

JILALAN



View from Mt Edwards

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APRIL						
16	Wed	Jindalee/Darra/Oxley – Geologic #05	Greg		Stroll	
21	Mon	Lilybrook – Wyaralong	Pat Lawton		DW	
23	Wed	Perrin Creek, Seven Hills to Colmslie	Greg		Stroll	
26	Sat	Eastern Escarpment – Mt Cotton	Sue Walsh		DW	
27	Sun	Country Lunch – <i>Trade Coast Hotel</i>	Greg		Soc	
30	Wed	Eagle Junction to Nudgee – Rail #33	Greg		Stroll	
MAY						
1	Thu	Mt May (Russ 50 th Anniv + 5 in BCBC)	Russ		DW	
2–5	Fri–Mon	Mt Kaputar	Iain		BC	
7	Wed	Coffee Night – <i>Full Moon Hotel, Sandgate</i>	Maree/Gordon		Soc	
10	Sat	Camp Mountain to McDowall Reserve	Greg		DW	
14	Wed	Sandgate – History Stroll #10	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
15	Thu	Mt Coot-tha	Allan S	0408 758 070	DW	M34
17–18	Sat–Sun	Club Hut Working Bee <i>Postponed to later 2025 TBA</i>	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M34
18	Sun	Fort Lytton	Jan N	0401 030 137	Soc	
19	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Darra to Algester – Closing the Circle	Paula	3355 4310	Stroll	M12
21–23	Wed–Fri	Nth Rivers Rail Trail – Southern Section	Jan N	0401 030 137	AT	M22
25	Sun	Play – “ <i>No Dinner for Sinners</i> ”	Jan N	0401 030 137	Soc	
28	Wed	Morningside/Tingalpa – Geologic #06	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
29	Thu	Banff Mountain Film Festival at Bris Powerhouse	Phil	5522 9702	Movies	
31	Sat	Razorback Ridge to The Lost World	John C	0433 279 733	DW	M87
JUNE						
4	Wed	Coffee Night – <i>Minami Japanese Kitchen</i>	Barbara E	3355 3639	Soc	
5	Thu	Mt Edwards	Sue T	3366 3193	DW	S33
8–16	Wk	Rockhampton / Central Qld	Phil	5522 9702	AT	Var
11	Wed	Boondall to Shorncliffe – Rail #34	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
14	Sat	Brisbane Valley Rail Trail – Benarkin to Linville	Louise J	0437 447 277	DW	M23
18	Wed	Airport Link Tunnels – #02	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
20	Fri	Drinks and Dinner – <i>Newmarket Hotel</i>	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
21	Sat	Pilgrimage to Cathedral of St Stephen	Michele E	0418 708 638	Spiritual	S11
21	Sat	Mt Bally	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	S54
22	Sun	O’Reilly’s	Gordon	0466 806 068	DW	S32
25	Wed	Wynnum – History #19	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
26	Thu	Mt Zahel	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	M55
28	Sat	Mapleton to Gheerulla Falls	Sue W	0403 487 737	DW	M33
JULY						
2	Wed	Coffee Night – <i>Arana Leagues Club</i>	Benno	0458 484 793	Soc	
5	Sat	Ipswich Boonah Peaks – Mt Joyce near Wyaralong Dam	Will T	0407 960 619	DW	L44
7–11	Mon–Fri	Cania Gorge / Hervey Bay Rail Trail	Russ N	0427 743 534	AT	Var
9	Wed	Coorparoo Finger Parks	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
12	Sat	Mystery Progressive Dinner	Sue T		Soc	
13	Sun	Knapps Peak	Mark D	3300 0229	DW	M44
16	Wed	Northgate to Carseldine – Rail #35	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
19	Sat	Noosa Trails #1 Clockwise	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M34
23	Wed	Belmont, Camp Hill – Geologic #07	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
24	Thu	Mt Greville	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	
25–27	Fri–Sun	Killarney/Girraween/Bald Rock			TW	L45
30	Wed	Mt Gravatt Conservation Park – History #15	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
31	Thu	Tom’s Tum and Barney Beautiful	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M44
AUGUST						
2	Sat	Musical Theatre – “ <i>A Chorus Line</i> ”	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
3	Sun	Zero Birthday Celebration	Liz	0414 252 003	Soc	
6	Wed	Coffee Night	Sue T	3366 3193	Soc	
8–10	Fri–Sun	Pilgrimage at Beaudesert by Gold Coast BWC			BC	Var
12–13	Tue–Wed	Barney Mass			ON	L45
13	Wed	Barney Mass	Terry	3355 9765	DW	L45
13	Wed	Barney Mass Foothills			DW	M33
18	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele E	0418 708 638	Meet	
20	Wed	Cleveland to The Point and Return	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
23	Sat	Warrie Circuit	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	M35
27	Wed	White’s Hill – Geologic #08	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
30	Sat	Bayview Conservation Area	Sue W	0403 487 737	DW	

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

With the passing of Pope Francis, let us pray for the eternal repose of his soul and for the College of Cardinals as they embark on their sacred duty to elect Pope Francis' successor.

Heavenly Father,
You entrusted the care of Your Church on earth to
Pope Francis,
And now You have called him to Yourself.
We entrust his soul to Your boundless mercy.
For his lifelong service, we thank You.
For his care for the poor & marginalised, we thank You.
For his witness to simplicity, we thank You.
In Your mercy, cleanse him of all sin.

Purify him & draw him into the light of Your presence.
Grant him the vision of Your Eternal Essence,
into which we all long to be drawn.
Protect Your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity,
and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.
Amen

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the last *Jilalan*, Pope Francis has died, but hopefully his legacy will live on! One initiative of his, among many, was the Jubilee Year he declared in December 2024, whereby he called all of us to enter into the spirit of Jubilee, to turn back to Christ, accept His mercy and love, travel on through life as Pilgrims of Hope, trusting in God's love all the way. The Pope's Jubilee Prayer was published in our December *Jilalan*, so I won't repeat it here, except to say that it refers to us as Pilgrims of Hope; and I believe a Catholic Bushwalking Club should take up this Jubilee Year theme and make a contribution to our local Archdiocese by offering a short Pilgrims of Hope Walk!

At the Club Management Committee Meeting on May 2, it was decided that instead of having a series of Sunday walks from May to September, we would have just two Saturday morning Pilgrims of Hope walks, in June and August, leaving from the same place each time, St Anne's Kalinga (where our last two Christmas Parties have been held), passing by two other churches, Holy Cross Woolloowin and Holy Rosary Windsor, before arriving at the Cathedral of St Stephen in time for the Saturday 11am Mass. See the Coming Events article in this *Jilalan* regarding the June 21 walk, which will be repeated, hopefully with lots of non-BCBC parishioners participating, on August 16. Also, please consider stepping forward to offer yourself as a Leader or Tail-ender.

Club shirts will be on sale at our May General Meeting and I'm hoping anyone still without one will take this opportunity to buy one. They're useful on lots of occasions but specially when we are doing something public in the Archdiocese of Brisbane like leading a Pilgrims of Hope Walk through the suburbs into the City. It'd be great if everyone participating in the mini-pilgrimage on June 21 – and hopefully also on August 16 – could be visible as members of BCBC. Please come with \$30 (or \$35 for larger sizes) to the Quarterly General Meeting on May 19 – or contact Treasurer, Terry if you'd like one but can't make it to the meeting.

There are several other items-of-interest to report on, but I'll save them for the May General Meeting. I hope to see you all at Rosalie on Monday 19th! Michele

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Committee has updated the Club's Constitution to reflect Government changes and By-Laws. Our Constitution will now have Number 33.

33. Grievance Procedures

The Association has adopted the model rules for grievances set by the Department of Fair-Trading in July 2024 for the Association Incorporation Act 1981.

Please refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/fair-trading> for grievance procedure.

New By-Laws:

BY-LAW 25. TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Visitors and unfinancial members shall be considered to be temporary members for the duration of the Club activity that they are attending.

BY-LAW 26. PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

If the participant is under the age of 18 (the child), a parent or guardian must accompany the child on the Club event. The parent or guardian takes full responsibility for all actions of the child, and the child always remains in the care of the parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must be a financial member of the Club and there must be one financial parent or guardian for each child attending the event.

A full updated copy of the Club's Constitution will be available on Club's website. Sue Tobin

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 14th MAY SANDGATE HISTORY STROLL



Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:48pm
Meet at: Sandgate Rail Station
Cost: Free
Train: Shorncliffe Train from Roma St Stn at 2:09pm PI 7; First Carriage.
Join us along the way.
Grade: M11
Distance: 10km
Web: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/walking-in-brisbane/heritage-trails/shorncliffe-seaside-heritage-trail>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Sandgate is one of our early suburbs; thus it has many lovely old historic Queenslanders. Many have these have been renovated back to their original state with the closed-in verandas removed, freshly painted in heritage colours and replanted with period gardens. Absolutely fabulous.

The majority of houses are along Flinders Parade (the esplanade) and the majority of shops are along Brighton Rd. In between, there are a few other sites; like the Sandgate Lagoons, a few divine lovely wooden churches, a few more houses and even a park.

Past experience has shown that these History Strolls go a bit slower than normal and we do not get to the end of the list. Oh hum, this happens. Just means we have to come back for Part 2. And there is the separate Shorncliffe History Stroll coming to a station near you sometime in the future.

Be prepared to finish this Stroll late – around 6pm – just on dark.

Anyone want to stay for a dinner before going home? *Il Forno Pizzeria*, 3 Third Ave, Sandgate.

THURSDAY 15th May MOUNT COOT-THA 'FIVE CAR WRECKS' DAY WALK

Leader: Allan Schmidt Ph: 0408 758 070
Meet at: Simpson Falls Picnic Area Upper Carpark
Time: 7.30am
Distance: 15km
Cost: \$5
Grade: M33
Location: Mt Coot-tha
Emerg Off: TBA

This is a pleasant walk through some of the main trails through Mount Coot-tha as well as several of the lesser-known tracks. The walk features some steep rocky sections that are sure to get your heart rate elevated, and some of the smaller sections traverse dry creek beds and follow narrow tracks. There are also several areas where rangers have added steps to the track and others where steps would likely be appreciated. The whole walk will take approximately 4 hours plus breaks.

On this walk we will be seeing the 5 car wrecks (or what's left of them) located on the mountain. Unfortunately, there is little to no history of these wrecks, but their location clearly indicates they have been here for some considerable time. Those who walk the area regularly may be aware of some of the wrecks, such as 'Old Rusty' but perhaps not all.

