

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD WED. JUNE 25th, 1986 in C.W.A. ROOMS.Present 16Apologies 3.

Opening - Meeting opened with President Jean in the chair and she welcomed all present and in particular our Guest Speaker Brett Porter with the N.P.W.S. in Warwick and Don Seton N.P.W.S. in Toowoomba.

MINUTES - moved by Rob McCosker and seconded by Bob Lacey that the minutes be taken as read in the June Newsletter. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - INWARD - Newsletters and Journals received from - University Q'ld Speleological Society 'Down Under' Vol.25No.2; Toowoomba 'The Darling Downs Naturalist' No.383; Brisbane 'Q.N.C.News' No.149; June/July; Chinchilla Field Naturalist 'Urimbirra' Vol.20No.6; Lismore 'Richmond Valley Naturalist Club; National Parks Assoc. News Journal Vol.56No.4. Gov't in Focus.

OUTWARD- 4Q.S. Radio Station re Outing & Meeting Notices; Card 'Thinking of you' to Nita Noakes in Warwick.

Moved by Ailsa Wilkinson and seconded by Esme Lacey that the Inward be received and the outward endorsed. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 25.6.86.

Balance as at 28.5.86		\$ 92.52
<u>Receipts</u> - Bring & Buy	1.20	
Room Rent Collect.	<u>5.00</u>	<u>6.20</u>
		98.72 Cr.
<u>Expenses</u> - Room Rent	6.00	
Mag. Duplication	7.00	
Mag. Postage	13.00	
Mag. Registration	36.00	
Mag. Covers	<u>7.55</u>	
		<u>69.55</u>
Balance as at 25.6.86		<u>\$29.17</u>

Moved by Joan Stevenson and seconded by Frank Wilkinson that the Treasurer's report be received and the following accounts passed for payment - Room Rent 6.00; Mag. Duplication \$5.00; Mag. Postage \$13.00 & account for Stencils to come \$19.62. Carried.

Discussion re Mag. Duplication payment and it was moved by Tom Archer, and seconded by May Prentice that \$5.00 be paid to Nev. Strutt as there were fewer pages being roneoed and this to be reviewed at our Annual Meeting in July. Carried.

OUTING REPORT - Frank Wilkinson, leader for the outing on June 22nd to Pretty Gully gave his report. This outing was more of a driving outing and covered some 270 km. It proved to be an interesting outing taking in an abandoned Quarry where lime was burnt and continuing on to Pretty Gully. A pioneer of the area met them along the road gave some interesting history of Toooloom area and the early gold mining days. The party had lunch at Paddys Flat. The return trip home was via legume and Wylie Creek.

NEXT OUTING - Watch the Newsletter for time and place for this. It is being organised by Jean Harslett.

NEXT MEETING - Our Annual Meeting, July 23rd - election of Officers and Committee. Slides of 'Remember last year' to be given to Rob McCosker who is going to organise the showing. Members are asked to bring a plate for supper.

SPECIMENS - Tom Archer spoke on a specimen of *Kennedia nigricans* from Western Australia which is growing on a rock wall at Caves Road.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Jean introduced our Guest Speaker Brett Porter from the Heritage in Warwick who gave a very interesting and informative talk on 'National Parks Management and Rural Conservation' answering many questions by those present. A vote of thanks by Tom Archer was carried by Acclamation.

Dorothy Archer, Hon. Secretary.

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June Outing Report by Frank Wilkinson

The June Outing coincided with the shortest day of the year and a -6 temperature reading. However, ten members in three cars spent a very enjoyable day and covered 273 kilometres. The smaller number was due to school holidays, which enabled families to holiday elsewhere, and to some other family commitments.

We left on time and stopped at Tenterfield for a few minutes to see that all was well. Here we turned east and travelled through hilly country with a great many bends in the road and a good view of Wellington Rock could be obtained provided ones neck was in good working order. Another stop was made to investigate a disturbing noise in my car, here I must point out that the noise was exterior. We found nothing and it gradually disappeared, much to my relief. We then stopped at Drake, where gold mining is still taking place and had a cuppa. A few photos were taken here.

A goodly bit of roadwork was encountered but caused us no trouble and near Tabulam we turned north and came across a now disused limestone quarry with some old machinery about.

We had half an hour or more to fossick, Jean found some copper pyrites and we all had a bit of something or other to fetch home. More photos were taken, some of green water and green rocks too. Onwards towards Pretty Gully where another stop was made to admire a patch of rainforest type vegetation and numerous wrens. Tree ferns were in evidence also passion fruit vines (edible and otherwise), plus that pest lantana.

We stopped again to photograph an old slab building and met Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, who told us some interesting things about the district. I might mention that we have never seen so many "Keep Out" signs anywhere before and the McLeods told us that the place was a mineral field and fossickers were quite a nuisance. Apparently there were 3000 miners after gold along the Clarence River Valley at one time and Tooloom was a township as large as Casino, but not the Casino of today's dimensions, this is all gone now.

On arrival at the bridge, we stopped for lunch and a ramble, viewing the map it seemed no distance across to Rivertree and the waters from there passed under the bridge we later crossed. Nearby we saw some concrete pyramids, which had been used as possible tank obstacles during wartime. Having driven down steep roads to get to the river we now had a few steep hills to climb away from it. The bitumen was way past us, but we came across more and through the Tooloom Scrub, a luxuriant patch of

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rainfor. est. Here we stopped only briefly, as all seemed to want to get home, as this the shortest day was drawing to its close.

On to the crossroad and to the western turn throughKoreelah to Legl. ume, where we came across the roughest part of the road through Wylie Creek. All seemed to enjoy the day, a very different type of outing, as we drove a considerable distance- much more than our usual outings.

A Salute to those who passed a similar way to our outing - 145 years before us.

Brothers Frederick and Edward Ogilvie left the Hunter River in 1840 - on horse back and journeyed overland to the Clarence River from southern New England Tableland via the rough Guy Fawkes route, known as the Craig Line (of marked trees). They made their way up the Clarence Valley discovering and taking up the country which became "Yulgilbar Station".

The Ogilvies, determined to discover a better route to take their stock back - they, therefore continued up the unexplored Clarence watershed to near Sandy Creek and from there to Boorook and through to the Boonoo Boonoo Mountains , passing south east of the now Wallangarra to the Mole River.

Early in 1841, they returned via their Boonoo Boonoo route, taking their sheep with them and completing their droving year on 1st May 1841.

This tribute was prepared by Jean Harslett from Historical Notes.

The outing on July 20th will be a "close to home affair" after the lengthy drive of the Pretty Gully trip. Leader Jean Harslett has planned that we meet at Weeroona Park at 9.30am and drive close to the property of Maurice Passmore at Mount Banca. It is planned that we will explore south of the parking spot in the morning and have lunch back at the cars. In the afternoon members may like to take a walk in the other direction or they may prefer to make it an early day and return home.

Programme for Wednesday 23rd July will be "Remember last Year" and Rob McCosker will put together a programme from slides provided by members. To refresh your memory here is the list of outing last year. July 1985- Devil's Elbow; August - Pikedale Station; September - Rivertree Graphite Mine; October - Camp out to Wattle Farm Texas; November - Sandy Creek; December - Christmas Break-up at Harsletts; January - Harsletts (insect outing); February - Gommurra; March - South Bald Rock; April - Girraween; May - Camp out to Mt. Barney; June - Pretty Gully.