

The Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales will hold its 23rd Annual Dinner at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 21st October. The venue will be the Australian Museum (William Street entrance), and the guest speaker will be the Premier, Neville Wran. Tickets are \$9.00 per head which includes costs for a 5 course meal plus all drinks.

For more information, or tickets, contact
The Environment Centre,
399 Pitt Street,
Sydney, 2000 Phone 233 5388

or

Mr. Jim Brown,
12 Fox Valley Road,
Wahroonga, 2076 Phone 48 1236

SOUTH WEST TASMANIA RESOURCES SURVEY

A survey is being undertaken to compile a detailed inventory of resources of South West Tasmania and to identify those resources connected with nature conservation. The A.C.F. boundary for South West Tasmania is being adopted for the study area.

Below is a questionnaire designed to assist in evaluating recreational usage in the South West. This includes bushwalking, caving, climbing, photography, lilo-ing or canoeing etc.

Note The Eldon Range, Frenchman's Cap, King William Rg, Denison Rg, Mt. Anne, Snowy Rg, Picton Rg, Hartz Mountains, Ida Bay Caves are within the A.C.F. boundary (as well as the more well known areas such as Federation Peak, Precipitous Bluff, Franklin River....)

The survey has undertaken studies of the commercial resources (e.g. hydro and timber) of South West Tasmania. If the recreational value of the area is to receive adequate recognition it is important that as many people answer the questionnaire as possible. If you have visited South West Tasmania on several occasions, please copy the form and send down as many as necessary.

The address is:
South West Tasmania Resources Survey
P.O. Box 225
Sandy Bay
Tasmania 7005

- * Specific objectives by virtue of their intrinsic qualities e.g. Precipitous Bluff, Federation Peak.
- Identifiable route sections, e.g. Catamaran-Melaleuca-SW Cape-Melaleuca-Junction Creek-Lake Pedder.
- (xx) E.g. bushwalking, climbing, caving, canoeing, photography, nature appreciation etc.
- If your organisation is a national or state federation, this should be circulated to your affiliated clubs for distribution to their members.

Questionnaire for Individuals Visiting SW Tasmania

Club	
City	
Date of Visit	
Expenditure incurred:	
Travel	
Equipment	
Accomm. & provisions	
Destination areas*	
Routes	
Time spent	
Total	
in the SW (nights)	
Motive for trip	
Specifically to visit the SW	
Mainly to visit the SW	
SW visit an extra	
Activities (xx)	
Major	
Secondary	

In the 'Getaway Extra' of the 8th September Herald, the editor invited all wilderness users to put forward their views on wilderness and its management. The accompanying article was concerned mainly with the Helman Report's views on wilderness. On the Helman Report's propositions on wilderness, the Herald says:

"Many of these propositions furnish a philosophical battleground for conflicting opinions on what kinds of recreation should be allowed in wilderness areas.

"Already different groups of outdoor clubs are waging a propaganda war against one another over the issue. Bushwalking clubs, for instance, are actively opposing the use of our four wheel drive vehicles in many wilderness areas.

"The N.S.W. Federation of Bushwalking Clubs isn't simply campaigning for special privileges for its members. It is also re-defining its own activities and advocating limitations in some areas".

It is good to note that apart from the NPWS, Federation is the only wilderness use body to be named in the article.

The invitation is an ideal opportunity for bushwalkers to have their views put across through the newspapers. The editor hopes for a 'bushlands debate'. Perhaps through this bushwalkers will be able to clear up some misconceptions people have on our attitudes to wilderness use.

Anyone wishing to write to the Herald should write to "Getaway Extra", Box 506, G.P.O., Sydney 2001.

This article in the Herald comes just as Federation has sent out a rather lengthy survey to wilderness use bodies in N.S.W. (including all affiliated clubs). The survey will ascertain attitudes to and usage of the wilderness areas described in the Helman Report. The survey will produce statistics that will greatly assist in strengthening Federations stand in conservation of wilderness areas.

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BITS AND PIECES

FOUND: A silver disc and car key were found at the junction of the Kowmung R and Christys Ck. On the disc was the name 'John Fox Blood Group O Positive'. The owner could contact Janette Tomsett, phone 88-4561 (H), 92 0488 (W).

WOND BYNE TRAIN: Difficulties have arisen in stopping the Sunday morning Wondabyne train (8.48 am from Sydney), so could anyone intending to get off this train at Wondabyne please ring Mr. O'Connor of the P.T.C. no later than the previous Friday.

ED HANVIN, the Ball Convenor and the newly elected Junior Vice President has had to resign following a sudden job transfer. We thank Ed for all the work he has put into this years Ball.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER: Keith Maxwell (Federation's Secretary) and Rose Adams' home phone number has changed to 560 3152.

