

# JILALAN

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**BCBC CALENDAR @ 24-11-19**

<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>					
<b>2</b>	<b>Three Bridges Walk</b>	<b>Paddy</b>	<b>3378 4813</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M22</b>
6	Coffee Night – Miss Kays	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
13	Chermside Hills	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
15	JTS – Bitter Suite Bar	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
<b>16</b>	<b>Noosa Heads via Tanglewood Track</b>	<b>Michele</b>	<b>3353 2822</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M33</b>
18	General Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
20	Kedron Brook #5 – Nudgee Beach to Nundah Stat	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>23</b>	<b>Albert River Circuit</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>0416 650 160</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M45</b>
27	Stable Swamp Ck #1 – Hellawell Rd to Coopers Plns Stn	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>30</b>	<b>Purling Brook Falls (Q)</b>	<b>Louise</b>	<b>3399 4472</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>S22</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2019</b>					
4	Enoggera Creek ½ - Enoggera Reservoir	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
7	Christmas Party	Louise	3399 4472	Soc	
11	Cabbage Creek #1 - Ferny Grove to Old Northern Rd	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>15</b>	<b>West Canungra Creek</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>3353 2822</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M22</b>
16	General Meeting & Photo Competition	Russ	0427 743 534	Meet	
18	Bulimba #8 – Murarrie to River & Hemmant Stn	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
20	JTS – Coffee Club Eagle St Pier	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
<b>26</b>	<b>Boxing Day Walk – Toohey Forest</b>	<b>Louise</b>	<b>3399 4472</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M12</b>
30	Brisbane CBD Geologic Stroll	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>					
<b>4</b>	<b>Northbrook Gorge</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>0409 620 714</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M33</b>
8	Jindalee #3 – Riverhills to Wacol Stn	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>12</b>	<b>Currumbin Creek Broadwater &amp; Beach</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>0416 650 160</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>S11</b>
15	Cabbage Ck #2 – Old North Rd to Aspley	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
17	JTS - Brewhouse	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
<b>18</b>	<b>Balancing Rock - Pat's Bluff</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>0416 650 160</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M44</b>
20	Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meeting	
22	Gaythorne RSL - Vinnies Night	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>25</b>	<b>Toolona Circuit – 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Walk</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>0416 650 160</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>L35</b>
25-27	Australia Day weekend	TBA		BC?	
29	Stable Swamp Ck #2 - Banoon to Salisbury	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>Albert River Circuit</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>55229702</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>L55</b>
5	Coffee Night - Tuttos	Michael	0409 620 714	Social	
<b>8</b>	<b>Stairway Falls</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>DW</b>	<b>L56</b>
12	Cabbage #3 – Aspley to Deagon	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
14	JTS - Hotel Carrington (2nd Friday)	Michael	0409 620 714	Social	
15	Spare	TBA		DW	
17	AGM & Monthly Meeting	Russ	0427 743 534	Meeting	
19	Bulimba Ck #1 - Runcorn to Garden City	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
22	Annual Mass & Dinner	Liz	0414 252 003	Social	
<b>23</b>	<b>Mt Coolum</b>	<b>Louise</b>	<b>3399 4472</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>S23</b>
25	Pancake Day – Shrove Tuesday	TBA		Social	
26	Stable Swamp Ck #3 – Coopers Plain to Chelmer	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
<b>29</b>	<b>Leap Day – Warrie Circuit Springbrook</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>0416 650 160</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>M44</b>
<b>MARCH 2020</b>					
4	Coffee Night	TBA		Social	
<b>7</b>	<b>Sunnybank Hills to Oxley</b>	<b>Greg</b>	<b>3351 4092</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>M12</b>

## WARNING

All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake Club activities at their own risk.

## WALK TYPES

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

## WALK GRADINGS

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short: under 10 km per 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: 10-15 km per day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking and/or minor hills
	4 - Rough, unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking and/or up to 300m gain/loss
Long: 15-20 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 needed.	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 and good upper body strength required.	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 15 kilometres long, over unformed, rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous, requiring fitness, agility and endurance.

