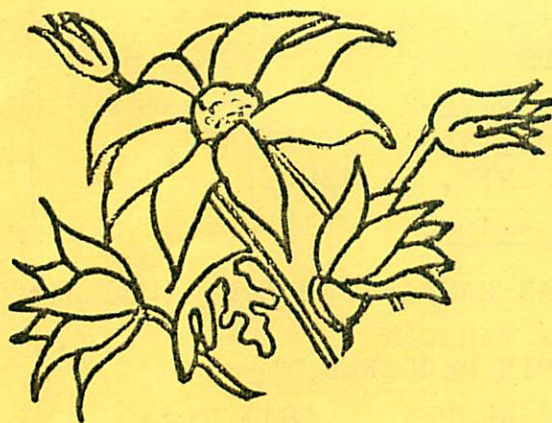


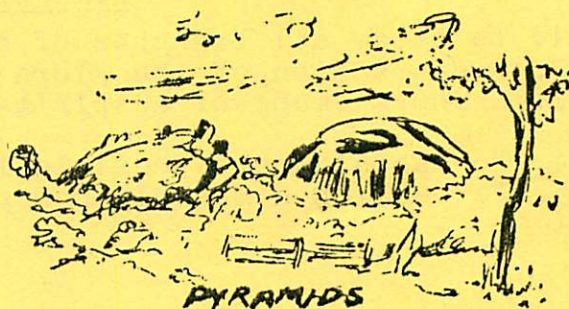
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MEETINGS 4th WEDNESDAY of each month at the C.W.A. ROOMS at 8 p.m.

OUTINGS The SUNDAY PRECEDING the 4th Wednesday of the Month.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Singls - \$6.00

Family - \$ 10.00

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. To study all branches of natural history.
2. Preservation of the Flora and Fauna of Queensland.
3. Encouragement of a spirit of protection towards native birds,
animals and plants.
4. To assist where possible in scientific research.
5. To publish a monthly newspaper.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD JULY 24th, 1985.

Present 20 Apologies 10

In the absence of the President the chair was taken by Vice President Robin McCosker, who welcomed all present.

MINUTES - The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of L. Thompson, seconded by D. Lightfoot. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter of thanks to Hon. Auditor J. Ferris. Moved by E. Lacey seconded D. Archer. Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Balance Sheet for 1984-85 was read and moved for adoption by Mrs. D. Archer seconded by F. Wilkinson. The statement showed receipts for the year \$528.95, Payments \$526.78 and the credit balance \$14.58. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Vice President Robin read the President's Report and moved that it be received. Seconded L. Thompson. Carried. President Jean Harslett gave a review of outings and meetings and commented on the variety of both. She expressed thanks to her executive.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

President - Jean Harslett nominated by F. Wilkinson. Accepted.

Vice President- Don Lightfoot nominated by M. Marsden. Decline

Ray Marsden nominated by D. Archer. Accepted

Robin McCosker nominated by R. Lacey. Accepted

Secretary- D. Archer nominated by M. Marsden. Accepted.

Treasurer - J. Stevenson nominated by E. Lacey. Accepted

Newsletter Editor - M. Marsden nominated by D. Archer. Accepted.

Newsletter Sub Committee - Dore McCosker nominated by R.

McCosker. Accepted.

Ian Jackson nominated by J. Stevenson. Accepted.

Publicity - T. Archer nominated by J. Stevenson. Accepted

Librarian - J. Hockings nominated by D. Archer. Accepted.

Flora/Fauna Officer. Brian McDonagh nominated by F. Wilkinson Accepted

Geology Officer - Tom Archer nominated by R. Marsden. Accepted

Youth Officer - Ray Rolland nominated by M. Marsden. Accepted

Bush Walking Officer - Ray Marsden nominated by E. Lacey. Acc.

Committee- Frank Wilkinson nominated by D. Archer. Accepted.

Committee

Don Lighfoot nominated by D. Archer.

Accepted.

Colin Hockings nominated by D. Archer.

Accepted.

Lyle Thompson nominated by D. Lighfoot.

Accepted.

Esme Lacey nominated by R. Marsden.

Accepted.

Hon. Auditor. Joan Ferris nominated by D. Archer.

General Business - Subscriptions for the year are to continue at \$10 per family and \$6 for Single or magazine only.

It was agreed to continue with the Bring and Buy at meetings. Also agreed was that a charge of 50cents per family be made at meetings toward room rent.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING - Wednesday July 24th, 1985.

ATTENDANCE. as per Annual Meeting.

Minutes That the minutes be taken as read in the July magazine was moved by R. Marsden seconded F. Wilkinson. Carried.

Correspondence. Inward Correspondence from:

1. Government in Focus.
2. Richmond Valley Nats. Newspaper - July
3. National Parks and Wildlife - 4 Press Statements
4. N.P.A. News. - Vol. 55 No. 5 July
5. Contact - Vol. 13 No. 2 June
6. Qld. Nat's News- No. 145 Aug/Sept
7. Darling Downs Nats. - No. 373 July
8. Australia Post - Approval of Club Registration.

Outward Correspondence:

1. 4 Q S re outing/meeting.
2. Arts Council re November 2nd/3rd Arts Display.

Moved D. Lightfoot seconded R. Marsden that the inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted. Carried.

Financial Report. As per Annual Meeting Credit Balance \$14.58. Moved D. Archer seconded A. Wilkinson that the credit be received and account Room Rent \$6, Magazine Duplication \$7 and Magazine Postage \$13 be passed for payment. Carried.