You have the option of carrying your own morning tea or stopping at the Summit Coffee Shop on our way back to the carpark. There is nothing wrong with doing both either. The Coffee Shop is directly on our intended track back to the start point at Simpson Falls Picnic area. For any who may not have been to Mt Coot-tha at the Summit you will be greeted with some of the best views of Brisbane City and depending on the day you may see out to Moreton Bay.

SUNDAY 18th MAY FORT LYTTON TOUR SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph 0401 030 137
Meet at: Information Centre, Fort Lytton, 160 South Street Lytton
Time: 10.15am
Cost: Free

The Fort Lytton National Park is open from 10am – 4pm on Sundays. We will be joining the free 90-minute tour of the historical military facility of Fort Lytton, which is about a 30 minute drive from the Brisbane CBD. We will meet at the Information Centre at Fort Lytton at 10.15am for the tour which begins at 10.30am. Please bring along your own lunch and we can have lunch in a grassy area on the banks of the Brisbane River after the tour. Please have water with you as well as hat and sunscreen.

An extract from the website <https://parks.desi.qld.gov.au> is set out below:

“Fort Lytton National Park is like no other place in Brisbane. It played a strategic military role as a hidden fortress guarding the developing Brisbane colony against attacks from enemy ships. One of several built around Australia's coast in the nineteenth century for protection from invasion, this well-preserved pentagonal fort is concealed behind grassy embankments with its very own water-filled moat. A quarantine station, preventing diseases spreading to the thriving Brisbane population, also operated from this site.”

The Fort was established in 1881 and was used for the defence of Brisbane until the end of the Second World War. It was made a National Park in 1989.

Come and join me on this social to learn more about the early history of Brisbane. If you need assistance with transport, please give me a call.

MONDAY 19th MAY **CLUB GENERAL MEETING**

Contact: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638

Time: 7.30pm – Doors open and meeting starts soon after

Where: Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School, 347 Given Terrace, Paddington (Rosalie). On GPS try 339 Given Tce

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

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

Parking: In Given Tce OR in the carpark off Central Ave

Web: <https://bcbc.space/>

Our meetings are friendly and relaxed gatherings where members and visitors can hear about recent and upcoming Club events and ask questions about Coming Walks that interest you. We also have a brief discussion **re: a Club matter**. At the last Quarterly Meeting it was **our ethos**. This time it will be what I foreshadowed in my President's report last month: clarification of expectations of Walkers and Leaders on Club Outings. Please think about what you regard as essential for **putting our Club ethos into action on Walks** – and come along to have your say!

At this May meeting, our Outings Secretary, Russ, will report on past walks, provide information on coming walks and present a few slides on the featured walk for this quarter, **Cania Gorge/Hervey Bay Rail Trail**.

Another key agenda item will be our **Pilgrims of Hope Walks into the Cathedral**. See my reference to this in From the President, at the beginning of this *Jilalan*.

After the formalities, people catch up over a friendly cuppa. During this time, nominations for Walks are taken. You can ask leaders about their trips and talk with members about their experiences. In May you can also buy a new polo shirt for \$30!

Club shirts will be on sale and we're hoping our newer (and older) members who haven't yet acquired one of these will buy one on the night. See our Treasurer, Terry.

Everyone is welcome to the Club General Meeting. See you there on Monday 19th!

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.

WEDNESDAY 21st MAY
ALGESTER to DARRA
Closing the Circle
STROLL

Leader: Paula Hill Ph: 0435 171 366
Time: 1:40pm
Meet at: Queen Street Bus Station Platform “F”
Cost: Free
Bus: Bus 130 Parkinson
Begins: 2:21pm at Ridgewood Rd at Ridgewood Park near Yorrell St; Stop ID: 005860
Grade: M12
Distance: 13.7km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.59342/153.03037>
Emerg Off: Paula Ph: 0435 171 366 *Bring a Torch*

Over the years, you have Strolled along creeks, beside the River, along bikeways, following train lines, through forgotten suburbs. Some of these Strolls were on the outer edges of our wide city. Then I decided to circumnavigate Brisbane by finding paths all the way around by joining up previous tracks.

The result is our *Closing The Circle* series of Strolls. The main gaps were in the north where forests blocked our path – no more because we conquered them. And there are the western suburbs. You did commence this final chapter; now you can complete it and pat yourself on the back.

This day, you catch a comfortable Council bus out to the beginning to a place where you never have been before – who has ever been into the depths of Algester – an isolated and cut off suburb. Start out on the banks of the lovely named Sheep Station Ck.

From our bus stop, your way follows bike paths into the nicely named Willawong – a peaceful industrial estate (check out the big dump, a waste disposal incinerator and numerous huge warehouses).

Strangely, there is only one way to move from suburb to suburb, so we are confined to the main road for a portion while roaming about. Moving into Durack, then Inala where you follow Boss Ck. A right turn and moving up to Darra passing through a few large vacant blocks and a sports field. The downhill run after crossing over Ipswich Rd to Darra Station.

This Stroll is on the longer side of short. Though it is mainly on footpaths and along creeks, so it should be on the faster side of slow. It could/should finish on the later side of early. Be prepared to use your torch (that you will bring with you).

SUNDAY 25th MAY
PLAY – ‘NO DINNER FOR SINNERS’
SOCIAL

NO DINNER FOR SINNERS

Edward Taylor



Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet at: Community Centre – Cnr Halsbury and Queenscroft Sts, Chelmer
Time: 1.45pm for 2.00pm Matinee
Cost: Tickets \$27 adult; \$24 concession
Web: <https://centenarytheatre.com.au/>

The Centenary Theatre Company, a community theatre group which is based in Chelmer, is putting on a comedy play "*No Dinner for Sinners*" which sounds like it will be full of laughs. The write-up about the play on the above website states –

“Jim Watt runs the London office of a stock exchange firm and is hosting dinner for the International Director and his wife, Bill and Nancy McGregor, members of the anti-permissive society group. As Bill strongly disapproves of unmarried couples living together, Jim asks his girlfriend, Helen, to pose as his wife for the evening. This suggestion goes down like a lead balloon and Helen walks out on him leaving Jim with no partner, no cook and – after ringing around all of his ex-girlfriends rather unsuccessfully – only one last option: his eccentric cleaning lady, Edna, who will do the job for a fee, of course. Disaster reigns as Edna attempts to cook an elaborate dish while keeping her guests happy with “religious chat”. At an extremely inopportune moment, Helen returns to play the role of his wife and so does his young personal assistant, Terri! A string of hilarious miscommunications unravel as Jim tries to save the situation – and his job – by trading lies and wives almost as quickly as Bill is trading shares.”

Tickets can be purchased via the website link above. I suggest you purchase tickets early to avoid missing out. There is plenty of street parking available or the venue is easily accessible by train as it is opposite the over rail pedestrian walkway at the northern end of Chelmer station. When you have booked tickets, please let me know that you will be coming.

WEDNESDAY 28th MAY
MORNINGSIDE/TINGALPA
A GEOLOGIC STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:20pm
Meet at: Edward St; Stop 142 Near Queen St, outside the side entrance to Woolies
Cost: Free
Bus: Bus 232 Cannon Hill
Begins: 2:37pm at Stop 21a, Hawthorne Rd at Lourdes Hill
Grade: M11
Distance: 14km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.47629/153.09800>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring a Torch*

Your next Geologic Stroll to continue the adventure. These Geologic Strolls always seem to be longish; and to be honest – long.

This one is basically along three or four straight roads, with the odd road cutting or disused quarry to inspect and to read from The Oracle. From this, you shall learn all about the geology of the inner eastern suburbs.

This one is not as exciting as all the other Geologic Strolls combined, but still provided very useful information to absorb.

You will be finishing late since this is almost the middle of the year, so bring your torch (and good humour).

Come with me on this Stroll to the Never Never Land and enjoy the pleasures of rocks.

THURSDAY 29th MAY
BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL
FILM NIGHT

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160

Venue: Brisbane Powerhouse, 119 Lamington St, New Farm

Cost : \$39.00

Ticket: Purchase your tickets on-line

Web – inc Preview: <https://brisbanepowerhouse.org/events/banff-mountain-film-festival-2025/>

Tickets: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/events/BANFFMOU25/venues/BPW/performance/EBPH2025757BM/tickets>

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is a very prestigious international film competition and an annual presentation of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and the environment. The best of the films go on a tour of Australia and it is coming to Brisbane at the Brisbane Powerhouse in May. It is not cheap, but worth it. Adult price \$35 plus \$4.00 transaction fee. Actually the price has gone down a little since last year.

I saw the film recently and highly recommend it. This year there are a few bike riding movies and several skiing snowboarding ones. There were only two about bushwalking as such. But the scenery from all of the films is amazing.

This year the films are

1. **109 Below (Freezing)** – A story of a guy who got caught in a blizzard near Mt Washington (New Hampshire USA) – the coldest place on earth apparently. He got frostbite, lost both legs below the knee. How he rebuilt his life and made a difference to the world and became a great rock climber.
2. **The Streiff** – a BMX rider zooming down a ski run – just amazing action photography.
3. **Of a Lifetime** – snowboarding in Antarctica on near vertical ski runs. To get there, they sailed from southern Chile. It was bizarre but gripping and incredibly beautiful. The slopes they came down seemed to be vertical and dropped straight into the ocean. One of the best films I have ever seen.
4. **Two Legs is easy** – a skiing film about a guy who had a leg amputated when he was about 12 months old and how his handicap hasn't stopped him becoming a great downhill skier.
5. **Dolomites** – a BMX rider going down the tracks of the Dolomites in Italy – the scenery is astonishing. I don't know how he can stay on the skinny track.
6. **Wolf of Wingsuit** – a wingsuit glider jumping off mountain peaks.
7. **A Team Sport** – crazy ultra distance running in 100 mile racers – don't know how they do it.

In the first film they made a point about the sad fact that the guy who got rescued indirectly caused the death of one of the people from the rescue groups. But back then the volunteers in the rescue service weren't covered by workers compensation or life insurance. So, it was tough bikkies for his family. Since the accident happened the legislation has been updated to provide insurance etc. for the volunteers in New Hampshire. But I don't know what happens in Queensland with FMR or SES volunteers. Can someone update us please.

