



MONTHLY JOURNAL OF THE
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MEETINGS :- GENERAL Every second Monday of the month, meeting at the
AUSTRIAN/ AUSTRALIAN Club, Mawson, A.C.T. (located opposite
the Southlands Shopping Centre), from 7.45 pm. Unless
advertised differently. (2CA radio "Community Magazine"
program).

MONTHLY RUNS On the first weekend of the month, Saturday
or Sunday, as decided at the previous club meeting.
Starting from Douy Bryant's Motorcycle shop at Weston,
unless otherwise arranged. Start time and destination
as advised in the monthly journal.

CLUB RALLY Held at the Kosciusko National Park, Geehi
Hut Campsite, each year in October.

SOCIAL EVENTS As arranged from time to time, and advised
at the meetings and in the club journal.

A.G.M. Held as the normal meeting for March each year,
all positions declared vacant for re-election etc.

DISCOUNTS :- Available from the following :-
Doug Bryant's Motorcycles, 49 Brierly St, Weston.
Ph. 888747
Canberra Rally Centre, 68 Wollongong St, Fyshwick.
Ph. 805173 (ask for Bob)
Genge Motorcycles, 7 Lonsdale St, Braddon.
Ph. 497923

A Note from the Prez

January and a new year is ahead of us. As far as the Club is concerned, we have our usual program of meetings and the K Rally planned, with a few new activities in mind. The 'Claytons' Rally at Bungonia for the ACT Motorcycle Clubs is one new activity for us, unfortunately, we have only had one club positively respond to our invitation to date, even though the idea was previously well received in discussions with members of the other clubs.

If you know someone in another ACT Bike Club, ask them if they know about this rally, and if they are attending. Invitations went out to 11 clubs in November.

Also we have been able to fix a date for the visit to the ATC tower at Canberra Airport (Sat. 9th Feb. see What's On). I hope we have a good 'roll up' as Bill Searl is making special arrangements for us. I hope we can organise several other visits to 'unusual' features in Canberra throughout this year.

While Im on the subject of attendances..... It was good to see so many turn up at Burrinjuck. (Some for just the day). Fourteen members & three 'visitors' made it out to the dam and the weather was good for swimming and water skiing - although the wind made the water a bit 'choppy' during the afternoon for skiing in the open area near the Park, and a more sheltered area had to be found.

A lot of 'newer' members are making the effort to come on these runs, other than the usual crew of 8 or so 'regulars'. How long has it been since you came on a run? We would like to see you join in when you can.

Moving right along

Our folk hero, & legendary sports fan, Prime Minister Bob Hawke, has endorsed our Safety slogan, did you notice on his T.V. ads during the holidays, he asked everyone to take care on the roads & "Stay alive in '85". here, here! Shall we make the PM an 'honorary member'? We will be sending him one of our 'Stay alive' stickers and a note of thanks, with the suggestion that he encourage the Road Safety Council to take up the idea.

Following on with the good deeds. I was going to write a 'Run report' on the MRA toy run in December, but there is not much to say, other than to tell you that 11 members (that I counted) turned up outside Parliament House in time for the 11am start, along with about 400 - 500 other riders. We were advised of the route & destination & set off in 2 lines after 'Santa' at the front, with Ian Hahn's outfit and trailer close behind him. Our BMW Club riders were prominent as a group next.

The procession proceeded along Adelaide Ave onto London Circuit and into the Monaro Mall plaza area next to the merry-go-round (or carousel if you prefer), where we took over the area, parking where ever we could. After a short time the toys and food were gathered in a central point and the Sallies & someone from the Smith Family thanked us all for our gifts and donations. Someone from the MRA then announced to all & sundry that we should all go on to meet at some pub up the road, destroying any good image that may have been portrayed to the general public that were gathering about us. (you know - typical bikies, out to get drunk & cause a riot.....) It would be better to organise a BBQ at Weston Park or something, if they felt there was a need for a gathering after the event.

MRA has since said it hopes to change a few things for the 1985 Toy Run, so we will wait & see. Also, the badges for the '84 run still have not arrived, but they will eventually get here for those who ordered them.

'TIL NEXT TIME, STAY ALIVE IN '85.

