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The Last Supper During a Pandemic

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Day	DATE	DESCRIPTION	LEADER	Phone No	Type	Grade
Wed	18	Rocky Waterholes Creek #1	Greg		Stroll	
Sat	28	Local Government Elections	Annastacia		Elect	
Wed	1 Apr	Coffee Night	Michele		Soc	
Wed	8	Your Local Area	Greg		Stroll	
Wed	15	Your Local Park	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S32
Mon	20	Monthly Non-Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
Wed	22	Your Local Bike Track	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S12
Sat	25	Anzac Day in your Driveway at 6am			H'day	
Wed	29	Around Your Block	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M21
Wed	6 May	Coffee Night	Michele	3351 4092		
Sun	10	Mother's Day				
Wed	13	Along Your Local Creek	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
Mon	18	Monthly Non-Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
Wed	20	Up Your Nearest Hill	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
Wed	3 June	Coffee Night	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
W/E	6/8	Girraween BC	Iain R	3870 8082	BC	
Sun	6/7	Search & Rescue Training W/E	FMR	t.b.a.	S&T	
Sun	7	Ferny Grove Stn to Toombul Stn	Greg	3351 4092	CW	
Wed	10	White's Hill, Cav Rd Circuit	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
Sat	13	Mt Alexander	John C	5514 0285	DW	
Mon	15	Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
Wed	17	Toowong Creek	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
Thurs	18	Mt Moon			DW	
Fri	19	JTS – Range Brewing	Karen	0409 620 714	Soc	
Sun	21	Mt Coot-tha	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	
Wed	24	Colmslie Hotel to Bulimba Ferry	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
Sat	27	Mt Tabletop (Toowoomba)	Michele J	3353 2822	DW	
Wed	1 July	La Zucca Cafe & Pizzeria	Peggy Roe	0419 489717	Soc	
W/E	4/5	Asplenium Throughwalk	Iain R	3870 8082	TW	
Sat	4	Kureelpa Picabeen (Mount Mee)	Sue Walsh	5495 2696	DW	
W/E	4/5	Vertical Self Rescue Training	FMR		S&T	
Wed	8	Toowong Cemetery The 2nd Half			Stroll	
Sat	11	Mt Greville	Michele J	3353 2822	DW	
Wed	15	The Grange Forest Park	Russ	0427 743 534	Stroll	
Fri	17	JTS – Sea Legs Brewing	Karen	0409 620 714	Soc	
Sat	18	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
Mon	20	Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
Wed	22	Portside to New Farm	Rose	3351 4092	Stroll	
Sat	25	Neglected Mountain	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	
Wed	29	Coorparoo Back Streets	Rose	3351 4092	Stroll	
Fri/Sat	31/1	Mt Doubletop	Matthew	3876 8125	ON	
Sun	2 Aug	Wivenhoe Trails	Sue Walsh	5495 2696	DW	
Wed	5	Coffee Night	Michele J	3353 2822	Soc	
Sat	8	Mt Ernest	John C	5514 0285	DW	
Wed	12	Barney Mass 60th Anniversary	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
Fri	14	Wicked the Musical	Needed		Soc	
Sat	15	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	DW	
Sun	16	Basic Navigation Training Day	FMR		S&T	
Mon	17	Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	

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	VW	Virtual Walk
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	Stroll	Stroll

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Zero No kms	0 – No terrain at all. Nothing at all. Zero	0 – Non-existent. Suitable for everyone. Don't even need to be alive
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: Z00 is a non-existent distance walk zero km long, over no ground without obstacles (not even a crack in the footpath), in which the trip is not strenuous for any walkers requiring nothing – just stay in bed.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

O God, healer of all our ills,
to whom we turn in this time of distress,
grant, we pray in the power of faith,
eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn,
health to the sick and peace to the dying,
strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders
and a spirit of kindness to us all.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Web Casts of Mass at the Cathedral: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>
Web Cast Of Mass at St Williams, Grovely: <https://qsmparishes.com.au/>

REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON OF LENT 2020

By Sister Corrie van den Bosch of the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria

As Lent began this year, I wondered about the word “Lent”. I don’t know any English use of the word except as the name we give to this time leading up to Easter. The word reminded me of the Dutch word “lente”, meaning “Spring”. Could there be a connection? I went to the internet, and sure enough, our word “lent” comes indeed from the Dutch, “lente” Spring.

Lent is springtime in the northern hemisphere. In nature’s Spring, particularly in colder climates, crocuses, daffodils, jonquils and myriad spring bulbs welcome in the warmer days of longer daylight. It is a time for sowing and planting. Spring is the season of hope and new life.

Here in Australia, of course, this time of the year is Autumn. Instead of coming out of the long dark northern European winter, we are coming out of a long hot summer of drought, bush fires, and flooding rains. As the scorched Earth greens again, we experience a lift to our spirits, a renewal of hope, similar to that evoked by Spring.

And this is what Lent invites us to, a season of Spring for our souls. Traditionally, Lent is the season for fasting. In the Muslim tradition, Ramadan is a time of fasting. It is seen as a time of joy, because fasting is about making space for God in their lives. Our Lenten fast is also about making space for God in our lives.

For many years I have kept a journal of my inner life. Recently, I began to go through them with the idea of writing the journey of my life. Reading my early journals, I am surprised by the intensity, fears and anxieties of my younger self, and of my hopes and desires. Above all, I notice my constant prayer to become a woman of love.

Reflecting on what I read, I see my life has been a dance between love and fear or, more truly, between love and suffering. I am coming to see that LOVE is the hidden face of suffering. LOVE desires to strip away all that blocks me from LOVE’s full expression in me. That is a painful process. It is dying to the ego, the self we think we are, to discover the full richness of life in the Self we are created to be, the Self that is the image of God within us.

This Self lives in the awareness that it is part of something much, much greater than my individual being. This Self knows deeply that every human being is my brother, my sister. Furthermore, the life that enlivens my Self is the same life that enlivens the entire creation. That life is LOVE. LOVE, Divine LOVE, is the most basic and essential element of the Cosmos. We take in LOVE with every breath we take, with the food we eat and the drink we drink. We take in LOVE when we bask in the sun or cool in the shade. LOVE embraces us in the arms of a loved one and the smile of a stranger.

Lent invites us to wake up to LOVE. Rather than avoid the inevitable suffering that is part of life, Lent invites us to enter into the dance of LOVE and suffering—our own suffering and that of the world—so that LOVE can strip away the fears that block us from truly being open to love and to being loved, and there experience the hidden face of LOVE that is, and always has been in the deepest reaches of our being.

In my prayer I often sit silently before the crucifix. In the outstretched arms of the crucified Christ, the fullness of God’s LOVE—God’s very Self—is poured out upon the world, upon you, upon me. As we open our arms and hearts to love, we discover the hidden face of LOVE within ourselves. At the same time, we come to know that LOVE is also the true face of every human being.

The more we live into the LOVE, the more we find deep wells of love in our hearts for every sister and brother, human and other than human. This is Easter, Resurrection, the life of the Risen Christ within and among us!

I wish you all a joy-filled Lent flowering into the fullness of Easter Life.



COMING EVENTS

Trips leave from nowhere until further notice.

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* (I do not know why since no one is going a-walkin') and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. (<https://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/assets/leading.pdf>)

If changes are made to walks (date, location, cancelation, or just putting them back on the calendar etc.) leaders are asked to advise Phil Murray on Ph: 55229702.

Visitors are required to do two walks before the Committee officially declares them Club members. Not sure what walks you can do now to qualify – beats me.

