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## 'GUMTREE SONGLINES' CULMINATES IN BLUE GUM

*Andy Macqueen*

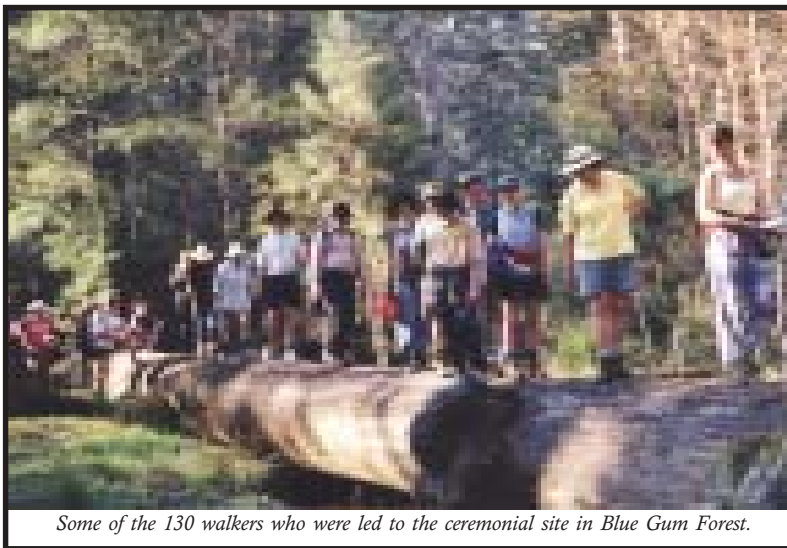
### THREE COOEEES FOR WORLD HERITAGE

Blue Gum Forest resonated with the booming voice of bushwalker and naturalist Wyn Jones as he performed his inspiring poem 'Songliner'. The

There was then toast to the World Heritage area, using an infusion of tea-tree leaves, and the crowd of 130 belted forth three massive cooees. The phenomenon was later remarked on by Confederation president Wilf Hilder, who was descending Du Faur's Buttress at the time, and by Rick Jamieson who was approaching up-river after starting

from Yarramundi a couple days before.

The participants returned to Acacia Flat while the specially inscribed clay tiles that had been



*Some of the 130 walkers who were led to the ceremonial site in Blue Gum Forest.*

ceremonial fire was lit and charged with the ashes of previous campfires, carefully conveyed in beautiful gumnut-shaped wooden capsules through successive campfires held, in relay fashion, by communities and walking groups since the original fires lit by traditional Aboriginal owners at Govetts Leap in May.

The spirit of Eccleston Du Faur then appeared and told of early events in the valley, and the story of the 1931-32 campaign was related. The terrorist events in America being high on everyone's mind, the audience was reminded of the importance of the forest to bushwalkers during World War II, a refuge where people could escape from the turmoil of world events and lose themselves in another reality - the natural world.

baked in the fire were retrieved from the ashes for later distribution. The fire site was rehabilitated, and the forest returned to its tranquil state.

This event, on the afternoon of 22 September, was the culmination of the Gumtree Songlines project, instigated by Wyn Jones of the Blue Gum Pathways Group. The project involved three community campfires (Dunns Swamp, Deanes Siding and Carlons Farm), and a dozen or so walking parties. The parties covered several hundred kilometres of World Heritage ground, 'singing with their feet' as Wyn would say. On the way they identified and recorded nearly half the 90-odd species of gum trees in the area.

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## COLO NEARLY WILLOW-FREE

During September sixteen volunteers - members of the Friends of the Colo - spent five days in the remotest section of the Colo River, in the third major onslaught on willow trees. The helicopter-supported operation was aided by white-water rafts piloted by Jack Hodge and his friends from the Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

Funding for the program is provided by the NSW Government's Environmental Trust.

The Friends of the Colo, which includes bushwalkers from several clubs, hopes it has now achieved 'primary kill' of willows along the Colo River within the Wollemi National Park.

There is much more to be done. There will be continuing mopping up, and there are yet some live willows on Wollemi Creek, the Capertee and Wolgan. There are other nasties including Cape Ivy and Lantana which the group will be turning its attention to. And there are the many willows downstream from the national park - thought to be the source of the infestations in the park. The group hopes to become involved with the local community in eventually removing these willows.

If you would like to find out more of the Friends of the Colo look up [www.ozemail.com.au/~mdunk/anthony/foc.html](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~mdunk/anthony/foc.html), or phone the secretary Alan Lane on 9890 2413.

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# BUSHWALKING IN ENGLAND?

— Roger Browne Sydney Bush Walkers

PERHAPS THE TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE SHOULD BE "TRYING TO BUSHWALK IN ENGLAND".

I met Rowena, whom I later married, in New Zealand in 1988 and in 1992 we moved to England to live.

For two decades, bushwalking had been my weekend passion. Through the Sydney Bush Walkers, SPAN, and the Auckland Tramping Club I'd spent many wonderful weekends in the bush around Sydney, Auckland, and elsewhere in Australia and New Zealand. I'd made many bushwalking friends, and discovered many wonderful and very special places.

