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# KALORI

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Society  
Conservation

Lower Blue Mountains

Wildlife



"Man is confronted with the difficult and complex ecological problem of finding out how he can fit into his environment so that it will not deteriorate but continue to provide what he needs."

R.G.Downes.

Kalori is published monthly by and for the members of the Lower Blue Mountains Wildlife Conservation Society.

The aims of the Society are, briefly, to:-

1. Educate the public and civic leadership towards a better understanding of environmental conservation.
2. Work for the dedication of areas of natural environment and for the maintenance of their values in perpetuity.
3. Carry out research into the distribution and population of wildlife in the Blue Mountains.

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NEXT MEETING -- 12th. FEBRUARY



## IS THIS TRIP REALLY NECESSARY ?

We call ourselves Conservationists - we have some vague sense of what it means - always limited by what affects us in our everyday life. Cliches by the handful, "-sample environments", "save the Kangaroo", "-anti-beach mining - anti-pinus radiata - no chip board leases. This attitude always involves other people and organisations in doing something.

As a Conservationist, why not try a few small efforts to reduce the demand on our Natural Resources.

Ordinary common soap cleans just as well as all the fancy soap powders. It can be made into a form that can be used in a washing machine by dissolving in water to make a jelly or shaved with a potato peeler. It is cheaper and longer lasting than soap powders and it is eliminated by sewage treatment works and does not pollute the streams.

Have a look at your garbage tin. Every day an average family chucks out ten pounds of rubbish. Most of this rubbish consists of packaging, cardboard and paper wrapping, tins and jars, peelings and food scraps, newspapers. Most of these items need never end up in your bin.

When shopping, take your own containers - buy bulk items, don't carry home anything that you have to pay someone to take away. Those items that it is absolutely necessary to throw out - look carefully. Those peeling and food scraps can be made into compost, a well made compost heap utilises waste for reuse by your garden plants - particularly vegetable gardens - where natural minerals and elements make for healthy growth and more nutriment to you.

Every pound of newspapers contains nearly  $3/4$  pound of wood fibre. Though there is no outlet for the reuse of newspaper waste at present - various charitable organisations collect newspapers for shredding and use for packaging - at least it is used and not burnt. Newspapers even make good compost.

The longer a pound of paper can be recycled and used for multiple purposes, the less trees have to be used to make products for a single use. In the extreme conclusion, we may not have need for further 'Boyd Plateau's forests.

You don't have to have your home lit up like a circus tent. The radiator is only effective while you are sitting in front of it. Leaving your food on the stove to simmer or in a warming drawer only reduces the nutriment of the items.

Every unit of electricity used involves the burning of fossil fuels - (radio active fuels - discharge of thousands of gallons of precious water) The great demand for electricity requires more High Tension lines, more ugly swathes through the bush - more money out of your pocket.

You'll be saving (conserving) our fossil fuels, reducing pollution of the atmosphere, preventing destruction of broad bands of forest, conserving our mineral resources, every time you switch off an unnecessary light. A bright 150w lamp to light your work is better than four 60w weak lights in the room. Fluorescent tubes use quarter the amount of electricity than an incandescent lamp for the same lighting units.

Have you ever thought how much water you use when you wash your hands under the running tap. You use much less if you use a basin or a dish. Common soap will rinse out of clothes much easier than soap powders, saving gallons in the second and third rinse. peeling vegetables under running water is as wasteful as it can possibly be. Any kind of waste water, unless it is badly fouled, will serve your garden better than filling up the drain.



Flushing the toilet after every use may use over a hundred gallons of water a day more than needed - this form of saving should be used with discretion. Every gallon of water in this land is precious and deserves treating as such. The cost in manpower and dams, flooded fertile valleys, electric power for the pumps, basic mineral resources to provide the reticulation, - all this demands that the end product, the water in your sink, is available to you when you need it. The cost is too great to waste.

About sixty per cent of Australia's work force is engaged in the motor car industry and allied trades. There are something like four million vehicles in Australia. Every second we burn over five hundred gallons of fuel and every four seconds a tyre is worn out. Every two hours  $3/4$  ton of obsolete car is chucked on the tip.

Share a vehicle on the way to work. Don't drive up to the corner store, walk, it will do your girth better. Shopping excursions are more enjoyable in company - take a couple of friends - work your vehicle week about - the saving on your pocket (and the Nations resources) will be considerable. Use Public Transport where ever practical.

A few simple questions -

At the garbage tin - "Can this item be used by me again - can it be recycled - who collects this for reuse?"

At the incinerator - "Must this be burnt - can it be used for compost?"

At the sink - "How much water do I need - could I use a dish?"

At the switch - "Can I see my way without the Light?"

Going to work - "Couldn't four of us working in the same locality form a car club?" - "Can I use Public Transport?"

On the weekend - "Wouldn't a walk in the bush be more beneficial than a drive in the country?"