Nominations for walks are needed at least three days in advance to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements such as carpooling. Non-nominations can be phoned in at the very last moment before the outing does not go out.

The Club Web Site will become the main means of Communication - Look at it when you want to learn / do something

<https://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/>

EXERCISE IS ESSENTIAL

[And It IS Allowed]

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL YOUR LOCAL PARK STROLL

"We Need To Get Out"

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Your own front door
Time: 4pm
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Web: <https://www.google.com/maps/@-27.5093229,152.9618005,12z/data=!5m1!1e4>
Distance: 6km @ 1½ hrs
Location: Around your local area
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You. AND your mobile**

Call one friend to meet you at the park.

Go out your front door and walk to your local park. If it too close, go to the next one. Meet your Stroll buddy and decide, at 1.5m apart, which way to walk around the park. Do 2 circuits, the 2 figures of 8. Now go in reverse for 2 circuits and 2 figures of 8. Now, do some other tracks in the path. Do not take a rest on the park bench and certainly do not use the play equipment.

After an hour, go back home via a different route. Go inside and have a glass of wine to wind down from the exertion.

TAKE photos along the way and share with your fellow strollers who will be with you in spirit and in synchronization. E-mail to endhouse@bigpond.net.au

Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, and the water, hat, rain protection and your mobile phone.

You will earn a "Stroll Credit" for this Stroll – just send me the photos.

Greg.

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL YOUR LOCAL BIKE TRACK STROLL

"We Need To See Others"

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Your own front door
Time: 4pm
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Web: <https://www.google.com/maps/@-27.4582684,153.0176763,31741m/data=!3m1!1e3>
Distance: 6km @ 1½ hrs
Height Gain/Loss: 0m
Weather: Sunny and warm, some light cloud, slight breeze and cooler towards evening
Location: Around your local area
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You, AND Your Mobile**

Ring a (just one) friend to meet you at your bike track entrance. Be specific. Walk to that location.

Go up the track for 40mins; stop and appreciate our natural landscape. Now turn around and walk back to where you commenced. If you can, walk home via a different route.

You will be surprised by the number of fellow Strollers you see along the way. Mums with kids, singles walking the dog (that makes the two), joggers, young and old, fit and not so fit, fast and mainly slow – all types now Stroll where you never saw any before.

When home again, go inside and have a glass of wine to wind down from the exertion.

TAKE photos along the way and share with your fellow strollers who will be with you in spirit and in synchronization. E-mail to endhouse@bigpond.net.au

Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, and the water, hat, rain protection and your mobile phone

You will earn a "Stroll Credit" for this Stroll, and any subsequent Wednesday arvo ones – just send me the photos.

Greg.

**SATURDAY 25th APRIL
ANZAC DAY
DRIVEWAY COMMEMORATION @ 6am**

There is a media release from RSL Queensland to advise all Sub-Branches to cancel ANZAC Day commemorations in light of the emerging COVID-19 public health emergency.

Due to the cancellation of public ANZAC Day gatherings, there is a grassroots movement spread by Facebook that people are invited to have a driveway service instead.

The proposal is that everyone goes to the end of their own driveway at 5.55am to commemorate the Dawn Service and hold a candle or a torch and observe 1 minute of silence. *(not sure at what time the minute silence is supposed to start but should be clear by the 25th April)*

On Saturday, April 25th you are invited to participate in this unique commemoration to line our streets to honour the ANZAC tradition, show our national pride and build solidarity in this extension to the ANZAC tradition.

Phil

**WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL
SUBURBAN AREA
STROLL
"We Need Fresh Air"**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Your Front Door

Time: 4.00pm

Cost: Free

Grade: S11

Location: Around Home

Time: 1hr

Dist: 4km

Height Gain: 0m

Weather: Sunny, No rain, with a full moon

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=12/-27.4705/152.9922>

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Take This Number With You AND Your Mobile**

This Stroll is around your local area.

Walk out of your front door. Turn right. Walk 4 blocks and turn right. Go to your nearest park. Walk around it. Go back to where you entered. Turn right on leaving on the path. Cross the road. Go along the footpath.

Go 4 more blocks. Stop and look at your surroundings. Check out the architecture and the gardens. Look through the windows. Once you have gone the 4 blocks, turn right.

If you meet any other Strollers, keep the 1.5m distance from them. But smile and say "Hello".

When you get to the end of the street, turn right and go another 4 blocks. You should be back home.

Go inside and have a glass of wine to wind down from the exertion.

TAKE photos along the way and share with your fellow strollers who will be with you in spirit and in synchronization. E-mail to endhouse@bigpond.net.au

Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, and the water, hat, rain protection and your mobile phone

You will earn a "Stroll Credit" for this Stroll – just send me the photos.

Greg.

WEDNESDAY 6th MAY
COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL
"We Need Something Special"

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Your local restaurant

Time: 6.00pm

Cost: Cheap

Grade: S11

Location: Near Home

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=12/-27.4705/152.9922>

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Take This Number With You AND Your Mobile**

We all can still have a Coffee Night – just by ourselves.

Go to your local classy restaurant, café or gourmet takeaway and order, yes, you guessed it, a take-away. Not just fish & chips or a hamburger. A real classy meal – spoil yourself. And a licensed restaurant can sell you up to 2.25l of any alcohol (ie: 3 bottles of wine or equivalent in beer or anything else – even coffee) with a meal– as long as you do not open it while waiting for your food to be prepared. Help out a struggling small business and keep hospitality workers employed.

While waiting, move away to let the next person order. Be patient, everyone is out getting takeaway as well. Talk, at 1.5m distance, to those waiting to help pass the time. The menu may be limited, but is nourishing; and more importantly, not cooked by you.

Before leaving home, get dressed up to "have a night out". Something nice. Something special. Do your hair. Good shoes – not those joggers.

Go home and have your meal with a wine or two – make it a "real" occasion.

Take a selfie while ordering the meal showing the restaurant name and counter, then text it to your fellow Coffee Nighters who are out there ordering a meal at the same time as you – only separated by distance but not in spirit. If we all receive many text messages of your selfies, we all will be having a virtual meal together. Also send the selfie to me so I can circulate it around to make it a group meal – just like our "real" Coffee Nights. E-mail it to endhouse@bigpond.net.au

HOW TO SURVIVE SELF-ISOLATION

How to survive self-isolation when you have done with: the Spring cleaning (in Autumn), you are over gardening, tidied the garage (twice), finished cataloguing the digital photos, polished the car so well you require sunglasses just to look at it, learnt how to fold fitted sheets; fallen asleep in front of iView & SBS On Demand too many times, HERE is the solution – go on YouTube and check out these videos:

<https://www.facebook.com/NgaardaRadio/videos/519503388989589/?t=2>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uDTs-9fq00>

<https://youtu.be/LjDidfSc52c>

<https://youtu.be/YiNGNvP5Cnk>

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/coronacast/latest-segments/12025304>

https://youtu.be/3x1aLAW_xkY

<https://youtu.be/AULn1UTcEwI>

<https://youtu.be/V9YirNgAzXI>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-51764846/coronavirus-vietnam-s-handwashing-song-goes-global>

<https://youtu.be/ctF5aMV05kM>

https://www.instagram.com/p/B9FFVnigLEE/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=embed_video_watch_again

<https://www.facebook.com/inbar.h.levi.3/videos/10158048758597566/>

<https://youtu.be/0vt6V3cbgCk>

<https://youtu.be/b4psqNXOAoY>

<https://youtu.be/bbr60I0u2Ng>

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EUrtkkhU0AEqkim?format=jpg&name=medium>

