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Razorback Ridge

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FEBRUARY						
1	Sat	Ewen Maddock Dam	Sue T		DW	
4	Tue	Movie Night @ Graceville – “Conclave”	Terry		Soc	
5	Wed	Coffee Night @ The Brook Hotel	Andrea T		Soc	
8	Sat	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain		DW	
7–8	Fri–Sat	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain		ON	
10	Mon	50c Train Trip Doomben to Rosewood	Greg		Soc	
12	Wed	Wooloowin to Doomben – Rail #31	Greg		Stroll	
17	Mon	AGM & Quarterly Meeting	Michele E		Meet	
19	Wed	Mt Coot-tha – Geological Stroll #04	Greg		Stroll	
22	Sat	Annual Mass and Lunch	Antonia		Sprit	
26	Wed	Milton – History Stroll #09	Greg		Stroll	
27	Thu	Chermside Hills	Greg		DW	
MARCH						
2	Sun	Clean Up Aust Day @ The Gap	Terry		DW	
4–16	12 Days	Fleurieu Peninsula and King Is, South Australia	Paulette		AT	
4	Tue	Pancake Tuesday	Mark D		Soc	
5	Wed	Mt Gravatt Central to Carindale (Salvin Creek)	Greg		Stroll	
12	Wed	Lindum to Wynnum Central; Bayside #1	Mark D	3300 0229	Stroll	
15–16	Sat–Sun	Club Hut Feast	Iain	3870 8082	ON	S43
16	Sun	Club Hut DW	Terry	3355 9765	DW	S34
19	Wed	Airport Line – Rail #32	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
22	Sat	New Farm to Southbank & Dinner	Barbara	3355 3639	Soc	
26	Wed	Opossum/Woogaroo Creeks (Springfield)	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M22
27	Thu	Razorback Ridge to The Lost World <i>Name Change</i>	John C	0433 279 771	DW	M66
29	Sat	White’s Beach – Northern NSW	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	M54
APRIL						
2	Wed	Coffee Night – <i>Linda’s Café</i> , Bulimba	Louise J	0437 447 277	Soc	
5	Sat	Bushrangers Cave to BB DW & SW	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	M44
5	Sat	Bushrangers Cave to BB DW & SW	Joe T	0426 469 704	SW	S43
9	Wed	Cross River Rail – Tunnels #01	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
16	Wed	Jindalee/Darra/Oxley – Geologic #05	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
21	Mon	Easter Mon – Pat Lawton	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M33
23	Wed	Darra to Algester – Closing the Circle	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
26	Sat	Eastern Escarpment – Mt Cotton	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	M33
27	Sun	Country Lunch	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
30	Wed	Eagle Junction to Nudgee – Rail #33	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M21
MAY						
1	Thu	Mt May (Russ 50 th Anniv + 5 in BCBC)	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	S54
2–5	Fri–Mon	Mt Kaputar	Iain	0401 429 085	BC	S34
7	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
10	Sat	Camp Mountain to Chermside	Greg	0418 122 995	DW	M34
14	Wed	Sandgate – History Stroll #10	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
15	Thu	Mt Coot-tha	Allan S	0408 758 070	DW	M34
17–18	Sat–Sun	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M34
18	Sat	Fort Lytton			Soc	
19	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Mt Coot-tha Summit to The Gap Again	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
21–23	Wed–Fri	Nth Rivers Rail Trail – Southern Section	Jan N	0401 030 137	AT	M22
28	Wed	Morningside/Tingalpa – Geologic #06	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
29	Thu	Banff Mountain Film Festival <i>Tentative</i>			Movies	
31	Sat	Ipswich Boonah Peaks	Will T	0407 960 619	DW	L44
JUNE						
4	Wed	Coffee Night – Miss Claude’s Crepes, Newmarket	Mark D	3300 0229	Soc	
5	Thu	Mt Edwards	Sue T	3366 3193	DW	M33
8–16	Wk	Rockhampton / Central Qld	Phil	5522 9702	AT	Var
11	Wed	Boondall to Shorncliffe – Rail #34	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
14–15	Sat–Sun	Brisbane Valley Rail Trail – Yarr’n/Benarkin	Louise J	0437 447 277	ON	M23
18	Wed	Airport Link Tunnels – #02	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
20	Fri	Drinks and Dinner			Soc	
21–22	Sat	Rat-a-tat Hut			ON	L35
22	Sun	O’Reilly’s			DW	L34
25	Wed	Wynnum – History #19	Greg	351 4092	Stroll	
26	Thu	Mt Zahel	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	L44
28	Sat	Mapleton to Gheerulla Falls	Sue W	0403 487 737	DW	M33

The Calendar is subject to change without notice.

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

KEY – Walk/Event Types

DW	Day Walk	BC	Base Camp
ON	Over Nighter	CW	City Walk
TW	Through Walk	SOC	Social
TRN	Training	SP	Spiritual Event
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	S&T	Safety & Training
Stroll	Stroll	AT	Accommodated Trip

KEY – Walk Grading – The Grading is for the trip as a whole, not the hardest part

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short under 10km per day	1 – Smooth reasonably flat path	1 – Basic – Suitable for beginners Up to 4 hours walking Or Flat
	2 – Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 – Basic – Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking Or Minor Hills
Medium 10 – 15km per day	3 – Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners Up to 5 hours walking And/Or minor hills
	4 – Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners Up to 5 hours walking And/Or up to 300m gain/loss
Long 15 – 20km per day	5 – Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 – Moderate – Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 450m gain/loss Agility required
	6 – Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 – Moderate – Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 600m gain/loss Agility required
Extra Long over 20km per day	7 – Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 750m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required
	8 – Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 1000m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required
	9 – Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 – Challenging – Up to 12 hours walking And/Or over 1000m gain/loss Very high fitness Endurance and agility required

Example: M48 is a Medium distance walk 10 to 15km long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, whereby the walk is hard or strenuous for fit walkers, requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER**LENT PRAYER**

Introducing Laudato Si' Lent: A Journey of Hope: Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. During this time of fasting and renewal, we are reminded of who we are, creatures completely dependent on God called to live in love and compassion with all God's creation. Catholics worldwide are uniting this Lent for a journey of ecological conversion through repentance & renewal. We acknowledge that we have ruptured our relationship with creation, and we express our sorrow for our actions. By committing to concrete changes, we'll reduce our ecological footprint and inspire our sisters and brothers around the world to join us in this conversion process!

Lord, we come before you in darkness and look for your dawn. We listen for Your still, small voice in the midst of the storm. Help us hear Your words and speak them to others. Help us change the ways we live, that we may shine a light that leads the world to You. As You brought new life to the world,

bring new life to us today, that we may share it abundantly with others. United in hope, bound by our love for each other and the home we share, we pray this in Your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LaudatoSiLent.org

POST-CYCLONE HELP

A message from the President

Committee hopes you all survived Tropical Cyclone *Alfred* without injury or damage to property. It was a stressful time in the lead-up, with minute-by-minute updates re: impending danger. We had a large club group in S.A. doing an extended walk, so unable to be at home to prepare/look after property – hope it was not even more stressful for you. If you return to discover you do need help with the clean-up, don't hesitate to call for help, even at that later time.

Members still in Brisbane: If you did have any damage, do not keep it to yourself – let fellow members know, so we can come over and help you in this time of distress. It could be physical cleaning up, bringing food over, providing a temporary roof over your head. Need a freezer to put your stuff in till your electricity is reconnected? Anything else you require help with? If you don't quite know who exactly to turn to, contact me on 0418 708 638 – for support and suggestions of who could be contacted.

We are a club – and companions on the journey of life! – so let us help each other in a special way at a time like this.

Michele

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, the Church season of Lent is just beginning and the life of Pope Francis is perhaps nearing its end. As *Laudato si: On care of our common home* is one of this Pope's great legacies and as *Laudato Si Lent – A Journey of Hope* has been prepared by the LS Movement worldwide, of which I am part, I thought this would be a good place to start our Lenten journey as a Club of Earth-lovers. See the introduction to Lent Prayer above.

An excellent example of Care for our Common Home is Clean-Up Australia Day. I was very pleased that Terry was willing to lead a group of BCBCers to clean up an area of bushland along Enoggera Creek last Sunday. Thanks to those who turned up to be part of his merry band. Although I couldn't do much myself, with a fractured spine, I came along to support these generous folk, as I think it's such an important and appropriate thing for a Catholic Bushwalking Club to do. Well done, team!

Another appropriate thing for us to do is support works of mercy that respond to 'the cry of the poor', especially the needs of those poor who are now suffering because of humans' earlier failure to hear 'the cry of the earth'. I, personally (not as President, with the explicit support of Committee) have decided to sign up for the Caritas Project Compassion Long Walk for Water and would now like to invite you all to consider joining me, as this fundraiser is particularly appropriate for a bushwalking club, since it happens to involve walking (30 minutes a day, anywhere)! If you check it out here and decide to register, you can choose to sign up – free – as an individual. Are you up for the challenge?

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/thelongwalkforwater>

Committee Matters are usually reported on here, but the March Committee meeting had to be cancelled, as too many members were unavailable, including some being away on a Club trip interstate (SA) – consequently, no decisions etc here this time. There'll be twice as much to report on next month, so watch this space!

SECRETARY REPORT

The Annual General Meeting Minutes and February's General Meeting Minutes are being sent out with this March's Jilalan.

IMPORTANT NOTE for LEADERS and CO-ORDINATORS of ALL CLUB EVENTS

At the recent BWQ meeting, all clubs were reminded of the following insurance requirements and were asked to alert Leaders/Co-ordinators to this:

To ensure that the Club is fully covered by insurance, **please remember to inform either the Outings Secretary (Russ Nelson), or the Socials Secretary (Jan Nelson) about –**

- (i) any walk/event pre-outing, and**
- (ii) any changes to advertised Club walks/events**

It is crucial that all pre-outings and changes are documented in writing for insurance purposes. This documentation will be useful if an insurance claim needs to be made. The documentation should be submitted to the Committee for record-keeping.

The details should include:

- The date of the pre-outing or changed walk/event
- A description of the actual walk or event (especially if there are any changes)
- The people involved (including those who do a pre-outing with the Leader)

Please ensure this process is followed for everyone's safety and to keep the Club's insurance coverage valid. Thank you for your cooperation!

ABOUT WALKS

Trips leave from St Brigid's carpark at 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill, unless otherwise advised.

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. <https://bcbc.space/assets/Nomination.pdf>

Leaders Notes are at <https://bcbc.bwg.org.au/assets/leading.pdf>

Pre-Outings: Leaders are to ring Russ, Ph: 0427 743 534, to advise him details of it.

If **changes** are to be made to a walk (date, location, cancellation, etc.) leaders are asked to call the Outings Secretary, Russ, to discuss the situation: Ph: 0427 743 534.

Our Leaders: Our walk leaders only lead walks that are within their ability and experience but are not formally trained or qualified in bushcraft.

Visitors are required to do at least two walks, complete the Application Form and pay the relevant subs before the Committee considers their application for Club membership.