Phil

SATURDAY 31st MAY
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 1m to 2m. 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 C

WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE COFFEE NIGHT at MINAMI JAPANESE KITCHEN SOCIAL

Leader: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259
Where: Minami Japanese Kitchen
Meet at: South Pine Rd & Griffith St, Everton Park opposite KFC
Time: 6pm
Web: Google Japanese Restaurant Everton Park
RSVP: Friday 30th May

We have had a variety of cuisines for our Coffee Nights, but so far as I can remember we've never had a Japanese one. Well, that's about to change! Our venue for June is a small, local restaurant which does a good trade in takeaway as well as having a small room for dine in customers. It is here that we will be eating.



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There is an extensive menu with all the common Japanese specialities and some you may not have heard of. The dishes are authentic, large and very reasonably priced. It's a family run business and it gets mostly 5 star reviews.

The menu includes a number of non-alcoholic drinks. You are welcome to bring along beer or wine (pretty sure there is no corkage). If you do decide to BYO can you please bring along your own glasses (especially for wine) as they will not have enough glasses for all of us.

There's parking behind the restaurant (enter off Griffith St) or in the KFC opposite. Because they're a small venue I have said that I will let them know numbers by **Friday 30th May**. I'd appreciate it if you could try to nominate by then.

Come along for good company and good food which will not cost you an arm and a leg. Hope to see you there.

THURSDAY 5th JUNE
M^t EDWARDS
and possibly Little Mt Edwards
DAYWALK

Leader: Sue Tobin Ph: 0438 800 039
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$25.00
Grade: S33
Distance: 10km
Location: Beside Moogerah Dam
Web Site: <https://parks.desi.qld.gov.au/parks/moogerah-peaks>
Emerg Off: Elizabeth Richards Ph:0416 837484

We'll begin at Fred Haigh Park, crossing the dam wall and enjoying the views of the Main Range. From there, a flight of steps brings us to the start of the track to the summit of Mt Edwards, the taller, conical shaped peak beside Moogerah Dam.

The initial section is a gentle incline, offering advantage points to admire Little Mt Edwards and Reynolds Creek. As we progress, the trail becomes steeper and more rugged, with loose rocky ground, occasional fallen tree and some overgrown patches. The track is clearly marked and offers patches of shade.

At the 632m summit, we'll stop for morning tea and take in the views across the Fassifern Valley and the surrounding areas.

If time permits and our vigour remains, we will tackle Little Mt Edwards. A pre-outing is planned, more details on this optional side trip will be available closer to the date.

Come on a winter's walk to Mt Edwards, named in 1828 by explorer Alan Cunningham in honour of Lieutenant George Edwards.

SUN 8th JUNE to TUE 17th JUNE
ROCKHAMPTON
ACCOMMODATED TRIP

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
N^o Limit: 12
Cost: Around the \$1500 range

This is a great trip with special places to visit, especially Mt Larcom and Mt Baga, and we will do some great walks on Great Keppel Island. **So nominate soon so you don't miss out.**

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

Six members have already nominated for this trip. There is a **limit of 12**.

Some of the walks are a bit rough, especially Mt Archer, Mt Larcom, Mt Baga and Wreck Beach, which are all medium trips – the difficulty, a bit like doing Flinders Peak or Mt Maroon.

If you are interested in the trip and want more details, I have a detailed itinerary. Phil

Day #1: <https://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au/Pages/TiltTrain.aspx>

Day# 2: https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/162304/mt-etna-caves-map.pdf
<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/central-qld/mount-etna-caves-national-park/>

Day #3: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=12/-23.7586/150.6816>
<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/central-qld/mount-larcom-walk>
<https://www.visitcapricorn.com.au/10-things-to-do-in-mount-morgan>

Day #4: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=13/-23.19717/150.82392>
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/zamia-walk>
<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/central-qld/mount-baga>

Day #5: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-23.15559/150.76109>
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/bluff-point-circuit>

Day #6: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-23.22754/150.79268>

Great Keppel Is: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/mackay-isaac-and-hitsunday/great-keppel-is/> & <https://i0.wp.com/hikingtheworld.blog/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GKI-map.jpg?ssl=1>

Day #7: <https://hikingtheworld.blog/swimming/leekes-beach-great-keppel-island/>

Day #8: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/wreck-beach-circuit>

Day #9: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/shelving-monkey-and-long-beaches-loop>

Day #10: <https://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au/Railexperiences/ourtrains/tilttrain>

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE BOONDALL to SHORNCLIFFE

Rail #34 STROLL



Shorncliffe Station

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:18pm
Meet at: College Way near Lourdes Pl, Boondall; Stop ID: 003561
Cost: Free
Bus: 2:17pm @ Roma Street Busway; Bus 325 Boondall
Grade: S11
Distance: 9.3km
Location: Boondall, Deagon, Sandgate & Shorncliffe
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.34188/153.06916>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring a Torch*

Your next Rail Stroll is to continue along the Shorncliffe Line. You went as far as Nudgee in April; however, there is no way across the swamp on foot – the train line does, but you cannot walk the line.

So, start at the northside of the swamp – at College Green (near the Nudgee College). From there, just keep the trainline in sight. Remember to go on every platform for the obligatory photo.

The Stroll is relatively short for a Stroll, and reasonably flat – the max height is 7m and the min is 1m. Most of the way is in suburbia, though there are parks and sportsgrounds to wander through on occasions. May even be a creek to jump across if you are lucky (and if the rain stops soon).

Trains home are every 15mins.

Not much more to say about this one. Short and flat

**SATURDAY 14th JUNE
BENARKIN TO LINVILLE
BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL
DAYWALK**

Leader: Louise Jones Ph: 0437 447 277
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 6.00am
Cost : \$25.00
Grade: M23
Emerg Off: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638

This daywalk covers the Benarkin to Linville section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and is 17km in length (approximately four hours of walking), mostly downhill. The only inclines are crossings of Blackbutt Creek. The surface between Benarkin and Linville is rough gravel with some rocky sections, traversing through the Benarkin State Forest.

We will start the daywalk on the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail opposite the historic Benarkin General Store and head towards Linville. As the walk is lengthy for a daywalk, we will need to carpool at Linville given that the walk is one-way.

Initially the walk is through gum forest, with stands of hoop pine and stands of silky oak. Then it opens up and runs through farm land for the last 4 or 5km. There are plenty of birds, notably many brown doves, and flocks of quail. There is a bellbird colony near the 130km mark of the trail. Blackbutt is a pretty creek and after lots of recent rainfall should still be running. There is a bit of rainforest on the banks.

Being a part of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, historical railway spots and information are signed and very interesting. The surface on this part of the trail is very good with no slippery bits. Sites of interest include the Linville Railway Station, the Linville Hotel and historic culverts under the trail.

Please contact me on the above number if you wish to do this walk.

**WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE
AIRPORT LINK TUNNEL
STROLL**



Spaghetti Junction

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:58pm

Meet at: Royal Bne & Women's Hospital (RBWH) Busway Stn, 20 Bowen Bridge Rd, Herston
Cost: Free
Bus: 2:52pm @ Roma Street Busway; Bus 330 "Bracken Ridge"
Grade: M11
Distance: 11.3km
Location: Herston, Bowen Bridge, Windsor, Lutwyche, Kalinga, Toombul
Twilight: 5:26pm
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.43322/153.03406>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring a Torch*

You have followed the Cross River Rail Tunnel, now for the next one.

This time, you follow (mainly) the Airport Link Tunnel – not exactly above it because a lot of it is under Gympie Rd – rather boring. I have chosen a more circuitous route that generally follows it but is more scenic and less noisy and polluted. Not much of that burnt petrol smell.

The track still follows roads mostly, but I have tried to find parks to deviate into and through. I hope it will be quieter than following the main roads.

Being in suburbia at just over 11km, we should be able to make good pace as nothing will slow us down; thus you should be able to make it to the end in a little over 3hrs. I hope to take a closer look at St Andrew's Anglican Church Lutwyche – even just a walk through the grounds if the church is closed.

The end is at the Toombul Busway Station or Rail Station – going home is easy.

See you on this Stroll where you will not see even one bit of what you are following.

FRIDAY 20th JUNE DRINKS and DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet at: Newmarket Hotel, 135 Enoggera Rd Newmarket
Time: From 5.00pm
Cost: Seniors Meals from \$17; Non-Seniors from \$24
Web: <https://www.thenewmarkethotel.com.au/>

It has been quite a while since the Club has had a Drinks and Dinner night so on Friday 20th June we will be heading to the Newmarket Hotel. This hotel is easily accessible by bus (only a 280m walk from the bus stop) or there is car parking available.

The Hotel has a varied menu including steaks, seafood, burgers, pizzas and salads at very reasonable prices so there should be something to please everyone. I am looking forward to having lots of members join me at this event. Visitors are always very welcome.

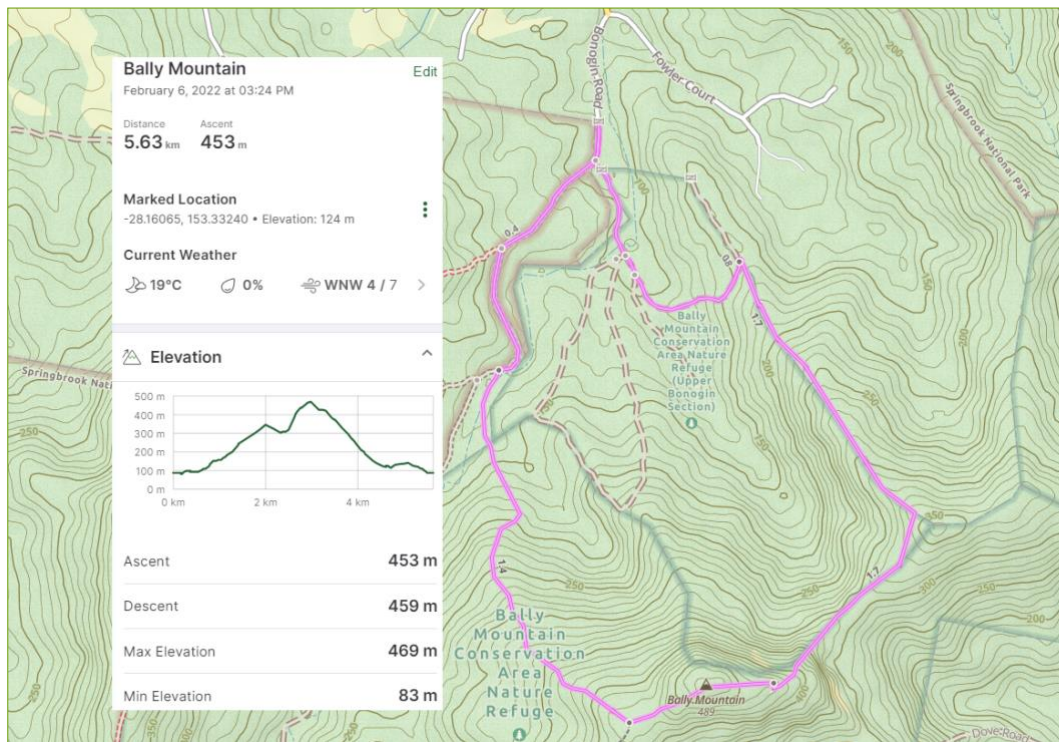
SATURDAY 21th June BALLY MOUNTAIN DAYWALK

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$5 (private) \$20 (carpool)
Grade: S54
Distance: 6km
Location: Bally Mountain Conservation Area (Upper Bonogin Section)
Web: <https://www.gaiagps.com/map/?loc=15.9/153.3318/28.1589&layer=GaiaTopoRasterMeters>
Emerg Off: Paula Hill Ph: 0435 171 366

Two years ago, the Club did this walk in May. It is considered hard as there is a continuous uphill for about 3km to reach the top of the mountain and achieving elevation gain of 390m; also the terrain is rough with some steep sections and cliffs. Some scrambling is required.

