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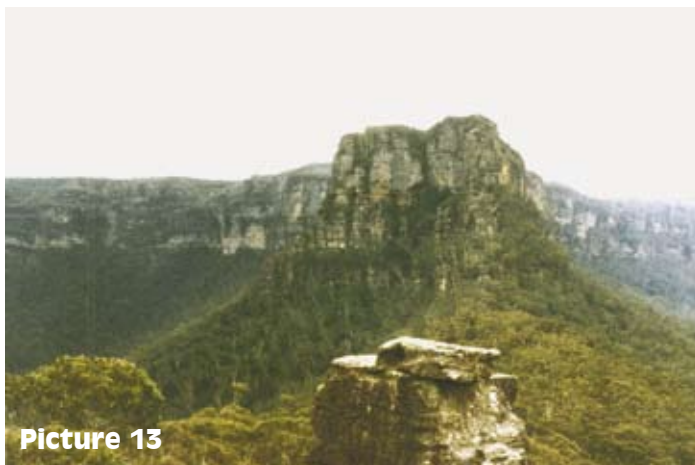


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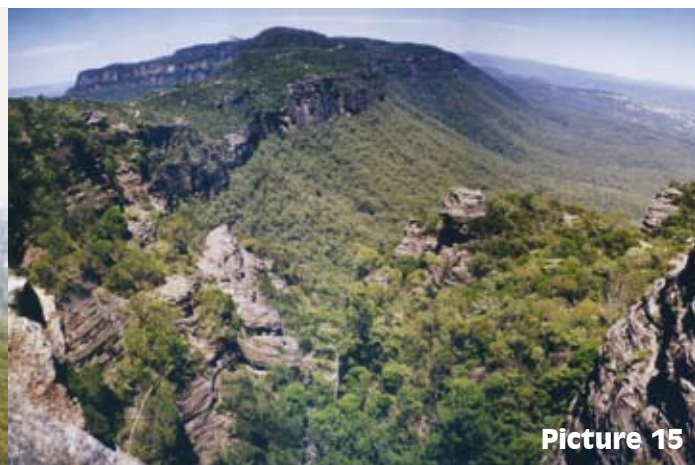
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Picture 13



Picture 15



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- Each Issue has four photos taken somewhere in NSW in places where bushwalkers go. These will NOT be obscure places.
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The Editor may start allocating prizes as and when qualifying entries arrive. The competition remains open if there are no correct entries for a photo. If several really correct entries for a photo arrive together, one will be picked out of a hat. So get your entries in as fast as possible!

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Just saying something like 'Blue Gum Forest' would not be enough. However, something like 'Blue Gum Forest from the start of the descent down DuFours Buttress' would qualify. In short, provide enough information that someone else could navigate to that spot and take a close approximation to the photo. Of course, if you want to give a map name and grid reference, that would be fine too.

The prizes?

Three companies well-known to us all have donated cash vouchers redeemable in their stores. The Paddy Pallin group has donated two \$50 vouchers per issue, Mountain Equipment has donated one \$100 voucher and their allied store Trek &

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Any financial member of an affiliated Bushwalking Club can enter. We may check with your Club membership secretary, so make sure you are financial, so you must include the name of your club with your entry. The Editor's decision is final. After all, he took the photos. This does mean that some areas of NSW may not appear in the competition for a while. My apologies to Clubs in those areas.

Results from last issue

Photo 9: Summit of Mt Jagungal in winter, looking south.

Identified by Dave Noble

Photo 10: Bowtells bridge on the Cox River, on the Six Foot Track.

Identified by Pat Hagan.

Photo 11: Narrownneck, Tarros Ladders, from bend in Water Board Road.

Identified by Dick Weston.

Photo 12: Whites River Hut, KNP, in winter.

Identified by Mark Dabbs and **Photo 2** from the Summer edition: North end of Kerries towards Mt Jagungal.

Identified (at last) by Dave Noble.

So you can still lodge an entry for photo 6.

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You do have to be a member of one of our clubs to enter the 'Where Am I' Competition.

From the editor's desk. . .

Welcome to the fourth issue of the new colour version of The Bushwalker, the magazine of the Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs NSW. The last issue saw another welcome development: Barry Hanlon joined me to take over the graphics layout. Barry is a professional in this area, and you may have noticed a definite improvement in the layout as a result. Thanks Barry! (By the way, Barry and his wife have also recently collected gold and silver medals in orienteering competitions.)

We desperately need someone to help us with the advertising and marketing, both for this magazine and the nascent 'Bush Pages' on the web site. This magazine is expensive to produce and the colour advertisements help cover the costs. The web site also costs the Confederation money, and we have decided to have a commercial area under the heading 'Bush Pages' which can carry relevant paid advertisements. But we need an experienced marketing person to drive both of these areas. No pay, but plenty of glory! Enquiries please to admin@bushwalking.org.au.

We can't produce this magazine without something to print. Clubs and members are encouraged to submit relevant articles, with a strong preference for those with good pictures. We will also accept articles from outside bodies where the articles seem relevant to members. Articles may be edited for length and content to help fit into our page limit. Pictures should be sent at maximum resolution: 300 dpi PDF or TIFF preferred. Really long articles may not fit however - sorry about that. And, of course, the Editor is always interested in receiving bushwalking books and maps for review. Enquiries should be sent to editor@bushwalking.org.au. All that said, the Editor has to apologise to a couple of contributors whose excellent contributions simply didn't fit into our page limit this time. They will appear soon.

Please note that opinions expressed by authors do not always represent the official opinions of the Confederation or any of the Clubs. The Editor's opinions don't represent anyone at all.

We apologise about misspelling Warwick Willmott's name in the article by Alex Tucker in the last issue.

Roger Caffin
Editor



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Goulburn River National Park

Michael Keats, The Bush Club, August 2005

Escaping to a new freedom. This was the mainstream of my thoughts as Kellie and I drove north out of the city. Today was special for the writer. It was my initiation into the world of pack walking. I would not be returning for 3 days. On my back I would carry my shelter, my food, and all the other necessities for successful survival and most importantly for total enjoyment of the natural world.

After a very easy drive we entered the picturesque village of Denman a full hour before the scheduled meeting time. Kellie had been quizzing me on what I had packed and rightly determined that some refining was in order. This was after a half day of schooling by ultra-light walker Gay Skarratt and the equivalent of at least a day by leader Graham who worked diligently to ensure my first pack walk was memorable for all the right reasons. The best part of a kilogram was shed as a result.