Nominations for walks are needed at least 3 days in advance to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements such as carpooling.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH LINDUM to WYNNUM CENTRAL STROLL



Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 3300 0229
Time: 3:36pm
Meet at: Lindum Station, PI 1; 249 Sibley Rd
Cost: Free
Train: 3:05pm @ Roma Street Stn, PI 5; Cleveland train
Grade: S11
Distance: 9.2km @ 2hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.44386/153.16140&layers=Y>
End: Wynnum Central Station
Emerg Off: Mark Ph: 3300 0229

Come and be the first to stop at the new, vastly improved Lindum Station. You will be amazed at how modern it is. You have been zooming through it without stopping during the construction works. It was worth it.

The South Oz walkers are still away, so I need as many non-regular Stollers with me on this one. I feel lonely when Strolling all by myself. 😞

You will be taking a different route to the previous Stroll down this way – that one was part of the Rail Series of Strolls; this one is part of the Bay Series.

The route will mainly be along streets, but trying to find all the parks and easements I can. The Stroll is in the territory of Lindum and Wynnum Creeks, so there is a lot of water, parkland and tracks. The main bit of water is the Wynnum foreshore.

I have created an exciting mixture for you to go along and through. It is all reasonably flat with no surprising inclines. And it is short. Come down to the Bay to smell the fresh salt air, see the birds in the creeks and along the foreshore, and check out the unique shore trees, shrubs and palms.

SATURDAY 15th – SUNDAY 16th MARCH

CLUB HUT FEAST OVERNIGHTER

Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085
Meet: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12.00 midday
Cost: \$25 (car pool) \$2 (private) + food costs
Grade: S43
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan Ph: 0421 022 250
RSVP: 8.00pm Sunday 9th March



The Club Hut Feast is back. Most years the club celebrates the long history of our wonderful club hut with a feast. This is when we can leave behind all those 2-minute noodles and dehydrated meals and enjoy some seriously good tucker in the bush. What could be better than relaxing in a beautiful peaceful spot in the bush for a laid back late afternoon and evening, enjoying wonderful food and great company!

People coming to the feast provide a course or part of a course and the final menu is worked out once I have talked to all those coming. You will need to bring all the usual stuff for an overnight stay at the hut (sleeping bag, a comfy sleeping mat, etc), the food you are bringing for the feast, all your eating utensils and whatever you are eating for breakfast on Sunday morning (we bring our own meals for breakfast). Some people choose to bring in a hike tent to sleep in and hitch it in the hut paddock rather than sleep in the hut (there are bunks for nine people in the hut). Please make sure you contact me by the RSVP date if you are coming. Iain

SUNDAY 16th MARCH

CLUB HUT DAYWALK

Leader: Terry Silk Ph 3355 9765
Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$25
Grade: S32
Location: South West of Brisbane adjacent to NSW Border
Web: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/lower-portals-track>
Emerg. Off. Desley Pedrazzini Ph 3369 5530

Once again, it's time to celebrate the Club Hut's birthday. Most of the walk is on a graded track which is quite eroded. The track undulates across nine gullies with one creek crossing which can be negotiated with dry feet by rock hopping. The walk in and out takes about 2hr each way.

When we reach the hut, we will have a shared morning tea. (Please bring some food to share.) After this it may be possible to cross Barney Creek and walk 15min upstream to the Lower Portals where you could have a swim.

Lunch will be at the hut before we head back to the cars. The hut is in a very peaceful spot-on private property.

Please join me in celebrating the hut's birthday with fine food and good memories.

Terry.

**SĀTURNĪ XV MARTIUS
IDES OF MARCH
BEWARE!**

Leader: Julius Caesar Ph: IVIVIII IIII IXIXV
Time: XIam
Meet at: Senate Room, the Theatre of Pompey
Cost: Your life
Grade: SII
Web: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ides_of_March
Emerg Off: Marcus Junius Brutus Ph: IVIVIII VIIIVIII VIIIIVIII

Come along to the Senate in the Teatro di Pompeo at Largo di Torre Argentina, cnr Via del Baullari and Vicole de' Bovari. Hear the Senators speak, hear Lucius Tillius Cimber present a petition to recall his exiled brother. Listen to the silken words of Julius himself as he speaks from the big seat. See the sharp knives out on open display. Observe, listen and runnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn.

**SAT 15th to SUN 16th MARCH
GOLD COAST BUSHWALKERS CLUB
50th ANNIVERSARY**

Contact: Michelle Jackson Ph: 0421 521 716
Time: 10.00am
Where: Canungra Showgrounds
Book: Ph: 5543 5904
Cost: \$37.50 for 2 – \$35.00 for seniors powered site – or \$15.00 per night in a tent
RSVP: 11th March
Web: https://www.goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au/index.cfm?module=event&pagemode=indiv&page_id=2471862

Congratulats to the Gold Coast Club on reaching 50 years of great bushwalking.

For any other information, please contact Michelle Jackson 0421 521 716.

Visitors register by contacting the specified leader by phone.

**WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH
AIRPORT LINE – Rail #32
STROLL
The Autumn Equinox**

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 3300 0229
Time: 2:30pm
Meet at: Eagle Junction Station in the concourse
Cost: \$11
Train: 2:09pm @ Roma St Stn, PI 7; Shorncliffe train
Grade: M11
Distance: 13km @ 3+a bit hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.40419/153.08518>
End: Domestic Terminal Rail Station
Emerg Off: Mark Ph: 3300 0229

This will be a good flat Stroll initially through some back streets, then along several bike paths, and on the grass beside some bike-only paths, and finally on grassy verges of the airport roads. There won't be much shade, I'm afraid.

And you too can observe my obsession while out Strolling – stopping and looking at the planes flying over. Sheer heaven.

This one might turn out like the Port of Brisbane Stroll in the middle of last year – just a niggly feeling in the back of my mind.

After doing the 13km, I do not think many of us will want to Stroll back to DFO to catch a bus back to civilisation – it will be a few more kms. Better to suffer the expense and catch the Airtrain back to Eagle Junction or beyond.

This one is must-do if you want to complete the Rail Series of Strolls.

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH **NEW FARM to SOUTHBANK and DINNER** **SOCIAL**

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 3300 0229
Meet at: Sydney St Ferry Terminal, New Farm
Time: 4.30pm
Cost: Free
Emerg Off: Barbara E Ph: 0466 652 259



Note: Details of this social may change. Please check the *Fortnightly update* later this month for any changes.

How nice to stroll along the river with friends, followed by dinner & a ferry ride back to the start. This walk has been done a couple of times many years ago and was always very popular.

We meet at Sydney St Ferry terminal and start to walk towards the city. This will be a slow walk, plenty of time to take in the scenery and remember how it was, and admire (or lament) the changes. For those who would like a shorter stroll, there is the option of catching the ferry to Riverside before starting the walk over the bridge.

When we previously did this walk the ways of crossing the river were limited, but that now is not the case. The choice of bridge is easy – we walk the new Kangaroo Point bridge! So over the bridge, then along the walkway to Southbank where we will have dinner.

After dinner there are a couple of options. Catch the ferry back to New Farm from Southbank; or cross over the river and go up to the Skywalk at the *Star* to admire the city lights before taking the ferry or walking back to New Farm.

I hope you can come along for a good evening. Please contact me so I can book for dinner.

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH **OPOSSUM / WOOGAROO CREEKS** **STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 1:54pm
Meet at: Springfield Central Station – the last station – do not get confused with another station with a similar name
Cost: Free
Train: 1:15pm @ Roma St Stn, PI 8; Springfield train
Grade: M22
Distance: 14km @ 4hr
Location: Springfield Central, Springfield, Bellbird Park, Camira, Goodna
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.63917/152.92702>
End: Goodna Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

We have Strolled Opossum Creek twice before, but by following the Left Branch. Now it is time to branch out and to follow the Right Branch. This is the Stroll from Springfield Central Station along the byways to the Anglican School, then into that large piece of bush.

This time, the beginning is the same, following the path to the Anglican School, then into that big surprisingly nice piece of bush. However, from here on the similarities disappear. Soon entering the

bushland, you take a left turn (and I like these names) Stroll along these tracks: Bee Run, Opossum Creek Run, Nick's Crossover and Fisher's Dead End. Then back to suburbia for a little while so you can join up little parks along the way (like little beads on a rosary) to the mighty Brisbane River into which Woogaroo Creek mixes it's waters.

While in this bush, one would not believe they were in the middle of the burbs. Not a roof to be seen, not a manmade sound punctures the ears; it is all green and very lovely. The tracks we have been on already are well made fire roads, broad and reasonably straight. The new ones above may be slightly more like tracks as suggested by their names. In the wet, it could be a little boggy and slippery – though Strollers find this fun and adventurous. Look for that infamous spot where the sewerage main bust out of the manhole.

The end is Goodna Rail Station where numerous trains will take you back to Bris Vegas – they come every half-hour on the .27pm and .57pm. There is not much hope of getting from the end back to the start – it is a longish train journey. The trains will be the better option.

THURSDAY 27th MARCH RAZORBACK RIDGE TO THE LOST WORLD DAYWALK

Leader: John Carter Ph: 0433 279 771
Meet: St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$25.00
Grade: M87
Emerg Off: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534



After doing two pre-outings on Lamington's western ridges, we will climb the Razorback to Lost World plateau.

We start early, in the Left Hand Branch of the Albert River, and cross a friendly farmer's property up to the saddle of Razorback Ridge. Views of Castle Craig and Pat's Bluff to our left. The Ridge is a typical dry, open eucalypt forest with grassy understorey, which gradually narrows down to 1 to 2 metres. We will visit Toolona Lookout.

As we climb, there are a couple of large rocky outcrops, which we will contour around with care. I hope to have time to climb onto the Lost World, which requires contouring below the cliff line.

Please bring 2 to 3 litres of water, as it maybe humid. Give me a call to discuss, if you are interested in this walk. It would be ideal to have a 4WD drive to reduce walking in the valley and 5 creek crossings.

P.S. The other pre-outing was to Mt Gipps and we can do this easier walk another time.

John

SATURDAY 29th MARCH WHITE'S BEACH DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet time: 6.30am
Meet place: St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Cost: \$30
Distance: 13km
Grade: M43



I can highly recommend this trip as it has absolutely gorgeous views and lovely secluded beaches, especially White's Beach where there is a cave.