<https://youtu.be/jO94v21cgWs>

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1243189215275466752>

<https://youtu.be/JvOUPvqs--M>

<https://youtu.be/1aAnPFeo11s>

<https://youtu.be/5DGwOJXSxqg>

<https://gsmparishes.com.au/>

<http://bushwalkingmanual.org.au/>

<https://youtu.be/WNhT9ys-pns>

<https://www.facebook.com/ben.marsh.1650/videos/10163265168130176/>

<https://youtu.be/tNG62fULYgl>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6740673/beatles-abbey-road-crossing-coronavirus-lockdown/>

<https://youtu.be/0sQjdRLr8LM>

<https://youtu.be/F3h62dO-1sA>

<https://youtu.be/e41YVSOQQ1I>

<https://youtu.be/fgBla7RepXU>

<http://qldbushwalks.online/>

<https://youtu.be/e41YVSOQQ1I>

<https://youtu.be/J8wjZabYBsE>

<https://youtu.be/MMBh-eo3tvE>

<https://therecount.com/watch/trump-coronavirus-calendar/2645515793>

<https://www.google.com.au/search?sxsrf=ALeKk03KblCLI2cYr9qNb3AsS8wi84OKBw:1585966790128&q=coronavirus&oi=ddle&ct=153021071&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiR1ZfZ2s3oAhVazjgGHRwvCbcQPQgP>

<https://youtu.be/gxAaO2rsdls>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-05/maps-show-how-coronavirus-lockdowns-emptied-our-cities/12121524>

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2nd April 2020

COVID-19 – Suspension extended to 31st May

Further to my advice of 25th March, the Committee has agreed to cancel all events up to and including 31st May.

The Committee is trying to make timely decisions that do not go too far ahead of the situation. The contents of Jilalan will be most effected as there are no future events to report in the immediate future and past events are starting to diminish.

The Committee will review the situation in late April (via Zoom and not in person).

Please go to the Club's website for updates. www.bcbc.bwq.org.au

If you wish to discuss any matters arising from the above, please give me a call.

Russ Nelson

President, BCBC

Email russnelson52@outlook.com

Ph: 0427 743 534

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nil to report – there has been no activity over the last month.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Abernethy, Russell Jones, Pat Lawton, Priya Pereira and Dianne Robertson are celebrating their birthdays in April.

The club extends its condolences to Iain Renton on the recent death of his mother in Tasmania.

Karen Franklin and Michael Simpson recently returned from walking in New Zealand.

OUTINGS REPORT

The big Lockdown -

They say bad things in life come in threes, First it was the drought, then the fires, then the rain and now the corona virus. That makes four so it is really bad news. The only good news I can share is that no club members or their families have been directly infected by becoming ill from the corona virus; hopefully that will remain the case. Also, I am not aware of any indirect impacts of people losing jobs from being laid off from the closing down of business or other services being put on hold.

The restrictions as a result of the corona virus have come thick and fast: I have heard that in the last few days that the Wimbledon Tennis championship has been cancelled; that the Ekka for 2020 has been cancelled for only the third time in its history, and that many of the Gold Coast beaches have been closed. Also, several National Parks - like Purlingbrook Falls and Mt Tamborine, have been closed.

As you are aware from email updates, the committee of the Club made the decision in late March to cancel /suspend all walks until the end of May. Bushwalking by itself is arguably still a safe activity but it is the travel to the walk that is the concern as it may not come within the meaning of "essential travel.

I have heard that several people are doing private trips to places like Mt Maroon and Mt Greville. The reports indicated that lots of other people are doing walks to these places and the car parks are full. It seems to some people that walking there comes within the meaning of getting their regular exercise.

The period of time for the cancellation of walks is likely to be extended for several more weeks. I think I may be a bit optimistic but I hope we can be back on the track by early September 2020 or by early October at the latest. We need to keep hoping and dreaming.

More time for reading and surfing the web

With the corona virus restrictions, we are told to stay at home, so to help provide some reading options this month there are several articles in the magazine to provide extra reading material if you are an avid reader.

Numbers on Walks –

The average numbers on walks for March was up a bit to 7 but there were 3 cancelled walks in that month. The cancellations were due to the closure of Mt Barney National Park as a result of bushfire damage and one due to the corona virus restrictions - namely the North Straddie trip.

Past Outings Summary for March

Date	Trip	Leader	No.
7 Mar	Sunnybank -Oxley	Greg	13
14 Mar	Tibro & Ngun Gun	Phil	5
21 Mar	Club Hut Feast	Cancelled	0
22 Mar	Club Hut Daywalk	Cancelled	0
22 Mar	Southport Surfers	Phil	4
28 Mar	North Straddie	Cancelled	<u>0</u>
			22
	Average for March		7

Most National Parks are not closed to walking

Most national parks are currently not closed to walking, for example places like Mt Maroon and Mt Greville are still open and are well patronised.

So theoretically, the Club can do a walk where there are only 2 walkers in the group. I have done several pre-outings in the past where there have been only 2 people in the party. Perhaps we can start doing this as Club trips. The problem is that usually the Club gets between 4 and 8 on the walk. But I would rather a walk go out with only 2 on the walk then no walk at all. I will be exploring this issue to see if there is any interest in just doing walks with 2 people on the walk.

“Walking Quote” for the month

*Above all, do not lose your desire to walk.
Every day I walk myself into a state of
well-being and walk away from every illness.
I have walked myself into my best thoughts,
and I know of no thought so burdensome
that one cannot walk away from it. –
But by sitting still, & the more one sits still,
the closer one comes to feeling ill.
Thus, if one just keeps on walking,
everything will be all right.*

Soren Kierkegaard (5 May 1813 – 11 November 1855),

I had never heard of him before I found this quote. According to wiki he was a 19th Century Danish philosopher and theologian. He was barely known in his own lifetime but subsequent generations have a much higher opinion. He is regarded by many academics as "by far, the most profound thinker of the Nineteenth Century".

Stay safe and I hope to see you on the track soon

Phil

BUY Petrol NOW as it is less than \$1 per Litre. Won't last as there is now an agreement to limit production, thus the price will rocket up again. You can now drive anywhere cheaply.



THE CLUB'S WEB SITE

<https://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au>

Keep looking at our website for the latest BCBC updates. It will show all the latest information of what is happening and what will happen,

It has been under development for over a year now AND it is LIVE.

Go in and have a look at it.

Go through the pages. Look at them. Test it out.

It still a work in progress, so is nowhere at its full potential.

The extra bits will be bolted on over the coming months and years.

You will still get Jilalan in the physical or electronic form and you will still nominate to the Leader.

It is business as usual.

Happy hunting.

PAST EVENTS

TIBROGARGAN & NGUNGUN

SATURDAY 14th MARCH

DAYWALK

A lovely walk just north of Brisbane. The weather was a bit overcast and humid.

Tibro is a short sharp walk; it is only 3km return but it is very steep and very challenging in places. I found it a tough walk as it took nearly 4 hours to do. Or, should I say, climb rather than walk. As it was hands and feet most of the trip.

We set out in a confident mood and were looking forward to a quick walk. But, at the first rock face there was an interminable delay since another walker was stuck for over 15 minutes at top of the chimney at the first rockface - young lady just couldn't get over the top ledge. Eventually she got up, but in that time, we had 2 from our group change their plan and do the Tibro Circuit walk. Khaleel, Benno and I continued on.



