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Hi there

Welcome to the first edition of "RINGTAIL".

It is the intention of the EDITOR and staff to print and distribute an edition of RINGTAIL each month.

But alas - this RAG is dependent on G O S S I P and before gossip can be presented THE EDITOR must
..... know ALL.

The following are circulars recently received from the Public Service Board.

Re Review of Rentals for Public Service Housing

Cabinet has approved that -

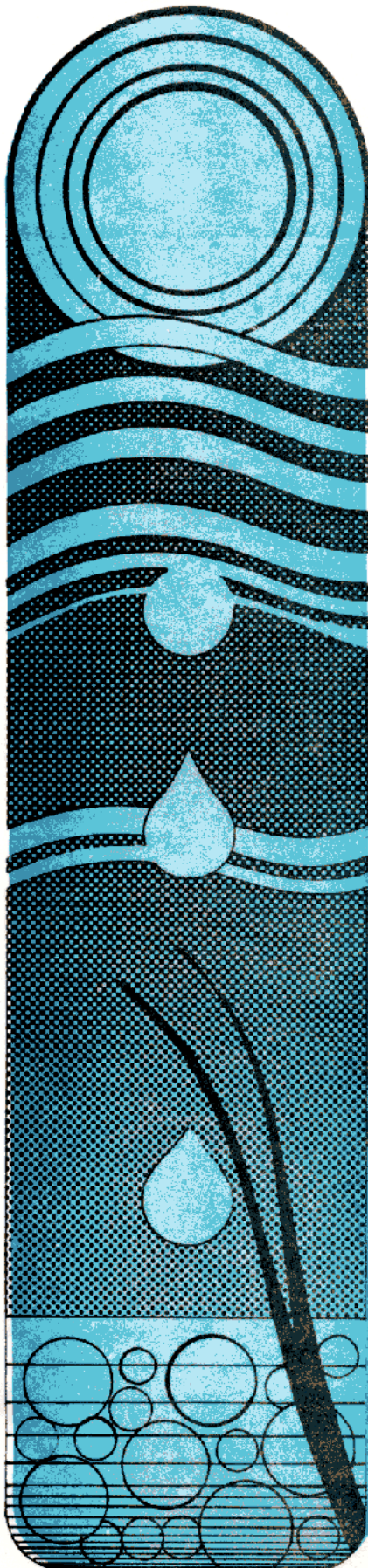
(a) Rentals be increased for -

(i) Married officers occupying Public Service Residences, in two instalments from 1 April 1979 and 1 October 1979 in accordance with the schedule on page 26.

(ii) Occupants of single officers' quarters as set out hereunder -

From Per Week	To Per Week	
\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00 \$12.00	1. 4.79 (For "below 1.10.79 standard" quarters)
\$10.00	\$15.00 \$20.00	1. 4.79 1.10.79

(b) The basic rental be rebated in respect of sub-standard accommodation according to the existing formula (provided that an absolute minimum rental of \$3.50 per week is applied).



- (c) The rebates for lack of services be increased as follows from 1 April 1979 -

<u>Service Lacking</u>	<u>From Per Week</u>	<u>To Per Week</u>
Hot Water	\$1.50	\$1.75
Septic or Sewerage	\$1.50	\$1.75
Additional if no sanitation	\$3.00	\$3.50
Garbage	\$0.90	\$1.00

- (d) Any increase will not apply to those officers -

- (i) whose rents are determined as a percentage of salary;
- (ii) whose rents are determined by Award or other specifications; or
- (iii) whose rents have been especially determined by Cabinet or by the Public Service Board for various reasons.

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Re accrual of recreation leave under the new recreation leave provisions - Regulation 60A

Public Service Board Circulars 6/78 dated 23 March 1978 and 7/78 dated 8 May 1978 set out guidelines to be followed by Departments in implementing the new recreation leave provisions under Public Service Regulation 60A.

Cases have arisen where officers desire a period of recreation leave in excess of their entitlement at the monthly due date prior to the commencement of leave but which would be available to them if leave accrued to the first monthly due date within the currency of leave for which they are eligible. Particular examples arise where officers normally take recreation leave from the beginning of a school vacation period each year and such vacation commences earlier than the previous year.

The Public Service Board has considered such cases and has now decided that as an administrative arrangement where an officer make application to be granted a period of recreation leave which would not have accrued until the monthly due date immediately after the desired date of commencement of leave and such monthly due date

is within the period of leave, Departmental action might be taken to grant such leave provided -

(a) In his application for recreation leave the officer applies for -

(i) all leave accrued at the date he wishes to proceed on leave; and

(ii) the further recreation leave he desires to take immediately following the first period of leave.

(b) The officer is not in his first year of service.