But I was an overnight bushwalker at



Haweswater Reservoir - Lake District North England

heart. Overnight bushwalking combines many pleasures, both primal and intellectual. It's a way to achieve one's physical potential, and nothing can beat that wonderful golden weariness after a solid day moving through the wilderness. It's a way to achieve total relaxation, around the fire with ones companions at the end of the day. It's a way to combine independence and teamwork, to be in a group with a common purpose combining everyone's individual skills to achieve the goal. It's a way to express the joy of life through shared activities, whether they be singing around the fire or sharing a liqueur that has been carried a great distance. It's a way to keep ones intellect sharp, because there is plenty of time to proceed beyond conversational small-talk and into serious discussions. It's a way to enjoy the natural environ-

ment at its best, and to realise that the technological world, for all it has to offer, is not the ultimate purpose of life.

So what differences was I to find in England? Many, that's for sure. The first is that there's nowhere that's a day's walk from a road. And there are hardly any places where "free camping" would be permitted or tolerated. If you want to do that, you really need to go to Scotland. But Scotland's weather can be extreme at any time of year, and if you walk seriously in Scotland you're more likely to be staying in a mountain hut or "Bothy" than in a tent.

There are plenty of English farmers who allow tent-camping in their fields,

for a small charge, especially in summer. This makes possible another kind of overnight walking - designated long-distance paths. There are coastal paths allowing the walker to follow the coastline for hundreds of kilometres. There are inland paths such as the Pennine Way and the Coast-to-Coast path, which offer cross-country walking experiences. And there are loop paths in various interesting and historic parts of the country.

The long-distance paths range from two days to six weeks in length, although few people walk the longer routes in one journey. There are numerous access points and frequent public transport, so it's common to walk a long route piecemeal over a period of months or years, eventually completing the entire length of the route. Except for a few of the

more remote stretches, most paths can be walked in segments of no more than an hour or two at a time.

Camping is not the only option for these trips. Bed-and-breakfast accommodation is widely available, and in some parts of the country Youth Hostels are also an option. In the Lake District, it's easy to put together long trips by walking from one Youth Hostel to another each day. There's no need to choose a linear route as many Youth Hostels are within a day's walking distance of half a dozen others.

Most parts of England are dotted with small villages, and it's often possible to arrange on a day walk to take in a pub lunch and to finish at a teashop. Sadly, the quality of Cappuccinos is not up to what you would find in Greece or Australia, but as you might expect a pot of tea can be as good as anywhere in the world.

There's a choice of high mountain paths and low valley routes. Each has its own interest, and often the decision will be made on the day based on the look of the weather. The low routes are often between or along stone walls, and go right to the heart of English country life - through village squares, past quarries and woodland, through farmyards and even sometimes through the gardens of houses. The high routes go up to the fells - rough grassy open country mostly grazed sparsely by sheep.

Whether you go high or low, you are likely to be sharing your route with many other people. In the more popular areas, on a sunny summer day, you could easily encounter a thousand people and two hundred and twelve dogs. Oh yes, the English do love to take their dog for a walk up in the mountains.

In addition, military fighter jets on training exercises often join you. Often you will see them sweeping through the valleys far below you, practising their precision flying. If you look towards the direction from which the sound is coming, you will not see them. Eventually you get used to anticipating their position, and looking well ahead of the direction of the sound.

Most people walk on designated public footpaths: ancient rights-of-way that are carefully mapped and jealously protected. Indeed, in most areas, even in the National Parks, it is not permitted to





leave the footpaths, because the surrounding land is privately owned.

But some areas have been designated as “access areas”, where there is a freedom to roam. In some cases, an organisation such as the National Trust has purchased the land in order to provide public access. In other cases, an agreement has been negotiated with the landowner to provide free access.

A bill is before parliament to increase public access to open spaces. Its provisions have already been watered down considerably since its proposal, but it should still open up many new areas. That is, once the foot-and-mouth crisis is over. Most

although it's clear from the old stumps that there was some tree cover before the sheep were introduced. The land is privately owned, and all of it is either grazed by sheep or maintained with a cover of heather to support a grouse population for shooting.

Many access areas are closed on several days each year during the grouse shooting season. People come from far away to sit for ages cooped up in a tiny hide exposed to the wind and drizzle waiting for a chance to shoot a grouse. It doesn't sound like much fun to me, but apparently people pay a lot of money for the chance to do it.

introduced wild goats to stop oak woodlands re-growing. The reasoning is to “conserve” the immediate past history, i.e. open grazed land, rather than to allow the land to return to a more natural forested state.

For those who are interested in industrial archaeology, there are two other interesting ways to walk the countryside: by canal towpath or abandoned railway. England was criss-crossed by a multitude of railway lines, many of which have fallen into disuse during the past fifty years. Some of these can be walked or cycled, and offer a great mixture of rural landscape and urban industrial scenery.



*Kinder Scout Plateau - Peak District*

rural walking routes have been closed for many months. For the past few months, many walkers have had to resort to country lanes and seaside promenades for their exercise. The situation has now eased considerably, although many paths still remain closed and it is required to dip ones feet in buckets of disinfectant or tread on disinfectant mats in many places.