Outing Report. Robin McCosker reported 27 attended the outing to Devil's Elbow. Perfect weather for the walk up the creek to the waterfall, where lunch was taken. Dense scrub of tea tree and pine was encountered. Ages varied from 10 weeks to almost 80 years so shows all can enjoy the outings.

Next Outing. Don Lightfoot will lead an outing to Pikedale on Aug. 25th. Cars to leave Weeroona Park at 9.30am.

Next Meeting. Bob and Esme Lacey will take us to the Antarctic.

Specimens. Several wattles gathered on the outing including Acacia adunca.

General Business. Concern was expressed by Texas resident Laurie Jeffrey by the clearing of wildflowers and timber by bulldozer when widening the road at Coolmunda Dam area. Meeting felt these would regenerate, but were not sure that every species would do so.

Dore McCosker reported that the list of wildflowers found in the new Scout complex is available.

Special Meeting. A special meeting of the committee to plan for the next twelve months will be held at the Wilkinson's home on August 6th at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm, after which members recalled the previous twelve months with slides entitled "Remember Last Year".

Joan Stevenson.

Hon. Sec.

The meeting to plan the forthcoming outings and programmes was very well attended and the following proposed list was drawn up.

OUTINGS

August 25th Pikedale Station with leader Don Lightfoot
 September 8th Extra Half Day Wildflower Outing to The Junction in Girraween Park. Leader Robin McCosker.
 September 22nd Rivertree Leader Dore McCosker
 October 19th and 20th Camp Out to Campbell's Property in Texas Area
 Leaders Ray and Millie Marsden
 November 24th Mt. Cordeaux in Cunningham Gap area
 December Break-up Party
 January 19th Sandy Creek in the Leslie Dam Area.
 February 23rd Goomburra Leader Tom Archer
 March 23rd South Bald Rock
 April 19th and 20th Camp Out Mt. Barney.
 May 25th Girraween National Park Leader Ranger to be asked.
 June 22nd Pretty Gully.
 July 20th Passchendaele
 August Jibbenbar Mountain

PROGRAMMES

August 28th Bob Lacey's Slides on Antarctica
 September 25th Don Lightfoot's Slides
 October 23rd Marsden's and Lacey's slides from Salvator Rosa National Park.
 November 27th Tom Archer with his South African journey.
 January 22nd Mt. Moffatt National Park. Wilkinsons, Laceys and Marsdens.
 February 26th Programme by Jean Harslett.
 March 26th Wilkinsons Trip
 April 23rd Girraween Ranger to be asked to supply programme.
 May 28th Bob or Jean Harslett
 June 25th Errol Walker and Joan Stevenson on their October Trip.
 July 23rd Remember Last Year
 August Film from Librarian

CUTTING REPORT TO DEVIL'S ELBOW.

Seventeen adults and eight children made up the contingent who followed a tributary of Accommodation Creek upstream to a waterfall. Lunch stop was at the top of the fall to observe the wonders and beauty of nature. The water forces its way through the narrow granite rock gorge and falls some eight metres to a deep pool at the base. The children of the party impressed their elders with their agility in climbing the steep rocky surrounds.

The property, owned by the Mcmeniman family, has been sub-divided into 50 hectare blocks and is known as the Girraween Estate. From vantage points, high up in the estate, great views were obtained of many of the landmarks in Girraween National Park.

Outing Report (cont'd).

Mt. Norman and Turtle Rock were admired (from a different angle) and discussion ensued on the other granite giants in the Park.

Mark and Susie Ellmoos and their three children Obi, Fritha and Kai were newcomers to the club and Lig Deegan made the trip from Warwick to join in the walk. Lig introduced us to the wonders of the underwater world when he showed nymphs secreted under the stones in the creek. Crustose lichen and cushion moss were both closely examined.

Bird life was not prolific, though many small birds flitted about, just too quickly to be identified. Yellow robins, double barred finches and yellow eared honey eaters were busy among the low shrubs. In the shelter, under the bridge across the main highway, swallows have been nesting for many seasons. Acacia aduna was well in bloom and delighted the eye with the graceful golden fronds. Several other species of acacia were showing signs of a good blooming season and Leucopogen was already on show with the fluffy white flowers which gives promise that spring is "just around the corner".

Thank you Robin for the outing, it is good to have leaders who offer such diverse terrain in a comparatively small area.

New member of the Club, Fred Simpson, has sent a poem to suit our winter edition. Welcome and many thanks Fred.

The winter's brittle stillness has nothing there to break
A vast reflective mirror- the waters of the lake.
From the frozen brooding darkness of the deeply wooded shore
There calls a lonely mopoke to its mate across the moor.
A plover's startled cry to waken sleepy black ducks from the reeds
Lies a stalking vixen, her hungry puppy's needs.
Those muted pinioned whistles from a faintly starlit morn
Are early feeding seabirds away before the dawn.
A frozen mist is rolling eastwards on its way
Rejoicing vibrant birdsong
Calls in another day.
Sunrise casts it's golden fingers where highrise buildings stand
Onward then to wooded hilltops - Awaken! O purple sleeping land.

Remember Brookvale Park will be staging their Heritage Festival on August 24th to 31st. The Festival will be officially opened at 11am on August 24th by the Minister for National Parks - our own Mr. Peter McKechnie. It is well worth a visit.

NEXT OUTING

Meet at Weeroona Park at 9.30am for a visit to the Pikedale Station with Don Lightfoot as leader. The date is August 25th.
PROGRAMME Esme and Bob Lacey will present a programme on Antarctica
who was a surveyor there in 1956/56.

I would appreciate articles for inclusion in the magazine, so members how about putting pen to paper. Many of you have knowledge which could be shared through these pages. Ld.