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1	Thu	Mt May (Russ 50 th Anniv +5 in BCBC	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	L44
2-5	Fri-Mon	Mt Kaputar	Iain	0401 429 085	BC	L34
7	Wed	Coffee Night - Full Moon Hotel	Maree & Gordon	0466 806 068	Soc	
10	Sat	Camp Mtn to Bunya State Forest	Greg	0418 122 995	DW	M34
14	Wed	Sandgate History Stroll #10	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
15	Thu	Mt Coot-tha – The 5 Cars	Allan Schmidt	0408 758 070	DW	M34
18	Sun	Fort Lytton	Jan N	0401 030 137	Soc	
19	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele E	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Darra to Algester – Closing the Circle	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
21-23	Wed-Fri	Nth Rivers Rail Trail – Southern End	Jan N	0401 030 137	AT	L33
25	Sun	Play – No Dinner For Sinners @ Chelmer	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
27	Tue	Movie Night – The Salt Path	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
28	Wed	Morningside/Tingalpa Geologic #06	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
29	Thu	Banff Mountain Film Fest - Tentative	Phil M	5522 9702	Movies	
		June				
4	Wed	Coffee Night @ Minami Japanese Kitchen	Barbara	3355 3639	Soc	
5	Thu	Mt Edwards	Sue T	3366 3193	DW	M33
8-16	Wk	Rockhampton / Central Qld	Phil	5522 9702	AT	Var
11	Wed	Boondall to Shorncliffe Rail #34	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
14-15	Sat-Sun	Bris Valley Rail Trail – Benarkin/Linwood	Louise J	0437 447 277	ON	M23
18	Wed	Airport Link Tunnels #02	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
20	Fri	Drinks & Dinner @ Newmarket Hotel	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
21	Sat	Jubilee Year of Hope Walk	Michele E	0418 708 638	DW	S11
22	Sun	O'Reilly's – Python, Morans & C Craig	Gordon	0466 806 068	DW	L34
25	Wed	Wynnum History #19	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
26	Thu	Mt Zahel	Khaleel P	0413 314 443	DW	L44
28	Sat	Mapleton to Gheerulla Falls	Sue W	0403 487 737	DW	M33
		July				
2	Wed	Coffee Night - Arana Leagues Club	Benno	0458 484 793	Soc	
5	Sat	Bally Mountain	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	S55
7-11	Mon-Fri	Cania Gorge / Hervey Bay Rail Trail	Russ N	0427 743 534	AT	L34
9	Wed	Coorparoo Finger Parks	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
13	Sun	Knapps Peak	Mark D	3300 0229	DW	M44
16	Wed	Northgate to Carseldine Rail #35	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
19	Sat	Noosa Trails #1 Clockwise	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M34
23	Wed	Belmont, Camp Hill Geologic #07	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
24	Thu	Mt Greville	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	
26	Sat	Mt Cordeaux	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	S34
27	Sun	Razorback Ridge to The Lost World	John C	0433 279 771	DW	M66
30	Wed	Mt Gravatt Conservatn Pk History #15	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
31	Thu	Tom's Tum & Barney Beautiful	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M44
		August				
1	Fri	Club Hut Working Bee	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	S32
2	Sat	Musical Theatre - A Chorus Line	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
3	Sun	Zero Birthday Celebration	Liz	0414 252 003	Soc	
8-10	Fri-Sun	Pilgrimage Gold Coast BWC @ B'dsrt			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
16	Sat	Jubilee Year of Hope Walk	Michele E	0418 708 638	DW	S11
18	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele E	0418 708 638	Meet	
20	Wed	Cleveland to The Point & Return	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
27	Wed	White's Hill Geologic #08	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
30	Sat	Bayview Conservation Area	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	
		September				
3	Wed	Coffee N - Chan Di Thai at Seven Hills	Marlene	0423 001 442	Soc	
6	Sat	White's Beach, Northern NSW	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	M43
10	Wed	Carseldine to Bray Park Rail #36	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
11	Thu	Mt Coochin by train	Michele J	0414 635 542	DW	M34
13	Sat	Baroon Pocket	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	M33
14	Sun	The Bribie Experience	Sue T	3366 3193	Soc	
16	Tue	<i>Stroller's Lunch - Unofficial</i>	Greg	0418 122 995	Not Soc	

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*The Jubilee Prayer*

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are three Club events of special significance - in June and August – that I'd like to highlight.

1. This month we have our special Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of Hope Walk* from St Anne's at Kalinga to St Stephen's Cathedral in the City – our very own Club Pilgrimage in response to Pope Francis' declaration of a Jubilee Year in 2025. As with any pilgrimage, there is the walk to a holy place – in our case through the special "Pilgrims of Hope Door" in the side of our cathedral.

Please read the article in this Jilalan under Saturday 21st June – this coming Saturday. It highlights the start time, the route and what will be happening along the way. We need a good turn-out!

Why not wear your Club T-Shirt on this journey. If you do not have one, please ring me on Ph: 0418 708 638 as we have a few spare ones in the cupboard. Otherwise, Terry has a few left for sale. You can contact him on Ph: 3355 9765

This walk has had some accidental "outside" advertising, so there will be a few non-club people coming along with us. Please make them welcome, speak to them and find out their interests.

2. In August, we will be having our regular annual Mt Barney Mass. As we have provided in the past few years, there will be the climb of the mount to our Mass site on the side of East Peak, as well as a shorter walk somewhere around the base. We have walks to suit everyone.

Now-a-days, a good number of us stay one or two nights in the Barney area – mostly in Rathdowney. It is wise, if you intend coming this year, to book your accommodation now, so as not to miss out. The Rathdowney Hotel has a few rooms out back. Get onto it now – Ph: 5544 1121 (It has 4 motel units). Organise to share, so that as many of us can stay down locally.

3. A few days after the Barney Mass, on Sat 16th August, there will be our main open-to-the-public Pilgrim Walk, but more on that next month.

See you at the Club walk on Saturday!

Michele

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.bwq.org.au/assets/leading.pdf>

Visitor Acceptance of Risk form: <https://bcbc.space/assets/visitor.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 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
– If coming by bus, on busway platform 2 (outbound side) OR on the concourse below the actual busway.
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, cnr Newmarket Rd
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 21st JUNE
PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL
'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/pilgrimage-religion>

Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638 **NEW**
Meet at: St Anne's Church carpark, 127 Nelson St, Kalinga
Time: 8.00am **NEW**
Cost: Nil
Grade: M11
Distance: 11.9km
Location: Kalinga to Woolloowin to Windsor to Herston to St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth St, City
Web: <https://catholicleader.com.au/news/qld/brisbane-cathedral-opens-its-holy-door-for-year-of-jubilee-2025/>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

After an opening Pilgrim's Prayer, we will be walking along suburban and city footpaths, stopping at two churches along the way and the RBWH and a cathedral 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.

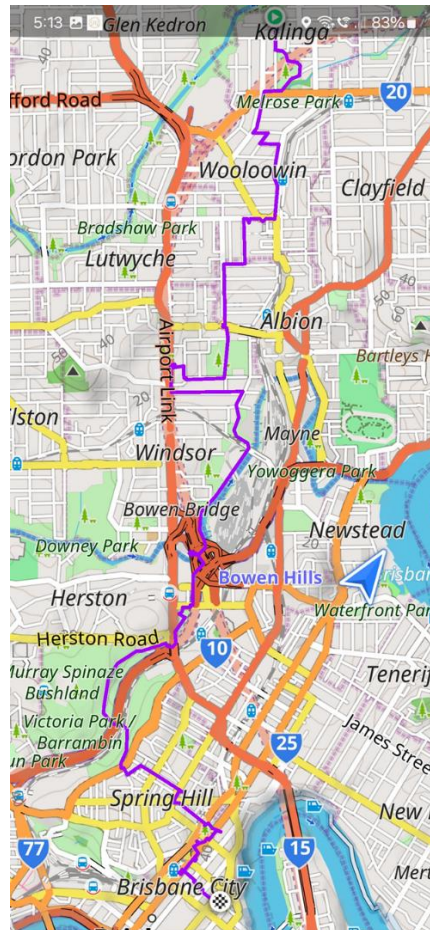
Leaving behind the 90-year-old Spanish Mission-style St Anne's Church, we will walk through the older suburb of Woolloowin with its large houses and workers cottages, and the new urban hub that was once the Holy Cross Laundry to arrive at the Holy Cross churches – the "Heritage Hall" church built in the 1800s and the modern cross-shaped Holy Cross church with its spire for our first pilgrim moment.

We will continue past the Mercy Sisters Convent, now a Child Care centre, towards the boundary between Woolloowin and Windsor. Climbing gently, we will arrive at the eastern side of Holy Rosary Church for our second pilgrim stop. Then, we will join the bike path under "spaghetti junction" until we reach the RBWH where we will stop to pray for all those who we hope are on the road to recovery.

The final part of our pilgrimage involves crossing the inner-city parks to arrive at Gegory Terrace before descending through the historic homes of Spring Hill saved in the 1970s by the care of people such as Cecilia McNally.

After arriving at the Cathedral of St Stephen, those who would like to celebrate Eucharist with the Cathedral community at 11am are welcome to stay for that.

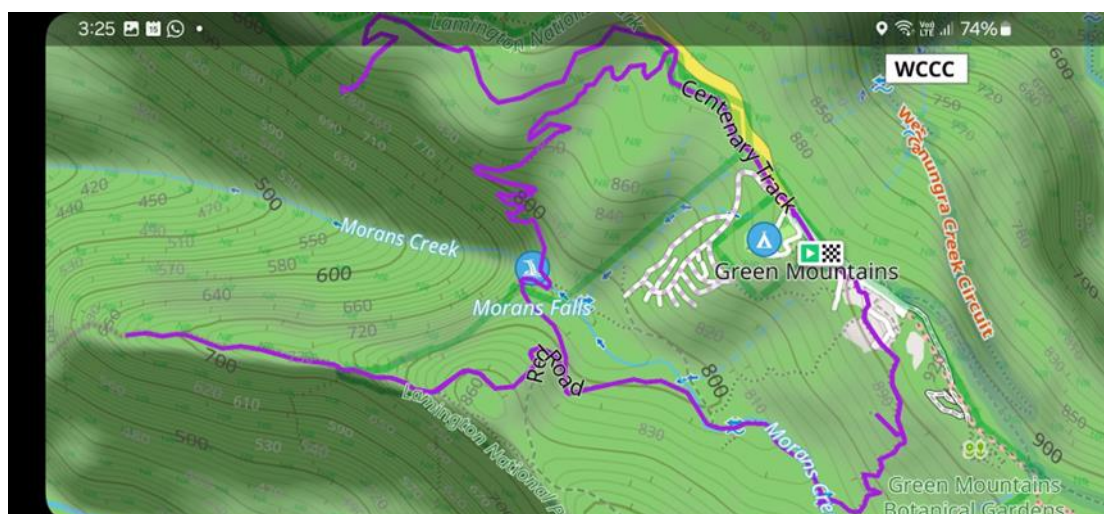
Others may want to head home; go to a coffee shop – or perhaps linger in the Cathedral grounds for a quiet morning tea on the lawns.



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.

If you drive to St Anne's, then Bus 320 to St Anne's depart the CBD about every hour. For examples:

Bus 320	Leave: Edward St CBD Stop 142	1.49pm	Arrive: Judge St, Kalinga Stop 32	2.12pm
		3.19pm		3.42pm
		4.49pm		5.11pm



SUNDAY 22nd JUNE O'REILLY'S DAYWALK

<https://oreillys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Track-Map.pdf>

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

Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$25
Grade: S32
Distance: Between 10 & 12km depending on the route taken
Location: O'Reilly's Lamington National Park, Gold Coast Hinterland
Web: <https://oreillys.com.au/walking-tracks-at-lamington-national-park/>
Emerg Off: Maree Denkes Ph: 0448 256 426

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.

Parks & Wildlife say:

<https://parks.desi.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/journeys/morans-falls-track>

Step from O'Reilly's through a green doorway into an impressive, closed rainforest community where curved buttress roots rise from the ground and booyong and fig trees tower overhead. As you walk, look at the colourful lichens and mosses that adorn the forest floor, tree trunks and rocks. Then pass into an open eucalypt forest where fire-adapted species such as grass trees, hakeas and various wildflowers grow.

The views from Python Rock lookout will take your breath away. Morans Falls, Castle Crag and Mount Razorback stretch out before you. See how millions of years of erosion have formed and widened the valley and created the intricate escarpments.

From the Python Rock and Morans Falls trailhead, walk through subtropical rainforest—featuring booyongs, figs, brush box, twisted vines and bird's nest ferns—to Morans Falls lookout. From here, enjoy spectacular views of Morans Falls tumbling 80m into Morans Creek gorge. Morans Falls fluctuates between a thunderous roar after rain, to a gentle trickle in the drier months. The falls are slowly working through the softer rock beneath, causing rockfalls and reshaping the cliff face—changes that are barely visible in our lifetime.

Follow the track over a crystal-clear creek to Morans Clearing lookout and take in sweeping vistas over the Albert River valley towards Mts Lindsey & Barney in the distance. Think back to a time when a bark hut stood here—the first mountain home of the O'Reilly brothers.

This park is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area, famed for its ongoing geological processes, evolutionary history, and diversity (especially of rare, threatened and endemic species).

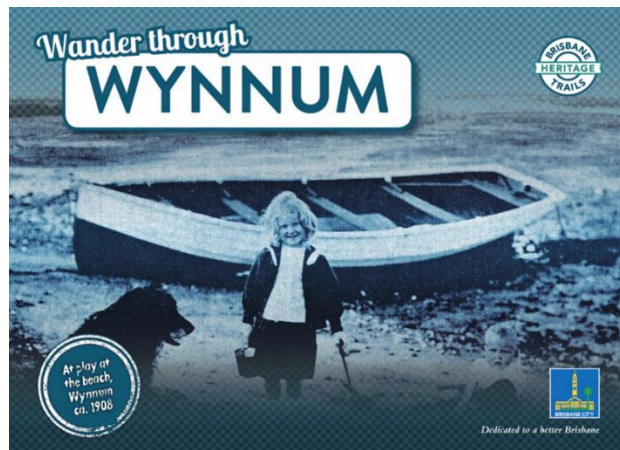
From Moran's Falls, the track is along an old winding road up to Balancing Rock, going through cool green rainforest. Balancing Rock because on rock is balancing on another, and Castle Craig because the sides of the ridge look like castle walls and you are walking around the top of the ramparts. The forest here is different to that encountered on the way to Python Rock & Moran's Falls as Balancing Rock & Castle Craig are a bit higher and on a ridge –bigger trees and a different type of undergrowth. Going out to Castle Craig Lookout is an optional extra since some may think it is a teeny-weeny bit exposed. The Craig itself is a long rocky ridge jutting out from the plateau and forms the barrier between Moran's Ck & the Albert River.

