountain. No one was surprised when the name was changed to Glen Davis, and with the support of the Government, the entire works was demolished at Newnes and re-built at Glen Davis.

Very little of the works itself can be seen in the Valley now and nature is gradually closing in and covering up all signs of the industry that once employed over 1000 men. The only surviving relic of the old town itself is the Hotel still standing as it was in the early part of the century in the Wolgan Valley. So if you would like a nice quiet business where you won't be disturbed too much you know where to go.

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FEDERATION REPORT - NOVEMBER 1963

Wilf Hilder.

Nomenclature (Place Names) Committee. Federation have appointed a Nomenclature Committee of two persons, Ninian Melville and myself, to investigate, determine and authorise bushwalkers' place names in N.S.W. The Committee, which has wide powers, is empowered to coopt anyone whom they consider can or will assist them in their task. There are many reasons for the appointment of the Committee, the main one being the criticism of the nomenclature of Binlow and Blue Labyrinth maps by the Lands Dept, also the unfortunate confusion of names in some areas, e.g. the Thunder Canyon area - parishes Irvine and Bilpin, Cook County, and the deliberate forging of place names on the cartographers' nightmare - the Gundungura map, etc. The Committee will register all walkers' place names submitted to them and will after careful investigation submit place names to the ultimate naming authority in this State - the Surveyor General. The important point to remember is that if your place names are to be presented to the Surveyor General, they must be suitable; just any old careless name will not even get past the Nomenclature Committee, who will have to stick very closely to correct place naming procedure. Anyone preparing a sketch map should consult the Committee before publishing the map to avoid needless confusion and errors in nomenclature.

Warrumbungles National Park. The W.N.P. Trust requires a senior ranger to manage the park. An ideal opportunity for a budding conservationist. For further details, write or ring Mr G. A. Gould of Coonabarabran. You could even sell your old rifle to buy the train fare! There are now two accommodation huts on the high tops and others are planned, not forgetting water catchment and storage tanks in this dry area - a bushwalkers' paradise!

Kosciusko State Park. The K. S. P. Trust has won a partial victory in its titanic struggle with Big Brother (the S.M. Authority) concerning the proposed Cootapatamba Aqueduct in the primitive area. The S.M.A. have abandoned the open aqueducts scheme and are proposing buried concrete pipes instead. The K.S.P. Trust unfortunately were very slow to declare the Primitive Area (97 square miles) and are now battling to make up lost ground. The N.P.A. reports that the Kosciusko Reservoir Aqueduct was not expected to be commenced for seven years. This serious matter cannot be allowed to rest; the trust urgently needs our strongest support in this crisis. For fuller details, see the N.P.A. Journal Supplement October '63.

New England National Park. The N.P.A. reports that the proposed land exchange in the N.E.N.P. is actually of great benefit to the park - some open country within the park is being exchanged for rain forested country. Park Trust critics take note!

Blue Mts National Park. The original area of the park was 155,000 acres - today the area is about 170,000 acres with still more to come. The trust will lock one of the Linden fire roads to prevent unauthorised vehicular traffic in the area. Federation will seek more locked gates on fire roads near the Grose Valley Primitive area.

National Parks Assn reports that only 2% of this State - that's right, TWO per cent of this State is vacant Crown Land. It is largely from this 2 per cent that future reserves can be obtained. Your cooperation is sought NOW. Please study the map and list on the club noticeboard which shows the main areas of vacant Crown Land. The N.P.A. will supply maps and all possible assistance to anyone who wants to investigate these areas in an effort to get them reserved. Your annual holidays would be an ideal time to help the conservation cause, whilst touring the back-blocks of the State.

Blacktown Walking Club. Some of the locals have applied to Federation to get the details on starting a local walking club.

Sydney Rock Climbers are seriously considering becoming an affiliated club - they have also appointed a four-man committee to maintain new and revised information for Bryden Allen's popular guide book, "The Rock Climbers of N.S.W." The S.R.C. and the Rock Rescue Team gave a demonstration rescue to the Army's representatives at Wahroonga on 1st December.