There are very nice views at many points along the way. We will have morning tea, then descend a different route to complete a circuit. Fairly good fitness is required to enjoy the walk of about 4 to 5 hours.

After the walk we will have coffee at a nearby coffee shop (555 Bonogin Rd, Bonogin). Make sure you have at least 2litres of water; bring morning tea and snacks. Khaleel



SATURDAY 21st JUNE PILGRIMAGE TO CATHEDRAL 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'

Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418708 638
Meet at: St Anne's Church Kalinga carpark, 127 Nelson St
Time: 8.30am (TBC)
Cost: Nil
Grade: S11
Location: Kalinga to Woolloowin to Windsor to St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth St, City

After an opening Pilgrim's Prayer, we will be walking along suburban and city footpaths, stopping at two churches along the way, for a brief moment of prayer/reflection, before making our way to the Cathedral of St Stephen, where we will enter via the Pilgrim's Door.

Those who would like to celebrate Eucharist with the Cathedral community at 11am are welcome to stay for that. Others may want to head home, go to a coffee shop – or perhaps linger in the Cathedral grounds for a quiet morning tea on the lawns.

One choice of transport is:

Bus 320 "Chermside" at 7:49am from Edward Street Stop 142 near Queen St, Arrive at Kent Rd near Judge St, stop 32, Kalinga, and walk 198m to St Anne's Catholic Church at 127 Nelson St, Kalinga.

Buses back to St Anne's depart the CBD about every hour.

SUNDAY 22nd JUNE O'REILLY'S DAYWALK

Leader: Gordon Denkes Ph: 0466 806 068
Meet at: St. Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill

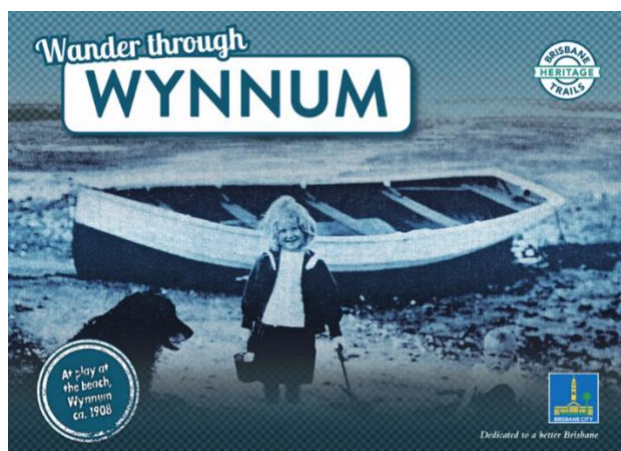
Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$25 (car pool)
Grade: S32
Location: O'Reilly's Lamington National Park
Emerg Off: TBA

Escape the city come to beautiful Lamington National Park for a short but enjoyable walk.

We will be walking to Python Rock, Morans Falls lookout, and Morgans Falls before heading off to Balancing Rock and Castle Crag. Then heading back to our starting point at O'Reilly's car park. I am hoping the weather will be kind to us so we can enjoy the great views this walk offers.

Please contact me to nominate for this walk. I will be overseas until the 5th June but I will get back to you when we return.

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE WYNNUM HISTORY STROLL



Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:27pm
Meet at: Wynnum Central Train Station
Cost: Free
Train: 2:50pm @ Roma Street Stn: Cleveland Train Pl 5; 6th Carriage
Grade: S11
Distance: 6.6km
Location: Wynnum
Twilight: 5:28pm
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.44273/153.16982>
<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/events-arts-and-culture/art-and-culture/heritage-trails/wynnum-heritage-trail>

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring a Torch**

Our last History Stroll was at Sandgate – today we go south of the River to Wynnum. The City Council has drawn up a cunning plan to discover the history of our bayside suburb. We shall begin at Stop 8. *Star Picture Pavilion* (150 Florence Street), then head south to Guardian Angles Church, then turn left to the Bay to the wading pool, and north to and across Wynnum Creek. Finally, you shall head west and south via the Shire Clerk's House back to The Station.

The BCC brochure contains lots of important and interesting historical information about this early suburb of our City. It takes us around the old streets showing us the locations of interesting early houses, businesses, industrial sites and the like. Though the distance Strolled is short, history has shown us that it takes time to view, learn and listen to the story behind each site. Thus, the distance is short but the time is long.

I would suspect it will take us at least 2 hours to do the circuit back to the Wynnum Central Station for our trip home. As seen on previous Strolls to our southern bayside suburbs, Wynnum is a very pretty area – the renovated houses are really lovely. Wynnum has retained its life and spirit.

Come join me in this interesting experience – all you have to do is be at Wynnum Central Station at 3:27pm to begin this *Wander Through Wynnum*.

**THURSDAY 26th JUNE
THORNTON – MOUNT ZAHIEL
DAYWALK**

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$5 private; \$20 carpool
Grade: M55
Distance: 11km
Location: Thornton QLD
Web: <https://www.gaiagps.com/map/?loc=14.6/152.3212/-27.8188>
Emerg Off: Paula Hill Ph: 0435 171 366

We will drive 1hr 50m at 6:30am from Red Hill to the start of the walk at the end of Main Camp Creek Rd, where Scenic Rim Great Walk starts. We should start the walk at 8:30am with a gentle ascent of 180m in about 1.6km. This is followed by a flat terrain of overgrown grass for about 1km. Then the real ascent starts from 540m to 880m in about 2km via a zig-zagged mostly unmaintained 4WD road to reach the top of the first peak; halfway to the top we will depart the rough road to commence an unmaintained foot track; we need to keep good open eyes as the track could easily be lost.

At the first peak, we will stop for morning tea to enjoy the stunning views of surrounding mountains. The next 1.4km is through the saddle connecting the peak with the top of mount Zahiel. It will take us good time to arrive to the peak where will stop for lunch and enjoy the beautiful views despite some blockage by some trees on top of Zahiel. The views from the top are towards Grantham, Gatton (Lockyer National Park) and Glen Rock National Park. Then we will commence our way back to the car park.

There is some slight rock scrambling on the way and some scungy patches. Please wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and gloves. Bring the usual day pack. Khaleel



**SATURDAY 28th June
MAPLETON TO GHEERULLA FALLS
DAYWALK**

Leader: Sue Walsh Ph: 0403 487 737
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$20

Grade: M34
Distance: 11.5km
Location: Mapleton National Park
Web: <https://www.weekendnotes.com/mapleton-falls-to-gheerulla-falls/>
Emerg Off: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259

The club has walked various tracks in this area before but this time we will visit some of the parks landmarks from a different direction. The day will start with a drive from Red Hill to Mapleton Falls where people can admire the views and maybe have a snack while a short car shuffle is organised.

We will walk downhill from Mapleton Falls to the Delicia Road Trailhead then walk the short Linda Garrett Circuit which passes through some of the prettiest wet rainforest around. You should be able to keep your feet dry, but some protection against leeches would be advisable. From here, we will walk uphill until we reach the Piccabeen Circuit near the Leafy Lane carpark.

After walking part of the Piccabeen Circuit we will turn off and follow the trail to the Ubajee Walkers Camp and Lookout where we will have lunch. It is downhill from here until we meet the Gheerulla Circuit near Gheerulla Falls. We cross Yandina Creek before we get to the falls and there is some tricky rock hopping here if you don't want to get your feet wet.

After relaxing at the falls, it is only a short but steep 1.5km walk out to the Gheerulla Falls carpark. Hopefully there will be time for a coffee on the way home. Come and join me on this Winter Walk through the forest at Mapleton. Sue

ADVANCE NOTICE

MONDAY 7th – FRIDAY 11th JULY CANIA GORGE and HERVEY BAY REGION ACCOMMODATED WALK

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Meet at: To be advised
Time: 8.00am
Cost: Transport \$150 for passengers
Accommodation approx \$450 single; \$250/person if 2 share
Grade: See below
Location: Near Monto plus Maryborough/Hervey Bay region
Website: <https://parks.desi.qld.gov.au/parks/cania-gorge/things-to-do>
Emerg Off: Joe Tottenham Ph: 0423 469 704

After a one-day visit to Cania Gorge in 2023, it was decided it was a place well worth revisiting and spending more time. Cania Gorge is about 500km north-west of Brisbane. It is a beautiful area with towering sandstone cliffs, caves and areas of rainforest.

We will be staying at the Albert Hotel in Monto for 3 nights, which is about 25km from Cania Gorge. The cost here is \$85 for a single and \$15 for an extra person sharing the room. The rooms have a small fridge and a self-serve continental breakfast is included. There are shared bathrooms, i.e. no ensuites. There are double, single and a couple of twin rooms.

On the fourth night it is planned to stay at the Wallace Motel and Caravan Park in Maryborough in either cabins or motel rooms. Motel units are currently listed as \$190 and cabins up to \$220 for 2 people sharing but there are also some larger cabins which would be more economical.