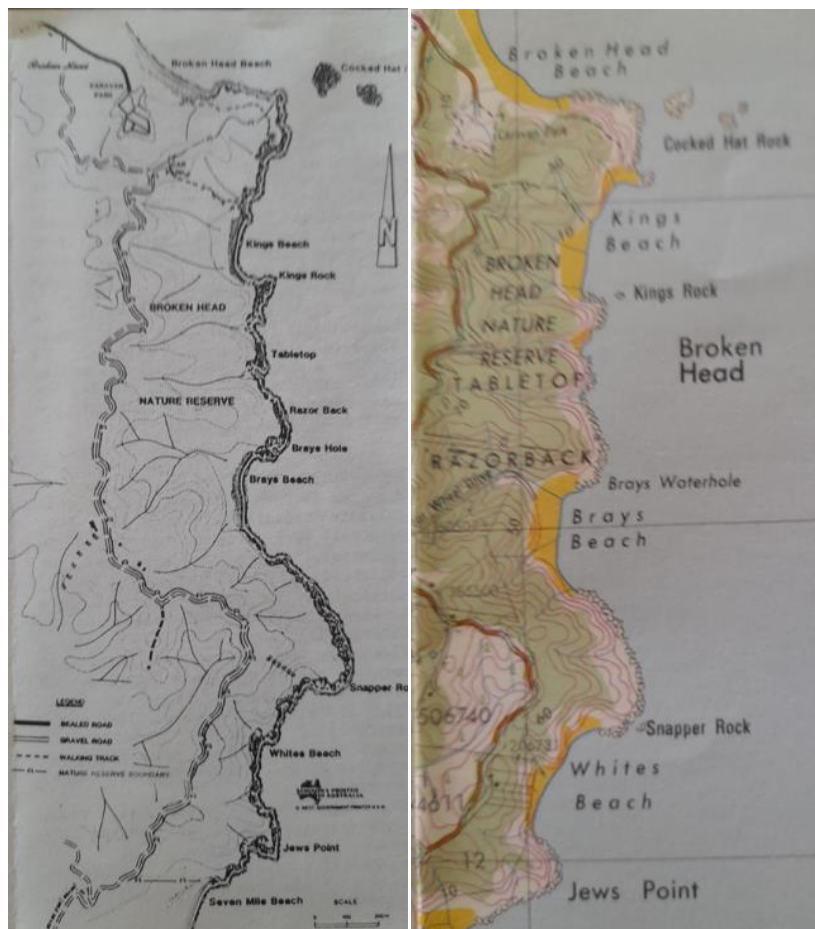
There is some walking around a few rock shelves to make it interesting, which requires care, and two very short uphill sections. You need sturdy shoes and, I suggest, garden gloves as the rocks have gnarly edges. In total, the rock hopping is only about 20 minutes.

Leaving Red Hill at 6.30am it is a 2hr drive – distance 177km. There will be a morning tea stop at the Chinderah Service Centre. So I expect to start walking just before 9.30am to allow the tide to drop before we go around the rocks.

We drive down to Suffolk Park – just south of Byron Bay – and park at the end of Clifford Street and start the walk there, and walk south to Broken Head (1.5km); next do a track walk around Broken Head (800m), and a rock hopping section for 300m to Kings Beach (about 300m long). After this, rock hopping between beaches (600m) to Brays Beach (about 400m long), then up the stairs to the road, where a track takes the party to the headland (300m), and down the ridge for 100m to White's Beach. The return is via the road or the coast. Total Distance about 13km. For those interested there will be time for a quick swim at White's Beach during our lunch break.

Come along on a lovely trip with magnificent views, lots of beach walking and bush walking. The Club has only this walk once before back in 2015.

I hope you can join us as it could be years before we do this trip again since it is a long way from Brisbane. It is a long way there but better to do it now while you can. Phil



WEDNESDAY, 2nd APRIL COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Louise Jones Ph: 0437 447 277

Meet at: Linda's Café & Restaurant, 136 Oxford Street, Bulimba

Time: 6.00pm

Cost: Appetisers between \$10 and \$25
Mains usually to \$28

Web: www.zmenu.com/lindas-cafe-and-restaurant-bulimba-online-menu/

Linda's Café is a modern restaurant with loads of genuine charm located in the heart of the Oxford Street eating precinct at Bulimba. There is a wide variety of dinner options.

Visit this web address above to view the menu.

If you would like to join us for a wonderful experience of modern Australian cuisine, please contact Louise and Rusty Jones on the above number to express your interest.

Parking along Oxford Street at 6.00pm can be challenging so you may need to locate a park in the side streets.

SATURDAY 5th APRIL **BUSHRANGERS CAVE to GARRAGOOLBA LOOKOUT #A** **DAYWALK**

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443
Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$25 (carpool) – \$5 (private)
Grade: M44
Distance: 9km
Emerg Off: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534

The trail starts at the border gate passing through Bushrangers Cave and heading to Garragoolba Lookout passing via the cave. The cave used to be an aboriginal camp. The return journey is 9km.

The views along the track are fantastic and the cave itself is really very beautiful. The walk is very interesting and will be visiting three lookouts as well as the cave, the total ascent is slightly more than 600m. There is also tall grass and may be snakes holes and barbed wire. Therefore, long pants, long sleeve shirts and gators are recommended.

We will park on the Nerang-Murwillumbah Rd on the border NSW/QLD gates.

Bring the usual day walk necessities of food and water.





<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/mount-wagawn-and-garragoolba-lookout>

SATURDAY 5th APRIL BUSHRANGERS CAVE #B DAYWALK

Leader: Joe Tottenham Ph: 3351 4493

Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark, Red Hill

Time: 7.00am

Cost: \$25

Grade: S43

Location: Numinbah Gap in the Gold Coast Hinterland

Web: <https://qtopo.information.qld.gov.au/?extent=17054823.9075%2C-3282597.6192%2C17058550.2126%2C-3280478.8803%2C102100>

<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/springbrook-np/bushrangers-cave>

Emerg. Off. Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

This is a walk not done by the Club in years. Once, we did it often. Now is your chance to catch up.

It is a short sharp walk at only 2km one way (4km return over the same track.) However, you will be following the border escarpment from Numinbah Gap to The Cave. The first part is following the border fence, then when you begin to hit the main Lamington cliff line, the fence ends (because bunnies cannot climb cliffs), and the rough foot track heads off further into the rainforest. Your ascent is only 216m with the total ups being 222m (which shows there is not much down on the way up.)

The problem is that the track to Bushrangers Cave and the track up to the Main Border Track is popular, so many, many feet have trodden the path – so many in fact the track has become eroded. And depending on recent usage, it can become overgrown or if it has been very windy, there could be tree falls across it. For that matter, after rain it can be a bit boggy.

After saying all this, it is a lovely walk. The first bit is cleared land, but you soon enter rainforest.

The Cave itself is a large overhang (there is hardly a “real” cave in SE Qld), where a small section of the cliff has fallen and left a big hole in the cliff face. It is spectacular.

The walkers on this part of the trip will then drive the cars of Khaleel's party the 63km to Binna Burra so those walkers will have their cars waiting for them on their arrival. This should take over an hour on a slow winding road.

Once up at Binna Burra, you should have time to do a short walk, such as the 5.5km Tullawallal Circuit – a nice cool short walk along the graded track system in the rainforest along the plateau.

You will be back in time to have a coffee and cake at the café at the carpark.

Please come along to support Joe in his effort to lead a walk.

SATURDAY 5th APRIL **ROMEO LAHEY MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Leader: NPAQ National Parks Association of Queensland
Where: Kedron Room, Brisbane City Hall
Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Cost: \$20 for adults, and \$15 student/concession.
Web: <https://npaq.org.au/romeo-lahey-memorial-lecture-2025/>
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/romeo-lahey-memorial-lecture-2025>
Places are limited – please book early to ensure you don't miss out

Join NPAQ and Professor David Lindenmayer, AO FAA, author of *The Forest Wars*, as he unveils the dark secrets of logging in Australia's native forests & explains why it must cease. Enjoy light refreshments afterwards.

David will elaborate on the science and economics of the Australian native forest logging industry and outline the evidence for impacts on biodiversity, the basis for how logging elevates fire severity and carbon emissions, and the reasons why a complete transition into a plantation-based industry is appropriate in this country – much as New Zealand did more than two decades ago.



The Romeo Lahey Memorial Lecture honours the principal founder of the National Parks Association of Queensland (NPAQ), Romeo Lahey, who remained President for more than 30 years and was instrumental in convincing the Queensland Government to declare many of the state's national parks gazetted up to the 1970s. Lahey was also co-founder of Binna Burra Lodge, located within the World-Heritage-listed Lamington National Park. Just one week after the then Queensland Governor, Sir John Goodwin, opened Brisbane City Hall, the inaugural meeting of the National Parks Association of Queensland was held in the Lord Mayor's Reception Room on 15 April 1930. In recognition of this historical link, the NPAQ Romeo Lahey Memorial lecture will again be held at City Hall this year, on Saturday 5 April 2025.

SATURDAY 5th APRIL **SCBWC 50th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON** **CELEBRATION**

Congratulations to Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers on this milestone – *Happy Birthday*.

Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers are 50 years old – 1975–2025
They are throwing a party.

Time: 12.30pm
Place: The Pool Café, 222 The Avenue Peregian Springs
Cost: \$39.

This is food only, with hot and cold drinks to be purchased from the venue. Food will be served Canape style so everyone can mingle. There will be a slide show depicting photos from then until now which will no doubt keep the conversation flowing.

WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL
CROSS RIVER RAIL
Tunnels #1
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:04pm
Meet at: Dutton Park Station PI 1
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Distance: 15km @ 4hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.47081/153.01432>
<https://crossriverrail.qld.gov.au/about/rail-route/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq4ZITOPiA4>
End: Albion Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Now we begin a new “series” of Strolls – you have Strolled the Creek, River, Rail, History, Geologic, Bushland Series and probably more. Who can ever forget the Circumnavigation of The City of Brisbane Series. Time for a change – to Stroll along what you cannot see – Tunnels.

You will begin this afternoon at Dutton Park Rail Station to follow above ground, the entire underground Cross River Rail route. A Stroll where you will never see what you are following.

You head towards Woolloongabba to inspect the new Station site, before going to the River to find where the 2 tunnels go under our glorious river. Then to cross over to the other side by the new Kangaroo Point Bridge. Now through the Gardens, up Albert St to inspect the new station before continuing to the King George Sq Busway Station, then onwards to inspect the new Roma St Station.

After all this excitement, it is time to Stroll onwards, forever forwards, up to Countess St, then the Normanby Fiveways (where the tunnel finishes and the lines go above ground), then along the Normanby Bikeway to the Exhibition Grounds. From here, though the rail lines are in full sight, they are “hidden” from public sight by buildings and freeways. So, we will try to get glimpses whenever we can.

The Strollers will head towards Bowen Hills, then follow the Breakfast Creek Bikeway on the opposite side of The Creek to the rail lines – the best way to see anything. The end is Albion Station to get a train home.

Though this one is long, it will be fast since it almost completely flat, and basically along footpaths and bike tracks. Come along with us to not see what your millions of dollars is doing.

WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL
JINDALEE/DARRA/OXLEY
Geologic #05
STROLL

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 3300 0229
Time: 2:21pm
Meet at: Stop 34 Centenary H'way bus siding, Fig Tree Pocket – Stop ID 001578
Under the Fig Tree Pocket Rd bridge
Bus: 1:55pm King George Sq 1c; Bus453Mt Ommaney
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Distance: 15km @ 4hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.54412/152.95200>
End: Oxley Station
Emerg Off: Mark Ph: 3300 0229

Well, the fifth Geologic Stroll – after a slow start, we are now racing along. Would you believe it. One problem with these Geologic Strolls is that they are designed to drive between the reference points; not to walk them. This one is reasonably flat – you know the Jindalee area. The height is between 11m and 50m.

For the first part of this Stroll, you shall be following the Centenary H'way, though the bike track is for bikes only. Some of our “geology stops” are along the H'way, so you will have to use your imagination just a little bit.

Over the Jindalee side, though you still follow the H'way, you will not be near it. I have tried to stay away from main thoroughfares and stick to the back streets and parks.

You have driven through these areas often, now come with me to spend some time to see and appreciate what you are going through.

EASTER MONDAY – 21st APRIL LILYBROOK – WYARALONG DAYWALK

Leader: Pat Lawton Ph: 3366 1956
Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.00 am
Cost: \$20.00
Grading: M23
Distance: 10km

This walk is about 9km from Boonah and is situated in the SEQ water catchment for Wyaralong Dam, however on the walk we will not see the dam.