"Is this trip really necessary"

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NOTES Although there has been no Kalori since December we have not been inactive. On the 17th. December a Blue Mtns. Conservation Federation meeting was held in the Wentworth Falls Hut at which the delegates of all the Societies were brought up to date regarding several matters of concern, such as the Mt. Whitton fire trail. We are still receiving the standard fob-off treatment from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Alderman John Anderson attended to tell us about the Lower Blue Mtns. Escarpment Preservation Association, and the "Lapstone Necklace". Firstly, the Association, though it has the powerline as its first concern intends to be a watchdog on environmental matters generally on the escarpment. The Association has approached the Premier - without success - and plans to distribute handbills, collect petitions, etc. There is of course a perfect justification for the powerline; you and I demand more and more electricity for our power canopeners, automatic washing machines, etc. The point is that the route chosen is unsuitable both economically and aesthetically. Placing the line underground for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles will cost about \$7 500 000 but the saving on maintenance charges makes it cheaper after 12 years.

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A committee meeting of this Society held on 8th Jan. was informed of the formation of a company, Natural Lands Limited, which has the object of buying land in strategic areas to save it from the developers and other progressive souls. The Company intends to buy a property at Violet Hill, on the north shore of Myall Lake. Money is being raised by issuing shares at \$1 each, together with a loan of \$50 for each share, and naturally we will take up a share. How to raise the money? Don Perrin has arranged a Social Night already and we will be holding a barbecue at Euroka on the last weekend in February - more details of this later.

Also the Committee decided to look at the aims of the Society as it was felt that with the passing of time and the shift in emphasis of our activities, the aims could well be restated. This was done at the next committee meeting, held on January 23rd., and the result is shown inside this month's cover.

A preliminary design of an advertising pamphlet was thrashed out at the same meeting. It will have a brief outline of our aims and activities, a membership form and so on. We will roneo it for a start, and print later.



Another Committee meeting was held on the 23rd. Jan.  
The motions carried were:-

1. To adopt the statement of aims of the Society, and to change periodically as necessary the quotation appearing on the inside cover of Kalori.
2. To produce a pamphlet on triple-folded foolscap paper, to include: the aims of the Society,  
short history of the Society,  
resume of activities,  
membership application, and  
illustrations.
3. to rent a Box at Springwood Post Office.
4. to buy for the Library copies of:  
The Last of Lands  
Environmental Handbook.
5. to subscribe, or renew subscriptions to,  
Wildlife in Australia,  
Conservation Society of N.S.W.  
National Parks Association.
6. to compile a list of possible speakers and make preliminary approaches.

The list is:- Mr. McGill - birds  
Mr Ormsby - snakes  
Mrs. Vellenga - birds  
Mr. Deane - orchids  
Mr. Williams - Blue Mtns. National Park  
Mr. Serventy - films  
Mr. Booker - aborigines  
Mr. Anderson - Lapstone necklace  
N.P.&W.S. -  
Nat. Parks Association  
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Myall Lakes Committee.

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NEXT MEETING == 12th. FEBRUARY

FILM NIGHT. Two films and some slides will be shown.  
The films and projection are by courtesy of BP Aust.  
They are titled:- Shadow of Progress  
The Biggest Bug.  
We want another big roll-up - please!!

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Incidentally, Nick McGrath is looking after our library and he wants to make a catalogue and issue a list of books available. If you have any library books, please return them to him at the next meeting.

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The minutes of the annual conference of the Nature Conservation Council, held on the 17th. October 1970 and at which we were represented by Messrs. King and Perrin, have arrived. A large number of motions were placed on the Agenda and most were carried.

We had two, one dealing with fire protection plans in National Parks, which was amended and carried thus:

"That fire protection plans should be submitted to and approved by the controlling authority before hazard reduction and fire trail construction is commenced in any reserved bushland."

Our original motion was then re-moved, re-amended, and carried thus:

"That fire protection plans should be investigated by all bodies concerned with bushfire control and the conservation of bushlands before hazard reduction and fire trail construction is commenced in National Parks, State Parks and Nature Reserves."

The second motion was carried thus:

"That the Nature Conservation Council recommend to the National Parks and Wildlife Service that a policy be adopted of planting only plants indigenous to a particular National Park, and excluding all others."

There were 43 motions on the Agenda dealing with feral cats to wetlands, decentralisation to forestry and many other subjects. Copies of the minutes are held in the Library.

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WE have received a copy of "A Survey of Wetlands of Coastal N.S.W." by G.N. Goodrick, CSIRO Division of Wildlife Research. It is available from the library.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Enclosed is the sum of \$      to cover one years membership.\*

Name in full.....

Address in full.....

Occupation.....

\* Individuals \$2.00 annually or \$20.00 Life.

Associates \$1.00 annually - subscription to Kalori.

Junior 30 cents annually.

Family \$3.00 annually.