The program is planned as follows:

Day 1 – drive to Monto – approx. 500km

Day 2 – do a series of short walks at Cania Gorge – **Grade S32**, i.e.

Two Storey Cave 1.5km

Giants Chair & Fern Tree Pool Track 5.3km

Dripping Rock & Overhang Track 3.2km

Those planning to do the Castle Mountain walk on Day 3 can also detour to visit Bloodwood Cave and Dragon Cave (about 1.8km) as time will not allow for this detour the following day.

Day 3 – there are 2 options for walking at Cania Gorge today, i.e.

Option 1 – Castle Mountain – 22km – **Grade L35**

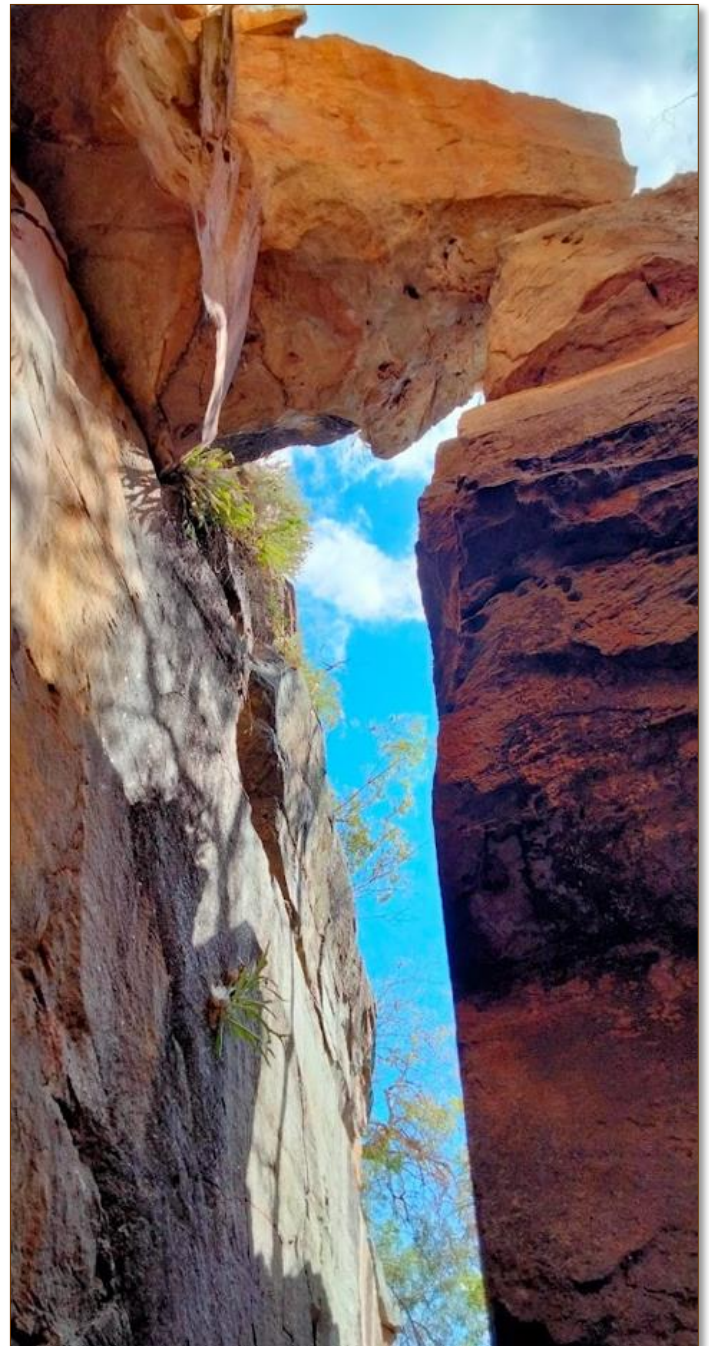
From Three Moon picnic area follow the 800m Bloodwood Cave track to the Castle Mountain track turn-off. There is a steep 200m track to the Gorge lookout with a lovely view down the gorge. From here, a 10km fire trail winds through open woodland to Castle Mountain lookout. The lookout offers a rewarding view over Lake Cania and the surrounding area. We return via the same track so there is an option to only go part way if the distance is too much.

Option 2 – **Grade S32**

Walk to the Gorge Lookout as mentioned in option 1, also visiting Bloodwood Cave and Dragon Cave – 3km return. There is a moderately steep track which leads to the cliff face where a sidetrack branches north to Dragon Cave. Here, the natural black mural of a 'dragon' can be seen highlighted against the white sandstone wall.

The southern branch of the track leads to Bloodwood Cave, so called because the roots of a bloodwood tree can be seen at the left-hand side of the cave. This walk includes natural creek crossings. After returning to the picnic area there is the option to do the Big Foot walk – an easy 1km return. It features a large brown image of a four-toed foot on the white sandstone cliff.

The alternative is to walk part way to Castle Mountain as mentioned in Option 1.



Day 4 – We drive to Maryborough (250km). After arriving in Maryborough, the plan is to do the rural section of the *Mary to Bay Rail Trail* from Maryborough to Takura – 14km – **Grade M22**.

Most of this section of the trail is unsealed and travels through woodland. Hopefully in the afternoon we may have time to see some of the many murals in the city centre of Maryborough and to check out the 'Cistern Chapel', a public toilet adjacent to the city Hall with its stunning artwork adorning the walls and ceilings, chandeliers, piped classical music and a gold toilet.

Overnight at the Wallace Motel and Caravan Park in Maryborough.

Day 5 – **Grade M22** – total for today 14.1km

Continue on the *Mary to Bay Rail Trail* from Takura to Piggssford Lane – 6.5km.

After a car shuffle, we will then walk 7.6km along the pathway along the beach front from Pialba to the Urangan Pier. (The pier was constructed between 1913–1917 to serve as a deep-water jetty. The pier closed in 1985 and 239m was demolished, but a public outcry caused the preservation of the remaining 868m of the pier.) We will then return to Brisbane.

Please nominate early as accommodation needs to be booked. A tentative booking has been made in Monto, but numbers need to be confirmed in mid-June.



SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST
A Chorus Line
SOCIAL

Last discounted seats available

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534

Meet at: Conservatorium Theatre, 140 Grey St, South Bank (opposite Rydges Hotel)

Time: 1.00pm for 1.30pm

Cost: \$55 (Normal price \$75)

Bookings: Contact Russ now to access one of the last seats available at the discounted price

“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.

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

We can all recall the disruption caused by Cyclone Alfred. A number of trips were cancelled because of the weather. But the aftermath is even more devastating, as there are many walks on our programme that may not go ahead because of damage caused by the cyclone. In some cases, it is the access road that has been closed, while in other cases it is fallen trees across the tracks. Even more severe are landslides closing tracks and these will take months, even a year or two, to restore the track. Part of the process is for the government agencies to gain the funding to undertake the work. This requires an assessment of the work to be done, estimate the funding needed, write submissions for funding and this funding may come from the state government or from the commonwealth government. All this takes time.

In the June edition of Jilalan I hope to have an updated calendar which will reflect the adjustments caused by Cyclone Alfred. Russ Nelson

TREASURER REPORT

Balance 31/03/25	\$6,603.60
Plus Receipt	\$ 989.87
Balance 31/03/25	\$7,593.47
Term Deposit	\$5,999.00

I am still collecting tax deductible donations for the Little Kings. The club t-shirts and badges will be on display at the May meeting with the club shirts selling for \$25.00 and the 60th Anniversary Shirts on sale for \$30.00, whilst the small metal club badges are \$5.00 each. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Greg Endicott, Benno Giuliani, Richard Johns, Phil Murray, Cath Morahan and Joe Tottenham are celebrating their birthdays in May.

Jon and Cath recently returned from overseas where they did some walking. Will Taylor recently returned from a walk in New Zealand.

Congratulations to our latest new member, John Necker, Kerry's husband.

Annette Cubitt was a first time visitor on Khaleel's Bushranger Cave walk and Josephine Osei-Amo was also a first time visitor on Sue Walsh's Mt. Cotton walk.

Seen on the latest Stroll, past member Suzanne Stevens and visitor Marie Mead – good to have you aboard. Welcome also to Catherine Carol, another visitor.

Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

PAST EVENTS

TUESDAY 4th – 16TH MARCH WILD SOUTH COAST WAY & KANGAROO ISLAND WILDERNESS TRAIL ACCOMMODATED TRIP



Leader: Paulette Schmidt

Location: Fleurieu Peninsula & Kangaroo Is, South Australia

The excitement of the *Wild South Coast Way (WSCW)* and the *Kangaroo Island Wild Trail (KIWT)* multi-day walk lived up to our expectations! From the panoramic views of the Southern Ocean to the devastation of the 2019/2020 wildfires on Kangaroo Island and the rejuvenation of the bush – every day a new mystery was revealed.

Supported by *Big Heart Adventures* guides: Ian and Kirsty, we met in Adelaide and made our way to Victor Harbor to commence the first stage of our two-week adventure. WSCW on the *Heysen Trail* is a five day walking experience between Victor Harbor and Cape Jervis on the Fleurieu Peninsula. The actual *Heysen Trail* commences at Cape Jervis, but due to practicalities we commenced our walk at Victor Harbor heading to Cape Jervis and then onto Kangaroo Island.



1st Stage: Victor Harbor to Waitpinga Campsite (14km)

Waitpinga Campsite to Balquhider Campsite (16km)

Balquhider Campsite to Tapanappa Campsite (15km)

Tapanappa Campsite to Trig Campground (8 km) where half the group decided it was too hot to walk, and the remaining 7 walkers continued from Trig Campsite to Eagle Waterhole Campsite (total 17km)

Our **first day** on the WSCW commenced with a short drive to the beginning of the trail in Victor Harbor. With keen enthusiasm we walked 14km to Waitpinga Campsite with exclamations of delight due to the raw beauty of our surroundings. The ocean coloured aqua to a deep blue contrasted with the dryness and burnt dry yellow of the countryside. This part of Australia is in crisis as the country is experiencing their driest summer in 33 years. Consequently, the area had experienced no rain this summer, until our very last day when we were returning from Kangaroo Island to the airport.

The weather most days for walking was perfect with cool breezes coming from the ocean making for great walking conditions however, due to the drought, there were a few days that we experienced extremely hot dry weather!



Overall, the track was easily navigated being a combination of hard, sandy, rocky soil. The terrain underfoot varied along the trail, but the most memorable part of this experience is that the track offered the most spectacular and awe-inspiring coastal walking imaginable.