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

We pray for the quiet times, the times of peace, the times with creation, when we can be still and hear the words, feel the warmth and see the light. We pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving and the patience to be understanding.

## **COMING EVENTS**

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

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

If changes are made to walks (date, location, cancelation etc.) leaders are asked to advise Phil Murray on 55229702.

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

**Nominations** for walks are needed at least three days in advance to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements such as carpooling.

### **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 CABBAGE TREE CREEK #1 STROLL**

**Leader** Greg Endicott 3351 4092  
**Meet** Ferny Grove Railway Station  
**Time** 4.15pm  
**Cost** Nil  
**Grade** M21  
**Emerg Off** Greg 0418 122 995

This will mean two in a row new *Source to Mouth Strolls*. Last weeks was in the south west; this one will be in the north west. Most of this one is along a lovely bike track through beautiful parkland. Starting out in the Samford State Forest, we will follow the firebreak from Ironbark Gully up to the top of the ridge into the higher part of Ferny Hills and onto Linkwood Rd. (This is where we will get to a height of 150 metres from a starting point of 60 metres. It is a real hill.) From there, it is downhill all the way to the end. We will then be in the catchment of Cabbage Tree Creek and will be following it all the way. The Council has kept this a showpiece of planning by keeping it clean, manicured and full of the original native vegetation. Sadly, there is hardly a street to cross as most crossings go under the road with the creek. This is my *mostest favouritist* bike track and has been so ever since I found it when the kids were small and into riding those little bikes. The end is a little wonky as we must leave the Creek to get to a bus stop (Stop Id: 010500 or 004077) to take us to Enoggera Station, Roma St Station or Queen St.

Join me on this very pleasant stroll. See pretty parkland, native vegetation, wildlife and waterways management. Why not print out your favourite ABBA member, thread elastic through the side edges and make a face mask to wear along the way to be Intune with the rhythm of nature. Bring a torch, Greg's mobile number, rain protection and water. Come along for the beginning of another *source to mouth* series of strolls. The distance is ten kilometres and the stroll will take about 2½ hours.

<https://www.bikemap.net/en/o/5539576/#/z15/-27.3808563,152.9579258/osm>

### **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 WEST CANUNGRA CREEK DAY WALK**

**Leader** Richard Johns 0409 871 641  
**Meet** St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd,

**Red Hill**  
**Time** 7am  
**Cost** \$20 (car pool) \$2 (private)  
**Grade** M34  
**Emerg Off** Greg Endicott 3351 4092

This walk will start at O'Riellys on the Border Track and then descend to 'Yerralahla' (blue pool), passing by some large rainforest trees including red cedar, *Toona ciliata*, and then will follow the creek for most of its length.

We will be walking up towards the multiple waterfalls to reach in the beautiful Elabana Falls just below the picnic rock. The track will cross the creek multiple times and, in places, will climb quite high beside it, affording stunning views of the creek through the trees. If we get rain, we can expect to get our feet wet.

If the cafe at the lodge is closed, we will stop at Canungra for a coffee on the way home.

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact** Russ Nelson 0427 743 534  
**Time** 7.30pm  
**Where** St Michael's Parish Hall  
250 Banks St, Dorrington

Our meetings are friendly and relaxed gatherings where members and visitors can hear about recent and upcoming club events and ask questions about walks that interest them. Nominations for walks are taken after the formalities and people catch up over a companionable supper. The December Meeting will also feature the Annual Photograph Competition. All are welcome. The hall is in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.

<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

**ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION**  
**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018 at 7.30 pm**  
**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL, DORRINGTON**

This will be our fifteenth annual photograph competition. One of the main reasons for it is to find a cover photograph for the Annual Report. The other is to encourage members to share their photographs.