BENNO CLIMBING UP TIBRO , PHIL IN THE BACKGROUND, KHALEEL THE PHOTO

I should mention that there were scores of people doing both walks and several times on Tibro we had to wait for others to get past the tricky sections. I should also mention that there were about 6 people doing Tibro with bare feet and one in thongs.

Thanks to Khaleel Petrus, Benno Giuliani, John Brack and Liz Little for joining me on the trip.

SOUTHPORT to SURFERS to THE SOUTHPORT SPIT
SUNDAY 22nd MARCH
The Last Daywalk Before The Covid-19 Lock Down

A lovely walk in the heart of the Gold Coast. The weather was just perfect, clear blue skies and a soft north-east breeze. The walk was the last day walk before the Covid-19 lock down restrictions became extremely restrictive.

The trip unfolded just as planned. We caught the new Gold Coast Ferry service called HOPO from the Southport Broadwater Parklands jetty and sailed /motored across to SeaWorld then glided over the sparkling waters down to Marina Mirage.

It was a beautiful day sitting on the top deck admiring the views of the Gold Coast high-rises and the mountains of Springbrook and Mt Cougal in the distance.

It was picture perfect. The only way to make it better would be a nice cold beer. The good news they were selling beers. But the quirky news was that the only beers they had for sale were Corona beers. So, I just had to have one and Khaleel joined me to mark the occasion.

Khaleel & Phil Testing The Corona Medicinal Ales



We set off down the Broadwater towards the Gold Coast Arts Centre which has a new name, Home of the Arts. It is called HOTA for short. (pronounced *hoe-tar not hot-ah*)

We could have disembarked here but the ferry still had about 1km to go to Surfers so we stayed on to maximise the time on the boat and actually disembarked 15 minutes later when the ferry came back to HOTA.

At HOTA, we traipsed around the gardens and enjoyed some of the amazing sculptures and art installations. We then crossed the



Green Bridge - which is actually blue in colour. We then zig-zagged thru a few streets to get to Budd's Beach for an early lunch. Then we zig-zagged a bit more to get to MacIntosh Island where we crossed another footbridge to get to the beach at Narrowneck.

Liz Enjoying The Tranquil Conditions On The Ferry

The Bridge In The Background Is The New Green Bridge Which Is Actually Blue – It Must Be A Government Thing

The party then sauntered northwards along the beach towards our destination which was a long way away. We could just see the breakwater in the very far distance. I did think of offering the group a shortened version of the trip to cut across to SeaWorld early. But no one complained. So, we just kept on walking, walking, walking and before we knew it, we were nearly there. We walked out to the tip of the breakwater which, according to my UBD street directory, is called Nerang Head (the seaway is also the mouth of the Nerang River so obviously that is the reason for the name of the Head) and the northern breakwater is called Porpoise Head.



Benno, Liz & Khaleel Practising Social Distancing

They Were Enjoying The Perfect Weather At The Beach At The 'Spit

This Beach Has Now Been Closed Due To The Corona Virus Restrictions

We then backtracked along the beach and cut across the bushland area to find the ferry terminal at SeaWorld. We spotted several Stone Bush Curlews here. They are a strange bird. They don't fly away but act like a statue and hope you don't see them. But we could see them.

The ferry arrived in a few minutes and we back at the Southport Parklands before you could say "Jack Robinson".



It was a very pleasant day and especially to make use of the ferry which was withdrawn from service the following day due to corona virus concerns. But a sceptic like me thinks the ferry service was cancelled because it was costing too much and there was miniscule patronage from the general public.

I should add there was one minor snag. We turned up early for the 9.00am ferry but we were a bit crestfallen to find out we had to wait a bit longer than expected. The timetable got changed a few days before the trip went out but both timetables were still listed on the web site hence the confusion. So rather than complain we just stayed put and had a long and leisurely morning tea on the jetty which was a lovely vantage point to watch the boats going up and down the river.

Thanks to Khaleel, Benno and Liz for joining me on the trip.

Phil

**COFFEE NIGHT @ ION CAFÉ
WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL
SOCIAL**

Corona Virus or no Corona Virus, we still had our Coffee Night - just the two of us from the one household! Thank goodness Café ION Bar was still open for takeaways (coffee, food and alcohol!)

Though the tables were gone, the seats stacked, a big warning sign at the door, we were not deterred. ION is, after all, the nearest pizza place in our (broadly defined) "local area". Greg arrived by train from the City and I drove, then walked to 5 Irvine St, Mitchelton, where we studied the menu outside before moving inside to place our order, at a safe distance from the counter, of course. We discussed



the options briefly and ended up deciding we couldn't go past the "Corona Special", a large gourmet chicken pizza with two beers – Coronas, of course!!.

Then, while our dinner was being prepared and cooked in the large pizza oven on the back deck (where we were supposed to be dining with all our BCBC Coffee Night friends), we went for a Stroll around the streets surrounding the Café/Bar. And what a pleasure it was – lovely pre- and post-war houses, the solid type with fancywork, lattice, posts and railings. There were also lots of tasteful renovations; and some new-builds as well. A delightful bonus was the natural beauty of the area. In addition to well-cared-for gardens and native foliage along the creeks and gullies, the whole area is full of well-established trees, so I was able to take multiple photos for my Trees collection – all really beautiful, well-proportioned, large and shady trees. Lovely!



After collecting our hot, tantalisingly-tasty-smelling pizza and two cold Corona beers (from Mexico), the restaurant-owners invited us to consider the other items 'on offer' – i.e. available for sale due to the forced closure of their restaurant/bar, just months after they bought the business and ploughed all their money into it: wines from their restaurant stock; 12.5kg bags of Plain and Self-Raising Flour they'd normally use for all their dine-in pizzas; and individual packs of toilet paper! We came home with both wine and flour. The latter has been shared round; while the wine has definitely stayed with us, to accompany Isolation Dinners at our place during this Corona Virus Stay-Home time.

Thanks to Greg for joining me on this very pleasant Club Social. Sorry everyone else had to miss out!!
Michele E



AROUND THE RIDGES

We have been back 3 weeks from the USA; just ahead of the wave! Had a wonderful time. Arrived back on a crowded 'contact traced' plane with a sore throat. I had a test and was found to have flu; not Covid-19. After a 2-week quarantine /sick leave, I've been back at work for one week. Working from home most days.

I hope you are well and not missing your usual activities!

Best wishes

Peggy

2020 BUSHWALKER'S PILGRIMAGE

From: BWQ <secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au>
To: Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Inc. <briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au>;
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2020,
Subject: Pilgrimage 2020 cancelled

Due to the ongoing health crisis, this year's Pilgrimage that was scheduled for 21 - 23 August is being postponed.

Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club are offering to host the Pilgrimage in 2021 instead. Depending on how the rest of the year turns out, BWQ may look at putting on a lowkey event in place of the Pilgrimage towards the end of the year.

Do stay safe, and we will see you around the ridges when all this is over.

John Marshall
President
Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

REQUEST

I have received a request from a member of St William's parish.
Can anyone in the Club help with a prayer kneeler?
Regards
Joe Tottenham Ph: 3351 4493

THE CLUB HUT AND THE FIRE SEASON **SUMMER THOUGHTS**

By Iain Renton

Such great memories. When I was a kid summer was always camping holidays by the sea. Our family would be in a canvas tent with side walls poled out like awnings. We would have sweeping views of sandy beach, pounding surf and deep blue sea. There were weeks of reading, relaxing, playing cards and walking along the beach. We would return home refreshed for the coming year.

