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**MAY ALL OUR MEMBERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS HAVE A
HAPPY, HOLY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS.**

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DECEMBER 2020

DATE	Day	DESCRIPTION	LEADER	Phone	Type	Grade
NOVEMBER						
18	Wed	Enoggera Reservoir	Greg		Stroll	
20	Fri	JTS @ Bitter Suite Bar & Cafe	Karen		Social	
21	Sat	Retreat with Fr James Grant	Russ		Event	
25	Wed	Bulimba to City	Greg		Stroll	
28	Sat	North Stradbroke Is	Phil		DW	
30	Mon	THE Blue Moon Social	Greg		Social	
DECEMBER						
02	Wed	Wilston to the City	Greg		Stroll	
05	Sat	Coomera Creek Circuit	Khaleel		DW	
09	Wed	Dutton Park to the City	Greg		Stroll	
12	Sat	Bribie Island	Michele E		DW	
16	Wed	Bowen Hills to City	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
18	Fri	JTS – Coffee Club @ Park Rd, Milton	Karen	0417 718 591	Social	
19	Sat	Christmas Party @ Indooroopilly Hotel	Andrea		Social	
21	Mon	Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meeting	
21	Mon	Photo Competition	Greg	3351 4092	Social	
23	Wed	Coorparoo to City	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
27	Sun	Coorparoo Finger Parks & Norman Ck	Greg	3351 4092	DW	L23
30	Wed	Toowong to City Twilight Stroll	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
JANUARY 2021						
02	Sat	Warrie Circuit	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L35
03	Sun	Mitchelton Farmers Markets	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
06	Wed	Coffee Night	Russ	0427 743 534	Soc	
07	Thu	Bridges of Brisbane	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22
09	Sat	Booloumba Falls	Michele J	0414 635 542	DW	M34
13	Wed	Dutton Park to Roma St Stn via West End	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	S21
15	Fri	JTS – Normanby Hotel	Karen	0417 718 591	Soc	
17	Sun	Mt Tamborine	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	L33
18	Mon	Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
20	Wed	Dinner at Gaythorne RSL for St Vinnies	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
23	Sat	Toolona Creek Circuit	Phil	5533 9702	DW	L35
23-26	W/E	Bunya Mountains	needed		BC	
26	Tues	OZ Day Picnic	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
27	Wed	Whitton Creek	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	S22
30	Sat	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M66
FEBRUARY						
03	Wed	Coffee Night	Russ	0427 743 534	Soc	
04	Thu	Cabbage Tree Ck	Greg	0418 122 995	DW	M22
07	Sun	Albert River Circuit	Kylie	0432 095 659	DW	Medium
10	Wed	Stroll	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
13	Sat	Stairway Falls	John C	0433 279 771	DW	M55
15	Mon	AGM & Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
16	Tues	Pancake Tuesday	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
17	Wed	Stroll	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
19	Fri	JTS	Karen	0417 718 591	Soc	
20	Sat	Annual Mass & Lunch	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
24	Wed	Stroll	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
27	Sat	Noosa Heads NP	Michele J	0414 635 542	DW	M33
MARCH						
03	Wed	Coffee Night	Russ	0427 743 534	Soc	
04	Thu	Centenary Bridge to Wacol via River	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	M22
06	Sat	Baroon Pocket Dam to Kondalilla	Needed		DW	M33
07	Sun	Villanova Players (2pm Matinee)	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
10	Wed	Stroll	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
13	Sat	Mt Beerwah	Matthew	3876 8125	DW	S66
20	Sat	Club Hut Feast	Iain	0401 429 085	M44	Easy
21	Sun	Club Hut	Needed		DW	M44
27	Sat	Byron Bay to Cape Byron	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22

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 Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km / day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km / 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 15-20 km 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 20 km 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 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can, -
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can;
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.

(John Wesley in Creeds to Love and Live By)

OUR COVID-19 POLICY

- At any Club gathering, maintain your distance - 1.5m minimum between people.
- No physical contact between people.
- No handshaking.
- No sharing of anything – water, hats, gear, equipment, food, lollies, biscuits – nothing where you put your hand in to take something out.
- Carry hand sanitiser with you.
- The Health Dept have said that car-pooling is OK, as is going by bus, to an event.

- There is a limit of 40 persons at walks. If more than 40, we need 2 parties with 2 competent leaders separated by a reasonable distance. The parties can overtake each other, but only at a distance. No swapping groups or mingling. Watch Government announcements for any update.
- If you are experiencing Covid symptoms, please stay away. A good proportion of our members is in the danger age range. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/symptoms-of-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-comparison>

ABOUT WALKS

Trips leave from St Brigid's Car Park at 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill unless otherwise advised.

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

If changes are made to walks (date, location, cancelation etc.) leaders are asked to advise Phil Murray on Ph: 5522 9702.

Visitors are required to do two walks before the Committee officially declares them Club members.

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 16th DECEMBER BOWEN HILLS To The CITY STROLL

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Our Lady of Victories Church, 1 Roche Ave, Bowen Hills
Bus stop: Abbotsford Rd at Bowen Hills; Stop ID: 010920; Walk up hill to the Church
Train: Bowen Hills Station and walk around Twelfth Night Theatre to the Church
Driving: In Boyd St beside the church
Time: 3.30pm
Cost: Free
Grading: S11
Distance: 8km @ 2¼hr
Location: Inner northern suburbs of Brisbane
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4621/153.0396>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You**

Year of Mercy Stroll #4

Come along on our evening stroll from Bowen Hills, through Newstead, along the River, through New Farm, along the River Walk, through the City to The Cathedral. It should take just over 2 hours in the balmy afternoon just before sunset.

Enjoy seeing the old workers cottages, leafy tree-lined streets with overhanging branches, the boats on the River, passing CityCats, walk the River Walk, see the old and the new of the Inner City.

Come join me for an interesting walk at the best time of day. It will be about 2¼ hours at 8km.

**FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER
COFFEE CLUB at PARK ROAD, MILTON
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Karen Franklin Ph: 0417 718 591.
Address: 11/32 Park Road, Milton. Opposite Douglas St
Time: From 4pm till 8ish.
What For: A chat, a meal and a drink.
Web: <https://www.coffeeclub.com.au/stores/park-road/>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

We seem to finish the year at the Coffee Club at Eagle Street Pier, but unfortunately, they are now closing at 5.30pm. So, it was time to find a new venue. So, we're staying with Coffee Club theme but heading to Park Road in Milton. It's close to the City and has good public transport.

It will be a great way to share an evening with friends and discuss what's on over the Christmas/New Year break. They are remaining open especially for us so we need to justify our persuasive argument that made them do this.

Coffee Clubs are an open relaxed place with good variety of food on the menu as well as a range of drinks. Park Road at Milton is certainly a place with buzz.

See you there.

**SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SOCIAL
Update**

Contact: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638 (Text Message), OR
Michele Johns Ph: 0414 635 542
Where: Indooroopilly Hotel, 3 Station Rd, Indooroopilly - cnr Coonan St
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$35 a head
Web: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You**

Come and join us to celebrate the year that changed our lives and our bushwalking calendar 2020!

We are now going to be in the Bistro on the Ground Floor. (A group booking of 300 stole our private reception room upstairs.) However, we still have our own little private area cordoned off from the local patrons AND we now have three dinner options – i.e. a choice of 3 meals from a set menu. A bar will be available for drinks. Once again, Russ will test our knowledge with a fun, but challenging, quiz.

Come along to catch up with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. There are only a couple of seats left. Please contact a Michele with one L to book; and you can pay on the night, since the Try Booking system has now closed. If there are any dietary requirements needed, do let us know when booking.

Ring now – first come, first served!

**MONDAY 21st DECEMBER
MONTHLY MEETING
And PHOTO COMPETITION**

Contact: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Time: 7.30pm
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington
The hall is in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left
Web: <http://www.stmichaelsdorrington.org.au/contact-us.html>

Come along to find out how we do things.

Our meetings are friendly and relaxed gatherings where members and visitors can hear about recent and upcoming club events and ask questions about walks that interest them.

Nominations for walks are taken after the formalities and people catch up over a friendly supper.

All are welcome

ANNUAL PHOTO COMPETITION

MONDAY 21st DECEMBER

At St Michaels at Ashgrove from 7.30pm

This is the sixteenth time we have had this photo competition. The main reasons for the photo competition are to encourage members to bring their photographs out and to share them with other members. The other reason is to find a "cover photograph" for the Annual Report.

Our goal as a club is to encourage the love of the bush and bushwalking. I trust the photographs will display the spirit of the Club and the beauty of nature and why we go bushwalking. The best overall photograph will go on the front cover of the Annual Report.

The categories of the competition are –

1. Landscape - this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains,
2. Moods of nature - sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or misty days,
3. Nature Close up - plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc.,
4. People and faces - portraiture & club character,
5. Miscellaneous - any photos that do not fit into any other category,
6. Best overall - awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge,
7. People's choice - the best photo selected by the members.

The Competition Rules

- entry is open to Cub members only,
- the photographs must be submitted in two formats,
- printed on paper and displayed at the December meeting and
- delivered electronically to bcbcjilalan@gmail.com by sunrise on 21st December,
- size - photograph must be able to fit on the front cover of the Annual Report (paper size A5). It may be submitted in a size up to A4 so long as the photograph can be reduced to a size suitable for publication,
- each person may enter 4 photographs per category,
- each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name and date,
- the photographs must be from a BCBC trip (Name of trip and date to be supplied),
- A *Club Trip* does not include Strolls, Socials, holidays, etc.
- photographs can be entered on the night but no later than 7.40pm,
- there is no entry fee,
- there will be an overall winning photograph,
- the winning photograph will go on the front cover of the next annual report,
- the ownership of each photograph will remain that of the photographer but BCBC has permission to publish the photograph in any of its publications, print or electronic.

WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

COORPAROO To The CITY

"The Brisbane Camino"

Our Own "WAY Of S^t JAMES"

STROLL

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: St James Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo; Cnr Kirkland Ave

Bus stop: Old Cleveland Rd at Coorparoo West Stop 19; Stop ID: 002462; Buses 203; 204

Driving: If driving, park in Kirkland Ave

Time: 3:30pm

Cost: Free

Grading: S11
Distance: 9km @ 2½hr
Location: Inner southern suburbs
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4844/153.0444>
Emerg Off: **Greg Ph: 0418 122 995** **Bring This Number With You**
Bring your GoCard – there is a ferry trip

Now for reliving the Fifth *Year of Mercy* Stroll

Meet on the steps of the Church – take a look of the view over towards the City and where we will end the Stroll.

The Strollers will zig zag through the old leafy suburb of Coorparoo via the back streets, to the Norman Creek Bikeway, then towards Mowbray Tce & Churchie but branch off towards Kangaroo Pt via the back streets of good old solid East Brisbane, through the narrow lanes of The Gabba, down to the river bikeway below the cliffs, cross the River by ferry and to the Cathedral.

Come for a nice evening Stroll in the cool of the coming evening. See pre-war solid housing built with style, old British colonial era trees & shrubs, natural creeks, picturesque churches, modern high-rises and a ferry trip. How could you better spend a balmy summer's evening? Ahhhhhhhh, what could be better in the early evening.

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER
COORPAROO FINGER PARKS To The CITY
Our Boxing Day Walk Not On Boxing Day
DAYWALK

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Bus Stop cnr Cavendish & Boundary Rds, near the water reservoir
Bus Stop: Cavendish Rd at Cavendish Rd Reservoir, stop 40; Stop ID: 010394
Parking: There is a little carpark in Boundary Rd next to the Council Depot
Buses: 172; 180; 181; 184; 185 (The 180 stops a little further on & you have to walk back)
Time: 8:30am
Cost: \$2
Grading: L23
Distance: 18km @ 5hr; Breaks and lunch extra
Location: Holland Park, Coorparoo, East Brisbane, Norman Park, Woolloongabba, Kangaroo Pt, CBD
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.5062/153.0645>
Emerg Off: **Greg Ph: 0418 122 995** **Bring This Number With You**
Bring your GoCard – there is a ferry trip

You will walk 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 and known as *Finger Parks* because they are long and narrow.

Why not investigate with me Mars Street Park, Octantis Street Park, Eva Street Park, Sirius Street Park, Satellite Street Park before exploring Bowies Flat Wetland.

Then the track will continue down the valley to Old Cleveland Rd where Bennetts Rd comes into it. From here, you will continue following the creek through parkland, and cross under a rail bridge to Norman Creek.

Now the track follows this Creek downstream until the Bowls Club and from here cross the creek and head for Canning Bridge and Mowbray Park. Now to follow the River as much as possible to the Holman Street Ferry to get across to the City and onward to your favourite bus or train station and home. The second half is totally different to the first half – following a creek and the river.

Bring your GoCard for the ferry journey. If it is too hot, too wet or too long for you, we cross so many roads with bus stops and the occasional train line for you to be able to bailout early.

Come along with this expert Stroller on a combination of two Strolls to make this long daywalk.

**WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER
TOOWONG To The CITY
A TWILIGHT STROLL**

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: St Ignatius Church Steps, 30 Kensington Tce
Train stop: Toowong Station
Buses: High St at Toowong, stop 14A; Stop ID: 001889 OR
Sherwood Rd at Kensington Terrace, stop 21; Stop ID: 001751
Driving: If driving, park in Kensington Tce
Planning: Translink <https://jp.translink.com.au/>
Time: 5pm
Cost: Free
Grading: S11
Distance: 7km @ 2hr
Location: Inner Northern suburbs
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4793/153.0003>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You**

This is our last re-living of those happy memories of the six *Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Strolls* from 2016. And this one is #6 and the last.

I'm starting this one a bit later than usual. – after all, it is just a week after the longest day. You still can be home before it is too late. Perhaps stay around in town for a quick dinner?

You start out in the heart of Toowong, through the older back streets of Toowong and Auchenflower to Milton, and then follow the River to the City while crossing The River a few times.

It will be pleasant with the cool breezes along the River, walking tree-lined streets and through parks. See the sights. See the older suburbs. See you there.

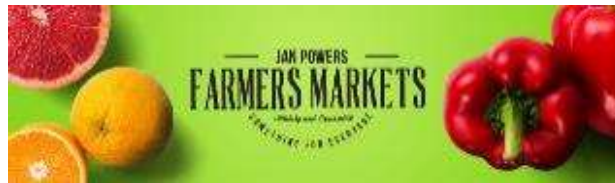
**SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY
WARRIE CIRCUIT
& THE PINNACLE
DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160
Meet at #1: St Brigid's Carpark
Time #1: 6:30am
Meet at #2: Exit 79 on M1 (Pacific H'way) at Hungry Jacks Mudgeeraba
Time #2: 7:30am
Distance 17km
Grade L35
Web: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/warrie-loop-trail>
Emerg Off: Susan Ph: 0420 510 214

This is a wonderful walk up at Springbrook. It is mainly through rainforest, with patches of brush box forest, eucalypt woodland and montane heath. There are several lookouts with lovely views. Plus, there are plenty of waterfalls and rainforest creeks. The walk is about 17km long. You will start at Canyon Lookout walk the circuit in a clockwise direction. Lunch is at *The Meeting of the Waters*. After lunch there is an elevation gain of about 350m, so it might be a bit warm on the uphill section.

If we are making good time, there is lovely waterhole at Twin Falls for those who want to have a quick swim. It is a bit of bother getting changed, then getting in to have a swim; but I always regret it later if I don't make the effort. So, I recommend that people make the effort to have a swim.

Bring the usual daywalk stuff. I hope to finish walking by 3ish. Phil



**SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY
MITCHELTON FARMER'S MARKET
BREAKFAST SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Time: From 7.30am
Meet at: Cnr Blackwood Rd and Grovely Tce
Cost: Free – except for what you buy
Location: Mitchelton – Blackwood Rd, between Grovely Tce and Samford Rd
Web: <http://www.janpowersfarmersmarkets.com.au/mitchelton-farmers-markets/>
Emerg Off Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring this number with you**
The first Sunday of every month from 6am to 12 noon.

“Markets were the heart and soul of cities of old. They were where families connected, where the city met and mingled, argued and loved; and the farmers markets are the modern day incarnation of this, therefore, they are at the heart and soul of Brisbane.” Jan Power

Come at 7.30am and have breakfast at one of the stalls, or cafes along the footpath. Then hit the markets proper – for a good look and a little temptation. If not arriving for breakfast, come later and mingle with the crowd.

The roads surrounding Blackwood St, Mitchelton are closed to traffic and filled with savvy shoppers snapping up the fresh and fabulous fare. Acoustic musicians set the mood for a laidback Sunday morning as local providers and regional farmers offer an array of homegrown produce and handmade goodies to dedicated and loyal market shoppers.

Fill your green bags with locally grown fruit and vegetables, quality meat and sustainable seafood, freshly baked bread and pastries, artisan deli lines and pantry items from spices to spelt flour.

Fuel up with a smooth coffee, sate your appetite with a satisfying snack or a hearty meal and wind down with a sweet treat from one of the many friendly food vendors on-site.

The country-meets-community vibe makes for a perfect Sunday outing for the entire family.

The originator of these markets, Jan Power, vision was to offer more than just premium quality fresh food at each market. She was adamant each Farmers Market would also connect shoppers with farmers, showcase the diversity of food grown and created locally and offer a feel-good, grassroots experience with a welcoming sense of community.

**WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY
COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534 – russnelson52@outlook.com
Meet at: Kafe Meze, 409 Honour Ave, Graceville; near Wylie St
Opposite Graceville Railway Station, on the Sherwood side of the Regal Cinema
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: Approx \$20
Review: [Kafe Meze Graceville, Graceville - Greek Restaurant Menu, Phone, Reviews | AGFG](#)
Web: https://www.facebook.com/kafemezegraceville/?ref=page_internal
Emerg Off: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534

Kafe Meza is a small family Greek Taverna in the heart of Graceville. This cosy Eastern Mediterranean / Greek cafe has outdoor dining as well as tables inside.

We all have been out of touch over Christmas with holidays, being with family & friends, so this will be a good opportunity to catch up with each other to share what has been happening in our life during the recess.

The Menu:

<https://www.facebook.com/kafemezevillage/photos/a.2366682776891153/3260819094144179>

Come and enjoy a different style of food for the start of 2021.

**THURSDAY 7th JANUARY
BRIDGES OF BRISBANE
DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160 or philmurray16@gmail.com
Meet at: St Stephen's Cathedral Park, 249 Elizabeth St; Near the stairs next to the chapel.
Time: 8:30am (to be confirmed)
Cost: Free
Grade: M22
Distance: 12km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4673/153.0354>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

We will meet at St Stephen's and do a circuit of the walkways beside the river. A slight variation this time as we will include the riverside walk as it is also a bridge.

You will catch the 8:53am City Hopper Ferry to the Sydney Street, New Farm and walk back towards the City. Next up through the Botanical Gardens and across the river via the Goodwill Bridge. We will have a short break for a coffee, tea or hot chocolate at Brendan's Café on the Goodwill Bridge.