Our starting point will be the Western Trail Head known as Lilybrook. The dam was completed in 2011 and Lilybrook homestead was one of the properties resumed by the Water Board as it was in the dam's catchment area. The homestead still stands (unoccupied) and it is where our walk will commence. It is a lovely spot on Cheviot Brook.

The tracks in the area are maintained by SEQ and are all mowed which makes for easy walking. We will take the Fig Tree Break trail which leads to Crows Ash Break. There are wonderful views from here and we can admire these views as we have morning tea. The walk to the morning tea spot is rather steep but we will take our time – no prize for the first one up the hill.

It is downhill from morning tea following easy trails. The next section of the walk is on a dirt road for a couple of kms. After that we rejoin the grassy trails which eventually lead us back to Lilybrook.

We could have lunch on the trail but it might be more pleasant to have a late lunch back at Lilybrook in the large shed at the picnic ground.

It is a lovely walk with great views (but none of the dam). As it is not far from Boonah we may stop there for coffee etc., if anything is open.

WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL PERRIN CREEK Seven Hills to Colmslie STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:28pm
Meet at: Stop 32; Old Cleveland Rd at Camp Hill Primary; Stop ID: 002578
(Cnr Ferguson Rd)
Bus: 2:00pm Adelaide St Stop 46 near City Plaza, Bus204 Carindale
Cost: Free
Grade: M21
Distance: 12km @ 3½hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.47801/153.07869>

End: Cannon Hill Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

A creek I did not notice when I was planning the Creek Series of Strolls. Saw the sign naming it on another Stroll.

This creek starts on Old Cleveland Rd at Camp Hill and flows through Seven Hills, Morningside, Cannon Hill and Colmslie to enter the River at the State Hockey Centre. For a good bit of its flow, it runs underground through pipes (or under shopping centres.) The only problem is the end is not near public transport so you are forced to follow a tributary to get to a train station.

You shall pass through a variety of scenery – bushland, parkland, suburban streets, industrial sites and a hockey field. The full Stroll is longish, but by following a creek, it is all downhill.

<https://data.brisbane.qld.gov.au/explore/dataset/flood-study-perrin-creek/information/>

Come with me on this adventure to appreciate a creek I forgot.

SATURDAY 26th APRIL
EASTERN ESCARPMENT CONSERVATION AREA
WEST MOUNT COTTON ROAD SHELDON
DAYWALK

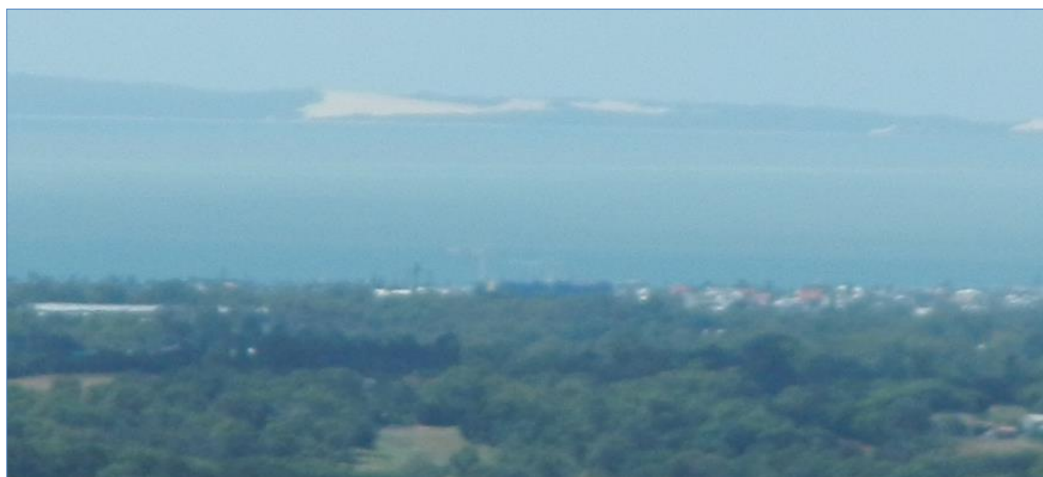
Leader: Sue Walsh Ph: 0403 487 737
Meet: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$25 Carpool – \$5 Private
Grade: M33
Web: [Escarpment_Conservation_Area_Map_v2.2__A7088106_.pdf](#)
Emerg Off: Joe Tottenham 0426 469 704

These are shared trails with mountain bike riders and horse riders, in the Mount Cotton area.

We will be walking along flat dirt tracks from the Trailhead at Gate 2, where there is a toilet facility and water fountain. We start off by following Schoeck Break; then on to Leo Lands Track, the main one, and continue until we reach the Piccabeen Track for morning tea.

We then continue on to the Summit Track which becomes very narrow towards the top and will walk next to a fence that has a Boy Scouts camp on the other side. Once we cross Billiau Road, we reach our lunch spot, which overlooks the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. There is a viewing platform which has a map of the different places and a table and seats.

After descending the Summit Track, we walk a few more trails until we reach Eprapah Creek, which is as far north as we walk. We then continue on to Woodlands Trail, which leads us back to the Trailhead. As the Summit Track is exposed, please bring sunscreen and carry plenty of drinking water. The view at the top is worth it. Please contact me if you wish to do this walk. Sue Walsh



Looking out towards Moreton Island from Summit Track Lookout

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

COUNTRY LUNCH SOCIAL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 12 Noon
Where: Trade Coast Hotel, formally The Pinkenba or aka “The Pink”
144 Eagle Farm Road cnr McBirde Rd
Cost: Menu Prices - \$18 to \$37
Web: <https://www.tradecoasthotel.com.au/about/>
<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/queensland-place-histories-pinkenba-brisbane>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995
RSVP: Wed 23rd 10am

With a comfortable bistro and bar, our hotel will become a place to enjoy your favourite weekly meal with family and friends, or a nostalgic feast. Previously known as The Pinkenba Hotel (or “The Pink”), our much-loved hotel now has a new name, face and personality. With fresh contemporary furnishings, honouring our rich history, the Trade Coast Hotel is the go-to place to catch up with friends, family or to celebrate a special occasion.

The Myrtle’s Bistro offers a relaxed, full service dining experience. With an extensive selection of delicious meals, you can choose from hearty burgers, traditional wood fired pizzas or a classic parmigiana, to mouth-watering rib fillets and fresh salads. Myrtle’s Bistro menu has something for everyone, and plenty on offer for those with dietary requirements. Perfect for a catch-up lunch with friends.

Sit back and enjoy the easy ambience of the bistro with contemporary furnishings and an upgrade on our originally loved hotel. If you prefer to dine alfresco, we have a spacious beer garden where you can soak up the sunshine or enjoy the fresh air in the moonlight. Myrtle’s has plenty of delicious meal deals available, why not try them all?

The large photo walls in the bar tell the rich history of Pinkenba and our original hotel, first owned by Ellen & John Bain, more than one hundred years ago. Myrtle’s Bistro has been named in honour of the original site of Boggy Creek which was then renamed Myrtletown in 1928 after the lemon myrtle groves. The Bistro offers an easy and contemporary atmosphere, a spacious beer garden and delicious menu for all ages.

There is a “country feel” about Pinkenba as it is out beyond the airport and near the Cruise Ship Terminal. There are trees, long grass and parks all around this suburb. And, there is a train line running in front of the hotel – though goods traffic only.

WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL EAGLE JUNCTION to NUDGE Rail #33 STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:09pm
Meet at: Eagle Junction Rail Station up in the concourse
Train: 2:39pm @ Roma Street Stn Pl 7, Shorncliffe train
Cost: Free
Grade: M21
Distance: 10km @ 3hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.39074/153.06221>
End: Nudgee Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring a Torch**

Now that you have finished the Doomben/Pinkenba line, time to move onto the next one – the Shorncliffe Line. This is a short one and should only take us 2 legs to get to the Shorncliffe Pier.

The trail is mostly through suburbia with some industrial sites and minimum parkland to keep you entertained. It is all reasonably flat – the steepest climb is on a bridge that crosses the train line at Northgate.

We are on the Winter side of Autumn with the sun setting earlier so bring your torch. Come join me on this rather straight and direct Stroll on a balmy afternoon into early evening.

ADVANCE NOTICE

M^t MAY THURSDAY, 1st MAY DAYWALK

Leaders: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Distance: 6.6km
Time: 8.00am – Departure point(s) to be advised
Cost: \$20
Grade: S54
Location: South-west of Boonah
Emerg Off: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259

This walk was originally scheduled in 2020 but was postponed because of COVID. The purpose of the walk was to commemorate the first walk done by Russ Nelson in 1970. So now we have the 50+5 commemoration. Please come on this walk and bring something in multiple of 5s – say 5 pieces of cake to share, 5 bandaids (in case we need them), 5m of cord and so on. This day is also known as International Workers' Day.

Mount May is 835m high and offers an exhilarating 6.6km loop trail that rewards walkers with stunning views of the Scenic Rim. This route takes you through diverse terrain, from lush forests to rocky outcrops, culminating in breathtaking panoramas of Mount Barney and Lake Maroon.

The walk begins at Waterfall Creek Campground and ascends to North Peak with stunning views of Lake Maroon and surrounding mountains. Then we cross to South Peak by following a rocky ledge and ridge line. From there we descend via a 4WD track that takes you back to the campground.

Fri 2nd – Mon 5th MAY MOUNT KAPUTAR BASE CAMP

Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085
Meet at: TBA
Time: TBA
Cost: Cabin: \$160.50 (\$80 deposit)
Camping: \$18
Car pool: TBA
Grade: S34
Emerg Off: TBA

Mt Kaputar National Park is a collection of rugged volcanic peaks rising out of the flat plains of Western NSW. It is a really beautiful National Park with interesting and varied vegetation, rugged scenery and broad sweeping views.

The three cabins are now fully booked but there are also tent sites available. Please let me know if you would like to come and camp.

We will be leaving Brisbane on Friday morning, it is about a seven and a half hour drive, so we won't get to the Dawsons Spring cabins and camping area till late afternoon.

On Saturday morning we will do the Mt Yulludunida track. This is one of my favourite walks, it is spectacular. It has a good walking track with lots of steps and the upper part of the peak is over open ground and quite rough and rocky. There are lots of spectacular rock formations including a ring dyke

Web: <https://sites.google.com/view/bushwalkersofsouthernqld/newsletter-photo-gallery>
RSVP: 1st May

Congratulations to BOSQ on this milestone – Happy Birthday. May there be many more years of great bushwalking.

Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland Inc. (BOSQ) began in 1964 as Binna Burra Bushwalkers.

This year the club will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary and will celebrate this with a lunch at Binna Burra Teahouse on Saturday 17th May. The Teahouse is at Binna Burra at the end of the road in eastern Lamington National Park.

Heather has been researching the venue arrangements and processes involved:

- ☐ Select a meal from 4 to 5 options
- ☐ There will be a set dessert
- ☐ John M will organise an online nomination form which will include your meal preference
- ☐ This form will be sent to BBTH two weeks before 17th May

I understand that a short optional walk will also be conducted on the day.

Please await further booking information about the anniversary lunch.