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The Director draws your attention to the following Memorandum, from the Hon. the Minister, and expects Officers of National Parks and Wildlife Service to STRICTLY ADHERE to its requirements.

MEMORANDUM:

Director,
National Parks and Wildlife Service

To summarize our recent discussion on media releases I list the following guidelines which should be followed in future:-

1. All prepared Press Statements are to be approved by my office before release.
2. Statements from the Service should be released, wherever possible, under the name of the Minister.
3. No officer of the Service has the authority to approve or distribute releases to the media.
4. Questions from the Media which relate to policy matters, criticisms of the Service or controversial issues should be directed to this office for the preparation of a reply.
5. Ministerial approval must be obtained prior to the appearance of any Service officer on an electronic media interview.
6. A copy of all new brochures and posters etc. produced by the Service must be submitted to this office prior to distribution. A Ministerial media release will then be prepared announcing the

availability of the new publication.

7. Officers of the Service at all levels should be alert to publicity opportunities which would benefit the Service and seek Ministerial participation in such opportunities wherever possible.

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HIS Excellency the Governor, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council and in pursuance of the provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1975-1976, has been pleased to appoint

ALAN PHILIP MAY

to be an Honorary Protector under and for the purpose of the abovementioned Act.

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IMPRESSIONS

- Author Brian King

It began as we stepped from our jet, the usual Qantas cattle-truck, stepped out of the clean air of 30,000 feet and entered another part of the world. It was night so our first impressions were of touch and smell. The touch of soft rain and warm heavily humid air enveloped us like a blanket and that smell, never forgotten. That first smell of Asia, not carried by that warm air but a part of it, heavy, overpowering. A mixture of - what? Frangipani, jasmine and rotting vegetation, perhaps. It was to us something unique and our senses sharpened on contact. We have smelt it many times since, in many different variations and it always has that same effect. Australia never smelled like that, it never really smelled at all, come to think of it. This was something so, well ... foreign, I suppose. We knew we were there then.

Further on across the tarmac that smell was altered by something new. A scent that can only be described as being like cloves, borne on smoke from a young Balinese airport official. Inside the building the smell was entirely cloves, from many of these strange cigarettes. We knew what they were, of course, having read all the books, but to read what kretek smells like is not to experience it. At home four years later, one day we found that same scent, this time made by the kretek-smoking proprietor of a batik shop in a Surfer's Paradise arcade. Even in that mundane setting we were carried back through four

years, to another place.

Out of the airport, past the horde of touts, shoulder-bags on our shoulders, we joined the other impecunious travellers on the local public transport, and were off to our place of rest. Not for us the cheap losmens of Kuta Beach, we had our accomodation already arranged for the night in the very expensive (at \$6.00 a night) Hotel Irama in downtown Den Pasar. When we moved out of there a couple of days later our sleeping costs dropped to \$2.00 nightly.

We are not here, however, to talk about prices, I want to talk about smells. Two more on that first night still come to mind. As we were driven along through an unbelievable assortment of unlikely traffic, sometimes in a village there was something new, a scent of food, definitely, our stomachs told us that, but what? Garlic, yes, soya sauce, meat, wood smoke too, but blended with other, unidentified characters. What was that fellow with the barrow doing as we passed? Fanning something; that's where that fragrant food smoke was coming from! Then we knew what it was - sate.

Last one for that night, a sweet memory indeed, that first encounter with Indonesian coffee. Presented in a glass with a tiny metal cap to cover it, black, too much sugar, a thick layer of gritty grounds floating on top, it was delicious. From then on, at every foodstall we would order "dua kopi, terema kasi", and wait expectantly for that simple but superb pleasure the coming beverages would bring.

To be continued ...

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MANAGEMENT PLANNING SECTION

Work has begun on the preparation of a management plan for the parks in the Stanthorpe area of south-east Queensland. Girraween is one of Queensland's best known National Parks, its most striking feature being the massive granite outcrops which occur in the area. Sundown National Park lies to the west of Stanthorpe, and like Girraween adjoins the New South Wales border.

The stories of Girraween and Sundown are intimately related. Geologically they began as part of a shared event - the ancient beds of sedimentary and volcanic rocks of the locality were intruded by the New England Batholith (of which Girraween is part) about 200 million years ago, causing the rocks which were

already there to be greatly folded (uplifted and pushed aside) and changed by heat and pressure to form traprock. The geology of Sundown has weathered to form rugged ridges and gorges - a wild landscape of angles and edges in contrast to the rounded and smoothed landscape of Girraween.

