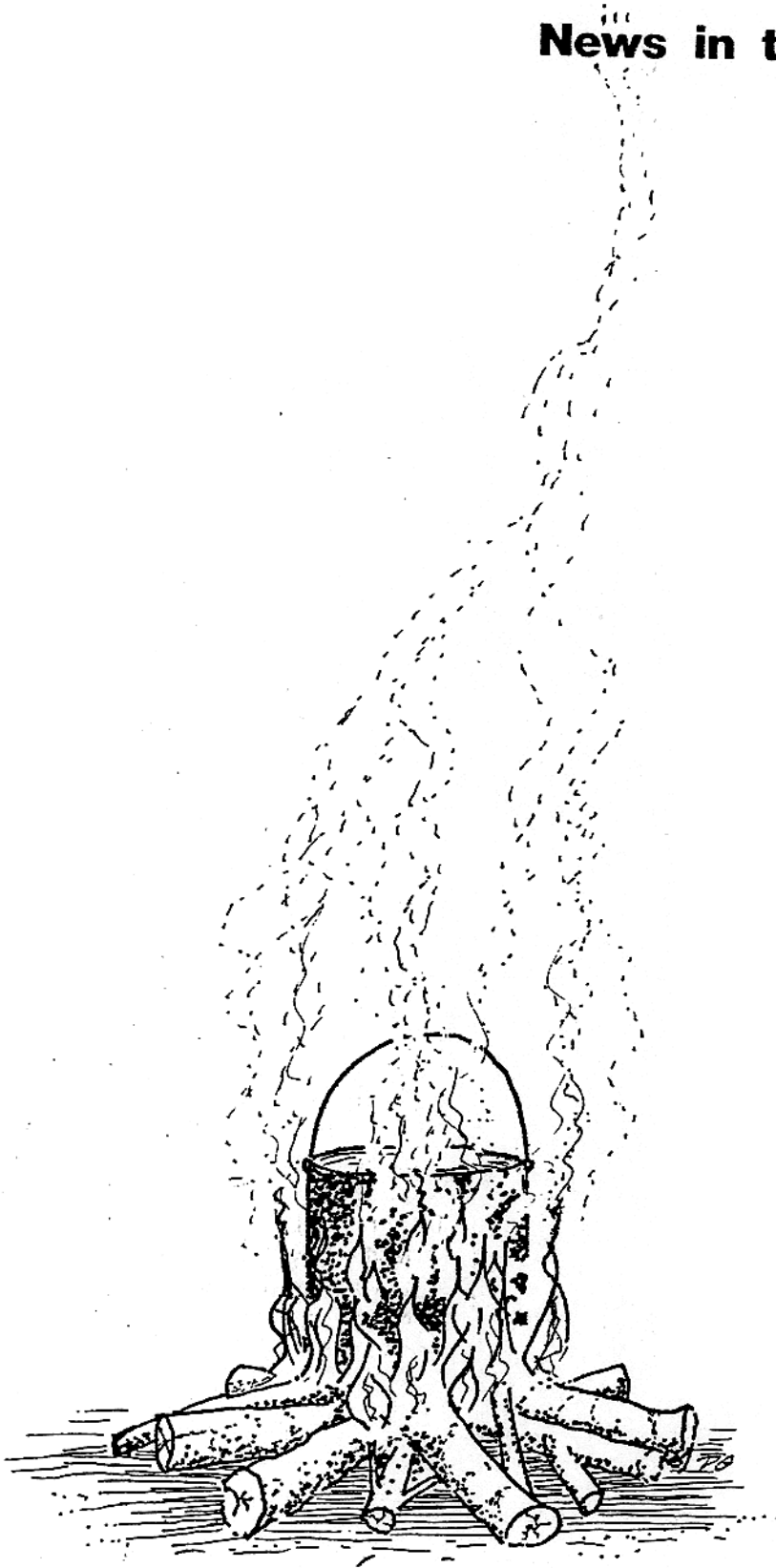


Brushtale

News in the Southern Region



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This is the initial copy of a Southern Region Newsletter for permanent and temporary staff of the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The objectives of the newsletter are:

- * to provide a communication medium for Southern Region Staff for sharing information on projects, events, development, ideas, aspirations within the Southern Region.
- * to develop a sense of team spirit, purpose and support amongst Southern Region staff in particular and all Service Staff in general.
- * to promote informal staff development and training in communication whilst obtaining knowledge of the Service's role as applied in the Southern Region
- * to entertain and amuse Service staff.
- * to provide copy from the Southern Region for the editor of Ringtail/Newspaws/Volunteer while providing an information outlet for Southern Region staff that by its nature (length, content, format) is not appropriate for use in the Service newspaper format.

The format of the newsletter has been chosen to be flexible in size and cheap to produce. At this stage there is no fixed title - perhaps there never will be. Your suggestions could be used. Pages have been titled to commit all Service programs, branches, tasks and projects and therefore staff to communicate what's going on in the Southern Region. It is a vehicle for ideas, fears, reports retorts and humour. It should be the voice of the Southern Region if you are prepared to speak up.

We hope you enjoy it.

PS The next Brushtale will be put together in November. Your contributions, in the form of articles, artwork or short yarns are welcome (in fact fiercely sought). Requests for your contributions to be 'printed anonymously' will be respected. However, we'd prefer to acknowledge your work.

Send them into Brushtale, Q.N.P.W.S., P.O. Box 42, Kenmore. Alternatively give them to your sub-regional interpretative officer, or phone Gil Field/Dot Finch on 07 2027000.

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Congratulations to Gil and Dot and all the other helpers and contributors. The first edition is always the hardest and I know how much work has gone in to it. I look forward to future editions as an important means of communications in the region.

changes.

Please continue to contribute to the newsletter and freely air your views.

Noel Dawson

Regionalization has meant some ups and downs for all of use but I am convinced we are now past the worst phase and we are looking forward to gradual improvements. Some major advances in the last eighteen months have been the increase in interpretive activities both on and off parks, greater emphasis on wildlife education, the CEP programs (nearly \$1 million last year), management planning getting going again and regional administration to process the bills faster. I appreciate all the effort and time that you put into your jobs for without this input we would not go ahead.

The future for this year looks better than the last year as we did not carry over large amounts; we look like being better off financially and with good luck the new accounting package should be operating so we will have better reporting. The research group is still going through its review but there are some exciting new projects being proposed. I also hope that this year we can make funds available so that the researchers can make more contacts with field staff. We will all benefit by this.

I also anticipate that we will see money coming back to the parks through sales and camping fees. This will really help us care for our parks and wildlife and allow more funds and time for managing our parks and education of the public.

The trend for the next few years will be to increase emphasis on management of our parks and wildlife, caring for people and our parks; greater education of visitors and the public generally; standard designs for new infrastructure which is more environmentally sound and a move to contracting out many of the servicing duties. I know that I can rely on your support in making these

3 Management of your Region

Regional Management Meetings are held every month. Regional management is discussed by the heads of branches:

Regional Director - N. Dawson
Wildlife - M. Connolly
Research - G. Gordon & G. Wilkinson.
Administration - C. Lahey
Interpretation - G. Field
R.N.C. - S. James
Parks - K. Bade, D. Jones & D. Seton.
Management - M. Gough.

Minutes from these meetings are forwarded out to each of these people and they are expected to pass out any relevant information to their staff.

Don't forget to ask your supervisor if you haven't been informed about any of these issues and wish to know!