We will meander through Southbank and cross the Victoria Bridge and then along North Quay to the Kurilpa Bridge. The party will have lunch on the lawn near GOMA (bring your own lunch). We will also have a quick look at GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art).

After lunch we zip across the Go Between Bridge, then back along the William Jolly Bridge to go through Southbank to Kangaroo Point. Now for a leisurely afternoon tea break at Cliffs Café on the cliffs at Kangaroo Point. Finally, back to the Cathedral. Phil

**SATURDAY 9th JANUARY
BOOLOUMBA FALLS
CONONDALE RANGE
DAYWALK**

Leader: Michele Johns Ph: 0414 635 542
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6.30am
Cost: \$25
Grading: M34
Web: <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/great-walks-conondale>
Emerg Off: Michele Endicott Ph 0418 122 995

Keep this date free and join me on a Medium walk in the Conondale Ranges. This walk is part of the Conondale Range Great Walk in the Conondale National Park covering 56km. However, we only plan to cover 11km; starting at the Breadknife and Booloumba Falls and finishing at the Booloumba Creek Day Use Area.

We will drive to the Breadknife carpark and start walking from the top, so we will be leaving a car at the day use area. Depending on the amount of rain we get before the walk, I expect that a 2-wheel drive car will be able to ford the 2 creeks that we will have to cross.

There will be a variation of scenery; including the occasional white Christmas orchid (maybe, could be a little late), as well as sub-tropical rainforest featuring bunya pines, piccabeen palms and vine

forests. The bell birds are also very prominent. Other features on this walk are the Artists Cascade and an elaborate Strangler Cairn, composed of granite and slate blocks shaped together with a strangler fig planted at the top.

As there are some beautiful rock pools along the way, we will allow time for swimming so pack in togs as well as at least 2 litres water, sun protection and any other necessary day walk requirements.

Rather than going to a coffee shop after the walk, we will boil the billy and have a picnic afternoon tea. Please bring a plate of goodies to share as well as a cup or mug. We will supply tea, coffee, sugar and milk. I look forward to your company on this walk. Michele Johns

WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY
DUTTON PARK to ROMA STREET Stn
Via HIGHGATE HILL & BOUNDARY St
STROLL

Leader: Wayne Bullock Ph: 0419 665 317 **Different Leader**
Meet at: Dutton Park Place Bus Station - (Dutton Park side of the Eleanor Schonell Bridge
Time: 4.00pm
Cost: Free
Grading: S21
Distance: 7km
Duration: 2 hours
Location: Highgate Hill, West End, South Brisbane, & The City
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/search?query=eleanor%20schonell%20bridge#map=15/-27.4816/153.0394>
Emerg Off: Wayne Ph: 0419 665 317 **Bring this number with you**

This Stroll will start at one of our favourite places – Dutton Park Place Busway stop, then go downhill to the path across the park and onto St Ita's. Soon, we go down towards the River and explore the back streets of Highgate Hill. Very old houses and surprising gullies going down to the River blocking our path. One is almost full of rainforest. There are paths and easements to help us through.

At this point, the party will go parallel to the River, at times going down to make sure it is still there. Once we get to Boundary St, we will follow it all the way from River to River – West End to South Brisbane. I bet you have never even driven the full length of Boundary Street, let alone Strolled it. - one great feat for you on this day.

Once behind the Pauls milk factory at Sth Brisbane, the group will head to the Kurilpa Bridge and go over it to the back entrance of Roma Street Station.

A lovely short Stroll over territory you have never explored or knew existed. Lovely old houses, gracious colonial trees, green palms, extensive views, narrow easements, rainforest gullies, old shops, busy restaurants, factories, building sites, and more.

See you there. Greg

FRIDAY 15th JANUARY
THE NORMANBY HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Karen Franklin Ph: 0417 718 591.
Meet at: 1 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill, cnr of Kelvin Grove Rd
Getting There: Carpark beside the pub – just as you pass the building. It comes up very suddenly.
The Normanby Busway Station is over the road. Stop ID: 000892
Buses in Musgrave Rd - Stop ID: 000859
Time: From 4pm till 8ish.
What For: A chat, a beer and a meal.
Web: <https://thenormanby.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Karen_Ph: 0417 718 591

Another new venue this month, the Normanby Hotel. You've probably seen the hotel many times as it's situated just down the road from our meeting point for walks. It seems the hotel is under new ownership and with over 129 years of history, the hotel has been resurrected to her former beauty.

Their website says it all. 'With over 16 different beers & 8 wines on tap, there's a drop for everyone. From local drafts like Guinness, Stella Artois & Great Northern to your craft beer favourites like Balter, Brookvale Union, Stone & Wood.

So, join me and rediscover the new, old Normanby Hotel.

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY
M^t TAMBORINE
Fruit Salad Version
DAYWALK

Leader Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Meet at St Brigid's, Red Hill
Time 7.00am
Cost \$20.00 (Car \$16 and \$4 swimming)
Grade L33...about 18km
Location: Gold Coast Hinterland
Web: <https://www.discovertamborine.com.au/tamborine-national-park/bushwalks/>
Emerg Off Joe Tottenham Ph: 0423 469 704

This walk earns the "Fruit Salad Version" title because you will have an opportunity to gain a full appreciation of the tableland called, Mt Tamborine.

We will begin with a brief excursion to Cedar Creek in the north, and then move east to Curtis Falls. From there we will transfer to the south-east at Palm Grove to do both the Jenyns and Palm Grove Circuits before heading westerly over to the Witches Falls.

At this point in time, it will be early afternoon, and there will be an opportunity to wash off the sweat of the day by having a shower and / or swim in the local swimming pool. After this we will have a leisurely walk in the north to the Knoll and enjoy the views looking north.

See you all there for this lovely rainforest walk.

MONDAY 18th JANUARY
MONTHLY MEETING

Contact: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Time: 7.30pm
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington
The hall is in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left
Web: <http://www.stmichaelsdorrington.org.au/contact-us.html>

Come along to find out how we do things.

Our meetings are friendly and relaxed gatherings where members and visitors can hear about recent and upcoming club events and ask questions about walks that interest them.

Nominations for walks are taken after the formalities and people catch up over a friendly supper.

All are welcome. . !

WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY
OUR NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER
"The Social For St Vinnies"

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092.

Meet at: Our table inside the Gaythorne RSL bistro.
Location: 534 Samford Road, Mitchelton, near the corner of Heliopolis Pde.
Time: 6.00pm (or later) OR come earlier straight after work.
Cost: Depends on your order – approximately \$12 to \$30 for a main course.
[https://gaythornersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Gaythorne-RSL-Spring-2020-](https://gaythornersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Gaythorne-RSL-Spring-2020-Menu.pdf)

[Menu.pdf](#)

Web: <https://gaythornersl.com.au/>

Entrance: At the back in Tel-El-Kebir Street through the carpark.

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995.

RSVP: Monday 18th – I need to book a table or two or even three.

At the start of every year, we have a fundraiser for St Vinnies. This a dinner / coffee night. Each person donates a gold coin or three and Terry will send a cheque for the amount to the local St Vinnies chapter.

We have been to the Gaythorne RSL a few times now and enjoyed it immensely. It is a nice club with a family atmosphere - not all glitz and pokies. The meals aren't too bad, the drinks good and we can stay & talk. Service is fast. Staff is friendly. There is no music till later. This is one event where we easily get 20 or more members, thus you can catch up with your friends and hear how the Christmas break went.

Come when you like, leave when you like. Stay as long as you want. Come along to have a meal with friends, talk, show photos of Christmas, and have a good time. Bring my mobile number with you. If you make a last-minute decision to come along, just come along – do not worry if you have not RSVP'd - I would like you there with us.

More Information:

Parking: At the rear; off Tel-El-Kebir Street.

Getting In: Membership for life is \$1. You can sign up at the counter.

If not a member, use your membership in another club to gain reciprocal rights,
OR call me to sign you in.

Transport: <https://www.translink.com.au/>

Bus Stop outside – Samford Rd at Gaythorne RSL,

Stop 33; Stop ID: 002068

Buses 390, 598 & 599.

Mitchelton Train Station is within walking distance – Ferny Grove Line.

Free courtesy bus covers wide area – see their web.

<https://gaythornersl.com.au/the-club/courtesy-bus/>

Last bus home at 9pm.

SATURDAY 24th JANUARY TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160

Meet St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill

Time 6.30am

Cost \$25

Grade L35

Location: O'Reillys – the Green Mountains end of Lamington

Web: [https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/lamington/toolona-creek-and-mount-](https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/lamington/toolona-creek-and-mount-wanungra)

[wanungra](#)

Emerg Off Sue Murray Ph: 5522 9702

This walk is a lovely long walk up at O'Reilly's. The walk is 18.5km but is entirely graded track. But I should mention that there are a few creek crossings, but usually they are not too difficult.

We will be descending to Picnic Rock and then visit Elabana Falls. Then up along Toolona Creek and up to Wanungra Lookout on the Border Track. There is some gentle uphill walking from Toolona Creek to Wanungra Lookout that may be a bit onerous if you haven't been working on your fitness. We turn left here and walk about 100m to Wanungra Lookout where we will have lunch. There should be views

of Mt Warning from here. Then we return to O'Reilly's along the Border Track. The trip has been done several times over the years but it is always a great walk.