Graham and Ken having arrived we gathered in the Cobbler's Patisserie, Denman and indulged in coffee and a country-made custard tart. Time to hit the road. As we moved west the country became more picturesque. A study of the map confirmed that as we looked south we were viewing the northern edge of the Wollemi National Park. The serrated ridges, dramatic profiles and glorious mountains begging to be climbed all sent vibrations to the bush walking soul saying this is your country, come and sate yourself with my pleasures. [Ha! Ed.]

Well, it was not to be the Wollemi on this occasion. Our destination lay to the north - the Goulburn River National Park. Still, we would have a sampling of the Wollemi. After following the Kerrabee Arm the road climbs a steep ridge (about 200m high) that separates the Kerrabee Arm from Honeysuckle Creek. At a vantage point designated Cocks Gap we pulled over and went for a short explore, to look at Birds Ck.

Filled with inspiration and country air and several pictures later we hit the road again and, by arrangement met with the fifth member of the party: Michael Papworth. Our convoy of three 4WDs then headed for the locked gate access to Drummers Flat, our planned exit point. Here we dropped my 4WD and then drove west along the broad valley of Murrumbidgee Creek to a disused track heading north. This would have been the access for the Morrison Flats when it was an operating cattle property. Here we parked the other 4WDs.

Now was the time. With 15kgs on my back, my resolve to be a pack walker was to be tested. The track in was benevolently kind - it was all down-hill. While the pack was there I was not conscious of its weight on my back, but rather on the shoulders. At Morrisons Flat after a pleasant lunch above the Goulburn River, the party jointly and severally did a critical review of how the pack and my back related to each other.

There was ample confirmation that my back is no ordinary back. A compound scoliosis was not what any pack manufacturer has in mind. After much manipulation the pack was sitting more



Graham Condren, Trip Leader, breakfast

comfortably and the shoulders gained some relief. This process of adjustment was repeated many times during the days ahead, always creating hilarity.

So far I have not reported on the bush as such while we walked. Overshadowing all else is a dryness and harshness that is characteristic of the Central West of the state. It is exacerbated at present as we enter the fifth year of below average rainfall coupled with the warmest winter on record. There is a toughness in the surviving vegetation and a resilience in the plants attempting to flower and reproduce. Acacia species (there are at least 5) still glowed with gold however the genus *Epacris* and some *Pimelias* were struggling.

The blanched bones of cattle are frequent reminders all over the area of how tough this place is for the unfit and the lame. In short, they die. The group had an encounter with perhaps the last surviving bovine in the Park.

It was a strange creature. The udder was fully developed but it acted like a bull, pawing the ground and snorting. It had a slightly insane appearance and gave a new meaning to mad cow disease. Mike Papworth decided to call its bluff and it backed off, allowing all of us to pass.

Other blanched items are the shells or tests of thousands of the introduced garden snail, *Helix aspersa*. Wherever there has been moisture these snails have multiplied in their thousands. As the land has dried out they have died, unable to maintain enough water in their systems to survive. Only one specimen of an indigenous snail was sighted - a very bleached and broken *Meridolum sp.*

Our way forward was along the riverbanks. At every turn the prospect was enticing. The sandstone cliffs along the river are not continuous. This makes for variety in the scenery with each bend revealing something special. Many of the cliffs are pocked with deep caves of infinite design and variety.

Leaders of course never tell the whole story about a walk. Where would be the joy of discovery if they did? An omission is the existence of many species of pernicious burrs. There is one burr/cactus (*Opuntia sp*) which is fiendish in its perniciousness. Segmented as it grows, the slightest knock by an indiscrete or careless boot and a piece detaches and impales itself into your boot/clothes/person. The spines are each over one centimetre in length and have some reverse barbs that make removal almost as exquisite in pain level as their entry. These gems of natural warfare are almost universal in distribution along the river. If you were seeking a low cost device of torture, this is it.

Campsite number one was perfect. We arrived at 15:00 or thereabouts and I was very pleased to put down my pack and pick a site to erect the tent. Apart from being a bit slow and creating entertainment the process was managed reasonably well. Communal wood and water collecting followed as we prepared to organise ourselves for the night. Stripping and washing in the river was a joy - the water having just an edge. Not two metres from Kellie's fly a great dragon (*Amphibolurus nobbi*) sat on an elevated branch about half a metre off the ground, totally immobilised allowing picture after picture with flash. It did not move until dusk.

Local exploration and photography preceded happy hour and tall tales before the business of dinner. It was such a mild night that we stayed up talking till 20:30 before turning in and star gazing ourselves to sleep.

Day two started early, at 05:30, with the sounds of multiple bird-calls and for me the friendly crackling sound of a fire. What a way to start a perfect day in the bush. Up at 06:10 and a quick check and confirmation

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that I was still in one piece and nowhere near as sore as I thought I might be. The ritual of an early morning cup of tea was a great restorative. Somehow a cuppa in the bush always tastes better.

Being only a two star pack walk there was time to enjoy breakfast and the morning before striking the tents and packing up. It was a tad after 09:00 when we crossed the river setting out on the tortuous serpentine route that would take us through some great gorges as the Goulburn River snakes north several kilometres before wandering south.

Magnificent cliff lines and photo opportunities were with us all day. We had morning tea on a prominence high above the river at 10:00. Here was an example of the land areas that had been cleared for grazing that now provided opportunities for low growing and prostrate native species to show off without competition. Again many photos were added to the collection.

At 10:25 we emerged from a stretch of almost canyon-like gorge when I saw at a distance what appeared to be a huge eagle perched on an impossible. As we approached it became clear that this was no eagle: it was a goat. Closer again we detected a second goat and then several kids as well. We noted their remarkable agility. Several more goat sightings occurred including one of a goat close to death. We were astounded when it fell several metres during a climb and managed to right itself. Opined that the big wedge tail eagle seen earlier and or the dingo would make dinner of this guy very soon.

The entry of Tunbridge Creek from the north also marks the end of another old access track - The Policeman's Track.



River Flats

Graham and I went for a brief explore and disturbed a young wombat who moved off in high dudgeon then disappeared down the nearest hole. On the second day when it was approaching dusk there were two more wombat encounters.

