

# BUSHWALKERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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## THE RAINFOREST DECISION

### RAINFOREST LOGGING STOPPED

The New South Wales Cabinet, at its meeting on Tuesday 26th October, decided to immediately phase out rainforest logging in New South Wales. The decision will result in the conservation of many significant rainforest areas in national parks or other reserves without causing any loss of employment.

The Government has also set up a \$1 million rainforest fund to promote and encourage the development of new technologies and to assist affected industries during the period of changeover to alternative timber sources.

Of particular interest to bushwalkers are the areas set aside from logging in national parks or other reserves.

#### 1. Border Ranges

The Border Ranges National Park will be extended to include Wiangarie, Roseberry and part of Mt. Lindesay State Forests. Grady's Creek will be included in the Park without logging.

#### 2. Murray Scrub

This area of the Toonumbar State Forest will become a Flora Reserve.

#### 3. Nightcap Range

Goonimbar State Forest and part of Whian Whian State Forest, including Terania Creek, will form the Nightcap National Park.

#### 4. Washpool

Most of the Washpool wilderness will be included in the new park. However, a significant area including the Redbank Creek, Desert Creek and Malara Creek catchments will remain under Forestry Commission control. These areas contain 42% of hardwood resource in the Washpool area, a high price to pay for a State-wide rainforest decision. It is quite likely this

scalping of the Washpool will become known as Don Day's pound of flesh.

#### 5. Dorrigo National Park

Extensions to the Dorrigo National Park include parts of the Never Never and Killungcondie State Forests.

#### 6. Black Scrub

The area of the Bellinger River State Forest known as the Black Scrub will be added to the New England National Park.

#### 7. Hastings

The Forbes River valley will form an extension to the Werrikimbe National Park. Additions have also been made to the Mount Seaview Nature Reserve, south of the Park.

#### 8. Barrington

A decision on extensions to the Barrington Tops National Park has been deferred pending examination by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Forestry Commission.

In spite of the Washpool compromise, the decision was a brave one for the Government. Special congratulations should go to the Premier, Mr. Wran, and the Deputy Premier, Mr. Ferguson, for their efforts to save the rainforests.

The timber industry have, not surprisingly, expressed dismay at the Government's far-sighted decision. It is important that bushwalkers send letters to the Premier and their local members congratulating the decision, to counter the wailing of those who would rather see our rainforests turned into dollars.

Roger Lembit

SEPTEMBER 26, 1982.

Most certainly I will never get to Blue Gum any easier than I did that day - with other guests of the National Parks and Wildlife Service I was flown in and out by helicopter.

We were landed at Accacia Clearing, on the other side of Govett's Creek to Accacia Flat, there to meet the Superintendent of the Blue Mountains National Park, Mr. J. C. Govan and his assistants. There also were Paddy Pallin, son Robert, and Robert's wife and children - three generations of Pallins. I was also introduced to Ron Campagnoni (Campagnoni's Pass) and others whose names I don't recall.

On the flight with me were Maurie Berry and his wife (old identities of S.B.W.). Roger Lembit turned up, having done the right thing and run in. Wilf Hilder also walked in.

After a lunch provided by the National Parks and Wildlife Service we walked the short distance to the Blue Gum where a short Commemorate Gathering was held. Here Mr. Govan introduced Mr. Hungerford the son of the Hungerford with whom the original dealings for the Forest took place.

Helped by the reminiscences of Maurie Berry and Ron Campagnoni the gathering remembered some of the incidents which resulted in this place becoming part of the National Park. We were all reminded of what is needed to be done to keep the forest in good condition.

Thanks must go to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for arranging and making possible this commemoration and out of all that was said came the love for this place and with it the love for what we have left to us of natural Australia, the desire and the need to preserve this and keep it that way.

Gordon Lee

#### SANDMINING AT BELL

Recent articles in Blue Mountains newspapers concerning a proposed sandmine at Bell, prompted Federation to write to Blue Mountains City Council urging that the proposed mine not be allowed to operate without an E.I.S. being prepared.