Photos at:

<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/lamington-np/moonlight-crag-balancing-rock-and-castle-crag>

Please contact me to nominate for this walk.

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE
WYNNUM HISTORY
STROLL



Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:27pm
Meet at: Wynnum Central Train Station – If not coming by train, in the Andrew St carpark (inbound side) and look out for us on the platform – we exit by Ronald St
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 – M^t ZAHEL DAYWALK

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$20 carpool
Grade: M55
Distance: 11km
Location: On the Mistake Ranges between Aratula and Laidley
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 Zahel. 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 Zahel. 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 park's 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

WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Benno Giuliani Ph: 045 8484 793
Meet at: Arana Leagues Club, 247 Dawson Parade, Keperra (Near cnr Patricks Rd)
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: Appetisers: \$14 to \$30 – Mains: \$20 to \$53
Web: <https://www.aranaleagues.com.au/>

Become a member for \$5 and save on your drinks and food. Good value meals.,

Let's come together without all that exercise, pain, sore muscles, sweat and heavy breathing at this night of laughter, frivolity, fine food and drink. Yes, it is time for another Coffee Night. We have been to small restaurants, outdoor pubs, indoor pubs; now it is time to experience a club. Soft light, soft carpets, your favourite music and well prepared & fast service. Use one of the 2 on-site car parks – on either side of the main building. Yes, come with me to Arana Leagues.

Arana Leagues Club is a large not-for-profit Community Club. Boasting 2 dining areas, a fully supervised Kids Room, 5 bars and dedicated function rooms. ALC is considered to be a leading entertainment venue in Brisbane's North.

The history of our club is rich. On Australia Day 1969 a group of parents rallied together and founded the West Arana Hills Junior Rugby Leagues Club. In 1972 with assistance from the Brisbane City Council they relocated to their current address of Dawson Pd - a vacant cow paddock at the time. Two years later after lots of fundraising, hard work and effort from the supporting community construction began on the Arana Leagues Clubhouse.

Many years on, in 1994, and after further fundraising, assistance from community groups and organisations and the much-needed community backing, Arana expanded and upgraded to the current Club that stands today. The Football Club relocated its Clubhouse to a standalone building alongside the main Club but today still stands strong.

"Both Football and Leagues Clubs were started, built and annually improved by hardworking, dedicated people of the community. These people had a dream and a vision to see their club as one of the biggest and best sports and social clubs to not only develop youth in sport, but to support the local community. Built by the Community – for the Community best describes why the Arana Leagues Club still exists today."

Join us for an evening of delicious food, great company, and fantastic vibes.

Visit the web address above to view the menu.

Benno

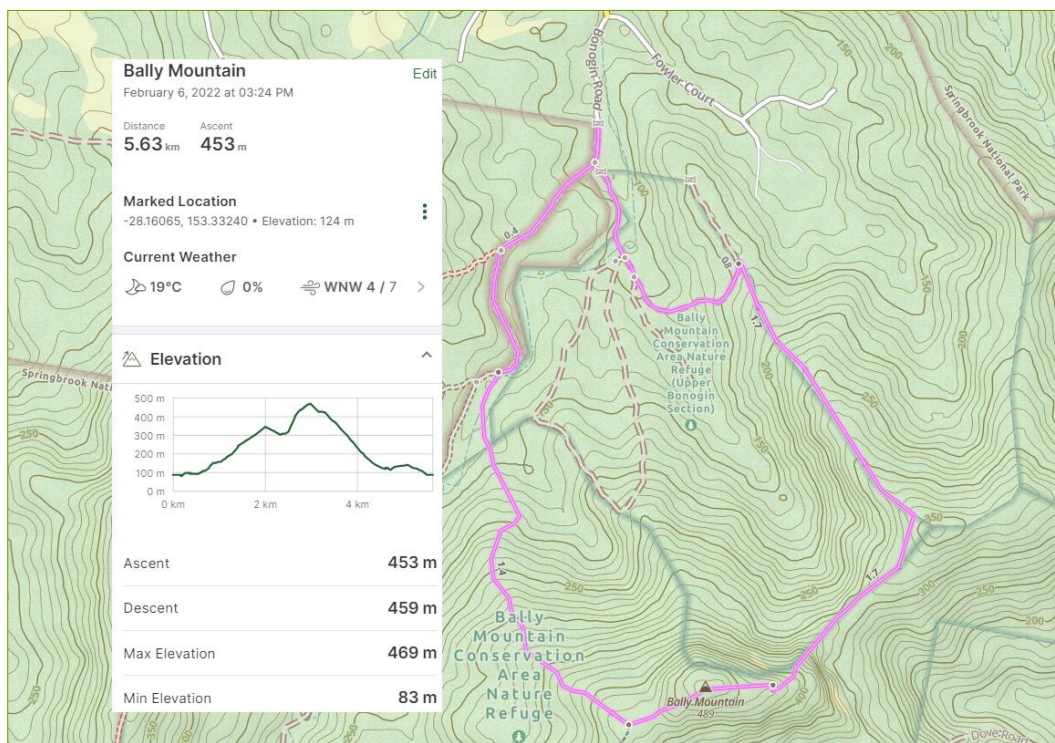
SATURDAY 5th JULY BALLY MOUNTAIN DAYWALK

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



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

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Meet at: To be advised
Time: 8.00am
Cost: Transport \$150 for passengers
Accommodation approx \$375 single; \$215/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**,

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.

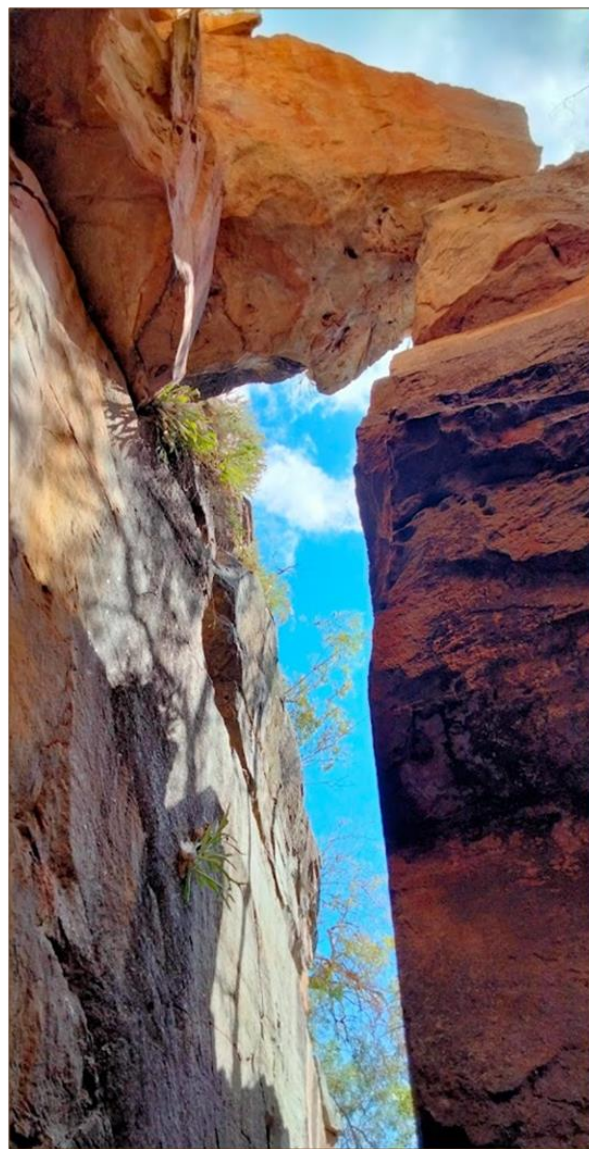
Day 3 – there are 2 options for walking at Cania Gorge today, i.e.

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 – **Grade M22**

We drive towards Maryborough and will do the rural section of the *Mary to Bay Rail Trail* from Churchill Mine Road to Piggford Lane– 14km. The trail is unsealed and travels through woodland so the track is quite shady. We will stop for lunch along the walk. On completion we will then head to Maryborough where we will stay overnight in cabins at the Wallace Motel and Caravan Park. There is a hotel across the road where we will have dinner.

Day 5 – **Grade S22**

After a car shuffle, we will then walk 8km on 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 have morning tea upon reaching the pier and will then return to Maryborough where we will have time 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. Maryborough is known for its many murals and we will have time to have a look at some of these also. After lunch we will then head for 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.



WEDNESDAY 9th JULY COORPAROO FINGER PARKS STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Meet at: Bus Stop: Cavendish Road at Capella St, Stop 39. Stop ID: 002414
Buses include 181, 184 & 185.
Time: 3:15pm
Bus: 2:51pm @ Adelaide St Stop 45 near City Hall, Route 185, Garden City
Cost: Free
Grade: S21
Location: Holland Park, Coorparoo
Distance: 6.6km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.49796/153.03384>
End: Coorparoo Train Station. There will be buses back to the start
Emerg Off: Greg 0418 122 995. *Bring a Torch*

Why "Finger Parks"? They are long and narrow – just like your fingers.

We will stroll around the back streets of this forgotten end of Coorparoo while cutting through parks and reserves - maybe the first people through some of them!! They are pocket sized.

We will investigate Mars Park, Octantis Park, Majestic Park, Eva Street Park, Sirius Park, Satellite Park, Procyon Park, the strange Kelsey Park, Leicester Park before exploring Bowies Flat Wetland (it is a park), and onto Wembley & Temple Parks. More parks than you expected in 6km.

Most of this Stroll follows Bridgewater Creek, though now a lot of it is flowing through pipes under the ground (and under houses & town houses). Bridgewater Creek is the only freshwater stream entering below the tidal zone of Norman Creek. The headwaters of Bridgewater Creek start in Coorparoo Heights, which consist of four bushland gullies upstream of Majestic Park.

It will be approximately 6.6km taking approximately 2 hours.



**SUNDAY 13th JULY
KNAPS PEAK
DAYWALK**

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 3300 0229
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: To be advised
Cost: TBA
Grade: S34
Location: Between Boonah and Rathdowney
Distance: 8km
Height Gain: From the farm house to the top is 361m
Web: <https://www.wikiloc.com/motorboat-trails/knapps-peak-138928663>
Emerg Off: TBA

Knapps Peak (631m) is situated to the south of Boonah. The peak provides sweeping panoramas of Mt. Maroon and the Scenic Rim. The massive rock buttresses of Mt. Maroon loom quite close, neatly framed on either side by Mts. Lindesay and Barney.

It is not really a hard walk but it is off track. You start out walking over undulating farmland, until you reach the mountain proper. You ascend a ridge and go up through light vegetation, sometimes over scree (loose stones) and the occasional rocky bits. There are rest spots and the occasional lookout.

If you are not doing anything much over the weekend and want to get away from the crowds, come along and enjoy the day.

https://www.google.com/imgres?q=knapps%20peak&imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fcdn.exploroz.com%2Fimages%2Fplaces%2F16406_0.jpg&imgrefurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.exploroz.com%2Fplaces%2F16406%2Fqld%2Bknapps-peak&docid=CYL5V9EeKj8K9M&tbnid=3rxWMZEv-tDicM&vet=12ahUKEwicglvLkvWNAxXk6DQHHW-dGmcQM3oECBsQAA..i&w=4032&h=3024&hcb=2&ved=2ahUKEwicglvLkvWNAxXk6DQHHW-dGmcQM3oECBsQAA

Mark will have more details once he completes his pre-outing to the area.

**WEDNESDAY 16th JULY
NORTHGATE TO CARSELDINE
Rail #35
STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Meet at: Northgate Rail Station
Time: 3:14pm @ Northgate Station – carpark in Ridge St
Train: 2:57pm @ Roma St Station PI9, Redcliffe train
Cost: Free
Grade: S11
Location: Northgate, Virginia, Sunshine, Geebung, Zillmere, Carseldine
Distance: 9.99km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.36796/153.00015>
Emerg Off: Greg 0418 122 995. *Bring a Torch*

You have Strolled to Kippa Ring, then the other side of town to Rosewood, then to Springfield Central, then to Beenleigh, next to Cleveland, onwards to Carindale, to South Brisbane, to the New Farm Powerhouse, out to the Hamilton Wharves, then all the way out to Pinkenba, and lastly to Shorncliffe. Now our route to Caboolture is commencing.

This short part of The Line curves it's way through the northern burbs; some lovely old homes and through/beside some pretty parks. I have made a cunning plan to zig zag across the line – seeing the left & the right. For once, I have found a route that stays close to the rails. You shall find some parks to Stroll through, creeks to cross (over bridges, of course), amongst some industrial buildings, and along streets of some lovely old houses.

The route is probably in familiar territory though you will be going behind the scenes to the unseen & hidden areas. This should be a quick Stroll of about 2 to 2½hr. Come with me on the beginning of your new adventure.

SATURDAY 19th JULY
NOOSA TRAILS #1
Kin Kin Countryside Loop
Clockwise
DAYWALK

Leader: Tery Silk Ph: 3355 9765
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: To be advised
Cost: TBA
Grade: M23
Location: In the Noosa hinterland
Distance: 14.9km
Web: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/noosa-trail-network-route-1/>
Emerg Off: TBA

The pre-outing has not yet been carried out to see what damage Cyclone Alfred did to the area – the cyclone crossed the coast in this area.