WEDNESDAY 21st – FRIDAY 23rd MAY **NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL – SOUTHERN SECTION** **ACCOMMODATED WALK**

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 8.30am
Cost: Transport \$50 plus 2 nights motel accommodation
Grade: M22
Location: Casino – Lismore
Emerg Off: Michele Johns Ph: 0414 635 542

In 2024 Club members walked the northern section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek. Recently another section of the Rail Trail has been opened – Bentley to Lismore – adding to the previously opened section from Casino to Bentley. Eventually this Rail Trail will extend 132km from Murwillumbah to Casino following the route of the rail line which closed in 2004. On this walk we will cover the 29km from Casino to Lismore. As an added bonus, on the last day we will walk along the coastal pathway from Ballina to Lennox Head.

On day 1 we will walk about 12km from Casino, through the rolling hills and farmland of the Richmond Valley, to Bentley. Day 2 will see us continuing walking through the Richmond Valley from Bentley to Lismore, a distance of around 17km. Being a Rail Trail, the track is relatively flat with the majority of the track surface being crushed rock, with the exception being short sections of asphalt departing Casino and entering Lismore. The walk goes over the top of the Naughton Gap Tunnel because of the bat colonies living in the tunnel.

We will take the opportunity on day 3 to walk 11km from the mouth of the Richmond River at Ballina to Lennox Head along the Coastal Recreational Path. This is an extremely scenic walk with spectacular coastal views. There is no need to walk on the sand, but if you are keen to do so, there are some beautiful stretches of beach which you can walk along. Hopefully the whales may have started their migration north and we will be in a prime location to see them from some of the many lookouts along the way. The walking surface is quite varied. Whilst there is asphalt or cement early in the walk, there is grass beside the path to make it easier on the feet. We then walk along sandy tracks, boardwalks and grassy or gravel tracks. There is a grassy slope to reach Lennox Head, our final destination on the walk.

At the end of the walk we will have lunch in a park at Lennox Head before heading back to Brisbane.

Accommodation on the walk will be at the Lismore City Motor Inn for 2 nights.
<https://www.lismorecitymotel.com.au/> – Ph: 02 6621 4455. Queen rooms are currently from

\$165/night; twin rooms from \$179/night. It is only about 200m or 300m to Woolworths, cafes, hotel for dinner etc. I am told that the motel books out most nights, so it is suggested that you book early.

SUN 8TH JUNE to TUE 17TH JUNE
ROCKY TRIP
Accommodated Trip

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Number Limit: 12
Cost: around \$1500 range

This is great trip with special places to visit. Especially Mt Larcom and Mt Baga (Mt Jim Crow) and we will do some great walks on Great Keppel Island. A key reason for the trip is to utilise the Tilt Train which I have never being on. It should be a great trip.

Day			Walks or Travel details	Stay at
1	Sun	8 th	Train leaves Brisbane 11.00am arrives Rocky at 7.05pm	Rocky
2	Mon	9 th	Shopping, quick look at Rocky Mt Etna Caves	Rocky
3	Tue	10 th	Mt Larcom (near Gladstone) & Mt Morgan (tour)	Rocky
4	Wed	11 th	Mt Archer (Zamia Trail) Mt Baga (Mt Jim Crow)	Yeppoon
5	Thu	12 th	Coastal Walk Bluff Point to Yeppoon	Yeppoon
6	Fri	13 th	Emu Park to Bluff Point	Yeppoon
7	Sat	14 th	Great Keppel Is – ferry at 9.15am – walk to Leekes Beach	Keppel
8	Sun	15 th	Great Keppel Island (Wreck Beach)	Keppel
9	Mon	16 th	Great Keppel Island morning – walk to Long Beach – 3 hrs Catch ferry at 3.45pm – drive back to Rocky	Rocky
10	Tue	17 th	Tilt train leaves Rocky 6.45am arrives Brisbane 2.50pm	Home

There are already 8 nominations for the trip. There is a limit of 12 people. If you are interested in the trip and want more information I have a detailed itinerary. Phil

SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST
“A Chorus Line”
SOCIAL
Opening Offer

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Meet at: Conservatorium Theatre, 140 Grey Street, South Bank (opposite Rydges Hotel)
Time: 1.00pm for 1.30pm
Cost: \$55 (Normal price \$75)
Bookings: Contact Russ before 7th May, earlier is better to ensure you get your seat

“A Chorus Line examines one day in the lives of seventeen dancers, all vying for a spot in the “chorus line” of a Broadway musical. After the first round of cuts, Zach, the director, asks each dancer to speak about themselves. Discomfort opens into revelation, confession leads to redemption, and within the bright, outwardly homogenous chorus, the audience begins to see each dancer’s individuality. From Cassie – the star who just needs the “music and the mirror and the chance to dance”; to Val – a small-town girl with a brand-new big-town body; to Mike – who took his sister’s place in dance class, saying “I can do that.”

Based on real Broadway dancers’ stories, **A Chorus Line** is a funny, heartbreaking, and refreshingly honest musical capturing the spirit and tension of a Broadway chorus audition. This is a special 50th anniversary production, performed in conjunction with Griffith University’s 50th anniversary celebrations.

After the performance we will gather at a nearby bar to recall the performance and to enjoy a drink or two and maybe some food.

MAP COLLECTION GIVEAWAY

Anyone want my map collection – a drawer full of topographic maps, plus parks maps and brochures. Some NZ ones too. A real treasure trove.

Give me a call Ph: 3351 4092.

Greg E

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

As Outings Secretary, I have discovered what I should have realised immediately upon being appointed to the role, as a previous Outings Secretary in the last century, that the role is dependent on Leaders. Leaders are needed to lead walks without which the walks do not go ahead. Also, Leaders are usually our experienced walkers, and we draw on that experience to develop an Outings Program each year. Leaders also play a key role in developing new walkers to have the confidence to have a go at being Leaders themselves.

In the 2025 program there are walks without Leaders at this stage, such as –

Saturday	05 th July	Glen Rock DW
Saturday	23 rd August	Wilsons Peak DW
Sat – Sun	30 th –31 st August	Sundown NP BC

If you are willing to lead any of these walks or others, please contact me and we can explore what might suit you.

Russ Nelson, Ph: 0427 743 534 – russnelson52@outlook.com

TREASURER REPORT

Balance 31/01/25	\$6103.03
Plus Receipts	\$1366.18
Sub Total	\$7469.21
Balance 28/02/25	\$6362.06
Term Deposit	\$5000.00

Warning, if you have not renewed your membership, this is the last magazine that you will receive until you pay your subs. A reminder, particularly to newer members, that you should purchase your club T-Shirts and/or small metal club badges before they are all gone. I can still accept donations to Vinnies and I am now collecting donations for The Little Kings for which I can issue tax deductible receipts.

Terry.

EDITOR'S REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership subscriptions for 2025 became due on 1st January. These fees cover the period from 1st January to 31st December. The membership renewal form is provided as an attachment to the March Jilalan.

To the date of this Jilalan, a total of 67 members have paid their membership subscriptions and returned the membership renewal forms. This consists of 58 ordinary and associate members, 6 life members and 3 honorary members.

We request that those members who have not, as yet, rejoined this year, to pay the annual subs and return the membership renewal form as soon as possible. We are now into March and looking to see how our total membership is faring for the year. From April, monthly Jilalan magazine will only be sent out to current members.

Annual fees are \$35 for ordinary members and \$30 for associate members. These annual fees remain unchanged from last year.

There is an additional \$45 cost for all members, including life members, who elect to receive a printed Jilalan each month.

Annual Fees 2025	Email newsletter	Printed newsletter
Ordinary member	\$ 35.00	\$ 80.00
Associate member	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00

ABOUT PEOPLE

Barbara Eastoe, Donna Harris, Eugene McAteer, Jan Nelson, Julie Philippi, Prasada Vajjhala, Sue Walsh, Susan Ware, Michael Wood and Geraldine Young are celebrating their birthdays in March. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities. Terry

PAST EVENTS

22nd to 31st JANUARY 2025 TASSIE TRIP – PART 1 ACCOMMODATED TRIP

Leader: Phil Murray. Participants – mainly 5 people Phil Murray, Khaleel Petrus, Anne-Marie Nash, Will Taylor and Debra White (from BOSQ). But we had 7 on day 5 when we were joined by Malcolm & Anne when we climbed Mt Wedge as a joint walk with the Hobart Walking Club. Of note Anne & Malcolm are from Brisbane but spend summer in Hobart with their daughter. They are Khaleel friends from the Wed walkers.

Weather – just perfect – 9 sunny days, 1 very cool & windy day (when we did Mt Field East). We had a sprinkle of rain on 2 afternoons but both times just as we got inside the hut; plus we had one rainy night. Basically the trip was ideal.

There were so many great walks we did, I will have to do the trip report over 4 episodes. Each walk we did was just terrific and they deserve more than a quick 2 sentence note. Looking to the future I would like to think that next time I go to Tassie we get many more starters and unless you know what there is down there you may dismiss it. Basically it was one of the best trips I have ever done. It was more interesting and satisfying then the Overland Tack, which can be a lot of hard work for a few very nice moments.

Tassie Trip Part 1

Day 1 - Wednesday 22nd Jan – travel day



The View from The Neck Towards Fluted Cape

Flew to Hobart bright and early. Weather in Hobart was fine and sunny. Got our hire car (after a 40min delay as we couldn't get the car until 12.00pm – we didn't get angry with them). The hire car was a lovely Kia Carnival with plenty of room for 5 people and 2 bags each and then the shopping bags. (Getting this bigger car was one of the best decisions we made – initially we had booked a Mitsubishi Pajero but it has limited boot space). We then zoomed into Hobart. We had to collect the key for the Lake Dobson Hut (for day 4) that arvo.

It was an adventure finding our way around south Hobart but we did and we collected the key from Sebastian. Then to Kingston shopping mall for shopping and a late lunch; then down to Kettering to catch the ferry across to North Bruny Island. I love a boat trip.



Once on Bruny Island we drove along, but first we stopped at The Neck to enjoy the magnificent view. It is one of the best views in Tassie.

To the north was Cape Queen Elizabeth and to the south was Fluted Cape. They were our walking destinations for the next day. Of note there was a National Park Ranger (Richard Bauer) there to display some models of animals, e.g., quolls, birds & lots of eggs and edible fruits.

It was very educational and we chatted for over 20min – had a great chat about shearwater birds and their nesting sites. How the penguins have had trouble nesting here since the roadworks. We also spoke about Tassie Devils on Maria Island and how good it was for the devils there, but unfortunately they have made life very hard for the penguins. Afterwards I realised how special it was to have this opportunity to just talk with a ranger and get some info and insights about the country, wildlife and edible plants.

Then on to our accommodation at Adventure Bay (After stopping at another Lookout – it just so beautiful). Our accommodation was a luxurious house in an isolated bushland setting. It was so much better than a dodgy squeezey cabin in a dusty caravan park. Of note is that we were so busy and happy we didn't actually turn on the TV so we don't know if they had good reception or not.

We unpacked had a bite to eat then went out for a 60 minute tour of Adventure Bay. A highlight was seeing an echidna just ambling along the grass verge just opposite the shops. (It was a very tiny shopping area of 2 shops and a restaurant). Took oodles of photos of course.

We returned to the house and Khaleel then cooked a sumptuous meal for everyone. It was a stir fry lamb dish and it was divine.



