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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 members and the community to the cultural values of nature.
2. Work for the reservation of areas of natural environment for the refuge and breeding of indigenous flora and fauna.
3. Carry out research into the distribution, population and species of flora and fauna in the Blue Mountains.

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Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Springwood Fire Station, commencing 8.00 PM.

Sixteen members attended the last meeting. This was a good roll up considering that the meeting was postponed in order not to clash with members' Easter plans.

A letter was received from Faulconbridge Parents and Citizens Association asking us to show them some Conservation films. If possible we will try to show a programme to all those schools in our area who are willing.

A meeting of delegates from our Society and the Katoomba & Districts Wildlife Society, the Blue Mountains Group of the Society for Growing Australian Plants, Springwood Bushwalkers and the Tree Lovers Committee will be held in the Springwood Fire Station on 10th May to discuss closer liaison between us. The greatest advantage in a union will be in the numbers we can muster on local questions.

North Springwood Gala Day plan is taking shape. The form of our display will be discussed on 10th May with the other Societies.

Kanangra Walls field trip was well attended and enjoyed by all. Don Perrin's report is on another page.

The design of the cover was executed by Lynn Loaney. You will agree that it is a fine job but we need a symbol which can be easily recognised as ours. It should be simple, attractive and preferably unique to the Mountains. Suggested so far is Faulconbridge Mallee, the Rock Warbler and Mountain Devil. What others are there? When we get a suitable thing a design can be built around it.

Next meeting? 9th May.

The restless mind of our President is hatching an idea by which we can:

- 1) Focus our activities onto an area which we could call our own.
- 2) Practise creative conservation.
- 3) Educate the casual bushwalker and tourist.
- 4) Strengthen the bonds which have drawn us together.

Like the mallee-fowls egg, the idea has been heated, cooled, buried, scratched over, uncovered, and may now be ready for the light of day.

Kanangra-Boyd Field Trip

The sighting of a large gliding possum, reckoned to be the "Greater Glider", was for me the highlight of the weekend at Kanangra Walls-Boyd River.

After lunch on the first day we followed the granite-banked Boyd River downstream for about a mile, passing a spectacular, bright red form of *Grevillea juniperina*.

We were probably very fortunate to see the Glider for, like other possums, it is nocturnal in habits.

Observed in flight only by Frank, it glided from a large dead tree to a position half-way up a tall, smooth-barked gum tree, scrambled to the top and cast a cold eye towards his human audience. A very strong wind bent violently the thin branches of the eucalyptus tree, but the possum held his position, uncoiling his body-length tail earthward in order to hold balance.

Although there were many wombat burrows about the camp-site, Wally himself was not seen.

Numerous species of wildlife were seen and heard, some of which were: Kangaroos, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, Native Bears (heard).

Seventeen people camped overnight on the Boyd River inside the newly declared Kanangra-Boyd National Park, and at least the same number joined up the next day at the Walls. The view must be one of the best and widest panoramas of untouched country in Australia. Untouched, that is, until Mt. Amour is decapitated by a certain cement company. The fight to save it still continues.

Nearly everyone walked to the top of Mt. Thurat (4,200 feet) the distance: 3.5m. ("Martin Miles" - not to be confused with ordinary miles.)

The trip was a wonderful success and Mr. Frank Martin is to be congratulated for arrangements and guidance.

D. Perrin

ACTIVITIES FOR 1968

Field trips are generally held on the Sunday following the monthly meeting. Final details of meeting times etc. will be given by the leader of each trip to the meeting immediately before the trip, and will be published in Kalori.

- April 21st. -- Kanangra-Boyd. Leader F Martin.
May 12th. -- Tobys Glen. Leader C J Dark.
June 16th. -- McMahons Lookout. Leader H L Paish.
July 14th. -- North Springwood and Lynches Creek. Leader R Smithard
August 11th. -- Heathcote Primitive Reserve. Leader G Croghan.
September --
October 13th. -- Barren Grounds. Leader J Ferguson.
November 17th. -- Newnws State Forest.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Treasurer,
Mr. P. Gregory
115 Grose Road
Faulconbridge.

Enclosed please find 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
Junior 30cents annually.