These trails link up existing tracks in the Noosa area by constructing linking tracks. These follow the fence lines of local farming properties, follow roads, go through bushland. They go up hill & down dale. There are usually lookouts along the way. The Council maintains the trails by slashing grasslands and clearing those that go through the bush. Creeks are usually bridged, boggy areas filled with rocks.

<https://www.spokentrail.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/The-Noosa-Trail-Network-Guide-and-Map.pdf?srsId=AfmBOoqvgQlpJJLRaGPKfXbLMQWsEvrP3V19zFGweXWMkT4j4g4tVcz0>

Terry will have more accurate & specific details in your next Jilalan

WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY
TINGALPA to CARINDALE
Geologic #08
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Meet at: Wynnum Rd at Bognor Rd, Bus Stop 45; Stop ID: 006037
Time: 2pm @ Wynnum Rd at Bognor Rd
Bus: 1:13pm @ Queen St Bus Station, 2c, Route 205 Carindale.
Then change buses at 1:45pm at Carindale Shopping Centre PI “d”, to Route 225 Wynnum
Driving: Park near Carindale Shopping Cntr and go to Stop PI d at 1:40pm
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Location: Tingalpa, Belmont, Carindale
Distance: 12.9km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.48265/153.10375>
Emerg Off: Greg 0418 122 995. *Bring a Torch*

Though this is a Geologic Stroll, there is not much geology on this run. The problem this time is that the “stops” recommended in *The Book* are few & far apart. So, this becomes a suburban Stroll along

the back street, into the parks and through the easements of the rear of suburbia. There is more of exploring the course of Bulimba Ck than looking at rocks.

Come along on this mystery tour of the back streets of Tingalpa & Belmont. It will be exciting.....

THURSDAY 24th JULY
M^t GREVILLE
DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650160
Meet 1: St Brigid's Carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time: 7:30am
Meet 2: Aratula, at the toilets on the outbound side
Time: 9.00am.
Cost: \$20
Distance: 12km
Grade: M55
Location: One of the peaks just before Cunninghams Gap, between Aratula & Moogerah Dam
Web: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/moogerah-peaks-np/mt-greville>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 5522 9702

Mt. Greville is part of the Moogerah Peaks National Park. It is the very distinctive mountain just south east of Aratula. The mountain is also known as kangaroo mountain, as from certain angles it looks like a grazing kangaroo.

<https://trailwanderer.org/2012/09/02/moogerah-peaks-national-park-mt-greville/>

Our group will ascend via the south east ridge. Then we will continue to the summit for lunch before descending via south-east Ridge to the turnoff to Palm Gorge and come down this narrow and spectacular gorge.

Hopefully there should be several wildflowers out especially the Scarlet Pea.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bossiaea_rupicola

But it may be a bit late to catch the very rare and "endangered" *Grevillea linsmithii* in bloom, which usually flowers from April to June. <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/1033327-Grevillea-linsmithii>

The walk does require a bit of scrambling and the descent down Palm Gorge can be a bit slow. Most reasonably fit bushwalkers should be able to do this; there are no razor backs or scary cliffs, but a bit of scrambling up and over rocks and fallen palm fronds. There should be time to stop on the way home for coffee.

Phil

SATURDAY 26th JULY
M^t CORDEAUX
DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650160
Meet 1: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Meet 2: Aratula, at the toilets on the outbound side of the road
Time: 8.00am
Cost: \$20
Distance: 16km
Grade: M33
Location: One of the peaks making up Cunninghams Gap, west of Ipswich
Web: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Cordeaux
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 5522 9702

Mt Cordeaux is that lovely mountain on your right as you pass through Cunningham's Gap heading west. The walk is mainly through rainforest and has a few lookouts that provide stunning views of the Scenic Rim area.

The walk starts at Cunningham's Gap and is part of the Main Range. To be more precise, we will start the walk at the West Gap Picnic Area. The reason for this is that the carparking is now banned at the actual Gap, presumably for road safety reasons as the parking at the crest was becoming a safety hazard. This walk provides an opportunity for walkers to enjoy a walk which is mainly under the rainforest canopy. It is a graded track walk with medium and steady inclines. It is a relatively straight forward walk following the new track which was needed after the "Landside" caused by the floods of 2011.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/mount-cordeaux-lookout>

The views from the Cordeaux Lookout are great as you look back over Mt Mitchell and peaks further east and to the south. I presume we can see Mt Barney. We will sidle around the western side of the summit and go through a grassy patch below the summit. We then have a quick detour out to Morgan's Lookout Not sure if we will bother going out the Bare Rock as the views are not much better from there. I should point out we don't actually climb the summit of Mt Cordeaux as it requires rock climbing to get up there.

Bring the usual day walk gear for this very interesting walk. I hope you can join me.

https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0021/157530/main-range-map.pdf

Travel Details for drivers - Red Hill to Aratula - 90km - 72mins, Aratula to Gap - 22km 25 mins. Approx. Total Travel 112km - 1hr 50min

SUNDAY 27th JULY

RAZORBACK RIDGE to THE LOST WORLD

DAYWALK

Leader: John Carter Ph: 0433 279 771
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$25.00
Grade: M87
Location: Lamington National Park, to the south-west of O'Reilly's
Web: <https://bushwalk.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=38&t=7875>
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.

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

John C

WEDNESDAY 30th JULY
M^t GRAVATT CONSERVATION PARK
Natural History #1

STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Meet at: Griffith Uni Busway Station
Time: 3pm @ Griffith Uni
Bus: 2:40pm @ Queen St Bus Station, Pl 1e, Bus 130 Parkinson
Driving: Carpark in Sports Rd at Griffith Uni near the Bus Station
 There may be fees
Cost: Free
Grade: S32
Location: Mt Gravatt itself
Distance: 5.2km. I guess this Stroll will take about 2 hours
Height gain: 107m
Web: <https://megoutlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/mt-gravatt-conservation-reserve-tracks-ver-8-1.pdf>
<https://megoutlook.org/category/mt-gravatt-conservation-reserve/>
Sunset: Sets 5:18pm Dark (twilight ends) at 5:42pm
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995. *Bring a Torch*

History

Mt Gravatt was first observed by John Oxley in 1823 when he noticed a “high mount to larboard”. Despite the fact that Commandant Cotton and Andrew Petrie were lost in the area in 1836, it was not noted again until the Government Surveyor, Robert Dixon in a survey undertaken around 1840, named Mount Gravatt after Lieutenant George Gravatt who was commandant at Moreton Bay for three months in 1842 preparing the colony for the change over from penal settlement to free settlement.

<https://moretonbayandmore.com/2021/11/07/the-british-military-presence-in-brisbane/>

The aborigines called it kaggurmabul or caggara-hahbill which means “place of echidna” or “echidna rests here”. Mount Gravatt (195m) dominates the entire environment in the Mt Gravatt, Mt Gravatt East and Upper Mt Gravatt areas. Before European settlement this area was heavily timbered, particularly with mahogany, and numerous small creeks flowed down the mountain and into large creeks or swamps at the foot. Fortunately, not all of the forest has been cleared and remnants of the original eucalypt forest remain.

Description

The area contains vegetation types ranging from open forest, shrubland and woodland to heaths and scrub understoreys. The Reserve contains areas of red mahogany, grey ironbark, brushbox, tallowwood and broad-leafed spotted gum. Bailey’s stringybark is an example of a species which is common in the Mt Gravatt Reserve but rare in the rest of the Brisbane area. The shrub layer consists of buttonwoods and cheese trees, acacias, she oaks, dogwoods, wild may and grass tree. The herb layer consists of species such as red natal grass, blady grass, native sarsaparilla, may vine and fern species.

Geologically, the Mt Gravatt Reserve contains regions of folded cherts and also a cave formed by percolating groundwater in a colluvial valley fill. This cave is the largest example known in southeast Queensland.

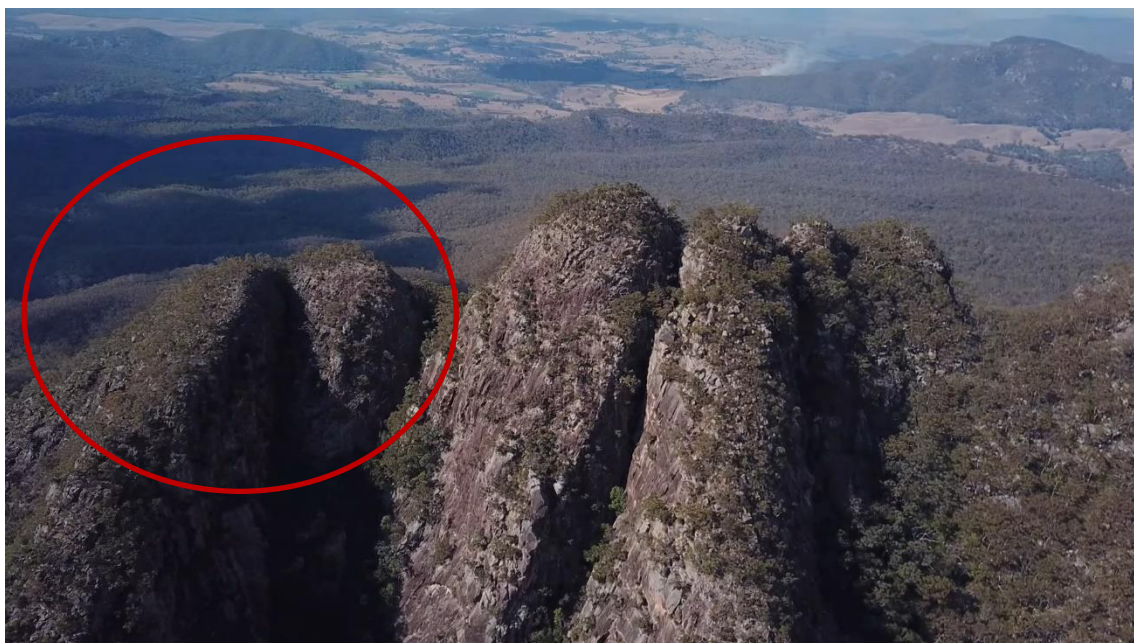
At 195m the summit is a prominent vantage point for Brisbane affording expansive views across to Moreton Island, Moreton Bay, Brisbane City and the Brisbane Hills.

Our route shall be along the reasonably flat southern side to a water tank, then undulating while climbing up the mountain by initially a semi-circular track touch the road and then a sort-of uphill track to the lookout at the top. From here, there are marvellous views to the north & the east. Absolutely spectacular; and it will still be light enough to soak in all that you can see. Downhill will be a bit steepish as well: but we are Strollers and can take it into account.

With all that said, this Stroll is all on tracks, though some may not be well maintained. Let me blame Cyclone Alfred – everyone else does. The lower down tracks should be in acceptable condition, the one going to the Summit should also be good. And the one down. The dodgy one will be on the north side of the mount – it is an unmade portion of Shire Rd – it goes up & down, into gullies and can be a bit rough underfoot. The height gain from start to the top is 107m (about 20 stories if it was a building),

though the steep bit is only 95 (about 19 stories). Some tracks will have loose gravel underfoot, some have washouts, some have steps, some have roots & other obstacles.

The tracks used, for those following the map, shall be: Farm Fire Trail, Eastern Outlook Trail, Geebung Track, The Summit Track, Un-named track down to the water tanks, a visit to Gertrude Petty Place, over to the entrance and along the unmade Shire Rd to Goodenia Track, through the Uni to Sports Rd and back to the Busway.



THURSDAY 31st JULY
TOMS TUM & BARNEY BEAUTIFUL
DAYWALK

Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 6am
Cost: \$25
Grade: S56
Location: Southwest of Brisbane adjacent to NSW border.
Web: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rE05IGF8wBM>
Emerg Off: Cath Wood Ph: 0428 755 100

The walk will follow the Lower Portals Track most of the way, turning off to climb directly up Toms Tum. After passing a couple of pinnacles on Toms Tum we will follow a definite ridge down to some falls and then to a deep swimming hole on Barney Ck, which many club members call "Barney Beautiful" (and it is a beautiful spot). We will have lunch there (most people will probably find the water too cold for a swim). We will then follow Barney Ck downstream till we climb up over a ridge to bypass the Lower Portals. After dropping in to the Club Hut, some of us will remain at the hut for the hut working bee the following day. The rest will walk back along the Lower Portals Track to return to their cars and then drive home. Apart from the walking along the Lower Portals Track, most of the walk will be off track over varied terrain.

Toms Tum is the peak you can see most clearly from the hut. It is a row of pinnacles at the lower end of a ridge running up to the higher peaks of Isolated Peak and North Peak on Mt Barney. The map marks Toms Tum's elevation as 764m (for comparison the East Peak of Mt Barney is 1,351m). The walk will cover about 10km, with a total height gain of a bit under 600m. We will be walking for about seven and a half hours, so that combined with the height gain, will require reasonable fitness.

Agility is also needed as there will be several bits of rock scrambling using hands and feet and we will be rock hopping some distance along Barney Creek. The lower slopes ascending Toms Tum are often covered with dense wattle regrowth, so there will likely be some scunge to push through (so gloves could be useful). Don't let all that scare you, as this is a great walk with a lot of variety. There are spectacular close-up views across to Leanings Peak, one of the most dramatic of Barney's peaks. The

ridge down from Toms Tum to Barney Beautiful is gorgeous, enjoyable and pleasant walking, as is the walk along Barney Creek.

There is also the possibility of doing this walk as part of an overnigher (walking in to the hut on Wednesday afternoon and joining the Toms Tum walk on Thursday). Staying on for the working bee would mean spending another night at the hut. Anyway all these options are open, depending whether we get enough walkers and drivers to cover everything. When you register for the walk, you can talk to me about these options if you are interested.

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST **CLUB HUT WORKING BEE** **WORK**

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Meet at: TBA
Time: TBA
Cost: \$25
Grade: S33
Location: West of Rathdowney near the NSW border
Web: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/working-bee>
Emerg Off:

We usually have a working bee in the middle of the year. This is a good time to remove freshly sprouting weeds before they set seed. It also means we can spruce the hut. A dip in the creek, visit to the Lower Portals, reading, yakking and relaxing are some of the options available.