Not so this last summer. Everybody has seen those television images of fearful holidaymakers huddled on the beach, while on the headland across the bay, a bright flower of flame erupts as another home is lost. These were holidays full of choking smoke and glowing red skies with daylight almost turned to night. Back in our major cities we endured an endless purgatory of hot, smoky days. Weeks without seeing blue sky. An alien smokiness seeped through our lives. Worse than the discomfort was the knowledge that people were dying and all that smoke had once been our magnificent bush heritage, our now decimated wildlife, and our family homes reduced to mangled piles of rusty iron. One farmer was stunned to see the very earth on fire (the vegetable matter he had carefully built up in his soils was burning). When would it all end?

Well, the rain came and Brisbane is now lush and green, but the threat of hot, dry weather is still with us. We had been warned that devastating fires were coming. We know that there is potentially worse to come. Across the world, thousands of scientists have been studying our environment and atmosphere. They include geologists, biologists, mathematicians, oceanographers, climate scientists and many other disciplines. They are working with countless data points: growth rings of coral or trees, Antarctic ice cores and complex weather models built on supercomputers over decades of research. One example of the sophistication involved is a pair of NASA satellites that can measure the presence of groundwater or the moisture in Australian soils by recording variations in gravity.

We have a clear message from all these experts. WE HAVE THIRTY YEARS. Thirty years to turn around our massive industrialised economies. Thirty years to stop using diesel- and petrol-powered vehicles. Thirty years to stop generating electricity by burning fossil fuels. By 2050 we have to have net zero carbon emissions into the atmosphere. The longer we defer action the harder and more expensive it gets.

Unfortunately, in Australia, any discussion about climate action soon degenerates into a deeply polarised debate. It need not be this way. In New Zealand, the UK, France, Germany and other countries there is cross party support for climate action. Ten years ago, in Canberra there was a cautious move towards a bi-partisan approach to climate change but an ambitious political brawler entered the scene. He capitalised on a deep vein of climate change scepticism in his party and took over the leadership. What then followed in federal politics was a soul-numbing mix of Greek tragedy and farce. The hard right since then has frequently held governments to ransom, stalling action on climate change.

Early this year I headed off to walk to the Club Hut. I was worried and apprehensive. I was walking into one of my favourite bush places anxious to see how it had fared after severe fires in the area. As I followed the walking track the fire damage became progressively worse. I reached a ridge of blackened earth and a forest of tall vertical stakes that had once been trees. And it was silent - no bird calls, not even a single insect chirp, just total silence. My heart sank. This was not looking good for the hut, my special place. As I crossed successive ridges the fire's impact lessened and when I crested the final ridge the sight was glorious. The forest was lush and green after recent rain. It was fully canopied and full of birds and insects and life. Oh, such sweet, soothing relief, my favourite place was safe.

Afterwards I thought of the words of Moses as he spoke to his people as they were about to enter the promised land after forty years in the wilderness: "I offer you the choice of life or death, blessing or curse, choose life and you and your descendants shall live." These words resonate for us today. Each day each of us enters the promised land of the future. Each day we enter the future making decisions about the direction we take. I have in my mind's eye two images: the burnt-out ridge and the lush forest. At this point in history humanity has a choice. That choice is ours to make. What will we choose?

A NOTE on the article 'SUMMER THOUGHTS'

Iain Renton.

I hope you are all well and managing in these strange upside-down times.

For the previous Jilalan I was asked to write a report on the Club Hut and how it had fared in the November fires. While writing the report I felt that there was more I would like to say but decided to leave the extra material to later. My article "Summer Thoughts" in this issue of Jilalan is the result of those extra thoughts. Since this article involves the expression of personal opinions on potentially contentious issues, I will now make this statement:

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS NOTE AND THE ARTICLE "SUMMER THOUGHTS" ARE MY OWN AND NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE CLUB, BCBC COMMITTEE, OR JILALAN EDITOR.

As I was writing this article the Covid-19 pandemic really started to take off and I began to wonder whether now was the time to submit an article like this. These are serious times across the world and the daily statistics of death and infection rates are very sobering. But with many of our usual diversions and distractions closed down, maybe now is the time to hit the PAUSE button in our busy lives (I realise many are still working very hard in essential services etc.). Maybe it is time to start thinking about the world we would like to have once everything is up and running again. We could hope for a world that is really serious about caring for other people and also looking after the environment. While acknowledging the virus's massive death toll and the impact it will have on our economy, I am optimistic that a vaccine will be developed and life will eventually get back to normal. I'm also optimistic that the problem of climate change can be addressed. I am looking forward to the time when we can walk together in the bush again. Thank you for listening to what I have to say.



EXTENDED WALKING

PIPE DREAMS

LOOKING AHEAD – FUTURE INTERSTATE WALKS ??

I received a magazine from another bushwalking Club last week and they had nothing in the magazine in respect of future walks. I felt extremely disappointed and I thought it was incumbent on the Club's committee to maintain and develop interest in walking opportunities. Presumably, the restrictions will be lifted, someday. But in the interim, as the travel restrictions due to the Corona Virus become tighter, it is time to give yourself permission to ***“let your mind go walkabout”*** and start dreaming about where we will go when the restrictions are lifted.

It is this looking ahead and dreaming that will keep us as a club alive and going forward. To borrow a quote from a great writer

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.

Live the life you've imagined.”

– Henry David Thoreau

Later this year in September the Club is heading to Western Australia to do the Cape to Cape walk. Hopefully, the corona virus restrictions will be eased by then and the trip will go ahead.

I would like to share another possible dream destination, namely Tasmania. But the dream is not to do a hard six-day throughwalk, but a base camp with 6 days of daywalks to do some of the special day walks that can be done in that corner of Australia. The walks suggested are three easy walks, with 2 medium walks and one hard walk.

The proposed itinerary is as follows

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|---------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------|--------|
| • Day 1 | Saturday | Fly to Hobart - | Drive to top of Mt Wellington | | |
| • Day 2 | Sunday | Tasman Peninsula | Crescent Bay & Mt Brown | 10km | easy |
| • Day 3 | Monday | Taman Peninsula – | Cape Raoul | 14km | medium |
| • Day 4 | Tuesday | Mt Field- | Tarn Shelf & Lake Webster | 14km | medium |
| • Day 5 | Wednesday | Bruny Island | Cape Queen Elizabeth | 12km | easy |
| • Day 6 | Thursday | Hartz Mountains | Hartz Peak & Mt Snowy | 10km | hard |
| • Day 7 | Friday | South West N P. | Lion Rock (South Coast Track) | 16km | easy |
| • Day 8 | | fly back to Brisbane | | | |

The suggested week for the trip is for the week December Sat 5th Dec to Sat 12th Dec. I haven't worked out where to stay yet but I won't be camping in tents. The exact accommodation depends if there is any interest from other members. I have a preference for motels or B&B's. I am getting too old to rough it. At this stage I am a definite, as time to do this and other similar trips is running out. If the restrictions are still in place in December, we will put the trip on next year.

Low tide for the Lion Rock and South Cape Bay Walk on Friday 11th is at 12.24pm.