Topics discussed at the last meeting on 6/8/85 were:

- Budget 85/86
- Office Accommodation - 5 year plan.
- Southern Region Staff Structure
- Employment of Wages Staff in Region & District offices.
- Wages expenditure
- Administrative Support
- Advertising of Wages Vacancies
- Duty Statements
- Report by S. James re 'Field days on Farms & Demonstrations on Farms', and 'State strategy for R.N.C.'.
(Stuart has written an article covering both these topics in this newsletter.)
- Regional Mapping - district boundaries.
- Air photo library.
- Newsletter.
- Training Schools:
 - Management Planning Cours for R/S and D/R.
 - Track Construction School -BFP
 - Chain-Saw Management School
 - Weed School - J. VanDelft and W. Blake ran a three day weed course at Moggill from 20 - 22 August.
- Keeping cost of fuel and service from Govt. Garage.
- Purchase of additional tractors and mowers.
- Machinery Maintenance.
- Rostered Duty Officers -
 - Fire Season
 - Whole Year
- Construction of picnic tables and toilets by prisoners.
- Wages/contracts.
- Award allowances.

Who's who in Wildlife?

Senior Ranger	Mike Connolly
Moreton	- Big Jim McDonnell
	Merve Parker
	Debbie Hotchkis
	Ric Natrass
Fleays	- Marion Bangay
	Dave McCarthy
	Gary Robertson
	Alex Wilson
Downs S/W	- Roger Turnbull
	Shamus Conway
Maryborough	- Paul Sheehy



Magpie season. Ges ooo

Fifteen Killed by Irate Magpie

by Jim McDonnell

Now that I have your attention, I feel that this issue of Brushtail is an opportune time to remind anyone, who may have possibly forgotten, about the forthcoming magpie breeding season. Allowing for seasonal variations, problems associated with the territorial behaviour of magpies can be expected in late June and continues through until late October.

The fifteen deaths referred to needn't concern us: they may have been grubs, or perhaps locusts. The important point is the continuing service provided by the magpie and other insectivorous birds in our urban and rural environments. However, most readers would be aware of this and the Q.N.P.W.S. brochure on

the Australian Magpie which provides general biology information, and explains the methods of avoiding attack so that you can assist us in educating the general public.

Firstly, most attacks are merely scare tactics. The more an adult or child is scared the more the magpie seems to attack. In some instances it may even select out specific people to attack. In most cases the carrying of some form of protection will prevent attacks or deter them from getting too close. A stick, preferably with streamers attached, carried over the head is effective. An umbrella, a tree branch, anything will do, as long as it prevents them invading the air space directly above your head. A large brimmed hat or other head covering may also assist but the simplest answer is to avoid their territory completely.

If you are attacked assume a confident pose, watch the bird and then whilst keeping a close eye on the bird walk quickly out of its range. Their reluctance to attack whilst being watched may allow a person to travel completely through a magpies territory. a face mask placed on the back of the head apparently has the same effect.

Complaints are often received of magpies attacking children on bicycles at busy intersections or on busy roads. Any parent who allowed a young child to ride a bicycle under those conditions is irresponsible. If attacked a bicycle rider should dismount and walk until it is safe and if possible carry a stick or some form of protection.

If a magpie is striking people and is likely to cause injury, the preferred method of solving the problem is to trap the bird and remove seven feathers from one wing. This technique is explained in the magpie brochure. It effectively prevents the bird from manoeuvring to attack. Should the above methods prove unsuccessful

ful and the bird is potentially dangerous or has caused serious injury a Permit to Take may be issued to destroy the bird.

Further information and permits may be obtained from your nearest Wildlife Ranger.

Chater-box



Who's this young attractive outdoors type? Hint: he's gone to rack and ruin under the stress of being at the top!

106 Open Season Fauna Permits (personal use) have been issued from the Toowoomba office so far this year. This number includes 46 permits covering both waterfowl and quail.

A meeting for Wildlife Staff in the Southern Region will be held at Lake Broadwater on 4th and 5th September.

Shamus Conway has settled in well after transferring to Toowoomba from Moggill on 22nd July, 1985. While Roger Turnbull is reported to be pleased to have assistance, rumours to the effect that he is now leading a life of leisure are untrue.

'Solo Mum'

Whether a koala, wallaby, bat, kangaroo, possum or dingo, all native infants brought to Moggill are placed in the capable hands of Debbie Hotchkis, Southern Region's Wildlife Overseer.

Debbie is completing the final semester of her vet. nurse qualifications. She says that diet and warmth are the two variables for the survival of infant native animals. 'The correct diet is critical,' Deb insists. She has seen many well meaning people feed infant fauna incorrect food. Debbie says that 'short term results may appear to be highly successful, but inevitably the infants die from lack of minerals'.

'Sleepless nights and time' are two more variables Debbie thinks people should consider before taking on the role of foster mum. She says that 'being pounced on by an infant koala-bear while sinking into your lounge after a hard days work, sounds cute.' 'But, days followed by nights of feeding demanding infants pays its toll on your own life style and health'.

Debbie says that she often questions the effectiveness of Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service saving infant fauna. (Especially in the middle of a cold night when awakened by a hungry babe). 'If they are basically healthy and can be quickly raised and released into the wild, then there's no problem. However, 'unless we can offer weaker

infant fauna a worthwhile lifestyle, then there is probably little point in saving them'.

While these questions remain unresolved, Debbie, with dozens of successfully raised infants to her now intends to keep on with her work.

For advice on infant fauna diet and care phone Debbie at Moggill.

What's going on in RNC?

by Stuart James.

In May, 1985 at a meeting held at Moggill it was decided that there be some Rural Nature Conservation Field Days and Demonstration Farms

Since then I have participated in two 'low key' field days at Chris and Mary Camerons property at 'Rockwood' near Chinchilla. The occasions were when the Brisbane Field Naturalists made a camping visit to the property. The other was when some Idaho Biology Students from the U.S.A. and their Professor spent several days on the property.

A specific rural nature conservation field day was instigated by Mr. Ray McCarthy, Manager of Anchorfield an S.G.I.O. property at Brookstead near Pittsworth and adjacent to the Condamine River. This was to be in conjunction with Greening Australia; the D.P.I. Soil Conservation Branch, Toowoomba and the Forestry Department at Dalby. Brian Roberts of D.D.I.A.E. at Toowoomba was to be Chairman.

The timbered area, dominantly River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camendulensis*) adjacent to the Condamine river and adjacent to the Queensland blue grass plains has been cleared to extend the area of cultivation. This was on the flood plain. Following clearing and cultivation it was

found to be subject to erosive flooding.

Mr. McCarthy, thus decided to revegetate part of the area with a tree planting programme. A nature area on the high alluvial levee, along the Condamine, adjacent to the area was already recognised by Ray McCarthy as an important wildlife refuge. The tree planting programme would not only extend this area, but provide protection from further erosive flooding as well as wind breaks.

This joint field day was planned for 17 April but was deferred. The new date was set for 12 September. In the meantime Mr. McCarthy has accepted a position in Western Australia, near Derby, as Manager of a very large irrigation project. He left for Western Australia this week.

An alternative rural nature conservation field day is being planned at Mr. Kelvin Turners property at Greys gate near Millmerran. Mr. Turner is an innovator and he was to have been one of three farmers to address the now deferred field day that had been planned at Anchorfield.