The plan presently in preparation will deal separately and collectively with the parks and proposals of the granite and traprock area to provide a plan for Service activity in this area of Queensland. The participation of other Branches and Sections of the Service in the planning process will be very important and arrangements to this end are currently being organised.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PARKS

Since the publication of the information brochure on Environmental Parks in Queensland, a further seven have been gazetted, including Mt. Zambia and Mt. Boorambool near Springsure, Thomas Island near Bowen, Mitchell Creek north of Bundaberg, Eel Creek west of Maryborough, Charlie's Hill near Ayr, Rosin's Lookout on the Beechmont Road and Turtle Rock near Binna Burra. Officially these are EP 229 St. Peter, EP 393 Dargin, EP 288 Baffle, EP 165 Inkerman, EP 1355 and 1356 Numinbah, EP 1411 Numinbah and EP 673 Boompa.

The imminent gazettal of an Environmental Park over the site of a major dinosaur trackway at Lark Quarry near Winton will mark the first venture by the Service into the protection of palaeontological sites of international significance. In November 1978 the dinosaur footprints were covered with hay and an enormous sheet of bright yellow plastic to protect them temporarily, but this is to be replaced in the near future with a specially-designed sheltering roof.

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Did you Know

Queensland's population in 1976 was 2,111,745 (1,061,472 males and 1,050,273 females)

The other day I was reading a population projection into the future. The statisticians expect Queensland's population in the year 1986 to be 2,464,796 (males 1,231,943 Females 1,232,853) and in the year 2001 to be 3,012,936 (males 1,498,464 females 1,511,472).



WOW - just look at the "fairer sex".

I suppose its because the men have the worries of the community virtually driving them into the ground.

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HONORARY PROTECTORS

In the last edition of "The Ranger" magazine (Vol 12, No. 2. November 1978) honorary protectors were asked to fill in and return an Annual Report form. Returns to date number approximately 135.

We now regard only these people, as active honorary protectors and therefore we intend to place most of our time and energy into these people. In the annual report, each honorary protector was asked to supply details of their recent activities, any special skills they possess, and which activities they would like to be involved in. Copies of these annual reports are available from Regional Superintendents, Wildlife Rnagers and from Head Office, Technical Services Section. If you feel that any honorary protectors should be commended, or reprimanded, because of their activities or behaviour, please contact Head Office.

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PLATYPUS SURVEY

As you may be aware a recent Service production is a brochure outlining the habits, behaviour and general information on the platypus. This unusual animal does occur in many areas of Queensland, but we would like to ascertain in which areas it occurs, what are the limits of its distribution. Please help us find out! On the last page of that brochure is a questionnaire; could you please fill in and return the questionnaire: Now even if you haven't seen a platypus.

It would be appreciated if you could continue to supply further information, especially confirmed sightings by locals. or information on how the distribution has altered in recent years.

So far there has been a particularly good response from Rangers at Carnarvon National Park and from the Atherton Tableland.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

Brisbane Field Staff

Bob McQueen	Regional Superintendent
Bill Whiteman	Ranger
Margaret Woodland	Overseer

Lamington - Binna Burra

Neil Hansell	Overseer
Percy Denning	Ganger
Trevor Toney	Worker
Ron Toney	Worker
Paul Curtis	Worker

Lamington - Green Mountains

Bernie Moloney	Overseer
Pat Denning	Worker
Ed Griffin	Worker
Darrell Jeffress	Worker

Springbrook

Earnie Wilkinson	Overseer
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Perc Window	Worker
Chris Thiesfield	Worker

Mt. Tamborine

John Johnstone	Overseer
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Ted Baxter	Worker
Ted Hansford	Worker

Natural Bridge

Gill Field	Overseer
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Mt. Glorious

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Ken Stevenson	Worker

Cunningham's Gap

Laurie Shelley	Overseer
Dennis Dray	Overseer
Trevor Howard	Worker

Girraween

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Bill Goebel	Worker
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Gerri Kluver	Overseer (Maryborough)

Woodgate

Richard Dwyer	Overseer
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Carol Wilkinson	Worker

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Mark Johnston	Overseer
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Noosa

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Ned Pinwell	Worker

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Worker

Mapleton

Lindsay Pringle

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Ganger
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Worker

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(Rockhampton)

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Overseer (Rockhampton)

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Don Ringuet
Fred Looke
Andy Peach
Ray Hutchinson
Tom James
Clary Watson

Overseer
Overseer
Overseer
Worker
Worker
Worker

Seaforth

Doug Schulz
"Tug" Wilson
Jack Giles
Tony Eggerling

Overseer
Overseer
Worker
Worker

Eungella

Veron Hansen
Gerry De Roo
Mike Pearson

Overseer
Ganger
Worker

Kepple Island

Brian Morris	Overseer/Skipper
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Yeppoon

Ivan Smith	Overseer
Kev Wass	Worker

Miriamvale

Col Gordon	Overseer
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Carnarvon