One of our Club goals is to encourage the love of the bush and of bushwalking. I trust the photographs will display the spirit of the Club, the beauty of nature and our reasons for bushwalking.

The best overall photograph will go on the front cover of the Annual Report. The categories of the competition are:



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

#### Competition Rules

1. Entry is open to club members only.
2. The photographs must each be submitted in two formats:
  - a. Printed and displayed at the December meeting and
  - b. Delivered electronically to [michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au) so it can go into the Annual Report.
3. Each photograph must be able to fit on the front cover of the Annual Report which uses paper size A5. Larger electronic submissions must be able to be easily reduced to the appropriate size.
4. Each person may enter up to four photographs per category,
5. Each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name, the Club trip name and date on which the photograph was taken.
6. All photographs must be from BCBC Trips.
7. Photographs can be submitted up until 7.40 pm on the night of judging.
8. There is no entry fee.
9. The ownership of each photograph will remain that of the photographer but BCBC has permission to publish the photograph in any of its publications, print or electronic.

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**BULIMBA CREEK #8**  
**STROLL**

<b>Leader</b>	<b>Greg (AKA Benny Andersson)</b> <b>3351 4092</b>
<b>Meet</b>	<b>Murarrie Rail Station,</b> <b>Queensport Rd South, Murarrie</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>4.15pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Grade</b>	<b>S11</b>
<b>Emerg Off</b>	<b>Greg (AKA Agnetha)</b> <b>0418 122 995</b>

This is the last of the Bulimba Creek *Source to Mouth* Strolls. Come along to claim your Completion Certificate for doing all eight strolls. The beginning of this one is the hardest part (not the train trip) where you will climb 20 metres over half a kilometre up to Lytton Rd. I'm afraid I cannot promise native vegetation or pretty bikeways. Gibson Island, where most of this stroll will take us, was the home of two power stations and still has a chemical works. It must be done so we all can get our

certificates. The way to Hemmant Station and home is by a different route, although still through industrial sites and sheds. Come and see businesses you never imagined existed.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@-27.4453634,153.1266422,15.5z>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_songs\\_recorded\\_by\\_ABBA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_songs_recorded_by_ABBA)

The total distance covered will be ten kilometres and should take a little over two hours. It will be mostly flat. Bring a torch, Greg's mobile number, rain protection and water. Remember, we are now in Summer and it is hot and light until 7.06 pm.

Christmas and New Year's Days fall on Wednesdays this time, so strolls will take a sad break, but will return in 2020 with renewed vigour.

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**COFFEE CLUB EAGLE STREET PIER**  
**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader** Michael Simpson 0409 620 714  
**Address** 10/1 Eagle Street  
**Time** From 4pm till 9ish

We seem to finish most years at this venue. It is usually quiet and provides reasonable food and drinks as well as outdoor seating and an outlook over the river. The website is

<https://www.coffeeclub.com.au/stores/eagle-st-pier/>

It will be a great way to share an evening with friends and discuss what's on over the Christmas/New Year break. If you've never been to a JTS this is the one to try. See you there.

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**TOOHEY FOREST BOXING DAY WALK**  
**DAYWALK**

**Leader** Louise Jones 0437 447 277  
**Meet** St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd,  
Red Hill  
**Time** 7am  
**Cost** \$5 (carpool) \$2 (private)  
**Grade** M12  
**Emerg Off** Emma Jones 0410687311

We will commence at the Toohey Forrest carpark and head towards Peggs Lookout, where we will take in the view of the city. We will then continue to Grey Gum Track before retracing our steps to the carpark for morning tea. We will attempt to complete most of the tracks such as Toohey Mountain Track, Mayne Ridge Track and Fernvale Track. Please bring the food and water you will

need for a relaxing day in a bush very close to city. It will be lovely to have Christmas left overs to share.

**MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**INNER CITY GEOLOGIC TOUR**  
**STROLL**

**Leader**        **Greg Endicott 33514092**  
**Meet**         **On the steps in front of Roma Street Station**  
**Time**          **3pm**  
**Cost**          **Nil**  
**Grade**        **S11**  
**Emerg Off**    **Greg 0418 122 995**

This will be a fill-in; otherwise there will be a two-week gap in strolling and I may forget to come back in the new year.

I have THE Book of Field Geology by Stevens that goes on a trail of the exposed rock faces in the CBD and explains what the rocks are and how they were formed. Councils since Day One have cut through the city's hills and slopes to make roads, put in water tanks, cut railway lines, create wharves and generally neaten up the landscape. The rocks are exposed.

We will be following the route planned by Stevens and see what he has found in rocks, faults, divisions, heat, sweat, fossils and more. Come along with the strollers to enjoy a lovely time in our late summer's afternoon. Check out the route at: <https://dl0.creation.com/articles/p096/c09617/9617-brisbane-geology-scale-lq.jpg> Bring my mobile number with you, as well as a hat, rain protection, torch and water. Come with me to discover your ancient Bris Vegas that is under your feet all day.

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**NORTHBROOK GORGE**  
**DAY WALK & BBQ**

**Leader**        **Michael Simpson 0409 620 714**  
**Meet**         **45 Camoola Street, Keperra**  
**Time**          **12.00pm**  
**Cost**          **\$10**  
**Grade**        **S44**  
**Emerg Off**    **Greg Endicott 3351 4092**

Northbrook Creek lies in the Mt Glorious section of the D'Aguilar NP. It is a wonderful creek with plenty of pools and small cascades as well as a spectacular gorge. This used to be a very wet walk but after all the rain several years ago the gorge filled with segments of Lawton Road. The latest report I'm getting is that the gorge is filling again although I don't know how deep it is.



We will park our cars in the usual place about 2½ kilometres from Wivenhoe Lookout and take the tourist route down to the western end of the gorge. After some fun in the gorge we will return to the cars the same way. We will then continue west along the Northbrook Pathway to White or Red Cedar Picnic Ground where we will enjoy the twilight with a BBQ and drinks.

Ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for this very easy day walk: water, food etc. And don't forget to bring something to eat and drink at the BBQ.

### **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

#### **JINDALEE #3**

#### **STROLL**

**Leader**        **Greg Endicott 3351 4092**  
**Meet**         **Sumners Rd at Riverhills West**  
                    **at Rufus St; Stop ID: 005317**  
**Time**         **5.10pm**  
**Cost**          **Nil**  
**Grade**        **S11**  
**Emerg Off**    **Greg 0418 122 995**

We will be continuing our Jindalee Stroll Trilogy, and Riverhills to Wacol Station is the final leg. This one is only seven kilometres and 1½ hours long. We will finish at Wacol Railway Station for our trip back to Roma Street Station. To get to the start, I will be catching a Route 454 Riverhills Bus from the Queen St Bus Station 2A.

This is the easiest Jindalee Strolls since it is on flat ground and through open terrain. Navigation will be easy, so we can move along. Thus, the start is late. Being in the peak of Summer, we will still finish in daylight. We will walk past a prison, the RSPCA refuge, a lawn cemetery, a concrete girder plant. Come along to enjoy a lovely time in the late afternoon.

Check out the route at: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.5747/152.9063>

Bring my mobile number with you, as well as a hat, rain protection, torch and water.

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

#### **PALM BEACH TO CURRUMBIN**

#### **AND RETURN**

#### **DAYWALK**

**Leader:**        **Phil Murray**  
                    **5522 9702 or 0416 650160**  
**Meet**         **St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill**  
**Time**         **6:30 am # at Red Hill**  
                    **Grade : S22**

**EO Sue Murray 0421 510 214**

This is an interesting walk on the Gold Coast in the middle of summer. The distance of the walk is approximately 9 km. The walk has an early start but it is mid-summer and the sun rises before 5:00 am.