Mr. Kelvin Turner has a large poultry enterprise on his undulating agricultural property. The poultry wastes are turned into compost and applied on a rotational basis to his cultivation paddocks. This in turn has improved both the production and quality of his winter cereal crops. In turn the grain production is then used in his poultry enterprise.

The property is dominantly Class III-IV land and requires contouring. The contour banks at Kelvin's request have been surveyed on the true contour level; normally they are given a slight gradient. On the lower side of the narrow based grassed level banks Eucalypt trees have been planted. These are watered,

Wildlife-RNC

by gravity from a large farm dam. A tail drain on the lower side of the trees collects any surplus water.

Watering reduces the adverse effect of tree roots into the adjacent sloping cultivation. The trees also provide some climate control benefits in reducing frost damage and as wind breaks.

Some of his waterways have a dense tree population of dominantly Belah.

Another field day is being considered in the Burong-Boondooma district in the watershed of the Great Dividing Range. This rich district is roughly mid way between Dalby/Chinchilla/Jandowae on the Darling Downs and Kingaroy/Wondai/Mundubbera on the Burnett.

This district of about 30,000 acres of Brigalow Belah Bottle tree scrub and with melon hole areas was referred to and treated as 'the wilderness' last century when it was part of the historic Boondooma Station.

In the early 1930's Mr. Jack Coe as a young man took up residence, in a humpy, on a 1200 acre Prickly Pear block. He felled most of the scrub by axe. He deliberately retained about 10% of the original scrub on prime land and has kept it in its original state. This is documented in his book "The Big Scrub". The second edition is now with the printer.

Mr. Jack Coe speaks of the importance of the birds and the increase in the bird species over the past 50 years. He also tells of working his property in harmony with the wildlife - emus, dingoes, kangaroos.

The property "Coo-ee" was originally developed for dairying. At one stage it was recognised as being amongst Queensland's top dairies.

Today it is primarily used for intensive agriculture, with some irrigation from farm dams, and some cattle. It is also noted for Nylan hybrid seeds, in particular the white sorghums. This part of the enterprise is managed by his son Francis.

His neighbour, Councillor Bob Somerset, is Vice Chairman of the Wondai Shire Council, Vice-president of the South-East Queensland United Graziers Association and an active member of the conservation strategy committee.

Bob Somerset, too has retained significant area of the soft wood scrub. He readily speaks of the benefits to his farming operations.

Mr. Somerset took the initiative to send out 1000 RNC brochures together with a covering letter to all the members of the South-East Graziers in the United Graziers Association.

Both he and Jack Coe are active in their concern about the decimation of roadside vegetation. With Council approval Jack Coe has planted and maintains a Bottle Tree Park on a council road junction.

Then, nearby, Mr. Alan Edwards recently purchased a similar property. Previously he was a pineapple farmer near Gympie. He is actively restoring areas of the natural vegetation on a planned basis.

So a rural nature conservation field day is envisaged involving these three properties.

In addition there is the new Showgrounds Complex at Toowoomba. This will provide a permanent demonstration of (rural) nature conservation to both the urban and rural communities.

These are some of the activities being carried out under the RNC programme. Let's hear from others of their involvement in the next issue.

Fauna Squad

Q.N.P.W.S. Fauna Squad is made up of a two man team - Detective Sergeant Jack Scott and Detective Senior Constable Kevin McDonald.

The Police Fauna Squad has the unenviable task of policing all Regions. Any Regional Director may call upon Jack and Kevin for assistance or advice on enforcement matters.

The Regional Director has to ensure that some basic intelligence has been gathered. In other words, requests can not be based upon rumours or on simple matters which do not require extensive investigation.

The Regional Director passes the information up to the Chief Management Officer, Wildlife for evaluation. The CMO decides whether the case should be handed over to the Fauna Squad for investigation.

Only in cases of emergency should Regional Directors (or other staff) approach the Police Fauna Squad direct.

Matters handled by the squad are usually major breaches of the Fauna Conservation Act 1974-84. The squad also deals with matters relating to other Acts administered by the Service e.g. National Parks and Wildlife Act 1975-82.

Just a cheery hello from the boys and girls who are the meat in the sandwich.

We claim this title because we are, in certain areas of responsibility the contact between the practical staff in the field - the people who look after what we are all about (Parks and Wildlife Preservation) and the Head Office planners and Account payers.

We aim to operate under the K.I.S.S. principle - keep it simple supervisor to obtain the necessary results required by those further up the line.

Where do we fit into the picture?

We all aim to have the answers required, this is not a big note or vain comment, but the Regional Administrations contribution to giving the Service a positive, definite direction.

Our motto could well be 'To Serve is to Reign' (after all we do hold the financial reins)

If you have a problem, let us know, we can possibly help.

If you don't tell us, how will we ever know?

We would also like to contribute to a greater understanding between the field staff and the Head Office folk, where such action benefits both parties concerned.

It is perhaps, considered easy to talk, but don't you feel that we may be able to form a bridge to a greater appreciation of each others problems (if any)
by R. Alford and C. Lahey

Whose who in Administration at Moggill

Ron Alford, Ganger Div 3 O/s
Lois Beech, Typist
Noel Dawson, Regional Director
Derek Elsdon, Cleaner
Jill Elsdon, Part-time cleaner
Dorothy Finch, Overseer Div II
Richard Gunter, Workperson
Darryl Jeffress, Overseer Div I
Duncan Johnston, Ganger
Alex Kowalski, Clerk
Chris Lahey, Administration Officer
Fred Prant, Senior Overseer.

A review of research needs is currently in the hands of the Research and Planning Branch Manager and the Research Review Committee of 4 Branch Managers (Mainland Estate, Maritime Estate, Wildlife/RNC, R. & P.)

It is proposed to bring in the Internal Audit Section from Treasury to advise on research management. A final decision on future research directions for the Research Branch are still some time away.

The following projects relevant to the Southern Region are currently pursued by research staff within the Southern Region based at Moggill or Warwick.

Resource Assessment and Planning Program:

IST Natural Resource Assessment -

Bandicoot Research (G. Gordon)
 Bat Distribution Study (R. Alison)
 Cooloola Vegetation Map (C. Sandercoe)
 Dasyuroides Survey (L. Lim)
 Diamantina Fauna Survey
 (R. Atherton & D. Reimer)
 Emerald Fauna Survey (G. Gordon)
 Koala Research (G. Gordon)
 Rainforest Fruit-pigeon Study
 (G. Innis)
 Yellow-footed rock wallaby nutrition
 (G. Wellard)
 Yellow-footed rock wallaby survey
 (G. Gordon)

Projects under review are:

Conservation review (P. Sattler)
 Bridled naitail wallaby cage colony
 (Moggill)
 Koala survey of South-east
 Queensland (Consultant)

Projects approved but subject to external funding are:

Bilby Survey and Management
 (G. Gordon & R. Atherton)
 Effect of fire regimes on the
 Ground Parrot (Consultant)

IST Management Research and Monitoring -

Cooloola/Noosa Fire Project
 (C. Sandercoe)
 Problem Species (Bitou Bush
 Liaison) (C. Sandercoe)

IST Recreation Resource Assessment • (M. Harris/J. Curnow/R. Webster)

Wildlife and Rural Conservation Program:

IST Management Research and Monitoring -

Deer Study
 Kangaroo Study, Charleville
 (G. Wellard)
 Kangaroo Study, Warwick
 (T. Kirkpatrick)
 Mariala Grazing Enclosure
 (C. Sandercoe)

Regional Research Co-ordinator, Greg Gordon comments that "Under the new system, research directions are to be largely a response to the needs of management. If you want work done you should be lobbying your Branch Manager and Regional Director for support".