ADDITIONS TO MORTON NATIONAL PARK: On July 14 2238 Ha were added to the Ettrema section of Morton National Park. This is the addition of a small inholding in the Northern Bundundah and Yalwal Ck area.

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The library, on the 2nd Floor of the Environment Centre, is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on SATURDAY AFTERNOONS (from 1st September) 1 pm to 5 pm. Unfortunately, library materials are not available for loan, however photocopying facilities are available.

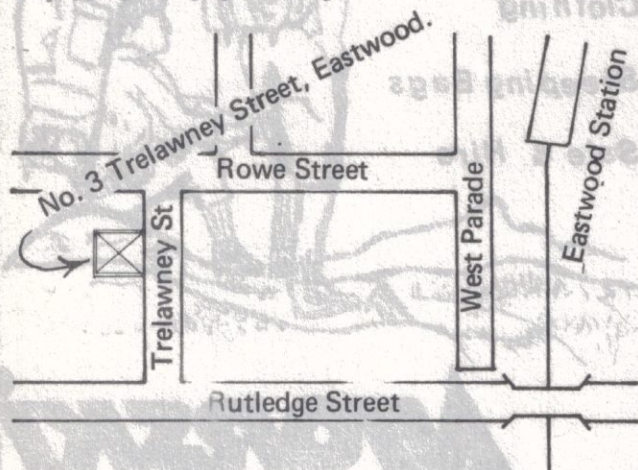
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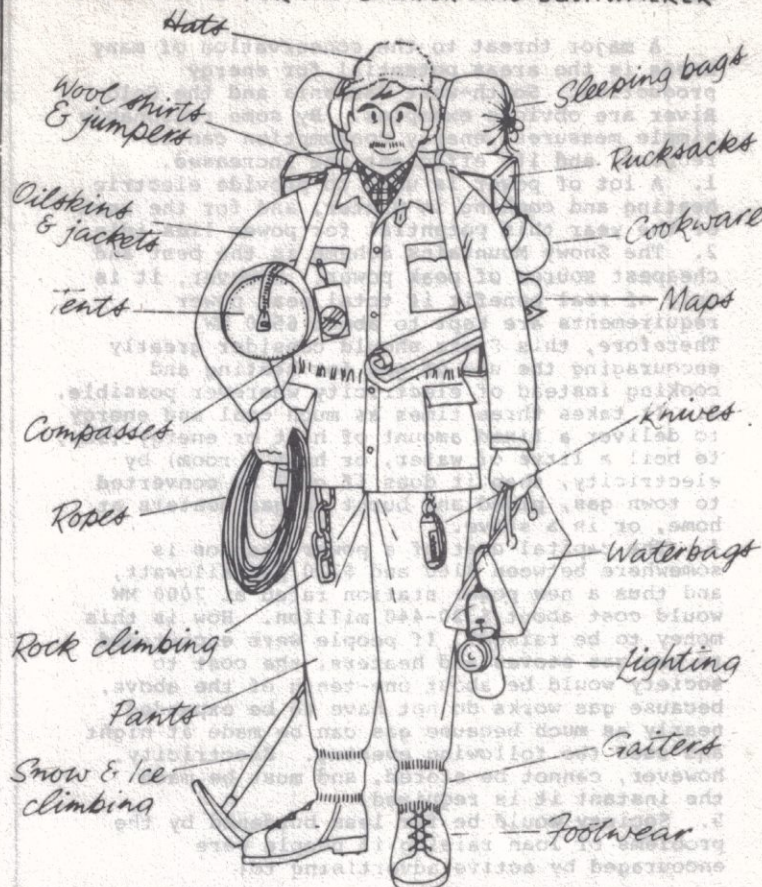
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WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

CANBERRA JULY 20-23, 1978

I attended this conference for 4 days as a representative of the Federation. The programme was fairly arduous with discussion often going well into the evening.

Papers were presented on a wide range of topics such as: Philosophy of Wilderness, Wilderness Experience, the Beneficiaries of Wilderness, Delineating Wilderness, Economics of Wilderness, Carrying Capacity, Wilderness and the Law, Management Requirements etc. Some of these papers were excellent and the proceedings of the conference should provide a valuable reference work.

It was not all just sitting back and listening. There was plenty of opportunity to ask questions and to participate in small group workshops.

Besides educational benefit the conference provided a meeting place with many people from other wilderness conservation groups from interstate and wilderness managers and many valuable contacts were made.

DAVE NOBLE
Conservation Convenor

The aim of the Newsletter is to keep bushwalkers up to date with current matters of interest. It will do this best if its articles come from a reasonably large range of walkers, not just the regular contributors. Articles for the Newsletter are always wanted. Any articles for the Newsletter can be sent to

Bob Sault,
4 Clarence Avenue,
Killara 2071
(Phone 498 7897)

Closing dates for articles will generally be very early in the month. All other correspondence should be sent to

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Sydney 2001