

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY OUTDOORS CLUB

NEWSHEET MAY 1976

20, 21, 22, 23 May 1976 - BUSHWALKING

A four day trip in the Blue Mountains of harder than average grade. From Wanganderry (Mittagong) we will be going via Lacy's Tableland to Vengeance Peninsula and returning by Yerranderie. Contact John Graham 841656.

29, 30 May - BUSHWALKING

An easy trip to the Castle in the Budawang Range, Recommended for beginners and the not so energetic. Interested people will be able to go via Mt. Owen with Neil Adams and met the rest of the party in Monolith Valley. Contact John Graham 841656.

5, 6 June - MISCELLANEOUS

A champagne and cheesecake weekend in the pleasant Wolgan Valley near Newnes. Activities will include an easy day walk and consumption of sumptuous meals (provided by yourself). This trip is suitable for fine weather, down hill walkers. Contact Bevan Jones Room G9A Elect. Eng. Building, ext 308

6th June - ORIENTEERING

9.30 am - 1.00 pm. Start at Mt. Brown. Score event. Drive east along Kanahooka Road, turn left into Lakeside Drive, turn left into Gilba Road. Follow Gilba Road to start. Contact Roger Turney 711077 (work) for OW.

7th June - MEETING

A meeting to be held in the Northern Lounge at 7.30 pm. Items will include a club emblem, future trips and hopefully skiing films. Wine, Cheese, Biscuits.

12, 13, 14 June - BUSHWALKING

A moderate grade walk in Etrema Gorge following a recent exploratory trip of some adventure. An easier and less arduous course will be taken, but some scrub bashing is envisaged. Contact Rod Nillson.

4th July - ORIENTEERING

9.30 am - 1.00 pm. at Heathcote. Drive north towards Sydney, turn right at the Heathcote Road lights. go over the small railway bridge, turn right again over the bridge and follow that road parallel to the train tracks back to the parking area at the Heathcote railway station. Contact Rob Buchanan for OW.

6, 13 July - CLIMBING

Climbing instruction given on Tuesday nights at the YHA meeting. Climbing at Mt. Keira at 24, 25 July. Contact Ken Longland 289871.

## BLUE BREAKS TRIP

Personnel        Beven Jones - Leader  
                  John Graham  
                  Rod Nillson  
                  Dave Whitelaw  
                  Janette Chapman  
                  George Wood  
                  Jim Sligar

Date: 16, 17, 18, 19th April - Easter 1976

Maps: Lands Dept 2" - 1 mile:- Bindook, Yerranderie, Burragorang.

### Gundungura Sketch Map

Description:- This was a four day trip starting and finishing at Batsh Camp (Grimshaw Hill), and covering some of the best walking country in the southern Blue Mountains. The drive in is a tedious 6 hours, the best way from Wollongong being through Goulburn.

On the first day we went to Yerranderie by the most direct route through Bent Hook Swamp, over Kooragong Head, Barralier Pass and down to Colong Station for lunch. Colong Station is an open grassy area with running water and is an ideal camp site. After lunch we headed off around Little Rick (Square Rock) towards Colong Gap. To avoid nasty scrub its best to keep high to the right out of Byrnes Swamp. From the top of Colong Gap there is a good view to the north to the Tonalli range. We then followed the river track around to Yerranderie where you can buy Yerranderie Christmas Cards and watch 5 year olds drive mini bikes. Possibly at another time the old mines at Yerranderie would be worth a visit, but at Easter the whole area is infested with tourists. We camped nearby.

Next day, off at 8 down to the Tonalli River and up a good ridge to Chinamans Bluffs and up to the base of Bull Island Peak. Here we were misled by an inviting dotted "negotiable route" on the map leading around to Bull Island Gap. Unfortunately between the dots of the negotiable route grew tangled masses of thorny vines. This interfered with our schedule and a threatened mutiny of the troops was averted by having lunch at 3 o'clock shortly before the gap.

We got down to Bull Island Creek but couldn't make it to the junction with Green Wattle Creek before nightfall and we had to cut a campsite out of the bracken by the creek. It wasn't a bad spot and Rod's bottle of Muscat restored morale. On Sunday we finished the walk along down the creek to the junction where there is a perfect campsite. Up onto Broken Rock Range and Axehead Mtn where there are superb views in all directions as far as Katoomba, Cloudmaker, Kanangra, the Wild Dogs and Burragorang and the Wanganderry plateau. This part of the trip was most elating.

We got down to Byrnes Gap by dark and walked along the Scotts main road down to the Tonalli river where we camped. On Monday we passed through the Yerranderie Total Environment Centre again as quickly as possible, up the river track to Colong Saddle and across the ridges to Green Gully and down to Colong Caves. Here we met a hoary party of Sydney Uni Bushies who were reduced to uncontrollable laughter when asked about the negotiable route to Bull Island Gap.

The final Coup de grace was the jaunt up Acetylene Spur back to the cars. The trip, about 35 miles in all, was a great success.