The walk is a chance to see how high the huge summer King Tide will be. One of the quirky features of the walk is that we walk along a boardwalk that is about 10 cm under water. I also want to check out the pedestrian bridge that goes under the road bridge at Thrower Drive. The water will cover the pedestrian bridge by about 35 cm at the top of the tide.

The predicted high tide at Snapper Rocks is 2.19 metres at 8.59 am. By way of comparison the high tide for 2019 was 2.24 metres at 08:59 am. As an aside the high tide at the Brisbane bar will be much higher at 2.66 metres at 10:47 am.

The plan is to start walking at the Pirate Carpark, then traipse across Palm Beach, then do a quick loop around the lagoon at the entrance of Currumbin Creek. Then meander along the board walk towards Thrower Drive. We cross Currumbin Creek near the M1 freeway. The pedestrian bridge here is actually the old south coast railway line bridge-work. We will have morning tea along the parklands beside the creek here. We then walk along the other side of the Currumbin Creek to the river mouth. We then walk out along the breakwater to Currumbin Rock. Then along the beach to Tugun Surf Club for some refreshments. We then re-trace our steps back to Palm Beach. I hope to have a quick swim or two along the way.

Recommended footwear is "croc" as they provide better support than thongs, plus, they are so easy to get on and off when we walk through the water

Bring the usual Daywalk stuff, plus I suggest you bring at least 1 litre of water as it will probably be warmish. Ensure you bring raingear namely a raincoat or an umbrella. Please ensure you have a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip. I recommend you bring a thermos of cold water for the end of the walk to be left in the car.

Expected finishing time of the walk will be about 2 pm.

Phil

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**CABBAGE TREE CK #2**  
**STROLL**

<b>Leader</b>	<b>Greg Endicott 3351 4092</b>
<b>Meet</b>	<b>Bus Stop - Old Northern Rd at Chinook; Stop ID: 013062 [Chinook St Shops]</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>4.15pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Grade</b>	<b>S11</b>
<b>Emerg Off</b>	<b>Greg 0418 122 995</b>

We will be walking eight kilometres from Old Northern Rd at McDowall to Gympie Rd, Aspley, strolling through the suburbs of McDowall, Bridgeman Downs and Aspley. Afterwards, there are buses along Gympie Rd back to the City.

We will be going all the way along creek banks and mainly along paths. Once or twice we will have to go into civilisation to go from *a to b*; however, this will be the first time the Club has been all the way along this creek. Take in the fresh air, the bird song and the lovely green grass. Hear the babbling brook tumbling through the rocks. See the native bushes growing. Observe the lovely blue sky.

Check out the route at: <https://www.google.com/maps/@-27.3639658,153.0036793,14.9z> Bring my mobile number with you, as well as a hat, rain protection, torch and water.

*“Walking is the great adventure, Walking is the exact balance between spirit and humility.”*

Gary Snyder

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**BREWHOUSE**  
**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader** Michael Simpson 0409 620 714  
**Meet** 601 Stanley Street, South Brisbane  
**Time** From 4pm till 8ish

We have been to the Brewhouse before and loved it so we're going back. It is located in the 1863, heritage listed Clarence Corner Pub in Woolloongabba. It serves a variety of locally brewed craft beers as well as other beers from microbrewers around the world. The Brewhouse currently has eight of its own, Brisbane Brewing Company beers on tap. (<https://brewhouse.com.au/>). Do yourself a favour and join us.

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**PATS BLUFF**  
**DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray  
5522 9702 or 0416 650160  
**Meet** St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill  
**Time** 6.30 am  
**Cost** \$20  
**Grade** M33  
**EO** Sue Murray 5522 9702

The proposed walk was to be the Obi Obi lilo trip but the drought means it is unlikely to be sufficient water to do the trip. Plus the SunshiThe replacement walk is up at O'Reilly's with a walk to Pat's Bluff.

