

A 60th ANNIVERSARY EVENT



Toolona Creek Circuit – Sunday 28 January

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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Туре	Grade
15	JTS – Coffee Club Eagle St Pier	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
18 20	General Meeting – Photo Comp Griffith University to Holland Park	Greg Greg	3351 4092 3351 4092	Meet Stroll	M12
20	North Stradbroke Island (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DWt	M12 M22
23	Summer Soltice Salute	Russ	33743534	DW	M12
26 27/1	Tamborine Boxing Day Walk Walls of Jerusalem (Q)	Louise Michael	3399 4472 0409 620 714	DW TW	S22 XL47
277	Kelvin Grove to Red Hill	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M22
Jan 1	Greene's Falls/Western Window (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S22
3	Palm Beach to Currumbin Northgate Station to Westfield Chermside	Phil	5522 9702	Stroll	S22
3 6	Epiphany	Greg Jan	3351 4092 33743534	Stroll Soc	S11
8	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
10	Eight Mile Plains to Upper Mt Gravatt	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
13	Bellbird/Tullawallal Circuits (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
15	General Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
18	Coomera Falls (to Bahnamboola Falls) (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M33
19	JTS – Alliance Hotel	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
20	Mts Beerburrum & Ngungun (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S24
24	Coffee Night for Vinnies	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26/28	Bunya Mountains (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
28	Toolona Circuit (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L35
31	Blue Moon at The Full Moon	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
Feb 3	Purling Brook to Appletree Park (Q)	Kylie	0432 095 659	DW	S32
5	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	002
7	Coffee Night – Tuttos	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
				DW	M12
11	Enoggera Reservoir (Q)	Paul	0412 339 311		
13	Shrove Tuesday	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
14	Echo Falls	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M34
16	JTS – The Transcontinental Hotel	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
17	Tallebudgera Walkabout (Q)	John	5514 0285	DW	S22
19	General Meeting – AGM	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
Mar 2	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
3	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M11
4	Clean-Up Australia Day	Needed		DW	S11
5	Committee Meeting			Meet	
7	Coffee Night – Café 63 Wilston	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
10	60th Anniversary			Soc	
15	Varsity Lakes to Broadbeach	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M11
16	JTS – The German Club	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	14111
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17/18	Club Hut Feast (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	ON	S43
17	Club Hut Walk (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
19	General Meeting			Meet	
24	North Coast Mountains (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S45
30/2	Easter – Boonoo Boonoo (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
Apr 2	Pat's Easter Monday Walk (Q)	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
4/15	Commonwealth Games				
4	Coffee Night – Neighbourhood Pizza	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
7	Mermaid Mountain (Q)			DW	M25
9	Committee Meeting			Meet	
10	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	General Meeting			Meet	
19	Mt Cordeaux	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	S24
20	JTS – Gresham Hotel	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
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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	S&T	Safety & Training
ТW	Through Walk	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk
TRN	Training	SP	Spiritual Event
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	Q	Qualifying Walk

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 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

Give us a joy that is deep, A hope that is inspiring,

A faith that is strong,

A love that is generous,

A wisdom that sees through this world to you,

A confidence that finds you in every moment.

(Source: All Hallows' Past Pupils Mass, Nov 2008)



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The "Leaders Guide" is on the web at: http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html

Leaders: Print your own Event Nomination Form from the Club's web site.

A reminder to visitors that you are required to do 2 walks before Committee officially declares you a Member of the Club.

LEADERS

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, or cancel it – please tell Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620 714.

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT DAY WALK

Leader:	Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time:	7.00am.
Cost:	\$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading:	M33.
Emergency Officer:	Michele Endicott 3351 4092
Web:	http://www.geonaturewalksandtoursseqld.com.au/walks-tours

Come and walk off some of those excess Christmas kilojoules and join me on a medium walk at Binna Burra. The distance is only 12km and is rated easy to moderate. A small car shuffle is needed .

We start south of the information centre on the Shipstern Track to the bottom of the Nixon's Creek Valley. There are good viewing areas at two lookouts from where Egg Rock, Turtle Rock, the Numinbah Valley and Ship's Stern can be seen. From here the track winds down through eucalypt forest, rainforest and mixed forest. There are a few small cliff faces with orchids and ferns. The track finally leaves the rainforest and enters an area where there was an old dairy farm and traces of its previous existence are still visible.

We will finish the walk about 500 metres down from the Information Centre. Depending on time, we may do the short Tullawallal circuit afterwards.

The walk is all on graded track, and suitable for most walkers of average fitness.

Bring the usual day walk gear as well as at least 2 litres of water. We will finish the day with a coffee stop at Canungra.

MONDAY 15th JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

Contact:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092
Time:	7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where:	St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)
Web:	http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks.

Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether to come on the walk.

Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing.

THURSDAY 18th JANUARY

COOMERA CREEK (TO BAHNAMBOOLA FALLS) DAY WALK

Leader:	Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160.
Meet at:	To be advised.
Time:	6.30 am.
Cost :	\$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Distance:	14 km.
Grade:	M34.
Emergency Officer:	Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This is graded track walk up at Binna Burra.

We walk down the Coomera Creek Circuit past Coomera Falls to Bahnamboola Falls. We will have lunch here and possibly a quick dip. The highlight of the day is the Coomera Falls which are just awesome.

The walk is mainly through rainforest but also through a few areas where it is dry eucalyptus forest with an understorey of wildflowers.

It is an out and back walk. You may be asking why we aren't doing the full circuit, well, the answer is that the return journey along the Border Track is a bit boring (plus there is a trip along the Border Track in July 2018 to Mt Merino) and by stopping at Bahnamboola Falls it allows more time for a swim and to look for the Lamington Crayfish which should be out and about this time of year. Also we walk past Coomera Falls twice by doing an out and back trip.

The distance is 14.22 km, see details at page 48 in Tom Lackner's book *Discovering Binna Burra on Foot*. (2000 edition).

Bring the usual day walk stuff, plus I suggest you bring at least 2 litres of water as it will probably be very warm. May I suggest you bring a ground sheet or large raincoat to sit on at lunch time as it could be damp on the ground or rocks. Also ensure you apply rid or other insect repellent as there could be leeches.

I would like to start walking before 9.00 am and hopefully finish before 3.30 pm.

FRIDAY 19th JANUARY THE ALLIANCE HOTEL JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader:	Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.
Address:	320 Boundary Street, Spring Hill.
Time:	From 4pm till 9ish.
What For:	A chat and a beer and a meal.
Web:	https://www.thealliancehotel.com.au/

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. This month we are meeting at the Alliance Hotel in Spring Hill. We have only been there once before but those who were there loved it.

SATURDAY 20th JANUARY MTS BEERBURRUM & NGUNGUN (TO WATCH SUNSET OVER THE MOUNTAINS) DAY WALK

Leader:	Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542.
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time:	1.30pm. (please note late start)
Cost:	\$15 (car pool), \$2 (private).