In the sky there was a constant presence of raptors – eagles, hawks and shrikes. The bird life of the area is remarkably rich and diverse. Where the larger birds were absent plovers, corellas and wagtails abounded

Lunch was taken just short of the northern most point of the walk. At 12:40 it was back in harness. At the very northern most point of the walk the river spreads wide and on the 'beach' I observed many dead specimens of the brackish water Thiarid, *Plotiopsis balonnensis*. Common along the length of the river were specimens of the Hyriid fresh water mussel, *Velesunio ambiguus* and the small Corbiculid bivalve, *Corbiculina australis*.

Up to this point the weather had been balmy and warm. A front moved in and it seemed for a while that we might have a wet night. However, as fast as it arrived the front moved on and the unseasonably warm conditions returned. We met another access track, now almost unusable, would have provided a transport link to the Merriwa River way to the east. The NPWS sign calls this Parsons Gully even though it is on a point.

A series of gullies in this vicinity invite exploration – Myrtle, Prices and Parsons. It would be easy to make a case for some base camping and a lazy few days. There are plenty of deep pools for soaking and the scenery would be hard to tire of. Some books, some good tucker and yes, a good

time would be easy to arrange.

At 15:00 Graham led us unerringly to another of his favourite camping sites. Equally as picturesque as the night before, this site was flanked to the north by an imposing cliff and separated from us by a deeply incised creek. The mini plateau of our site was open to the south and could easily have accommodated 30 tents. It was delightful to be just five in number with

lots of room to spread out. Whether it was the warm weather or that we were all tired but happy hour was quickly followed by dinner and in my case it was star gazing time at 19:00.

As usual the hour before dawn was cold and it did not take much effort for me to rise at 06:10 and get on with the routine of breakfast and striking camp. 08:50 saw us stringing out along the river south towards our planned exit. The river valley opens up



The Goulburn valley

in the area known as Drummers Flat. Here extensive clearing operations and intensive grazing have discouraged any timber regrowth. Some fencing still remains. The pasture is kept closely cropped by kangaroos. Around the site of the old Drummers Flat homestead there are still well constructed yards and an impressive stand of native cypress, presumably planted as a windbreak.

The walls of the old homestead cellar just reach above the ground. Inside and down for two metres or so the wooden brackets that would have supported shelves for goods are mute reminders of the pioneering spirit of people who would have tried to keep food fresh and away from vermin. The entry stairs have long gone and the western wall is bowing dangerously. It will be a dereliction of duty by the NPWS if this small relic is allowed to be lost when it represents a significant phase of the history of what is now the Goulburn River National Park.

High on the eastern cliff line Graham pointed out a wonderful 'roche pierce' or pierced rock. Thinking about the numerous caves it is surprising that there are not more dramatic natural features like this one. Perhaps if one was to explore some of the canyon-like gullies there would be great finds

The warm conditions that had prevailed till now began to wane and there was a feeble attempt at rain. Again the front seemed to pass. However, on reaching the old gate (that required a limbo rock manoeuvre to negotiate) there were distinct signs that the best of the day may have passed. Certainly our walk had come to an end.

The reverse car shuffle completed, the group headed off to the Bylong General Store where milk shakes and home-style cookies were welcome against a now biting wind. Minus Mike Papworth (who would rejoin us for lunch) we headed off to the Fern Tree Gully Reserve, north of Rylstone on the Rylstone – Bylong road, to look briefly at the pagodas of the western Wollemi National Park, before heading home.

Photos by Michael Keats

A Wombat in the Snow

Winter time. Snow time. And that means time for ski touring. Wombats //ke ski touring.

Many walkers pack up their gear when the winter comes: "it's too cold for a tent" they say. But really, it isn't all that cold, and hardy walkers just keep going right through the year. But not that many seem to get into the snow



Such lovely weather country, where everything is crisp and white and sparkling. Well, sometimes sparkling - and sometimes just a little less than sparkling.

But then, you can't have snow on the ground without it being first of all in the air. But that's just part of the fun, never knowing whether you will see more than a few metres in front of your nose tomorrow. It might, they say, even be fine tomorrow.

So on a fine day the Wombat set off down from Cesjacks saddle, down Cesjacks valley, to the Doubtful River. The Doubtful River is a bit wide, and there aren't many snow bridges across it, but there is usually one near Cesjacks. Mind you, with all this global warming, the bridges seem to get more marginal each year. Then up the side valley towards Jagungal



Tracks, and holes, in the snow saddle, stopping only for morning tea along the way. It was a fine day, and the Wombat's tracks looked clean and elegant.

Ignore the holes in the snow at the front: they just places where the snow was not quite as supportive as it might have been. Twice, with camera in hand. There was a creek at the bottom.

Jagungal soared up beside the way, but the way was not over



Passing Jagungal

Jagungal today. The way was across the Strumbo Range, admiring mighty Jagungal from all angles, and then down to Straight Creek below the tops and sheltered behind Smiths Lookout. Now the gully down from the top has enough open space, but it is steep and narrow, and the snow was rather soft. The Wombat was content to take it gently in the confined space. Towards the bottom the way was exceeding narrow, and the creek at the bottom was open, like a dark wet pit. But with a few doubtful



The burrow

manoeuvres the hazards were passed, and the open bottom reached. With the sun fast sinking it was time to look for a convenient burrow for the night.

The morning dawned very fine, but very cold. The sun was behind the whole Strumbo Range, and would not appear for some time.



Party time

The valley was sheltered, and cold air had flowed down it overnight, reaching about -10 C. What ALL of Wombat's Friends and Relations had been doing overnight, making a horde of tracks by the creek, puzzles the mind.

A ceremonial get-together maybe? In the morning the inside of the burrow glistened with a copious layer of hoar frost, which had to be removed lest it shower down on the Wombat in an inconvenient manner. The walls were scraped, and cups of the stuff ejected.

Then away down Straight Creek, on very crusty snow. It would not do to have an accident down here: not a soul to be seen anywhere. Back up onto the tops to cross over to the Geehi River, in the hope of crossing it safely where the



The Geehi

old track runs. But this was not to be: the river was wide and fast and deep, and rather cold too.

No matter where, there was always one deep fast channel barring the way. So back up onto the shelf above the Geehi, to head east towards higher ground.