This walk is about 14 km long and is mainly graded track with only a bit of "off track" walking.

The walk is basically a circuit starting and finishing at O'Reilly's. We will be descending down to Moran's Creek via the Wishing Tree Track. Then up to Balancing Rock then back to Moran's Falls. Then up to the O'Reilly's Road. Then out to Python Rock then a quick out and back to Pat's bluff. Then back to O'Reilly's. Lots of nice views.

Bring the usual Daywalk stuff, plus I suggest you bring at least 3 litres of water as it will probably be warmish. Ensure you bring raingear namely a raincoat or an umbrella. Ensure you apply rid or other insect repellent. Also,

please ensure you have a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip. I recommend you bring a thermos of cold water for the end of the walk to be left in the car.

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact** Russ Nelson 0427 743 534  
**Time** 7.30pm  
**Where** St Michael's Parish Hall  
250 Banks St, Dorrington

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**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER**  
**SOCIAL FOR ST VINNIES**

**Leader** Greg Endicott 3351 4092  
**Meet** Gaythorne RSL Club,  
534 Samford Road, Mitchelton  
**Time** 6pm  
**Cost** Main courses \$12 - \$30  
**Emerg Off** Greg 0418 122 995

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 to the local St Vinnies chapter.

Please RSVP by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> as I need to book a table or two.

We have been to the Gaythorne RSL a few times now and enjoyed it immensely. It is a nice club with a family atmosphere. The meals are good, the drinks well priced 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.

The entrance is at the back in Tel-El-Kebir Street through the carpark. There is a bus stop right out front and it is an easy walk from Mitchelton Station. There is a wide-ranging courtesy bus. Look at their website for the area covered. Because it is a club, we will need to sign in or have a membership card from another club. You can become a life member for \$1 and go straight in. If you have any difficulties at the door, ring my mobile.

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 RSVPed. I would like you there with us.

Check their web at <http://gaythornersl.com.au/dining/>

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**STABLE SWAMP CK #2**  
**STROLL**

**Leader**        **Greg Endicott 3351 4092**  
**Meet**         **Banoon Rail Station, Breton St, Sunnybank**  
**Time**         **4.30pm**  
**Cost**          **Nil**  
**Grade**        **S41**  
**Emerg Off**    **Greg 0418 122 995**

This seven-kilometre, two-hour stroll will pass through Sunnybank, Coopers Plains and Salisbury as we go from Banoon Station via parks and paths to Salisbury Rail Station, just near the Beaudesert Road overpass. The relatively unknown Banoon Station comes after the Coopers Plains one. It is on the Beenleigh Line.

This stroll is along the left branch of the creek. Last month we did the right branch from Sunnybank Hills. You do want to tell your mates, when asked, that you have done ALL of Stable Swamp Creek. Do not be embarrassed to answer because you have not followed this Left Branch.

The creek is in parkland for the first half and then goes into industrial landscape near Coopers Plains. There is still a semblance of a creek that we will attempt to follow. In this drought, the grass will be dry, low and easy to stroll through. We will explore the waterway as much as possible, tracing it between the warehouses and sheds. Failing that, we will follow roads beside the creek.

From Salisbury Station, trains go to the City, Ferny Grove and Beenleigh, with connections to everywhere else. Buses also go to the City or further out into suburbia. Look at the route at <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.5668/153.0361> Bring my mobile number with you, as well as a torch, water, hat & weather protection.

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**  
**ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT**  
**DAYWALK**

**Leader**        **Phil Murray**  
                  **5522 9702 or 0416 650160**  
                  **philmurray16@gmail.com**

**Meet**            **St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd**  
                     **Red Hill**  
**Time**           **7:00 am**  
**Cost**            **\$20**  
**Grade**          **XL35**  
**EO**              **Sue Murray 5522 9702**

The proposed walk was to do Dianna's Bath but with the long drought it is unlikely to be enough water to make it worthwhile to go there. The replacement walk is the Albert River Circuit. This is a graded track walk up at O'Reilly's. Please note it is a solid day walk at 20 km but is relatively easy as there are no steep climbs as it is all gentle inclines.