The Applied Social Research Group has been established in Head Office and is involving itself in projects relevant to the Southern Region as well as of a Statewide nature.

The program in recreational research of Mike Harris, J. Curnow, R. Webster consists of -

1. Pilot study of a Park Recreational Data Base, at Parks on the Southern Downs (M. Harris, J. Curnow, R. Webster),
2. Analysis of data on recreational attributes at Mt. Barney - 1986 (J. Curnow),
3. It is proposed that a Scenic Rim resource suitability study for recreation be started late 1986 (R. Webster).
4. Comparison of Visitor and Park Manager perceptions of needs for Park facilities (buildings etc.) and standards of those facilities. Staffed by Consultants and subject to obtaining external funding.
5. Camping permit data storage and retrieval system with emphasis on providing park managers at all levels with information on camping use throughout the State.

High technology.

Research staff are the first branch in the Southern Region to become involved in computer data base and data analysis. At the Southern Region Centre 2 'terminals' link in with the Queensland University 'mainframe'. These the research staff have been using for the past year for fauna survey work and koala and bat statistical analysis.

New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service interchange.

Leong Lim is on staff interchange from New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service. This scheme is applicable to all Service staff if you are interested. In New South Wales Leong worked on Yellow-footed rock wallaby. In Queensland he is involved with *Dasyuroides byrnei*, the Kowari, a marsupial carnivore in South-west Queensland. Leong went out with west with research technicians Rob Atherton and Darryl Reimer. We hope to hear about their trip in the next newsletter

Bilby project - 'big business'.

The Bilby is considered a highly endangered species. The Service has applied for funding from 'big business' to support a project to conserve the bilbies through both management and acquisitions or which is most appropriate. If funds are not forthcoming then the project must compete with others on a Statewide priority basis.

World Wildlife Fund has sponsored bilby survey work in the Northern Territory/ Western Australia but this sponsorship will not be followed on to an applied conservation strategy within Queensland.

Research Reports.

Future newsletters will list reports produced by Southern Region research staff so you get to know them and their work better. Perhaps they can then be a known resource for you to call on.

The Count.

One of our most enigmatic researchers at Moggill is Dick Allison. Dick briefly explains his work as follows -

Bat specimens come in from service fauna surveys and other collecting. All specimens are given a collecting number

to label them. Skulls and parasites have the same number to show which bat they are from.

Field data sheets accompany specimens to show when and where they were collected and by whom. There is also habitat and other ecological data.

Bats are identified and identifications entered on field data sheets or name already entered in the field confirmed or corrected. Specimens are listed by species ready to be deposited in Queensland Museum.

Sometimes skull needs to be extracted, cleaned and measured to identify bat exactly.

In some groups of bats in Queensland there are species which have not been given approved scientific names yet, and some which have been given two or more names.

It is the aim of revisionary studies to have every species with just one name by getting rid of surplus names by describing and providing names for those without names.

One of the outputs from this work is distribution maps which can be used in planning conservation measures and highlighting problems of species.

Distribution studies entail maintaining gazetteers to find collecting localities.

Bat-flies and other parasites are taken off bats and other host animals and identified after mounting on microscope slides. Microscopes are needed for examining parasites and details of bat skulls because of small size of material to be looked at. Some specimens are photographed for record purposes and easier comparisons.

At the Wildlife Open Night last year Dick wanted to keep his room locked because of the expensive equipment he has (and the unearthly pile of junk) that might escape and contaminate the unsuspecting public. Mark Gough suggested he hide in his room with a cape and teeth in true vampire manner. Gil Field suggested put the title "The Count" on his door (just like

Mark's "Management Officer" title).
Dick's reply was "Oh! don't do that,
somebody may cross the 'O' out!!!?"

Dick's more recent outrage was when
Peter Ogilvie showed him a "bottled"
'big' male antechinus swainsonii - the
largest of the antechinus "Oh!" said
Dick "I bet he had to walk on tippy
toes!!!?"

Peter Ogilvie, now part of the
Southern Regional Research section,
is writing a book on the management
of coral cays.

Although the book will be published
externally it will undoubtedly be used
for reference by Marine Park managers.

Gordon Wilkinson is currently co-
ordinating all the regional planning
and acquisition jobs. He will be doing
this until the Planning Review is
finalized.

Interpretive Projects Report

Southern Region

Three C.E.P. people have been employed for 13 weeks to compile resource files for national parks. Any information on the natural history of the national parks and regions of the Southern Region would be appreciated. Contact:

Gillian Scott for Toowoomba
Eugenie Gerrard for Wide Bay-Burnett
Denise Limberger for Moreton.

Moreton Sub-Region

Interpreter - Gil Field)

Nothing to report! Gil's on holidays until 9 September 1985.

Downs South-West Sub-Region

Interpreter - Gordon Stone)

Visitor Information Sheet prepared and waiting for production -

- . Bunya Mountains;
- . Ravensbourne/Crows Nest,
- . Lake Broadwater,
- . Main Range
- . Queen Mary Falls.

An RNC brochure that relates to the Darling Downs is also underway.

Displays -

- . Girraween Visitor Centre,
- . Farmfest display on wildlife and RNC theme.

Liaison with other groups -

- . Toowoomba showgrounds report, (discussed in RNC section)
- . Local support committee for Greening Australia,
- . A number of projects with newspaper and radio have been undertaken and a series of radio talk-backs is presently underway.

Wide Bay Burnett Sub-Region

Interpreter - Liz Naumann)

All major tourism groups, development boards and shires have been sent a

folder of Service publications. Liaison is continuing with these groups about publications, displays etc. relating to National Parks. The aims are to keep them -

- . up-to-date with Service information,
- . assure they are providing correct information about national parks,
- . and to build up good relationships with these groups.

Bundaberg District

- . Auburn River Visitor Information Sheet text written. To be submitted for production.
- . Cania Gorge Visitor Information Sheet text written. Submitted for production.
- . Woodgate Visitor Information Sheet text written. To be submitted for production.

Great Sandy District

- . Planning in underway for publications for Fraser Island,
- . Northern Cooloola Visitor Information Sheet is with the Production Unit and should be available soon. The text is complete and the map nearly finished.

Gympie District

- . Noosa National Park and the southern section of Cooloola National Park now have Visitor Information Sheets.
- . Liaison is underway with the Noosa Woods Caravan Park to produce a display about parks of the Noosa environs. They pay and we provide the information. At Elanda Point a display at Brian Mays Holiday establishment is in the planning stage. Brian has visited Head Office to select photographs and the text is being written.

Gil Field impressed both Education Department officials and workmates with his artistic flare and photographic skills on St. Helena recently. He lost a bit of ground when he stepped backwards to improve the composition of his photo, and while yelling out 'Stacey talk to them (Ed. Dept. Officials)' fell backwards disappearing from view down a hole.

Gordon Wilkinson has just returned, sun tanned and mosquito bitten from three months in Malaysia. Whilst he was away he sent us this rather colourful description of his activities:-

Hi Orangs,

I've ended up in peninsular Malaya and am rather landlocked as I've bought a four wheel drive having failed to find one to rent. First week or so was full of red-tape as non-residents don't usually buy cars. Anyhow its been well worth it so far as I've been to all sorts of outlandish places.