Bring the usual daywalk stuff, plus at least 3 litres of water as it will probably be warmish. Ensure you bring raingear - a raincoat or an umbrella. Ensure you apply Rid or other insect repellent. Also, please have a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip. I recommend you bring a thermos of cold water for the end of the walk to be left in the car.

Make sure you bring a mug to have a cup of tea with your Lamington cake at lunch time.

HISTORY NOTE: This outing is specifically designed to commemorate the 63rd Anniversary of the Club's first walk. The Club was "officially" formed at a meeting in January 1958. The Club's first ever official trip was a weekend camp at O'Reilly's and the first walk was the Toolona Creek Circuit and the date of the walk was Saturday 25th January 1958. So, to mark the occasion, we are retracing the steps of the Club's first official walk. At lunch time up at Wanungra Lookout we will have a few very short speeches and cake, which of course will be lamingtons. Phil

TUESDAY 26th JANUARY OZ DAY PICNIC SOCIAL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Mt Coot-tha; Brush Box Picnic Area Beside Channel 7, Sir Samuel Griffith Dr
Time: 7am at Ch7 7@7
Cost: Free
Bring: Everything – blanket, chair, games, ball, food, drinks, umbrella
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/search?query=brush%20box%20picnic%20area#map=16/-27.4691/152.9597>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Come and celebrate this holiday by a picnic breakfast on top of Mt Coot-the. The Brush Box Picnic Area is beside Chanel 7; with toilets, shelter shed, table, benches & BBQ. We probably won't get the picnic shed since you have to be there very early to grab one. However, there will be a lot of open grass to spread out on, play games, eat lamingtons and macadamia cookies, violet crumble bars, pavlova, even the mighty Vegemite sandwich.

Anyone got a cricket bat, ball and stumps? Bring them along.

Pack you Oz food treats and goodies. Wear a brazenly Oz hat. Bring a thermos of hot water. Chair. Mug. Blanket. Hat. Camera. All the paraphernalia needed for a Picnic In The Park. Remember, there is a BBQ to cook your bacon and egg breakfast.

WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY WHITTON CREEK STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Green Hill Reservoir; Russell Terrace, Chapel Hill; cnr Chapel Hill Rd
Time: 3:45pm
Bus Stop: Stops at Burbong St at Burbong West, Chapel Hill; Stop ID: 004612 Near Robyn St
Buses: 425; P426 – Arr 3.30pm with a 15min walk to the Reservoir
Cost: Free
Grading: S22.
Distance: 9km
Duration: 2½hr
Location: Western Suburbs in Chapel Hill, in the foothills of Mt Coot-tha
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4996/152.9646>
End: Chelmer Rail Station OR Bus Station at the Indo Shopping Centre
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 Bring this number with you

We will be continuing our *Creek Series* of Strolls – there are plenty more of them where this one came from.

This Creek starts on Mt Coot-tha in some unidentifiable gullies that come off the Chapel Hill Road Trail that leads to The Summit. We will cut into them near the bottom of the Mount, after circumnavigating the water tank and climbing to the lookout at it's top. Then, once in the forest for only a short time, you will hit a forgotten part of suburbia. The creek goes under the Western Freeway where we cannot follow it – must do a big deviation to join up with it on the other side of the bitumen,

From here, you will follow paths within sight of the water, just not beside The Creek. Once you cross Moggill Rd, the creek is behind businesses and housing – not much chance to see it till it crosses a road or two.

Finally, it enters the Brisbane River near the Indooroopilly Bridge, which you will cross so you can finish at Chelmer Station. (Bus people can finish at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre Bus Station.

Come along to enjoy this little creek that no one knew existed till I stumbled on it when looking at the map.

SATURDAY 30th JANUARY OBI OBI CREEK LILO TRIP DAYWALK

Leader: : Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160 or philmurray16@gmail.com
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time: 6.30am
Cost: \$20
Distance: 12km.
Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
Web: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/kondalilla-national-park/obi-obi-gorge>
Grade: M66
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 5522 9702



overhanging rainforest.

The Obi Obi lilo outing is a classic trip. The date we go out is usually dependent on the rains. In 2019 we went on 24th March. The trip is rain dependent and hopefully we will go again on 30th January.

It is just such fun paddling down through the Narrows gorge. Last time we did it we only went halfway down which made it a much shorter trip. Hopefully, we can do the full trip which is about 11km and we spend about 10km in the water. It takes about 4 to 6 hours. There are about 12 long pools of water joined by zippy stretches of moving water. Some are wonderful mini-waterfalls and sometimes they are babbling brooks that bounce along under the



Bring a lilo, wear thermals for sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. Bring either a dry bag (cost about \$40) or 3 garbage bags to use as waterproof bags to go inside your pack. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop volleys as footwear and garden gloves for your hands as your hands get very soft after a few hours in the water.

The trip is great fun but it has a serious element of risk and you need to be aware of the danger as we will be in moving water and there is a risk of drowning. Yep, it can be very serious. Anyhow, it is a trip for the young at heart and the adventurous. Phil

PREVIEW

TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY PANCAKE TUESDAY (Eve of Ash Wednesday) SOCIAL

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534 – russnelson52@outlook.com
Meet at: Miss Claude's Crepes, Newmarket Village Shopping Centre, Cnr Enoggera Rd & Newmarket Rd - 400 Newmarket Rd, – under the cinemas.
Time: 6.00pm
Menu: <https://www.missclaudes.com.au/menu-crepes>
Emerg Off: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534

Pancake Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today in many parts of England. Pancake Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday. In 2021 Pancake Tuesday will fall on 16 February.

Pancake Tuesday was traditionally the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional English pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and caster sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes. The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439.

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year
Eggs ~ Creation Flour ~ The staff of life Salt ~ Wholesomeness Milk ~ Purity

This is an opportunity to prepare for the beginning of Lent, which is a time of preparation for EASTER, the key moment in the Christian calendar. All welcome!

FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY SOAPBOX BEER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Karen Franklin Ph: 0417 718 591.
Meet at: 89-101 Gipps Street, Fortitude Valley. Where Gipps crosses the rail line.
Time: From 4pm till 8ish.
What For: A chat, a beer and a meal.
Web: <https://www.soapbox.beer/>
Emerg Off: Karen Franklin Ph: 0417 718 591

This is another new venue this month. We tried to go last year but Covid defeated us. So, I'm sure we're all chomping at the bit to get out and try their range of nine beers. Of course, there is wine and soft drinks for the non-beer drinkers as well. They also serve a simple selection of burgers to accompany their beers.

So, do yourself a favour and join us for a great way to spend a Friday evening.



**SUNDAY 7th MARCH
THE IDEAL HUSBAND
SOCIAL**

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Where: 28 Tallowood St, Off Clearview Terrace, Seven Hills
Who: Villanova Players
Time: 2pm
Cost: \$25 (\$20 with a concession card)
Web: <https://www.villanovaplayers.com/>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Book early as some of the other sessions are already booked out.
With Covid restrictions, seating is limited – get in now.

Sooner Or Later, We Shall All Have To Pay For What We Do.

It all starts at a lavish party. The wine is flowing, the lights are flattering, and the diamonds are twinkling. Sir Robert is a rising politician with a bright future and devoted wife, but the arrival of the mysterious woman from his shady past, threatens to bring his career, his marriage and his whole world crashing down. A delicious play about blackmail and political corruption, public and private honour.

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

Location: Ron Hurley Theatre, The Seven Hills Theatre, Cnr Tallowood St & Griffith Pl - Clearview Urban Village, off Clearview Terrace, Seven Hills

Book at TriBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=616202&ses=1835508&track=website>

In the early days of the Club, we were involved in the Villanova Players – members of BCBC were also members of the Players. Many a social was at their plays. Re-create the “old days” by going to this play with us.

Oscar Wilde is famous for his hilarious farces concerning the English upper classes
Come with us to this enjoyable play.

**SATURDAY 11th APRIL
PAT'S POSTPONED PARTY
Date Claimer**

Earlier this year, we had planned to celebrate Pat Lawton's significant birthday with a party. However, Covid put a stop to any sort of gathering. Well, now we are planning it for April 2021.

Date: Saturday 11th April, 2021 **Time:** 11am till...whenever
Venue: Dorrington Park (at the Enchanted Forest Playground), Mirrabooka Rd, Ashgrove
Contact: Michele Endicott **Ph:** 0418 708 638

Please put these details in your diary now and stay tuned for more info over the coming months.

**SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER
EUROPEAN MASTERPIECES
GOMA
SOCIAL**

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Where: GOMA, Stanley Place, South Brisbane
Beside the Art Gallery and Museum
Time: 10am
Web: <https://www.gagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/european-masterpieces>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Book early so you do not miss out. This will be a popular exhibition, and with Covid rules still in place (the New Normal), numbers in the gallery will be restricted.

EUROPEAN MASTERPIECES

From The Metropolitan Museum Of Art, New York

Goma | Gallery 1.1 The Fairfax Gallery, Gallery 1.2, Gallery 1.3 Eric & Marion Taylor Gallery | Ticketed

Spanning 500 years, 'European Masterpieces from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York' offers a breath-taking journey from the 1420s and emerging Renaissance to conclude at the height of early twentieth century post-impressionism.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity allows visitors to experience works by painters such as Fra Angelico, Titian, Raphael, Rembrandt, Turner, Van Gogh and Monet, direct from The Met's collection – one of the finest collections of European painting in the world, the majority of which rarely leave permanent display in New York.

