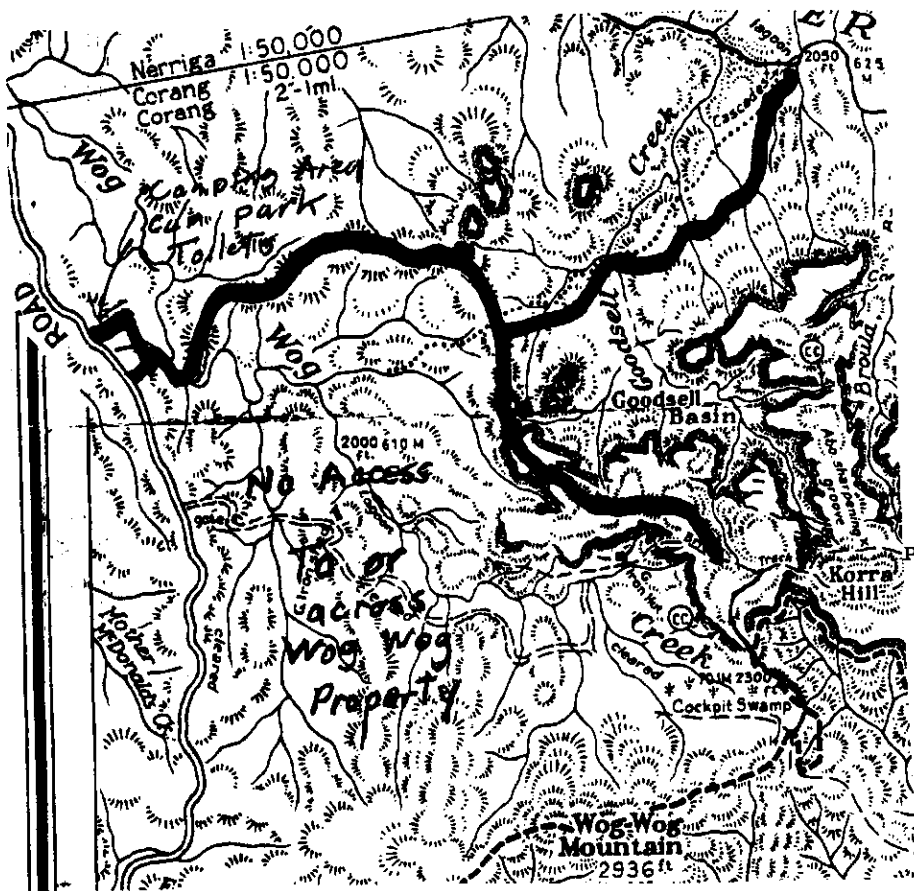


# CALENDAR

- 9th September FBW Executive Meeting.
- 16th September FBW General Meeting at 57 Wentworth Ave Surry Hills starts at 6.30pm: ALL WELCOME!
- SEPT • 19th September Federation Ball at Lane Cove Town Hall. THE glittering Social Event of the year. Contact Jan Wouters for details
- 20th September BUSHSPORTS Abseiling instruction (Just the thing for a hangover) contact (047) 33 3852 for details.
- 18th & 19th October is the BUSHSPORTS Canoeing Weekend. Only \$30 and that includes canoe hire.... Contact (047) 33 3852 for details.
- OCT • 21st October FBW General Meeting; come along and have your say.
- 57 Wentworth Ave Surry Hills at 6.30pm.
- 25th & 26th October is an S&R practice weekend in the Budawang's Area. Contact Keith Maxwell for further details 622 0049.
- 1st & 2nd of November is the BUSHSPORTS Bush Navigation Weekend to be run by Hugh Patterson of the Ramblers. Contact
- NOV • 11th November FBW Executive Meeting.
- 15th & 16th November is a BUSHSPORTS Canyoning weekend in the Blue Mountains. A great introduction to this unique aspect of the rucksack sports. Contact 546 2358 for more info.
- 18th November is the FBW General Meeting at 57 Wentworth Ave Surry Hills at 6.30pm. ALL WELCOME!

## TRACKS & ACCESS

Anthony Jackson Sutherland Bushwalking Club.



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Here is the map of the new access routes into the western Budawang's from the Mongarlowe Rd. Please use the new track as there is strictly NO ACCESS through or across Wog Wog property.

## THE CASTLE

About 13 miles west of Milton on the south coast of N.S.W. is a huge sandstone feature known as the CASTLE. It dominates the Clyde-Budawang National Park Proposal, and is a vertical-sided island of rock, some half mile wide. Sherr above the ridges of Dry Creek, its altitude is about 2,000 feet.