Crescent Bay & Mt Brown	https://hikinginsetasmania.blogspot.com/search/label/Crescent%20Bay-Tasman%20Peninsula
Cape Raoul	https://hikinginsetasmania.blogspot.com/search/label/Cape%20Raoul-Tasman%20Peninsula
Tarn Shelf & Lake Webster	https://hikinginsetasmania.blogspot.com/search/label/Tarn%20Shelf-Mount%20Field
Cape Queen Elizabeth	https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/tasmania/cape-queen-elizabeth-track or https://www.flickr.com/photos/96637539@N08/sets/72157645548201111/
South Cape Bay & Lion Rock (South Coast Track)	https://hikinginsetasmania.blogspot.com/search/label/South%20Cape%20Bay-Far%20South
Hartz Peak & Mt Snowy	https://hikinginsetasmania.blogspot.com/search/label/Hartz%20Peak-Hartz%20Mountains

If you are wondering where I got the idea for these walks, they came from 2 guidebooks (*100 Walks in Tasmania* by Tyrone Thomas and *Days Walks Tasmania*, John & Monica Chapman) and from the Hobart Walking Club's monthly magazine. I will note that the Hobart Walking Club does about 4 trips each year to Cape Queen Elizabeth. From the photos you will see why it is so popular as it is extremely beautiful. The intriguing thing is why the Cape Queen Elizabeth walk isn't listed in the guidebooks. I am not sure but I suspect you may need to traverse private land to do the trip. Still have to do some homework on that issue.

	100 Walks in Tasmania by Tyrone Thomas	Days Walks Tasmania, J & M Chapman
Crescent Bay & Mt Brown	Yes page 44	no
Cape Raoul	Yes, page 47	Yes , Page 34
Tarn Shelf & Lake Webster	Yes, page 83	Yes, page 70
Cape Queen Elizabeth	no	No
Lion Rock (South Coast Track)	No	Yes . page 59
Hartz Peak & Mt Snowy	No	Yes, page 54

Phil

SELF ISOLATION READING

BOOK REVIEW

Due to the current corona virus lock down we are requested to stay home and you may be interested in some books on walking to fill in the time. Below is a review of a book on walking by Simon Sharma who has is an acclaimed author and has written many well-regarded books on history.

LANDSCAPE AND MEMORY

by Simon Schama

In Landscape and Memory Schama ranges over continents and centuries to reveal the psychic claims that human beings have made on nature. It is a history book unlike any other. In a series of journeys through space and time, it examines our relationship with the landscape around us – rivers, mountains, forests – the impact each of them has had on our culture and imaginations, and the way in which we, in turn, have shaped them to answer our needs.

This is not a conventional history book, but a book that builds up its argument by a series of poetic stories and impressions which cumulatively have the effect of a great novel. The primeval forest, the river of life, the sacred mount – at the end of this wonderful book we understand where these ideas have come from, why they are so compelling and how they still lie all around us. At 670 pages it is a heft read. But it isn't in the Brisbane City Council library

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TO LIVE FULLY

FOREWORD- TO 33rd ANNUAL REPORT, 1990

*I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately.
I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life.
To put to rout all that was not life,
and not when I came to die,
discover that I had not lived.*

-Dead Poets Society.

The ideal of living a full life, of living deeply, is certainly one that appeals to most of us. We can sense the tragedy of the opposite - of discovering at the end of life that one has not lived.

But what does it mean 'to live fully'?

I think an essential element of living fully is entering into relationships with others, widening and deepening our web of human associations.

We enter into relationships with others in many ways through our work, through social contact, through friendship, through marriage and family. Our relationships with some will be deeper than with others. Probably we can enter into deep relationships with only a very few people.

Club life, participating in club activities may not be the most significant way of establishing relationships but it is not insignificant either. The spirit of the BCBC has often been remarked on by visitors to the Club who feel that the interaction of members in a spirit of genuine friendliness is quite a significant feature of the Club often perhaps unnoticed or taken for granted by long time members. May it continue and grow.

And the activities of a bushwalking club are such as to bring us into contact with many basic elements in our human existence. They bring us into contact with Nature in all its beauty...the beauty of running water, of the glow of fire, of the majesty of mountain ranges.

Truly many of the best things in life are free. And the activities often involve simple basic interactions...food shared, assistance asked and assistance given, problems encountered and solved together—experiences accumulated for later discussion, reflection, enjoyment and laughter.

May those who belong to the club and share in its activities be enriched by their contact with the beauty of Nature. May they widen and deepen their relationships with others.

Fr Edwin Nally.

**ARCHBISHOP BATHERSBY'S HOMILY
AT THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR
THE BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB
30th March 2008 - St Brigid's Catholic Parish, Red Hill**

ARCHBISHOP BATHERSBY'S died in early March 2020 and there are many in the Club who no doubt are aware of his strong links with the Club; and also, there may be many new members who are unaware of his link with this Club.

In summary, Archbishop Bathersby, amongst his many obligations, was also a very keen bushwalker at heart. He was known by many for climbing Mt Tibrogargan nearly every Monday which was his day-off from ecclesiastical duties. He also did several walks with the Club over the years and celebrated several milestone events with the Club.

He was the lead celebrant at the Club's 50th Anniversary Mass in 2008, and also was the celebrant at the Barney Mass 50th Anniversary Mass in 2010. He also celebrated the Barney Mass for the Club in 1985 and in 2007.

A quick summary into his views on bushwalking and the Christian faith can be found in his homily from the Club's 50th Anniversary Mass at St Brigid's Church at Red Hill. I was fortunate to be able to get a copy of his homily shortly after he delivered it and now is an opportune moment to share his thoughts and views with Club members.

Members of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club, all of you my brothers and sisters in the one family of God.

I have always had a fascination for the bush and the mountains. Why? I don't know. It may have something to do with my early life in Stanthorpe when I practically lived on Quatpot Creek, at the same time climbing the small granite outcrops that flanked the creek, with only the Pyramid at Girraween and Bald Rock at Boonoo Boonoo providing reasonable challenges.

Later when I came to Brisbane as Spiritual Director at Banyo Seminary, my fascination remained, focussing then upon the Glasshouse group of mountains extending on to Mounts Barney, Lindsay, and the peaks scattered around Cunningham's Gap.

In 1986 I became Bishop of Cairns and the fascination extended then to Mt Bartle Frere, the Pyramid at Gordonvale, and peaks that stretched from Mossman in the north to Tully in the south.

My attraction to mountains involved much more than merely their challenge. Indeed, they could not be separated from my faith. For me there is always another-worldly feeling on the tops of mountains, a sense of otherness, for me personally a sense of God. I never ever climb a mountain without praying on its summit to God.

The most fascinating mountain I have ever climbed and the deepest emotion I have ever experienced was strangely not associated with my standing under the huge white flood-lit cross on the top of the Devil's Bit in Tipperary, but climbing in the darkness to the top of Mt Sinai in Egypt during the 2000 WYD pilgrimage. A mountain the same height as Kosciusko, Mt Sinai cannot be climbed during the day because of the debilitating heat of the area. It can only be climbed late at night guided by hand-held torches. One of the most fascinating sights I had ever seen is the trail of light winding ever so slowly up the mountain, and then once on top, looking down on the same trail of lights snaking back to the distant ground. Once on top waiting for the sunrise there is an incredible silence, together with the accompanying realisation of standing on holy ground, joined with an emotion that makes it impossible not to praise and worship God, as tears of joy fill one's eyes. For myself nothing will ever match that experience and I thank God for it.

I mention all this today on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the foundation of your Club because I think you bushwalkers are "sui generis", a special breed, an especially blessed group. You are different from other people not only because of your love of the bush and the mountains but because of the manner in which this love of bush is associated with faith, and in your particular case with your Christian faith.