Highlights of the exhibition include Fra Angelico's finely painted altarpiece *The Crucifixion* of ca. 1420–23; Titian's poetic *Venus and Adonis* of the 1550s; the immediacy and drama of Caravaggio's *The Musicians* 1597; Rembrandt's painterly *Flora* of c.1654; Vermeer's beautifully observed *Allegory of the Catholic Faith* c.1670-72, and van Gogh's idyllic *The Flowering Orchard* 1888.

'European Masterpieces' includes portraiture, still-life, landscape and figure studies and will be a must-see for audiences of all ages, art-lovers and anyone with an interest in history, society, beauty, religious iconography, mythology and symbolism.

This Australian-exclusive exhibition is organised by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, in collaboration with the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art and Art Exhibitions Australia.

This will be a very popular exhibition, so you should book earlier rather than closer to the date. This is the last day of the Exhibition – so all the latecomers will be trying to get in at the last moment. Better if you book soon at:

<https://qagoma.qtx.com.au/eventseatblockprices.aspx>

See you there in October with us.

ANNUAL REPORT

All those who submit articles to the Annual Report, please start writing now so that you leave yourself enough time to meet the deadline – Monday 18th January.

It is a very big job for me to put it together, so I will be wanting your articles "print ready" by the deadline. Once the annual report is finalised, I will then have the Feb Jilalan to edit; thus, a long job for me for about 3 weeks.

ELECTION TIME

We will be having our AGM in February, and part of this is THE Elections. You all should start thinking of nominating for Committee, and to nominate someone else for a position. It takes a little bit of time to come to the realisation you can make a difference to the Club by being part of the management team.

The forms will be in the January Jilalan – they are already on the Club website.

SUBS ARE DUE

Your 2021 Membership Subscription is due on 1st January.

You will notice the Renewal Form attached.

There is a discount for early payment.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 2020 comes to a close, there will be many stories about how unusual a year it has been and there will be forecasts about the long-term changes in our society. However, it is clear that being together such as on walks, coffee nights and strolls remains important to members. So as the dawn of 2021 approaches, it is time to start planning for the future of the Club with the Annual General Meeting coming up in February. The Club hosts over sixty events per year and this needs planning and coordination, usually undertaken by the Committee. This can be very satisfying and personally fulfilling.

So, you might give some thought to what role you can play in the planning and coordination process. Please consider standing for a position on Committee via the election process at the AGM so that BCBC can continue to thrive. Nominations will be called early in the new year, so please consider how you can assist.

Russ Nelson

OUTINGS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Numbers on Walks

The participation on walks has been very good. The average numbers on walks for November was good at 9.5.

Past Outings Summary for October & early November 2020

Day	Date	Trip	leader	No.
Thurs	05 Nov	Yeronga	Phil	11
Sat	08 Nov	Club Hut	Iain	5
Sun	15 Nov	Evans Head	Phil	3
Sat	28-Nov	North Straddie	Phil	19
		Average		9.5

Coming Walks for December & January

Day	Date	Trip	leader	Dist.
		DECEMBER		
Sat	5 Dec	Coomera Crk	Khaleel	18
Sat	12 Dec	Bribie Island	Michele E	12
Sun	27 Dec	Coorparoo	Greg	12?
		JANUARY		
Sat	02-Jan	Warrie Circuit	Phil	17
Thurs	07 Jan	Bridges of Bris	Phil	12
Sat	9-Jan	Booloumba F	Michele J	8
Sat	16-Jan	To be advised	needed	
Sat	23-Jan	Toolona Creek	Phil	18
Sat	30 Jan	Obi Obi Lilo	Phil	11

Leader's Needed for Walks in 2021

Sat	16-Jan	spare (maybe Mt Glorious)
W/E	23-26 Jan	Bunya Mountains BC
Sun	21 Feb	spare (maybe Amity on Straddie)
Sat	06-Mar	Baroon Pocket to Kondalilla
Sun	22 Mar	Club Hut Daywalk

The 16th January date had a few walks listed but the proposed leaders couldn't do the trip on that weekend and the proposed trip to Albert River got switched to February. Hopefully, the vacancy in the program will be rectified after this report is completed. Often the role of outings is juggling things.

Hot Weather Blast

The weather for most trips has been excellent. Nice and warm and no wet weather. Last month I mentioned that according to the long-range weather forecasters eastern Australia is supposed to be hit by a "La Nina" weather event this summer to bring lots of rain. But November 2020 has been dry as a bone and November 2020 was the hottest November on record –

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-12-01/bom-says-hottest-november-and-spring-nights-on-record/12937620>.

An anomaly is that the Springfield area of Brisbane was smashed by a severe hailstorm on the last day of October and to compound their pain for many people whose houses were trashed by the storm have to wait for months for repairs.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-11-01/south-east-queensland-mops-up-after-wild-night-of-weather/12835678>

Fraser Island on Fire

As I write this report Fraser Island has been on fire for 6 weeks. The Kingfisher Bay Resort and the Cathedrals camping ground are both at risk. Hopefully, rain will come to extinguish the fires.

Mt Warning Closed

Mt Warning was closed due to Covid-19 concerns in March but there were also significant safety issues on the Summit Track as apparently the chain near the summit has been dislodged. The closure will be reviewed in May 2021. There is also a concern that the mountain will be closed like Uluru as it is regarded as a sacred place by the local indigenous people.

See the Saturday Courier Mail 21-11-2020 at page 13

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8972153/The-Uluru-Fears-iconic-Mount-Warning-shut-climbers.html>

If Mt Warning re-opens in June, we may schedule a walk there later in the year.

Planning for 2021

The program for 2021 is nearly finished. There have been a few late suggestions and we just need to rejig a few things to fit trips in. But please note there are still a few spare dates. If you have any suggestions for inclusions or other general comments please put them forward.

“Walking Quotes” for the month

*“Do you know how fast you are walking? ...
To get a close estimate, count the number of steps
you take in a minute and divide by 30...”*
— Albina Fabiani

*“Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path
and leave a trail.”*
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

*“The one who follows the crowd
will usually go no further than the crowd.
Those who walk alone are likely to find
themselves in places no one has ever been before”.*
- Albert Einstein

I hope to see you on the track, soon.
Phil, Outings Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 19/10/2020	\$3417-29
Plus Receipts	\$ 166-02
	\$3583-31
Less Payments	\$ 987-76
Balance 16/11/2020	\$2595-55

Term Deposit \$2933-34

Congratulations to Paddy Taylor and Michele Johns who won first and second prize respectively in our first raffle for the year. I am now selling tickets in our Christmas raffle which has a beaut hamper as its prize. Tickets are still good value at a dollar each and the raffle will be drawn at our December meeting.

I still have not been able to identify who made the mystery deposit to our bank account at the beginning of September.

I would like to wish everyone a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year. Terry.

SAFETY & TRAINING REPORT

<https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>

Nil to report as the FMR website hasn't been updated and there appears to be no training events scheduled for next year yet.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Sam Leonardi, a past member, died at the end of November. He will be fondly remembered by us who knew him as a real gentleman. It was he, with Don Keating, who constructed our first web site. Please remember him, and his wife Louise, in your prayers

Jonas Bernotas, Jeanette Chew, John Hood, Anne Iron, Lawrie Kearney, Ken and Monica McCarron, Peter Nally, Sofia Ramsay, Antonia Simpson, Janell Sammon and Paddy Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December.

PAST EVENTS

COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH SOCIAL

We gathered at Café 63, Bulimba. It was a warm evening. It took a while to decide what to eat as the menu was extensive, which caters for a variety of taste buds. Little did we realise that this was to be our last face to face meeting for a very long time – the Covid lockdown soon commenced.

Thanks to those who came: Jan & Russ, Michele & Greg, Susan W, Liz and Rusty. It was lovely to see you and to catch up with you Louise

FLINDERS PEAK SATURDAY 11th JULY DAYWALK

A mild-winter's morning saw 12 meet at the Flinders Plum Picnic Area. Parking was at a premium as I'm sure half of Brisbane planned to walk up Flinders Peak. However, we all soon found a park back down the road and made the short hike to the picnic tables. We were given instructions from Maxine to start the walk without her as she had missed her boat and was running a little late.

It was just as I had remembered, a challenging walk all the way to the top. We encountered numerous groups all making their way up the mountain. However, the numbers of cars in the car park did not equate to the number of people we passed.

We made the summit by noon and sat on the helicopter landing pad for lunch. It was good to take in the excellent views. We could see Brisbane to our north, Main Range and its numerous mountains to the south. Before long, we started our descent.

Shortly into the decent I tripped and gashed my knee badly on a rough boulder. There was lots of blood but fortunately no damage to joints or bone. It was quickly bandaged and the decent resumed at a greatly reduced pace.

We met Maxine about halfway down and she decided to turn around and come back with us to the picnic area.

Once back at Flinders Plum, we spread ourselves over a couple of picnic tables and had a long afternoon tea before heading for home.

Thanks to Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Louise & Rusty Jones, Maria Kerruish, Maxine Brophy, Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor and Richard Johns, and visitors, Emma Jones, Jess Jones and Seb Day, for your company on the day.

**TIBETAN AND NEPALESE RESTAURANT
WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER
COFFEE NIGHT**

On Wednesday 4th November dedicated bushwalkers gathered to share in a delicious meal at the Tibetan restaurant. They gave up their comfortable lounges and beer ignoring their interest in the State of Origin to participate in laughter and to enjoy an authentic Tibetan spicy food dish. There were 18 members who attended.

Around the table were strollers, Susan (host), Jenny & Wayne, Sophia, Janet, Louise & Rusty, Michele & Greg, Graham also Karen & Michael, Terri, Paulette & Alan and including one visitor. Our President attended, Rus Nelson with his wife Jan who walked from their home in Indooroopilly. There were many generous and positive comments noted.