Christopher

*Here's one way to discourage postal workers from going on strike :
send them their pay cheques by mail.*

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - 14 JANUARY 1985

Meeting opened at 8.05pm at Austrian-Australian Club with 15 members and 2 visitors (Richard Gard and Moff) present. Eight apologies received. MINUTES of December meeting as printed in Journal accepted without discussion. Moved Werner Strotmann, seconded Peter White.

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT : Nil

IN : Club Magazines - QLD, NSW, VIC, WA plus CDDC
Christmas Cards - BMW Australia & Gary Colcott
Postcard - Gary Colcott holidays Tasmania
Rally forms - Dead Centre Rally and Famous Last Words Rally

BUSINESS

- . Bill Searl gave date for Canberra Airport visit ATC tower & BBQ lunch as 9 February. (social event)
- . Some members keen on impromptu run for 3 February - contact Frank Millwood. (H. 957403)
- . Details of Wagga Wagga run (2 - 3 March) to be in Jan. Journal.
- . Additional run 31 March to avoid clash with Easter - regard as April run
- . Tony Wurzer suggested Waterwheel near Hoskinstown - agreed.
- . Social evening on steam train for middle April suggested by Moff - details t.b.a.
- . Need for additional committee position to help with the Journal - action at February meeting.
- . Membership fees - rates for less than 12 months initial membership - list options in Jan. Journal - action February meeting.
- . More information requested for advising Club runs - route, km's, map - action Touring Secretary.

*NEXT RUN : 17 - 18 February - Bungonia State Recreation Area - meet Sat. 9.30am at Doug Bryant M/C's.

NEXT MEETING : 11 February Austrian-Australian Club 7.45pm

Meeting closed with supper at 9.31pm.

*see map this Journal

Mark C.

Club Person Of The Year to 15 January 1985

168	Chris Fulker
158	Bob Rumsey
137	Jeanette Hahn
136	Ian Hahn
121	Frank Millwood
120	Ursula Strotmann
119	Werner Strotmann
115	Mark Coghlan
101	Anne Fulker
86	Liz Coghlan

WHAT'S ON

- JAN 26-28 Australia Day Rally (NSW BMW MTC)
- near Argolong, east of Tumut, NSW.
- JAN 26-28 Clubman Rally (Willoughby Dist. MCC)
- near Jingellic, via Albury, NSW.
- FEB 9 Canberra Airport ATC tower & BBQ lunch (social function)
Meet on lawns opposite Airport Admin. Office
- look for taxi queue - after 11.00am.
- FEB 9-10 Mangrove Ck Dam Rally
- near Kulnura, Nth of Sydney.
- FEB 11 Monthly General Meeting, 7.45pm, Austrian Club.
- FEB 17-18 Bungonia "Claytons" Rally - invitation to all ACT MCCs.
Bungonia State Recreation Area. Meet 9.30am Sat.,
Doug Bryant's M/Cs. See map for route details.
Approx 150km via Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Tarago,
Tirrannaville, Bungonia.
- FEB 17-18 Swamp Rally - near Rylstone, NW of Sydney.
- FEB 17-18 Dead Centre Rally (Donald MCC) - Donald, VIC.
- MAR 2- 3 Club Run - Wagga Wagga - Council Tourist Caravan Park.
Meet 9.00am Sat. Doug Byrant's M/Cs
- MAR 2- 3 Ellenborough Falls Rally, near Taree, NSW.
- MAR 11 Annual General Meeting, 7.45pm, Austrian Club.
- MAY 25-26 BMW MCC VIC 10th Anniversary Weekend & Exhibition,
Melbourne.
- MAR 31 Waterwheel at Lowden via Hoskinstown, BBQ facilities,
swimming. Approx. 40km from Queanbeyan.
Meet 10.00am Doug Bryant's M/Cs.
- APR 8 Monthly General Meeting, 7.45pm, Austrian Club.
- t.b.a. Social evening on steam train.
- APR 20-21 Famous Last Words Rally - near Evroa - Merton area, VIC.

NOTE : Dates underlined are Club activities.
Rally details obtainable from Bob Rumsey,
Touring Secretary.

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Good service!

A very youthful looking soldier was wearing rows of ribbons for various forms of service in many countries. He was explaining each one to the new recruits.

"And what is that one?" one asked about a particularly bright ribbon.