Spent a week at Kuala Krau Wildlife Reserve where I had to get special permission from local NPWS and also a Police permit with mugshot as it's a black area supposedly containing communists. Two British Ph.D. students were there at the small research centre - one studying dusky leaf monkeys the other fig eating birds. Helped the latter fit radio transmitter to a barbet for the first time to study movement. Rained every day, leeches and moozies galore! Building was flooded, great fun, but a good introduction to local fauna and flora by the two students.

Next week I spent with the NPWS seladang (Bos gaurus) unit trying to find and catch a young one for research, breeding and crossing. O/c was recent graduate - hopeless. Rest of the gang were older and experienced but as it was Hari Raya they were more interested in praying than working. Fed with them with all kinds of bush tucker. They went back for the N/E and I stayed and slept in the car near a salt lick and saw six seladang first night. Next night at two a.m. there was a great commotion and huffing and bellowing. After it stopped a leopard calmly walked not 20 feet away past the car.

Went to the east coast to Kuantan to escape the wet west side and it has been fine ever since. Met a fellow who offered me a place on an expedition to climb Gunung Jahan - 7,174 ft. high in pen. Malaya and then maybe canoe down the river later.

Meanwhile he gave the direction to G. Tapis (2nd highest) but found road washed out one hours walk from base camp. Asked directions from struggling Chinese farmer and he invited me to stay etc. Logger turned farmer who had three season failure so I had to put on my ag. advisor's hat and advise re drainage, fertiliser etc. Walked into forest for three hours following elephant tracks on old logging road. Stopped at pool at river junctions and was photographing butterflies on the sand for ten minutes when I looked up to see three elephants thirty metres away running straight towards me. Shouted - to no avail, so hightailed it at right angles across one stream. Slipped on a rock and bashed the camera and telephoto lens. All the elephants wanted was their pond where they bathed for a minute and then sped off. Meanwhile I was recovering and tried to photograph elephants but the lens jammed.

Seen wonderful birds from Argus and Zosterops and quite a few mammals but mostly squirrels in the day and monkeys.

Regards to all especially R & P.
All the best to Greg.

Gordon.

One of Stacey Thompson's workmates apologised for not getting her a 21st birthday present. It seems the thoughtful gent in question was unable to borrow an oxy-acetylene set which prevented him from popping out and making a withdrawal from a convenient financial institution to acquire the necessary funds for the gift.

Such gallantry and noble intentions thwarted by some obscure regulation preventing people keeping oxy-acetylene sets in their rooms at Bogga Road Jail.

. Who is Warwick and what is Charleville? Find out in future issued of the newsletter. (if anybodies out there)

. Reply to request about changes to 'Rainforest Bird Key'. I feel that these keys are a great resource for school groups and the general public I can't see any problems with the present format. The only significant problem with the key is that it won't open the front door! I'll have as many as possible and as soon as possible.

. Recent slip of the tongue had Francis Hrdina calling the EMG the EBG - something between an electric song and dance band and the Russian KGB.

. Good humoured harassment of Vic Bushing (MB) about District Rangers and pet parks brought about the comment that 'that's when its time for a transfer' had Mr. Quick Quip Mark Gough reply 'and he's cruel to his pets so thats why we're not giving him his own park!!'

. Have you wondered why its not Queensland Wildlife and National Parks Service or Wildlife and Reserves Service. Then our initial would be WARS.

. Have you ever wandered why in the women's toilets on parks they have all those little pieces of toilet paper torn up and scattered about? Suggestions for why this only happens in the Women's would be appreciated in solving a long standing mystery. The secret to picking them up is not one by one but dunk your hand in the nearest water trough and collect by spreading hand over paper pieces.

. The Wide Bay-Burnett Sub-regions rubbish run now extends south to Head Office and Moggill when funds are low, fuel scarce, supplies short and fingers itchy.

Newsflash Trish and Gavin Gilmour are the proud parents of baby boy Douglas William James Gilmour. We've got his name down for the Moggill Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service Cricket team.

This is a short account of Darryl Reimer's recent fishing exploits when, he caught a small sea bird which. I won't describe but I'm sure from the title and certain inferences in the story I'm sure you'll guess what it was.

The story goes that Darryl and a mate decided to go fishing because the weekend turned out real fine. Darryl had only just wet his line, as it turned out, when he felt a sharp tug on his line. He reeled his line in rapidly and to his astonishment saw that he had caught a small sea bird. He frantically fought the bird for a number of minutes managing to tern it around many times. Darryl then terned, to his mate and said 'Look what I've caught' and to his embarrassment saw that he had a large group of amused onlookers. Darryl didn't know just which way to tern so he reterned to his task.

At first Darryl was afraid the bird had taken his line internally but once he had reeled the bird in he found to his disgust that it was only tangled in his line.

By this time Darryl was ready to do his tern. He again terned to his mate and said 'This is a great tern up for the books'.

His mate then came over and helped him untangle his line and they reterned the bird to the wild. Darryl said to his mate 'Thanks, now what can I do for you?' and his mate said 'Why?' and Darryl replied, 'Because one good tern deserves another'.

They then both reterned to their fishing but not before they had gathered up lots of rocks leaving no stone unterned. Whenever any sea birds looked like approaching their lines they took it in terns to leave no tern unstoned.

Storyteller a Moggill Intern.

. A mantis is needed for a Tv Ad. If you know where they frequest please phone Phil Ross on 07/8521750 so he can come and film it.

Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam
and the tourists arrive cum wot may,
where seldom is heard a sensible word,
and the smoke clouds billow all day.

Friday 19 July, Buffalo decided to visit
Cooloola without a permit.

Saturday 20 July, buffalo seen in surf
on Teewah Beach.

Sunday 21 July, Stan Powell (escapee
from Liverpool) checks out Teewah area
with Ron Turner et al (head office
procrastinates).

Friday 26 July, Buffalo Batt and
Assistant Stan (head office procrastin-
ates) locate herd near National Park
between Lakes Cootharaba and Cooroibah.

Monday 29 July, Buffalo Batt and
temporary assistant 2nd class Ruth Feber
(ex-Oxford University in England, turt?)
looking for buffalo in same area; find
persons camping or habitating in a
hired houseboat moored thereat -

Batt asked houseboat persons - "Have
you seen any waterbuffalo?"

The male houseboat person assumed an
expression of extreme vagueness and
replied "Well, I dunno - are they
little creatures?"

Beam me up, Scotty.

Thursday 1 August, Head Office persons
arrive! SES helicopter (complete with
infared sensor) flies about for 3 hours
and locates herd again, but don't do
anything else.

Anyone else want to locate Buffalo in
Cooloola - a great tourist industry in
the making. Why not try for the Guinness
Book of Records as the person who
located the Cooloola Buffalo herd the
most times.

Toowoomba's new wildlife ranger has
been letting the wildlife work come
ahead - trying to produce children now
that he's a member of a one income
family.

At a recent interpretative talk, one
of our senior Service staff introduced
his female workmate to the audience,
a group of 'elderly singles'.

'Now I shouldn't be here' he said
'because I'm married. But I've
got one of my staff here to help
me. She's single. Stand-up so
everyone can see you.....'

After his deep and meaningful
delivery, the senior service staff
member was seen flying through stain-
glass windows to escape the
wrath of his female staff workmate
after she faced offers and invitations
from the male section of the elderly
single audience.