The meals were sufficient and tasty with no room for dessert. However, Michele & Greg enjoyed sharing their ice cream and rice pudding with a laugh. Many comments were around the good choice of the restaurant at Toowong that provided easy parking and walking distant if travelling by train to the venue. Janet enjoyed her vegetable curry. Graham ordered traditional sausages with a Tibetan influence, Louise & Rusty found their lentil curry hot and spicy, Michele loved her salmon dish, Paulette & Alan enjoyed catching up with their fellow walkers as did Terri, Karen & Michael, Louise will return for another meal, Sophia thought the staff were very helpful, Jenny & Wayne enjoyed the company of others, Jan & Russ looked forward to an evening walk home under the stars. Well, me, I was happy that everyone laughed, smiled and had an enjoyable night.

Thank you to all the members & visitor who attended. We look forward to our next gathering.

**BARNEY CREEK LOOP
SAT/SUN, 7/8 NOVEMBER
OVERNIGHTER**



Earlier in the week it had been quite hot, but the weather gods were smiling on us as the maximums on the weekend were 25°. Much more comfortable than you would usually expect this time of year. Benno turned up at my place and we picked up Khaleel along the way. The party met up with Ken & Monica at the Lower Portals carpark (they had driven down from Toowoomba). After a brisk walk in the group settled in, some of us cooling off with a dip in the creek. A good campfire was started but had to be left when a brief rain shower came through, but there wasn't enough rain to douse the fire. After eating we all sat around the fire and yakked. I didn't set an early start for the next morning as I didn't know whether it would be wet.

The next morning was fine and dry. Some were up early and raring to go; others were in less of a hurry. We left the hut at 7am and headed up along the ridge at the Lower Portals. From this ridge the party followed a footpad down to the gorge campsite. There were 6-8 people camped there and they even had a very large esky with big carry handles. It would have taken two people to carry it in. Our group then

headed up Barney Gorge. The lower section was dry (water probably flowing underground). Like most of Barney, all the slopes and hills around us had been heavily burnt in the fires. Our progress along the creek was hotter than usual as much of the tree cover above us had gone. There were also lots of big trees that had fallen across the gorge and these were obstacles to go over, under, or around.

Further up the gorge we now had a lovely clear flowing rivulet of water with pretty pools and cascades along the way. We also started to encounter unburnt patches of trees along the creek, which was a nice, cool, refreshing change. The party stopped at rockpool at the base of a long sloping slab of rock with a rill of water flowing down it. We had morning tea here and some of us investigated a pretty spot at the top of the slab. Bippoh Peak loomed directly in front of us. We retraced our steps down the gorge and re-joined Barney Creek.



Here we came across a group of walkers from Byron Bay Bushwalkers. They were coming down from the Upper Portals and like us were headed downstream to have lunch at Barney Beautiful (though they called it by another name). After walking through probably the most spectacular part of the creek, Ken found a little ledge to shuffle along and then lower yourself off to get past one tricky section. At Barney Beautiful we met up again with the Bryon Bay Bushies and we settled down for lunch in our two groups. Quite a few of us enjoyed a glorious swim in the large and deep swimming hole there.

After a long lunch we continued downstream. Ken & Monica had a look at the Lower Portals while the rest of us went directly to the hut. We had a cuppa there, packed up, said good-bye to Ken & Monica (they were staying another night at the hut) and walked back out to the carpark. It was rather warm walking in the afternoon sun.

Thanks to all who joined me on this beautiful and rather laid-back walk. On the walk were: Benno, Khaleel, Ken, Monica and myself. Cheers, Iain.

**EVANS HEAD
SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER
(Dirawong Reserve and Chinamans Beach)
DAYWALK**



The view back towards Goanna Headland

A great walk in NSW. We did this trip exactly as planned. A figure 8 shaped walk. The party set out along the clifflines at the northern end of the park, then headed south and down to the beach at Red Hill Beach. It was then up and over Red Hill. My group arrived at New Zealand beach and we almost immediately turned right and up of the beach. Now we headed up to the carpark for a second morning tea. Then our party zigged up to the high dunes behind the beach and then down to Goanna Headland where we had lunch under a pandanus tree. It was then back along the beaches; firstly Chinamen's Beach, then New Zealand Beach. Now we headed up into the hills with nice views back over

the coast and over rolling hills towards the township of Evans Head. The beaches were just fantastic especially Red Hill Beach which was deserted.



Flannel Flowers

There were several highlights especially the huge number of wildflowers in full bloom. Of special note were the beautiful Flannel Flowers. *Actinotus helianthi*,

Of note is that the Flannel flower is not a member of the daisy family but rather a species of the Apiaceae family, the same family as the carrot. The Flannel Flower is the emblem of the Sydney Bush Walkers' Club established in 1927. The Flannel Flower is a very showy flower with large white petals and a light-yellow centre and the petals are covered by soft velvet. The flannel flower always reminds of the edelweiss flower that was made famous by Sound of Music film.



EDELWEISS

The edelweiss is also symbolic of deep love and devotion because young men risked climbing the mountains to pick edelweiss for their brides, and their daring feat was sometimes fatal. The myths around edelweiss have now morphed into the flower being a symbol of loyalty, freedom and resistance to oppression, especially fascist oppression. The flannel flower is not so grand but it does grow

on the far hills and in the dune country.



A view from the high hills as we were nearing the end of the walk. With Phil and Allan practising social distancing. The beach below was Red Hill Beach. We had just passed a small group of Kangaroos with about 5 in the group. They were just moping about or snoozing and were only about 3 metres off the track but weren't at all perturbed by us and didn't move away or get skittish. But I should mention they were huge! And the big males looked big enough to wrestle any dog that wanted to make a ruckus.

Some details: Number on trip :- 3 Phil Murray (Leader), Allan Schmidt and Paulette Schmidt. (there was a late cancellation on the day of the walk)

Temperature :- 26°

Weather :- a fine sunny day,

Distance :- 9.7km,

Thanks to those who joined me on the walk –

Phil

JTS AT THE BITTER SUITE BAR AND CAFE FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER SOCIAL

This was a nice balmy evening sitting at our table on the footpath out of the noisy hubbub of a busy New Farm street-corner café. We gathered slowly but steadily, eventually exceeding the number of chairs set out for us. There were 13 of us all told – including visitor Selina.

It felt good to watch the workers going home to their units while we were enjoying a quiet drink and meal. One thing I noticed: there were more Ferraris and Mercs per square metre in this corner of New Farm than anywhere else in Brisbane – coming, going or just parked!

As usual, at one of our favourite places, the meals were flavoursome and good; the staff friendly and helpful, and the conversation invigorating. We stayed till the sun set beyond the mountains in the west. Those sitting with me (from the only photo we took of the full table) were: Kath & Mike, Jan & Russ, Jenny & Wayne, Michele E, Selina, Susan W, Liz, Lorraine, Louise and ?? (Apologies to anyone who may have been sitting behind the post where they couldn't be seen in my photo!) Thanks for coming along. Greg.

RETREAT SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Location Holy Family Parish Church, Indooroopilly
Director James Grant OFMcap

This year's Retreat was unusual in that the location was in the inner-city suburb of Indooroopilly. The Director of the Retreat was Fr James Grant, a Franciscan Priest of the Capuchin Order who was one of the priests who celebrated Mass at the 60th Barney Mass.

Fr James spoke on a Franciscan reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical on '*Care for our Common Home*'. He reflected on how all things are interconnected and so how we are all called to communion with God, with each other and with nature. To do this, we need to look at ourselves through the loving gaze of Jesus, who will lead us to reconciliation and praise!

After the Retreat some of us attended the Sunday Vigil Mass and then went to the Indooroopilly Hotel for dinner and enjoyed fellowship.

**NORTH STRADDIE
SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER
(Point Lookout to Adder Rock and Return)
DAYWALK**

A great walk in Queensland. It was good to have a huge number on the trip.



The View From Point Lookout Over Frenchmans Beach

The huge number of walkers necessitated a change to the plan due to a possible problem of getting on the bus at the end of the walk.

The new plan was to start and finish at Point Lookout. The party was to walk around the Gorge boardwalk and then do and

out back walk to Adder Rock; and we duly did.

The views were



astounding. The colour of the water, the bush and the sky and the beach were just dazzling. We had morning tea halfway along the boardwalk where we did a short side trip to the clifftop for great views over the ocean and into the gorge. We were delighted to spot 2 or 3 turtles. We went past the shops at Point Lookout, then down the steps - there were oodles of steps. We then zoomed along the beaches, firstly Frenchmans, then Deadmans, Cylinder Beach, then Home Beach to Adder Rock, where we had a second morning tea of sorts, Then back to Cylinder Beach for lunch.

The Bluff At Frenchmans Beach



Frenchmans Beach

After lunch we split into 3 groups. Joe Tottenham took a small group back to Point Lookout along the road, I led a larger group along the beaches and up the stairs, and Terri had a small group of 3 that caught the bus near the hotel. Russ counted the stairs on the return trip and there were only 210 of them

The trip back on the bus was uneventful. I hasten to add that the bus was bursting at the seams when we picked up a huge number of people at the 3rd bus stop. I should also mention

that we went over to Straddie in 2 groups. 14 on the Straddie

Flyer with the upper deck providing excellent viewing, and the rest went on the Straddie taxi. But it was no bother as we got there and got back with only a minor hassle. The big surprise at the start of the day was that there was no car parking nearby and we had to park our cars about 800m from the jetty and we got to the jetty with only minutes to spare; hence the reason some went on the Flyer and some went on the Straddie Taxi.