The **second day** was our beach walking day. Walking along Sheepies beach over beautiful hard sand before going back off the beach to the trail that hugged the *cliff*, with views down to the rocks and the waves rolling in over them. Descending to Coolawang beach we viewed the Hooded Plover along a 2km stretch of beach before ascending to the hills and moving inland to Balquhider Campsite.



Liz navigating a stile!

Balquhider located in Tunkalillais sheep and cattle country. With no real trails to follow, we made our way up and over the stiles from one paddock to the next....

We formed two groups as we *walked* through the paddocks as there were a few of us who weren't too keen on being so close to the big cattle – the sheep were ok as they scurried away, but the cows were far more interested in the visitors crossing their paddock!



The story of the Ngurunderi (see below)*

Day three proved to be a favourite day of walking for the group as we walked into Deep Creek National Park following the story of the Ngurunderi* an ancient spiritual ancestor of the Ramindjeri and Ngurunderi people.

Day four. With the weather heating up and a change in guides from Ian to Gill. *The day* commenced with the most spectacular views of the morning sun hitting the very calm ocean. The beginning of today's walk is from Tapanappa Campsite traversing through bushland up and over and through Deep Creek National Park where we had morning tea in the coolness of Deep Creek.

The real work commenced after morning tea as we walked through thick bush up and over two big hills to Trig Campsite. It is here that due to the heat, the decision for half the group was to stay, while the other half completed the final big hill and continue onto Eagle Waterhole Campsite. Nearly 3 hours later, the band of 7 having consumed over 4 litres of water each emerged from the hot trail, joining their bushwalking buddies at Eagle Waterhole, extremely glad that the final hill was completed.

It's at this point that the weather impacted on our final day on the WSCW trail as we were unable to do the last section of the trail. The temperature was 38⁰c which the guides considered far too hot to walk, so the final day became a tourist day with Kirsty and Gill showing us places of interests such as Normanville and Yankalilla to view the first school house of Mary MacKillop outside Adelaide and Christ Church Yankalilla (Our Lady of Yankalilla), the shrine came into being following the appearance of an image of the Virgin in 1994. We then proceeded to the Stringybark National Park a distance of 2km.

Monday 11 March was moving day to Kangaroo Island, so a planned rest day and a change of guides from Gill and Kirsty to Ian and Lisa who we made our way with to KI by SeaLink ferry. After a shopping expedition to Kingscote, we enjoyed lunch at the Lavender Farm and an afternoon at Seal Bay, that was almost cancelled due to the high temperatures that continued, but fortunately the weather altered dramatically by 10⁰, and we proceeded to Seal Bay to learn about the local Sea Lions and seals along the KI coastline.



Geraldine enjoying a good country meal!

2nd Stage: Five sections of the Kangaroo Island Wild Trail (KIWT) – 60km:

Sect 1: Rocky River (Rocky River to Cup Gum Campsite, near Snake Lagoon) 12km

Sect 2: Maupertius (Cup Gum Campsite to Hakea Campsite, near Cape Du Couedic) 13.5km

Sect 3: Sanderson (Hakea Campsite to Banksia Campsite, near Sanderson Bay) 14km

Sect 4: Grassdale (Banksia Campsite to Tea Tree Campsite – side trip to Hanson Bay) 14km

Sect 5: Kelly Hill (Edwards Cottage to Kelly Hill) 7km



Rejuvenation of the bush

Commencing KIWT at Flinders Chase Visitor Information Centre we collected our maps to commence our walk at the very civilized time of 9am. The start of the *Rocky River section* commenced on bitumen which came as a surprise to the group. This part of the track has been upgraded for day-trippers since the 2019/2020 KI bushfires. The devastation of over 211,000+ hectares; just over half the island were burnt in the fires that raged and scorched the island for 6 weeks. Five years on, we walked through a large area of the rejuvenated bush. It will take 10 years for the destruction to be completely restored.

KIWT is a mainly flat walk traversing along beautiful trails that were made up of sand, 'moon rock' and soil. At this early stage of the walk, we passed pictures of pre-historic creatures who roamed the lands eons ago and then onto the dry riverbeds which are the home of the local platypus.... Needless to say, there were none at home with not a drop of water in the river. 80% of the wildlife on the Island were killed in the 2019/2020 fires. The animals are returning slowly, and we were fortunate to see many of the beautiful Island's kangaroo, goanna, Cape Barron Goose, birds and the one poor baby snake who had been stepped on while on the trail.



Maupertius Section: dry riverbed

Fortunately, no other snakes were spotted as this area is well known for Tiger Snakes and Copperheads.

The *Maupertius Section* of the trail from Cup Gum to Hakea commenced following the trail to the river. Crossing yet another dry river to go up one of the few hills we came down onto the beach to walk to morning tea. Feeling energised we ascended the sandy trail to the top of the cliffs which we followed for almost the rest of the day before arriving at Hakea Campsite.



Admirals Arch

The *Sanderson Section* commenced with a trip to Admirals Arch where we walked from Admirals Arch to the Remarkables for lunch.

Admirals Arch is an amazing piece of geology that has been impacted by the severity of the weather. The erosion causing the Arch is intimidating when standing underneath for the group photo.



The Remarkables

The habitat for the Australian Fur Seal that kept us amused as we watched from the protected walkways and fencing that keeps both people and the seals apart. Walking along the trails through the rejuvenated bushland, we made our way to The Remarkables – 500 million years in the making, these huge rocks are perched on the cliff edge. It is here we had lunch in this unique and special place. We then continue along the cliff edge noting that the Remarkables are well set back from the cliff, yet when scrambling over them it felt like you would fall directly into the sea!

The beauty of the KIWT is breathtaking with the colour of the water leading to overwhelming views along the coast of rocky outcrops and reefs. It is here we hear of the tale of a terrible shipwreck that was symbolic of all the shipwrecks along this wild coastline. Our destination for the day is the lighthouse, where we met our transport at Banksia, after a day of intense wilderness and beauty.



*Grassdale Section,
Kangaroo Island*

Our **last section** on the KIWT is the *Grassdale Section*. For our group this has been spread over two days. We commence the day with a stop at Bunker Hill Lookout to view the area of much of the devastation of the bushfires and the area we are walking today. This section is a combination of morning coastal walking and a sandy bush trail with inevitably, a little more 'moon rock'. The moon rock is extremely tough on the legs as we jump from one rock to the next, the sand is much easier to walk along.



*Gordon & Maree
crossing South West
River*

The weather is once again heating up, but fortunately, today, there is a beautiful cool breeze, so it is comfortable. As this section has been spread over two days, we have the pleasure of arriving at Hanson Bay for lunch, having crossed a river that did have water in it by boat (extremely small green boat) to make our way over the sand dunes and for a lucky few the reward of a swim in Hanson Bay.

Our **final day** is a 'Total Fire Ban' day with temperatures reaching 39°C. An early start at 7:30am for the short 7km walk this morning commencing at Edwards Cottage we set off in warm conditions to Small and Big Lagoon (once again not a drop of water in either!) for morning tea. The trail is a very easy trail to navigate and the 7km easily completed by all. The final group photo taken, we head to the Kelly Hill Caves to cool down in 16°C. Wishing we could stay there for the afternoon, as the heat is intense with a strong northerly wind whipping up a huge amount of dust that is blowing over everyone and everything. Instead, we head back to the Caravan Park to pack and prepare for the long trip home.



After **two weeks** of wilderness travel, I would like to acknowledge my travelling bushwalkers:

L-R. Gordon Denkes, Antonia Simpson, Maree Denkes, Geraldine Young, Louise Jones, Jan Nelson, Liz Little, Rusty Jones, Anne & Michael Cashman, Russ Nelson, Marlene Warnick, Paulette & Al Schmidt who once again, offered much support in putting this trip together.

John Carter (needed to leave us at Victor Harbor due to the cyclone in Queensland)

Our sincere *thanks* go to Lisa, Ian, Kirsty and Gill from *Big Heart Adventures*. Without their professionalism and local knowledge of these two isolated areas, this trip would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Their local knowledge set us up for a safe & active exploration of two truly beautiful wilderness areas. It was with their commitment, support and logistical assistance, that we had the most amazing experience in a part of Australia that few get to experience.



Lisa & Ian – *Big Heart Adventures*

The story of the Ngurunderi – Frozen in Stone*

Today you are walking in the footsteps of Ngurunderi, an ancient spiritual ancestor of the Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri palak (people).

Ngurunderi journeyed here all the way from the River Murray in the southeast, creating landforms, plants and animals as he went.

When you look out across the water, can you see the two small islands known as The Pages? They are the runaway wives of Ngurunderi, petrified in stone. Ngurunderi had been in pursuit of the women for many days before catching up with them as they attempted to cross to Karta (Kangaroo Island).

The island was connected to the mainland at the time by a shallow channel. As the women waded through the water, Ngurunderi called for the sea to rise to drive them from the path. As the waves crashed over them, their bodies became the islands that we see today.

WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL
LINDA'S CAFÉ, 136 Oxford Street, Bulimba
COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

On a drizzly evening, seventeen hardy club members traversed Brisbane to attend the April Coffee Night in the fashionable eating precinct of Oxford Street, Bulimba. There were a variety of menu options enjoyed by all.

One highlight of the evening was the return of the Club archival material dating back to the 1960s contained in the photo album belonging to Pat L (see photos below).

Thank you to Louise & Rusty J for leading our coffee night – and additionally to Jan & Russ N, Michele & Greg E, Maree & Gordon D, Louise & Rusty J, Pat & Jonas, Terry S, Sue T, Antonia S, Geraldine Y, Marlene W, Maria K and Mark D for attending a pleasant coffee night. Mark D



**WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL
CROSS RIVER RAIL
STROLL**

A good afternoon of Strolling, though a bit hard on the feet as it was almost all on concrete and bitumen. The weather was great – very comfortable.

We stopped and "inspected" the new underground stations (looked at the above ground construction over the boundary fences). We found a community garden in Hawthorne St. The Chalk Hotel (formally The Railway) in the heart of The Gabba is closed and derelict – what a waste. Inspected The Gabba Busway Station – a view that was new and inspirational to some.

Checked out the rock climbers on the cliffs along the river – the only city with allowable rock-climbing in the CBD. And the Queensland Navy headquarters below the Kangaroo Point Cliffs. Plus the parks on both sides of the River – the Botanic Gardens were good to Stroll through again.