The valley twists and turns, and from a distance the white all blends together, so that the way of the valley passes all understanding. But faith in map and compass moves mountains, and slowly the way became clear. Actually, the shelf on the north side of the Geehi is a very nice one, running gently east all the way. Eventually high ground was reached, and thick ice across the river was found. Well, thick enough to take a Wombat anyhow. Further on it wasn't so thick, and great slabs floated in the dark river.



Ice on the Upper Geehi

And so camp was made just to the west of Tarn Bluff, on a small knoll with a clear view in all

directions. The sun set gently in the west - a new phrase, never before used! There was no shelter here, and the wind did blow gently across the land all night, but the burrow was secure, and the Wombat was not disturbed. The continued flow of air limited the cooling to about -4 C overnight, but it carried away all the Wombat's hot breath so the burrow was completely dry in the morning. A welcome change.

The open knoll meant the horizon to the east was wide open, and a watchful eye was kept for signs of the morning sun and its



Morning sun

warmth. At the appointed hour the sun popped over the horizon and declared the morning.

Great joy was felt as the warmth flowed in. Well, it looked warm anyhow, even if it was still sub-zero. Another wonderful day saw more good travelling, interspersed with suitable quantities of morning tea, across the Geehi plains and over Macalister Saddle, down past the cornice with much care, past many sad signs of the fires, and back to the home burrow. The evening sky was clear, with a touch of pink on the horizon. Another wonderful trip.



Evening

Tallowa Dam Plan Threatens Ettrema Wilderness

Shoalhaven River Alliance

Parts of the oldest wilderness in NSW, the Ettrema Wilderness, would be inundated under the NSW Government's plan to increase storage in Lake Yarrunga on the Shoalhaven River. To secure water supplies for the Sydney Metropolitan area the plan involves raising the height of Tallowa Dam by up to 11m, and construction of a pipeline to allow higher rates of water transfer to Sydney's catchment areas.

Then NSW Premier Bob Carr announced the plans to fast track the changes to Tallowa Dam in June this year, with work to commence in November next year. Lake Yarrunga lies at the junction of the Shoalhaven and Kangaroo Rivers, about 30km west of

Nowra, and is surrounded in large part by Morton National Park. The boundary of the Ettrema Wilderness commences immediately upstream of the current inundated section of the Shoalhaven Gorge. Any raising of the dam wall will result in the drowning of the gorge within the wilderness area. Since the introduction of the NSW Wilderness Act in 1987, no declared wilderness has ever been revoked or reduced in size. The State government's plan to inundate parts of the Ettrema Wilderness represents an unprecedented retraction of wilderness, and will require amendments to NSW legislation for it to proceed.

Inundation would extend a number of kilometres along the Shoalhaven and Kangaroo Rivers, plus many hundreds of metres along Bundanoon and Sandy

Creeks. These areas represent some of the most popular outdoor recreation sites on the South Coast of NSW. With more frequent changes in lake levels under the new extraction regime, the barren scar at the edge of Lake Yarrunga would increase enormously. The net result would be destruction of kilometres of forest, increased erosion, increased weed infestation and substantial impacts on

wilderness and conservation values – hardly a recipe for good wilderness management.

To date, community consultation has been negligible and environmental impact assessment non-existent.

The Shoalhaven River forms one of the most rugged and extensive gorges in the state and has been described as "some of the most spectacular gorge scenery in NSW".

The state government's proposal does nothing to rein in Sydney's water consumption to more sustainable levels. Under the plan Sydney's water extraction will reach as far south as the Deua National Park, to within 135km of the Victorian Border.

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Six Waterfalls

Armidale, 19th June, 2005

Most of the New England had been in drought for months. Walkers in the gorges had reported that the Gara River had stopped flowing, Salisbury Waters was just a few stagnant pools, and one party had crossed the Macleay without realising it - the bed was overgrown. So we were a bit sceptical when Colin added his "Six Waterfalls Walk" to the calendar. Some of us expected a day of rough rock scrambling and comments along the line of "Well, in normal times, it's a really good waterfall....."

Nevertheless, ten of us hopefully joined Colin at Yaraandoo, 71 km from Armidale on the Point Lookout road on an overcast Sunday in June. We were well rugged up, with waterproofs, in the hope of seeing actual flowing water. After a short shuttle, we began walking along the Barwick (Back) Creek. The Grassy Forest made for excellent walking, with Gum Topped Peppermint, Brown Barrel, New England Peppermint, and Messmate Stringybark the common trees of the ridges, and White Sallee, Black Sallee and New England Peppermint the overstorey in the colder areas. After just about enough walking to be warmed up, we reached the first of our

falls, at about (E) 368 264 on the Barwick {Back Creek on my ancient (E)bor 1:25k map}. This was a pretty little fall and set of cascades, with plenty of water to give it sparkle and dash.

As Colin had anticipated, in this high basal country there's nearly always enough water to keep the falls running. Yet the streams are seldom so high that you have any real problems crossing them. We made the first of our many creek crossings for the day. Colin had chosen his route wisely, as it was only a short further walk to Moffat Falls, probably the most photogenic (and the only named) fall of the trip. Framed by tall gums, it was an irresistible sight for the camera-carriers in the party, and we tried various angles to get that perfect Falls shot. We suspect that none of us did as well as Colin - he knew his angles and light, and it is his photo included in this article.

We followed the Barwick west till we cut a south-bearing property road. It gradually petered out as we entered thick scrub, where

we made the acquaintance of Prickly Shaggy Pea (also known as Native Holly). In the Styx area this plant forms dense thickets in a distinct belt from about 20 to about 80 metres above the major watercourses. The botanical description lists the leaves as having "margins irregularly lobed with a spine terminating

each lobe". We all now have a few scars to illustrate the description, without seeing the masses of yellow and brown flowers it bears in Spring.

After breaking out of the lower edge Col suggested lunch, as there wouldn't be enough room for it at the next waterfall. We yarned about earlier trips, good camera angles, the best lightweight stoves Refreshed, we then headed down to probably the most spectacular of the day's falls. At about (E) 349 259, the Barwick tumbles about 70 metres through a narrow slot it has worn into the bedrock. We cautiously crawled to the edge, peering down through the thick scrub, then scrambled about looking for a full view of the fall. After a couple of fruitless forays, we resigned ourselves to not being able to take a photo that would do it justice.