All enquiries to date, from both bushwalkers and local inhabitants, have failed to find a record of anyone who has scaled it, although several attempts have been made by experts with elaborate equipment.



The Mountain Track Club of N.S.W. Restricted to adult male members. Interested primarily in the more remote areas and tougher heavy-pack walks. Membership by invitation only.

Both Reprinted from the 1947 edition of 'The Bushwalker', an annual magazine produced produced by the Federation costing 1'6.

## CLUB TOPICS

This new section is designed to highlight special projects and news that individual clubs might like to share with other Federation Members.

- Bob Johnston of Tamworth Bushwalking & Canoe Club is currently organising a Search & Rescue Unit. The club has staged three practices since 1983 and are working closely with the local branch of the NPA and the Police. They are seeking closer ties with our own S&R section.
- The Coast & Mountain Walkers and Fairfield BWC, in conjunction with the Budawang's Committee and the NP&WS, have completed the trackwork on the western side of the Budawang's. Commendations to all involved for their hard work.
- A recent litter cleanup in Heathcote National Park by members of the CMW yielded two full garbage bags for each walker with much more still to be collected! How about some other clubs organising similar sorts of days.
- Tamworth BW & CC held their Bushcraft and Survival Skills Camp on the 16th and 17th August in Northern NSW. The notification arrived too late for inclusion in previous newsletters but lets hope the event went successfully.

## S&R

Keith Maxwell Mt Druitt BWC.

1985/86 saw a busy year for our Search & Rescue Section.

- August 85 saw Keith and Nick Eichhorn assist in the retrieval of a body of a person who had died in an abseiling accident at Kanangara Walls.
- September 85 saw a major search in the Claustral Canyon area with S&R finding the missing person.
- April 86 saw the quickest search on record in the Newnes Plateau area when the two missing club members returned just as the searchers were getting up!
- May 86 saw a search for a missing psychiatric patient in the Katoomba Area. She had unfortunately hung herself and members of S&R found the body.
- June 86 was another search for a suicide victim in the Wisemans Ferry area.

A total of 6 missing persons of which 3 were deceased. Over 1700 man hours have been provided by Bushwalkers S&R as a community service in 1985/86.

Media coverage over the year has been good with two appearances on the Terry Willasse Programme and on Channel 9's Today show. A demonstration was given to a large Rotoract Group and the Royal Rangers and it is hoped to give demos to scout groups and more Federation clubs in the future. S&R has also arranged funding for a bush safety pamphlet for NSW.

S&R is raising outside funding for maintenance of gear and is investigating possible replacements and sources of funds for our radios which are starting to show their age from strenuous bush use.

I would like to thank all the committee members of S&R for their enthusiasm and good work over the last year that has produced such excellent results. A special thank you from Federation to Paul Fardouly for his work on the S&R Trail.



The western entrance via the Wog Wog property to Corang Peak was used by bushwalkers for about 10 years before Morton National Park was extended south in 1970. At about this time the property changed hands and the old legal access from the main road to Corang Plateau was closed and the new owners cleared the property and put in new roads.

In 1973 the Federation of Bushwalkers and others made arrangements to use this road through the property. Cars were to be left on main road and bushwalkers walked in. Unfortunately this did not last long and the public drove into the property to below the Corang Plateau. This changed the walking patterns of walkers who no longer did round trips resulting in some of the old tracks on the Corang River disappearing with no use.

In March 1982, the Hon. E. Bedford Minister for Planning and Environment announced the new Wog Wog-Endrick additions to the Park. At about this time N.P.W.S. staff and Budawang Committee members investigated new walking routes north of the Wog Wog property to Corang Peak.

As the Nowra District was short of staff and finance, The Budawang Committee offered to assist in planning the new route. With this approval, The Budawang Committee, members of The Coast and Mountain Walkers of N.S.W., Fairfield Bushwalkers, members of the Morton-Budawang National Parks Advisory Committee, bushwalkers friends and a couple of N.P.W.S. staff, the track was cut through thick scrub in places, straightened out where possible with erosion problems in mind and eventually completed with markers and stakes over a period of eight weekends. The next track was marked from the old track and cut through Snedden Pass east of Cockpit Swamp to the top of the old Wog Wog track from Yaboro River on the south eastern side of the Wog Wog property. These two tracks now eliminate walking through the private property. To encourage walkers to do round trips the C.M.W. with permission of the N.P.W.S., cut, staked and marked a new track to the Corang River across the complicated gorges, ridges creeks flowing into Goodsell Creek. These three tracks cover about eleven kms. and the N.P.W.S. and The Budawang Committee appreciate the effort and hard work into marking and cutting these tracks.