The group crossed the new Kangaroo Point pedestrian bridge. Adelaide Street will look good when all is finished and the Station is open – a nice big plaza. Walked through the KGSq Busway Station and saw the pictures of the archaeological dig on the site.



The Roma Street Station is still a construction site, with not much to see yet above ground – but it is getting there. We did go past Cafe Chez Nous – our favourite City Lunch cafe.

Strolled across Hardgrave Park – bet you do not know where it is and that you have never walked in it. Followed the bike path behind Grammar that follows the Exhibition Loop rail line and then over the land bridge to Victoria Park. Strolled through Vic Park before it becomes a huge construction site.

Finally went along the Breakfast Creek Bike Track (going under spaghetti junction) just on dark on the way to Albion Station.

Along the way, we looked at a lot of other things, in fact so much looking, we got behind time. We did Stroll above a lot of the tunnel, inspecting what we could.



Thanks to Paula Hill, Ann & Michael Cashman, Mark Deegan, Kathleen Baillieu, Marlene Warnick, Sofia Ramsey & Liz Little for coming along with me. Greg

**TUESDAY 15th APRIL
FERNBERG WALKS DAY OUT
GARDEN WALK**

BCBC received a summons to attend the *Government House Family Day Out*. Professor Nimmo (Graeme to us) was launching his on-line book *Stepping Out From Fernberg* – a guide book of Strolls from Government House, going up and down those Paddington hills. Soon to come to a Wednesday Stroll near you. <https://steppingoutfromfernberg.com.au/>

It was an Open Day at The House – the gardens and the house was open to the public – with a German bread and a coffee tent on site. Professor Nimmo launched his book in the Pavillion in the midst of the gardens, going into the history of Paddington, Government House and his walks up and down the hills surrounding his temporary home.



Then we were invited to follow the semi-regal couple to the new walking track in the gardens behind Their House. This time a speech from The Gov, giving a description of the process of constructing the path and what vegetation it went through. Then she cut the ribbon and led the crowd along the track that followed Boundary Road down the hill towards Baroona Road at Edward Buchan Park at the bottom of the hill, then back up the hill beside Marruba Road to The House.

We wandered our way through the historic part of Gov House, talking to the staff about the historic features of the various rooms. All very interesting.

Only one small shower – just enough to send the 4-piece quartet (including electric keyboard) running for the shelter of the shelter.



THE Book

There are regular tours of Fernberg –

<https://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/government-house/visit-government-house/book-a-public-tour>

WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL DARRA/JINDALEE GEOLOGY STROLL

What a nice afternoon after all that rain. Bright sunshine being a bit warm with clear skies.



Because it was going to be a long Stroll, we kept moving with minimal stops to read the geology from The Oracle. In fact, The Book by N.C. Stevens was published in 1973 – giving descriptions of the rocks and road directions. A lot has changed during those 52 years – roads have changed, freeways doubled, concrete laid, rock cuttings covered in bluestone – a lot of what is described in The Book has been hidden. Not to worry, we are out to Stroll and not necessarily observe and learn. However, we still did manage to read from The Book, though not necessarily where we should have.

There was some bushland, including creeks, and some easements between houses, but still a lot of street walking – though in areas no one had been through before. Some nice big houses out Jindalee and Mt Ommaney way.

We did Stroll beside rocks, though they were mainly in stone walls and on driveways. Perhaps 15km in Autumn was a bit ambitious, so we cut it short at Darra Station.



Thanks to all for coming along on this rock-solid Stroll. Prasada, Louise & Russell Jones, Jan & Russ Nelson, Sofia Ramsey. Greg

WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL PERRIN CREEK STROLL

We had a fun afternoon walking through several Brisbane suburbs. The weather was fine, as it is on all Strolls. The ground was a bit soggy in places, though. No navigational troubles, as we were following roads or bush tracks.

The creek did disappear a few times under parks or houses, or through locked communities, so we had to take the long way around. There were lots of bridges to cross, even if we didn't strictly have to.

I thought creeks always flowed downhill, so we would be Strolling downhill. Going up through the Seven Hills Reserve was a bit of a shock. The Creek was named at a few of the road crossings – so, not completely a "forgotten creek".



Saw some lovely houses on our travels – Seven Hills is a bit like that. Went near Cath's family home. (and Russ' as well later in the evening.) Probably also near Marlene's.

The Perrin Canal is huge/wide for a small and short suburban creek; it is a monster compared to others. Came across a surprise drain leading into the Perrin Canal – which we had to slide into and out of again – fun!



Thanks to my fellow Strollers: Janet Galos, Sofia Ramsey, Cath Morahan, Jan Nelson, Michael Foley (who was in training for John's Razorback Ridge DW), Marlene Warnick and Prasada Vajjhala. Greg

SATURDAY 26th APRIL
EASTERN ESCARPMENT CONSERVATION AREA
DAYWALK

The walk went ahead despite a heavy deluge a couple of days beforehand. After introducing ourselves, we commenced the walk from Gate 2 towards the main junction. There was plenty of water running down through to the gorge below, but we kept on going around the track until we reached our morning tea stop. Here we found heaps of sandstone blocks to sit on and what looked like a flagged area for a mountain bike event. It was very quiet without the mountain bike riders, but we kept moving after a brief pause, up towards the summit before it became too busy, some stopping along the way to take photos.

After crossing a bitumen road, we stopped for a drink and had photos taken of the view over the southern Moreton Bay Islands. It was still quite early to have lunch, so a decision was made to have lunch back at the shed from where we started. As there were not many mountain bike riders, I decided to descend via Metamorphic Trail and then a link track to Escalade Trail. After reaching the main junction, we headed north towards the creek, but unfortunately it was very muddy and a slower walk. There were several different trails to take and upon reaching the creek, we took photos and headed back towards our starting point. The creek was high but still reflective and had plenty of trees. I have attached a photo of the creek.

Thank you to Sue T, Annette, Josephine, Eva, Khaleel, Liz, Paddy, Greg, Terry, Anne-Marie, Sophie, and a visitor Donna Ellison.
Sue Walsh



Looking out over southern Moreton Bay Islands



Reflections from Eprapah Creek

**SUNDAY 27th APRIL
COUNTRY LUNCH
SOCIAL**

Fifteen of us gathered at The Trade Coast Hotel on a fine late-April Sunday. We found this old pub – the Pinkenba or “Pink” – really lovely; renovated 5 years ago, it is now clean, sleek and modern. This is surprising, because the pub is totally surrounded by industrial land, waste disposal yards, heavy machinery and the airport land. There are not many houses and so almost no local customers on weekends.

In fact, we were the only people in Myrtle’s Bistro, so service was fast and good. There were a few others in the beer garden and gaming room, but not in the dining area. We were therefore able to hear ourselves talk – a nice change for a pub!

The menu was good, with a variety of foods to suit any palette. The prices were reasonable; and there was no confusion when the plates were brought out.

We sat at one long table. However, this did not stop us from moving about to talk to others. A number of people changed seats and others followed suit, talking to lots of people around the table. And the conversations were continuous. I was amazed at the amount of talking going on.

In fact, so much talking happened that no-one took a group photo of us seated at the table. Alas, there is no photo-record of everyone attending.



Thanks to those who came: Michele Endicott, Janet Galos, Therese Nally, Geraldine Young, Susan Tobin, Antonia Simpson, Cath Morahan, Barbara Eastoe, Annette MacKenzie, Maree & Gordon Denkes, Anne-Marie Nash, Susan Ware and past member Carolyn Ivanac. Greg E

WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL
EAGLE JUNCTION STATION TO NUDGEE STATION
Rail #33
STROLL



What delightful weather for an Autumn Stroll – absolutely glorious!

We saw: lovely old houses – wooden with galvo rooves, verandas with intricate wrought-iron railings and lovely mature shady trees; Quiet suburban back streets; lots of passing trains zooming along the tracks; a crossing of Kedron Brook; a floral memorial at the site of a murder on The Brook.

Our path crossed each station along the way, with photos of course to prove it. We had a good look at the new "Toombul Park" where the Shopping Town used to be (completely knocked flat, with grass all over the site).



Near Nundah Station, the group passed the croquet lawns where Michele arranged a Club social a few years ago. We saw industrial sites – an Aust Post distribution centre, MiniMovers, SMEG education centre, Electrodry, locations of Coffee Nights past and future, the Golden Circle Cannery (Strolled up and onto its personal train station), a boutique brewery, a brand spanking new sports field with lighting that makes us visible from space, and a broken-down car (ours! – Michele had to go home in a tow-truck!).

Thanks for coming along. Anne-Marie Nash, Suzanne Stevens, Susan Ware, Paula Hill, Janet Galos, Marie Mead, Cath Morahan, Geraldine Young, Antonia Simpson, Sofia Ramsey, Graeme Aldom, Jon Peake. Greg

**THURSDAY 1ST MAY
M^T MAY
DAYWALK**

This walk was organised to recognise the 55th anniversary of my first walk with the Club in the autumn of 1970. Originally it was to be held in 2020, but Covid happened. Mt May has a height of 835m and is located south of Maroon Dam and on the edge of Mountains Barney, Maroon and Ballow.

In 1970 there were about 20 people on the walk, and we climbed up to the top of the lower of the two peaks, West Peak. I recall a passionate discussion about whether we should proceed to the higher peak, East Peak. This would involve, as it does today, a short descent down some exposed rock into the gully separating the two peaks and then a scramble to the top. In the end in 1970 I think we did not go up to East Peak.

In 2025 there were 5 on the walk and we followed the traditional route to the north-south ridge line and then turned west to ascend to West Peak. There we had a magnificent view of Maroon Dam and a northwestern perspective of Mt Maroon. Then we proceeded to East Peak via the route as described above. It had not changed. The track to both peaks was reasonably clear and easy to follow. We arrived on East Peak for a 1pm lunch. The lunch spot gave us more views of the East and West Peaks of Barney and many intermediary points, too numerous to name.