"I saved two women from attack."

"How?"

"I changed my mind."

Secretary's Bit

Shuffle, shuff, sh.. found my pen.

I recently went through the Club minutes from when they were first printed in the Journal in mid 1982 and identified some outstanding items.

To make matters easy, they will be progressively presented over several meetings for resolution on a priority basis. Naturally there are various reasons for their being not finalised.

Mark C.

APOLOGY

THE 'BOXER TWIN' T-SHIRTS AS ADVERTISED IN THE
DECEMBER JOURNAL ARE NOT FROM THE S.A. CLUB.
AN ENTERPRISING INDIVIDUAL IN S.A. SUPPLIES THEM.

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MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED
FOR FEBRUARY GEN. MEETING

1. New membership fees cut rate for less than 12 months.
Decision to be made from options printed in this Journal.
2. Decision on need for additional Committee position.
 - (a) Formally move motion, second motion.
 - (b) Notify motion in Feb. Journal
 - (c) Vote yes/ no on motion March meeting
 - (d) If yes (motion carried) - receive nominations & hold election.
3. Pullovers, Navy defence style
Firm orders in preparation for winter months.
4. Nominations for March A.G.M.

FEES - NEW MEMBERSHIP

- for less than 12 months membership

As requested at the January General Meeting, the following membership fee options are for you to consider and will be voted on at the February General Meeting.
Presently we do not have a cut rate.

- OPTION 1 No cut rate if joining prior to Sept. G.M., and if joining after Sept. G.M. then 50% of annual fee is payable.
- OPTION 2 Deduction of \$2 for each 3 months of Club year, then expired.
- OPTION 3 Joining fee of \$3 single or \$6 joint membership plus \$8, \$6, \$4 or \$2 depending on which quarter of the Club year membership is requested.

NOTE: No amendment is required to the Constitution.
Renewal fees presently remain at \$10 single,
\$12 joint.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ! (Gossip, rumours news etc)

T.J. is celebrating (or should I say commiserating) his last year in the 'raging twenties' on the 30th of this month. Believe a BBQ is being held on Australia Day, and will be enjoying dinner, with his beloved, on the Floating Restaurant on the 9th. (Some bikers are lucky !)

Bob & Joe Knight (our out-stationed members in Wagga) have recently returned from a business trip to the U.S.A. and said they had an interesting time checking out all the local BMW dealers where ever they went and managed to pick up a few odds & ends not readily available here in Aussie. Their personal funds saved by making this a 'business trip' was offset by losses in Las Vegas. (May have been cheaper visiting Hobart casino.)

Seems two of our members might need to consider going on a diet, judging by the ski ropes they broke while trying to learn water skiing on Burrinjuck Dam recently, no names mind, but one is an ATC at the Airport, who rides a R75/5 and the other is a mate of Marks who has just moved to Canberra from the Sale RAAF Base.. .. Both Ian and Frank were going to get new tow ropes anyway or so they said.

Seems like some competition is looming among the ladies in our Club.

Anne F. recently bought a second hand Yamaha 175 trail bike from Doug Bryant's, and then went for her learner's permit (under the new system of attending film/ lectures and a written 'multiple choice' test at Reid TAFE).

When Liz C. heard about it, she said, " If Anne can do it, so can I !" and she did. Doug had an inexpensive Yamaha DT125 which Liz thought would be ideal to learn on, "Put it on Bankcard, Doug" were her parting words as she set off to get her permit.

Mind you, all this started after Anne had seen Phillipa's new Yamaha SRX250 at Doug's, and had a talk to her about it. (I thought this was a BMW club !)

Jenni C. has also been getting more riding practise lately on her mum's farm, riding one of T.J.'s dirt bikes. At the moment she has not yet decided to get her permit.

WHO will be the first to get their Bike licence ?

Stay tuned

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POSTCARD

Holidays - Tasmania

7-1-85

G'day Club Members,

Left Canberra midday Sun. 30 Dec. Rain & fog over Brown Mt. Couldn't see ! Overnight stop at Bairnsdale. \$8 for a tent was a bit much. Noticed that the air horns weren't working - fixed them today, changed the headlight globe also - put in a 80/100 W. The roads are great despite some rain down south and a lot of rain yesterday when I left Hobart & went to Devonport via Queenstown. An enjoyable ride despite the rain. Have seen alot of the scenery down south including Russell Falls, Hastings Caves, Port Arthur, Wineglass Bay and the Casino. I'll be staying in Devonport for a few days and see the rest of the North & East coasts, Cradle Mt, Lake St. Claire, Nat. Park, Savage River and the centre. It hasn't taken me long to get used to the bends in the roads. At least my tyres will be used more efficiently.