Anne-Marie, Khaleel, Debra and Will



Richard Bauer – The Wildlife Ranger

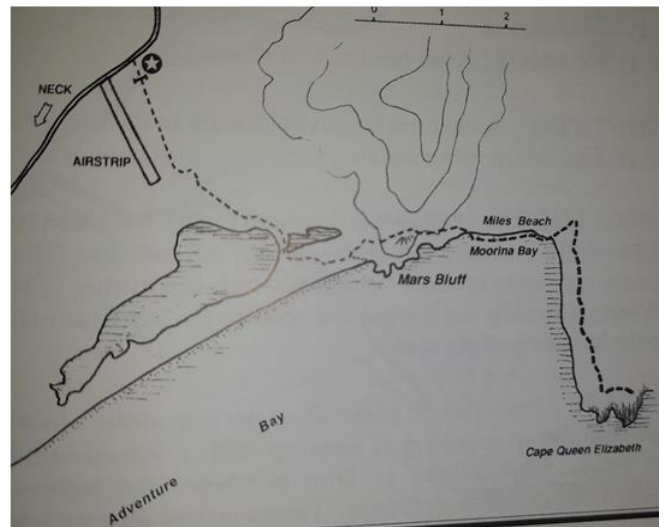
Day 2 – 2 Day walks on Thurs 23rd January

Walk 1 – Cape Queen Elizabeth

Distance 14.7km – time 4hr 52min – elevation gain: 516m – avg speed 4.2kph



Happy Walkers on the way to the Cape – Anne-Marie, Khaleel, Will & Debra



Map from 50 Family Walks in and around Hobart by Hardy and Elson

This is a lovely walk out to the end of the Cape. We left the house early around 7.30 and started walking about 8.00. We did the trip in about 5 hours. It was along a dirt road, up over the headland, along the beach for a kilometre then up to the forested hill side. I thought the track might be a bit overgrown but it was very easy to follow most of the way. We got some great views back along the beach and spotted the pyramid shape of Adamson Peak in the distance. (we will do the walk there is about 3 years, yeah we are already planning our future trips down in Tassie) We got to the tip of the Cape and had great views and the ocean was smooth as a mill pond. There were huge cliff lines about 200 metres straight down into the water.

A highlight of the day was to see the “Sea Arch” on Miles Beach (Moorina Bay). It was about 10m wide and about 5m high.

We zoomed out to the end of cape had morning tea and then zoomed back. On the way back Khaleel and Will decided to scramble over the rock cliff line to get to the next beach but the others weren't keen about getting wet so we went over the headland again. We did the walk last year and there was plenty of sand in and we could easily walk around the cliff-line. See photo of the boys scrambling over the cliffs.





There lots of little caves and nocks and crannies to explore. We had a ball. Back to the car before 1pm. Then back to the house for lunch.

Walk 2 – Fluted Cape

Distance 6.54 km; – time 2hrs 50mins; elevation gain – 274m; avg, speed 4.5kph

This was the harder walk for the day although it was much shorter. We started about 3pm and finished just on 6pm This is a loop walk and we did it in a clockwise direction.

As an aside it was actually a bit hard to find out where the walk started. Basically we had to go backwards and then down to the beach and then along the beach for about 500m. Then it was up the stairs and then we found the right track.

Our house was 400 metres to the left of the toilet sign in the top left of the map.

We then walked along the coastline (it felt similar to the walk at Noosa heads. It was a lovely warm sunny afternoon and a perfectly calm ocean with sand hills in the distance. It was lovely. After 30 minutes we got to the point (Grass Point) where we could see the island (Penguin Island) and then the walk went straight up. So up we went. There were great views and lots of interesting cliff lines and rock stacks.



Copy of Map by National Parks at the start of the Track



Fluted Cape – Cliff lines – Phil

The cliffs were a bit daunting as were so close to the cliff line it felt like you could fall over. It was a bit spooky at times. We did the walk without much trouble, but there was a major problem.

We stopped at the summit for a few photos. Khaleel puts his EPIRB down while he was taking photos. 10 minutes later Khaleel noticed he couldn't find his EPIRB, checked his pack – nothing. So he and Will went to the summit. But they couldn't find it. He actually bought a new one the next day. As an aside we did a quick vote as to the favourite walk for the day. It was clear decision – everyone bar me voted for Fluted Cape as by far the better walk. I just found the cliff lines a bit spooky. Plus I like the views of the far horizon.



Hooded Plover

As an aside I did the walk along the beach from Fluted Cape back to the house along Adventure Bay – I love beach walks. It was only 3km and it was a real buzz just walking along the beach in the soft late afternoon light. And also I spotted the very rare and endangered Hooded Plovers as I walked back. <https://birdlife.org.au/bird-profiles/hooded-plover/?srsId=AfmBOogA6elafDU3C8KdvpUW4S14YrYnYVnU5ntRTiRWRHSobdiMtgZ1>

WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY
COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL – The Brook Hotel

After beating the bad traffic and the rain, 28 of us met for an enjoyable dinner. Many of us downloading the free pub app, which gave us a bonus \$10 discount, as well as 30% off Monday–Wednesday until 28th February. Meals were varied and arrived reasonably quickly.

A Fantastic night. Thanks to everyone for joining me – Terry S, Liz L, Donna, Benno, and Michelle, Jon and Cath, Russ and Jan, Louise and Rusty, Annette, Sue T, Pat, Jonas, Mark and Majella, Therese N, Barbara, Will and Donna, Prasada, Maree and Gordon, Michael and Karen. Andrea T

**MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY
DOOMBEN to ROSEWOOD
50^c TRAIN TRIP**

This was the last of our 50^c Rail Rort adventures. The day dawned fine and warm, so a good number of members decided to head out for the day. I was surprised by the large size of the group waiting for me at Roma Street – Therese Nally, Barbara Eastoe, Liz Little, Sue Tobin, Mark Deegan – and Sue Walsh waiting for us at Eagle Junction. We sat together and chatted – so much so, we did not watch the scenery passing by us outside the window. The line on to Doomben seems like a country line; it has that feel.

At Doomben, though we stayed on the train for the return journey, we changed carriages to make it seem like a different train. However, we did have to change trains and platform at Roma Street. Here, we met some of the others going to Rosewood. Yet again, we collected more bushwalkers along the way. Still a lot of conversation and not much looking out the window.

A quick change of trains at Ipswich and then off to Rosewood. Now, this is a country line – not seeing too much civilisation. But all too soon, we arrived at our destination. It was only a quick walk to the Rosewood Hotel, recently renovated and reopened. Their renovations did not lose the old-worldly charm of this lovely old pub. The publican and his wife were very accommodating and friendly – happy to have our business.

Meals were pub favourites as well as original ones. All of us enjoyed our time out in the country. We had about 2 hours to talk, eat and drink, then walked (the very short distance) back to the train to commence our journey home.

The others who came to Rosewood for the journey, in addition to those mentioned above, were: Michele Endicott, Elizabeth Richards, Paddy & Barry Taylor (good to catch up with Barry after a few years), Janet Galos, Joe Tottenham and Michael Foley.

Thanks to everyone for joining me on this last cheap rail adventure.

Greg

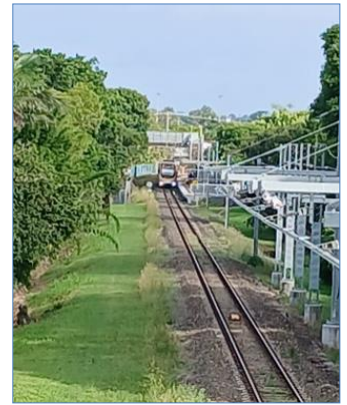


**WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY
WOOLLOOWIN TO DOOMBEN
STROLL**

What a lovely Stroll, through some older areas with very nice old houses. Quite back streets with renovated houses, lush trees, lack of traffic. There were easements to follow, paths to find, bridges over the tracks, parks, gardens and all that stuff. This rail line is single track, goes through cuttings past stations that have seen better days, a heritage listed station and the last remaining suburban track with the old fashioned signal towers and arms.

In particular, the line between Hendra and Ascot seems almost rural. We had a distant inspection of the race course also. And, all those trains going along the track – boy heaven. As well as the low flying planes. Everything enjoyable. The majority stayed for dinner at the German Biergarten at Woolloowin Station.

Thanks to Cath & Jon, Janet, Paula, Geraldine, Russ & Prasada for Strolling and to Michele for the car shuffle.



**WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY
BARDON to M^t COOT-THA
A GEOLOGIC STROLL**

Firstly, thanks for those who came and persisted without (much) complaint. Appreciated.

The Stroll commenced at the old Bardon Tram Terminus to view the rocks in the road cutting. Then we took the bike track through Purtell Park to the Simpson's Falls Picnic Area. The next piece of geology was directly above there along Sir Sam Griffith Dr – a busy windy road, so our party headed straight up through the bush. Excitement.

We did encounter a band of unexpected lantana when we went off-track. Sorry about that. Was to be a shortcut that was safer than walking up that busy (and fast) road to the top. *Google Earth* did not show this. They need to invent a *Google Vegetation*. We saw only a few of the geologic features, but still read from *The Book* appropriately.

After two rock features, the party joined up again with the track system near Channel 0, following it behind the station and up to the top of The Summit. Here we crossed the road to get behind Channel 7 and headed towards the Gold Mine. However, I decided to terminate, without extreme prestigious, and follow the Powerful Owl Track to Channel 9 and the cars.

We found some new areas, tracks, and structures, as well as a very old truck wreck on The Mount, and got to The Summit.

Strolls are innovated and do try out new areas. There is no pre-outing, so what we find is a surprise to all of us. That is the excitement of Strolling.

Thanks to: Peggy, Cath & Jon, Paula, Mark, Geraldine, and Prasada.



**SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
ANNUAL MASS and LUNCH
SPIRITUAL and SOCIAL**

The opening and closing hymns at our Annual Mass, held recently at St Cecilia's Hamilton, summed up nicely the theme of the day: We are companions on the journey of life, gifted with each other, acting with justice, loving tenderly and walking humbly with our God; as a blest and a pilgrim people, we are not only bound for the Kingdom of God, we ARE already the Kingdom of God, with Love our homeland and Love our journey! Then the Psalm of the day, The Lord is my Shepherd, reinforced the 'journeying-with-God-(and-each-other)' theme, too: Near restful waters He leads me...He guides me along the right path.

As it was the day of the year the Church remembers St Peter, Apostle, our Mass Celebrant, Father Michael Grace, spoke to us about the faith of Simon Peter, the faith we've 'learnt' and lived, and different kinds of expressions of faith we might respond with now, anew. He left us with a lot to ponder in our hearts. Thank you, Fr Michael.

Deacon Russ Nelson (a Life Member) assisted Fr Michael (an Honorary Member) on the altar and a good range of members of all kinds participated in processions, prayers and photography, to make the whole occasion special – and memorable. Thanks to all those good people, in particular Peggy Roe, who was a wonderful support to me in advance and on the day. A special thank-you to the Old Bushies who come along every year and help keep our connection with the early days of our club: Marian Arthur, Di Robertson and Julie Phillipi.

This year, I asked Marian – who had previously donated the framed photograph of the first-ever BCBC Committee, containing an image of her deceased husband Vince, to the Club – to bring that photograph forward in the Offertory Procession as a symbol of our connections with our Founders and our long unbroken tradition of walking and praying together as a Club over more than six decades.