Jim Sligar

## SNOWY MOUNTAIN WALK

Party: Ian Burns Leader  
John Louis  
John Graham  
John Meeham  
Phil  
Ross Price  
Al Barrett

Date: 24, 25, 26th April

Description:- We left Wollongong at 2.30 am Saturday, arriving at Kiandra at 7 am. just in time to start walking. After leaving a car at Round Mtn we took off down the track to Nine Mile Diggings. The four wheel drive road running parallel with the track is non-existent, but where they rejoin we set off, for Broken Dam Hut (not marked on maps but at the junction of several tracks). This turned out to be a clean, six people hut. We now followed the Four Mile Fire Trail south until we met the road running East-West from Nine Mile Diggings past Tabletop Mtn. (The junction is sign posted). We proceeded east past Tabletop Mtn but missed the track running south to Brooks Hut and found ourselves far to the east with dark approaching. We walked down an appropriate Gully until a campsite with water was found.

Menu:- Steak, onions, cheesecake, bottle red plus one white wine. The sky was crystal clear and the temperature was  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  at 7 pm.

In the morning we decided that we had probably walked off the edge of our map, but being lost we couldn't be too sure. So we blundered about in valleys and on ridges looking for non-existent tracks until we found a ridge that looked like it was worth following down. Brooks Hut should have been at the bottom, but lunch found us at Happy's Hut, some 3 km north east of Brooks Hut. But it wasn't all John Louis's fault - the maps were photocopies of S.M.A. (1" - 1 mile, 200' contour interval) maps. We now found ourselves on Berridale and Kosciusko maps (1-100,000, 40 m contour interval). We headed due south until we hit the Grey Mare Trail and followed it east until dark forced us to camp at G.R. 333045. Menu:- stew, a bottle of white wine and one of red, tea.

The final day took us along the trail to Farm Ridge which we then followed via a well defined fire trail to the Tumut River. The final climb back to the cars past Round Mtn Hut is steep, but not all that long or high.

We didn't quite get to O'Keefes Hut, or Jugungal, yet alone Grey Mare Hut but it was an interesting and enjoyable jaunt in perfect weather.

John Graham.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE NATION

On the 3rd May a club meeting was held in the Union. At the meeting an amended Constitution of the club was proposed and passed in accordance with the original constitution. The amendments amounted to changing the name of the club from "The Wollongong University College Outdoors Club" to "The Wollongong University Outdoors Club" with the proviso that the recognized abbreviation of W.U.C.O. be retained. Other amendments included deleting the executive position of publicity officer and replacing it by a Trip Secretary. Also the club's policy on the lending of gear as adopted at the meeting on was included in block to replace the existing policy.

The amendments were necessary because of the University's gaining autonomy last year and the associated name changes. The constitution will now be forwarded to the NSW Federation of Bushwalking Clubs in order that we may be considered for membership.

Other discussions at the meeting were centred about a club emblem. W.U.C.O must be the only bushwalking club without an emblem. Two designs were presented but neither was acceptable. The design needs to be easily reproduced by anyone, carry our name, have some connection with our activities and be "catchy". It is up to club members to come forward with suitable designs for consideration at our next meeting - so get moving!

The meeting also decided to go ahead with the purchase of two 30' ladders for the planned extension of caving activities.

Bevan Jones (Trip Secretary) brought forward the need for a trip book. Such a book will be kept in his office (Room G9A Elect Eng.) and will be filled in prior to a walk by the leader. Information will include names of party, cars being taken, route, date of departure and return etc. At present, this information is scattered among various people and usually not up to date. This book represents a safety measure in case of accident and/or failure of a party to return. The system will be operative as soon as a book is obtained.

In the future, all trips will be written up in a Trip Log Book for the benefit of future leaders and general interest.

The official meeting was then closed and refreshments of wine, cheese, biscuits were taken, then slides of the club's 9 day trip through S-W Tasmania were shown accompanied by commentary by Bevan.

John Graham  
President

W.U.C.O. MIDSESSION EXAM

All questions should be attempted and are of equal value. Time allowed:- three (3) Blue Mtn bushwalks.

1. "There are no bad bushwalkers, only bad leaders". Comment on this statement with particular reference to recent W.U.C.O. walks and their leaders.

2. Contrast and compare any two of the following.

Acetylene Spur  
Watch, your step Spur  
Mistake Spur  
Tipsy Ridge

3. List the following in order of preference:-

- (i) A creek bed choked with boulders
- (ii) Dense rainforest (account should be taken of leeches)
- (iii) A Paddy negotiable route
- (iv) Waist high nettles interspersed with blackberry bushes.

4. Describe briefly three (3) of the following:-

- (a) A drop bear
- (b) The Mootik
- (c) Muldoon
- (d) Fukawi tribesman

5. Surprise Peas should be:-

- (a) Put in cold water and brought to the boil
- (b) Put in boiling water and cooked for 3 minutes
- (c) Left at home

6. Which of the following statements is correct? (T or F)

- (a) The Football Ground is hidden by the Soap Box when looking from the Mootik Wall
- (b) Moonshine Gully leads into Grog Shop Bend.
- (c) The Den of the Mist Monster is inhabited.
- (d) Wuthering Heights is a novel by Emily Bronte.

7. List in order of preference to be taken on a bushwalk:-

- (a) A pack
- (b) Bottle of Port
- (c) Cheesecake
- (d) Sleeping Bag
- (e) First Aid Kit
- (f) Bush shower

The candidate gaining the highest marks will receive an all expenses paid trip for two to Dungeon Canyon.