Grading:	S33
Location:	Glass House Mountains
Emergency Officer:	Michele Endicott 0418 122 995
Web:	https://www.weekendnotes.com/climbing-mount-beerburrum/
	https://www.weekendnotes.com/mount-ngungun/

These are two very easy walks in the Glasshouse Mountains with the views being very rewarding. We will begin with Mt Beerburrum. At only 280metres high and 1.4km return, the walk is relatively short but there is quite a steep climb to the summit. A fire tower allows great panoramic views of all the surrounding Glasshouse Mountains as well as the Sunshine Coast to the north.

Our next stop will be the Glasshouse Mountains Visitor and Interpretative Centre. Here there is an abundance of historial information and a interactive screen about the area. We will spend a little time here before heading to Mt Ngungun. At 253 metres high and 2.8km return, a well maintained track meanders through open forest and ferns. Part way up the mountain the track passes a small rock overhang with a cave. This used to be the way up before a graded track was made to the top. Once at the top there are uninterrupted views of the other Glasshouse Mountains as well as the Sunshine Coast to the north.

The plan is to watch the sun setting over the mountain. Hopefully, the weather will be perfect to catch the moment on camera. The sun will set over the mountains at 6.40pm with the last light being 7.07pm. A torch with a spare battery will be a necessity as we make our way back to the cars. Also, insect repellent.

These walks are all on graded track, and suitable for most walkers with average fitness.

Tea will be eaten on top of the mountain before we make our return to the cars. Give me a call to nominate.

WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER SOCIAL FOR St VINNIES

Leader:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at:	Our table inside the Gaythorne RSL bistro.
Getting In:	Membership for life is \$1. If not a member, use your membership in
-	another club to gain reciprocal rights,
	OR call me over to sign you in.
Time:	6.30pm (or later), OR come straight after work.
Cost:	Depends on your order - approx \$12 to \$30 for a main course.
Location:	534 Samford Rd, Mitchelton, near the corner of Heliopolis Parade.
Entrance:	At the back in Tel-El-Kebir St through the carpark.
Parking:	At the rear off Tel-El-Kebir St.
Transport:	https://translink.com.au/
-	Bus Stop outside – Stop 33.
	Buses 390, 598 & 599.
	Mitchelton Train Station is within walking distance – Ferny Grove
	Line. Free courtesy bus covers wide area – see their web.
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https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1HP7ruJmlcyPYE3CRK-37uua9knk&ll=-27.4124839530707%2C152.97075715000005&z=13

	Last bus at 8pm
Web:	http://gaythornersl.com.au/dining/
Emergency Officer:	Greg 0418 122 995
RSVP:	Monday 22nd – I need to book a table or two.

The Bistro has been under new management for almost a new year.

At the start of every year, we have a fundraiser for St Vinnies. This a dinner / coffee night. Each person donates a note or two 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. A good place for visitors to get to meet us.

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

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY 25th TO 28th JANUARY BUNYA MOUNTAINS BASE CAMP

Leader:	Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.
Meet at:	TBA.
Time:	TBA.
Cost:	\$35.00 for petrol + \$170.00/\$17.25 accommodation/camping costs.
Grading:	Various.
Location:	Bunya Mountain North West of Toowoomba.
Emergency Officer:	Terry Silk 3355 9765.

The Bunya Mountains National Park was gazetted on 1 August 1908 making it Queensland's second national park and the first of substantial size. This will be the first time we have visited the park in 13 years and I still have fond memories of that visit. The park is around 220kms by road and the trip should take around 3 hours.

I have booked a 5 bedroom/loft retreat with 3 bathrooms and the cost for 6 people will be \$170 each. Accommodation will be first in best dressed. However, there is plenty of camping available at the National Park campground. I expect people to arrive anytime from Thursday afternoon to Friday morning therefore we will start walking late on Friday.

There are plenty of walks available ranging from 500m strolls to 20km all day walks.

Ring me to discuss the finer points.

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT DAY WALK

Leader:	Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160.
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time:	6.30 am.
Cost :	\$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Distance:	18.5 km.
Grade:	L34.
Emergency Officer:	Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This walk is designed to commemorate the 60th 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 lamington's.

This walk is a lovely long walk up at O'Reilly's. The walk is 18.5 km long but is entirely graded track. But I should mention that there are a few creek crossings but usually they not are not too difficult (but the crossings were difficult in January 2015 when there was heavy rain and we cancelled the trip and did an easier option.)

We will be descending down to Picnic Rock and then visit Elabana Falls. Then up along Toolona Creek and up to the Border Track. We turn left here and walk a bit 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.

Bring your usual day walk gear, in particular your raingear namely a raincoat and a small collapsible umbrella.

Make sure you bring a mug to have a cup of tea with your Lamington cake at lunch time. Plus all the usual stuff.

Grading – "L" as it is a longish walk at 18.5 km, "3" for terrain as although it is a graded track it is a bit rough in places with a couple of creek crossings where you could get your feet wet and "5" for endurance as it takes at least 6 hours to do the walk. Also, I need to mention that there is a significant amount of uphill walking from Toolona Creek up to Wanungra Lookout that may become a bit onerous if you haven't being working on your fitness lately.

Hopefully we will get back to the coffee shop in time for a coffee or ice cream.

The trip has being done several times over the years but is always a great walk.

WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY BLUE MOON @ THE FULL MOON SOCIAL

Leader:	Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.
Address:	118 Eagle Terrace, Sandgate.
Time:	6:00pm
Web:	http://fullmoonhotel.com.au/
RSVP:	Sunday 28 th January.

There are two Blue Moons this year. One occurs at Easter and the other in Brisbane at 11:36pm on the 31st January.

What better excuse do we need to enjoy a night out. This year we will again visit the Full Moon Hotel at Sandgate. There is a rumour that there will be a stroll terminating at the same hotel at the same time. What a coincidence.

As I need to make a booking, either nominate at the meeting or ring me by Sunday 28th January.

SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY PURLING BROOK TO APPLETREE PARK DAY WALK

Leader:	Kylie Moore 0432 095 659.
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time:	7.00 am.
Cost :	\$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Distance:	Around 8 km.
Grade:	S32.
Emergency Officer:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This is a lovely walk in the Springbrook National Park. With summer looking to be long and hot it will be great to be in rain forest with water surrounding us for a large part of the walk.

We will start the walk by dropping down to Purling Brook Falls which are always picturesque. It is then but a short walk down to Warringa Pool. We now cross the creek here and follow the Little Nerang

Creek down for a small time before ascending into the Little Nerang Dam catchment area. We will then continue to ascend to Springbrook Road, coming out near Apple Tree Park.

There will need to be a small car shuffle at the start and end. We will make small stops at the Falls and Warringa Pool before arriving a Appletree Park for lunch.

Don't forget to bring the usual gear for a morning walk.



WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader:	Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.
Address:	Tutto Caffe Espresso Bar, Shop 4/11 Stewart Rd, Ashgrove.
Time:	6:00pm
Web:	http://tuttoocafebar.wixsite.com/italian-restaurant

For the first Coffee Night of the year we are going to a new venue in a familiar area of town. This café comes highly recommended so we are going to check it out.

So join me for either a meal and a chat of just a coffee and a chat.

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY ENOGGERA RESERVOIR DAY WALK

Leader:	Paul Evans 0412 339 311.
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time:	6.00 am.
Cost :	\$5 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade:	M12.
Location:	Enoggera Reservoir, The Gap.
Emergency Officer:	Carolyn Evans 0412 339 322.

We are meeting at St Brigid's before heading up to Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre. It is the aim to be walking by 6.30 am around the Enoggera Reservoir .It will be all on track with about 15 km of walking and finishing up by midday for lunch. There is a kiosk at the discovery centre. Also there is the option of a swim in the reservoir.

The Enoggera Reservoir was the original water supply for Brisbane, built in 1866. It was the first reticulated gravity water supply and the first engineering undertaking in Queensland. It is now the only remaining and functioning reservoir built during Queensland's early statehood days.

TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY PANCAKE TUESDAY PANCAKE MANOR, BRISBANE

Leader:	Russ Nelson 0427 743 534 or 3374 3534.
Address:	18 Charlotte Street (near George Street), Brisbane.
Time:	6:00pm
Web:	http://www.pancakemanor.com.au

For perhaps thousands of years, people in Europe have celebrated the time just before spring. Some historians suggest that a festival of eating pancakes goes as far back as pre-Christian times. In 1439, the first pancake recipe appears in history, with the first Pancake Races recorded in 1445 in

England. This was the last day to eat all the flour, eggs and dairy products in your kitchen before the start of Lent which is a time of abstinence and reflection in the 40 days before Easter. The European custom of making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday was one way to use up these 'luxury' items and over the centuries, Shrove Tuesday and pancakes became perfect partners.

Shrove Tuesday has become a traditional day to celebrate throughout the world. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their lusts and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice. The concept behind this practice is found in 1 Corinthians 9:27, where the Apostle Paul states: "I buffet my body and make it my slave..."

So let's mark the eve of Lent and gather to eat some pancakes and enjoy fellowship.

	WEDNESDAY 14 th FEBRUARY
	ECHO FALLS
	DAY WALK
Leader:	Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160.
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill. Or Roma Street.
Time:	6.30 am.
Distance:	16 km approximately.
Grade:	M34.
Location:	O'Reilly's – Albert River Circuit.
Emergency Officer:	Sue Murray 5522 9702.

The original plan was to do a short walk out to King Island but it was so short it is barely a stroll let alone a walk and also the tides were just a bit awkward with a low tide mid-afternoon whereas it would be much better with an early morning low tide. So we will go here another day. Also the day for the walk is brought forward a day to the Wednesday.

The plan is to do a walk up at O'Reilly's. The place I want to visit and have time to enjoy and explore is Echo Falls. It is on the Albert River Circuit and we usually are walking at a fast pace along here. Of course we usually pause for a minute to have a quick look at the Falls but we rarely have a long stop to soak up the vibe let alone go for a swim. This time we will make a point of spending time here. Plan A is to have a swim and return the way we came.

Bring the usual Daywalk stuff and swimmers if you want to swim. Also ensure you have rid to keep the leaches at bay. Hopefully the weather is really really hot as Echo Falls is down in a valley and completely shaded by rainforest and could be a bit cool even on very hot days.

If it is a cool and overcast day. Plan B will apply and we will probably do the full Albert River Circuit which is 21 km long.

The walk is on St Valentine's Day. Apparently it is in reference to Saint Valentine of Rome who was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, Saint Valentine healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius, and before his execution, he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY THE TRANSCONTINENTAL HOTEL JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader:	Graham Glasse 3371 9623.
Address:	482 George Street.
Time:	From 4pm till 9ish.
What For:	A chat and a beer and a meal.
Web:	http://www.transhotel.net.au/

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. This month we are meeting at The Transcontinental Hotel.

The Transcontinental Hotel is one of Queensland's longest-standing pubs and has been trading for 130 years. It was refurbished in 2014 and serves both public and craft beers.

Check out the vast selection of beers available http://www.transhotel.net.au/media/CombinedWeb2017Noprices.pdf

Unfortunately I'm away at a wedding and Graham has kindly stepped up to the plate.



SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY TALLEBUDGERA WALKABOUT DAY WALK

Leader:	John Carter 5514 0285 or 0433 279 771.
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time:	6.30 am
Grading:	S32
Cost :	\$20 (car pool), \$2 (private). Location: Gold Coast .
Emergency Officer:	TBA.

This walk will undertake an old favourite, walking around the lower reaches of Tallebudgera Creek and Burleigh Head National Park. The highlights will be the glorious views of Springbrook, Mt Cougal, creek and coastline.

We will start at David Fleay Wildlife Park where there is plenty of free parking and should see a koala, perhaps Richmond Birdwing Butterflies. Following the creek upstream we pass under the M1 as we walk along pathways. Cross over into Elanora and return along the south bank to the Recreation Centre & groyne. Explore Burleigh Head & check out the newly upgraded track. Perhaps down to the Burleigh beach. Return via the northern bank to the car park.

Please bring along at least two litres of water and your togs. Come and see the best of Burleigh.

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING & AGM

Contact:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092
Time:	7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where:	St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)
Web:	http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. A quorum is 13 members – so come along and help make up the quorum and ensure that the AGM can proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- Receive the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2017;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2018;
- The appointment of the 2018 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting two (2) meetings for the price of one.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2017, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.

FRIDAY 16th MARCH THE GERMAN CLUB JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader:	Michael Simpson 0419 620 714.
Address:	416 Vulture Street, East Brisbane.
Time:	From 4pm till 9ish.
What For:	A chat and a beer and a meal.
Web:	http://brisbanegermanclub.com/

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. For the month of March we are meeting at The German Club.

We have visited here before during the Octoberfest but I have always found it to be too crowded. So this year we will go earlier. They have great German beers to taste like the few below that are on tap. See their website for more. Also the food is great.

Some of the beers on tap:

- Veltins
- Arcobräu Zwickl
- Arcobräu Schlöss Dunkel
- Löwenbräu
- Erdinger Weissbier

There is even a cider on tap. See you there.

ADVANCED NOTICE FRIDAY TO TUESDAY 30th MARCH TO 3rd APRIL BOONOO BOONOO BASE CAMP

Leader:	Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.
Meet at:	TBA.
Time:	TBA.
Cost:	Petrol + accommodation/camping costs - TBA.
Grading:	Various.
Location:	Tenterfield in Northern NSW.
Emergency Officer:	Terry Silk 3355 9765.

