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SOUTH WEST TASMANIA

- CAN WE SAVE THE WESTERN RIVERS?

Only one year remains before the Tasmanian Government decides to accept one of the Hydro-Electric Commissions Franklin-Lower Gordon Schemes. The proposed flooding of the western rivers will be the major conservation issue affecting S-W Tassie since the loss of Lake Pedder.

Already the H.E.C. have spent about \$6m "justifying" their planned destruction of one of the world's greatest remaining temperate wilderness areas. Activity has been stepped up at the various H.E.C. camps along the Franklin and Gordon Rivers. Both the H.E.C.s proposed schemes include the Franklin Dam which will flood the Great Ravine (Deception Gorge) and everything else back to Fincham Crossing. One of the schemes has a dam near Buttler Island which will flood the whole Lower Franklin back to Propsting Gorge. Our last wild river, the Franklin will be sacrificed to short term economic gain.

Bushwalkers who are concerned over the consequences of the hydro-schemes should support the South West Tasmanian Committee (N.S.W.) - P.O. Box N204, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 2000 or phone Dave Kelly 662 2424. The group meets every second Monday at the N.S.W. Environment Centre. Donations are welcomed.

Any bushwalkers who have recently returned from their summer's walking in Tasmania and noticed any new roads, construction work or other environmental damage are asked to notify the S.W. Committee. One party noticed a recently constructed firetower on Mt. King William I and a speed boat on Lake Curly in the Spires Range.

DAVE NOBLE
S-W Tasmania C'ttee.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Ferdapelag Islands (the Icelandic equivalent of FBW and KHA) celebrated its 50th anniversary on 27th November 1977 with an entertainment at the House of the North, Reykjavik. The ceremony was attended by among others, the President, the Minister of State, the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Finance. After the anniversary speeches and presentations, a jubilee exhibition was opened in the basement of the House of the North where pictures and gear were displayed. Also other clubs and institutions which are associated with F.I. showed slides etc. of their activities.

F.I. has at present 7,500 members and 19 huts, the largest with 200 beds.

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The Sydney Morning Herald is presently featuring a bushwalk each Friday on the Getaway extra page. Although, in the fairley style, the articles contain a sketch map and give good advice for beginners.

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MAY 19/20/21:
Instructional Rock Climbing Course. Tarana and the Wolgan Valley being granite and sandstone respectively. For beginners. This course is intended to convey an elementary knowledge of rockclimbing and more general climbing techniques as well as gear and safety precautions concerned with the sport.

All the necessary gear and safety equipment is provided. You only bring your own camping gear and some food, plus a car if you own one. (We will be driving together to the Wolgan Valley on the Saturday after an initial day and film evening at Tarana).

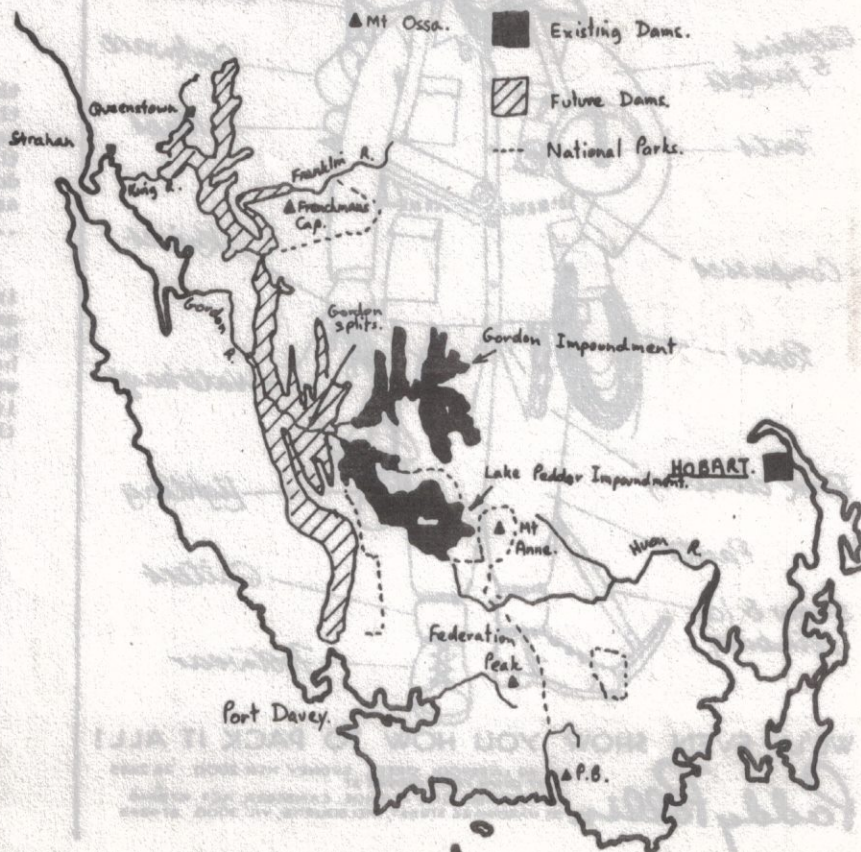
The programme will start at Tarana, P.O. Friday 9 a.m. and finish about 5 p.m. on Sunday at Lidsdale P.O. A more detailed programme shall be available to all interested on request.