Gary Innis has been revealing all!
During one lunch hour he talked to
'anyone who happen to be around'
about his findings during 5 years
of study on rainforest pigeons.
Some want a rerun and others who
missed out want a repeat, but Gary's
not convinced.

(We want a rerun Gary).....
signed

After half a day in the field Smokie
Dawson asked his 3 workmates to wait
outside the Kilcoy toilets while he
charged into his Regional Director's
atire (to help him win the day at
a 'deer' meeting).

His 3 workmates waited outside with
growing interest when 2 bikies - a
guy and girl, pulled up and strolled
into the mens toilet.

Moments later Noel appeared with a grin
from ear to ear. 'You fellows arn't very
good watchdogs' was his solitary
comment.

What is Chris Murphy growing on his
10 acre block outside Toowoomba? Native
trees to attract butterflies and birds?
No.....Potatoes silly!

Change to phone numbers and addresses.

Freshwater change of phone number to (071) 497959.

Fleay's additional new phone number is (075) 562767.

St. Helena Island new phone number is (07) 3965113.

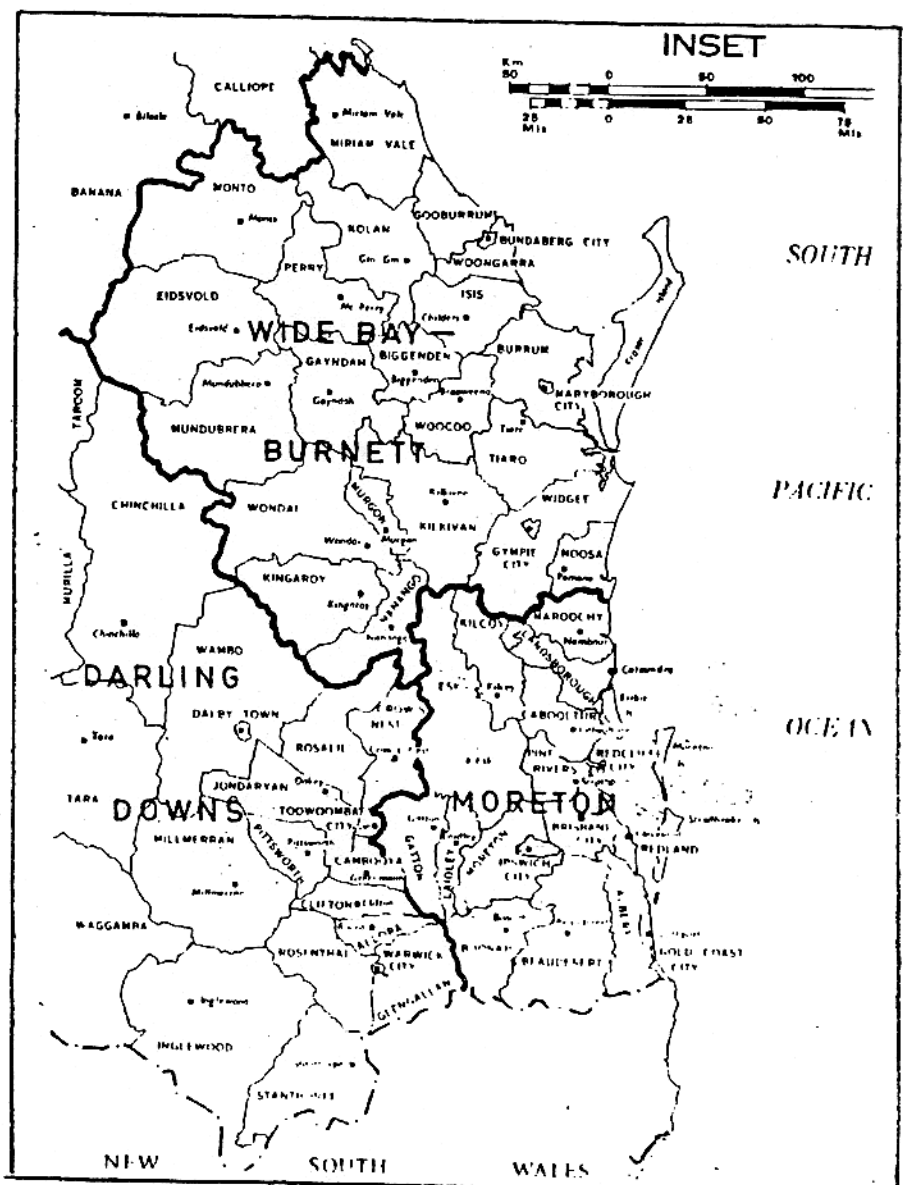
Mon Repos E.P. is now on the phone (071) 792628. Send mail - Mon Repos Environmental Park, C/- Turtle Sands Caravan Park, Bargara, Qld. 4670.

New mail address for Kinaba - Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service Box, Elanda Point via Tewantin, Qld. 4565.

Elanda House phone number (071) 853245.

Regional Staff

Noel Dawson, Regional Director
Mark Gough, Management Officer
for the Southern Region.
Administration Staff at Moggill.



District Dialogue — Wide Bay Burnett

Bundaberg District

Woodgate National Park - C.E.P. Project completed - (4 men x 20 weeks) -

- groundsel eradication,
- campground redevelopment,
- construction - causeway bridge - pedestrian,
- construction - showers,
- walking track and firebreak construction,
- birdhide,
- Service ramp.

Mon Repos Environmental Park - (10 people - 5 female and 5 male x 40 weeks) C.E.P. scheme half way -

- 5000 trees planted,
- pondage area completed and filled,
- boardwalk - almost completed,
- facilities building - finishing touches - one month to complete,
- campsite (for staff and volunteers) underway,
- workshop complete,
- access - in use (gravel),
- Kanaka wall - clean up of weeds and some reconstruction,
- old rubbish dump - covered and being revegetated,
- prickly pear control - halfway.

Auburn River - Plans to build walking track - volunteer project.

Burning programs undertaken - Woodgate and Mon Repos.

Gympie District.

Moves are afoot to make land on top of Mt. Coolum an Environmental Park. The flat mountain top is clothed in heath vegetation. Spectacular views of the coastline can be seen. At present access is via rough tracks. Ron Turner is keen to check this area for ground parrot.

A visitor survey is to be carried out at Noosa National Park. The Noosa Shire Council Tourism Consultant, Rob Tonge has volunteered the Services of a C.A.E. student to undertake the survey. Mike Harris will be working with the student to ensure the project produces information the Service needs.

Controlled burning has been carried out recently at Cooloola with the use of a helicopter and incendiary capsules.

Noosa National Park - controlled burning by staff from the ground.

Kinaba's new display is still underway. Designer Maria Wrench has been hard at work. For the optimists - TSB plans to complete it by August 1985. Hopefully it will be complete by Christmas.

Liaison with private tourism outlets to improve visitor information and displays they produce has begun.

Water buffalo are on the loose near Cooloola National Park. Last seen camped on the shores of a lagoon on the south side of Noosa River.... See the 'Ratbag' section for further amusement.

One of the staff at Noosa National Park recently lost his bed and boots so that Tina Doulton could be filmed live in "A day in the life of a Ranger" for a video which was shown at the RNA.

Bird watching is great at Kinaba at present. All varieties (see Dave).