Bill Morley	Overseer
Steve Murray	Overseer
Lindsay Charman	Overseer
Neil Hoy	Worker
Mike O'Connor	Carpenter

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Jim Wilkinson	Regional Superintendent (Cairns)
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Jim Evans	Worker
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Lake Eacham

Garry Wieden	Overseer
Noel Browne	Overseer
Steve Baldwin	Worker

Barron

Ed Power	Overseer
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Mt. Spec

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Palmerston

Jim Denison	Overseer
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David Heeb	Worker

Ingham

Bert Kluver
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Worker

Magnetic Island

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Worker

Mt. Elliott

Neville Abbey
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Overseer
Worker

Cardwell

Don Duffy
Mark Planck
David Green
Allen Russell

Overseer
Overseer
Overseer
Worker

Cairns

Dorothy Finch
Brian Cifuentes

Overseer
Overseer

WILDLIFE RANGERS

Ian Bradshaw
Mike Connolly
Peter Hensler
Merv Parker
Gary Rees
Roger Turnbull
Mark Weaver

Rockhampton
Townsville
At present in Brisbane
Brisbane
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Charleville
Cairns

FAUNA SQUAD

Laurie Witham
Glen Wardrope

Based at Yeerongpilly.
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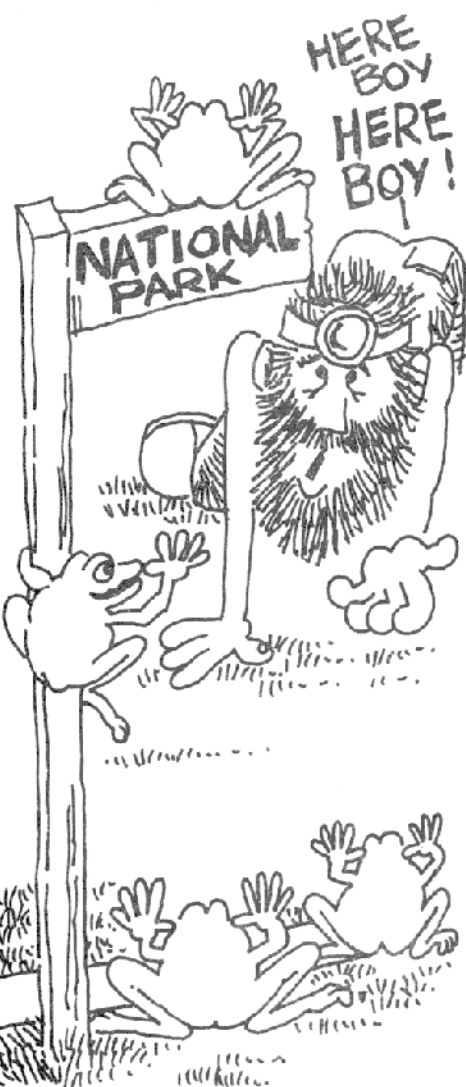
Research and Planning Branch - An Introduction -

Damian McGreevy

In my role as Research and Planning Branch liaison officer I am often questioned on the work undertaken by the branch, the officers involved, their locations, designations and particular research interests.

This, the inaugural issue of our Service newsletter, provides a useful opportunity for me to answer some of these queries.

Footnote...
Research should
be done outside
National Parks..
where ever
possible....



As most Service staff would be aware the research and planning branch was formed by the amalgamation of research staff from the Department of Primary Industries Fauna Conservation Branch and from the National Parks section of the Forestry Department when the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service was brought into being in 1975.

The responsibility given to the new Service was to conserve nature in Queensland by managing the State's fauna, flora and landforms and by reserving and managing land for national park and other nature conservation purposes.

The Research and Planning Branch fulfills a role in this overall responsibility by acting as the permanent technical advisory body to the National Parks and Wildlife Service and through its Minister to the Queensland Government on the qualities and quantities of the fauna, flora and landforms of the state; on appropriate methods of conserving the natural resources and on related matters ranging from optimum recreational uses of these resources to suitable pest control measures.

An experienced professional and technical staff gathers information in these areas that are presently little known but obviously the most important for any State on the Australian continent.

A Research and Planning Branch staff of some 45 officers is now distributed in different parts of the state and field work covers the entire 1,728,000 km² region. Officers are based at a variety of locations including head office (6th Floor, 138 Albert Street, Brisbane), the Southern Regional Centre (Hermitage Research Station via Warwick), the Northern Regional Centre (Pallarenda via Townsville), Yeerongpilly field office (c/- Animal Research Institute, Fairfield Road, Yeerongpilly), Rockhampton field office (c/- Capricornia College of Advanced Education, Rockhampton), Kingaroy field office (c/- Department of Primary Industries, Kingaroy), and the Cairns field office.