We will do some weeding, cutting out lantana and other jobs. The last two times I have been at the hut, the creek has been flowing bank to bank, running high and fast. We have had some prolonged stretches of fine weather since then, so it will have dropped considerably, but there will still be a good amount of water for a refreshing dip.

Our time for departure from the hut depends on what people want (and on past working bees people have left at different times, with some needing to get back earlier). Join me for a lovely time at the hut.

The Tom's Tum Daywalk is scheduled the day before, so this is a convenient time to be at the hut.

More details of exactly what work will be done around the Hut in your next Jilalan.

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST **A Chorus Line** **SOCIAL**

Discounted seats sold out

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: It is not too late to come along with us; tough you will have to arrange your own tickets.

"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.

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST ZERO BIRTHDAY BASH SOCIAL

Leader: Liz Little Ph: 0414 252 003 / lizlittle2017@gmail.com
Meet: Roma St Station / Walloon Saloon
Time: 10.30 am / 12.00 pm
Cost: Meals from \$20 + train fares
Web: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/restaurant/walloon-hotel/>

Can you join us to celebrate the 2025 zero birthdays of beloved club members at our favourite saloon? Travel privately or join us for the added fun of the train trip.

The train departs Roma St Station, platform 8 at 10.34am and arrives at Walloon at 11.47am, after a change of trains at Ipswich. It is then a one kilometre stroll to the Saloon.

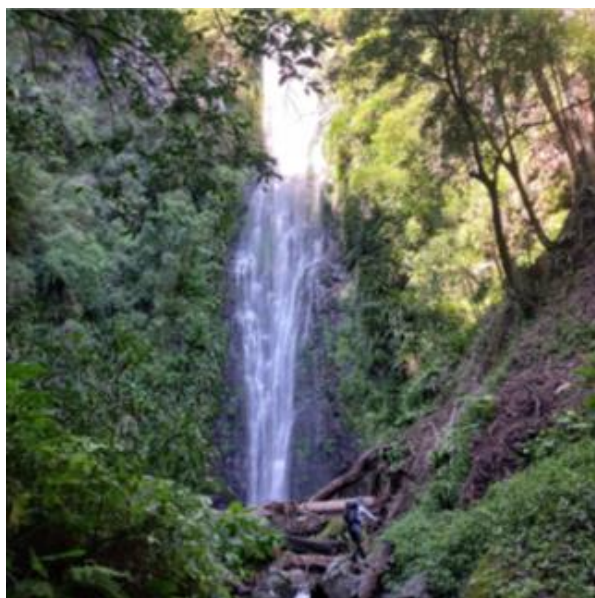
At the conclusion of the party, we will set out at 2.50pm to catch the 3.13pm train back to Roma St, also changing at Ipswich and arriving at Roma St at 4.33pm.

The party will be held in the bistro of the Saloon, where you can purchase your own drinks from the bar and order your own food from the bistro counter.

There are possibly 8 guests of honour.

I have booked for 30 people so, first in best dressed! Nominations are now open.

https://www.facebook.com/walloonhotel?utm_source=restaurantguru&utm_medium=referral
<https://restaurantguru.com/Walloon-Saloon-Thagoona/menu>



FRIDAY 8th to SUNDAY 10th AUGUST THE ANNUAL BUSHWALKER'S PILGRIMAGE at BEAUDESERT SHOWGROUNDS

Hosted by Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club celebrating their 50th Anniversary

https://www.goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au/index.cfm?module=event&pagemode=indiv&page_id=2903045

Registration is now open – go to [goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au](https://www.goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au) for all the information; and to register and pay.

Join fellow outdoor enthusiasts for a weekend of adventure, community and celebration with fantastic activities and live music.

Highlights:

Plenty of activities – two bike rides, seven off-track walks, five track walks so far, and a visit to the Beaudesert History Museum.

Soup supper and sign on Friday evening; Saturday night dinner at the Beaudesert RSL; followed by a Bushdance, Bring & Buy Sunday morning.

All the detailed information is on our website and you can register there for the event
<https://www.goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au/>

We'd love you to be part of this exciting event, so please come and join us!

Alternative accommodation in Beaudesert for those who do not wish to camp has been pre-booked by Liz Tanner as below. If you can let Liz know, she'll allocate you a place – by phone, text 0466 966 404 or email liztanner@yahoo.com.au. She will hold these pre-bookings until the end of June so get in early if you would like to have one.

Annalee Motel – 2 twin rooms cost \$320 for both nights 8 & 9 August
 – 1 family room – queen, 2 singles \$350

Kerry Court Motel – 2 twin rooms and a family

Beaudesert Central – 2 bdrm self-contained unit – queen, double, single, full kitchen & courtyard \$560

ADVANCE NOTICE

MON 3rd TO MON 10th NOVEMBER MORNINGTON PENINSULA ACCOMMODATED TRIP

Leader: Paulette Schmidt paulette.t.schmidt@gmail.com

Departure: Arrive Melbourne Airport Monday 3rd November

Hire Car: Drive to Mornington Peninsular for first day of walking on Tuesday 4th November

Transport: Melbourne Airport; daily transport Mornington Pen. & return to Melbourne A'port

Flights: Arrive before 1pm Monday 3rd Nov

 Depart: after 3pm Monday 10th Nov

 Flights outside these times will be your own responsibility for transport to/from Mornington Peninsular/Melbourne Airport

Cost: Hire Bus shared costs + petrol includes: all travel to and from Melbourne Airport
 Travel around Mornington Peninsular. Sixt Hire 22-seater bus hired

Meals: 7 night's accommodation: Kanasta Caravan Pk, Rye: All accommodation allocated
 While on the Peninsular will be at your own expense, i.e. breakfast, lunch self-catered; evening meal, a combination of restaurants and self-catered or your own choice Supermarket 1.4km away; restaurants, cafes, etc. are close by

Location: Mornington Peninsular, eastern head of Port Philip Bay, Victoria

Deposit: \$50 deposit to secure your place on this trip

Walk Dist: As indicated below

NOTE: This trip is fully subscribed. If additional members are interested in nominating, you would need to organise your own accommodation in Rye and other logistics. However, there will be room on the bus.

Date	Depart	Arrive	Activities	Walk / Dinner
Mon 3 Nov		Melbourne	Fly/Drive/Shop	No Walk Day 1pm: Pickup Melbourne Airport 1:30pm: Travel Melbourne Airport to Mornington Peninsula, Kanasta Caravan Park 4pm: Shopping at Rye
		Rye	Dinner	6:30pm Welcome Dinner at Rye Hotel
Tue 4 Nov	Kanasta CP	Dromana	Walk	8am Stage 1: Two Bays Walking Trail (over 2 days) Dromana to Mornington Peninsula National Park approx. 14km
			Dinner	Tentative: Kanasta Caravan Park BBQ

Wed 5 Nov	Kanasta CP	Mnp	Walk	8am Stage 2: Mornington Peninsula National Park to Cape Schack Lighthouse; Arrival prior to 2pm for Lighthouse tour approx. 14km Cape Schack Lighthouse Museum & Head Lighthouse Keepers Quarters: 1859 historic 21m high; Group Tour: Adults \$16. Spectacular view across Bass Strait max group 10 (2 groups of 7 private tours)
			Dinner	Tentative: Rye RSL
Thu 6 Nov	Kanasta CP	Cape Schanck	Walk	Stage 1: Coastal Walk: Cape Schanck Lighthouse to Number 16 Beach approx 16km
			Dinner	Tentative: Papi's Pizza or Nora's Pizza House
Fri 7 Nov	Kanasta CP	#16 Beach	Walk	Stage 2: The Mornington Peninsula Walk: Number 16 Beach to London Bridge approx. 16km
			Dinner	Tentative: Steam Restaurant or Ruby Modern Thai
Sat 8 Nov	Kanasta CP	Blairgowrie	Walk	Bay Trail: Blairgowrie via Sorrento via Millionaire's Row to Portsea 13.7km
			Dinner	Tentative: Kanasta Caravan Park BBQ
Sun 9 Nov	Kanasta CP	Point Nepean	Walk	Point Nepean National Park Approx 17km
			Dinner	6:30pm Farewell Dinner: Portsea Hotel
Mon 10 Nov	Kanasta CP	Melbourne Airport		Kanasta Caravan Park to Arthurs Seat to Walk around Seawinds Gardens & experience Arthurs Seat... Head along Beach Rd to Melb city and onto Melbourne airport No flights to be booked before 3pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At our last Committee meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to update several by-laws.

BY-LAW 15. NOMINATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES

15.02 Nominations should be made at least three days prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged.

BY-LAW 16. ACTIVITIES TRANSPORT

16.01 receded 02/06/2025.

BY-LAW 17. EQUIPMENT FOR WALKS.

The minimum equipment for a walk shall be:-

1. A first aid kit,
2. a torch,
3. a parka/ raincoat,
4. at least 2 litres of water and
5. emergency contact & medical information form.

A further review will be conducted at our next Committee meeting. Once the review is completed, an updated version of the Constitution will be posted on the Club's website. The proposed changes will be presented at the General Meeting in August.

Sue T.

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

2026 is starting to appear across the horizon and so it is now time to develop a walks program for 2026. So, I am planning to hold an Outings Sub-Committee meeting on Monday, 21st July at my home at Indooroopilly. You are invited to contribute in a manner that suits you –

Attend the meeting in person

Attend the meeting via Zoom

Contribute ideas – More of a particular type of walk

Less of a particular type of walk

Walks at a particular location

Walks timed to a particular time of year

Walks timed to a particular event

Feel free to let me know your ideas and whether you wish to lead a walk or two next year.

Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534

TREASURER REPORT

Balance 30/04/2025	\$7593.47
Plus Receipts	\$ 501.82
Sub Total	\$8095.29
Less Payments	\$ 144.00
Balance 31/05/2025	\$7951.29
Term Deposit	\$5000.00

I am still collecting tax deductible donations for The Little Kings.

The club is keen to see all members wearing a Club T-Shirt. We still have some for sale. When they are all sold, I am not sure when a new order will be done. Terry.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

To the date of this June Jilalan, a total of 88 members have paid their membership subscriptions and returned the membership renewal forms. This consists of 78 ordinary and associate members, 7 life members and 3 honorary members.

We welcome John Necker as a new member to our club.

Membership subscriptions for 2025 became due on 1st January. These fees cover the period from 1st January to 31st December. We request that those members who have not, as yet, rejoined this year, to pay the annual subs and return the membership renewal form as soon as possible.

EDITOR'S REPORT

I would like to thank most of my contributors for sending in their articles by the deadline, some even well in advance. It is pleasing to see our newer leaders doing so, and trying to stick to the guidelines.

The Jilalan has grown into a large e-document, which means it takes a lot of effort to put together and a lot of time taken. When articles come in on time and in the requested style, life is certainly made easier.

Only members who owe me articles receive the "Calling For Articles" e-mail – if you get one of these at the end of the month, you are on The List for preparing & sending an article (or two). So, please read that all important e-mail and the Jilalan Style Guide.

However, there remain a few recalcitrant contributors who do not send in articles. One effect of this for past walks, is that the Annual Report Outings Section is put together by the Outings Secretary from the Past Articles in Jilalan – no article means your trip is not included in the Annual Report – not just a description of your walk, but the stats do not get included – your name as Leader, and the names of your walkers are not included in the stats. All are missing. So, please send in your articles to Jilalan in a timely manner.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Graeme Aldom, Mark Daly, Maree Denkes, Mervyn Galvin, Louise Jones, Elizabeth Richards, Susan Tobin and Will Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in June.

Catherine Carol was a first-time visitor on Greg's Camp Mountain walk and Ken & Cathy Evans were visitors on Allan's Mount Coot-tha walk. Annette Cubitt accompanied her second walk on Sue's Mt Edwards.

Visitors are most welcome on any of our activities.

PAST EVENTS

22nd to 31st JANUARY
THE 2025 TASMANIA TRIP - PART 3
ACCOMMODATED DAYWALKS

Day 6 – 3 Monday 27th January

This was originally planned to be the day for the hard walk for the 2025 trip and the ones we had in mind were Mt Anne (a 10-hour walk) or Lake Judd and Schnell's Ridge (a 9-hour walk). Both involved a very long drive. There was little enthusiasm for these walks. Most of us weren't that keen on the hard options so we compromised and did 2 medium ones on the one day, and each walk took about 3 hours. Plus, Khaleel was super keen to check out the Growling Swallet and this was the only day available to do it. Plus, I had selected all the other walks for this trip so I had to let Khaleel have at least one pick for what walks we. I had initially resisted as it sounded very dodgy. Anyhow we decided to do it and we did it. The issue then became what do we do in the afternoon and we decided on doing The Needles. We have done it twice before but it is just a lovely walk. And we did it again and it was truly sensational.

2 Walks – the morning walk

Walk 6 The Growling Swallet

Distance approx.. 6.35km; – time 2hrs 16 mins average speed 5.1km

Firstly, what is a "Swallet"? I had never heard of the word before planning this trip. "Swallet" is a very obscure and very rarely used English word. It is not listed in my Concise Oxford Dictionary nor is it listed in my Macquarie Dictionary. Anyhow I found a website where it is defined as a reference to an underground stream or an opening through which a stream descends underground or it can be a sinkhole that occurs in limestone country.

This walk was somewhat obscure, unknown and unheralded walk. I have 8 books on daywalks for Tasmanian and only one of them had a mention of the Growling Swallet. It was the book by *Melanie Bell 100 Walks in Tasmania*. The walk is listed as about 4km. The walk is situated about 15km north west of Maydena.

The hard part of this walk was finding the start, but we did. It is along the Florentine Road. Then we had to park and walk along an old Forestry Road for about 2km. We bumped into some beekeepers and had a chat with them through the car window and then they gave us a taste of the leatherwood honey they were collecting. Apparently, it was yummy but I was on the wrong side of the car.

The forest was delightful and there were hundreds of Leatherwood Trees in flower. They were completely covered in beautiful white flowers about the size of a 10-cent piece. Each tree had hundreds of flowers and from a distance they appeared to be covered in snow.