This year's Easter trip will be in the Boonoo Boonoo/Bald Rock National Parks. But we will be staying in Tenterfield as New South Wales Parks do not allow pre-booking of their campsites. Tenterfield is only 30kms south of Bald Rock NP so it is well placed. However I'm sure accommodation will fill quickly. Therefore I need to know asap who is interested so I can make a booking. There are a few options ranging from camping to shared accommodation to motel accommodation.

So please let me know as soon as you are able.

ADVANCED NOTICE 22nd TO 29th APRIL, 2018 A WALKING TOUR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CANBERRA CITY WALK

Leader:

Liz Little lizlittle@bigpond.com or 3356 4874.

This tour combines city walking and sightseeing in Australia's National Capital. Each day we will set out from our centrally located accommodation (YHA Canberra City) and walk to a key location in Canberra. We will walk 10 -15 kilometres most days, usually on flat ground, but two small mountains are included. We expect to attend a ceremony at The Australian War Memorial on ANZAC Day. Other highlights include the RG Menzies Walk, National Museum of Australia (free), Parliament House tour (free), Parliamentary Gardens, Museum of Democracy (\$2/ \$1 concession), Mt Ainslie, Black Mountain, Telstra Tower (\$7.50 / \$3 concession), Australian National Botanic Gardens (free), Scrivener Dam and the National Film and Sound Archive (free).

Breakfast can be ordered at the accommodation or prepared in the guest kitchen. It will be important to carry morning tea and lunch each day. There will be an opportunity to shop for food on the day of arrival. Dinners will be eaten at local restaurants.

Bookings are open now and can be secured with \$100 deposit per person, given to Terry or Liz. Bookings cannot be accepted after the end of February, 2018 and are always subject to the availability of accommodation. Accommodation will probably be between \$45 and \$75 per person, depending on the type of room or dorm preferred. I urge you to book as soon as you can while accommodation is still available.

For a detailed itinerary, please email <u>lizlittle@bigpond.com</u>.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Consider yourself harangued. It is that time of year again where you get harangued a lot. It is the end of the Club year. And "Yes", you know what that means. It means – It's Annual General Meeting and Election time.

And why the haranguing? Because we want YOU to nominate for a Committee position. As simple as that. Just fill in the form, sign it and pass it on to have a member second your nomination. Do not forget to hand it in to the Secretary before the due date.

Over the past few years, what has normally happened is the pack of cards is shuffled and the same people are on Committee with minor changes in roles. The occasional person gets burned out and "retires" and someone new (or most likely someone goes back on after a gap) steps forward and gets on Committee.

How about a complete change? Do not get the idea that someone is "welded" onto a position – it is time to nominate for the position you want no matter who currently sits on it.

Give it a go. Try it out. Committee does not bite. The Committee Members do not bite. You will enjoy it. Greg.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 16/10/17	\$2609.09
Plus Receipts	\$1100.48
	\$3709.57
Less Payments	\$ 192.87

Balance 18/12/17	\$3516.70
Term Deposit	\$2855.35

Congratulations to Liz Little and Louise Jones who won first and second prizes respectively in our last raffle of 2017. Well, once again it is time to pay your membership renewal fees. You will find a renewal form in this magazine. Please complete, sign and return this form with your money as soon as possible. You can direct deposit your subs into our bank account if you wish, referencing your name, but you still have to send us your completed renewal form. Our bank details are RACQ bank BSB 514 179 A/c No. 156184. The current rates of subscription are Ordinary members printed magazine \$45.00 or e-mail magazine only \$20.00 and Associate members printed magazine \$41.00 or e-mail magazine only \$16.00. There is no longer a discount for spouse or country members.

Remember to support our Vinnies' coffee night on the 24th January. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Michael Brophy, Michael Dowd, Terri Evetts, Maria Galvin, Tracey Laing, Peggy Roe, Ray Rowe and Paulette Schmidt are celebrating their birthdays in January.

Past member, John Brack was a visitor on Phil's North Stradbroke Island walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

Maria Stalker recently returned from Japan where she did some walking.

OUTINGS REPORT

I know I'm harping on but we still need leaders. There are still five (5) walks left to fill before the middle of the year. But there are fifteen (15) walks needing leaders in the second half of the year.

I have given advance notice for my Easter base camp in this month's Jilalan. We will be staying in Tenterfield so read the article and nominate early as I'm sure accommodation will fill quickly.

Karen and I have just completed two through walks in the last month. Both were great walks for different reasons. The four day walk in the Jagungal Wilderness was both off and on track. Whilst the three day walk in the Walls of Jerusalem was virtually all on track. The scenery on both was spectacular but the weather varied from hot and dry to coldish and some rain. I will really regret the day I can no longer do through walks.

The reason I'm talking about through walking is that there are number on this year's calendar. They range from easy beginner through walks to fairly tough ones. But they are the reason I love walking. The ability to get to areas very few people visit.

Hope to see you on the tracks. Michael 0409 620714 or <u>michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au</u>

LEADER'S NEEDED

- March 3 Clean-Up Australia Day
- April 7 Mermaid Mountain
- May 5 Kangaroo Mountain
- June 23 Araucaria Track
- July 5 Mt Moon
- July 7 Savages Ridge
- July 14 Vinegar Hill
- August 4 Montserrat
- August 11 Kobble Creek Circuit

OUTINGS STATISTICS

Date	Trip	Leader	Туре	No
December 4/9	Vic High Country	Russ	BC	11
December 21	Nth Stradbroke Is	Phil	DW	6
December 23	Summer Solstice	Russ	DW	9
December 26	Mt Tamborine	Louise	DW	10
December 27/1	Walls of Jerusalem	Michael	TW	6
January 1	Greene's Falls	Michele	DW	15

2017 PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

Results in category order. Judge – Joe Tottenham.

Best Overall & Landscape

Mt Feathertop - Louise Jones



People's Choice

Showers, Warrie Circuit – Benno Giuliani



Moods of Nature

Clouds Over the Ocean – Paddy Taylor.



Nature Close Up Under the Falls – Liz Little.



People & Faces Mt Coochin – Liz Little.



Miscellaneous

The Jacaranda Tree – Liz Little.



PAST EVENTS BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER SOCIAL

This was a few months ago, but is still well remembered by those of us who went on this social walk.

We started with a look inside the old Water Tanks in the ground at Spring Hill. These are over 150 years old and are a masterpiece of old colonial engineering. They underground, made of brick with internal masonry bracing. You can only get in on Open House free, or pay a small fortune for Opera in the Tank or one of the other cultural events held in them.

Then it was off for a guided tour of City Hall and Tower. We were taken around the rooms to see the results of the recent expensive renovations and down into the basement to see why they had to replace the wooden piles holding the building above the waterline while it sat in the primeval swamp. And do not forget the WWII graffiti on the walls of the old Red Cross Rooms. Then up the lift to see and hear the Clock and hear about it's history and that of the bells.

Next was the *Commissariat* Stores in William St – now the home of the Queensland Historical Society. Lovely old building – the oldest in this grand city. More importantly, inside they have scale models of various CBD street scapes form the convict era. And very knowledgeable guides to explain it all.