Even when walking in official open-access areas, most English walkers prefer to stick to the paths. So if you take map and compass in hand and roam, you can at last find the solitude that is commonplace in the Australian bush but so rare and precious in the English countryside.

I live in Lancaster, a small city in North-west Lancashire. Within an hour's drive is the Forest of Bowland, where there is an access area comprising a few ridges and half a dozen valleys. I have visited this place many times, and have only once seen another person away from the signposted footpaths.

By the way, don't be misled by the name “Forest of Bowland”. There's not a tree to be seen. Apparently the name comes from an old word “fores” meaning hunting grounds,

If you're looking for something more adventurous, there's no need to stick to walking. There are rocky ridges to traverse (and even here you will find people coercing their dogs along the route), and also plenty of rock scrambles as well as serious rock climbing if you can manage to defrost your fingers. There are no sandstone canyons of the sort that we find around Sydney and in some other parts of Australia, but there are plenty of limestone “potholes” (caves). There are also Gill (or Ghyll) scrambles. These involve scrambling your way upwards along a rocky mountain stream, clambering over sometimes-slippery rocks, and negotiating large boulders and waterfalls along the way.

Occasionally you will come across an area of ancient woodland, where mixed broadleaf tree species have continued to flourish, sometimes with a carpet of bluebells or other bulbs underneath. These areas are particularly beautiful but also very rare. They seem to be undervalued by the English. Indeed, in several areas the “conservation” bodies have

Similarly, there is a great network of canals in many parts of the country. These are not used much nowadays except for recreational boating. Along most of their distance, they have towpaths - paths along which the horses used to pull the canal boats prior to the age of steam. The towpaths are open to walkers, and for example it is possible to walk from Birmingham into the middle of London with only an occasional short detour away from the canal. Sometimes the canals go through long tunnels. It's not always possible to walk the tunnel; sometimes you must detour over the mountain instead.

So there you have it! There's a wealth of walking available in England. It's extensive and varied. It's very accessible - and it can be rather decadent if you exploit the pub and teashop stops.

But to my mind it can never equal what the Australian bush offers.



BOOK REVIEW



**BUSHWALKS  
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**NATIONAL PARKS  
ASSOCIATION INC 2001  
BY ROBERT W SLOSS\***

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First and foremost, I must state that these publications should be in the library of all outdoor clubs and other organizations that seek knowledge on the Sydney's Bush Tracks.

The book, which is too large and heavy for backpacking, measuring 170 x 250mm with 162 pages, includes 81 large page maps and track notes covering 93 walks. There are 11 blank pages at the rear for "Log of Walk" notes. The maps are aligned True North with the magnetic variation shown for compass alignment. The authors have edited the notes on several of the sampled tracks to include changes, such as new parking areas and locked gates. The only major difference between this publication and the first edition is that the rivers and creeks are now drawn in blue ink making them more users friendly. The map scale is 1:25000 and appears to be a direct copy of the relevant L.I. C. Map, but there is no mention of that in the "Introduction." The recommended retail price

is \$21.95 and is excellent value for money, (My first edition cost \$12.95 about 10 years ago.) It is interesting to note that "Most of the walks in this book are intended for walkers with some experience" though they do not state which ones which is somewhat confusing for the inexperienced. Their disclaimer reads, "Every care has been taken in ensuring that the track notes and the maps are correct, but no responsibility is taken for inaccuracies." But I am not sure whether this removes their liability at law, as it has not been written in the legal jargon now required by the courts.

To examine the accuracy of the maps and notes I selected two walks I am very familiar with, and which are situated in a declared remote wilderness area. Between 1984 and 1988, as a private Bicentennial project, I surveyed, cleared and used blue markers to indicate the intended Ensign Barrallier Track. This route, starting at Mittagong, wanders down the Nattai River Valley and then crosses the Wanganderry Plateau at Beloon Pass. (This was several years prior to being declared a Wilderness Area and National Park.)

No 82 Nattai N.P. Starlights Track - Middle Nattai River - Russels Needle (Base)

The track on Map 71 and the notes state "The track crosses the Nattai River 1.8 km before Rocky Waterholes Creek enters." In fact the track does not cross the river and never has at this point. The worn track continues on the eastern side, and quite close to the rivers edge, up to and over Rocky Water Holes Creek before crossing the Nattai River. I have actually found bewildered walkers who find a

worn track going off in a different direction to the track notes; they tend to say some very nasty things about authors. The name "Needle Creek" is my invention, as I have deliberately created names for features so that I can discover whether other authors have copied my work without acknowledging the source, or getting permission to copy, though I noticed that the NPA publishers claim it under their copyright in the introduction.

No 83 Nattai Rd - Lower Nattai River - Colleys Flat - Vineyard Flat - Travis Gully - Beloon Pass.