As a 71-year-old Archbishop going on 72, I have never felt happier in my life than I do now. That happiness is associated with a love of all life and cannot be separated from my faith. Christ's promise to give us life and life in its fullness seems to be a reality for me, and a part of that reality I am sure springs from a love that extends not just to people, important as they are, but to all of creation, with its flowers, its trees, its creeks, its clouds, its sky, its rain, its birds, its animals. Heaven doesn't start only after death. It starts right here and now and continues into eternity. I was fascinated to hear, I think from two climbers, on the trip up Mt Barney last year that when they look at Barney they hear it calling to them like an old friend, saying, "Come and climb me". I didn't find their words strange. I knew exactly what they were talking about.

During the holidays I read a difficult but marvellous book, "A Secular Age" by Professor Charles Taylor, in which he criticises the lack of transcendence in our culture today – the reality of so many people living without God. In one section he writes

"What tells the other way are precisely the moral meanings of the universe, the sense of our deep nature, of a current running through all things, which resonates in us; the experience of being opened up to something deeper and fuller by the contact with nature".

I also read some of the excellent forewords in the yearly reports written by Father Ed Nally that agree with Taylor. They are full of faith and full of wisdom. In the 34th annual report Ed wrote:

"Our desire to find God is perhaps much more deeply part of us than we realise or are prepared to admit."

"There seems to be an awareness of the importance of nature in our search for God. Closeness to nature will frequently mean closeness to God."

Surely that is what your club is all about, which makes it a marvellous adornment of this Archdiocese.

The post-Easter scripture this morning speaks to all of us. The first reading from Acts of the Apostles describes a community that comes together driven by faith, and in your particular case I would add, by your love of nature. The letter of Peter praises those who are strengthened by the Risen Christ. I'm sure you can't look at the beauty of nature without thinking of the risen Christ at the heart of it all. You truly live that fullness of life spoken of by Jesus. Not unlike the letter of Peter is the gospel of John that describes the presence of the risen Christ at the heart of the Church, and indeed at the heart of all creation. If I read you correctly as bushwalkers you can't separate the risen Christ from the beauty of nature that surrounds you. In this you are truly blessed by God. Don't ever take that blessing for granted.

So today could I congratulate all of you for who you are living within this Archdiocese. Would that more people might be able to recognise God as you do.

Could I thank in particular two of your founders who are with us today William Hayes and Raoul Mellish. We thank them from the bottom of hearts, as well as all those people since the foundation of the club who have so generously guided and supported it over the years.

I am delighted that this club was established in this Archdiocese and continues to exist today. It is not merely a gathering of like-minded people, excellent as that is, but a club that promotes the mission of the Church by making it possible for young or not so young people to experience God in each other, and also to experience God in the beauty of nature that surrounds them. May God bless and reward you all for what you have done. May your excellent club move forward towards the next fifty years with as much faith, courage and determination as it has shown in the past. May Mary, mother of Jesus and your patroness, continue to be your model of service to Jesus, and a powerhouse of prayer for your club well into the future.

By Archbishop John Bathersby

Notes on the above Homily by Phil: –

For those who noticed the reference to the mountain called ***Devil's Bit*** in County Tipperary may be intrigued as to why there is a reference to that mountain in the homily. I suspect most people in the Club have never heard of the *Devil's Bit* let alone know that it was a mountain in Ireland or why it is special or why it is mentioned.

By way of background, I was involved as the liaison person to arrange for the Archbishop to be the celebrant for the 50th Anniversary Mass. I had advised the Archbishop that Willie Hayes, a founder of the Club, would be attending and that Willie (a former priest) now resides in County Tipperary. I wasn't aware if there were any special protocols to follow if a former priest was to be a guest at a special Mass like the 50th Anniversary but I thought I should mention it. Obviously, there wasn't any concerns or protocols to follow.

I had contacted Willie Hayes in 2005 and had a meeting with him in 2005 and at some point he had mentioned doing a walk to the Devil's Bit. Anyhow the Devils Bit is described by Wiki as follows:

*The Devil's Bit (Irish: Bearnán Éile) is a mountain in County Tipperary, Ireland which is 478m (1570 feet) above sea level at its highest elevation. It lies to the north-west of the town of Templemore. According to local legend, the mountain got its name because the devil took a bite out of it. There is a small gap in the mountain between one outcrop of rock (**known as the Rock**) and another small plateau. The bite the devil allegedly took made this gap. The legend suggests that the devil broke his teeth taking this bite and spat the Rock of Cashel from his mouth to where it now stands.* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil%27s_Bit

A cross was erected in 1953–54. It stands 45 feet high and has a span of 25 feet. All tools and materials for this construction project were carried to the Rock by hand. The cross is presently illuminated at night. Holy Mass is celebrated at the base of the Rock each year on Rock Sunday, which is the closest Sunday to the feast of St James (25 July).

<https://wanderingon.com/hiking-the-devils-bit-co-tipperary-ireland/>

Of interest is that Willie Hayes served as a priest at the Rock of Cashel for a short period of time.

Also, the BCBC has a tradition similar to the Holy Mass at the Devil's Bit as we celebrate a Mass on Mt Barney every year but not on the Summit of Mt Barney but in the saddle at the base of East Peak. So, the celebration on the Devil's Bit seems to follow a similar tradition of not being on the summit but in the saddle of the mountain.

As further background information, one of the former Archbishops of Brisbane was Patrick O'Donnell (Brisbane Archbishop from 10th April 1965 until 5th March 1973). He was born on 2nd February 1897 in the town of Fethard (population of 1,545 in 2016), County Tipperary. And Willie Hayes was also born in Fethard County Tipperary. Perhaps Archbishop Bathersby was making a subtle reference to the link between county Tipperary to the Club.

I don't know for certain the exact reason for the reference to the Devil's Bit but I suspect the above points were a significant contributing factor to make a reference to the history of mountains to people

who had an influence on the founding of the Club. There may be other credible theories out there but I am yet to hear of any.

Also, to provide Archbishop Bathersby with some background reading in preparation of his homily, I provided him with copies of several of the forewords to the Club Annual Report and he focused on one of the writings by Fr Ed Nally and included a quote from one of his Forewords.

Phil Murray

ANZAC DAY - SPLENDOUR ROCK MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Splendour Rock is a rock platform at the southern end of Mt Dingo in the Wild Dog Mountains. About 20km from Katoomba. There are wonderful views of the region's wild and spectacular valleys, gorges, cliffs and mountain ranges. It is the site for a special memorial.



We can't have our usual Anzac Day celebrations this year due to the Corona Virus. But as Bushwalkers we should know a little something about a special spot in the Blue Mountains where there is a special memorial spot for Bushwalkers who lost their lives in WW2. There is a memorial service held there every year on Anzac Day to honour those bushwalkers who lost their lives in WW2. I suspect it may be held again this year as I don't think there will be any police there to stop them.



Plaque 1 - Bushwalkers who fell in World War II

**IN MEMORY OF
BUSHWALKERS
WHO FELL
IN WORLD WAR II
THEIR SPLENDOUR SHALL NEVER FADE**



Plaque 2 – Mates

**- MATES –
2 / 17th Battalion AIF 1939 – 45**
The 2 / 17th is allowed a special honour reserved for Battalions in the Second AIF that were part of the siege of Tobruk in 1942; hence the “T” shape on the MATES plaque.