We then headed up the northwest ridge. A blue cord marked the way, apparently a survey mark for the minihydro planned by the property owners. A steady puff up the ridge took us to their house site about 160 vertical metres above the Barwick. We all felt the pull of living in this beautiful spot, but its isolation was a bit too much for most of us. So we headed northwest to take in the last two waterfalls. Smaller, but equally attractive, and running well. Heading home along the power line to Yaraandoo, and waving off the four doing the car shuttle, we settled down to coffee and sticky date muffins before the wood fire at Yaraandoo. A pleasant end to a lovely day.



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Navshield

2005 Weather relents

NavShield 2005 was held in Coolah Tops National Park and adjacent low lying country. Once again, it was another great event despite being deferred. Extensive wet weather meant that on our “usual” weekend (the first weekend in July) the single access road up to Coolah Tops was impassable. After much discussion and liaison with local authorities the event was reluctantly deferred to 13 / 14 August.

The deferment was a let down as you had to put your enthusiasm on hold. Normally, NavShield would soon be over and you could soon breathe a big sigh of relief. The consequences of the deferment were an increased workload to make NavShield happen. Logistically, all teams had to be notified of the changed date. A number of teams chose to withdraw (calculation of refunds etc) with fewer new teams joining. The services BWRS relies on had to be rearranged – NP&WS access, caterers, portable toilets, NSW Ambulance paramedics, WICEN (VRA radio amateur operators) and our BWRS support crews (“Bushrangers”, First Aid, Safety, administration etc).

NavShield 2005 was our first NavShield with an upstairs and a downstairs part to the course. Upstairs on Coolah Tops was a gently undulating plateau with sub-alpine vegetation (widely spaced large trees with heavy grasses underneath – the open bugbear was extensive fallen timber) giving open walking. Downstairs was cleared farm country again giving easy walking. The stairs were four finger ridges roughly pointing north with walk down passes that gave extensive views to the Warrumbungles Range in the distant north. The NavShield headquarters was at Bendella Lookout, the most westerly of the four finger ridges.

The aim of the NavShield is to run an Emergency Services bush navigation training event that showcases the skills and abilities of Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS). A successful NavShield requires a well run base site, an accurate but diverse course, good event administration and a Risk Management Plan that casts a safety net over the course. Within a limited time teams from Emergency Services must plot the location (via Grid References) of the checkpoints and decide on a viable route that maximizes the points they can achieve without incurring penalties for returning late.

Checkpoints are set in a random pattern over around 100 square kilometers – about third to half a map. All checkpoints have a two colour rogaine style flag with a unique pattern paper punch for punching the team “Control Card” as proof of visiting that checkpoint. All

checkpoints are allocated a points value that takes into account the difficulty of locating them.

All levels of navigators benefit from NavShield. There is always a deliberate mix of easy to difficult checkpoints temptingly placed so that teams can still get plenty of practice even in the one-day event. Beginner navigators gain confidence from actually finding a checkpoint then choosing a route to the next one. Experienced navigators are rewarded with checkpoints on outstanding locations. By providing a quality bush navigation event BWRS now regularly has teams from Ambulance (including paramedics), NP&WS, SES, VRA, Rural Fire Service, Armed Services and Police Rescue Squads.

The deferred weekend (and long distance from Sydney?) for NavShield meant that our usual numbers were down. Ninety teams congregated on a clear and bright morning for the event briefing and pandemonium of the massed start as they seek to get their Control Card and go. While the overall number of teams was down the quality of the teams was up. Unlike most years there were almost no injuries for the First Aider / paramedics to deal with. NavShield is an all weather event. It was only deferred this year as we could not access Coolah Tops.



STEVE BROOK, Rescue Officer for Campbelltown SES.

Socialising and interaction between the Emergency Services was always an unstated aim of NavShield. I enjoy seeing the old hands as they wait to register on Friday night. BWRS uses a local group to provide catering. Don't waste time cooking when you are tired; just eat and mingle. The local pre-school mothers provided plenty of hot, tasty food in a friendly atmosphere.

As usual, the major Award Ceremony around 3pm Sunday was a great relief. Another Nav nearly in the bag with most teams home (phew - no searches required for any overdue teams). The NSW State Rescue Board considers NavShield to be a valuable training exercise in bush navigation for the Emergency Services and accordingly sponsors group shields for the best team of each Emergency Service. Thus, Brian Goodes on behalf of the Chair of the Board gave out the principal Awards. Harvey Black, Vice President of the VRA also assisted. The last and still pleasing award is the Attendance Cups. If you can attend five, ten or fifteen NavShields then I will, on behalf of BWRS, make a special presentation for such dedication. The Award Ceremony concluded with the presentation by Brian Goodes of an \$8,000 sponsorship cheque!



Winning team, Kangaroo Valley Bushfire Brigade.

The results of NavShield 2005 can be found on the BWRS website at www.bwrs.org.au/navshield/index.html

Despite the obviously high workload the members of BWRS still enjoy planning and running their annual NavShield. We get to do some great bushwalks in setting up NavShield. We also visit some friendly towns like Coolah. (Did you notice “Join the VRA” street?) Bringing all the components together (administration, First Aid, radio Control Points, Safety, Bushrangers, paramedics, caterers, water resupply, toilets etc) on the NavShield weekend is very satisfying. We look forward to practicing the organization skills required / liaising with other Emergency Services.

Many thanks to all those members of BWRS and other groups (WICEN, NP&WS, NSW Ambulance, and Coolah Pre-School etc) who all helped make NavShield 2005 so successful. The atmosphere at NavShield is always infectious. Once again the NavShield participants enjoyed the mixture of good weather, good food from our caterer, a well-planned accurate course that was set in enjoyable bushwalking country with good event organization.

There can be no better way to polish up your navigation, map reading and socialising skills than participation in NavShield 2006. Don't miss NavShield 2006.