Maps 72, 73 are fairly accurate, though it does indicate that the bridge on map 72 is over the wrong creek. The track notes are well written and should be easy to follow, but could be a little more explicit on the need to be very careful navigating at the top of Travers Gully. The track from the junction of the two watercourses is often obscured by ferns and flood debris obliterating the point where walkers must leave the creek bed and is not obvious, resulting in several search and rescues. (The rescue personnel did not mention whether a guidebook was involved.)

One of the greatest problems facing authors of bushwalks is that land managers may make changes to tracks and trails that can create difficulties or confusion in navigation. As an example Map 73 notes state "From Vineyard Flat, find an Old 4WD track heading up a ridge alongside and north of Travis Gully." The old trail was ripped up and seeded with native plants in 1997, so it is no longer noticeable. Fortunately a large sign was erected in 1999 by Sydney Water to

direct walkers and a well worn foot track is now appearing. I was lucky, when revising my guide to the Nattai Valley I walked the Beloon Track just after it had been ripped up.

It is obvious that the compilers of this book have had to rely on the memory of their contributors, and as a result minor difficulties are going to occur. Then on the other hand are you more likely to remember and talk about a walk that led you up shit creek, especially if the weather was rotten, than one on a NPWS built up track with a perfect day.

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# PREFERRED KNOTS FOR USE IN CANYONS

David Drohan

Recreational canyoning groups are questioning the traditional knots to join rope or tape. It has been argued that the more traditional Double Fisherman's Knot is very tight to undo after use and often catches on obstacles during rope pull down. The Tape Knot can be difficult to adjust and now some groups have started using unconventional knots such as the Overhand Knot for joining rope or tape.

On behalf of the Bushwalker's Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS) Rock Squad, I (with some help from squad members) have conducted a series of tests in a voluntary capacity to determine the preferred knots that could be used in recreational canyoning. Tests have been conducted on the tensile strength and slippage of various knots. Cyclic loading and rope pull down issues have also been investigated. The knots tested were the Tape, Double Fisherman's, Overhand for rope & tape, Rethreaded Figure 8, Abnormal Figure 8 & Alpine Butterfly (used to tie 2 ropes together). 139 hours of actual testing has been undertaken which does not include the considerable time to plan, analyse and write up the report. A paper on this work was presented at the Outdoor Recreational Industry Council NSW conference in September 2001. I am hoping to continue research on the topic in the future.

## A SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS ARE PRESENTED BELOW:

### Disclaimer

It is considered the sample size of six specimens per test conducted in this project is not large enough to make absolute statements. However, an indication of what to expect can be drawn from these results. The results from this work are not a substitute for proper training.

### KNOT STRENGTH

The Double Fisherman's was the strongest knot tested for joining rope. The Rethreaded Figure 8 knot was the second strongest knot tested. All knots tested had acceptable strength for recreational abseiling. There may be an issue with the strength of the Overhand Knot when used on older rope.

### SAFETY FACTOR

It appears some knots are weaker than the standard 30% allowed for strength loss due to a knot. It is recommended the safety factor for the Tape knot be increased from SF8 to SF10, and the Overhand knot be increased from SF8 to SF15. The Double Fisherman's knot is a strong knot and SF8 is acceptable.

### SLIPPAGE

The Rethreaded Figure 8 Knot had the least slippage of the knots tested for rope. The second best was the Double Fisherman's Knot. The Overhand Knot was acceptable.

### UNSAFE KNOTS

The Abnormal Figure 8 Knot is dangerous due to roll back slippage. It is possible that this knot when poorly packed and with short tails could completely undo with loads as low as 50kgs. Even a well-packed knot could roll back at 200kgs. The Alpine Butterfly is dangerous for joining two ropes together as it can be tied the wrong way and could undo. It is not obvious to check this from casual inspection. The Alpine Butterfly knot tied as a midline loop is safe. The Overhand Knot should not be used on tape due to progressive cyclic slippage.

### KNOTS FOR ANCHOR SLINGS

The Tape Knot for tape and the Double Fisherman's for rope are still considered the preferred knots for tying anchor slings together due to strength and slippage considerations.

### KNOT FOR JOINING CANYON ROPES TOGETHER

The Overhand Knot with tails leading performed best for tying two ropes together in the rope pull down tests. Wet ropes required double the load to pull down.

The full report will be placed on the BWRS web site some time in November at [www.bwrs.org.au](http://www.bwrs.org.au)

## DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK

Consists of many square miles of open moorland scattered with distinctive rocky tors which are often surrounded by rock strewn slopes. This route takes you to the highest summits in the Dartmoor, which are also the highest south of the Brecon Beacons. Much of Dartmoor is used for military training including the firing of live ammunition so closures are often in place. Before travelling you are advised to contact any of the local Tourist Information Offices

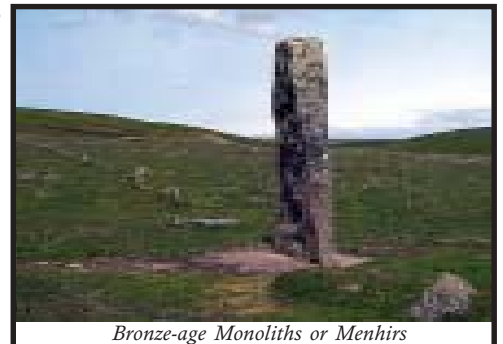
to check whether the area being visited is not subject to closure.