Now off to the Casino – or more accurately the Casino Hotel – the old Land's Administration Building. We had a guided tour of some of the rooms that were empty at the time as well as the grandest room of them all. It was the Ministers Office in its day. And very well fitted out too – as only a Cabinet Minister of the 1880's would want it – complete with a secrete escape route/steps so he could avoid constituents waiting in the hallway. If I had the spare cash, I would like a few nights here.

Our last stop was the "Tower of Power" – more commonly known as "The Pig's Trotter" – One William Street – the new glass tower block on the River down by Parliament House. The queue was long, but the wait was worth it. Could but a coffee and lunch there in the café in the part of town that is dead on a Sunday. We were whisked up to the top 2 floors; which are the meeting rooms. The guide from the architect's firm explained the choice of the woods, the outside shutters and more. But who cared – we were there for the uninterrupted 270⁰ views to the horizon. The tallest building in this part of town overlooks everything. You need to get up there some day.

Thanks to those who joined me – Wendy Loh, Susan Ware, Benno & Kurt Giuliani.

KATE QUINLAN @ ROSEWOOD SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER SOCIAL

Fourteen of us braved the drive or train to enjoy an afternoon at the Royal George Pub at Rosewood. This pub is almost as raw as it was when built last century. It has that old worldly charm. And charming publicans as well – our numbers kept increasing and they just kept adding chairs, then table and chairs to accommodate us. They even moved people halfway through their meal at another table to fit us in.

Though the building was old, the food was fast and good. And a good variety to choose from. The standard pub meals as well as some unusual ones.

Attending were some well-known faces, some blasts from the past and a new one. We stayed for 3 hours talking and swapping stories. Thanks to: Michele Endicott, Paddy & Barry Taylor, Andrea Turner, Terry Silk, Graham Glasse, Antonia Simpson, Jan & Russ Nelson, Adriana Garzon, John Hood, Carolyn Ivanac and Elizabeth Richards. Greg.

MT TIBROGARGAN SUMMIT SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

DAY WALK

We awoke to pouring rain and getting to the summit seemed unlikely however this was not just another walk, it was to celebrate the clubs first walk in 1957 so we set off in hope. The rain had stopped by the time we arrived at the car park so it was decided to at least walk to the base of the mountain.

It was damp underfoot, the mozzies were thick and it was hot and steamy when we arrived at the start of the climb. One of the group had never been up Mt Tibrogargan before so we decided to climb the first pitch to get a better view of the mountain. At the top of this short climb, a brisk cool breeze was blowing and the mozzies had disappeared so we relaxed on the rocks and admired the view and watched the braver climbers go by.

It looked like it could rain at any minute so we reaffirmed our decision not to risk the climb and retreated to the base to walk the Tibrogargan circuit which circumnavigates the mountain. At the junction with the Trachyte circuit, some returned to the car park for an early morning tea while the others did the Trachyte circuit meeting up with Liz Little's walkers.

We all regrouped for a long barbecue lunch at Matthew Flinders Park.

Thanks to fellow walkers Peter Gleeson, Therese Little, John Carter, Sherryn Minetti and Terry Silk for an enjoyable walk. Richard Johns.

VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY MONDAY TO SATURDAY 4th to 9th DECEMBER BASE CAMP

By way of background Victoria received extensive flooding rains in the days before this walk began. For example country train services were cancelled due to movement in the track ballast. Another source of concern was that three walkers drove to the start of the walk, but the clutch in their vehicle died and had to be replaced in the small NSW town of Gundagai. Fortunately all were all able to gather at Bright at the agreed time then proceed to the YMCA accommodation at Howman's Gap, a few kilometres from Falls Creek Village.

Dawn presented overcast skies and low cloud. We drove a little way from Falls Creek to Pretty Valley Pondage and started walking west over the Bogong High Plains to Tawonga Huts via an old 4WD track. What was impressive were the wildflowers, particularly those which were yellow and others purple. The views were great as we looked to the north and west. All this time we were higher than the top of our own Mt Barney. The weather remained consistently bleak and visibility started to shrink. We arrived at Tawonga Huts in good time but our planned ascent of Mt Jaithmathang seemed pointless as the peak was hidden in mist /cloud. Therefore we returned to our vehicles and arrive at our base for a lunch. Many took the opportunity for an afternoon sleep before a card game and dinner in Falls Creek Village.

This day began with Mike and Cath Wood and Peggy Roe driving to Gundagai to collect a vehicle with a new clutch. The rest of us started walking on a gentle gradient which took us up through the Heathy Spur track via alpine herb fields and groves of snow-gums with good views across Rocky Valley dam to the south. The weather was patchy today but certainly better than yesterday. At the eastern point of the Heathy Track we turned off the Australian Alpine Track and proceeded south east to Kelly Hut and nearby Fitzgerald Hut, which was our lunch site. We then returned to Heathy Track and completed the circuit by picking up a fire trail which led to the Watchbed Creek track trailhead. Late afternoon, we transferred to Harrietville and the delights of the Snowline Hotel. Many enjoyed a Chicken Parmigiana, a BCBC tradition for those having their first dining experience at this hotel. At 9.20pm Mike, Cath and Peggy returned from Gundagai with a vehicle with a newly installed and fully functioning clutch.

Thursday, 7 December dawned with a blue sky and promised a wonderful day's walking. We drove to Mt Hotham and picked up the "Razorback Track". This undulating track provides extensive views along the ridge-line between the Kiewa and Ovens Rivers. While much of the walk is along the ridgetop, there are sections of open snow grass, low shrub land and snow-gum woodlands. After

about 9kms we came to the junction with the Federation Hut turnoff. From there the track heads north to the top of Mt Feathertop – the "Queen of the Victorian Alps". The views were magnificent looking back along the Razorback to the now distant Mt Hotham, Mt Bogong, Mt Fainter and Mt Buffalo. We retraced our steps back to Mt Hotham and arrived back at Harrietville on a high having summited the Queen of the Victorian Alps.

Our last day of walking was designed as a "wind down" after the big effort yesterday. We drove to Mt Buffalo plateau. Our first walk was to the Horn, the highest point on Buffalo but also the place most likely to be wrapped in mist. On top of the Horn the mist came and went and then returned. We managed to get some good views, seeing about 40% of what might be possible. Then we explored the nearby Cathedral and the Hump which fortunately were mist free. We had lunch at the Gorge lookout and after lunch walked this track. On this track we learnt about Guide Alice Manfield who in the early twentieth century guided people such as Sir John Monash (see \$100 note) and John Syme (founder of the "The Age" newspaper).

We returned to Porepunkah for dinner and our beds. Dinner that night was very enjoyable which included toasts to the Queen of the Victorian Alps and Guide Alice Manfield. This dinner was particularly poignant as this was our last night together.