### GRAPEVINE

A section to contain information on items of interest to walkers including book reviews, rallies, talks etc.

- \*Skiers take note: the YHA still has some weekend vacancies at the Thredbo Hostel contact the Sydney Office on 29 5068.
- \*The Man from Misty Mountains will soon be available. Published by the Budawangs Committee it provides an insight into pioneering days in S-E NSW, and will provide added interest for those who visit Deua or Mimosa National Rocks National Parks, Nadgee Nature Reserve or the wild gorges of the Shoalhaven and Ettrema Rivers.
- \*The Oaks Historical Society has reprinted its two excellent books on Yerrandie entitled 'The Yerranderie Silver Field' and 'The Township of Yerranderie'. Available for \$7.00 post paid from the Oaks Historical Society C/- Post Office The Oaks NSW 2570.
- \*The oldest Australian snake was a MONTY PYTHON! A fossil found originally by Michael Archer of the Uni of NSW was named Montypythonoides. It was found on a small hill or monti and is like the pythons sensu lato. -courtesy of The Australian Geologist Newsletter No 58.
- \*In conjunction with the NP&WS, The Budawang Committee has updated and enlarged the 'Northern Budawangs Sketch Map'. Twenty five years ago George Elliott produced his first map and after a considerable amount of time and effort, George has come up with an updated and enlarged, 1:50000, version of the map. This map has a considerable amount of walking notes and map details for all walkers using the park south of Sassafras and west of Nerriga to Currockbilly. Now available from all good stores.

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### FEDERATION TOPICS

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- \* With this issue of our newsletter we have a new Editor, John Berry Coast & Mountain Walkers, a new format and a resurrection of our old name 'THE BUSHWALKER'. Any contributions are more than welcome e.g. Poems, stories, news items etc.... But try to keep them short and to the point. I'd especially like to hear from our country clubs.
- \* At the Annual Elections held at the July Federation Meeting the following Committee was elected:
 

PRESIDENT	Gordon Lee	Sydney Bushwalking Club
VICE PRES SNR	Brad Phillips	Sydney Uni BWC
VICE PRES JNR	Hugh Patterson	Ramblers
SECRETARY	John Berry	Coast & Mountain Walkers
ASS SEC	Spiro Hajinaketas	Sydney BWC
TREASURER	Jim Callaway	Catholic BWC
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CONSERVATION	Mike Doherty	Sydney Uni BWC
PUBLICITY	Brad Phillips	Sydney Uni BWC
BUSHSPORTS	Herb Lippman	Mt Druiitt BWC
EDITOR	John Berry	Coast & Mountain Walkers
FBW BALL	Jan Wouters	Outdoor Club
- \* At the June Meeting of the Federation delegates voted to accept the concept of a BUSH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE COURSE. A private meeting was convened to redraft the original proposal to which Sydney TAFE had expressed support and interest. A meeting with TAFE authorities is now being sought. Copies of the new draft have been circularised to all clubs. Thanks to Gordon Lee SBW, Arnold Fleischman Sutherland BWC, Herb Lippman Mt Druiitt, Keith Maxwell Mt Druiitt, Warwick Blayden Canberra, John Berry CMW for their effort.
- \* A welcome to two new delegates from the OUTDOOR CLUB: Their President John Nixon and their Secretary Leon Latham.
- \* BUSHSPORTS 86 will continue to run without insurance on the proviso that each applicant signs a comprehensive disclaimer form drafted by Mike Donovan of the SUBW. Quotes for insurance for BUSHSPORTS 87 are now being sought and a costing of \$1000 plus seems likely.
- \* More on BUSHSPORTS. An extra Bush Navigation Weekend will be held on the 1st and 2nd of November due to the great success of the first one. Please advertise this in your club magazines.
- \* An S&R practice is to be held in the Budawangs area on the weekend of 25th & 26th of October. Make sure that your club has a good turnout to ensure the continued good work of Bushwalkers Search & Rescue.
- \* The executive Committee will now meet on the second Tuesday of the odd months as well as normal FBW meetings.
- \* Raffle tickets for the FBW Ball are now available with prizes on offer they're a steal at only 50 cents each. Contact your friendly club delegate for more details.

## BUSHWALK - WITH A CLUB