The branch is broken into five main sections on the basis of function. These are (a) Central Administration

- (b) Field Studies
- (c) Data Bank
- (d) Land Use Planning
- (e) Management Research.

Briefly, as the name implies, central administration accepts responsibility for both the long and short term administrative requirements of the branch. The

following officers are attached to this Section.

Name - Dr Hugh Lavery Designation - Branch Director
Location - Head Office
Research interests - Research Administration, Ornithological research background (waterfowl).

Dr. Tom Kirkpatrick - Chief Research Officer
Southern Regional Centre
Centre Administrative Officer; research editor; macropod research (kangaroos); fauna surveys (Warwick, Millmerran, Stanthorpe, Bulloo) fauna habitat evaluation.

Carolyn Sandercoe - Overseer II Project Officer
(Botanist)

Head Office
O/C Nature Reference Sites Programme

Brian King - Senior Overseer; Technical Officer
(Zoologist)

Head Office
Branch Technical officer; Ornithological research background (babblers)

Sandy Amos - Laboratory attendant
Southern Regional Centre
Macropod research (kangaroos)

Joanne Shambler - Stenographer
Yeerongpilly field office
Branch secretarial duties

Bev Masterson - Clerk/Typist
Head Office
Branch secretarial duties

Karen Stallan - Stenographer
Northern Regional Centre
Branch secretarial duties

Noel Jonsen - Overseer III
Southern Regional Centre
Macropod research (kangaroos); maintenance of research facilities.

The Field Studies section is responsible for obtaining a comprehensive basic knowledge of the pristine circumstances presently pertaining to the native fauna, flora and the natural landforms of Queensland. The section comprises the following officers;

Gavin Blackman - Senior Zoologist; Section Head
Northern Regional Centre
Centre Administrative Officer, waterbird research
(cranes), Fauna surveys (Charters Towers)

Dr. John Winter - Senior Zoologist
Northern Regional Centre
Possum research; Fauna surveys (McIlwraith Range)

Ol Limpus - Zoologist Div I
Northern Regional Centre
Sea turtles, sea snakes, crocodiles, herpetology
general, Fauna surveys (Mitchell River)

Elizabeth Gleeson - Zoologist Div. I
Yeerongpilly field office
Native rodents

John James - Zoologist Div. I
Southern Regional Centre
Water Rats

John Toop - Senior Overseer; Project officer
(Zoologist)
Rockhampton field staff
Caves, Ghost bats

Peter Johnson - Senior Ranger
Northern Regional Centre
Macropod research (wallabies); fauna surveys
(Townsville, Lower Burdekin River)

Peter Amos - Senior Ranger
Yeerongpilly field office
Macropod research (potoroos), fauna surveys
(Millmerran Shire)

Bruce Lawrie - Ranger Div. II
Northern Regional Centre
Mammals (koalas, wallabies), waterbirds
(whistling ducks), Fauna surveys (Emerald,
Charters Towers)

David Locke - Ranger Div. II
Northern Regional Centre
Waterbirds (cranes); Fauna surveys (Charters Towers)

Rob Atherton - Ranger Div. II
Northern Regional Centre
Possums, fauna surveys (McIlwraith Range)

Barry Lyon - Overseer III
Northern Regional Centre
Crocodiles, fauna surveys (Mitchell River),
herpetology general

Valonna Baker - Overseer II (part-time)
Northern Regional Centre
Sea turtles

David Walter - Overseer III
Northern Regional Centre
Sea turtles

Data Bank section is empowered with maintaining and co-ordinating the volume of biological data accumulated by the branch. Officers involved include:

Dr. Greg Gordon - Senior Zoologist; Section Head
Yeerongpilly field office
Macropods (wallabies), Bandicoots, koalas, fauna surveys (Emerald)

Dr. Bill Lavarack - Senior Botanist
Yeerongpilly field office
Orchids, Botanical surveys

Dick Allison - Zoologist Div. I
Yeerongpilly field office
Bats, Taxonomic investigations

Damian McGreevy - Senior Ranger
Head Office
Research Liaison, koalas, fauna surveys (Bulloo Shire)

Keith McDonald - Ranger Div. II
Yeerongpilly field office
Herpetology general, rain forest disturbance studies, Fauna surveys (Kilcoy); data collation

The objective of the Land Use Planning Section is to examine all material produced in the field with a view to preparing and defending appropriate land use plans. That is, the section will in due course develop the results of the efforts of the Data bank section. Officers involved include:

John Martin - Senior Zoologist; Section head
Yeerongpilly field office
Regional Resources Map - fauna, fauna surveys (Stradbroke, Moreton Islands), genetic investigations (native mammals)