Prolific growth of an aquatic weed has resulted in an influx of water birds. This weed appears to increase in abundance every 7-10 years. Local staff believe that this may explain partly, why Kinaba is where it is - 'cause that decision to site it there was made 7-10 years ago!

Great Sandy District

Cooloola at present is endowed with 10 well endowed C.E.P. workpersons who have adjusted well to their task of building a wooden road which consists of 7776 pieces of wood and 25,316 bolts. They started with a giant jigsaw and now have a road which could go into the Guinness Book of Records as the longest wooden road on a sand base. I give top marks to all concerned. Doug Reinke and Bill French think they'll need a holiday after the C.E.P. project is completed.

Great Sandy National Park is still under Overseer Walk-about control the work is good and the fishing is bad and all wonder when the Authority will take control. And have they considered the pensioner's for a rebate to the scheme?

Whose who in Wide Bay Burnett -

Bundaberg

Paul Kummerow, Senior Overseer
Acting District Ranger,

Fraser Island

Dan Eckert, Overseer
Peter McDonald, Ganger
Merve Toms, Ganger
Ron Walk , Overseer-in-Charge

Freshwater

Ross Davidson, Workperson
Bill French, Overseer Div II
Robert Fewtrell, Workperson
Kevin Shaw, Workperson

Gympie

Gerri Kluver, Overseer Div II
Ron Turner, District Ranger
Greg Walker, Senior Overseer

Kinaba

Dave Batt, Overseer Div. II
Stan Powell, Overseer Div III

Kondalilla

Peter Shirley, Ganger

Maryborough

Bill Alston, Overseer Div II
Kevin Bade, Regional Superintendent
Debbie Croft, Overseer Div II
Mark Johnston, District Ranger
Lyndal, Kaye, Workperson
Paul Sheehy, District Wildlife Ranger

Mon Repos

Mark Deacon, Overseer Div III
Jim Randall Worker

Noosa

Bob Christie, Overseer
Ned Pinwill, Workperson
Ron Sternberg, Overseer Div II

Woodgate

John Burne, Overseer Div I

District Dialogue — Downs¹⁹ South-West

Northern Downs District

Notes from Bunya Mountain National Park -

- a trial use of wheelie bins is being undertaken with the aim of reducing labour and other costs associated with rubbish collection, a full report to follow after the trial
- picnic ground and car park redevelopment is underway.

Notes from Ravensbourne and Crows Nest National Park -

- both parks have recently proved very popular for school groups.

Notes from Sundown National Park -

- firebreaks are complete in preparation for controlled burning of parts of the National Park.

Notes from Lake Broadwater Environmental Park -

- work continuing on the NHA sponsored Bicentennial project to document the natural history of the park and environs.

Southern Downs District

Notes from Main Range National Park - thought being given to a management plan for Main Range.

- the Spicer's Gap developments are well underway as a CEP project.

Notes from Girraween National Park -

- wildflowers are starting to flower
- Qld Recreation Week -
- Qld Recreation Week was held between 21-27 July 1985 and the Service arranged a series of activities, co-ordinated by District Ranger Brett Porter, in conjunction with Qld Recreation Council in Warwick,
- these activities were
- guided walks at Sundown National Park,
- spotlighting walks at Main Range for Warwick and district residents,
- guided walk for handicapped children at Girraween, and a
- display featuring wildlife and RNC material as well as Army equipment and a talk about bush survival (in Warwick).

Other notes from Downs and South-West -

- the Service now has a full-time carpenter, Peter Burchard, employed in the sub-region. He is presently involved in construction of the Queen Mary Falls toilets.

Toowoomba to host the forthcoming R/S conference during the first week of September. A conference for the wildlife section, Southern Region, will be held at Lake Broadwater later that week.

Brett Porter, on transfer to Hermitage

Youth on the Rim Walk -

- a 23 day walk, co-ordinated by the Service and Queensland Recreation Council is tentatively planned to commence about the 5 October 1985.
- the walk is planned to cover the whole Scenic Rim from Mr. Beau Brummel to Point Danger and it will be one of the activities planned for International Youth Year.

Whose who in Downs South-West -

Bunya Mountains

Glen Gray, Ganger
Neil Taylor, Overseer Div III
Doug Reinke, Senior Overseer (soon)

Charleville

Peter McRae, Ranger
Frank Manthey, Wildlife Overseer Div III
Greg Wellard, Zoologist Div II Ranger

Crows Nest

Paul Devine, Workman
Rodney Hancock, Overseer Div III
Errol Ryan, Overseer Div I

Cunningham's Gap (Main Range)

Joe Adair, Ganger,
John Carter, Ganger
Dennis Dray, Senior Overseer

Girraween

Bill Goebel, Workperson
Hock Geobel, Workperson
Colleen Gravatt, Overseer Div 111
Laurie Shelley, Overseer Div I
Brett Roberts, Overseer Div I
(soon)

Hermitage - Warwick

Sandra Amos, Scientific Assistant
John James, Zoologist
Noel Jonsen, Overseer Div I
Bob Laws, Overseer Div I (soon)
Tom Kirkpatrick, Admin. Officer &
Chief Research Officer
Tony Searle, Senior Ranger
Brett Porter, District Ranger Div II
Rowland Dowling, Ganger

Kingaroy

Stuart James, Chief Management Off.

Lake Broadwater Environmental Park

Vic Wood, Overseer Div II

Sundown

Peter Haselgrove, Overseer Div II

Toowoomba

Peter Burchard, Carpenter
Peter Cantarella
Shamus Conway, Wildlife Ranger
Chris Murphy, District Ranger
Don Seton, Regional Superintendent
Gordon Stone, Regional Interpretive
Officer
Roger Turnbull, District Wildlife
Ranger
Liz Farrington, Workman (temp)
Greg Oliver, Ganger.

District Dialogue — Moreton

Moreton Bay District

Prisoners have been assisting St. Helena Island staff with maintenance and construction work.

. Two new positions have finally become available for St. Helena Island.

Weeds are now at an all time low. New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service Park design toilet now on-site on the island.

Moreton Island 'sunmap' now completed and on sale. Vic managed to 'slight of hand' the model used to produce contour shading for map.

Carport and storage shed now completed on Moreton Island, Canning and Central Scenic Rim.

Canning & Central Scenic Rim District

Maiala National Park staff John Ravenscroft and Tim Moore have recently finished with C.E.P. project developing picnic area and car park - still a long way to go though.

John has read the park archives and written a history of D'Aguilar Range parks to be printed in full in a future issue of this newsletter. Hopefully other park staff will do the same.

Mt. Barney National Park has gone commercial with new picnic area and 'civilized' walking track to the Lower Portals.

Eastern Scenic Rim District

Bill Flenady has moved from decades of Natural Arch to higher ground - Binna Burra. Ernie Wilkinson has come down to earth at the Arch. Peter Chapman on the Gold Coast has more staff than a Regional Superintendent now with \$1 m C.E.P. project boosting ranks to 40 or so. The 'Tallebudgera Green-space/Brainspace' has produced a newsletter for staff called 'Paperback'.

Whose who in Moreton?

Regional Superintendent
Des Jones

Darryl Jeffries, Sub-regional
Overseer Div I.