Eventually we got to the walking track and quickly zoomed along as there was very little mud as it was so dry this summer. Basically, the walking track follows an old timber tramway. It was relatively flat and easy to follow most of the way but there were several huge trees that had fallen across the track. So, we had to do a bit of zig zagging. The forest here was mainly old growth forest, it was a mix of huge gum trees and myrtle trees and everything at ground level was covered by dark green mosses. It was just idyllic. In a few places huge trees had fallen beside the tramway and we walked along the top of the old tree trunk for over 20 metres



Eventually we got to the Swallet. Initially, it was a bit of an anticlimax as it wasn't huge and it wasn't really clear where the stream went down since there was a rough jumble of rocks. Anyhow the creek disappeared down into a cavern. Anyhow, it didn't go straight down but it went down at an angle of about 45°. We were having a chat about exploring the cavern as we weren't that keen; as we were chatting a guy came up out of the Swallet -we had a great chat with him. We took our photos and headed back to the car. It was great walking back through the huge trees. The area has been logged many years ago but there were still some big ones surviving. I presume the area is similar to the Styx River Valley where the biggest trees in Australia are. That area is about 20km south of Maydena and we were about 15km to the north of Maydena. My initial reaction was that the Swallet walk was a bit ho-hum but on reflection 3 months later it brings back lots of fond memories and I would certainly go back.

The Growling Swallet _ The Underground River

The Swallet was a great little walk and was probably my second favourite walk for the trip. Partly because I had heard so much about the forestry battles in Tasmania and this was my first trip into areas where the giant trees were. See links for information about the battles to save these big trees.

<https://wilderness.org.au/images/resources/StyxValleyGuide.pdf>

<https://www.thetreeprojects.com/styx-valley>

The next Tassie trip will hopefully include a visit to these big trees in the Styx Valley.

Before we did the afternoon walk, we quickly zipped into Maydena (about 15km back) for lunch and wanted to buy a drink or a hot meal but everything was basically closed. There were a few grumpy campers in the car. Anyhow, we ate our bland sandwiches and headed back out of town to do The Needles.

Day 6 – Monday 27th January

Walk 7- The Needles - the afternoon walk.

Distance 2.67km; – time 2hrs 29mins - Elevation Gain 335m average speed 2.67kph maximum elevation 964m

By way of background, Khaleel and I discussed many options for the afternoon trip and thought this might be an ok compromise but it was anything but a “second best option” as it was just stunning. The views were sensational. The wind was up. So, it was cool and windy and this it made it so easy to walk uphill on a summer afternoon.



I let Khaleel and Will zoom ahead of us with the aim of letting them climb as many of the pinnacles as they could. They climbed about 4. They did 2 of the lower pinnacles on the way up and then did 2 of the side pinnacles just to the east of the main peak. I think there are about 7 pinnacles to the east of the main peak. One day I will come back and do all the pinnacles. I have to ask the bushwalking Clubs in Hobart if they have ever done this as a club trip.

I did the main peak with Anne-Marie and Debra. It was mostly straight forward although it was mainly a steep uphill slog. Then there was the steep ascent up the summit peak. Anne-Marie had a few concerns as the peak looked very steep and daunting. I assured her she could do it easily. It involved a bit of clambering and scrambling but she pushed herself and, in the end, she found it easy. From the summit there were great views especially of Clear Hill with its very jagged southern ridge. It was very chilly on top at about 8° to 10°. There were several wildflowers out but only a fraction of what we saw 2 years ago.

Khaleel With 2 Of The Pinnacles Looming Behind Him

We zoomed back to Maydena and checked out the closed Maydena school which has been converted into a BMX adventure park and is called the Maydena Bike Park. From the main street the venue still just looks like an old primary school with a mixture of old school class rooms, an admin block, a toilet block and a few modern demountable looking buildings. Anyhow we parked and went around the back and it was “busy as” with about 50 people milling around having beers and pizzas and other pub food and talking about their exploits and cleaning their bikes. So, we stayed for dinner and enjoyed the vibe and the beers.



Girls On Top - Debra & Anne-Marie On The Main Summit Of The Needles

We had another shower at the National Park campgrounds before we zoomed back. We then went back up the hill to our hut at Mt Field. Just before we got to the hut, we come over a very high plateau and there is a lovely little walk through alpine moorland along a boardwalk with lots of information boards about all the wildflowers. I tried to get the group to do the Wildflower Mosaic Walk (only about 200m) but I was the only one interested as it had been a very long day. They let me do just 20m and then called me back. At least Khaleel and Will let me do the full walk the year before.

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY CLUB HUT WORKING BEE DAYWALK

This year it was decided to do something different and have a mini working bee in February. We left the Nelson's place at 5.20am with Prasada driving. The early start meant we could begin walking in more comfortable conditions at 7.40am, arriving at the hut at 8.50am. The main task was weeding the hut paddock. I had already been attempting to keep the weeds under control on earlier visits. All the hot, wet weather means it is a continuing battle. So extra hands were most welcome. We didn't have whipper-snipers or mowers which meant weeding by hand or slashing taller weeds with a brush hook. We had a break for morning tea and indulged in some delicious homemade slices and other treats. Then it was back to work.

After lunch, someone suggested having a siesta, which was welcomed by all. Everyone found a spot to lie down and some even slept. After an hour or so we got back to work. Other tasks included removing some lantana and lopping branches off a fallen casuarina in the paddock (the trunk will be cut up at the next working bee). In a couple of small areas the grass was clipped with grass shears in preparation for the club hut feast (but the feast was cancelled because of the cyclone closure of the National Park).

After four we all enjoyed a refreshing dip in the cool waters of the creek, packed up and left at 4.45pm, which meant avoiding walking out in the heat of the day. We stopped for a bite to eat at Maccas in Beaudesert and got back to Brisbane just before nine. Many thanks to Russ, Jan and Prasada for joining me for some hard yakka on a rather hot & steamy day. Thanks also to Prasada for driving. Iain



**FRIDAY 2nd to MONDAY 5th MAY
MT KAPUTAR NATIONAL PARK
BASE CAMP**

On Friday morning several vehicles left various locations in Brisbane. We had seven hours of driving ahead of us. On the way we stopped for lunch at Goondiwindi (with some travelling parties meeting up for lunch). After crossing the border we drove south through wide sweeping plains. This is flat cotton country with its own distinctive native vegetation and the shimmer of heat mirages on the horizon. Near Moree we caught our first glimpse of Mt Kaputar, a pyramidal peak rising above its surrounding cluster of ranges. Travelling towards Narrabri these ranges loomed larger, their vivid blue eventually becoming green forested slopes broken by rocky outcrops. Leaving the highway behind and turning off at Narrabri, there was one final hour of driving to reach our destination at Dawsons Spring. This hour of driving was like a slow decompression. Our speed dropped from 110kph to 30kph. After contending with massive three trailer road trains and grey nomad caravans on the main road we now had an empty, very rough gravelled road, followed by a narrow windy potholed paved road that wound its way up the escarpment. We were leaving the western plains behind us and entering a different world. Several people on the weekend commented how peaceful the national park was. And surely, it was, a calm peaceful place high above the rest of the world.

Mt Kaputar National Park is collection of volcanic peaks, ridges and rocky outcrops in northern inland NSW. This park is the northernmost point where you can find snow gums. It is a large massif with a steep north facing escarpment (which the road winds up). The plateau behind the escarpment has been deeply eroded to form rows of ridges running north to south with deep valleys between. Peaks mark the start of some of these ridges. Over the weekend our walks progressed across these peaks or ridges from west to east. On Saturday morning it was Mt Yulludunida, in the afternoon Mt Coryah, on Sunday morning the Kaputar Plateau Circuit which travels some distance down a long ridge the Scutts Hut Firetrail follows, then on Sunday afternoon we walked a small circuit next to the Dawsons Spring campground (this is in the middle of a good-sized plateau). Then for the weekend's grand climax, we viewed the sunset from the summit of Mt Kaputar.

Many of us arrived at Dawsons Spring late afternoon. We got out of our cars to be greeted by a rather cool sneaky breeze. Khaleel and Benno, who had arrived earlier, had set up their tents on their shared campsite which included a fireplace and picnic table with seats. The rest of us distributed ourselves between three adjoining cabins, getting the wood fired slow combustion heaters going (there was plenty of firewood in a huge box nearby).

On Saturday morning we drove 8km back down the road. Starting the walk at Green Camp, there were many, many stairs climbing the escarpment. These steps consisted of slabs of wood driven vertically into the ground with packed earth behind them. Some of that packed earth had eroded away so you often ended up doing something like rock-hopping, stepping from thin timber blade to thin timber blade. It was beautiful, forested country with a great lookout near the top. A short distance after cresting the escarpment the forest gave way to patches of low scattered vegetation and acres of bare stony ground. We had a view up to the bony ridge and peak of Yulludunida. On a cliff top high above us we could see a perched bird silhouetted against the sky. It was hard to tell how big it was until it launched itself from the cliff edge. Suddenly it became a huge wedge tailed eagle, its wings spread wide and effortlessly soaring in arcs on thermals. We saw a couple of eagles while we there.

Five of us continued to the peak (Khaleel, Benno, myself and Louise & Rusty). The rest of the party waited for our return and enjoyed the surroundings. From this point there was no track, so it was a matter of finding a feasible scrambling route between boulders and vertical faces of rock. It is unique in just how rough and rocky this country is. It is as if a vigorously boiling surface has solidified into hard rock. There are nodules of rock the size of tennis balls and basketballs welded to the ground. You have to pick your way through them. At one point on the high ridge a row of spikes of rock juts up, for all the world like a stegosaurus spine. The view from the top was spectacular, out to other peaks and the broad plains beyond. We returned to the rest of the party and walked back to Green Camp, where we ate lunch.

Then it was a drive of a few kilometres back towards Dawsons Spring. The next stop was Coryah Gap, now on the crest of the escarpment, the party took a walking track along a handy level ridge to the upper slopes of Mt Coryah. There were more stairs, but this time extensively engineered, with a steel framework and timber treads. The stairs zigzagged with several landings up a gully in a break in a long cliff line. Later we came to the start of the circuit near the top. Here a sign warned about the dangers of the path that wound around the northern edge of the peak (with cliffs above and below). Khaleel and Benno took that route (and afterwards said it wasn't as bad as it sounded). The rest of us took the track up the back. We met at the top, basked in autumn sunshine and soaked in a view across forested ranges and valleys. In the foreground were the white limbs and foliage of a sculptural snow gum growing just below us. We returned to the cars and drove back to camp at Dawsons Spring to relax, rest and have a shower.

At five everyone gathered around the table in the cabin that Merrill and I occupied. Our cabin was roomier than the other cabins. A couple of hours of convivial conversation followed, with lots of great things to nibble that everyone had brought, all with the warmth of a nicely burning wood fire. Then we reverted to smaller groups in our respective cabins and campsites to cook and eat the evening meal and head for bed. Even though it was the night of the Federal election most of us settled for an early night. Predictions of a close contest seemed to indicate a late night. We could find out the results in the morning. Political tragics, in the cabin the Deegans were in, decided to follow the count. As the result became known things became a bit noisy and boisterous. So much so, that the adjoining cabin asked them to keep the noise down.

The rest of us heard none of this and woke the next day to a different political landscape. We drove a short distance to do the Kaputar Plateau walk, a circuit along fire trails following the ridge south and dropping quite a bit of height. We took a short side track to Rangers Lookout with a view across a deep valley to the plateau where Dawsons Spring is. At this point Joe left us to return to the cars with Prasada keeping him company. Joe had originally booked on this basecamp intending remain at the cabins because he had a crook knee, but things had improved. As a result, on walks this weekend, he and Prasada walked with us a certain distance then returned to the cars, leaving the rest of us to continue walking.

There was another lookout, Lairds Lookout with another great view. As we approached the lookout we came across a wallaby and its joey contentedly grazing. They only bounded off as we got quite close.

It was a relaxing three and a half hour walk through beautiful, forested areas. We had lunch at covered picnic tables in the day use area at Dawsons Spring before our final walk for the weekend. This was along the Dawsons Spring Nature Trail, across a flowing creek and below the Dawsons Spring waterfall. This is a well paved path with boardwalks and bridges. The trail is wheelchair accessible. So my wife, Merrill, was able to join the rest of us in her powered wheelchair and do the 1.4km circuit. She had been enjoying doing lots of reading on the weekend at the cabin and getting together with the rest of us for nibbles and lunch on Sunday. After another nibbles session on Sunday afternoon we drove up to the lookout at the top of Mt Kaputar to watch the sunset. From the carpark there were several flights of stairs to the top. It was quite bracing with a cold brisk breeze. We all rugged up as best we could and settled in to enjoy the sunset pyrotechnics. We had a huge sweeping view of quite a chunk of northern NSW. As the sunset colours started to fade into dusk we returned to the warmth of our cars and drove back to camp.

On Monday morning we started the drive back to Brisbane, on the way a few people stopped off to enjoy a dip in the thermal springs at Moree.

Thank you to everybody who made this trip such a wonderful occasion. The weather was glorious: deep blue skies with the odd occasional cloud, a great temperature for walking with a slightly cooling breeze and chilly nights to enjoy the wood fires. The company was excellent. It was one of the most relaxed, convivial and friendly base camps I have experienced, which went with the calm and peaceful surroundings. On the walk were; Louise & Rusty, Benno, Majella & Mark, Anne-Marie, Khaleel, Joe, Prasada, myself and Merrill, and Annette. The drivers were Prasada, Mark, Khaleel and myself (though on such a long trip several passengers helped out in sharing the driving). Iain





**SATURDAY 10th MAY
CAMP MOUNTAIN to M^CDOWALL
Mountains to Mangroves Part The 1
DAYWALK**



On an auspicious day, 14 (plus 3 drivers) of us gathered at Camp Mountain for this outer suburban walk. It was overcast with three light showers throughout the day; luckily, we were in picnic sheds for two of them. The total length of our daywalk was 18.6km – done in 6hr 48min 23sec. That includes stops, breaks and lunch. We walked from a height of 462m to the lowth of 61m. The country was undulating. It is surprising that most of this outer suburban walk was in bush with not much street walking.