The proposed mine is 16 ha. in area and is situated 500 m. north of Bell Station, in the catchment area of the Wollongambe River. If allowed to operate, serious erosion problems would cause heavy siltation of the river, which is already affected by sand pollution. The mine lies within an area which is being considered for extensions to the Blue Mountains National Park.

Debate over the issue, promoted by the newspapers and conservation bodies, is continuing. Latest news is that the Blue Mountains City Council is passing a rescission motion concerning permission for the sandmine to begin

Clubs are urged to write to the Council, insisting that an E.I.S. be prepared for the area, before Council decides on the issue.

Michael Doherty  
CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

#### S & R

The next Search and Rescue practices will be held on the weekends

December 8/9

April 30 and 1st May

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On Sunday 26th September, after addresses from the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Mr. D. A. Johnstone, and the President of the Royal Australasian Ornithologist Union, Dr. H. N. B. Wettenhall; Mr. W. E. Knott, Member for Kiama (representing the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr. Eric Bedford) officially opened the Royal Australasian Ornithologist Union's Bird Observatory and Field Studies Centre at Barren Grounds Nature Reserve, which is the first in N.S.W. and the third in Australia.

Barren Grounds Nature Reserve is situated west of Kiama on the heights above Jamberoo Valley and has an area of approximately 2,000 ha. It was gazetted in 1956 in order to preserve the heathland habitat of the rare Ground Parrot and Eastern Bristle Bird.

Bush camping is not permitted in the Reserve, but visitors may stay at the sandstone "lodge". The cost is \$14 per night which includes all meals. Visitors should bring their own sleeping bags, towels and binoculars. Courses in bird identification, nature photography and wildlife art are available, or else visitors can organise their own programme. Bookings should be made 14 days in advance (if possible) on forms available from the R.A.O.U., which give more detailed information.

The resident wardens are Richard and Pat Jordan. For further information, contact:

The Warden  
Barren Grounds  
P.O. Box 3  
Jamberoo NSW 2533  
Phone: (042) 36 0195

During his address, Mr. Johnstone announced that negotiations concerning the proposed Budderoo National Park were well under way. This Park will extend north of Barren Grounds and will supplement other National Parks in the area such as Morton and Macquarie Pass. Details are yet to be finalised in terms of boundaries and area.

Michael Doherty  
CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A report to hand by our overseas trivia gathering service states that scientists in the U.S.S.R. have developed motorised shoes, designed to propel the wearer at high speed. Suitability trials have yet to be made in Australia, but Dunlop has expressed interest in the idea, with the thought of incorporating them in a new line of Volleys called Three Peakers.

Doubts have been expressed about their advantages in Tasmania; it seems the long range fuel tanks necessary

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## WRITTEN IN THE SAND

At 7.00 a.m., 25th July while camping on Wheeny Creek, we heard 2 volleys of rifle shots which gave thought to unknown dangers.

Before breakfast I set off to survey the area and found the culprit trying to pull his new Datsun 4WD out of a sand bog. Deep tyre tracks across the creek and up the white sandy beaches bare testimony of his hatred to the previously untouched tranquility. With this monster now held firm, its horsepower rendered useless, quietness came back to the valley.

A fleeting glimpse of a lyrebird plus the sight and sound of more birds than I have seen before.

He was dressed in green army apparel, the rifle was all part of his lonely game. When asked what he had shot, he told us the creek. To the Ranger who was passing by, he had never fired his rifle, gave a false name (briefly) and denied that he had driven off the road, but evidence to the contrary was written in the sand.

The Ranger's pleasure was released after finding us later on the Colo. The Play Soldier would incur a fine of up to \$200 and the tow truck from Richmond would cost \$300. End of war, 4WD lost, peace in Wheeny Creek.

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HIGH PLAINS	1.80 kg	Box Wall	1100 g	Featherdown	-5°C	Full Zip	34 x 23
HOTHAM	1.60 kg	Box Wall	700 g	550 Loft Down	-5°C	Full Zip	34 x 23
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## BUSHWALKERS' BALL

This year's Ball was again a success raising about \$1,700 (and the roof). Our thanks go to Gordon Lee for organising it. He has said he will not do it again; twice is enough. So if there are any volunteers they should contact Gordon for more information.