Thanks to all who came for both quality walking and harmonious interactions between the walkers. The walkers were Mike and Cath Wood, Rusty and Louise Jones, Paddy Taylor, Peggy Roe, Liz Little, John Hood, Greg Endicott and Jan Nelson. Russ.

COFFEE CLUB EAGLE STREET PIER FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

The final JTS for the year found us at our usual haunt, the Coffee Club on the river. A smaller rollup than usual with several people away on well-earned breaks. Thanks to the five people who joined me, Karen, Graham, John, Greg and Michele. Michael.

NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER DAY WALK

Weather: A fine day with barely a cloud.

Temperature: 29°.

Wind: 17 kph from NE onshore breeze.

Distance: Approximately 12kms.

Attendance: 6 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Maria Kerruish, Andrea Turner, Joe Tottenham and John Brack.



South Gorge at Point Lookout

A lovely day. Beautiful fine weather. Spectacular scenery. We caught the ferry to Dunwich then the bus to Point Lookout. We started walking at Point Lookout. Firstly, we went down to the beach where John and Phil had the first of 4 separate swims on the day.

The walk initially went around the gorge walk and then along Frenchman's Beach around to Deadman's Beach (the rock slabs at the point were covered by sand so it was very easy to walk around the headland. Then on to Cylinder Beach and finally to Flinders. It was just a marvelous time.

The low point for the day was the bus back. We waited near the Adder Rock campground to catch the bus back. When it came along it was obviously very full and it just kept going. Fortunately another bus came along within 30 seconds but it was full too. It stopped and lets us squeeze on but it must have been overloaded. We were squeezed in like sardines. I thought the driver would take it easy on the way back as he had such a large number of passengers on board. But the driver didn't take it easy as presumably he was on a schedule. We got back to the ferry terminal. Actually, there are 2 separate ferry terminals and nearly everyone got off at the first terminal called the 'One mile'. We stayed on and got to the next terminal just as ferry came in. As an aside the cost of the ferry trip has been reduced by about 30% and only cost \$14 not the \$20 it was the last time I went.



Sue, Andrea, Maria, Joe, Phil & John

The highlight of the day was the views over the gorge from the boardwalk. The views were just gorgeous. We also spotted a huge stingray, a shark and 2 dolphins. Can't wait to go back again. But next time I might start at Adder Rock and finish at Point Lookout.

A special mention was we had John Brack on the walk. John was a member of the Club back in the early nineties and it was first walk in many years and he indicated he will be rejoining the Club.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SALUTE (Darra to Ipswich) SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER DAY WALK

Given the name of this walk, Summer Solstice Salute, which in Ipswich occurred on 22 December, maybe it should have been called the Summer Solstice Sauna. The humidity on this day was draining and although this walk had very gentle slopes, it was a hard walk. This walk was a pre-outing for Day 2 of the Two Cathedrals Camino (2CC) and, as a result, some navigation adjustments were needed during the walking. For example the rating was originally M12, a revised rating would be L15 (Long, 1 for Terrain, 5 for Fitness/ Endurance).

For convenience, the walk began at Darra Railway Station and then crossed the Ipswich Motorway and paused at the Darra Motel and Conference Centre. This Motel marks the start of Day 2 on the 2CC. From there we entered the "Wacol Corrections Precinct" and gazed at Arthur Gorrie Remand and Reception Centre and Brisbane Correctional Centre. There is more but space requires I remain succinct.

As we ascended the steps of the pedestrian overpass over Ipswich Motorway, we paused to watch a bird hatching from an egg on the steps. What more could we ask than to see new life emerging. By the time we had reached "Cunningham Rise" Estate on the west side of Goodna – notable for the cooling breeze – three walkers retired due to excessive humidity. They all caught the train, at different times, which was a convenient means to return home. Such a facility is not normally available on Club walks.

The next waypoint was Redbank Plaza Shopping Centre which provided an air-conditioned environment which revived our bodies. We all had an ice cream which revived our spirits. Then we

continued westward and passed under the Cunningham Highway which meant we would be able to complete the walk, even in the excessive humidity.

Lunch was held in the old mining area of Ebbw Vale and then we skirted Bremer TAFE College at Bundamba. We crossed over the plains which are intersected by Bundamba Creek until we came to Booval Railway Station. We continued west to the banks of the Bremer River and then entered a Water Park and the Boardwalk along the western bank of the Bremer River, next to Ipswich Railway Station and the end of the walk.

My thanks to Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Rusty Jones, Louise Jones, Sue Walsh, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk and Jan Nelson who were prepared to undertake a pre-outing in exceptionally humid conditions. Russ

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER DAY WALK



We all piled into two cars and headed to Tamborine quickly. We meet up at Witches Falls around 8:15, we all arrived at the same time all except for Greg and Michele.

Firstly we went to Witches Falls Lookout where we lost sight of the track because of the debris from the previous evening's storm. On our return we came.across some Quondons which were very blue.



Next we found a lovely picnic table for morning tea where some Christmas sweets were passed around. After morning tea we headed to Cameron Falls which was flowing because of the recent rain. In the Knoll National Park, we walked in an anti-clockwise direction. The view was amazing in distance you could see the power of tower. While on this track there was a huge obstacle of fallen trees to climb over from recent rain. This was a challenge for some of us. Just when we were nearing the finish we came across Greg with a bleeding hand as he got caught up with some wait-a-while and not far behind him was Michele.

We had the pleasure of their company for lunch as there were staying down the coast. After lunch we all had gathered for a quick coffee at North Tambourine.

Thanks to Russell, Paddy, Rose, Benno, Terry, Sue and Kurt for joining me and also for Russell and Benno for driving.

WALLS OF JERUSALEM WEDNESDAY TO MONDAY 27th DECEMBER TO 1st JANUARY THROUGH WALK

This walk was one of the highlights of the year. The weather was kind to us, the scenery was spectacular, the walking relatively easy (except for the last descent) and the campsites were great.



Kylie & Karen Completing Our Intentions

We spent a day travelling to Launceston where we picked up our car. Or so we thought. Our booked car had apparently been written off by a previous hirer and we now needed two cars as eight seaters are a premium at this time of the year. It was then but a 2½ hr drive to the Walls car park which was full and overflowing down the road.



Trappers Hut

We set off by immediately climbing and in fact climbed nearly 500m over the 2.2kms to Trappers Hut. This hut was the last of many built by Nicholas Miles and his son Boy Miles between 1929 and 1946. They were used as shelters whilst either adjisting cattle or trapping animals. Not long after leaving the hut we passed our return track and headed across the plateau. The 4.1kms from the hut to Wild Dog campsite was quite picturesque with many lakes dotting the landscape. Wild Dog Creek campsite has 3 levels of timber platforms with four on each of the bottom two and commercial platforms at the top

near the toilet. We had a great view over Wild Dog Creek and the setting sun. Walkers continued to arrive until well after eight until even the commercial platforms were nearly full.



