

UNIVERSITY OUTDOORS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Future activities of the Club is as follows:-

22, 23, 24, 25th April 1978 - BUSHWALKING A medium bushwalk over the Anzac Day long weekend, the extra day being obtained by giving Uni. a miss on the Monday. The trip will be of an exploratory nature into the Colo Wilderness, which is situated N.W. of Wiseman's Ferry. Contact Rod Nilsen of the Maths Dept. or Jim Sligar 296629.

1st May 1978 - Monday - Ski Films An evening for those interested in or want to know what Cross-Country Skiing is all about. There will be 4 films shown plus the latest in cross-country equipment will be on display. Everyone is welcome, so come along and have an enjoyable evening. The venue will be the Union Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Refreshments provided.

5th May 1978 - Friday - Barbecue This will be held in the Sports Pavilion at 6.30 pm. Everyone welcome. Details will be advertised.

6th, 7th May 1978 - Cycling An interesting weekend cycling around the back-roads of Bundanoon. Cycles can be hired at Bundanoon or you may want to take your own. Contact Jim Sligar 296629.

Mid-Session Break May 1978 This will be a relaxing week spent at Wilsons Prom National Park, camping and doing easy day trips. Contact Jim Sligar 296629.

20th, 21st May 1978 - Caving A caving trip for beginners and the experienced to Wee Jasper on the last weekend on the mid-session break. Contact Owen Manly 297311 ext 319.

3, 4, 5th June 1978 - Cross-Country Skiing First skiing trip of the season if there is snow. It will be a beginners trip so nothing difficult will be attempted, except trying to stay up on your skis. The skiing will probably be around the Guthega Pondage area. Further details in next newsheet.

Newsheets are available from dispensers located in the Union Foyer, Library and Pentagon.

On Monday 10th April 1978 the Annual General Meeting of the Outdoors Club was held. At the meeting the following people were elected to the executive positions.

James Sligar	President (296629)
Owen Manly	Vice-President & Quartermaster (297311 ext 319)
Al Barrett	Treasurer (295628)
Jenny Chapman	Secretary (298050)
Kevin Mills	Publicity Officer
Kevin Donegan	Trip Secretary (297311 ext 270 or 286965)

Kevin (either one) will be responsible for co-ordination of activities, dissemination of information and handling of enquiries. Kevin D's office is on the ground floor of the Maths Dept. in the ACS building.

The Quartermaster's (Owen's) office is in the Mechanical Engineering Workshop. He can be contacted regarding club equipment (packs, ropes, tents etc.) for use on activities. Canoes and climbing ropes are not available on non-club trips.

The club is at the moment a member of the following associations:-

Kosciusko Huts Association (KHA)
National Parks Association (NPA)
South Coast Conservation Society

A reminder also that dues of \$1 are now payable to our Treasurer.

HIDDEN VALLEY TRIP

11th, 12th March 1978

Participants:	Jim Sligar (leader)	John Graham
	Al & Joanne Barrett	Sylvia Greenwood
	Don Burns	Owen Manley
	Ian Burns	Kevin Mills
	Jenny Chapman	Rod Nillsen
	Lorraine Gibson	Peter Stanley

Hidden Valley is a small valley in the Northern Budawangs Range in Morton National Park. It is surrounded by spectacular sandstone cliffs which have the characteristic weathering and rocky outcrops which are associated with the Budawangs. Access to the area is at Sassafras on the Nowra-Braidwood road. A turn-off at Sassafras leads approximately nine kilometres south to Newhaven Gap. From here Hidden Valley is only 3 or maybe four hours walking away. The going is easy and is along roads or tracks all the way with few hills. Because of these advantages it was a walk suitable for beginners but also very rewarding for the hardened, even blase, bushwalker.

We were able to start walking at about 11 am and proceeded along the road until reaching the site of the now non-existent Wild Cat Sawmill. Here a track branches off to the left and soon descends into a beautiful area of rain-forest enclosed by high cliffs. With some luck lyrebirds may be seen here. After crossing a few creeks the track climbs out of the rain-forest and, after following a ridge for a short way, a side track leading off to the east is taken. This track crosses a small valley and then follows the base of a line of cliffs until a break in the cliff, with a great rock monolith on one side, allows access to Hidden Valley. At the time of our arrival (about 4 pm) the sunshine was starting to cast long shadows and the place was enveloped by a soft, beautiful light.

Rather than staying in Park Brother's Cave (a good place in bad weather) it was decided to camp near the Valley entrance. Before the evening meal some wandered off to sample the superb views of Pigeon House and Mt. Tianjara from the cliffs.

This author will not endeavour to describe in detail the food and liquid refreshments consumed that evening. Suffice it to say that the food seemed adequate and was more than complemented by an impressive selection of wines and liqueurs which was fully appreciated by eager imbibers. Owen produced some lemon grass tea which added a touch of the exotic.

Despite the revels of the previous night extending until 2 am, all were starters for climbing Stargiss mountain the following morning. We walked to the southern end of the mountain and obtained views over Pagoda Rocks, Shrouded Gods Mountain and Holland Gorge.

The return to Newhaven Gap was by the same route. A side trip without packs was taken to inspect the Aboriginal Boorah Ground on Quilty's Mountain.

In Nowra the traditional W.U.C.O. finish to a Budawang's walk was observed - a chinese meal at Leong's.

