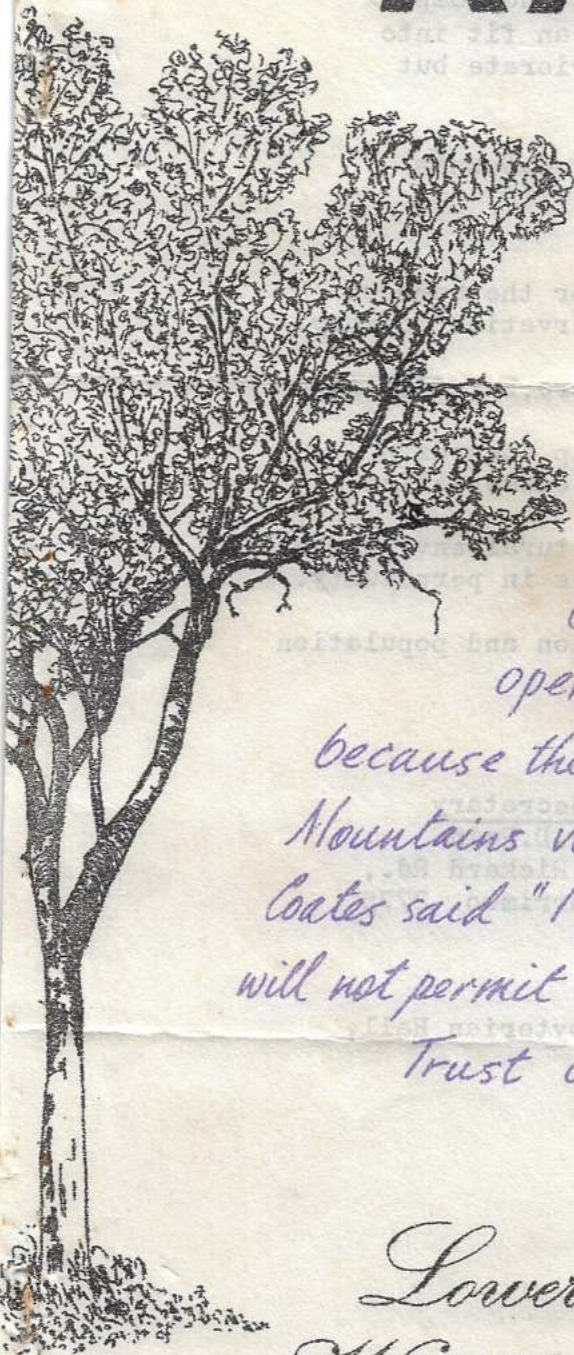


KALORI

November 1977



In State Parliament on the 28th October, an Opposition motion to establish a Select Committee to enquire into the operations of Clutha Ltd was defeated because the Independent Member for Blue Mountains voted for the Government. Mr Coates said "I am positive that the Government will not permit mining on the Blue Mountains." Trust is a beautiful thing.

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"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."

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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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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1971

The Annual Meeting was held on the 8th. October in the Civic Centre, Springwood. We had a quorum for once, and the election of officers resulted as follows :-

President - Keith King, elected unopposed

Vice Presidents - Mick Dark. Sen^{ior}

Michael Smithson, Junior

Secretary - Dennis Pain

Treasurer - Adrian Connelly

Librarian - Mrs. J. Dark

Programmes - Nick McGrath

Photo Officer - Mick Dark

Publicity - Michael Smithson

Kalori Editor - George Croghan

Publishing Committee - Mrs Smithson (co-opted)

Census - to be determined.

An encouraging sign was that several of the positions were contested. There is a fair amount of new blood, and this augurs well for the new year.

LAST CALL FOR DINNER!!

Warrimoo Hall!

November 6th!

Alan Strom speaks!

Only \$2.50 each!

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The next meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Hall, Blaxland, on Friday 12th. November at 8.00PM.

CORRECTION It was reported in Kalori that the committee to investigate possible sites for reserves included Mrs. Bramsen. This was a mistake. Mrs. Bramsen actually moved the motion.

We have written to the Minister for Environment Control, asking him to use his power to prevent the destruction of trees in the Blue Mountains.

On the 24th Sept. over 30 young people gathered in the Faulconbridge Community Hall to inaugurate a Junior Environmental Activist Group.

The meeting was chaired by M. Smithson. Minutes were taken by Mrs. T. Edwards. It was resolved to form the group under the PYE (Protect Your Environment) Organisational system. Don Perrin advised on PYE club procedure.

When choosing a special project, a young girl remarked to the meeting . . "I think it is pretty obvious - - CLUTHA!" The meeting was unanimous in its opposition to Clutha - their special project.

The meeting chose the Chairman, Mr. M. Smithson, as its first President, to guide its progress in its first year.

All young people 12-20 are invited to join. There are members at all High Schools and information can be obtained by 'phoning Penrith 23567. Subscription is \$1.00 per year.