The first obstacle we met was the gate across the turnoff to Camp Mtn; usually you can drive up to the picnic area – not this time so we did the steepest and longest uphill walk of the day at the start. My group stayed at the top a while to soak up the views in both directions – overlooking the mountains towards Mt Glorious and in the other direction towards the CBD. Then, it was off down the old road/fire break towards Sutton Rd. Here we donned fluoro jacket and wandered down the bitumen towards the old Dayboro Railway to the Camp Mountain train derailment site. The number of pushbikes doing the Lochinvar Rd/Rail–Trail circuit was amazing.



The party then headed towards Ferny Grove along the rail trail – not too far as there was a detour to take (just because it was there) up into the bush. Back to the rail trail, then under Samford Rd to Lomandra Mountain Bike Park – where some of us had cake for morning tea.

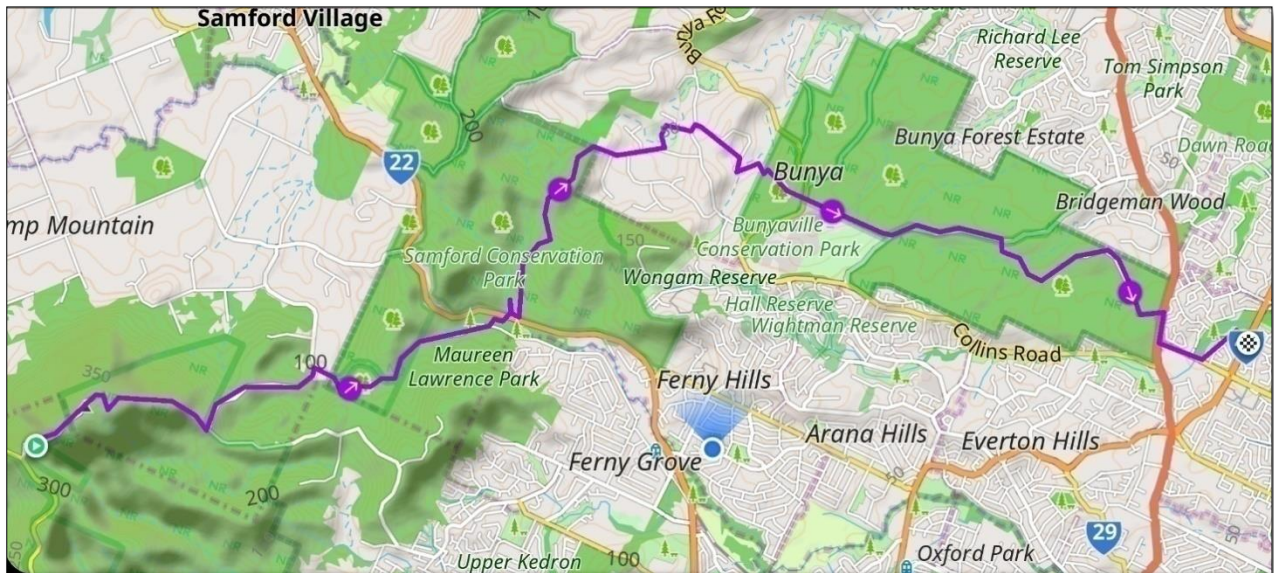
From here Khaleel took the lead and following the little blue dot along the purple line on his phone map – he kept us on the bent and wiggly. Now, our second worst uphill climb – not too bad as it was a winging fire trail. At the top, our group entered a little bit of suburbia. A small bit of bush was found with a toilet, table and shelter – and here it rained. Now, into the pocket of bush and out the other side into semi-rural suburbia. One or two bush paths and into the State Forest, then across Bunya Rd and back into the State Forest past the back of the James Drysdale Sports Fields (and of course also the Arana Hills Dump) to the cutely named Jinker Track. Following this a bit, our party delved into the Bunyaville Conservation Park, going past the education centre to the picnic area for a late lunch. Another piece of natural bushland saved from development. Good to see these lungs of suburbia still in place.

Khaleel managed to find an empty covered picnic area. And then it rained again. Lunch was about an hour – then I checked the bus timetable (one bus each hour only) and it was decided to break and move off to Beckett Rd in McDowall at a fast pace. Only one bus route took us back to our cars at Ashgrove; and at one an hour, it was imperative to catch this one.

The final stretch still had some bush – along Cabbage Tree Creek on the way to our bus stop; arriving 2:34pm (after leaving the cars at Camp Mtn at 7:45am). This park put us back on the Mountains to Mangroves trail.

Thanks to my walkers: visitor Catherine Carol, Eva Broadbent, Khaleel Petrus, Prasada Vajjhala, Jan & Russ Nelson, Annette McKenzie, Ann & Michael Cashman, Susan Tobin, Louise & Russell Jones, Terry Silk. And a big thanks to my drivers who had to get up early to take us on the 17km drive to Camp Mtn: Joe Tottenham, Mark Deegan and Michele Endicott.

Greg Endicott





**WEDNESDAY 14th MAY
SANDGATE HISTORY
STROLL**

A good short slow Stroll mainly along the Sandgate foreshore. We completed about half the intended route - too much to look at and to read about. As I thought it would, it took longer than expected to complete - we only did half our intended Stroll. We essentially did the Flinders Pde section - nothing much inland or along Brighton Rd or in the CBD. Reading & talking history, as well as sticky-beaking at the houses, takes a lot of time.

They all have done a great job at renovating the houses - they looked spectacular.

The weather was kind to us - only slight sprinkle at odd times. Nothing heavy.

About half of us stayed on for dinner - our chosen cafe/restaurant had a broken pizza oven, so we went to The Sands (the former RSL Club).

Thanks for coming even though the weather looked dicey – Prasada, Janet, Sofia, Joe, Paula, Michael F, Anne-Marie, Gordon, Marie M and Jeanette. Maree D and Michele E joined us alter for dinner. Greg



SUNDAY 18th MAY

FORT LYTTON TOUR SOCIAL

With the sun shining, nine members gathered at Fort Lytton National Park. The Fort was established in 1881 and was used for the defence of Brisbane until the end of the Second World War. It became a National Park in 1989.

After having a look at the museum, we joined the free tour of the Fort. Mike, our tour guide, was extremely enthusiastic, knowledgeable and informative as he explained the role that the Fort played, the equipment used and how it functioned. The tour provided some interesting insights into Australia's defence history. If you haven't had a chance to do this tour, I thoroughly recommend that you make time on a Sunday for a visit.

After the tour we had lunch whilst watching some ships making their way up and down the river and seeing a huge cruise ship further up the river.

Thank you to those who joined me – Prasada Vajjhala, Maria Kerruish, Sue Tobin, Annette MacKenzie, Andrea Turner, Janet Galos, Anne-Marie Nash and Russ Nelson. Jan Nelson

WEDNESDAY 21st MAY ALGESTER to DARRA Closing the Circle STROLL

A surprisingly warm May afternoon for strolling through suburbs on the outer southern boundary of Brisbane – Algester, Willawong, Durack, Inala and Darra. We commenced at Ridgewood Road along Sheep Station Gully passing through parks and bushland on to busy main roads and housing estates in the vicinity of Oxley Creek. Stretches of grassy-dirt footpaths beside heavy vehicular traffic were usually followed by tranquil strolling through the green lands of parks, bush and bikeways. It was a mix of industrial areas and housing, with the majority through lush parkland greenery, crossing a number of small creeks – Blunder, Hanley, Boss and Little Doris.

One obstacle was the park along the channelled Boss Creek at Serviceton Ave that came to an abrupt end with a short steep vegetated slope to manoeuvre to enable crossing the dual road to continue on the parkway. The uneven slope included a sharp spiky plant piercing one stroller and grazing the remainder of us.

As usual on strolls, it was the company that made for a pleasant end of day on this 13.5km 3.5hr late afternoon/early evening winter walk *thanks to* Sophie, Prasada, Louise and Russell. Paula H



WEDNESDAY 21st to FRIDAY 23rd MAY NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL – SOUTHERN SECTION DAYWALK

Despite the Bureau of Meteorology's uncertainty about the NSW weather system, we had three days of sunshine and no rain for our trip to the southern section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

On the first day we drove down to Casino and walked the 12km from the Old Casino Railway Station to Bentley through the beautiful Richmond Valley. The crushed rock track winds through farmland, which is lush and green after all the rain this year. Seven bridges have been either restored or built along this section. After a car shuffle, we drove to our accommodation at a motel in Lismore before heading for dinner at the Northern Rivers Hotel.

The following day we headed back to Bentley and walked 17km to the heritage listed Lismore Train Station. This section features 29 bridges and the Council has catered for walkers with some seats and shelter sheds along the way. It is good to see that lessons have been learned from some of the previously built rail trails. After arriving at the Lismore Station, whilst a car shuffle was being undertaken, the passengers decided to walk to the motel via the city centre, stopping for a well-deserved ice-cream on the way. Three members even discovered a craft activity as they were returning to the motel and made fish out of lawyer vine and raffia. (I obviously didn't walk them hard enough!) Dinner was enjoyed at the Metropole Hotel in the middle of town.

Day 3 saw us heading to Ballina. We parked at Missingham Park at the junction of the Richmond River and North Creek. We followed the Coastal Recreation Path out towards the mouth of the Richmond River before turning north. There were numerous lookout points along the way with their ocean views. We detoured off the Coastal Recreational Path to walk along the bush tracks which provided more shade and had some beautiful fungi. After Sharpes Beach we followed the grassy hill up to Iron Peg before descending to Boulder Beach and then up the hill to Pat Morton Lookout. We were provided with some dramatic cliff top views as we walked this section. After descending to the carpark, Michele drove the other drivers back to collect their cars at Ballina before we adjourned for lunch in a park at Lennox Head. We then made our way back to Brisbane.

Thank you to those who came on the walk: Greg & Michele Endicott, Jon Peake, Cath Morahan, Annette MacKenzie, Paddy Taylor, Jeanette Chew, Janet Galos, Antonia Simpson, Geraldine Young and Russ Nelson. Special thanks to those who did the driving and to Michele for doing the driver pickups at the end of the walks each day.

Jan Nelson





SUNDAY 25th MAY
“NO DINNER FOR SINNERS”
SOCIAL

Fourteen members gathered at the Chelmer Community Centre for the play “No Dinner for Sinners” performed by the Centenary Theatre Group. This was a comedy about the Manager of a London stock exchange firm, Jim Watt who is hosting a dinner for the International Director of the firm and his wife, who are members of an anti-permissive society group. With his cleaning lady pretending to be Jim’s older wife, with her shocking new hairstyle, striking makeup and quirky outfit and endeavouring to cook an elaborate dinner, what could go wrong? Everything of course! Especially when two extra ‘wives’ turn up.

It was an enjoyable performance and I would like to thank those who joined me – Mike & Cath Wood, Greg & Michele Endicott, Liz Little, Janet Galos, Jon Peake, Cath Morahan, Sue Tobin, Annette MacKenzie, Rusty & Louise Jones and Russ Nelson.

Jan Nelson

TUESDAY 27th MAY
MOVIE NIGHT
SOCIAL

Our third Movie Night for the year saw ten of us gather at short notice to see “The Salt Path” which is based on the bestselling book that is a true story. Gillian Anderson and Jason Isacs did a wonderful job of playing Raynor and Moth Winn who undertook a 1014km trek along the beautiful but rugged Cornish, Devon and Dorset coastlines under trying circumstances. Raynor wrote the book reflecting, “life, one step at a time”. The movie was not what I expected, but I admired the courage of this husband and wife.

Thanks to those who fought the peak hour traffic to join me at the cheapest cinema in Brisbane, the Balmoral in Bulimba. We were in Cinema One which is the beautiful original cinema. Those who joined me were:- Jan Nelson, Prasada Vajjhala, Anne & Michael Cashman, Marlene Warnick and Michele & Greg Endicott along with first time visitors, Bernadette & Greg Ketter.

Watch out for our next Movie Night when I look forward to your company once again.

WEDNESDAY 28th MAY
MORNINGSIDE/TINGALPA GEOLOGY
STROLL

A Stroll in what was looking like inclement weather on a State of Origin night; a Stroll that looked a bit long and had a bus trip to get there.

Anyway, we gathered at the Edward St bus stand, caught our bus to Lourdes Hill, took the obligatory "commencement photo" and started a-Strolling. The weather stayed good throughout, the terrain reasonably flat - certainly straight, and we did not have to stop all that often.

We managed to find all our geological stops - all 2 of them, though the Council tries hard to cover them over. (They succeeded with No 2 by filling in the quarry and turning it into a park. We did find the Baptist church which was the marker.)

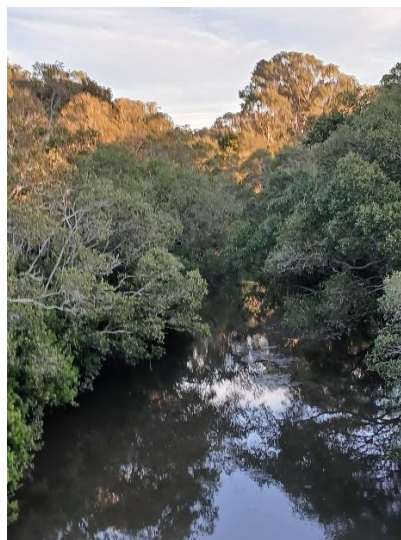
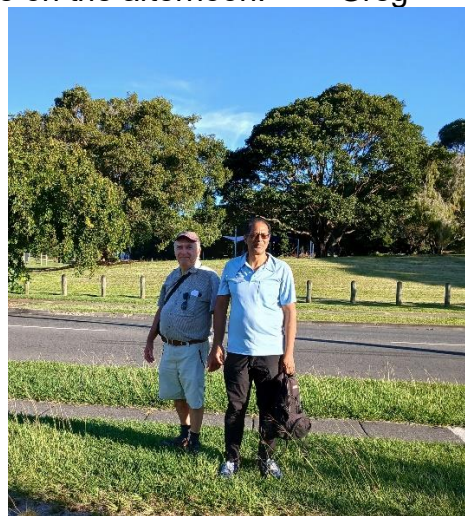
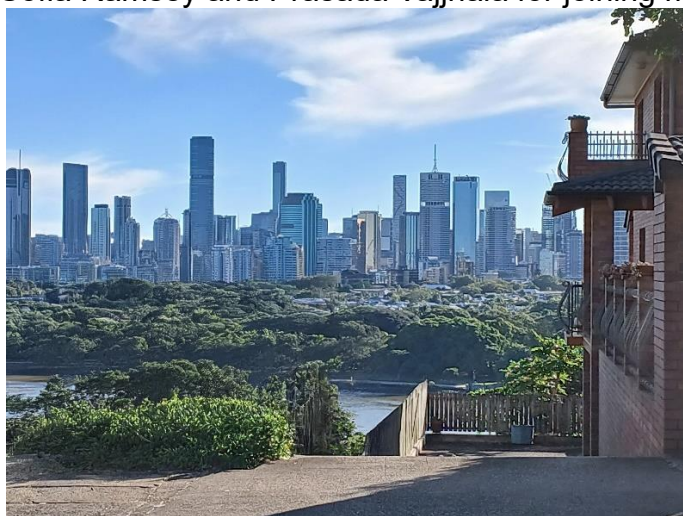
The Strollers has a good look at the newly renovated & opened Morningside Station - now it looks like any "new" station - not much life, style or individuality. That's progress.