NavShield 2005 Final results

Navigation Shield Winner (Class 1 2 Day)
Team C032 Kangaroo Valley Bushfire Brigade (1840 Points)
Class 1 1 Day Trophies
1st - Team C094 NPWS Blue Mountains (940 Points)
2nd - Team C092 NPWS Blue Mountains (880 Points)
3rd - Team C091 NPWS Blue Mountains (820 Points)
Class 1 2 Day Trophies
1st - Team C032 Kangaroo Valley Bushfire Brigade (1840 Points)
2nd - Team C016 Shoalhaven SES (1700 Points)
3rd - Team C101 UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (1460 Points)
Class 2 1 Day Trophies
1st - Team C019 Nordic Ski Club (840 Points)
Class 2 2 Day Trophies
1st - Team C051 Sydney Bushwalkers (1840 Points)
Rogaine 1 Day Trophies
1st - Team C066 (890 Points)
Rogaine 2 Day Trophies
1st - Team C090 (1830 Points)
State Rescue Board Winners (Class 1 2 Day)
Ambulance - C077 NSW Ambulance SCAT (1430 Points)
Armed Services - Not Awarded
Bushwalkers - Team C101 UTS Outdoors Adventure Club (1460 Points)
Police - Not Awarded
Rural Fire Services - Not Awarded
SES - Team C016 Shoalhaven SES (1700 Points)
VRA - Not Awarded

Mountain map review

Mount Kosciuszko Map 1:40k

Jon Sutcliffe, SutMap, July 2005
ISBN 0 9757734 0 2

In my files I have a pre-war pre-SMA Lands Department sketch map of the Kossie region (price 1/-), the MT Jagungal and the Brassy Mountains sketch map at 2" = 1 mi (but it does not actually cover Mt K), a 1:63k (1" = 1 mi) topo, a 1:100k topo, the old standard 1:50k topo map of Mt Kosciuszko, a CMA Snowy Kosciusko National Park map, and the new 1:25k topo/photo map.

If all those are not enough, now I have a SutMap topo map of the area too. Who are SutMap? They started off as a producer of orienteering and special purpose maps in the UK, but the founder, Jon Sutcliffe, has recently moved to Australia. The difference between this SutMap version and the standard CMA maps is that the Sutmap has extra surface detail on it and also includes extra bits at the corners which ordinary topos miss out on, plus other details as well. It is printed on both sides, and on slightly heavier paper as well.

I gather the extra surface detail - rocky areas, small cliffs and vegetation detail, was added by the Jon Sutcliffe, the owner/cartographer of Sutmap, from field surveys done in February and March of 2005. Thus it reflects the post-fire state of the area.

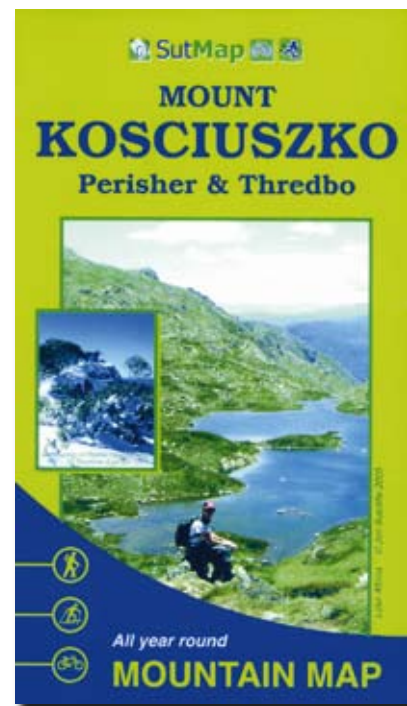
The map covers an area similar to the Kosciusko 1:50k topo map, plus the extension down to Cascade Hut. At the top edge it cuts off a bit of the 1:50k version, but has an

extension for Mt Tate and Guthega River to compensate. It also has a street map of Jindabyne.


In addition to the actual topo mapping, the sheet has lots of other information on it: travel info, weather report sources, a few notes on accommodation, plus some of the usual safety sorts of things for the less experienced. Production of the map has been supported by a number of commercial organisations in the Jindabyne area, so there are some little adverts scattered around for these companies. One would have to say 'all the usual suspects' are there.

The topo map part looks very similar to a standard topo map (on which it is based), but with some extra surface information about rock areas and cliffs. It also has the current ski tows access roads for them and current pole lines on it. I noticed that some of the pole lines and tracks I remembered were missing, but apparently some of them disappeared in the fires of 2003 and have not been replaced. This is understandable.

Some well-known tracks are not shown. I was told that the NPWS did not want them shown, and Jon complied. I think this was a very bad mistake, but one I blame on the NPWS Area Management. Imagine that you are in a total whiteout somewhere on the Main Range (a common occurrence!), and come across a 4WD track. You look at the map, only to find nothing in the general area of where you think you are. Now what?



All that aside, who might be interested in this SutMap? I think it would be a good choice for a newcomer to walking in the area as it does have lots of ancillary detail, and it covers the area most people might start with. The map sells for \$12.95 and can be obtained from jon@sutmap.com or SutMap, 4/6 Gregory St, Toowoong, Qld, 4066. I imagine it could also be obtained in Jindabyne from 'the usual suspects'.



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Book reviews

West Sydney Wild

Alan Fairley & David Waterhouse
ISBN 1 877058 38 6

This is slightly different from your usual bushwalking guide book. It doesn't cover bushwalks but Nature Reserves, all located around West Sydney. I didn't realise there are so many of them, or that some of them are so big. Not quite large enough for a full days bushwalking, but some of them are quite large enough for a short day out - with binoculars.

The Reserves covered are Mirambena, Bicentennial Park, Yeramba Lagoon, Nurragingy, Cumberland Forest, Castlereagh, Agnes Banks, Windsor Downs, Cattai, Pitt Town, Scheyville and Bents Basin.

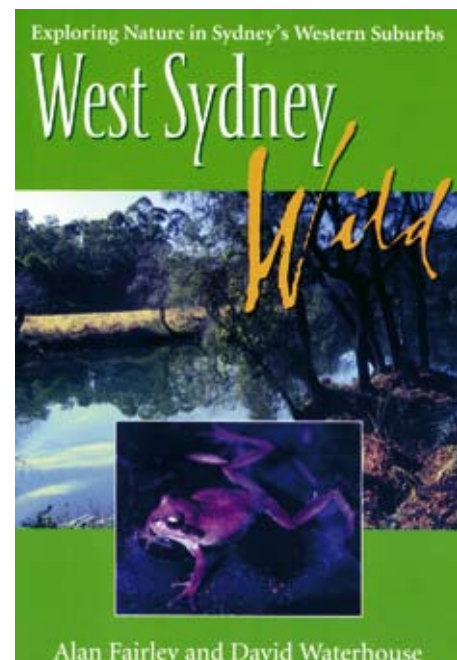
The sections for each Reserve include a Highlights, a quick guide to location, access, area and facilities and walking tracks, then an Overview, a generous section on Plant Communities and another for Fauna. There are

quite a few personal and anecdotal comments, along with considerable history. Colour pictures illustrate both flora and fauna sections.