See ya.

Garry Colcott.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE POSITION

1. Need as explained and discussed at January General Meeting, we are desperately in need of assistance on the Committee with respect to preparation of the Club Journal. Presently we are a little short on time, hands and other resources to get the Journal produced without the ritual mad rush. Presently there is an unfair burden being placed on several of the Committee persons as far as the Journal is concerned.

2. Formalities/ Action

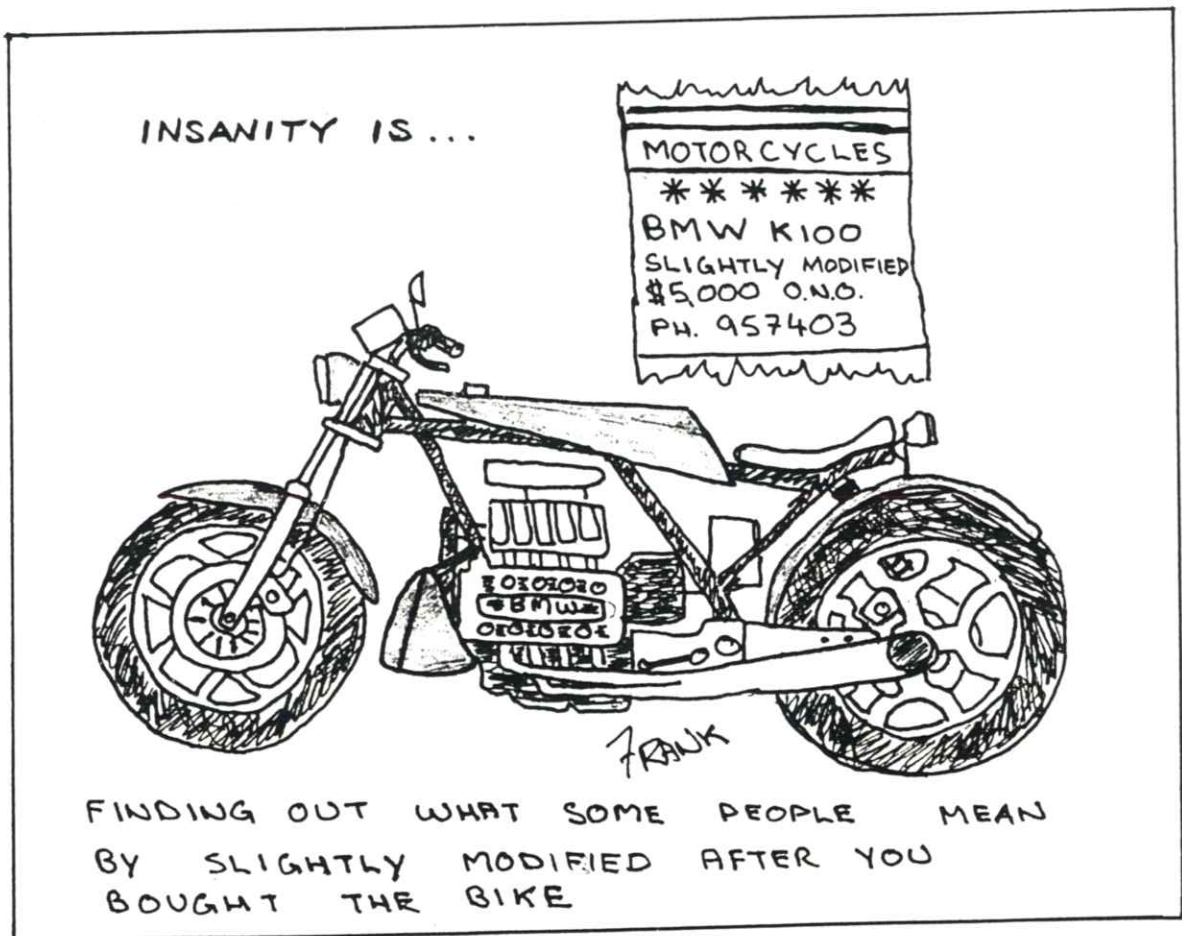
The Constitution requires some formalities. Article 7 - formal motions and so on be presented and seconded at a Meeting (Feb), notified in the Journal (Feb) before a vote by 50% of members who must be present - Article 13. Ever seen 50%, 41 members at any function in the last twelve months ?