Rod Nilsen

EASTER BUSEWALKING

24TH - 27TH MARCH 1978

ROUND MOUNTAIN - MT. JAGUNGAL

We planned to leave Wollongong for the Blue Mountains at 8.00 pm on the Thursday night. After leaving Wollongong at 11.00 pm, we arrived at Kosciusko National Park at about 5.30 am the next morning. At some very early hour in the morning Owen's car battery gave up the ghost and Jungles skill and talent came to the fore as he bogged the mini on the side of the road. However, the 'Batmobile' came to the rescue and after towing out the mini and changing batteries with Dave's car we were on our way again.

After a quick nap at Delaneys Hut we got up and had breakfast at about 10.30 am, sorted out gear and drove on to Round Mountain. At Round Mountain there were many other walkers, obvious by the number of cars, including some eager young Wagga Venturers. The nine of us began walking about 12.00, heading for the Farm Ridge Track. We had lunch at a small creek near the Tumut River before climbing up to Farm Ridge. We spent the night on a nice grassed area in an old stockyard near the fallen down Farm Ridge Hut. The next day we got off to a flying start at 10.00 am. We followed ridges heading towards Ces Jacks Hut, with frequent camera stops photographing dead trees, spiders, etc. We arrived at Ces Jacks hut not until some debate had ensued about which creek the Hut was on. After lunch at Ces Jacks, our leader made the firm decision - we would take off for Mawson's Hut, some 10 miles away. We made Mawson's before night and had tents up before it rained. Mawson's Hut itself was full and tents were up all around it, so we camped up on the ridge behind the Hut.

It was Sunday morning. From his pack John Louis produced a large pink object of the egg variety, complete with red bow. The chocolate egg was duly passed around, photographic evidence being taken of the event.

Today we walked to Valentine's Hut then overland to the track to Grey Mares Hut. Here we had lunch and inspected the old gold-mining relics. The afternoon was drizzly and cold as we made our way along the track to the S.M.C. Hut, passing the bottom of Mt. Jagungal. It was going to be a cold and wet night so the party stayed in the S.M.C. Hut. The nine of us fitted in reasonably well and it was dry and warm. The temperature overnight

ROUND MOUNTAIN - MT. JAGUNGAL Cont'd

was indicated by a half-inch of ice in a frying pan left outside. We had almost circumnavigated Mt. Jagungal at this stage, so four of us who hadn't climbed Janungal before left our packs and climbed Jagungal (2062m) in the morning. The other five were left to walk straight back to Round Mountain, not before giving us a cheering send-off though. It took us about two and a half hours to reach the top, sign the visitors book, and return. The wind was very cold and iced the exposed side of the mountain. The views weren't much, because of the thick fog, until we reached the bottom again, when the fog cleared and the sun almost shone.

We started back to Round Mountain about 12.30 pm. There was still a cold wind blowing, so it was more comfortable to keep moving. Hence we didn't stop much, except for lunch.

We got back about 3.30 and didn't waste any time in getting on our way back to the 'Gong. We stopped for a Chinese tea in Goulburn and arrived back in Wollongong about 11.30 pm.

Jim Sligar (leader)	John Graham
John Louis	Kevin Mills
Ian Burns	Steve Davies
Dave Whitelaw	Owen Manly
Jenny Chapman	

Kevin Mills

YALWAL

Map: Lands Dept. 2 inch/mile "Yalwal"

Date: 8th and 9th April 1978

Activity: Beginners Bushwalk

Advance Party: (Rocket) Rod Nilsen (leader)
(Jungle) Jim Sligar
(Keen) Kevin Mills

Lorraine (Babyham) Gibson
Sylvia Greenwood ('Fossils')
Don Burns
Sonja Vant Zelfde

Main Party: Ian Burns
Michele Stewart

Route: Danjera Dam - Clarke Saddle - Corroboree Flat -
McKenzie's Station - Yalwal Creek - Danjera Dam.

The advance party led by Dr. Nilsen ('expeditionnaire extraordinaire') started from Danjera Dam at Yalwal and proceeded up a steepening climb towards Clarke Saddle (21 brownies*). The second party completed the same section later that day.

The parties took different routes from Clarke Saddle, the first group proceeding down into Eureka Creek and onto Coroboree Flat. The second (main) party ascended from Clarke Saddle onto "Cooee Tops" (Nomen novus I. Burns 1978) and followed along the northwestern spur leading to Corroboree Flat. Excellent views of the Colley and Ettrema Plateaux were afforded from Cooee Tops. Incredible cooee echoes could be obtained from the cliff edge (nomen sic).

YALWAY Cont'd

Upon arrival at the campsite the author took a brief swim and upon further inspection had no hesitation in bestowing a five star grade upon the site. Corroboree Flat affords excellent grassed areas, and a pristine creek secluded by she oaks built on silting sands.

Light drizzle detracted only slightly from a good night's merriment around the campfire (Babyham Perry, Leo Burings Extra Special Claret, Dons Cold Tea and Beelgara Port). The rain persisted overnight and into the morning resulting in a change of route. Original plans were to ascend the spur from Corroboree Flat to Reynolds Saddle, but persistant precipitation prompted perusal of the map for a more direct route.

Sunday morning saw the party leaving Corroboree Flat in steady drizzle and heading for the junction of Bundundah and Yalwal Creeks. Excellent campsites were found between the junction and McKenzies Station where traces of a four wheel-drive track were followed back to the cars (along the east side of Yalwal Creek).

This area is strongly recommended for future walks of all grades of difficulty.

Ian Burns