Some details: Number on trip :- 19 – (15 members and 4 visitors) - Phil Murray, Paulette & Allan Schmidt, Jan & Russ Nelson, Louise & Rusty Jones, Paddy Taylor, John Brack, Joe Tottenham, Khaleel Petrus, Maria Kerruish, Sue Walsh, Terri Evetts, Priya Pereira, Priscilla Pereira, Caro McLeod, Katrina & Neale Hall.

Temperature :- 28⁰ Weather :- a brilliant sunny day, with light wind at 20kph
Distance :- approx. 9km,
Thanks to those who joined me on the walk –



THE STRADDIE CREW

Phil

**THE BLUE MOON AT THE FULL MOON.
MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER
SOCIAL**

On this fine Monday evening, 13 bushwalkers gathered at Sandgate for our commemoration of the 2 full moons in the same month – the Blue Moon. The Full Moon Hotel is perched atop the cliffs overlooking Moreton Bay. Though it was a partially cloudy evening, we did get to see the full moon; perhaps not in its full glory.

We gathered at 6pm on the deck area, seated at 2 tables. After a preliminary drink, the group slowly went to the kitchen to order our meals. These came reasonably fast for an establishment that looked as though it was well patronised. We ordered a wide variety of meals – seems like one of everything on the menu.

Members swapped tables to talk to everyone – the conversations were varying and wide ranging. It was good to catch the views of those there on the topics of the day.

Following dinner, about half of us went for a Stroll up to the Shorncliffe Pier to enjoy the view of the Bay's surrounds for out on the water. The group took the beachfront path on the way out and the road above the cliffs back to our cars at the pub. You could see the lights from Woody Point to Deagon & Sandgate and out to the airport and Fishermans Island. What a night-time view.

Thanks to those who attended – especially visitors Katrina & Neil Hall, and to members Michele E, Jan & Russ, Terri E, Janet G, Jenny & Wayne, Susan W, Heike and Trevor. It was a great night enjoyed by all.
Greg.

**COOMERA FALLS CIRCUIT
SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER
DAYWALK**

The weather was fairly good for the whole day, though slightly hot at the first half of the walk. The track was moist as there was some rain in the previous day; good on the foot but slightly slippery on the rocks at river crossings which are many in this circuit.



Starting at 8:45am, we were greeted by noisy cat birds and three land mullets in the early morning. By 10:45am, we were at the Falls Lookout for morning tea, from here Pat & Jonas returned back to Binna Burra. We resumed walk at 11:16am and had a good sighting of a crayfish at one of the river crossings. The next stop was at 1:03pm at the lovely Neerigomindalala Waterfall; we had to scramble down from the track proper to the base of the waterfall.

We were back on the track by 1:33pm and after a short while we hit the Border Track leading us back to Binna Burra with a short irresistible stop at the Joalah Lookout. After that, we all pushed our step considerably and we all

at Binna Burra by 4:00pm. We concluded our day with a short stop at Canungra Café for quick refreshments.



Thank you: Russ Nelson, Paddy Taylor, Louise & Rusty Jones, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, and our two first time visitors Stafford Shepherd and Gina Russell for joining me in my first lead walk.

Courtesy from Stafford Shepherd

Khaleel Petrus

**BRIBIE ISLAND
(Southern Tip)
SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER
DAYWALK**

Despite BoM warnings re: possible strong winds in the late afternoon and evening and flooding rains the next day, we still set out on this walk, albeit under grey clouds, and ended up finishing our trek round the Southern Tip of Bribie in glorious sunshine! All nine who participated agreed at the end of this delightful walk that they were very glad they took a chance on the weather, as that optimism really paid off. It was a great day – and not a drop of rain fell on us!



After a car shuffle, thanks to Terri and Rusty, we nine brave souls assembled, in fairly windy conditions, at Bellara near the Bribie Bridge, ready to start walking at 9:15. (We were originally to be 12, but 3 had to withdraw on or before the day due to illness, injury and a date mix-up.) Our 12km walk began with a 45minute stretch of path/grass walking along the very pleasant Pumicestone Passage foreshore to Bongaree, where we saw our first few Points of Interest: lots of pelicans, seagulls and pleasure craft on the water – and almost no other people. We assume all the school-holidaymakers must've been scared off by the threatening weather forecasts (unlike us – tough bushwalkers!). We

had morning tea at a large shelter shed, with plenty of Social Distancing space, in the park near the Seaside Museum. The hot cuppas we had were really appreciated, especially after walking in such cool and windy conditions. We had no time to go into the museum, of course, but it was another Point of Interest worth noting for future reference – and highly recommended by John B. for a future visit.

The next section of the walk took us along a sandy foreshore track to the access boardwalk for Buckley's Hole Conservation Park, where there is a lovely lagoon, complete with a bird hide for viewing the abundant birdlife. This was our next Point of Interest. From the bird hide, we saw ibises and, amazingly, black swans. (Perhaps they left WA before Covid struck and then couldn't get back in?!)

We purposely skipped South Point and Red Beach, cutting through some bushland, instead, to get to the Southern shoreline. A pleasant, semi-shaded sandy bush track, Kendall Fire Access Trail, took us to our lunch spot by the sea, where it was a bit blustery.



After a brief lunch-break, we began the beach walk proper, which took us all the way to Woorim, the Ocean Beach on the far side of the island, with a clear view of nearby Moreton Island all the way – under clear skies and increasing amounts of surprising sunshine! There were a few other little surprises along the way, including two very well constructed driftwood shelters, which we stopped to admire, and a whole school of dead or dying fish which had been washed up on the beach during the receding tide. We used the tepees/shelters as photo backdrops and turned the fish event into quite an adventure, which we dubbed The Great Fish Rescue Mission. Benno was

particularly enthusiastic about this mission, rescuing several dozen stranded fish. He perfected the art of throwing them back in the ocean without being scratched by their defensive spines. Terri's preferred technique was using her thongs! Everyone helped – except me (I was on still- & video-photography duty.) – so it was a great team effort, a worthwhile thing to do and lots of fun.



After passing yet another Point of Interest, the desalination plant – complete with pipes into the sea and an excellent specimen of the Yellow-finned ~~witch's-hat~~ Monster – we turned the corner and headed North to the patrolled Ocean Beach at Woorim, where there was quite a crowd of people basking in the (by this stage very bright) warm sunshine.

Some of the group – three water-loving males - had a dip in the ocean (water temperature? "Fantastic!"), while the rest of us sat at a shady picnic table in the park above the beach and had a final cuppa or cool drink before walking across the lovely

Lions Park to find our transport, Terri's very roomy Isuzu. After figuring out how to fit 7 adult walkers and their packs into a single car, we finally headed for Bellara to complete the car shuffle. We were quite relaxed about being pulled over for a Random Breath Test half-way across the island, as we'd not seen our driver Terri drink anything but water the whole day! By the time I returned to the RBT spot in my own car, with my two passengers on board, the officers had just packed up, so I missed out on the opportunity to prove my sobriety at the end of a bushwalk.



Thanks to my walking companions who braved grey skies and predicted wind and rain to complete this Bribie Island (Southern Tip) walk for the first time this century: Terry S., Sue W., Terri E., Paddy T., Benno G., Rusty & Louise J. and John B. I'm particularly grateful to our car shuffle drivers, Terri and Rusty (& their passengers Sue & Louise) who arrived an hour early to get across the island and back before the rest of us arrived from Brisbane. Special thanks to Benno for agreeing to drive when we really needed another car; and thanks to Greg E. for preparing a set of full-colour maps of the walk to give out to all participants (in traditional Stroll-style! :).
Michele E.

AROUND THE RIDGES

YOUR COVID SITES

QR Codes: Some privacy problems

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-10-31/covid-19-check-in-data-using-qr-codes-raises-privacy-concerns/12823432>

Qld Covid Sites:

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/>

Current Restrictions:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/border-restrictions>

https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions#_stage-6

Roadmap:

https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/127150/DPC7309-COVID-19-Restrictions-roadmap.pdf?nocache-v11

Symptoms & Testing Centres:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/testing-and-fever-clinics>

Border Restrictions:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/border-restrictions>

<https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass>

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/border-closing/map>

The Stages To Recovery

https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions#_stage-5

Going out, Travel & Recreation

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/movements-gatherings>

ABC Coronacast News

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/coronacast/>

Mass at the Cathedral

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/>

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/on-demand-web-casts/>

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Pope Pius XI – AN ALPINE CLIMBER

Did you know that Pope Pius XI was an accomplished mountain climber?

I stumbled over his name in the book called Mountaineers.

<https://www.amazon.com/Mountaineers-Great-Tales-Bravery-Conquest/dp/0756686822>

It was only a very brief comment. But my interest was piqued and I went a googleling. In fact, Pope Pius XI, before he became Pope, was an accomplished mountaineer with climbs to the Matterhorn, Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa

Pope Pius XI's previous name or birth name was Achille Ratti. His birth name was used as the name for a mountain climbing club in northern England and is called the Achille Ratti Climbing Club.

<https://achille-ratti-climbing-club.co.uk/>

The Achille Ratti Club has a very nice annual journal and it has included a lovely little biography about Achille Ratti - <https://achille-ratti-climbing-club.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ARCC-JOURNAL-2011-12-part-1.pdf>

Early Life : -

Achille Ratti was born on 31st May 1857, in Desio, between Milan and Como, in full view of Monte Rosa. He was one of a family of seven, with five brothers and a sister. His family was relatively prosperous; his father being the manager of a local silk factory. His character and ability brought him to the notice of the Archbishop of Milan at a young age, and he was sent to the Theological Seminary there, after which he obtained a triple Doctorate in Philosophy, Theology and Canon Law at the Lombard College of Rome.