Wild Dog Creek Campsite

A lot of the campers stay at Wild Dog Creek and just do a day walk into the Walls but we decided to move on to Dixon's Kingdom as we had heard it was a marvellous campsite. And it was also only about a 4km stroll through the Walls. After a short climb we walked through the gate with King David's Peak (Tassie's 10th highest mountain) on our right and a small



Pool of Bethesda

mountain on our left. We were now above the tree line and could see forever. The cliffs on our right reminded us of the Ramparts in Southeast Queensland. We wandered alongside Lake Salome to our first stop, a beautiful, peaceful lake called the Pool of Bethesda some 2.3kms from Wild Dog Creek. We then climbed to Damascus Gate where there were tracks leading to Solomon's Throne and The Temple.



Dixon's Kingdom Hut

We would return here later in the afternoon. It was now but a 1000m stroll down to Dixon's Kingdom where we set up camp in an idyllic location. Dixon's Kingdom Hut was built in the 1940s by Reg Dixon, again as a residence for grazing cattle. The name for the hut came from Reg's wife, Elsie, who had been reading *Campbells Kingdom* by Hammond Innes, and was struck by the similarities with the Canadian mountain hideaway.



Our Campsite at Dixon's Kingdom



Our View From the Campsite



Mt Jerusalem



Solomon's Throne



Karen & Kylie Climbing Solomon's Throne



The View From the Temple Through Herod's Gate

The rest of the day's walking would be done with daypacks. First up we climbed Mt Jerusalem. The climb reminded me of climbing Mt Jagungal a few weeks before as we climbed a ridge before wandering along the top to the summit. From the top we were amazed at the number of lakes dotted all around the Central Plateau. We could also see our camp as well as our route out the next day. It was time to return to camp and lunch. After lunch we climbed back to Damascus Gate to climb the two peaks on either side of us. The first, Solomon's Throne, was quite a challenge as we had to cross scree slopes before climbing a scree covered chimney. But the effort was worth it as we had great views to Cradle Mountain and numerous other mountains along the Overland Track. After returning to the main track we crossed it and climbed the Temple. From the top of this mountain we had great views back down the track we had followed from Wild Dog Creek. Back to camp for dinner and refreshments before retiring before the rain set in.



Wandering Down the Creek Towards Lake Ball

It was raining when we awoke but by 8am it was lifting. Most walkers had the same idea as us and virtually everyone was breaking camp and heading out. Some the way we came and some the way we were going. We left this beautiful spot by 10am and headed down the creek flats towards Lake Ball. There was no track and everyone made their own way until we reached the Lake Adelaide track and Lake Ball Hut. Lake Ball Hut is a relative newcomer being built in 1968 by Boy Miles and friends, to support local fishing. After a brief stop we followed the lake to its end before climbing over the watershed to Lake Adelaide. The camp site



Karen & Kylie at Lake Ball Hut

here is nothing special so I was glad I hadn't planned on camping here. We reached our proposed camp site at Lake Stretcher before two and as we now only had about 4kms to go we decided to walk out. We were now below the tree line and had been since Lake Ball except for an occasional boggy area so our views were very limited. But the Walls were always on our right and quite imposing. The final descent from Trappers Hut was knee shattering and I was very pleased when we reached car park around 4pm after a 16.5 km day.



Lake Loane and the Walls in the Background

We now headed back to Deloraine where we were to spend the next two nights including New Year's Eve. We did a little sightseeing which included Mole Creek Caves which are well worth a visit. And we all saw the New Year in before retiring. A little sightseeing in Launceston before catching our evening flights home.

Thanks to Karen, Peter, Paul, Chris and Kylie for joining me and making the trip a wonderful experience. Michael.

SURFERS PARADISE TO BROADBEACH THURSDAY 28th DECEMBER TRAM RIDE & SUMMER STROLL

Weather:	A fine day with barely a cloud above us but lots of clouds in
	the mountains.
	the mountains.
Temperature:	29°.
Wind:	10 kph from NE.
Distance:	Approximately 8kms.
Attendance: 4	- Phil Murray, Sue Walsh, Greg and Michele Endicott



The Tram at Helensvale

This stroll was put on with minimal notice as it designed to take advantage of the recent opening of the extension of the tram service from Helensvale to Southport. The service commenced on Sunday 17th December 2017.



Beach Walking

The tram ride on the new extension was brief and uneventful. It was all over to soon. We were in the front carriage and we could watch the driver and his "dashboard". I can report the tram did its maximum speed of 70 kph. I can't be sure but it seemed the tram had a 'governor' on the speed it could reach. Either that or the speedometer was giving a false reading.

We were soon at Cypress Avenue where Greg Sue and I disembarked. We arranged to meet up again with Michele in Cavill Mall at Charlies coffee shop where we had morning tea. We then zoomed down the beach towards Broadbeach. We had a quick swim here then on to Broadbeach where we had lunch in the shade of a cottonwood tree. It was just lovely sitting in the cool shade. As an aside

the Kurrawa Surf Clubhouse has been demolished and brand new and bigger and shiny clubhouse has been built.

From Broadbeach we walked back towards Surfers along the footpath and had a quick look at the art works on display at the Royal Queensland Art Society Broadbeach Branch. It was a lovely display of art work.

We headed inland to the Cascade Gardens Picnic Area. It was very nice in here with several memorials in particular a nice memorial for the battles in New Guinea during WW2 and a very large memorial for the Korean War..

It was then back on the tram at Florida Gardens for a quick ride back to Helensvale. The tram was packed when we got on so it as a transport service it is very popular. As an aside when we got off at Helensvale we met John Marshall who is with the BOSQ Club and a member of Bushwalking Queensland. And John gave us an update on lots of news and ideas.

Anyhow a lovely day out. Phil.

GREENES FALLS - WESTERN WINDOW MONDAY 1st JANUARY DAY WALK

With storms on the radar and a high likelihood of imminent rain, 12 members made their way via Mt Nebo to Mt Glorious. The 10am start certainly made it easier to get going, although most said they didn't stay up to see the New Year in. We were meeting Benno there and Martlyn and Eric for lunch.

We had an unofficial morning tea while we gathered back packs and for some the only thing that was taken on the walk was a bottle of water, then we were on our way down to Greenes Falls. It was very hot and muggy with the track being very wet and muddy. A meandering creek below the track was flowing, something I've never seen before. The rainforest was looking lush, with lots of tall palms. Greenes Falls was flowing for the first time that I can remember. Many photos were taken before returning to Miala via the rainforest circuit.

Martlyn and Eric had saved us two tables for lunch under the shelter. Lunch was relaxed and many varied conversations were had. Someone mentioned storms, and that got us motivated to start our second walk so we could walk before the rain hit. However, it wasn't a problem as we made our way along the Western Window track. When we got to the western window, there was a very hazy view of the mountains in the distance. We didn't linger there. We walked at a steady pace and once again the rainforest was at its best.

We finished back at Maiala with a shared afternoon tea where Rusty and Richard boiled kettles and we all enjoyed some sweet treats. Once again the conversations were varied. The air had cooled down and we were reluctant to leave the cool of Mt Glorious.