We can only follow the Constitution as far as is practicable. If we don't get a 50% turn up for March, one suggestion is to ignore that problem and get on with the job.

3. Later Action

Our Constitution should be reviewed to have it reflect the current needs of the Club. Some of the Constitution's requirements are no longer practical/ achievable.

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Our January club run turned out to be the ideal weekend to go to Burrinjuck Dam, hot and sunny.

A small group left from Chris Fulker's on Saturday morning. I started out around lunchtime & headed for Yass where I stopped to refill my cooling system before going south along the Hume Highway and turning off for the 30km of mostly winding, narrow road to Burrinjuck State Recreation Area.

On arrival I found the mob down at the 'beach' engaging in a bit of swimming, waterskiing etc. The beach has a nicely grassed area with picnic & BBQ facilities & a ten yard torture stretch of jagged rocks and gravel between it and the water. Next time I'll wear my steel soled swimming boots.

Anyway, the water was very refreshing after the hot ride from Canberra (37 degrees) & we went on a bit of misguided exploration in Frank Korponay's boat.

The camp ground facilities are quite good with electric BBQs and a shop selling most things, including grog. Four of us stayed overnight.

Sunday was spent swimming & waterskiing, another seven people attended just for the day. (A total of 17 for the weekend - of which 3 were visitors)

Thanks to Frank Korponay and Ian & Jeanette Hahn for the use of their ski boats.
A little bit of trivia

Excerpts from a newspaper article on the subject of motoring :

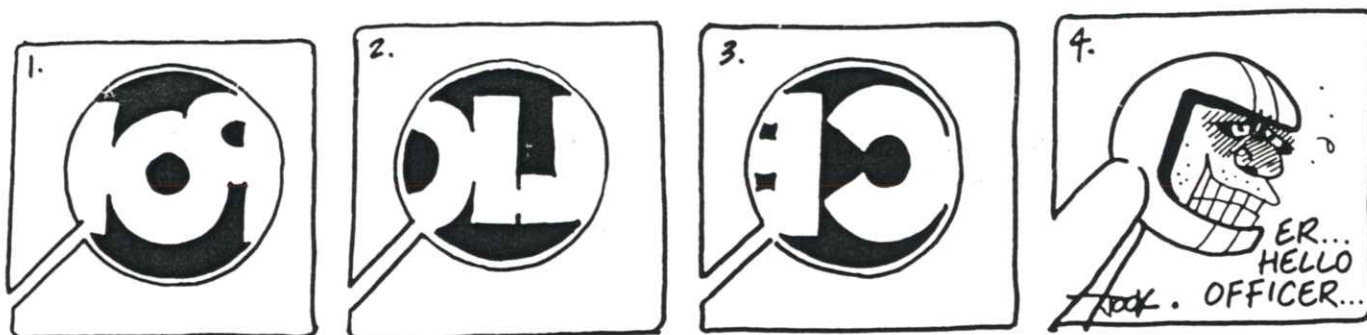
"When a man has got a machine under him that can travel at thirty miles an hour and a good road to run her on, it isn't human nature to throttle her down to six miles an hour. So they let her out and the - Parish Council prosecute and fine them relentlessly, planting policemen in hedges to take the time of the flying motors from one milestone to another, and the motorclubs pay men to track out these policemen and to stand outside their hiding places and wave a red flag, so that the motorist can see where the danger lies and can slow up in time."

And on motoring :

"Every man to his taste, of course, but I am of the opinion that the man who would ride a motorcycle for pleasure would go to the infernal regions for pastime."

- Both from an article in the 'Evening News', February 1905, written by A.B. (Banjo) Paterson.

Things haven't changed much in eighty years !



Courtesy - BIKE Australia (January)

Bill pill?