District Rangers

Vic Bushing for Moreton Bay
Paul Grimshaw for Eastern Scenic Rim
Jerry Van Delft (Senior Overseer), Acting
D/R for Central Scenic Rim & Canning

Park Staff

Binna Burra

Percy Denning, Ganger
Bill Flenady, Overseer Div III
Trevor Toney, Workman
Rodney Toney, Workman

Boonah/Rathdowney

Peter Lehmann, Overseer Div II
Keith Sullivan, Overseer Div I

Burleigh Heads

Peter Chapman, Senior Overseer
Michael Teitzel, Ganger

Caboolture

Peter Milne, Overseer Div II
Tony O'Keeffe, Workman

Fleay's Fauna Reserve

Marion Bangay, Wildlife Overseer Div I
David McCarthy, Wildlife Overseer Div II
Gary Robertson, Wildlife Overseer, Div III
Alex Wilson, Workman

Green Mountains

Hague Best, Workman
Bronwyn Gibson, Ganger
Tony Kelly, Overseer Div III
Bob Schultz, Senior Overseer

Moreton Bay

Ian Lewis, Overseer Div I

Moreton Island

Steve Crane, Overseer III
Gec Hais, Overseer Div I
Steve Johnstone, Ganger
Rouland Hanlen, Workperson

Mt. Glorious

Tim Moore, Ganger
John Ravenscroft, Overseer III

Natural Arch

Liam Siddell, Ganger
Ernie Wilkinson, Workman

St. Helena Island

Rob Squires, Ganger
Stacy Thompson, Ganger

Springbrook

Pat Denning, Overseer Div III

Michael Hall, Overseer Div I

Neil Hansell, Ganger.

Mark Worthington, Workperson

Tamborine

Robin Best, Workperson

Neville Buckley, Overseer Div III

Raymond Curtis, Workperson

Edward Hansford, Workperson

John Johnstone, Senior Overseer

John Hughes, Workman

Venmon's

Paul Duncomb, Workman

Possum Profile



The year 1985 has seen the retirement of two long serving staff from our Southern Region. The following paragraphs have been compiled to commemorate their service.

This Easter saw the retirement of Ted Griffin after nearly 20 years service to the Queensland Forestry Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Ernie Wilkinson, who is currently based at Natural Arch started work on the same day as Ted and has provided the following notes.

Ted Griffin started work in Lamington National Park on the morning of 8 July 1963 at 7.00 o'clock. He helped build part of the Tullawallal Circuit, which was stopped several times because of lack of funds and was finally completed after four years.

Ted helped to build Nagarigoon Hut. This work began in 1964. Under overseer Gus Kouskos, Ted worked on many other types of track maintenance.

Ernie Wilkinson said, 'before Nagarigoon was build we had to live in tents on a small wooden floor approximately 2 feet off the ground.' 'We had small sheds as galleys to eat and cook in'. Ernie said that food was carried in mostly of a Sunday night or evening, depending on whatever the weather. 'There was enough food to last a week at a time - through cyclone weather and all,' Ernie said.

Syd Curtis has written the following as regards this period in Lamington National Park history:

'The slab hut at Nagarigoon is a valuable link with the history of the provision of visitor facilities and the management of this park. The construction of walking tracks on Lamington, and in particular the border track linking the two accommodation lodges, was a major undertaking considering that no mechanical aids were available either for

transport or construction. The policy of the Department of Forestry was that the parks should be disturbed as little as possible and this meant keeping track widths narrow and men walked into the park and camped in tents or under tent flies. All tents and equipment had to be carried in or wheeled on wheelbarrows.

The construction of the Nagarigoon hut was a park initiative to improve working conditions. It was the brain child and hard work of Gus Kouskos who was for many years the 'Ranger' for the park and was very highly regarded, not only by his fellow workers but by many international visitors who knew him and appreciated his deep knowledge of the park and its wildlife and his dedication to both. Gus commenced work on the park in April 1937 (the year that saw the commencement of track construction on Lamington) and he died of a heart attack while working on the park in 1966.

The slab hut was constructed using slabs split and hewn from eucalyptus blown over in a storm. It provided accommodation and hot showers (utilizing a Gus-designed and built gravity fed hot-water system) several miles inside the park.

Ernie notes one particular event at Nagarigoon hut involving Ted -

'I remember one night while Ted was in Nagarigoon Hut - we had a cyclone and the wind just kept blowing harder until eventually a tree blew down over the hut. It was pitch dark and all he had to see with was a torch. Ted was in a room on his own and the tree had put holes in the iron and broken some rafters letting the water pour in.

The only thing Ted could do was move to another section of the room for the night even though he had a wet bed to sleep in.'

After being with National Parks for about 3 to 4 years Ted decided that he would like to go farming. His marriage had broken up and this helped contribute to his decision. Ted took his six children and lived in a house on an unworked farm. His eldest daughter looked after the other children.

The farm life lasted for about four years when Ted was offered a job by the present Regional Director of the Central Region, Terry Vowles, back in Forestry at Palen Creek.

He worked there for a number of years and was then transferred to Green Mountains, this time with National Parks and Wildlife Service.

'Ted Griffin has been a good worker and a good friend to his fellow workers and to the public in general. These were the sentiments expressed at Ted's farewell party at Green Mountains in April this year.

Ted's retirement sees the nearing of the end of the era of the old Forestry Department 'bushmen' within the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service.

One could safely say the Ted Griffin is this Service's foremost track work and for many years he was able to outwalk all his fellow workers. This includes even Regional Superintendent Des Jones who has been known to ask him to 'ease up'.

All of Ted's Service mates, those at O'Reilly's Guest House and the many visitors to Lamington National Park - particularly those (there's been more than a few) that Ted has gone out to rescue at all hours of night after being awoken by frantic friends - will lament Ted's retirement.

May your boots be forever tramping Ted. Best wishes from all of us where ever you lay your pack.

Lindsay Pringle began working with Forestry as a labourer back in 1974. Kev Bade, Regional Superintendent, Gympie was the Ranger for the area at the time. Lindsay rose rapidly to Acting Overseer III at Mapleton on 9 June 1975. Then he was promoted to Overseer I and by 1982 was a Senior Overseer.

Lindsay took responsibility for Kondalilla and fifteen other parks in a management area extending from Conondales to Freshwater Creek near the Redcliffe turn-off, including the Glasshouse Mountains and Railway Parks.

In 1980 a Service vehicle was provided and Lindsay became involved in the administration of other parks, eg, fuel reduction burning at Noosa, helping fight a wildfire on Fraser Island and both fuel reduction burning and wildfires in Cooloola.

Up until two years ago Kondalilla (actually, under Lindsay's house) was the sign-making centre for the Maryborough Region. Signs were routed, planed, sanded, painted and despatched from this centre. Lindsay became well known for the quality of his work and was involved with many building projects in the area including the Noosa entrance station, picnic shelters at Kondalilla and Mapleton, toilet blocks at Kondalilla and Mapleton and development of a picnic area at Tibrogargan.

For a time we lost Lindsay out of the Gympie District when boundaries were being negotiated, and when things settled, Lindsay and some of the previous management area returned to this district. However, by this time a reduction in area was welcomed as visitation to Mapleton and especially Kondalilla had increased dramatically, adding to the workload of becoming involved in wildlife matters, supervision of environmental parks and interpretation.

Lindsay was always cheerful and optimistic, even when the staff in his area were reduced from three to two, and the workload kept increasing. He was always very professional about his work and is to be commended for the high quality of development and

maintenance of the picnic areas. His assistance to regional staff was greatly appreciated; he needed no supervision, and his early retirement is a great loss to the parks, regional staff and to Service.

by Gil Field and Ron Turner.