Thanks to everyone that came along, Gerry Burges, Paddy Taylor, Susan Ware, Sherryn Minetti, Richard Johns, Janelle Sammon, Rusty and Louise Jones, Russ and Jan Nelson, Benno Giuliani, Maria Kerruish and visitors, Eric and Martlyn Klokman. Michele Johns.

SURFERS PARADISE TO BROADBEACH WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY KING TIDE BEACH STROLL

Weather:A fine day with barely a cloud.Temperature:30°.Wind:13 kph from ESE onshore
breeze.Distance:Approximately 9kms.

Attendance: 4 – Phil Murray, Sue Murray, Michael Simpson and Karen Franklin.





Karen, Michael & Sue in Knee Deep Water Under the Submarine Bridge, Thrower Drive, Currumbin

A lovely day. Beautiful fine weather. Nice scenery and the king tide was amazing.

We walked a figure eight loop from the Pirate Carpark along the northern side of the creek down to old Currumbin Railway Bridge. Then across bridge past Currumbin RSL Club and then back up to Currumbin Rock and across to Elephant Rock and return via the highway bridge and back to the cars.

Although it was only a stroll we did a reasonable distance. Michael and Karen did 7.07 km and Sue I did about 9 km as we traversed the boardwalk an extra 2 times just to revel in the opportunity to walk on water.



The Boardwalk Under 15cm of Water

The highlight for the day was walking along the boardwalk. The boardwalk was covered by about 15 cm deep water. We saw lots of fish that came in on the king tide.. There were about another 20 people enjoying the king tide as well. We also traversed the submarine bridge and it was completely covered by water and the water was about 40 cm.

It truly is an incongruous sight where a pedestrian bridge which is supposed to be a bridge over water is actually inundated when there is a king tide. I would have loved to have been at the planning meetings when the issue was discussed and what inane comments were made to justify the design of the bridge. I presume it would be like a comedy skit from a comedy show like Utopia that screened on ABC TV last year.

We stopped for morning tea at Currumbin surf club and the place was very quiet but paradoxically the service was a bit ho hum as they took 20 minutes to make a hot chocolate. That was the only lowlight for the day.

It was a great little stroll. I hope to do this trip again next year. The 2019 tide charts aren't out yet so I am not sure what date the next king tide for summer 2018/2019 will be. Phil.



A Well-Earned Drink After a Very Successful Walk

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 19th February 2018

Contact: Greg Endicott 3351 4092

Location: St Michael's Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington. Time: 7:30pm

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. A quorum is 13 members – so come along and help make up the quorum and ensure that the AGM can proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2017;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2018;
- The appointment of the 2018 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting 2 meetings for the price of one.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2016, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.

See you all there, Graham Glasse, Club Secretary

NOTICE ELECTION 2018

Call for Nominations for All Committee Positions.

- 1. Elections will be held on Monday 19th February at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held prior to the February Monthly Meeting from 7:30pm, and
- 2. The normal February Monthly Meeting will start straight after.
- 3. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant and all are up for election.
- 4. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.
- 5. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, Training Officer, and Membership Officer.
- 6. If you cannot make it to the AGM, you can vote by Proxy the form is available from the website, in this Jilalan or from the Secretary fully complete the form and have it in the hands of the Secretary by Monday 29th January..
- 7. Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.
- 8. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on any matter before any meeting of the Club, i.e. vote at the election of members to Committee.
- 9. Nominations must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Seconder & the Candidate.
- 10. Any two (2) members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position.
- 11. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Seconder, or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing for.
- 12. The Nomination Form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM This is Monday 29th January. The January Monthly Meeting is on Monday 15th January, so this is the best practicable time. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 30th January.
- 13. The list of all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Seconders will be emailed to all members by 4th February.
- 14. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position until elected, or remain unelected at the end of the night.
- 15. If only one person stands for a position by having the fully completed form in the hands of The Secretary by the required date, that person is automatically elected to that position.
- 16. In the event of more than one person being nominated for a Position, there shall be an election by secret ballot.
- 17. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.
- 18. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.
- 19. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position unofficially means the person is not actually in the position, thus cannot vote at committee when a vote is necessary.

Graham Glasse, Secretary

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BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC - RULES AND BY-LAWS APPENDIX 1

FORM OF PROXY

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.

(incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1981.)

I		
•	(Full Name)	
Of		
	(Residential Address)	
being a Financial M	lember of the above named Association,	
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Association, hereby	agree to act as a proxy for the above named member	er.
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THIS FORM is also available on the Web at http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/ProxyFormBCBC.pdf

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.

http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: The Club requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment. This should comprise the following – a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 30+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water. Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader. **MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership Subscription fees are:

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

Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. There is an additional \$25 cost for Ordinary and Associate Members who elect to receive a printed Jilalan with the exception of Life & Honorary Members. Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer.

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

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

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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

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Type your article as a Word document, then attach it to the e-mail. A4 please, not in Columns.

Type Face is "Arial", Font Size is "12", though Date, Name of Event & Type are "14"

Triple Zero Awareness Work Group (TZAWG)

As a result of problems experienced by emergency call-takers and emergency services, in late 2013 TZAWG launched a free smartphone app: Emergency*. TZAWG identified that more than 66% of incoming emergency calls were now made from mobile phones; however, mobile callers often do not know exactly where they are, meaning call-processing times are longer and call-takers are then unavailable to take the next incoming emergency call.

Determining caller location is the most critical piece of information emergency call-takers need when a call comes in. If callers don't know where they are, emergency services can't send help.

Emergency+ uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency call-takers with their location information as determined by their smartphone. When activated, the built in accessibility features of a smartphone will describe aloud what appears on-screen, so a caller can use the app without seeing it.

The Emergency+ app is available for free download in Apple iOS, Android and Windows phone versions, and has already saved lives by ensuring emergency services arrive on-scene as quickly as possible to assist someone in need. One group for which Emergency+ has obvious benefits is bushwalkers, and TZAWG has numerous examples where lost or injured bushwalkers have used the app to pinpoint their location for emergency services.

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Nomination Form for Management Committee 2018

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers Club Inc PO Box 31, Red Hill. Qld. 4059.

Position	Nominee Name	Nominee Signature	Nominator Name	Nominator Signature	Seconder Name	Seconder Signature
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Committee positions are available to Ordinary Members only.

This form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary – Graham Glasse, by Monday 29th January.

Post it to the Club PO Box, or hand it to Graham at the Monthly Meeting on the 15th January.

You (the Candidate) can ask a member to nominate you and another member to second the nomination. You can nominate for more than one position. Note that all three must sign the form.

Nominations in any other form cannot be accepted; ie, e-mail, by word, on paper without Nominee's signature or "Seconder", - using just 3 examples.

This form is also available on the Web at

http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/NominationFormForManagementCommittee.pdf