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"The direction we must take in the eighties... a search for a caring and conserving society".

Extract from 'habitat' article by
Mr Murray Wilcox, Q.C. President A.C.P.

Note. Our Editor and our Gestetner operator are both away on holidays and therefore this newsletter is to be brief.

Walks Report. The walk to Faulconbridge Point & down into the Grose River was well attended & enjoyed by all, the great majority taking the strenuous climb down the old logging track into the Grose, unfortunately your walks convener was unable to be present so has no report on bird and flower sightings, but report us it as most enjoyable. this was the July outing.

The August walk to Martins Lookout Springwood, descent into Glenbrook creek which was followed up, past the "Perch Ponds & return via Wiggins Track was a very enjoyable outing, taken in perfect weather, apart from a short, sharp shower ahead of a cold front. Many birds were observed, especially as two species of banksias were in flower viz. *pinulosa* & *collina*? (apparently the Blue Mts specie previously known as "collina" has been given a new name), several orchids were observed in flower, greenhoods (*Pterostylis*) & also "Pixie-caps" (*Acianthus fornicatus*) a fallen tree was also seen covered with *Bulbophyllum* orchids (possibly "*crassulifolium*" which has been observed in the Springwood area. Many acacias were blooming as were *Hardenbergias*, many fine specimens of turpentine (*Syncarpia*), *Eucalyptus* spp. and of course *Sassafras*, a smaller tree with fragrance in all its parts (*Atherosperma moschatum*) after which the gully was named. It was nice to see that new signboards had been placed along this fine walk, making the track much easier to find. -K.G.

WALKS PROGRAMME...OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1980.

Saturday 4th. October...meet at beginning of mount Hay road Leura School at 9.30a.m. Walk will be along Hurleys Ridge to Wentworth Creek. This walk is fairly long (about 12kms) but mostly level without steep climbs. Terry Macartney has agreed to guide this walk. If the weather is bad or very wet conditions prevail, making the "bad hill" untrafficable, cars will stop at the Fortress turnoff and the walk could be to the Fortress or Flat Top.

Saturday 1st. November 1980 Ruined Castle & return. An old favourite, some walkers may prefer to return via the Landslide and ride up on the Scenic Railway rather than make the steep climb back to Narrow Neck Rd. Meeting 9.30 am. on Cliff Drive at commencement of Narrow Neck road.

Saturday 6th. December 1980. A short ramble commencing at "The Hut" Valley of Waters at 10.30 am. The first saturday in December is traditionally a Xmas Social Day for all members and friends, usually a short walk followed by a B.Beue at Hut & extending into a social evening.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT IS TO BE ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. ***(79-80 SEPTEMBER IS A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED BY JUNIOR MEMBERS. The October Meeting is to hear an address by Chris Pratten, of Orange, Chairman of the Nature Conservation Council.

ART

An Art Exhibition is planned for November in combination with The PRESIDENT'S PARTY