We found Cannon Hill Bushland Reserve - behind the KMart shopping complex. Looks good.

Our path took over Perrin Creek (Strolled a month or two ago), and Bulimba Creek (Strolled a few years back; It was one of our earlier Strolls). Prasada halted for his tattoo - to be "cool". In the corner of Smith's Chips factory was this lovely old wooden church - open during daylight hours.

When it became too dark, we figured it was impossible to see any geologic features, so we bailed out at the Tingalpa 4-ways and caught the bus to the City.

Thaks to Sofia Ramsey and Prasada Vajjhala for joining me on the afternoon. Greg



**THURSDAY 29th MAY
BANIFF FILM FESTIVAL
SOCIAL**

The Banff Film Night on the 29th May did have a BCBC representative for the Brisbane Screening. It was Khaleel and he was the only attendee from the Club and, more importantly, said it was fantastic. He remarked "It was just so beautiful" and "I want to take up snowboarding now in Antarctica". I went to the Gold Coast screening and it was fantastic and I want to walk in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. They sound amazing.

THURSDAY 5th JUNE
M^t EDWARDS
DAYWALK

On a glorious winter's day, with not a cloud in the sky, thirteen of us gathered at Fred Haigh Park to walk up Mt Edwards. A very warm welcome to our visitor, Annette C, on her second walk with the Club.

After the introductions, it was time to cross the dam wall. In front of us stood the striking Mt Greville, which Phil will be leading a walk to at the end of July.

From our vantage point, we enjoyed a clear view of Double Top, Spicers Gap, Cunningham's Gap, Mt Mitchell, and Mt Cordeaux. Thanks to Pat's incredible knowledge and such a beautiful crisp morning more impressive peaks were identified, including the Steamers.

Soon we were off to climb Mt Edwards, which was calling us upwards. At 632m above sea level, it is a conical-shaped peak, it's not the tallest mountain, but it promised sweeping views and a satisfying challenge. With the whole day ahead of us, there was no hurry, the group was able to take their time to walk at their own pace to reach the top where morning tea was enjoyed.

The sky was crystal clear, and the reward was immediate, From the top, we could see the rolling expanse of the Fassifern Valley, the town of Boonah nestled below. And far in the distance, the glint of Brisbane's skyline on the horizon.

Kaleel set up the camera for a group photo, and after a bit of reshuffling—Cath offering to give up her very comfortable rock for better leverage—everyone squeezed in.

After a leisurely morning tea, shared in the quiet contentment of the bush with a sweeping view before us, it was time to pack up and descend the same way we came. The leader offering a gentle reminder to take our time—there was no rush. With that, we began the journey back down, the view now behind us.

With everyone safely descended and lunch enjoyed—followed by coffees from the café and a short walk to the lookout—it was time to return to Brisbane by early afternoon.

To top off a fantastic walk, we were treated to a flyover by four fighter jets from the RAAF base at Amberley—a thrilling sight to end the day.

It was such a beautiful day, filled with great walking and, more importantly, wonderful company.

Many thanks to Anne-Marie, Annette M, Annette C, Prasada, Therese, Peggy, Maria, Cath, Khaleel, Pat, Jonas, and Trevor. A special thank you to Peggy and Prasada for driving, and an extra thank you to Prasada for taking on the role as Tail-End-Charlie for the day.

Sincere thanks also to John C for assisting with the pre-outing to access Little Mt Edwards, which unfortunately couldn't be achieved. Sue T.



WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE
BOONDALL to SHORNCLIFFE
RAIL #34
STROLL



Eight souls joined in on this Stroll – the end of the Shorncliffe Line series.

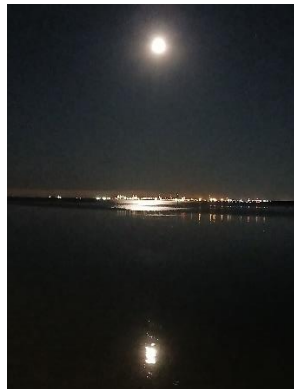
The weather was not too windy or cold – just brisk enough to wear longs and something warm. The afternoon was sunny and bright.

I must say that the bus journey to the beginning was far more interesting than the actual Stroll. The route went everywhere in the north-eastern suburbs and finished in the middle of nowhere. I have never experienced a bus taking so many left & right corners in my life. Wish I had my tracker going so I could go back over the route. No wonder the journey took over an hour.....

Now for the actual Stroll. As stated above, the wind had dropped and it was pleasant Strolling. A good bit of the route was on bike tracks, with suburban back streets for the rest. Some of the old houses passed were lovely Queenslanders – some renovated, some with a lived-in appearance and some requiring a little loving care. As usual, we had to cross over each station to accomplish a Rail Series.

The Stroll finished just on dark. Most took the train home, while a few of us stayed on at the Shelley Inn to have our fish & chips – the best I have consumed in years.

Thanks for Cath & Jon, Janet, Prasada, Graeme and newcomers Melissa & baby. Greg.



**SATURDAY 14th JUNE
BENARKIN to LINVILLE'
DAYWALK**







The story comes next month.....

AROUND THE RIDGES

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/102700>

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service reached 50 years on World Environment Day, 5th June. Let's make special mention of two of the Club's members John Carter and Mark Daly. John dedicated many years to National Parks and Mark Daly continues to champion the cause, still working to support and enhance our National Parks for future generations.

Thank you, John and Mark, for your enduring contributions.

Here's to the next 50 years of protecting Queensland's natural treasures!

Fr Ashley Warbrooke has passed away.

Fr Ashley celebrated a Barney Mass for the Club in the 1990's

A note from the Archdioceses earlier in June: Sadly, we have received news that Fr Ashley Warbrooke suddenly passed away this past weekend. Fr Ashley served in the parishes of Upper Mt Gravatt, Wishart, Ipswich, Clayfield, Darra Jindalee & Beaudesert as an Assistant Priest and Parish Priest of Cleveland, Rochedale and Zillmere parishes. He also served as the Archbishop's secretary at the Cathedral of St Stephen from 1986-1990. He is affectionately remembered in these communities and was much loved by his family and many friends.

A TRIBUTE BY NPAQ TO QPWS

National Parks Association Qld (NPAQ) would like to congratulate the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), which is turning 50 today on World Environment Day, 5th June 2025.

NPAQ has worked closely with QPWS and the Queensland Ranger Association over many decades and have prepared a joint release thanking Rangers for their dedication and service over these five decades.



Recognising Rangers on the 50th Anniversary of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS)

NPAQ and the Queensland Ranger Association would like to personally thank all Rangers for their contribution to protected area management and conservation.

Rangers have been fundamental to the formation of conservation services and the ongoing protection, preservation and management of our natural icons, landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage. For well over 50 years, Ranger roles have evolved in step with the challenges and needs of protected area management, contributing essential knowledge, skills, and leadership across the landscape.

A 'Ranger' is anyone who manages and protects natural and cultural heritage and wildlife in parks and reserves; the term may not be in your title, but if it is in your heart, you are a Ranger.

Some fun facts from the early days:

- Witches Falls National Park on Tamborine Mountain was Queensland's first national park, gazetted on 28th March 1908, and the Bunya Mountains the second, on 1st August 1908.
- In the early 1950s, Forestry Rangers ensured newly gazetted Parks were valued and preserved in a condition as unaltered as possible.
- Our associates in the National Parks Association of Queensland (NPAQ) assisted in over 88 of the early gazettals of National Parks throughout the state.
- Field staff in June 1972 comprised 3 Rangers, 28 overseers and 42 workmen. One zoologist and one botanist were appointed this year.
- The National Parks Branch within Forestry and the Fauna Conservation Branch within Primary Industries started to merge, and over 70 years of land stewardship by Forestry was handed over to the newly formed Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service in 1974.
- Early Rangers proudly toting the brown "Herbie" possum badge were described as tenacious with the ability to work long hours in remote districts, across huge geographic scale and a frightening taxonomic scope to research, monitor and protect as well as to implement innovation necessary for the tasks at hand.
- The exact same can be said for today's Rangers, wildlife officers and our support staff managing over 1000 protected areas in Queensland.

NPAQ Chief Executive Officer, Chris Thomas, also congratulated QPWS on its 50th anniversary. "For five decades, QPWS has been a dedicated guardian of Queensland's natural and cultural treasures, preserving our unique landscapes and biodiversity for future generations," Mr Thomas said.

"NPAQ is honoured to have played a part in the advocacy for protected areas and continues to support QPWS's vital work in conservation and sustainable park management. We thank QPWS Rangers, staff, and partners whose passion and commitment have shaped this incredible legacy."

The Queensland Ranger Association (QRA) acknowledges and thanks our retired Rangers and those who are still in service but now in different roles, those whose passion, grit and isolated work allow us now to work with the freedom, connectivity, allowances, safety and incredible heritage and biodiversity.

Rangers are the custodians of Queensland's natural treasures and recognition is not only deserved, but vital for ensuring the visibility and value of the work done on the ground every day and into the future.

The *Thin Green Line Foundation* is a global non-for-profit organisation, providing support for Rangers in their roles as first responders. In association with QPWS and for this occasion, QRA is supporting a limited run of 50th Anniversary retro "Herbie the Ringtail Possum" t-shirts screen printed locally in Brisbane by Silk+Squeeg, with \$5 from each sale going directly to Thin Green Line Foundation. Buy at <https://www.silkandsqueeg.com/store>

QRA President Corinna Browne at info@queenslandranger.org or 0498 810 946

NPAQ CEO Chris Thomas at ceo@npa.org.au

The National Parks Association of Queensland Inc. (NPAQ) is a non-governmental, membership-based not-for-profit organisation that promotes the preservation, expansion and good management of national parks and other forms of protected areas in Queensland.

Established in 1930, NPAQ has played a pivotal role in the creation of many national parks in Queensland, including iconic parks such as Girraween National Park.

The Association brings together people who share an appreciation for protected areas and the vital role they play in conserving our unique and splendid natural environment.

NPAQ's core functions include advocacy, outdoor recreation activities, conservation activities, education and research.

NPAQ also offers a bushwalking and outdoor recreation activity program, a Kids in Parks activity program, and provides opportunities to participate in community conservation and Citizen Science projects.

Website: <http://www.npaq.org.au>

ABC PODCASTS Health & Medical

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/whats-that-rash/daylight-savings-health-effects/105121098>



<https://www.sport.qld.gov.au/sport/sport-strategy>

Hello Catholic Bushwalkers

Your voice matters.

Outdoors Queensland is calling on our community to help shape the future of sport and active recreation across the state. You can make your own submission by reading the discussion paper [‘What does 2032 mean for you?’](#) and sending an email to: sportstrategy@dtis.qld.gov.au

We're currently supporting **two key surveys** and a **community consultation forum** – and we strongly encourage you to take part in **all three**:

1. Outdoors Queensland Sport Strategy Survey

This quick survey gathers your thoughts on priorities, challenges, and opportunities in our sector to inform OQ submission. [Take the Outdoors Queensland Survey](#)

2. Queensland Government Sport Strategy Survey

Your input here will inform the state-wide 10-year strategy for sport and active recreation. [Take the Government Survey](#)

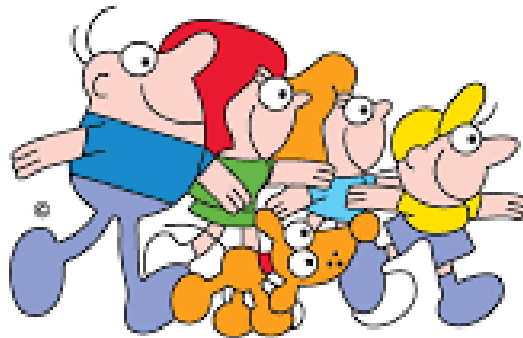
We know your time is precious — but your voice matters.

Let's make sure outdoor activities, adventures, and recreation have a strong presence in the next phase of Queensland's sport and active recreation planning.



Outdoors Queensland, Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton QLD 4064

LIFE BE IN IT
Remember this?



Life. Be in it.

<https://lifebeinit.org/>

Bring back the memories:

https://lifebeinit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/LifeEverything54.mp3?_id=1

<https://youtu.be/W6BUBxs8ngQ>

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TICK ALLERGY

What Is It, If It Not Lyme Disease?

Not to scare you:

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/healthreport/alpha-gal-meat-allergy/105295950>

CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK

https://metro.brisbane.qld.gov.au/brisbane-s-new-bus-network?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22546425740&gclid=CjwKCAjw6ZTCBhBOEiwAqfwJd0VvL-TmU31NziE0bNFg7t4sb8AvBuBBbjMBYd_Yx4HLJZVSdPj-FR0CjsUQAvD_BwE

What does it mean?

The route some buses take will be changing.

The stop times will be changing.

On some routes, buses will stop at a Hub and you will have to change into another bus.

The extended Metro bus routes will commence.