Thanks to all 37 people who came along to share in this unique (not shared by other bushwalking clubs) spiritual event and to pray together as Companions on the Journey of Life – giving thanks for the past year and seeking blessing on the year ahead! I am always particularly pleased to see non-Catholics and non-practising-Catholics there to pray with us, as we're all on the journey together to "Love, our homeland".

The attendees were, in order of nomination: Fr Michael Grace, Russ & Jan Nelson, Greg & Michele Endicott, Marian Arthur, Dianne Robertson, Julie Phillipi, Peggy Roe, Paddy Taylor, Susan Tobin, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Joe Tottenham, Michael & Anne Cashman, Rusty & Louise Jones, Terry Silk, Donna Ellison, Geraldine Young, Mark Deegan, Gordon & Maree Denkes, Liz Little, Paulette Schmidt, Janet Galos, Marlene Warnick, John Carter, Phil & Sue Murray, Mark Daly, Jon Peake, Annette Mackenzie, Trevor Kelly, Iain Renton and Merrill Turpin. Paula Hill and Laurence Harris, a Visitor, also nominated, but were unable to come on the day.

Towards the end of Mass, before the Dismissal, Club Awards for 2024 were handed out, including a special first-ever-joint-award for *Bushwalker of the Year* that went to Russ and Jan Nelson – bushwalking couple extraordinaire!



All the other awardees were congratulated, too, and presented with certificates: Terry Silk, Iain Renton, Paulette Schmidt and Annette Mackenzie. Khaleel Petrus and Prasada Vajjhala were unfortunately unable to be present, but will still receive their certificates, in due course.





Then Fr Michael commissioned & blessed the new BCBC Management Committee for '25, including our only new member, Donna Ellison (next to me). Congratulations, Team – and welcome, Donna!



After Mass, where we'd 'broken bread together' as com-pan(e)-ions, we adjourned to a new venue, Café 63 Ascot, where we 'broke bread together' socially. The pre-orders I'd delivered in person the night before, after printing the Mass booklets, were ready to be served within 10 minutes and all the other orders were placed and filled within about 30–45 minutes. Two others who'd not been able to get to Mass joined us here: Majella & Lauren Deegan. Our large group of 39 took over one whole section of the restaurant, where we quickly sent the noise levels through the roof, as we always have so much "catching-up" to do with everyone. That's because we're genuinely sharing life! 😊 Long live our special BCBC tradition of Annual Mass and a meal!

Michele

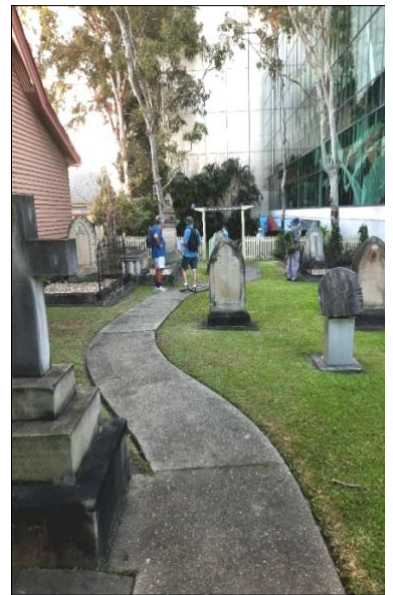
**WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY
MILTON HISTORY
STROLL**

The City Council has published a number of booklets outlining the history of our oldest suburbs. We are following these over a year or two. Salisbury, Woolloongabba, Indooroopilly, Banyo, South Brisbane and Bulimba have already been Strolled.

Milton is one of our earlier suburbs, settled by some of the colony's more notary citizens. The Stroll passed some of Brisbane's oldest structures that are outside the CBD – the historic Smith's Shop in Park Rd, the original manor house of Milton House still in existence after all those high-rise buildings all around, the Salvation Army Rescue Home for women in distress, the very pretty town houses Cook Terrace, the Coronation Motel which broke the mould of hotels, the John Hicks Ltd factory & warehouse (remember the Hicks shop on the cnr George and Ann Sts), Cribb Street terrace houses, the Milton Sanitary Disposal Depot where the night carts emptied their dunny cans into the new sewer network, the Milton Tramway Workshops long gone, Lang Park and Christ Church Anglican Church with the cemetery (they are always just outside the settlement, in this case the Brisbane Square Mile), a World War II air raid shelter, and of course the XXXX Brewery and finally 'Bishopsbourne' – the first residence of the Anglican Bishop and now a theological college.

We must thank the Business Manager at the College for being very hospitable in giving us lovely tour and spoke about the church and the fact it was built from Brisbane tuff and that some of the furniture and organ came from Nudgee. He wanted to show us the library after showing us the church .

Thanks to those who joined me



**THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY
CHERMSIDE HILLS
DAYWALK**

It was a fine sunny day, not too hot, some breezes, some late cloud – perfect for walking. Chermshire Hills is/are in McDowall & West Chermshire and Stafford Hts and Bridgeman Downs. The Reserve is made up of three blocks – Chermshire Hills, Milne Hill and Raven Street Reserves. They have common borders and can be considered the one park. <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/natural-environment-and-water/bushland-reserves/chermshire-hills-reserves>

The four of us commences at the end of Trouts Rd, and began by walking the tracks basically following the un- made part of Trouts Rd, climbing the highest part of the Reserve (Spider Hill, 145m) and coming back along a track further west through the middle of this park. This was through dry eucalypt undulating country.

Our party arrived back at the cars, then followed Little Cabbage Tree Ck for a short distance before we took the steps up Milne Hill in our stride – the tracks were easy to follow and climb – not too steep to climb. Below the Reservoir, we went straight to the top, inspected the water tank, then followed the track to the lookout at the top (134m). Good views of the surrounding suburbs – amazing how few houses you can see out there – mostly trees covering suburbia.

Next off to Raven Street Reserve, walking down the west side to the Visitor Centre for morning tea, and Senses Trail, and going back via the Downfall Ck observation deck. The Senses Trail had information signs at each stop that explained what we were observing and why it is important.

Lastly, I took the troops back to Chermside Hills to complete the 2km Giwadha Track. This one was through a big Native Grass Tree forest – more trees than I have ever seen in the one place. Otherwise, it was open forest. The track was well made, with wooden bridges over the gullies and the slight gradient was very welcome after the other 3 tracks. And we were finished by 12.44pm after 3hrs of actual walking – 4hr 40m on the tracks.

Thanks to Sue Tobin, Peggy Rutter and Jon Peake.

Greg



**SUNDAY 2nd MARCH
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
DAYWALK**

Sadly, it has been some years since the club has participated in this event. Because the organiser changed the starting time and location, there was some initial confusion. After completing the registration sheet, we donned our Clean Up Australia gloves and grabbed the last of the Clean Up Australia sacks. We headed upstream along Enoggera Creek to a treasure trove of litter on the creek bank below The Gap Shopping Centre. Fortunately, this location was mainly in the shade as it was a hot day.

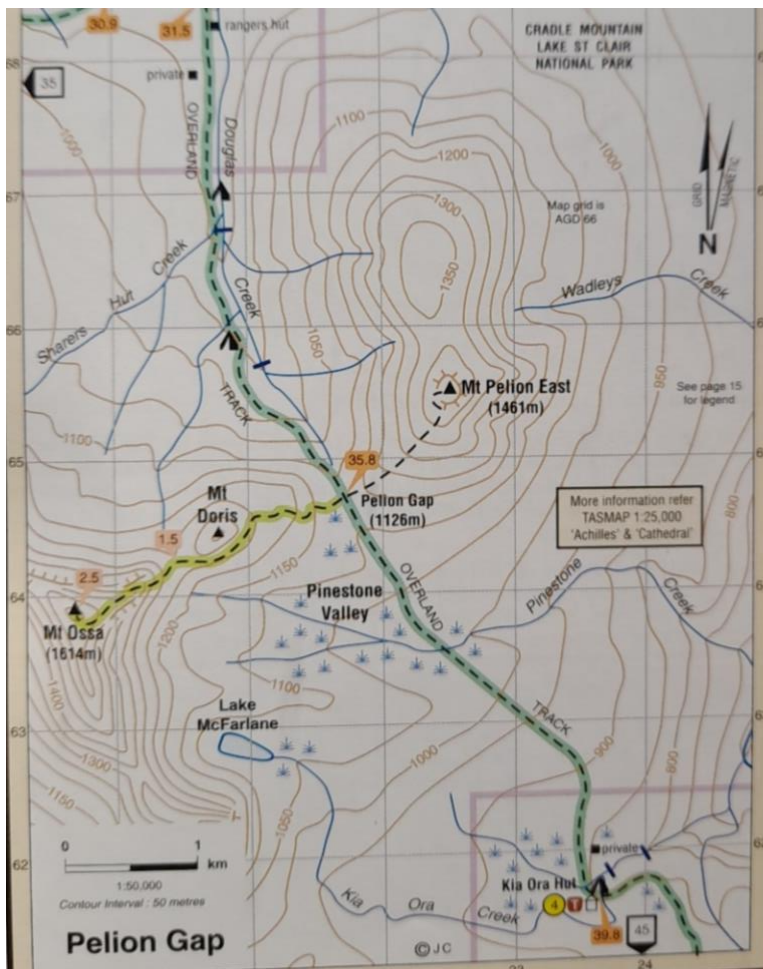
The organiser of this event was Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN), who run Clean Up Australia in this area each year. This year they had a good number of volunteers including a contingent of local Scouts. The bonus on the day was a free Sausage Sizzle along with drinks and biscuits thanks to Ashgrove/The Gap Lions Club and SOWN.

Thanks to those who joined me:- Susan Tobin, Prasada Vajjhala, Mark Deegan, Joe Tottenham along with Greg and Michele Endicott. Hopefully, we can join SOWN for next year's Clean Up Australia.

Terry Silk

MON 18th to THU 29th NOVEMBER
THE OVERLAND TRACK – Part 2
THROUGHWALK

Overland Track – Part 2 – Day 5 Sunday 24th Nov
Pelion Hut to Kia Ora Hut 8.2km and side trip to Mt Ossa 5km – Total 13km



A big day with a side trip to Mt Ossa, which is the highest mountain in Tasmania at 1614m. An early start and along the track for 4km to the saddle(Pelion Gap) between Mt Pelion East and Mt Ossa. The walking was mostly in woodland and then when we got to the saddle it opened up and it was low stunted shrubs and provided great views.

There were about another 20 backpacks lying on the ground like stranded sea turtles. The side trip is allegedly about 3 hours to do but I took 5 hours.

Initially it was fairly easy along a boardwalk then up a few wooded hills along lovely boardwalks. The track sided around Mt Doris. Then down into a saddle and then the very steep ascent to the summit. It just went up and up and up. It wasn't too hard, it was just very steep and just kept going up. It was like going up Logans Ridge on Mt Barney.

Map courtesy of John & Monica Chapman book "The Overland Track" – a great book – I carried it the whole trip

It was a hot day and I quickly ran low on water and thankfully there were still 2 little snow drifts beside the track just below the peaks. I replenished my water bottles but the snow didn't melt and had to use the water from my other bottle to try to make the snow melt. It did thankfully after a vigorous shake. I was a bit worried about getting gastro or something as I didn't boil the snow water or add any water purifier tablets or drops. Thankfully, there were no "tummy problems". Then it was up and over a ridge and then there was more snow drifts and this time right across the track.