Peter Stanton - Senior Botanist
Cairns field office
Regional resources map - flora, extensive experience in evaluation of the state's flora resources

Rev. Stewart James - District Experimentalist Div. I
Kingaroy field office
Regional Resources Map - landforms, extensive
experience in the soil conservation field

Mick Godwin - Ranger Div. II
Cairns field office
Regional resources map - flora, experience in
soil science with the Queensland D.P.I.

he Management Research section investigates a
variety of environmental disturbance factors both
directly and indirectly caused by man. Investiga-
tions of this type are by necessity long term.
Officers involved include -

Jim McEvoy - Senior Zoologist, Section head
Yeerongpilly field office
Fauna Management Research - Vine forests (cat birds)
Macropods (kangaroos, wallabies), fauna surveys
(Booringa and Kilcoy Shires and Brisbane Airport)

Don Seton - Senior Ranger
Southern Regional Centre
Fauna Management Research - grasslands (quail,
snipe), extensive ornithological background, fauna
surveys (lower Burdekin River)

Chris Bell - Botanist Div. II
Yeerongpilly field office
Flora management research - shrublands; Palynology

Doug Crossman - Zoologist Div. II
Southern Regional Centre
Fauna management research - vine forests;
Fauna surveys (Taroom shire)

Tony Searle - Senior Ranger
Southern Regional Centre
Fauna management research - eucalypts (deer)
Fauna surveys (Stanthorpe)

Garry Innis - Cadet
Yeerongpilly field office
Flora management research - shrublands

Andrew Haffenden - Animal Attendant
Northern Regional Centre
Zoo technology

Sally Crafter - Overseer III
Yeerongpilly field office
Fauna management research - vine forests (cat birds)

In an attempt to keep Service personnel familiar with the research activities being undertaken by the branch, audio visual programmes on the various projects are currently being prepared for viewing by interested members of the Service. Head office staff can view these programmes on request to myself or the branch technical officer at any time. It is intended that these programmes will be available at other major Service centres in the future.

Programmes on the following research and planning branch projects are presently available.

1. Koala project
2. Water rat project
3. Nature Reference Sites project
4. Waterbirds - Aerial photography aspect
5. Ghost bat project
6. General fauna surveys
7. Research and Planning Branch activities
8. Fauna management research - eucalypts

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Personal Glimpse by the Possum

Each newsletter I will be here to tell you of the goings on here. This month I look at our little Christmas party held at Head Office. Who was the well known fifth floor typist caught brushing up on her knowledge of wildlife at the Christmas Party?

Seems the Service was keen to strike up new relations with other floors in the head office building at the Christmas party. Several party goers including one who croaked were seen taking the lifts to other floors.

Former police officer who visited our Christmas party won't be twirling his moustache at the National Park awards - I saw all.

I hope the people playing musical lips at our Christmas party remembered to brush with Colgate. Quite a few colds caught I hear.

Young artist type keen to strike up relationship with female in similar position. He waited till the very end of the Christmas party - but still had no offers.

Outspoken toilet "cleaner" from TSS still star struck after shaking hands with the Minister.



Female clerk who loves bird owners certainly knew how to let her hair down. Good to see.

P.S. If you didn't come to our party you missed having a ball. I'm sorry the fellows and lasses in Country areas couldn't attend but no doubt they also have stories worth telling.

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The Social Club, established two years ago, is slowly gaining momentum and enthusiasm. Unfortunately, it only covers staff members in Brisbane but we all hope that this will be remedied in the near future.

The Christmas Dinner Dance held at the Courtyard Restaurant in November was a great success. Other functions held throughout the year, namely theatre bookings, B-B-Q's and squash tournament have been well attended.

The Club is able to obtain certain goods at a discount price. "Taverncraft" offers a monthly special and their lines are popular with staff members.

The Wine order at Christmas was a colossal success.

As time goes by it is hoped that the Club will gain in members, popularity and finance.

More news in next newsletter.

Secretary

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50% of the Fauna Squad has developed a keen interest in aviculture. He is an expert at decoying, trapping and handling a great variety of "birds".

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By now your mind is running RIOT with "ideas" and "happenings" which you are anxious to have included in the next issue of "RINGTAIL".

Quick - stop reading - while its fresh in your mind - pick up your pen biro pencil or whatever and jot down those "great" ideas.

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Comments

Enthusiasm sees only the down payment.

A chief tragedy of the human race is that the war approaching always seems necessary and "inevitable"; it is only 20 years later that it is seen as avoidable and futile.

Statesmanship is harder than politics. Politics is the art of getting along with people, whereas statesmanship is the art of getting along with politicians.