## FEDERATION REUNION

The Federation reunion in 1983 will be held on the Cox River, at the bottom of the 6' track on the weekend 19th - 20th of March. It is being organised by the Ramblers Bushwalking Club.

Walks Secretaries should make a note of this date now for inclusion in programmes.

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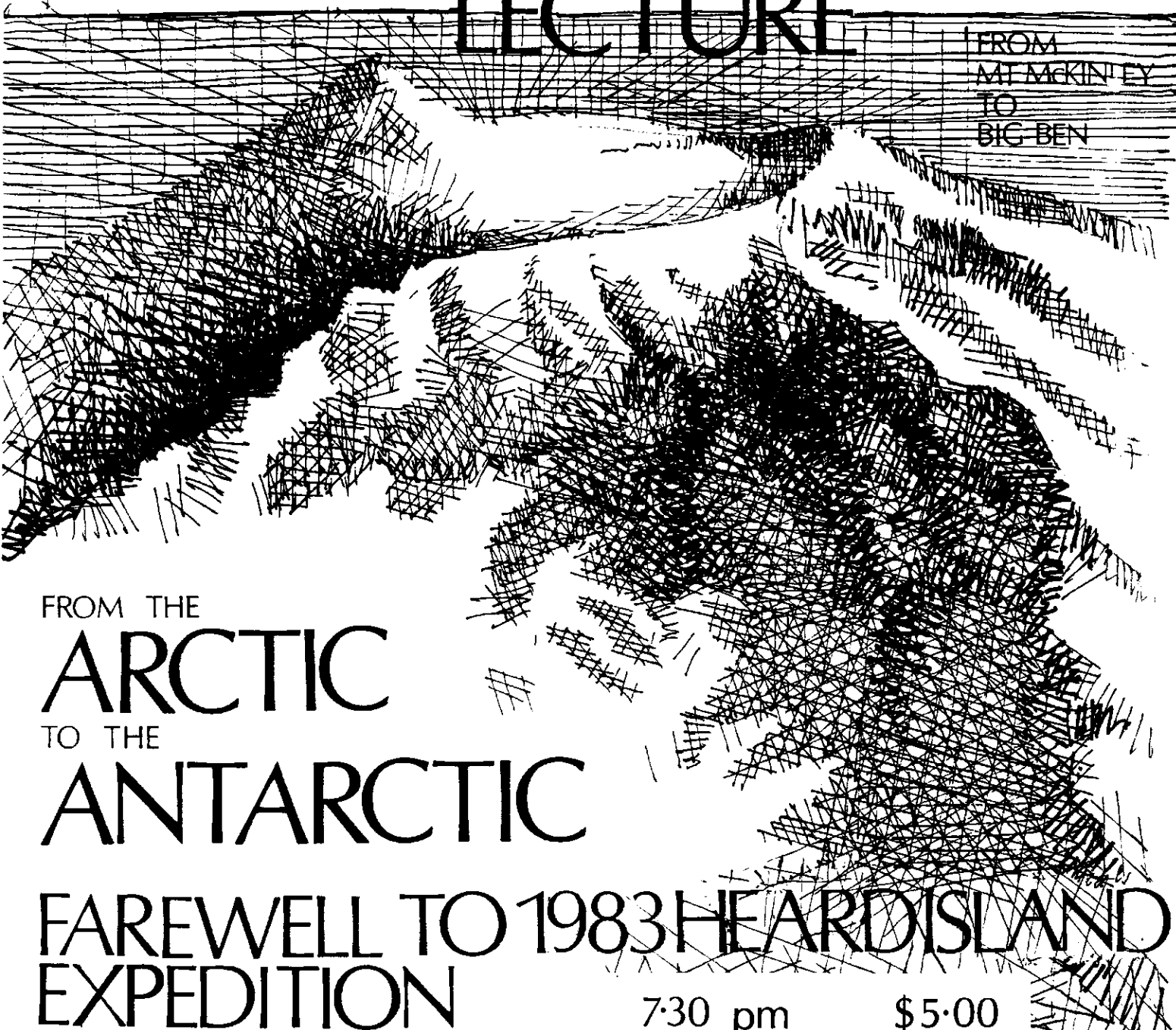
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