He was ordained as a Priest at the age of 22, (1879) and returned to Milan as Professor in the Theological Seminary in 1882, aged 25. Between 1882 and 1910 he was Sub-director and then Director of the great Ambrosian Library, producing many significant writings in the fields of history, literature, and alpine climbing.

He also worked as a priest in the community, assisting the nuns in social and charity work, teaching the local poor children, and becoming known for his courtesy and welcoming manner. In 1910 he was called to work in the Vatican Library, and in Feb. 1922 he was elected Pope Pius XI. He died in 1939.

Climbs On Alpine Peaks

In the mid-19th century, the Alps became recognised - in one writer's phrase - as 'a playground' while some spoke of 'the deep and, as it were, religious silence of the highest crests'. Each nation in Western Europe, Italy being one of the first, founded its own climbing fraternity.

Achille Ratti, being a proud Italian, embraced the new sport, and set out to further his country's status. Achille Ratti climbed **the Grand Paradiso** in his younger days, and had shown 'presence of mind, skill and strength' in saving one of his guides.



In 1889, aged 32, he traversed the **Monte Rosa** from east to west from Macugnaga, descending via the Grenz Glacier, and a week later climbed the **Matterhorn**.

In 1890 he completed the ascent of **Mont Blanc**. This was in the days before lightweight thermal clothing, GoreTex, crampons, lightweight ice axes, gear and ropes, rescue helicopters, and GPS navigation. Alpenstocks, studded boots, tweed, wool, hemp ropes and waxed cotton were the basic climbing equipment of the day. Routes were not as well known or marked as today. They really were climbing into the unknown.

A week later, Achille Rattii set off with three guides to climb **The Matterhorn** in one day from Zermatt. Again, he was forced to spend a night on the mountain due to poor weather before completing the climb.

The following year, he climbed **Mont Blanc** by the Courmayeur route, descending by the western section of the Glacier du Dome.

His climbs were recorded in the journals of the Italian Alpine Club and were published in book form in English in 1923 as 'Climbs on Alpine Peaks'. The book is not at the State Library of Queensland but is available from the State Library of Victoria.

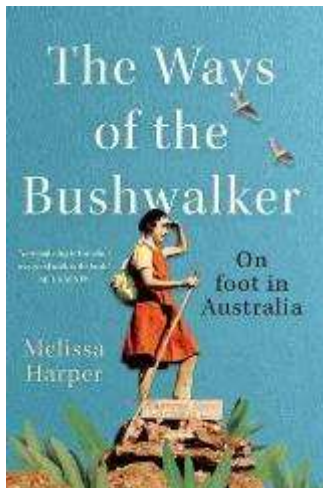
Grand Paradiso – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gran_Paradiso

Monte Rosa https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monte_Rosa

Mont Blanc https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mont_Blanc

Matterhorn <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matterhorn>

BOOK REVIEW



The Way of the Bushwalker: On foot in Australia

Melissa Harper has written an excellent history of Australian Bushwalking from the first fleet to the late twentieth century. This book was first published in 2007 and has been republished this year. I haven't yet bought the new version to see if any major changes or additions have been made. Below is a summary of the book review that appeared in the Jilalan in March 2008.

Melissa Harper begins her survey of walking history with a brief account of early colonial walking (Lady Jane Franklin traversing Tasmania's rugged north-west in a long skirt) but it is the late Victorian and early twentieth century that she concentrates on. The early characters like John Brereton and Percy Grainger were on a mission or calling and felt that walking could be relied on to reinvigorate the life force.

Then there were the spirited intellectuals with a social conscience; men such as Alexander Sutherland and William Mogford Hamlet who set out to invest walking with a progressive ethic and to incorporate it within a new science of health.

The story of Fred Eden was just amazing. According to some he was the first true bushwalker. He walked from Sydney to Melbourne along the wildest and most mountainous parts of Victoria, even though he knew there were less difficult and shorter ways to go but wanted the challenge of going through isolated sparsely populated country. He had a true bushwalkers ethos to search out the wild and remote places.

Melissa Harper also delves into the early history of walking clubs and societies. Of note she mentions the Wallaby Club and the Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Club (MAWTC). The Wallaby Club is a delightful old school club that was perhaps more akin to a social stroller's club. The members met monthly and did a social walk where the talking and discussing the important issues of the day were just as important as the walk. Some early members of the Wallaby Club include: Alfred Deakin (Prime Minister); William Hughes (Prime Minister); Sir John Monash (General in the Great War). They tended to walk on formed tracks and in parks and were very keen to maintain a high dress standard so as not to be mistaken for unemployed drifters or swagmen. The Wallaby Club is still in existence. The MAWTC is still in existence and has changed its name to the Melbourne Walking Club. It was for most of its existence a men's only club but since 2015 women have been given full membership.

The other 2 significant early clubs were from Sydney. The Warragamba Walking Club and the Mountain Trails Club (the MTC). These 2 clubs started to do walks that would be recognised as bushwalking as distinct from mere road bashing around the rural countryside. There were also some petty disputes. In 1922 the Bush Trails Club was formed and were prevailed upon by the older club (the MTC) to not encroach on their name and were coerced into changing their name to the Bush Tracks Club. Most of these early Clubs were men's only clubs. As a reaction to this rigid exclusive men's only membership, another club was formed; namely the Sydney Bush Walkers (SBW). This club was formed in 1927 and of note is that the word bushwalking entered into the vocabulary.

There is only a fleeting mention of Brisbane based activities as which was surprising as the author is from the University of Queensland. The book was adapted from a PhD thesis and is an excellent read.

The book costs \$34.99 and is available from leading booksellers.

Phil

FROM BINNA BURRA LODGE

For the month of December - school holidays: If you (or a friend) have a day or so to spare and would like a day out having a nice chat to interesting people, why not volunteer from 10am to 1pm at the Bushfire Gallery @ the Barn, Binna Burra. **Over December, we'll give our Barn volunteers a \$15 voucher to use towards your lunch at the Tea House.**

Our priority is the weekends, and if there are sufficient volunteers, we will also open the Barn during the weekdays.

Basically, the duties relate to COVID management - reminding everyone to sign/scan in at the desk, making sure visitors social distance and sanitize their hands and the pen they use. With the ease of restrictions, now we can have up to 36 people at one time in the Barn, but we seldom have more than about 10 at one time.

Also, for December, we will have our 3 new 'Binna Burra Reflection Benches' installed around the campfire at the Barn (One each donated by One Light Charit, Bartercard and Qoin) so that makes a good place for a chat or invite your friends and family up to Binna Burra for the day to join you for a picnic by the Barn!

If interested and available, just email louanne@binnaburralodge.com.au

'Reflection Benches' @ the Barn

'It's about people dealing with the emotional impact of the bushfire devastation on the spirit Binna Burra' said Steve Noakes, Chairperson of Binna Burra Lodge which was devastated in the September 2019 bushfires.

The bushfires across Australia last year and into this year have become known as the 'Black Summer' fires. They started in Australia's hottest and driest year on record and set a new benchmark for an extreme fire season in the continent's temperate forests. The Royal Commission into the bushfires noted: 'Tragically, 33 people died, and smoke may well have caused many other deaths. Others suffered serious physical and emotional/psychological injuries. It is estimated that nearly 3 billion animals were killed or displaced by the bushfires, and many threatened species and other ecological communities were extensively damaged. Over 3,000 homes and many other buildings were destroyed. For many people, it will take years to recover and rebuild.

Beechmont and the Binna Burra side of Lamington National Park experienced bushfires for six months – from August 2019 until some good rain fell in January 2020. Fortunately, no lives were lost in bushfires in Queensland. Nine of the people who died in the southern States were firefighters and while there were some close calls, Binna Burra is thankful that we lost none of our local Rural Fire volunteers and all the Emergency Services personnel who saved hundreds of houses, and no doubt lives, when the bushfires raged here last year.

People experience grief in different ways and the bushfire devastation at Binna Burra Lodge and Beechmont in September 2019 continues to impact many who have visited the site and even those who have not been able to have that opportunity.

'Over the past year, it's been important for us to acknowledge the individuality of each person's emotions about what we lost here at Binna Burra and for each of us to be careful not to impose our own expectations of coming to terms with the loss on others.' said Noakes, a local resident of bushfire impacted Beechmont.

'One of the important things to do is simply to listen. Since we had the official opening of the Binna Burra Bushfire Gallery on the one-year anniversary of the fire destruction at Binna Burra, many of us have spent time on the 'Reflection Benches' next to the campfire at the Barn listening to the stories that generations of families and individuals have shared over the decades at Binna Burra. Every story is rich, personal and enduring for Binna Burra.

The Reflection Benches give the opportunity to look back so our collective view looking forward becomes clearer. Occasionally, there's a campfire billy tea to have a chat over.

Three locally made hardwood timber 'Reflection Benches' have been donated to the Bushfire Gallery campfire at Binna Burra by One Light Charity Foundation, Bartercard and Qoin Digital Currency. Local Beech Mountain firm, Oak & Iron, used 70-year-old recycled Australian hardwoods to construct the benches.

Link to 'The making of Binna Burra Reflection Benches'

<https://www2.slideshare.net/SteveNoakes/reflection-benches-binna-burra>

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HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
 - (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
 - (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
 - (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
 - (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, 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 Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.
- All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower car park.

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 "EO" or "Emerg Off") for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO 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 – 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.

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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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