Drizzlecombe is rated by some authorities as the most important of all such Dartmoor prehistoric sites. Unique in that the site remains practically unchanged, except for the inevitable tinnerns' diggings, since the Bronze Age and is heavy with the atmosphere of a time long past. Each of the three principle groups consists of barrow, stone row and terminal menhir.

A short walk around the site will soon show a geometrical pattern. The three stone rows each have a menhir at one end and a cairn at the other, and are aligned pointing to a fourth cairn. Another more distant menhir could also form part of the design, but this one has no stone row associated with it.

The three menhirs at the ends of the rows had all fallen before the end of the nineteenth century. When they were re-erected in 1893 the holes into which they fitted were deepened as a safety measure: so once they stood even taller. The heights now being 14ft (*this one being the tallest menhir on Dartmoor*), 10ft 6" and 7ft 6".

A kistvaen (*burial chamber*) lying midway between the south-west menhir and the river was excavated in August



Bronze-age Monoliths or Menhirs

1914 under the supervision of Hansford Worth; a flint knife and flakes were found in the grave, which was enclosed by a now invisible, kerb-type retaining-circle, the upper edges of the stones standing only twenty inches above the sub-soil.

The very large cairn to one side of the rows is known as "The Giant's Basin". Many of its stones were taken by the Ditsworthy warreners and used for building their rabbit-burials.

There are different theories put forward to explain the reason for building/erecting the menhirs and the stone rows. It must have been quite an undertaking to transport and erect the large and very heavy menhirs. Their purpose is not known - suffice it to say that it can be assumed to have had some important ritual significance, to the Bronze Age builders.



## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### WILD DEFILED?

Wild Magazine (number 82) has published an article by an anonymous author who was one of a party of three who illegally and blatantly tracked down and visited the Wollemi Pines - photos and all.

The article is entitled 'The Quest', concerns a 'clandestine mission', and is described as 'the story of how three persistent bushwalkers assembled the clues and dared to seek the forbidden Holy Grail of Australian bushwalking - the elusive refuge of the Wollemi Pine'. It is bad enough that some selfish people should attempt such a venture - most of us probably know

or suspect that such things have been occurring. However, the publication of the article by Wild, in such outrageous journalistic manner, without even a balancing article about why one should *not* visit the Pine, surely destroys any claim the magazine might have had to being environmentally responsible and green. Many misguided readers will no doubt be moved to take up the challenge to pay the Pines a visit themselves.

It seems that the article tries to excuse the visit by sort of implying that because the pines are now being commercially propagated, there is no need for preservation of the original stand. From a strict botanical point of view this may or may not be the case - that's up to the experts - but in any case such an attitude is surely abhorrent.

If you feel strongly about this, I urge you to Write to; Wild Publications Pty Ltd, PO Box 415, Prahran, Vic 3181. Fax 03 9826 3787. Andy Macqueen



ADULT WOLLEMI PINES

## REVEALED! HOLY GRAIL LOCATIONS

Sir,  
I refer to the so-called heroes who, according to a certain Melbourne-based magazine, tracked down some Wollemi Pines.

Their achievement pales into insignificance compared with my own. Let it be known that, through great cunning and perseverance, I personally established the location of, not one, but *three* groups of the Pines. What is more, at great personal risk to myself, I am prepared to disclose to your readers their location. The grid references, based on GDA94, are as follows:

First location: Zone 56H: 0335100E 6251300N

Second location: Zone 56H: 0293900E 6227800N

Third location: Zone 56H: 0260500E 6286150N

Using this information any courageous bushwalker armed with a GPS should be able to journey to the Pines.

But I hasten to add that the journeys involve the utmost danger. Almost insurmountable hazards must be faced: endless square-shaped pagodas, some of immense height, dissected by incredible networks of structural lineations along which the wildlife, entirely feral and in plague proportions,

travels very fast and ferociously indeed. These trips were without doubt the most extreme I ever undertook.

I did offer the above information to the Melbourne-based magazine, but its editor declined to publish, saying it was against his ethics. I trust you, sir, will not be prone to such wimpish attitude and recognise true bushwalking heroism when you see it.

Incidentally, the source of the clues which led me to the Pines was [www.rbg Syd.gov.au](http://www.rbg Syd.gov.au)

Signed,  
Heroic bushwalker (simply the best)

## DEAR SIR

At the "Gumtree Songlines celebrations at Bluegum in September it was good to see so many walkers enjoying camping at beautiful Acacia Flat.

In the midst of the proceedings a damper was put on proceedings when there was talk about a ban on fires in the area, which is to be imposed after 22nd September 2002.

Acacia Flat at the moment seems to be in better shape than it was many years ago (was it 20 or 30?) when camping was stopped in the main forest and people began to camp at Acacia. There is still plenty of firewood around, there is lots of room for hundreds of campers, and the damage that some say was part of reason for the planned ban was very hard to discern.