Patient: 'I'm much-better now, doctor. Please let me have your bill.'

Doctor: 'Come, come my dear. I don't think you're quite strong enough for that yet.'

DECEMBER RUN TO GOOGONG DAM

I wake up early on Sunday morning (2nd Dec.) looking forward to our monthly Run, but as the planned departure time was not until 10am from Doug Bryant's shop, Anne and I enjoyed a short sleep in.

After breakfast & a quick check over the bike, we gathered our food, camera, & other odds & ends, packed them in the panniers & headed off to meet with the others, good weather for the day was an unusual blessing, as on the last couple of runs the weather had left a lot to be desired.

The Hahn's, Strotmann's. Taffy & Nancy Williams & Brian March were patiently waiting for the Fulkers to arrive, and it was not even 10am yet ! Doug had advised that he would be arriving later, as was Bob Rumsey, so after a short chin wag and refuelling of the bikes, we set off via Hindmarsh Drive & Canberra Ave to Queanbeyan, then out to Googong Dam. This last part was on a narrow, bumpy piece of road, and we were slowed down by several 'sunday drivers'. However, Werner quickly found a way round, with me trying to keep up to his K100 on my R60. Anne was not amused & jabbed me in the ribs !

On arrival at the dam we soon located the BBQ site and nearby well designed shelter and 'set up' camp.

Taffy gave us a demo of his 'BMW' bike alarm fitted to his K100RT, and while he agrees it works well he still can not figure out what makes it tick - (no, not tick like a clock - how it functions).

Doug and family arrived in 'the bus' and Bob Rumsey arrived a short while after. As we set about cooking & eating, Taffy was busy catching all the action with his video camera. About this time Brian March had to return home early, so he headed off on his own.

After everyone had eaten, some people stretched their legs walking several hundred metres down the hill to the riverside, but no one went in for a swim, even if it was hot enough and it was a steep climb back up to the car park too. (I was told).

Bob, Ian & I had declined the offer of the walk & elected to 'mind the store.' Ian remembered that he had brought along his small portable T.V. (B & W) so we got that working to watch some motor-racing from Melbourne on the ABC. As a round of the SWANN Insurance Motorcycling racing series was to be telecast during the afternoon several people decided to leave in time to be home when it came on. (I was one of them) So we packed up, said our farewells & departed with Bob in company.

This was one of our better attended runs of late and there was some complaints about us leaving so early, however we arrived home in time to see some very exciting motorcycle racing (as was the whole SWANN Insurance series) and as I have attended almost all the club runs over the last year or so I felt it was justified leaving early once.

For those that did not attend, I can recommend the location if you want to take some visitors out for the day some where nearby, (other than the usual spots around Canberra).

To sum up, another good run, in good weather, to a place most had not been to before. The area was clean & well maintained & the trip out was interesting, if a little shorter than some others we have done. If you missed it - you should have been there.

Christopher & Anne
R60/6

Syntax

A professor was in bed with his maid when his wife burst in. "Well," she gasped, "I AM surprised."

Correcting her English usage, the professor said: "No, my dear," WE are surprised, YOU are astonished."

CLUB WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 17 & 18

BUNGONIA "CLAYTONS" RALLY

SOCIAL AND CAMPING WEEKEND AT THE STATE RECREATION AREA OF BUNGONIA GORGE ON THE WEEKEND OF 17 AND 18 FEBRUARY 1985.

ELEVEN LOCAL MOTOR CYCLE CLUBS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THIS EVENT.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO CALL IT THE BUNGONIA "CLAYTONS" RALLY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO BADGE AND NO RALLY ENTRY FEE.