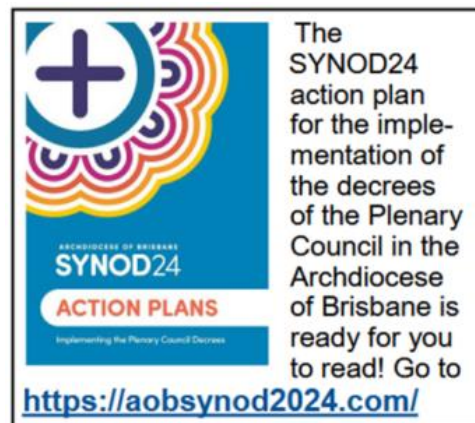
After lunch we walked westerly down a moderately steep ridge down to the road that leads to Grace's Hut which took about an hour, then there was another hour to walk on the road back to our start. On this road we were given a great view of the western faces of the two peaks of Mt May. This was a rare privilege. This confirmed that Mt May should make regular appearances on the Club's walking calendar as the years role by.

On the walk were Anne Cashman, John Carter, Phil Murray, Jan Nelson and the leader Russ Nelson.

**THE PLENARY COUNCIL
and
SYNOD24**

<https://aobsynod2024.com/>

Having listened attentively to the voices of the Archdiocesan Synod at the two sessions Archbishop Mark now promulgates the action plans for the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In the making of these plans many have contributed. In that sense, these are decisions not just of the Archbishop but of the Church.



Download the SYNOD24 Action Plans:

<https://aobsynod2024.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Synod24-Decrees-Documents-web-4.pdf>

Pastoral Letter: SYNOD24 Action Plans:

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Note from the Holy Father to Accompany the Final Document:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/11/25/241125k.html>

Australian 5th Plenary Council Decrees: <https://aobsynod2024.com/plenary-council-resources/>

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WHAT ARE STROLLS?

The aim of the Strolls is to get to know your own town a little better. They are in the late afternoon and into the evening. You Stroll all around the Greater Brisbane area, often following the creeks, river, train lines, walking the streets full of old Queenslanders, or going through our remnant bushland. Starting times are between 2.30pm and 4.30pm – depends on transport, length and time of year.

What we find about Strolls is that it is a good way to meet new people, to talk to your friends as you go along, and to have a good time. There is a lot of talking along the way. Everybody mixes in.

A common comment is – “I have never been here before; I did not know this existed.” People are seeing parts of Brisbane for the first time. We tend to Stroll the back streets, parks and bushland, the out of the way places, the forgotten areas cut off from the main driving routes across the city.

Finish times are normally before 7pm and often around 6pm. You should get home for dinner. Occasionally, Michele and I have Dinner at the end and anyone can join us.

Strolls go out Summer and Winter, light and dark, hot and cold, in sun or rain, normal and holiday time – every Wednesday afternoon – except if there is a Coffee Night on the first Wednesday of the month.

Strolls are free and easy. No need to nominate – just be at the starting place at the starting time. Normally the starting place is at the beginning of the Stroll, though I might state which train or bus to catch to get there. Some people drive to the start. However, occasionally it is difficult to easily get back to the start from the end.

Occasionally, a bus stop or train station may be the meeting place, so we can catch public transport in order to get you to the beginning point, which may be an out of the way place, since that stop/station will be easier to get to and congregate at, than the “real” beginning location.

Bring my mobile number with you, so if you are running late, you can let me know and I will delay the start, or tell you where you can meet us along the way.

Strolls mostly are not circuits – sometimes it may be a bit difficult to get back to the beginning where your car may be – you may have to Uber it back. But most Strolls are planned with public transport in mind, at the start and finish.

We try to keep the Strollers together. If the rabbits hop too far out front, they stop to let the tortoises catch up; we leave no one behind. Strolls are not a race to see who can finish first. We go at a pace to suit everyone.

The terrain is often flattish, though some routes have hills and slopes for part of the way. Strolls can be anything from 1½ hours to the occasional 3 hours – 6km to 14km. It all depends on an accessible starting and finishing place.

Everyone is capable of doing the Strolls. There are no fitness requirements. There is no difficulty rating. Some turn into an adventure with exploration along the way. Some go off-track. Most of us now come for the companionship of our fellow Strollers.

Strolls tend to be in areas of public transport so, if necessary, you can leave before the end to go home.

Strolls go out in all weather. Because no one nominates, at least I have to be at the starting point every time. Thus, Strolls are not cancelled.

You receive two e-mails a week from me – one before the Stroll giving the details and an attached map; and the other afterwards with photos of the Stroll and the recorded stats from my phone app.

Keep an eye on Jilalan and the Fortnightly Update for details.

Members, Visitors, Friends, Family are always welcome and encouraged on all Strolls.

Greg E

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Winter Sale!**



We still have Club T-Shirts available for you.

They come with (male cut), and without pockets (female cut).

Buy one while they are still \$30.

Wear one on Social, wear one on Trips, wear one while out, wear one to bed – Buy 4.

See Treasurer Terry with your cash.

ABC PODCASTS ON HEALTH and MEDICAL

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/whats-that-rash/frequent-urination-bladder/105157530>

THE WORLD VIEW

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/mercator-map-true-size-of-countries/>

Over the centuries, map makers have projected the circular (actually an orange shaped) Earth onto flat paper.

The way we “see” the world in these maps depends on how the map maker draws them. By putting a circular Earth on a rectangular piece of paper, the shape will go all wrong. The equatorial areas will be too small and the poles too big. What we are used to seeing is the Mercator Projection method. Wikipedia knows all: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercator_projection

Other projections include: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_map_projections

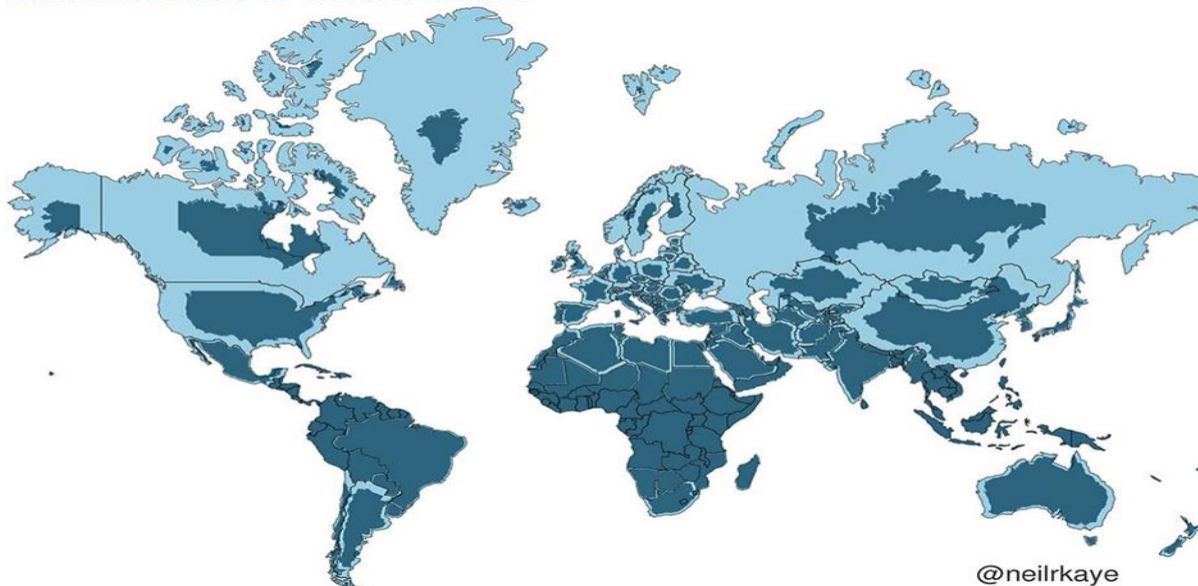
Most projections for large scale views give a false image of the actual size of the land masses – i.e., the continents. On a small scale everything is OK. For example, a map of Brisbane is excellent, a map of Queensland will give a slight false idea of the size and shape of the land mass; a map of Australia is reasonable though the top and bottom will give a bit of a false impression compared to the centre of our island. A map of the world gives a correct impression of the equatorial area but the further north and south you go, the more false the image becomes – the further from the equator you go, the land mass is shown bigger than it really is.

A globe is the only “real” map you can get.

The map below shows in the light blue what you normally get in a map of the Earth with Mercator Projection, whereas the dark blue shows the real size. Look how teeny-weeny those famous northern hemisphere countries really are compared to Australia. The Equator goes through New Guinea, the middle of Africa and through the top third of South America (the widest part). Our southern hemisphere is all water and those northerners all land. Check out Greenland to get what I am talking about. Russia looks huge on a map but see how small it really is. So too Canada. Look at Scandinavia – you can’t because it is too small to find.

https://packaged-media.redd.it/2ub7bps4otu51/pb/m2-res_480p.mp4?m=DASHPlaylist.mpd&v=1&e=1746439200&s=2ad7046ce15a7a6bf03cc63bfaa8f561d308e1c6

MERCATOR PROJECTION VS THE TRUE SIZE OF COUNTRIES



<https://www.reddit.com/user/neilrkaye/submitted/>

If you can't believe a map, what can you believe!

And for that matter, look at eastern South America and western Africa – why did it take them so long to realise they were once joined and only recently separated. Greg

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

BOSQ	<i>Footnotes</i>
Toowoomba BWC	<i>Footprint</i>
Redlands BWC	<i>Ramble On</i>
Sunshine Coast BWC	

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.

CHILDREN: Persons under the age of 18 (the child) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while on any Club activity. The parent/guardian (whether member or visitor) must sign the *Acknowledgement Of Risk* form on behalf of the child prior to the commencement of the Club event (in the case of an outing, before leaving the designated meeting location). The parent/guardian is fully responsible for the child and takes responsibility for all actions of that child.

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

Associate Members: \$30 for Jilalan e-copy only, AND \$45 extra for a printed copy if you want one

Associate Members: Those not of the Catholic faith

Life Members: No membership fee, \$45 for a printed Jilalan if you want one

Honorary Members: No membership fee, \$45 for a printed Jilalan if you want one

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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Federation Mt Rescue FMR	http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/		
Archdiocese of Bris Website	https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/		
Qld Govt Covid Site	https://www.health.qld.gov.au/disease-control/conditions/covid-19		

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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INSURANCE

The Club has arranged an insurance policy through Bushwalking Australia, our bushwalking peak body. It is a group policy covering us on our activities.

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

Combined General and Product Liability – includes \$20,000,000 public liability and \$5,000,000 for club assets.

Personal Accident – All activities associated with bushwalking; covers out of pocket expenses and compensation for injuries leading to loss of limbs and organs, and loss of earnings.

Association Liability – cover for the administration of the club.



The Party at Mt Kaputar over the May Long Weekend