On Anzac Day, 1948, the simple bronze plaque commemorating the memory of Bushwalkers who fell in World War II was unveiled at Splendour Rock, Mount Dingo, in the heart of the Wild Dog Mountains. (this is an area of the Blue Mountains about 20kms south of Katoomba). In the distance are the mountains - Mt Cloudmaker, the Gangerang Range, Mt Paralyser and Mt Gouougang - a spiritual home of the Bushwalkers - all lie within our gaze from this wonderful viewpoint. Each Anzac Day at dawn, a commemoration is conducted at Splendour Rock. I suspect that there may be a few diehard bushwalkers will honour the tradition.

<https://www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au/content/bushwalkers-war-memorial-splendour-rock>

<https://dingogap.net.au/places/splendour-rock>

“Mad Harry Murray” (1880–1966)

ANZAC day is coming soon, so a question to consider is do you know who Australia’s most highly decorated soldier is.

The answer is that the most decorated soldier in Australia's military history is the Tasmanian born Henry William (Harry) Murray, aka 'Mad' Harry. He was the most highly decorated infantry soldier during World War I throughout the British Empire. He served in both World War I and World War II, rising from the ranks to Lt Col in WWI and serving as Lt Col in WWII.



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During World War I, he was awarded the following honours:

- **Victoria Cross**, Mar 1917, Gueudecourt, France;
- **Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George** (CMG), Jun 1919, France;
- **Distinguished Service Order** (DSO) **and Bar #**, Nov 1916, Mouquet Farm, France, and Jun 1917, Bullecourt, France;
- **Distinguished Conduct Medal** (DCM), Aug 1915, Gallipoli;
- **Croix de Guerre**, Jan 1919, France.
- He was also **mentioned in despatches four times** during the French campaign.

After the war, Harry led a secluded life on sheep stations in the Queensland bush a property called “Glenlyon”, at Richmond, in Queensland. He rarely attended Anzac Day services or unit reunions, avoided publicity and protected his privacy. He died following a car accident on 7th January 1966. He was interred at Mount Thompson Crematorium with full military honours after a funeral service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brisbane. In February 2006 a statue of Harry was installed at his original hometown of Evandale, Tasmania, where the Governor-General Michael Jeffery unveiled the statue.

The Australian War Memorial (AWM) website has an article about him but doesn't mention that he rarely went to an ANZAC DAY service.

Also, of note is that he went on an overseas sightseeing tour to Europe and France in 1956 and he refused to visit the battlefield sites. There is an excellent biography about him by George Franki and

Clyde Slatyer called *Mad Harry: Australia's Most Decorated Soldier*. (2003). But that book is not in the Brisbane City Council Library collection.

in simple terms the bar to the Distinguished Service Order indicates that he received the same medal twice.



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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Ordinary Members: \$20; Associate Members: \$16; Spouse Members - Ordinary: \$20;

Spouse Members – Associate: \$16; Country: \$20.

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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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From Qld Parks and Wildlife Service Protected Area Closures 09/04/2020 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As part of the Queensland Government's ongoing response to COVID-19, additional high use visitor areas in national parks, state forests and recreation areas managed by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will close from midnight, Thursday 9th April until further notice.

This includes the full closure of national park islands including Mulgumpin (Moreton Island), Hinchinbrook Island, and other closures subject to Chief Health Officer Directives at Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and K'Gari (Fraser Island), as well as areas within a number of other national parks that experience high levels of visitors. Newly closed locations also include swimming holes, summit trails and carparks.

This follows the recent closure of all camping areas, visitor centres and other high use visitor areas across Queensland. The closure is a necessary precaution to safeguard the health and safety of the community and applies to all users including commercial tour operations.

Check the full and current list of closures at Park Alerts <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/covid-19>.

We will be working to ensure the safe closure of these locations and thank you for your support and cooperation during this time. We will continue to keep you informed of any further updates.

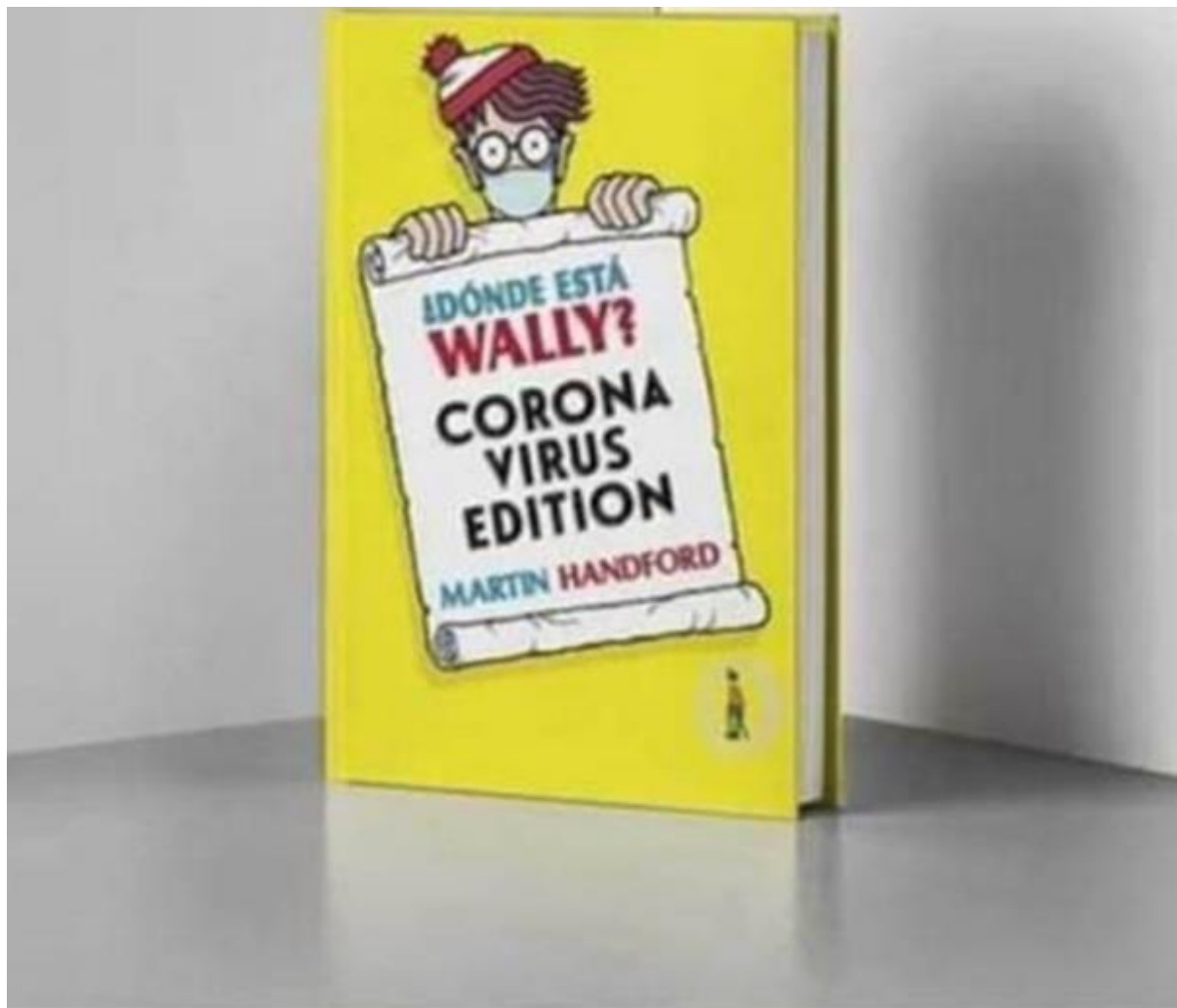
Kind regards, Deputy Director-General, Ben Klaassen

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge



Where's The Bushwalker?