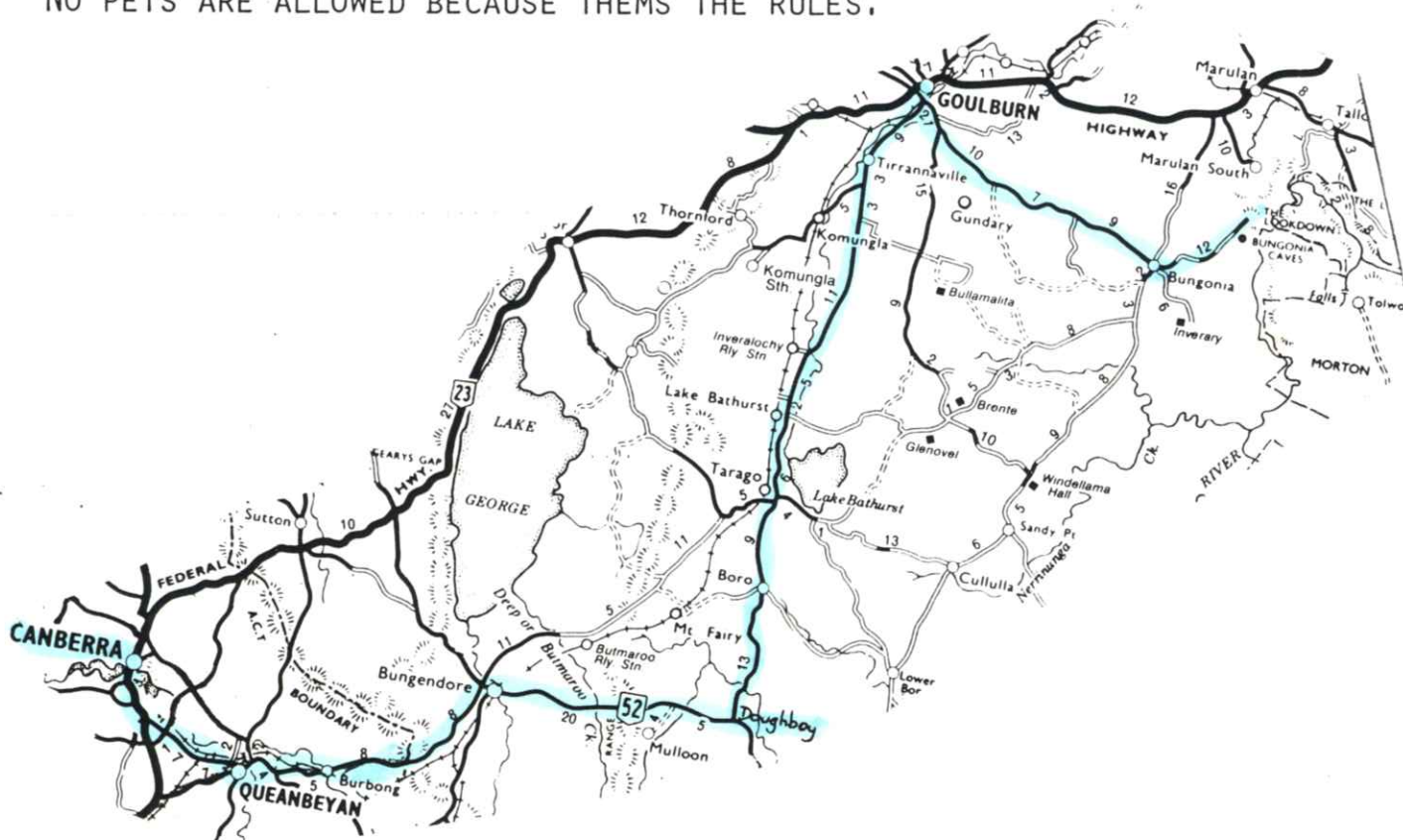
HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A NOMINAL CAMPING FEE FOR THE WEEKEND, AND THIS IS EACH PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE RANGERS.

THE CAMPING AREA IS APPROXIMATELY 41 KILOMETRES FROM GOULBURN - SEE MAP.