The authors give lots of comments about what the average observer might see, and what extra might be seen with a bit more persistence. Advice as to where to find the different treasures at each place is also given.

This is a paperback book just slightly larger than A5 in size: 150 x 225 x 8.5 mm, with a slightly glossy cover. There is a black & white map for each reserve and many colour pictures scattered throughout, and a good index at the back to all the flora and fauna mentioned.

The book can be obtained from Rosenberg Publishing P/L at Box 6125 Dural Delivery Centre 2158 for \$19.95 plus \$2.95 post and packing, or from a good local bookshop maybe. I have to add I know the publisher very well.



As It Happened

Colin Watson

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His long years of conservation activity with the National Parks Association are also detailed

in the book. Colin's outstanding efforts in bushwalking exploration and conservation have resulted in many awards over the years, the most notable being the Order of Australia Medal in 1989 and the Friend of the Century by the National Parks and Wildlife Foundation in 1999.

"As It Happened" is some 390 pages and is now available direct from the publishers, The Budawang Committee for \$30 (posted) as a special offer for bushwalkers. The Committee's address is 40 Alexandria Avenue, East Wood 2122. Phone enquires 9874 2901.

Wilf Hilder



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How does it work? Vendors ask BGT to test items of gear. These items are advertised and qualified Testers send in applications. Usually there are three copies of any item, so three Testers are chosen. They get the gear, test it and report to BGT on it over 4 months, and then are allowed to keep the gear. Anyone can become a Tester.

To become a 'qualified Tester' you have to first submit two 'Owner Reviews' (ORs) and have them accepted. BGT reviews have to meet certain standards, but these can be found on the www.backpackgeartest.org web site and the BGT Editors will help you meet the standards. They will also help you with the test Reports.

Why bother? Well, it isn't the 'free gear' really. It's the fun of playing with the latest gear, testing it and discussing it with other testers. This isn't really for people who just want free gear; it's for gear freaks. But you do end up with some cute bits of gear.

Why this notice? Because BGT needs more gear Testers. We have gear in plenty, but we lack enough Testers. You can find out more by going to www.backpackgeartest.org and following the URLs. We use Yahoo Groups for a lot of the day-to-day business.

Roger Caffin,
BGT Tester and
Review Editor

Goochs Crater name correction

The Editor misspelled the name of Goochs Crater in the last issue. Apparently a whole letter 'e' has been removed!

Brian Fox advises:

Reference: 82365. **Placename:** Goochs Crater.

Designation: Amphitheatre.

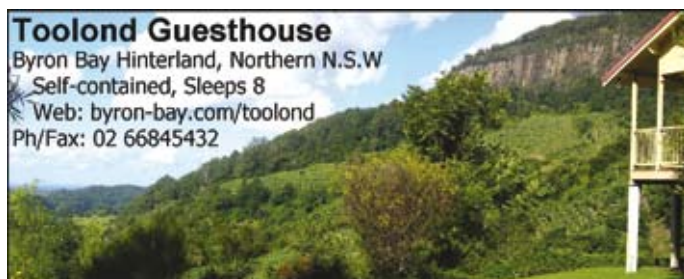
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Memoirs of Patagonia

an Andean Adventure

Linda Broschofsky
(Bankstown Bushwalking Club)

During 2004, I loaded my pack and took off on a 4 month jaunt around the world, what I call my Spanish Immersion trip. I wanted to be more fluent in the Spanish language so I planned my trip so that I would only visit Spanish speaking countries, that way immersing myself in the language.

One of the most spectacular, wildest and scenic places I have seen is Torres Del Paine NP in southern Chile. The park gets its name from three very distinct vertical granite pillars- the Torres or towers, reaching almost 3000 m in height. Paine was the explorer who discovered the area. The park has a very good system of trails and Refugio's nicely spaced within a days walk apart or alternatively you can camp. We took the soft option and had full board in the Refugio's, therefore eliminating the need to carry camping equipment and food. (And slept in nice warm beds instead of filling the tents with rocks, body and gear to hold it down when the cyclonic winds crept up at night. Quite often we witnessed the demolished campsites the next morning with very unhappy and tired trekkers trying to cook breakfast in almost impossible conditions.)

Refugio Grey 18/1/04

There are icebergs floating in the lake outside the window. I'm at Lago Grey, we walked in today. The scenery is stunning, the wind is calm and the sun shone for us. I'm feeling lucky! The walk took 3 and a half – 4 hours, depending on how long you stop to admire the views. The Refugio is set amongst the trees, right on Lago Grey. It's really pretty. We have our own room and just had a great meal. It cools off as the sun goes down. Now I just feel weary. I want a coffee and will soon be ready for bed.

The bus from Puerto Natales took about 2 hours and we were dropped off at Guadaria Pehoe where we caught the catamaran to Refugio Pehoe, and then walked.

Refugio Grey 19/1/04

The weather wasn't very nice today. Rainy and windy, very different to yesterday. Breakfast was OK, toast, ham, cheese, even porridge plus a choice of tea/ coffee and hot chocolate. Packed lunch was good too, ham, cheese and lettuce roll, orange, orange juice, water, chocolate bar, halva, biscuits. Lots of goodies!

We walked up to the mirador where there are lots of icebergs in a small bay. If you walk further along the trail for about an hour you get to see the glacier up close. We sat there for ages waiting for chunks to break off and they did!

Decided to spend the afternoon inside, because the weather got worse before slightly improving. Then went for another short walk, up to the glacier.

On our walk after lunch we saw some beautiful woodpeckers. Totally black, except for the male who had a striking bright red head. They really were very beautiful.

Refugio Cuernos 21/1/04

The gods have smiled upon us again. We have been able to see everything we wanted because the weather has been clear. The wind is really strong, cyclonic and I thought it would lift the roof last night.

We had a really long 24km walk yesterday. Refugio Grey to Refugio Cuernos, which took 8 hours. Walking from Pehoe towards the Valley of Frances you see the cuernos (horns). We got in at about 6pm. This Refugio is much bigger and sits on Lago Nordenskjöld. The Cuernos Del Paine tower above. Condors fly between them, gliding on thermals.