Many parents speak of the population explosion as if they had nothing to do with it.

Golf is a popular method of beating around the bush.

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International Year of the Child

1979 is International Year of the Child (I.Y.C.). IYC was declared by the United Nations General Assembly, partly to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child whereby every child has the right to:-

- * affection, love and understanding
- * adequate nutrition and medical care
- * free education
- * full opportunity to play and recreation
- * a name and nationality
- * special care if handicapped
- * be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster
- * learn to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities
- * be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood
- * enjoy these rights regardless of race, colour, sex, religion, nationality or social origin.

The aims of I.Y.C. are:-

1. To encourage all countries, rich and poor, to review their programs for the promotion of the well-being of children, and to mobilize support for national and local action programs according to each country's conditions, needs and priorities.



2. To heighten awareness of children's special needs among decision - makers and the public
3. To promote recognition of the vital link between programs for children on one hand and economic and social progress on the other.
4. To spur specific, practical measures (with achievable goals) to benefit children, in both the short and long-term on the national level.

In Australia, IYC are aiming to do things which will ensure that Australia's children have the best possible care so that childhood is a purposeful, productive and enjoyable experience. The theme is "Care for Kids" (you might have heard the jingle on T.V. or radio). Things done this year are expected to have a lasting benefit beyond 1979. The I.Y.C. age group is all children from 0 to 12 years.

Committees have been set up at the national and State level throughout Australia to administer I.Y.C. The Queensland State Planning Committee for I.Y.C. is under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Underhill of the Family Law Court.

In June last year, Dr. Saunders was invited to chair the Environmental Issues Sub-Committee of the State Planning Committee. He accepted and is now also a member of the Executive Management Committee which directs and co-ordinates I.Y.C. activities in Queensland.

Regional Committees for I.Y.C. are functioning in Cairns, Townsville, Mt. Isa, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Longreach, Clermont, Dysart, Maryborough and Toowoomba.

The State Planning Committee is making funds available to successful applicants who wish to undertake programs for I.Y.C. Further funding is available from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security. I.Y.C. funds are payable to non-governmental organisations only.

For I.Y.C., the Service is involved in the production of a Fun Book and Outdoor Book for children, a Department of Education project, "What a Child Can Do", for all primary school and most pre-school children in Queensland, and the development of a living history farm for children at historical Bellevue Homestead near Coominya.

You can help by looking at the Service's existing programs for children and suggesting changes and improvements and by identifying areas where more could be done by the Service for children.

If you would like further information about I.Y.C. please contact Pamela Harmon-Price at Head Office.

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The Service issues a large number and a large variety of Permits and Licences to the public.

Since 1st January 1979 Service Staff have issued:-

43 Kangaroo - Class A Dealers Licences
43 Bird - Class C Dealers Licences
almost 600 Open Season Fauna Permits (O.S.F.P.)
153,000 Kangaroo tags
12 Permits to "Take" and "Keep" Deer.

Since September 1978: 312 Aviary Registrations.

Various other Permits including Camping Permits, Permits to Remove, Import and Birdbanding are also issued.

Permits are issued by staff in head office but certain permits including O.S.F.P. (Ducks), Aviary Registrations are also issued from Rockhampton, Townsville, Charleville and Cairns centres. Department of Primary Industries offices throughout the State issued "Permits to Remove" on our behalf.

Some 200 plus enquiries are received from the public each week by telephone and in person concerning national parks, maps, the State's fauna and flora.

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Head Office Shuffle

Where is Despatch?

I found them they acquired the office vacated by acquisitions.

We have always known the Director and his "top echelon" are watching over us. Well, because of the great expansion of the Service they have had to get a better view of things.

They are now in higher places.

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Staff Matters

Ed Power, Brian Mackness, Roger Turnbull, Paul Sheehy, Peter Hensler, M. Godwin and Garry Rees have recently been appointed Rangers. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to Gordon Wilkinson (promoted to Management Officer Division I), Alan Reeve (Staff Clerk) and Darryl Reimer (Cadet).

Martin Denny has resigned from the position of Zoologist in order to prepare comprehensive reports on his research work on arid zone ecology. Sorry to see you leave, Martin, but we look forward to renewing our acquaintance in the future.

The newly created position of Photographer and Audio-Visual Officer (I-1) will be advertised in the Government Gazette soon.

Office Furniture

The correct procedure for ordering office furniture is to complete an ordinary requisition form giving full details of items required. Vote details are not necessary as Works Department normally meets the cost.

Unfortunately, there is no way of knowing whether furniture ordered for country centres is actually received. For this reason details of furniture received should be submitted to the Clerk, Stores and Plant, who is now responsible for the ordering of same.