New Maps, etc. The latest Gregory's Sydney Street Directory covers many new subdivisions in our nearby Walking Country - from Cowan to Heathcote, Campbelltown to Penrith and Emu Plains to Riverstone. Robinson's Sydney Street Directory also covers much of this area, while Robinson's Official Blue Mountains Street Directory covers most of the new subdivision roads in the Blue Mountains. Anyone wanting information on roads in these areas should consult the Street Directories before studying the outdated military maps. The Lands Department have promised two more two-inch series maps (scale 1:31,000) before Christmas - Colley Blue and Ulladulla C. For the few who still haven't heard, both the military maps Jenolan and Burragorang are now covered by Lands Dept Maps - 7 provisional maps (10/- each) and 1 full colour map (5/-). Anyone caught using the military Jenolan map gets a dose of Kedumba Ck water (often known as Dr Kodumba's Sure Cure).

New Magazines. The latest copies of "Walk" and "The Melbourne Walker" are now available at Paddy's (2/6 each). Very interesting reading for walkers - armchair as well as active walkers.

#### WILDFLOWERS - HELP WANTED.

At its last meeting, the Council of the W.L.P. Society decided to elect a sub-committee to study the effectiveness of the present Wild Flowers and Native Plants Protection Act and, if thought desirable, to make recommendations for improvements in it. Knowledge of any experiences and observations of members on this subject and any suggestions will be appreciated. Will you please mail any written submissions to

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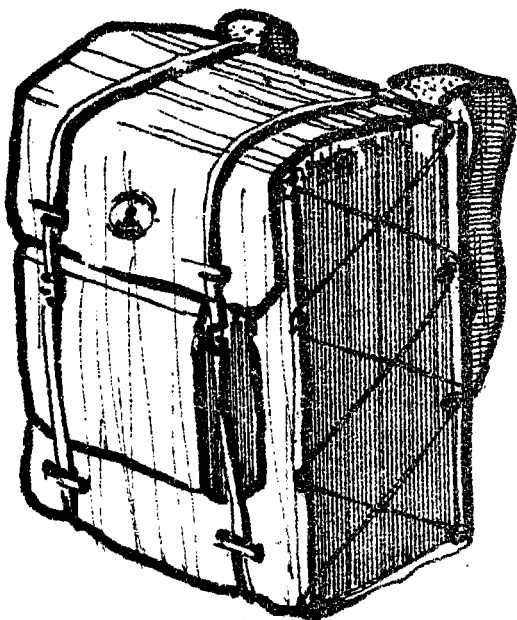
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"Australian Rocks and Minerals" (Introduction to Geology) by John Child, Perriwinkle Press. 7/6. Recommended.

"Rock Climbing" by Peter Knock, Foyles Handbooks. 6/-. Quite good.

"How to Survive in the Bush, on the Coast, in the Mountains of New Zealand," by B. Hildreth, Govt. Printer. Wellington. 7/3. Highly recommended. available Swains.

"Instructions in Rock Climbing" by Anthony Greenbank, Museum Press Ltd. 22/6. Very comprehensive - recommended. Available Dymocks.

"Moirs Guide Book" Southern Section, the tramping routes of the Great Southern Lakes and Fiords of Otago & Southland. (New Zealand). Edited by G. Hall-Jones. Whitcombe & Tombs. Approx. 14/-. Highly recommended. Available special order Whitcombe & Tombs. Sydney.

"Moirs Guide Book". Northern Section, the tramping tracks and routes of The Great Southern Lakes and fiords of Otago and Southland (New Zealand). Edited by P.M. Chandler. Available special order Whitcombe & Tombs. Sydney.

"Handbook to Arthur's Pass National Park" (New Zealand), Arthurs Pass National Park Board Christchurch, approx 8/-. Recommended as guide book. Available special order Whitcombe & Tombs, Sydney.

"The Southern Alps" from the Kaikouras to the Rangitata (New Zealand) by John Pascoe, Pegasus Press Ill. approx 6/-. recommended as a guide book. Available special order Whitcombe & Tombs, Sydney.

"Handbook to the Fiordland National Park" (New Zealand). Edited by G. Hall-Jones, Fiordland National Park Board, Invercargill, approx. 10/- Available special order Whitcombe & Tombs, Sydney. High recommended.

"Bushmans Handbook" by H.A. Lindsay, 3rd Edition Revised, Jackaranda Press, 13/6. Australian Survival manual - highly recommended.

"Bush Lore" by Tony Nolan (A New Zealand handbook for Trampers, Shooters and Campers) Whitcombe & Tombs, 18/9 - recommended. Available Paddy's or Whitcombe & Tombs.

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