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It is interesting to note that those beautiful Lemon scented Gums in the front of Penrith Courthouse, that added so much to that building's appearance, have been lopped as to resemble matchsticks. As a result of this exercise in aesthetic barbarity, I would move that the powers that permitted this vandalism be nominated for the "Philistines of the Year" award, Nepean Division!

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The Penrith Press reports the Penrith City Council's "blessing" on a 300 acre reserve proposal at Liandilo. The National Parks & Wildlife Service seeks the area for the preservation of the unique flora of that area. Among those opposing the dedication was the City Engineer on the grounds of UNSUITABILITY FOR PICNICS and that it constituted a fire hazard! The Town Clerk gave an enlightened council's decision that the City Council has no objections whatsoever to dedication.

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A teacher and students of Sydney Technical College were shown around the Glenbrook section of the Blue Mts. National Park on the 25-26th September by members. They investigated sandstone overhangs on Mt. Portal and, in one, found remains of an animal. Sighted were three wallaroos, one lyrebird dancing around and many wombat warrens were examined. The Society held a trapping run for the visitors and two marsupial mice, Antechinus Stuart, were captured. Both were females bearing 7 and 8 young in a rudimentary pouch. It was decided to keep trapping in that locality to examine the development of the young.

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Springwood Civic Centre, Sept. 14, saw the personification of Blue Mountains anger over the Clutha activities in the Blue Mountains and Wollongong.

Over 1000 persons gathered to hear Messrs. Bulbeck, Dunphy, Inglis, Ingleton and Hibbel put their cases for or against the Clutha programme on the Blue Mountains.

Helped with publicity by the Blue Mountains Conservation Federation, the mood of the meeting and the outcome was a substantial victory to those opposed to Clutha on the Mountains.

The meeting chaired by the, then, Mayor Powell, also heard Mr. R. Mulock, MLA, and give their case against Clutha.

THREE RESOLUTIONS were carried; those were, briefly:

1. Opposition to any extension of any mining operation in the Blue Mountains.
2. Formation of an Environmental Action Committee.
3. Opposition to the Clutha Act.

The Blue Mountains Conservation Federation formed to co-ordinate Society action on Blue Mountains Conservation problems, has earned its keep during the ANTI-CLUTHA campaign.

A total of four information sheets have been produced and distributed. 160 large posters have been produced and one lot of advertising sheets have been painted and circulated for the public meeting.

A map showing the old exploration lease and a photograph showing a drill rig have been published with a number of Federation articles in the local press, and an official letter was written to the Penrith Press. Spokesmen have addressed the Springwood Protest Meeting and have been interviewed on Radio 2GB.

In addition, the Federation has been holding pamphlet distributing drives in major shopping centres and in trains. Displays have also been a feature in shopping centres and at the Springwood Public Meeting. 3000 "Blue Mts. or Black. Keep Clutha Out" badges have been produced and Anti-Clutha car stickers supplied. A full page information advertisement was published in the Mountain Gazette.

Many other acts were carried out by the Federation to whom we are affiliated. Badges and stickers are to be on sale at our next General Meeting on the 8th October in the Springwood Civic Centre. The Federation deserves many congratulations, although it has not sought or gained any place in the limelight of the Clutha question.

The field trip to St. Helena was not well attended because of the many absent due to Federation activities. However, Keith King advises that at least he had experienced a very enjoyable trip. Led by Ranger, John Buhr, the volcanic necks of St. Helena and Toby's Glen were visited. At St. Helena there were acres of Indigofera Australis in flower and the birdlife was exceptionally abundant. A wombat warren and a wombat footprint measuring 5 inches were found along with a nest of a yellow tufted honeyeater.

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The Library is being organised into new housing. Nick McGrath is building portable shelves for the books. Also, the Library is to benefit from a raffle being held - the prize is a \$35.00 book, "Australian Orchids" by
Tickets are 20c. and it will be drawn late in November. Tickets are available at the next meeting.

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On October 24th a field trip to Castlereagh State Forest will be held. The Forest is a proposed field studies centre for the Education Dept. comprising 2000 acres of flat open forest. It is of prime interest to those interested in the native flora and the wildlife of this alluvial plane derived from the Blue Mts. The going is very easy and lunch is planned. Meet at Campbells Wholesalers, Parker Street, Penrith (near St. Dominic's College) at 10 am. Bring lunch: Finish at about 3.30 - 4 pm. Information ring Penrith 23567.

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Publicity for society functions and projects was a feature of the last year. Foremost, were announcements of meetings and information on, or appeals for information for, our wildlife census.

The publicity gained us new members but more importantly made many aware of the plight of the wildlife of the region. In September a photo of an Antechinus was published.

Interesting to note was a letter in the Penrith Press (29/9/71) demanding a host of bans on many activities the writer felt was contrary to the ideals of "conservation". He also called for an end to the publishing of wildlife information (supplied by us) that will cause these pinpointed animals to be hunted. It will be noted that the locality of any animal in our press reports such as wombats are labelled as, e.g. Penrith or other generalised localities. These reports gained those animals possibly more friends than enemies through awareness of their existence.

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