Mt Ossa – you climb 400m up through the gully between the 2 peaks in the middle of the photo



Crossing the snow drifts on Mt Ossa



Walking on snow

I met up with Ken and Monica who had already been to the top and were speedily heading back down. I finally got on top about mid-day and caught up with Khaleel, Tim and Marg.

The views from the top were breathtaking and we could see for nearly 200km in every direction. There was a clear view of Cradle Mountain and Barn Bluff to the north and there were views to the all points of the compass. It was just stunning. It was a warmish 25° and barely any wind. It was just perfect. I would like to say I zoomed down but it was also a slog going down hill and you had to be very careful with your footing. Finally, back at the saddle where I met up with Tim, Marg and Khaleel. They were ready to zoom off but I needed more time and I left about 10 minutes after them. I only saw them again when we got to Kia Ora Hut.

The walk from the saddle was hard work after doing Mt Ossa but the views of Mt Ossa were terrific.

Kia Ora Hut was sensational. It was brand new, so modern and so shiny. But a bit too shiny as your air-bed at night just slipped out from under you when you rolled over. And the Hut provided great view of the Cathedral Range.

A trivia note is that Mt Ossa is named after a mountain in northern Greece. Several mountains in Tasmania are named after Greek locations and Greek mythology.

I should also mention that Khaleel was super energetic and left about 2 hours before us and he did Mt Pelion East first and then did Mt Ossa. He met up with me as I was half way up the steep slope to the gully. Of note he was still as fresh as a daisy when he got to Kia Ora Hut. (I am very envious of his fitness and energy).

More details of the Overland Track walk next month.

Phil

AROUND THE RIDGES

The Catholic Bushwalking Club in Sydney (CBC)

Eligibility to be on Committee – our sister club in Sydney used to have a requirement or provision that to be eligible to be on the Club's committee a member had to do at least 8 walks in the previous year. Such members were called "active walkers". The background or history to this requirement was that in the early 20th century bushwalking clubs in Sydney used to have several members who barely did any walks and who were labelled "armchair walkers" – then the "armchair walkers" used to get on committee and dominated the committee and made strange decisions about the direction of the Clubs. So, when the CBC was formed back in 1943 they adopted the provision of other clubs that had this provision. But the number of members doing enough walks to be active walkers in the CBC has dropped markedly in the last few years as follows.

Year	Nº Active walkers CBC	Nº Active walkers BCBC
2018	57	26
2019	56	18
2020	43	16
2021	34	24
2022	37	21
2023	40	23

During the above period the CBC had about 400 members, so basically about 15% of CBC members were active walkers. In the BCBC the percentage is about 18 to 20% of members are active walkers (based on 8 walks). I should note that the CBC usually has 2 daywalks on every weekend so there is more opportunity for members to do more walks.

But the CBC has now gone full circle and they now have difficulty getting enough people on committee and removed this active walker provision from their constitution. But I was unable to ascertain if this was deliberately dropped or it was an oversight when they adopted the model rules as issued by the NSW government.

The membership of the CBC has also had a slow but steady decline in membership numbers in the last few years, overall a 13% reduction in members over 10 years. Some might say that is actually not as bad as it could be.

Year	Members	Year	Members
2015	373	2020	367
2016	366	2021	357
2017	363	2022	350
2018	369	2023	341
2019	369	2024	323

The *Waysider* Magazine (# 429, March 2025) of the CBC had two very interesting notes on p 17.

Can you outrun a Bushfire? There was an interesting note about trying to survive a bushfire.

In "*Bushfire*" a book by Ted Foster there is a story about a group of nine bushwalkers near the Blue Gum Forest in November 1957. There had been fires in the mountains for several weeks. During the afternoon they realised that a bushfire was in the valley and decided to climb out. After ascending for a short time the fire came up the hills towards them. The party had split with a group of four ahead of the remainder. The trailing five decided to drop their backpacks and run down to the river. To do this they had to pass through the fire front. This was done successfully, but with considerable discomfort, and they reached the safety of the valley floor with its water course. The leading four, apparently trying to outrun the fire to the top, perished.

First Man to Walk around Australia?

There was a note in the *Waysider* # 429 about a play based on the book on the Mysterious Amateur Tramp.

By way of background it is noted that thousands of people have climbed the Himalayas highest peaks, hundreds have visited all nations on United Nation's list of countries and 12 have made it to the moon. But Aidan de Brune has walked around an entire continent by the coastline and it seems

he is the only person to have ever done that. Several have walked across Australia but very few have actually walked around Australia. (There is also an issue of how close to the coast do you have to be to say you walked around Australia!) Aidan de Brune was an Australian journalist and in 1921 he packed his back bag and walked around the perimeter of the entire Australian continent. He did so all alone and with no assistance. The amazing adventure was documented by himself as he wrote articles about it for the Australian newspaper *Daily Mail* along the route. Amazing adventure, you can find the complete Public Domain book as a PDF here: <https://greatestadventurers.com/the-a...>

His story was also the subject of a book called *The Mysterious Amateur Tramp* by Colin Choat. Aidan de Brune set off in 1921, unaccompanied and unassisted, and walked 10,000 miles, (16,000km) from Sydney to Sydney, anticlockwise. Everywhere he walked people signed his travel diary, evidencing his presence at the places he passed through.

I had never heard of this guy before or of anyone actually walking around Australia. (Surely some other people have done it?) I am guilty of harbouring some very deep scepticism about the claims of the story about Aidan de Brune. For example, it is very intriguing as to how he walked across the Nullarbor and how he walked from the Kimberley's to Darwin in the 1920's. One day I may have time to do some detective work on the veracity of this story.

Title: The Amateur Tramp: A Walk of Ten Thousand Miles Around Australia
Author: Colin Choat
Publisher: Colin Choat, 2018
ISBN: 0646989375, 9780646989372
Length: 210 pages

GOLD COAST BUSHWALKERS – Celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Congratulations.
https://www.goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au/index.cfm?module=event&pagemode=indiv&page_id=2471862

The main event will be a gathering at the Canungra Showgrounds on Saturday 15th–16th March for 'all our members'. See their website for details Phil

NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER CLUBS

If you would like to read any of these magazines, please contact our Secretary to ask her to forward you the e-copy of these newsletters briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

Footnotes from BOSQ
Trudge from Sunshine Coast BWC
Footprint from Toowoomba BWC
Catholic Walker from Victorian Catholic BWC

OFFER to BCBC MEMBERS



"When you come into the *Paddy Pallin* store, if you let the staff member serving you know that you are a member of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club, the staff member will set up your complementary membership and apply the 15% off their items."

We are excited about building this relationship with the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.

CITY of BRISBANE BEGINS 100 Years Ago

The City of Brisbane replaced twenty local authorities.
<https://brisbanelivingheritage.org/blog/greater-brisbane-centenary-2025/>

It amalgamated:

Two cities: Brisbane and South Brisbane;
Six towns: Ithaca, Hamilton, Toowong, Windsor, Sandgate and Wynnum;
Ten shires: Balmoral, Belmont, Coorparoo, Enoggera, Kedron, Moggill, Sherwood, Stephens, Taringa and Toombul;

Two parts of the shires: Tingalpa and Yeerongpilly.

The Greater Brisbane City Council comprised a Lord Mayor, elected by the people, and 20 aldermen, one for each ward, elected at triennial elections.

The first election was stipulated under the Act to be on 21st February, 1925, and the first meeting of the Council was held on 18th March, 1925, in the Central Technical College (now QUT) in George Street, Brisbane.

The old Councils continued to have meetings during 1925, effectively winding up their affairs, and Greater Brisbane came into effect on 1st Oct 1925, under the leadership of Lord Mayor William Jolly.

FOXES IN THE BURBS

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ABC News by Jenny Woodward

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This is the time of year when young are leaving home to find their own territory. (Mark Wolton)

Brisbane City Council warns residents to secure their chickens from foxes. There's a predator in our neighbourhoods with wildlife and backyard chickens in its sights. Foxes are often seen in suburban Brisbane.

The European red fox has been terrorising Australian wildlife and chickens since the mid 1800s when they were introduced for sport. They have adapted very well, making themselves at home and are now common in suburbs across the nation, particularly where there are creeks and forest.

In Brisbane's west, Councillor Steven Toomey is concerned for local wildlife and says the fox issue is particularly bad in western Brisbane suburbs bordered by bushland, like The Gap and Upper Kedron. He says foxes come out of the Mount Coot-tha forest area, do a run through the local schools, scavenging in the bins, and cross a busy main road into nearby bush. "You could say there is a fox super highway running between Keperra and Mount Coot-tha."

As the team leader of the biosecurity wildlife and invasive species management team in Brisbane City, Dr Rachel Greenfield has come to know foxes and their habits well. She says foxes prey on ground-dwelling birds and small mammals like bandicoots and can take the life of one or two of those creatures every single day. She describes them as lazy predators that will scavenge first from rubbish bins, other animal nesting areas and pet food bowls that have been left out.

When those options are not on the table, chickens are still a prime target. "They are in an enclosed space. They don't fly, and they're very, very easy to capture. So if chickens are available, a fox is likely to be around," Dr Greenfield says.

The digging is how they protect their young — Dr Greenfield describes a fox den as a hole or series of holes that offer multiple entrances and exits for fast getaways. "It's a perfectly symmetrical circle, usually in the side of a creek bank, in a grassed area, something that's just the size of the fox, something that it can slip into," she says. The females will stay in the den looking after their young, known as kits, and the male goes out hunting for food.

While foxes don't pose a threat to children or pets, Dr Greenfield wants to remind people to stay clear. "This is a wild animal and it's a wild animal with teeth," she says. "You know people own snakes, but you don't go into the wild and play with snakes." This is the time of year when young are leaving home to find their own territory.

Fox numbers are extremely difficult to estimate and while there's little evidence those numbers are growing, at this time of year the young are starting to move out of home and look for their own territory. More and more are being spotted, especially with the help of domestic CCTV cameras.

Councillor Toomey and Dr Greenfield both urge the public to report fox sightings so the animals can be trapped and removed from the natural environment, giving protection to local wildlife.

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill. Check Jilalan to determine the meet-up location, to be sure.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost." Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled. If they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – e.g., because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the leader if the leader shows a mobile phone number. If not, ring Emergency Officer.

All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 0418 122 995.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of February, May, August and November, at 7:30pm. The location is Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School, 347 Given Terrace, Paddington. (Rosalie) – actually 333 Given Terrace.

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu>

Parking: Either in Given Terrace, OR down behind the Centre in the school's old playground off Central Ave – enter Central Ave from Ewart Street.

VISITORS are always welcome.

EMERGENCY OFFICER: If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (or "Emerg Off" or EO) for that outing – but please, they are not to panic. If the Emergency Officer is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it. <https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/bushwalkers-overdue/>

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: The Club requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment.

This should comprise the following: Emergency Contact & Medical Information form, a first-aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 50+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water.

Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The Club financial year is January to December.

There are different amounts for those who want only an electronic Jilalan and for those who want a printed version as well.

Ordinary Members: \$35 for Jilalan e-copy only, AND \$45 extra for a printed copy if you want one

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Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer

Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned.

For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

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<https://bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance/insurance-overview/>

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