Of course, a lot of people in Sydney never go to Bluegum - so they are very willing for the government to pay for signs that say "Fuel Stoves Only - \$1000 fine" That makes them feel that the area is being protected and preserved for the future.

And lots of other people make their living from Government by promoting policies which restrict access to bush and impose more and more rules on those using it.

But when one considers the bushfire regime at Acacia Flat - the fact that wildfires are going to sweep [through it at regular intervals of ten to twenty years (particularly since no prescribed burning is carried out in the middle of National Parks) - then it is difficult indeed to see the reasoning behind the proposed ban except as a way of promoting the power and income of a small group of environmentalists.

People pressure at Acacia Flat is not having a significantly adverse effect. Let's keep the right of having campfires for our children.

**Rick Jamieson President Richmond Squash and Bushwalking Club Member NPA Hawkesbury/Cumberland branch.**

*A persons name was mentioned in this letter but was omitted because of private reasons.*

### SEE OVER FOR NPWS'S RESPONSE

It's absurd to think that any environmentalists could possibly make any money out of these bans, and the 'firewood' which is lying around could well be the home of one of our native animals. ED





## Response to letter re camp fires at Acacia Flat

The Plan of Management for the Blue Mountains National Park (May 2001) identifies Acacia Flat as a walk-in camping site.

However, this Plan recommended temporary restrictions on the use of campfires at this site which are to be implemented for a three year trial period.

Following consultation by the NPWS with key interest groups such as Friends of Blue Gum and the Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs (NSW), it has been decided to commence this trial period from September 2002 to allow sufficient time for this decision to be communicated to park users. During this period, only the use of fuel stoves will be permitted as an alternative to wood fires at the Acacia Flat site.

This decision is due to localised deterioration of the natural state of this site as a result of increased proliferation of fire rings and the removal of firewood.

It should be noted that campfires not only pose a fire risk in the park, but the removal of firewood also reduces available habitat.

This trial will be reviewed after the three year period.

(signed)

Steven Ring

Acting Regional Manager, Blue Mountains Region

## GOING TO THE GROSE? BETTER GET OUT THE CHOOFFER!

(or the Trangia, MSR, etc)

Andy Macqueen

On 22 September 2002 the NPWS will introduce a trial 'fuel-stove only' policy at Acacia Flat and other areas near Blue Gum Forest. The group Friends of Blue Gum recommended the policy after several years of frustrating volunteer work in the forest. Confederation supported it when it was included in the Blue Mountains National Park Plan of Management.

The purpose of the trial is

- to reduce the habitat destruction and damage to young trees caused by firewood scavenging
- to halt the proliferation of fire rings and associated ground compaction
- to reduce fire-based littering
- to introduce new walkers to the idea that 'there is another way' other

than lighting fires every night

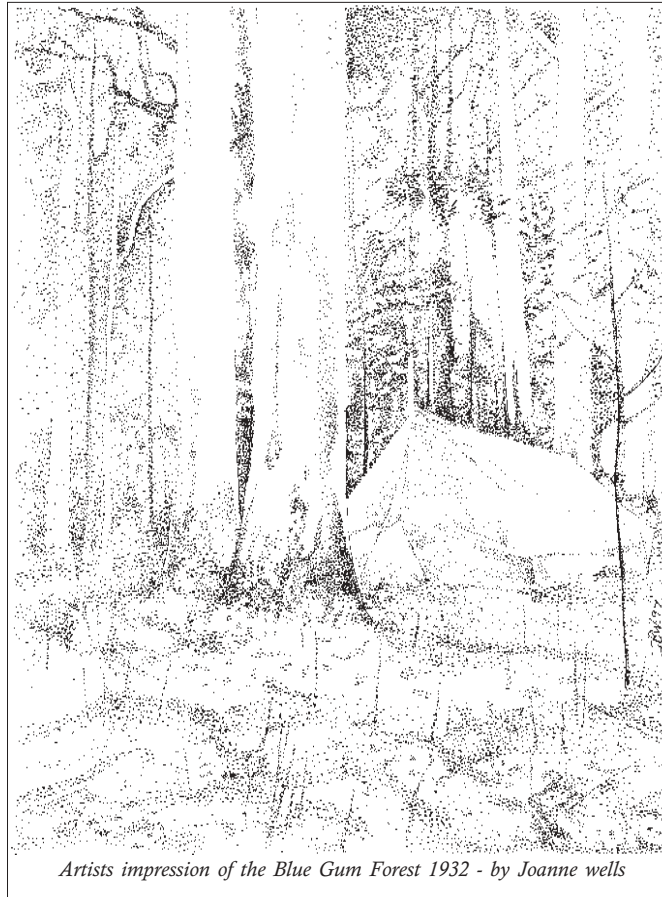
- to improve the quality of experience for the many visitors who do not rely on campfires

- to discourage visits by the selfish few whose behaviour is noisy and destructive

toting ranger bailing up walkers to see what they're up to (like the one I met in Yosemite National park!), there will be a heavy reliance on co-operation, peer pressure and the influence of volunteer 'campground hosts'.