In the event that furniture previously ordered is not received within six months it is recommended that a further requisition be submitted with a suitable notation that a similar requisition was previously submitted. This can then be followed up and the position clarified with Works Department.

Office Accommodation

From Cleo Straphobic

Head Office accommodation has improved considerably now that the lease of much of the twelfth floor has been successfully negotiated.



It is known that considerable time and effort was put into this project in order to convince the Public Service Board of our needs and without naming any names we gratefully thank those responsible.

At last we will see the "Kangaroo Cell" combined with the other administrative section of Management and Operations Branch in office accommodation that promises to be considerably better than the existing quarters. The urgent calls for help to big Charles will now not be quite so frantic!

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From the Director

Whoever conceived the idea of "RINGTAIL" deserves high praise. What an excellent and pleasant way of keeping each one of us informed about the Service and our fellow officers.

Even though we are still small in numbers compared with many departments, because of our dispersal throughout Queensland and the diversity of our activities it is essential that we have some formal vehicle whereby news is disseminated. I'm confident "RINGTAIL" will fulfil that task. However, the continuing support of each of us is essential to continue its success.

Graham Saunders

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Quotes

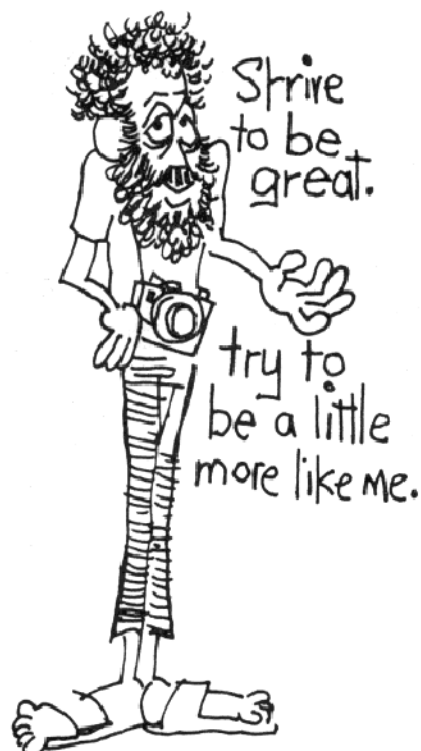
Tact is the ability to stay in the middle without getting caught there.

When a man looks a woman straight in the eyes, she'd better do something about her figure.

Instead of oil calming troubled water, it now makes waters troubled.

Marrying a man is like buying something you've been admiring for a long time in a shop window. You may love it when you get it home, but it doesn't always go with everything else in the house.

Most women, like small children, enjoy saying no; and most men, like idiots, take them seriously.



Did you know?

Our first Fauna Refuge was gazetted on 4th November, 1978 - 105 ha. - situated in the Proserpine Shire, Rockhampton Region.

There are at present three (3) Fauna Reserves within the jurisdiction of the Service, and all within Gympie Regional Management - Palmgrove, Cressbrook and Cooloola. The combined area of these three (3) reserves is 30228 ha.

The Service have a number of Departmental and Official Purposes Reserves or more commonly called D. & O. Reserves.

Our largest national park is the Simpson Desert - 505,000 ha.

The smallest is Joalah National Park - Tamborine District - less than $\frac{1}{2}$ a ha in size (.4806ha).

There are 172 Island National Parks.

25 Main Land National Parks have a coast line or beach frontage.

We total 323 national parks, with an all up area of 2,187,640 ha.

There are 73 Environmental Parks totalling 34,452 ha/

There are over 1250 Fauna Sanctuaries.

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This is our paper, every "BOD" employed in the Service, every Section, every Branch, every Centre within the structure of National Parks and Wildlife.

I would like your Copy by the last day of each month. Just address it to "RINGTAIL" Head Office Brisbane - you know the address.

Hope you liked it - see you next month.

"RINGTAIL"

PROPOSED RENTALS FOR OFFICIAL RESIDENCES FOR OFFICERS
 EMPLOYED UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD - STATE

Maximum Classif- ication	Rental Group	Present Rent Per Week	Proposed Rent Per Week	
		As from 1.10.78	As from 1. 4.79	As from 1.10.79
		\$	\$	\$
I-1	1	17.25	19.00	20.75
I-3	2	18.75	20.50	22.50
I-5	3	20.25	22.25	24.25
1-7	4	21.75	24.00	26.00
I-9	5	23.25	25.50	28.00
I-11	6	24.75	27.25	29.75
Exceeds I-11	7	26.25	29.00	31.50

In determining an officer's rental group, only the maximum of his salary range or classification is to be considered.

Except that - Officers classified S1 refer group 2
 " " S5 " " 2
 " " L2 " " 2
 " " L3 " " 1

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