A few routes have been cancelled and a few new ones have begun. Some have merged.

Some bus stops have moved – especially in the CBD.
Changes to the Route Number shown on the front of the bus.

Get ready for your new bus network

Monday 30 June, we'll be introducing Brisbane's New Bus Network alongside a new [Brisbane Metro](#) route — M1 from Eight Mile Plains to Roma Street. The new network and metro services will improve reliability and increase capacity to get you where you need to go, sooner and safer.

Discover if there are any changes to your bus route and how to plan your new journey.

We're holding [pop-up information sessions](#) in June. Come along to speak to our team and learn more about the network. We're here to help you navigate these changes with our team on the ground to support at busway stations and key stops. There will also be bus stop signage and notifications across Translink's channels.

Key network changes

Rather than all journeys being single-seat journeys, where one bus gets you to your destination, we're introducing two-seat journeys on some routes. For these routes, your journey may involve transferring from one bus to another bus or metro service with a simple same-platform or nearby transfer.

This means we can get you where you need to go, while reducing congestion on our popular busways and urban roads. While an introduced transfer might feel like a big change, we're making it as easy as possible with same-platform or nearby transfers.

With new services and some changed routes, you may need to take a different service from the one you use now. Alternatively, you may get picked up or dropped off at a different bus stop. These changes have been made to improve overall reliability and efficiency of our bus network.

We're also renumbering some routes to make it easier to catch a bus.

The CBD network has been simplified to provide customers with more travel options and better service reliability. This means changes to where some buses enter, travel and stop within the inner city.

The new network aims to improve connections, service newly developed areas and create more consistent stopping patterns, helping customers better navigate the city.

Our high-frequency services have been redistributed between the 4 inner busway stations, contributing to a reduction of buses over Victoria Bridge by up to 30%. This will free up Cultural Centre station while maintaining convenient transfer opportunities between high-frequency services at all inner busway stations.

Plan ahead for bus network changes

If you catch a bus in Brisbane, you can check if there are [changes to your route](#). Visit [Translink's journey planner](#) and set a date from 30th June to find your new journey.
<https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner>

Changes to bus routes and services

Changes may include new route paths, stop changes, bus number changes, transfers or routes being merged with another route. Timetables may also be adjusted.

Find your bus route in the lists on the above web site. If your route is listed, it means there are changes to your service. To find your new journey, visit [Translink's journey planner](#) and set a date from 30th June.

You can also use the [interactive network map](#) to understand how the whole bus network is evolving.

FAITH MATTERS

<http://www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au/>

One of the main features of a Jubilee Year Of Hope is that it involves Christians going on pilgrimages. The main place to visit on pilgrimage this year is Rome and a number of major Basilicas have been listed as sites where an indulgence may be granted. It is estimated that 30 million pilgrimages may be made to that city during this year.

For most people such a pilgrimage to Rome is not possible and accordingly, for each country, cathedrals in major cities have been selected by the Vatican as places where Plenary Indulgences may be obtained. For the Jubilee in 2015 (an "Extraordinary Jubilee" called by Francis) there were other places also, apart from the cathedral in the Archdiocese. However the 2025 Jubilee Year Of Hope is an "Ordinary Jubilee" and the Cathedral and its "Holy Door" will be the only place where one may receive a Plenary Indulgence in the Archdiocese this year.

An item in the February Catholic Leader gave quite a few details about the Jubilee year. In speaking about the use of other churches it stated, "This will not happen in 2025 since this year the rules for an Ordinary Jubilee are followed". Interested parishioners should go to St. Stephens Cathedral.

<https://catholicleader.com.au/news/qld/brisbane-cathedral-opens-its-holy-door-for-year-of-jubilee-2025/>

In keeping with the spirit of the Jubilee this year, BCBC will be organising 2 Pilgrimages Of Hope walks: the first on Saturday 21st June and then on Saturday 16th August. More details are in other articles in this Jilalan.

One of the features of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is the acquiring of Indulgences during the Jubilee. For older parishioners (those born around the 40s, 50s, 60s) the topic of Indulgences was something that was lived out in practice as part of their membership of the Catholic Church while for some in this group, the knowledge of the history of indulgences in earlier centuries was an impediment against their use of them.

Recently, in Catholic Outlook, (Parramatta Diocese, Sydney. Bishop Vincent Long) there was an article by a Jesuit priest in Rome, writing for La Caviglia Cattolica, about the current Church view on Indulgences. It is lengthy and is on the Faith Matters' website under "Topical Articles" on the home page. You may have the time to check it out – "A Treasure to Recover".

Here is part of the definition of an Indulgence in Canon Law "An indulgence is the remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.....". (Canon Law 992). Note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation has already happened. An indulgence refers to the fact that although the sin is fully forgiven there remains the effect of sin upon ourselves. A term used here is "temporal punishment".

Note that this term does not refer to something that God does to us but is just what happens within us after we sin. This aspect is dealt with at the beginning of the article and you can check it out if you find the concept of "temporal Punishment" a bit confusing. An example used is that of a couple where infidelity has occurred. Although forgiveness might occur there is much to do with restoring the relationship. More than forgiveness is required. And so it is with sin as well, as we seek to restore our relationship with God. Gaining an Indulgence is part of restoring the relationship.

We can receive an Indulgence for ourselves or for the souls in Purgatory but not for any other living person. The Church teaches that Purgatory exists for those people who have died but still had some "temporal punishment" to work off before they were purified sufficiently to "see the face of God".

THE CRY OF THE EARTH THE CRY OF THE POOR

<https://gsmparishes.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/E-May-25th-2025-6th-Easter-Sunday-2025-v2.pdf>

Laudato Si' Week 2025 celebrates the ten-year anniversary of the ground-engaging encyclical by Pope Francis and the 800th anniversary of St Francis' Canticle of Creation from where that title, "Praised Be" (Brother Sun and Sister Moon) is taken. It is now also, the Initiation of Robert Francis Prevost OSA as Pope Leo XIV, succeeding Francis as Pope. Leo endorses the goals of Laudato Si': Commitment to Ecological Conversion, A More Humane and Sustainable Economy, Education for Transformation, Spirituality that Inspires Action, Resilient and Participatory Communities, Innovation in Sustainable Lifestyles, Global Networks of Support – the goals of the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

Last November, Prevost, attending a meeting at the Vatican on the environmental crises said, "It is time to move from words to action" and that the answers for the church can be found in her social doctrine. This is not a small repository and gives a clue as to what this well-read Augustinian might have in store

for

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https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html#The%20duty%20to%20cultivate%20and%20care%20for%20the%20earth

Laudato Si' is part of the social teaching of the church which can help us acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face (LS15).

Last week Pope Leo XIV blessed a meeting of worldwide Universities for the Care of the Common Home on the anniversary of Laudato Si' and in advance of COP30. Here is a link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIPs2ZgpmUs&t=2s>

He talked of how important is the work of reparation for ecological and social destruction and especially so in this Jubilee Year of Hope. He encourages us all to continue to build bridges and to do so in the trust that the grace of God in the Holy Spirit and the risen Christ is with us.

There is the Universal Church work motivated by Catholic Social thought, dear to Leo's heart and name, in the massive international Lay Catholic and Ecumenical Movement called Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) <https://laudatosimovement.org/>. And Locally, LSM Brisbane Circle is heavily involved in Brisbane with Emma Beach's work at Archdiocesan Ministries.

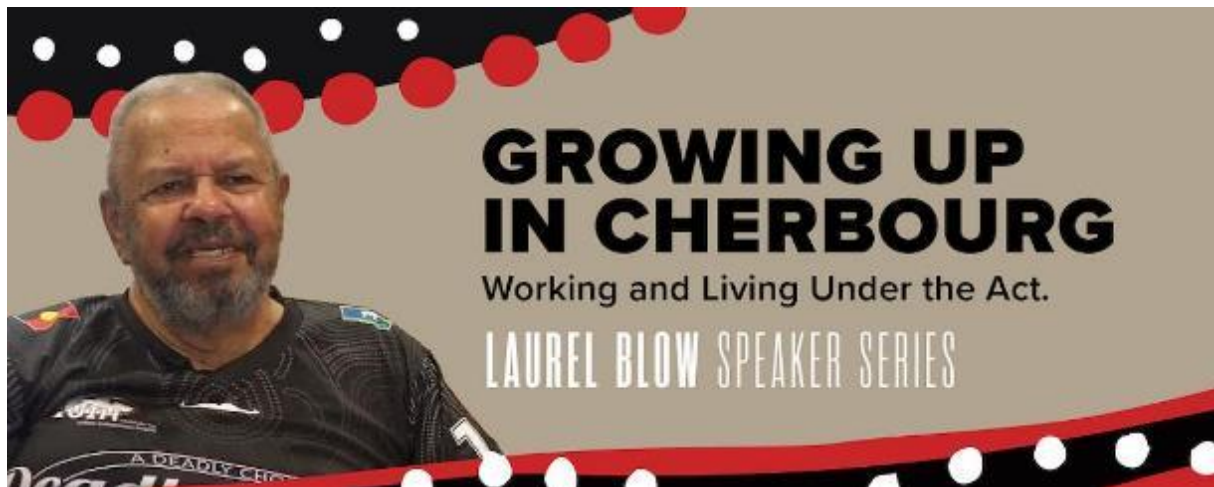
Distinguished speakers are: Angligreen's Fr Peter Moore <https://www.arrcc.org.au/who-we-are> and Jesuit Fr Greg Jacobs <https://catholicoutlook.org/fr-greg-jacobs-sj-a-servant-to-the-queen-of-the-sciences/>.

GROWING UP IN CHERBOURG

Working And Living Under The Act

Laurel Blow Speaker Series

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS25>



Co-Ordinator: Archdiocesan Ministries

Speaker: Eric Law

Date: Wednesday, 18th June

Time: 10:00am - 12:30pm

Location: Francis Rush Centre, Hanly Room, 196 Charlotte Street, City
Next to the Cathedral

RSVP Date: Monday 16th June

Cost: Free

Tickets at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS25>

[View Map](#)

Light refreshments will be provided.

Other details: Donations welcomed to support the purchase of supplies for kitchen at St Peter Claver Catholic Church Cherbourg, now renovations are complete.

The Laurel Blow Speaker Series invites you to a conversation with Wakka Wakka Elder Eric Law AM, reflecting on growing up in Cherbourg, and later in life, his own complicated history that included taking on the role of superintendent, effectively policing his people.

His journey has taken him from serving in Vietnam to shaping young minds as a teacher in country schools. He later returned to Cherbourg, where he took on the role of superintendent of the then-Aboriginal Reserve before becoming Mayor of the independent council.

Today, as Chair of the Cherbourg Council Elders Advisory Group, Uncle Eric continues to guide emerging elders and the broader community with wisdom and strength.

In 2018, Uncle Eric Law was awarded one of Australia's highest honours—Member of the Order of Australia (AM)—a testament to his lifelong dedication to service and leadership.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand from a remarkable leader whose life has been a beacon of resilience and empowerment.

The Laurel Blow Speaker Series is for anyone wanting to grow in understanding with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics and help make true reconciliation a reality. These Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) dialogue experiences create a common ground of language and dispel misunderstandings.

Organiser: [Archdiocesan Ministries](mailto:ministries@bne.catholic.net.au) - formerly known as Evangelisation Brisbane
ministries@bne.catholic.net.au 07 3324 3440

KMART PENSIONER DISCOUNTS

<https://seniorsdiscountclub.com.au/threads/kmart%E2%80%99s-little-known-pensioner-discount-program-%E2%80%93-here%E2%80%99s-how-to-get-up-to-5-off-your-shopping.7266/>

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/members/discounts/kmart-egift-card>

Did you know that Kmart has a pensioner discount program? Well, we didn't, but thanks to a Facebook post we recently discovered that Kmart offers a 5% discount to pensioners

Apparently, the budget retailer is offering special discounts to Commonwealth Government Pensioner Concession Cards OR Commonwealth Government Department of Veterans Affairs Health Cards only on the first Wednesday of every month. Any state or territory-issued Senior Card unfortunately does not qualify.

This little-known discount program is not publicised on the retailer's website; the program is legitimate.

<https://au.finance.yahoo.com/news/kmart-shopper-stunned-over-little-known-pensioner-discount-available-to-millions-did-not-know-014339175.html>

A Kmart customer care representative confirmed: "We have a Pensioner Discount Day on the first Wednesday of every month. It includes Commonwealth Government Pensioner Concession Cards or Commonwealth Government Department of Veterans Affairs Health Cards only." All you need to do is to present the card to the staff for the discount to take effect.

The discount is not available for online purchases, and the retailer has confirmed that the discount is available at all Kmart stores nationwide.

If going through self-serve checkout you have to call over the staff. You will more than likely have to tell staff it's real and there should be a pension discount button on their screen that says 5% off. Heaps of staff actually have no idea about the discount program, because the staff have never been told about it.

A screenshot of the official Kmart Facebook page showing that the discount does exist!

<https://www.facebook.com/KmartAustralia/>



NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER CLUBS

60th Anniversary BOSQ – Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland (BOSQ).

Congratulations to the members of Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland (BOSQ) on reaching 60 years of bushwalking adventures. May the next 60 years be just as rewarding. Thank you for the times we've shared your companionship and the love of nature on our walks together.

BOSQ email reply to BCBC – Dear members of Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers,

This is to thank you all very much for your thoughtfulness in sending us your very nice card congratulating us on our 60th anniversary. You mentioned the happy times our clubs have had sharing joint walks, and I hope there will be many more of these in the future.

I have copied the text of your card and sent it to all of our members for their information.

Kindest regards, Neil Douglas, Secretary

Magazines 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

Trudge	Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers
Footnotes	BOSQ – Bushwalkers of Southern Qld
Ramble On	Redlands Bushwalkers
Footprint	Toowoomba Bushwalkers

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- 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.
- 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/@-](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: 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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Deadline: 9.00am Tuesday 1st July

Use "Jilalan" style guide: <https://bcbbc.space/assets/contributing.pdf>

Articles only to: bcbcjilalan@gmail.com

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.

Photos for the Current Central Queensland Extended Walk