How long the trial will continue, exactly what area it will be applied to, and the criteria for 'exceptions' will depend on the public response. The situation will be monitored. It is hoped there will be a positive change of user culture and that, once there has been a clear improvement things might be loosened up again. Everyone likes a campfire!

If you have concerns or would like to have a say in this process, you are invited to talk to the ranger, Cath Ireland. Contact her at the NPWS, PO Box 43 Blackheath 2785, phone 4787 8877.



Artists impression of the Blue Gum Forest 1932 - by Joanne wells

For some years there have been signs at the lookouts encouraging people to use stoves. Indeed, the use of stoves is growing, particularly amongst school groups and international visitors, who are often surprised to find that fires are permitted and sometimes complain about excessive fire use by other parties.

There is a long culture of campfires around Blue Gum, and it would be a shame to lose this altogether. The recent Gumtree Songlines celebration is a case in point. According to Grose Valley ranger Cath Ireland, some fires may still be permitted. As part of the trial, responsible groups who apply in advance may be given permission to have a campfire subject to several conditions - such as lighting the fire only in a certain spot during certain hours, keeping it small, and burning only fallen sticks gathered from designated areas.

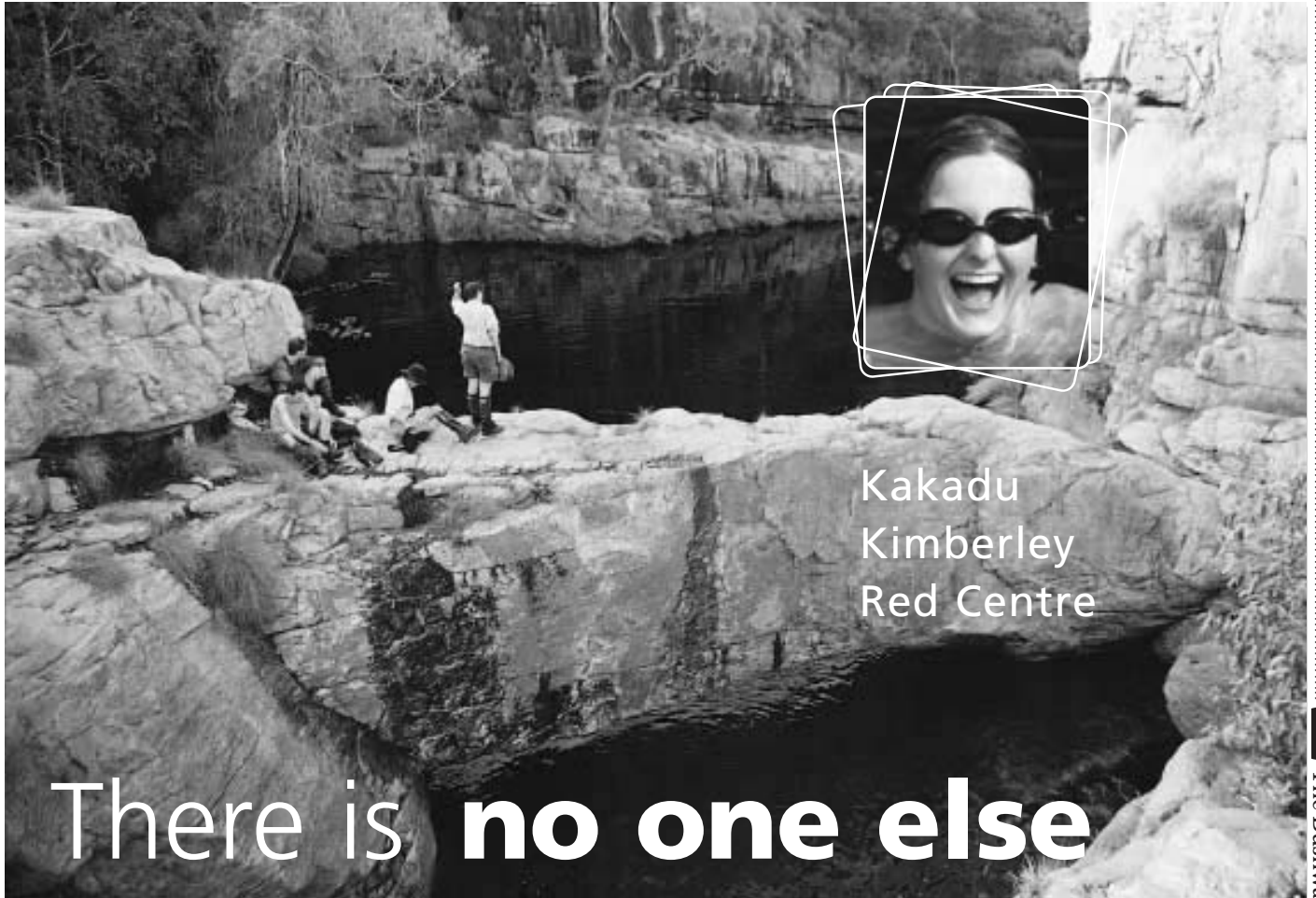
Policing will obviously be a problem, particularly as the Service cannot employ a ranger in the forest every weekend and holiday. Far from the gun-

Perhaps you would like to join the Friends of Blue Gum, and become a campground host - volunteer some of your weekends and holidays to the benefit of Blue Gum Forest and surroundings.