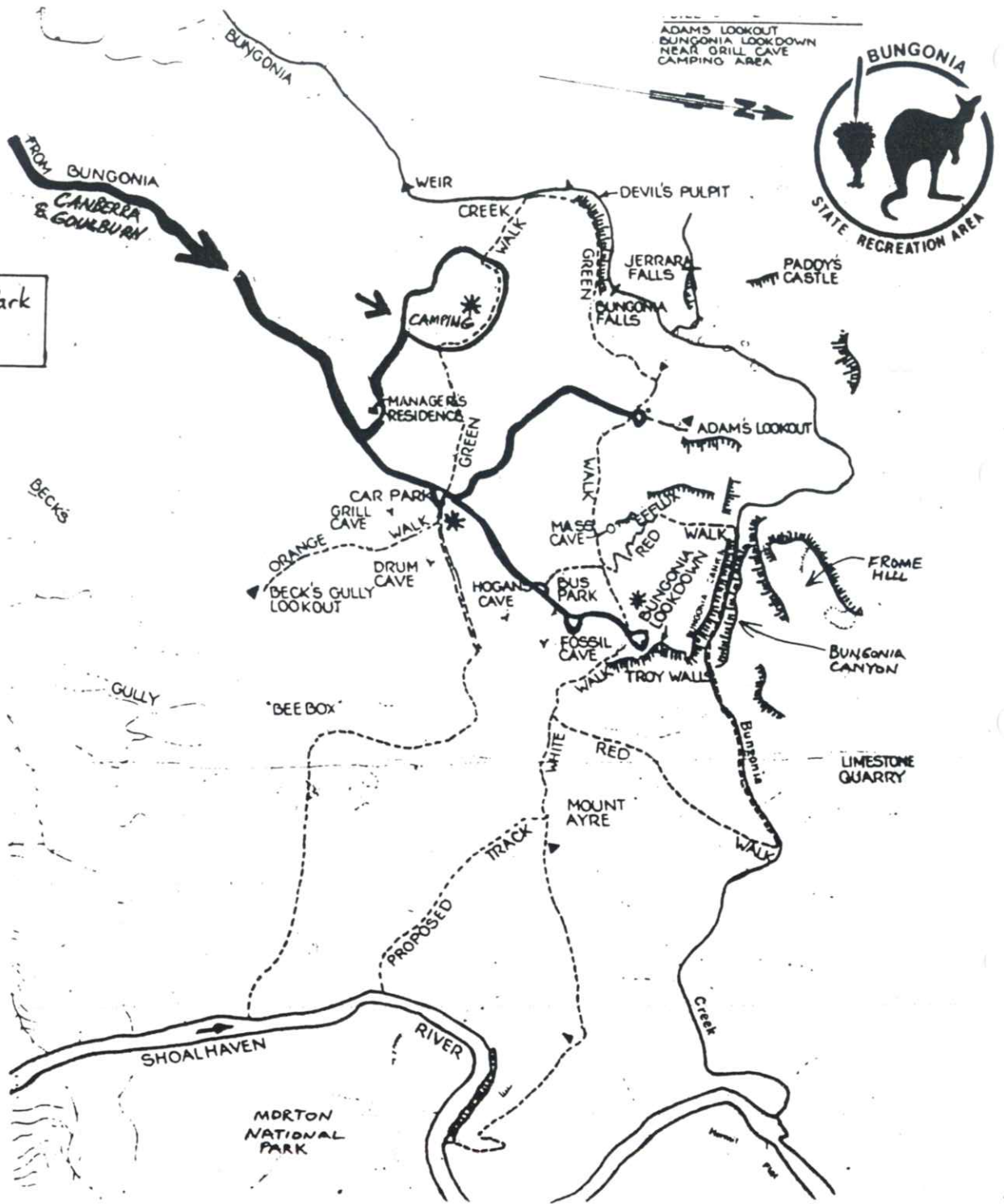
THERE ARE TOILETS, HOT SHOWERS, AND FIREPLACES, PLUS A KITCHEN FOR FIRE BAN DAYS.

THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE CATERING.

NO PETS ARE ALLOWED BECAUSE THEM THE RULES.



BUNGONIA STATE RECREATION AREA



* Vehicle Park
Toilets
BBQ

NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE CODE

The preservation and protection of our natural areas depends on the co-operation of all who visit and enjoy our national parks and nature reserves. Here are a few simple rules that everyone is asked to observe.

- Wildfire can destroy lives and property so be careful, especially during the bush fire danger periods. Use only safe fireplaces and do not light fires during total fire ban periods.
- Keep the areas you use tidy — place rubbish in the bins where provided or take it away with you.

- Leave your pets at home — they can disturb and kill native animals and are often a nuisance to the other visitors.
- Leave firearms at home.
- Do not disturb plants, animals and rocks. Rocks are important shelter for some animals and plants.
- Drive carefully and keep to roads and car parks provided.
- Please observe all signs. They are provided for your guidance and to assist you enjoy the areas you visit.