Cost of the weekend training shall be just \$20, which covers the costs of new gear, wear and tear plus other instructors.

JOE FRIEND
P.O. Tarana 2740



SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA



HELP TO SAVE WILDERNESS REMNANTS SUBSCRIBE TO THE COLONG BULLETIN

Most bushwalkers will be familiar with the role of the Colong Committee in the saving of the Kanangra Boyd wilderness from the intrusion of mines and pines.

The Committee and the Federation are now battling for our last substantial sub-tropical rain forest - in the Border Ranges - for the Blue Mountains, and for other wilderness areas. The Colong Bulletin, now in its 48th issue, is a vital source of funds, an inspiration to our supporters, and an effective vehicle for conveying our case to the decision makers.

You can be fully informed on the progress of the campaigns, and make a valuable contribution to victory, by returning this form with your cheque.

The Secretary
The Colong Committee Ltd.,
18 Argyle Street,
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Dear Sir,

I enclose \$5.00 being my subscription to the Save Colong Bulletin to Dec. 1978.

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Posters: Two decorative Henry Gold black and white posters of the Border Ranges are on sale for \$1.30 each (including postage) or both for \$2.30. A vividly coloured Henry Gold poster of the proposed Kakadu park is on sale for \$1.80 (including postage). Copies may be bought at 18 Argyle Street, Paddy Pallin's or the N.S.W. Environment Centre, 399 Pitt Street.

BORDER RANGES

The Inter-departmental Committee that was required to 'investigate management policies for the Border Ranges for the purpose of preparing a report to cabinet of relevant employment, environmental and economic aspects' has submitted its report.

Premier Wran has promised that the report will be referred to the State Pollution Control Commission for a public enquiry before cabinet makes a decision.

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AUSTRALASIAN EXPEDITION NEPAL 1980

A2A3 ANNAPURNA III

Permission has been received from the Foreign Office, Nepal for an expedition to Annapurna, III, 1980. This peak is 24,858 ft and is reached via a 10 day approach march from Pokhara, Central Nepal reached by road from Kathmandu. Due to recently lifted restrictions, the Northern aspect of the Annapurna Massif has received little attention from climbers.

The expedition has adapted as its legal structure a (non profit) company limited by guarantee. It is envisaged that this structure may be ongoing and a secondary aim of sponsoring a Himalayan Mountaineering School in Nepal is planned.

Foundation members are:-

Warwick Deacock - leader/organiser
Geoff Wayatt - climbing leader
Soli S. Mehta - base camp manager
Pertemba sherpa - sardar
Bob Ryan, Jack Higgs, Adrian Blake,
Jim Dorrington.

The expedition will take place in the period March to May, 1980 with 10 weeks on the mountain.

Cost to all members will be a minimum of A\$1,500.00 and for climbing members an agreed A\$3,000. High altitude porters will be subsidised in lieu of pay.

10 climbers in all are sought, 5 high altitude porters (who work alongside sherpas) and require a background of back-packing if not alpinism.

Applications should be sent, background and a (non returnable) fee of \$10.00 to Bob Ryan - 3 Denison Road, LEWISHAM 2049.

On selection a balance of \$90.00 is immediately due. (The peak fee has been paid in accordance with Foreign Office regulations Nepal).