Please pass the word around about the new policy, particularly if you are involved with a Scout group, school or other youth group. The last thing the Service wants is for people to be taken by surprise.

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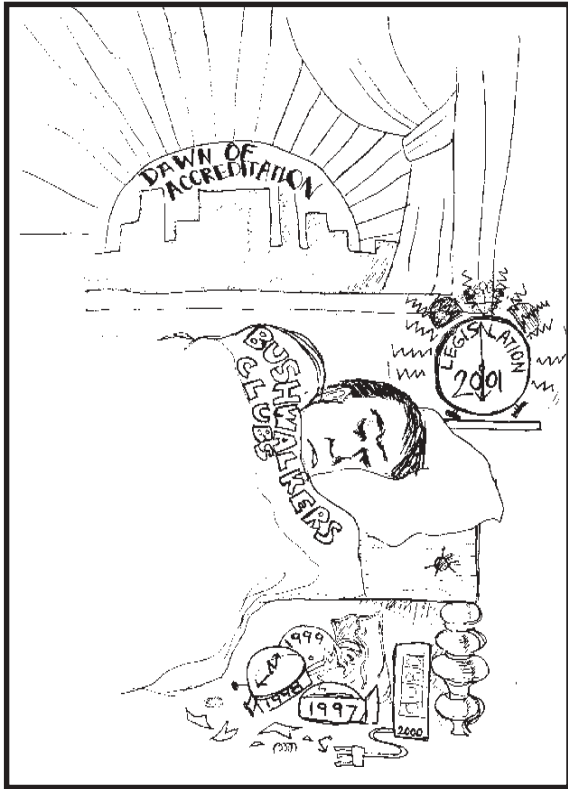
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incorporates the mighty Apsley-Macleay gorge system and includes the nearby Wollomombi Gorge and Long Point, where the gentle undulating New England Plateau suddenly drops hundreds of metres, and waterfalls tumble to their stony catchments. You will be impressed and inspired by the untamed beauty of Oxley Wild Rivers National Park. which. It embraces over 90,000 hectares, making it the seventh largest national park in New South Wales and the sixth largest declared wilderness area. It boasts 13 major waterfalls and the largest area of dry rainforest in New

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nearby Chaelundi Creek. Guy Fawkes River National Park is vast. Viewed from its cliff dotted perimeter, the valley seems to stretch endlessly to the north and south. Green spurs and ridges interlock like giant's hands until the scene is lost in distant haze. The modern day explorer can travel for days along the Guy Fawkes River valley without seeing another person. The park is in a rain shadow and does not receive high rainfall. It is dominated by large areas of open woodland. Yellow box, cabbage gum, red gum and stringy bark cover the stony slopes and ridges. In the upper slopes and protected gullies are stands of dry rainforest, conspicuous from the ridge tops by the darker green colour of their leaves. Wildlife is prolific. As well as marsupials, a variety of fauna exist in the pristine river habitat of the valley below: platypus, turtles, eels, catfish and endangered freshwater cod. Insect life abounds and provides the repast for the rich aquatic life. You may hear and see brush turkeys, lyrebirds and wedge-tailed eagles. Guy Fawkes National Park is also famous for its brumbies.

#### **Oxley Wild Rivers National Park**

South Wales, with 755 known plant species and 173 bird, 31 reptile, 17 amphibian and 47 mammal species. Other locations of interest within the park include Gara Gorge, Dangars Falls, Budds Mare, Apsley Falls and Tia Falls, all spectacular destinations in their own right.

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Following the Blue Gum ceremony a campfire was held at Acacia Flat, attended by an even bigger crowd. This time there was no ritual, just entertainment: there was a recitation of the epic bushwalking poem 'A Grose Incident', a hilarious round of performances by Playback Theatre, and a superb interlude by the group Didgeeridoo Dingo (who departed for Perrys at about 11pm so they could attend another function the next day!)

Bushwalking clubs participating in Gumtree Songlines included Springwood Bushwalking Club, Wattagan Wanderers, Upper Blue Mountains Bushwalking Club, Colong Foundation, Sydney University Bush Walkers, Central West Bushwalking Club, Blue Mountains Conservation Society, North Richmond Recreation Club and the Sydney Bush Walkers.

The main purpose of Gumtree Songlines was to celebrate Blue Mountains World Heritage, and the reason for the climax being held at Blue Gum was simply because that was where it all started, 70 years ago when Alan Rigby and friends ran into Clarrie Hungerford and Bert Pierce.

The historically aware will realise that the reservation of the forest did not occur till 1932, and hence the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event will occur next year. Fair enough, let's celebrate that too! After all, it will also be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs. Watch this magazine for details of that celebration.



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