We had a fantastic dinner last night of salmon, rice and soup then a rasberry moosey thing. After a leisurely morning we decided to take a chance on the weather and walk up the Valle de Frances. We took less time backtracking without packs on. The climb up the valley was steady but the wind was so cyclonic. At times it was difficult to walk. We walked halfway up which had good views of the cuernos. The Rio del Frances run down the valley and on the other side is a massive mountain with a glacier on its side. Cerro Grande Paine and the Glacier Del Frances!

Refugio Chileno 23/1/04

I can see the Torres from the window, even though they are enshrouded by cloud. We made it in about 5 hours yesterday. Las Cuernos-Chileno. The 3 hour walk along the lake was simple but the winds were gale force and once knocked me off my feet and I fell into a bush. How hard was it to get out of the bush with a full pack while laughing?? At least it was sunny. We had heard about this short cut up to Chileno, which we ended up taking, it was steep and all uphill but it did save us an hour. This Refugio is really nice, nestled in a valley, beside a river with the Torres looming in the background. It's not as windy either. The food here is good too, baked salmon, soup and a fruit tart but nothing beats the apple filled pancake we had at Cuernos.

The walk up to the mirador only took about one and a half hours, the last part up boulders. The Torres are awesome. Granite towers rising up out of bedrock. A glacial lake is at their base. It's been a relaxing day. We got back about 2:30pm.

El Calafate,

Argentina 25/1/04

El Calafate could be the sister town to Banff. There are so many similarities. It's great to be in civilisation again, after 7 days in the park.

We walked down from Chileno to Torres which took one and a half hours. The Torres had a light dusting of snow on each peak, so that was special!

We had to wait for a few hours for our transfer to Laguna Amarga. Los Torres Refugio was spotless; we had a leisurely lunch in their dining room.

The bus to Cerro Castillo, the border crossing into Argentina, finally arrived. More waiting. After 4 hours we walked across the border to a minibus that had no luggage space. The driver just managed to cram our packs under the seat. The journey to El Calafate took 5 hours, on a gravel road.....

We came to see Los Glaciares NP and the Moreno glacier but that's another chapter in my sojourn around the world!



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The Bushwalkers' War Memorial at Splendour Rock

A decision was made in 1947 to erect a bushwalkers' war memorial at Splendour Rock in the Wild Dog Mountains off Narrowneck. This is recorded in the following paragraphs from The Bushwalker magazine of December, 1947:

"Plans for the memorial to bush walkers who gave their lives in World War Two have been accepted by Federation and a Committee consisting of the President, Tom Moppett and Brian Harvey (both of S.B.W.), has been entrusted with their completion.

The proposal to choose and name a suitable peak in the Gangerang Region has had to be abandoned as all peaks worthy of such high dedication already carry familiar name. The alternative accepted is to affix a brass plate with bold, raised lettering, to Splendour Rock, that magnificent view-point at the Southern end of Mount Dingo. Here, where the eye is drawn to the glory of Kanangra Walls, surely the spiritual home of bush walkers, is a spot beloved of many of those whom we seek to honour."

The plan was carried out & at sunrise, on Anzac Day, 1948, the simple bronze plaque commemorating the memory of Bushwalkers who fell in World War II was unveiled at Splendour Rock, Mount Dingo, in the heart of the Wild Dog Mountains by Paddy Pallin in the presence of the President Stanley Cottier and 80 - 90 Bushwalkers.

"Those familiar landmarks - Mt Cloudmaker, the Gangerang Range, Mt Paralyser and Mt Gouougang - a spiritual home of the Bushwalkers - all lie within our gaze from this wonderful viewpoint. We could wonder how often had our fallen comrades gazed in happiness upon this scene that we still enjoy?

Upon this rock, as sunrise lit the cliffs they loved so well, was placed a permanent record that we honoured those known & unknown Bushwalkers, who gave their lives for our freedom. And, their splendour shall never fade!!"

Bushwalkers known to have fallen in World War II

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KENNETH GRENFELL Rucksack Club R.A.A.F .
REG. HEWITT Sydney Bush Walkers A.I.F .
GEORGE LODER Trampers Club R.A.A.F .
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MAC NICHOLS Y.M.C.A. Ramblers A.I.F.
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GORDON TOWNSEND Coast & Mountain Walkers R.A. A. F .
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LEST WE FORGET

Each Anzac Day at dawn a commemoration is conducted at Splendour Rock, currently by Nepean Bushwalkers.

Margaret Covi,
President, Confederation

From the mail bag. . .

Knights Deck - the name

[We welcome short contributions about interesting place names - Ed.]

I was most interested to read Michael Keats article on the Wild Dog Mountains in the last issue. Knights Deck and Knights Pups were named by Miles Dumphy after my grandfather Wilfred "Wif" Knight (1883-1967). Wif was a foundation member of Sydney Bushwalkers and spent much time wandering through the Blue Mountains. In the late 1930's he spent the Sydney winters camped on the beach at Cape Tribulation (FNQ) and on one of these trips managed to get to Cape York. I can remember my grand mother telling me that she awoke one night to find him throwing coconuts at a crocodile who was trying to get into their camp area. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has any stories or information about Wif's early bushwalking exploits.

Greg Knight, gknight@ihug.com.au

Shooting Kangaroos in Blue Mountains National Park

[We reproduce here a letter from NPWS to a club member who reported finding a severed kangaroo head at the Galong Ck bridge, Megalong Valley. Spot lights had been seen the previous night, and a picture of the severed head was sent to the NPWS. - Ed]

Dear Michael

Thank you for your report concerning the shooting of kangaroos in the park. We have asked several neighbours who have not reported hearing anything. However, the residences are a considerable distance away.

This type of activity is illegal in all National Parks and land holders on private land can only shoot kangaroos with a permit.

We encourage people witnessing any illegal activity to report the incidents to the NPWS preferably with supporting evidence such as vehicle registration. The NPWS will increase patrols in the area and monitor for evidence of similar activity continuing. Please feel free to contact me in the Upper Mountains Area Office at Blackheath on 4787 3109 if you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours faithfully
Richard Kingswood,
Area Manager, Upper Mountains Area

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Cameron Barrie crossing the Snowy River en route to Blue Lake.
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