The walk is through rainforest. Hopefully we will get to see some of the Lamington Blue Crayfish.

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

I would like to start walking before 9.30 am and hopefully finish walking before 5.30 pm.

Phil

## **ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCH**

### **SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**Leader**        **Liz Little [lizlittle@bigpond.com](mailto:lizlittle@bigpond.com)**  
                     **0414 252 003**  
**Meet**           **St Ita's, 247 Gladstone Rd,**  
                     **Dutton Park**  
                     **OR**  
                     **Yeronga Services Club,**  
                     **cnr Fairfield Rd and Kadumba St, Yeronga**  
**Time**           **Mass 11am**  
                     **Lunch 12 Noon**  
**Cost**           **Pay for lunch and drinks upon**  
                     **ordering**

The Annual Mass is a significant gathering of our Club community. It presents an opportunity to reflect upon what we do and who we are. It is a time to celebrate the beauty of creation and the precious gift of friendship. It is also the time when we give thanks for the past year of bushwalking and anticipate the upcoming programme.

To drive to the lunch venue from the church, turn right into Gladstone Rd. After one kilometre, turn right into Noble St which becomes Fairfield Rd. After two kilometres, turn right into Kadumba St and then immediately right into the car park of the Club.

There are also trains and buses from Dutton Park to Yeronga. Consult the Translink website.



At the Yeronga Services Club, most of the meals are \$20 or less. There are also specials for \$15 or \$12-for-members or \$10- for-Seniors. It is possible to become a member for \$2 at the Club's Reception or online at <https://yerongaservices.com.au/>.

Nominations for the lunch are essential. If you are willing to read or play a non-speaking role at the Mass, please advise Liz.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 THREE BRIDGES CIRCUIT DAYWALK**

Three people set out from Indooroopilly Railway Station under cloudy skies to walk through nine suburbs and over three bridges back to our starting point. We walked first through parks and along the river to the University, then past all the colleges to the Eleanor Schonell Bridge. There was a light shower as we crossed the bridge, but luckily, we were under cover.

After passing the Dutton Park Cemetery, we enjoyed morning tea under a shady tree beside the river. We then continued along the Brisbane Corso, before re-entering the riverfront parklands. These continued for some time, then there was another road bash, past upmarket houses, some with beautiful gardens, before the next riverside park. The jacarandas and flame trees were spectacular. One highlight was Jacaranda Park, which is surrounded by flowering Jacarandas. Near a bend in the river, we walked out onto a small jetty to admire the view. We finally arrived at the site of the old Tennyson Powerhouse, where we lunched in a picnic shed beside the river. There was a heavy shower just after we arrived, accompanied by a strong wind, so we were lucky to be under cover.

After lunch, Terry decided to read some of the many signs about the history of the area, but Rose and I were content to rest our feet. Later we resumed our walk, along King Arthur Tce and across Pamphlett Bridge to Graceville. There we found more riverside parkland, which we followed to Faulkner Park. We walked through that park, before crossing a little bridge back to the road. It was then just a short walk through leafy Chelmer streets and Gordon Thomson Park to the Jack Petsch Bridge, which we crossed back to Indooroopilly, finishing by 2.30pm.

Thanks to Rose and Terry for accompanying me on the walk.

Paddy



**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**  
**MISS KAYS MITCHELTON**  
**COFFEE NIGHT AND DINNER**

Nine members gathered at Miss Kays, Mitchelton on a mild spring evening. The club has met at this location for many coffee nights over the years. In recent times it has been occupied by Miss Kays which specialises in burgers. These were of a high quality and were excellent value for money. Russ also tried a James Brownie milkshake, which looked impressive.

There was an interesting array of beers on tap and Byron Bay Lager was also available on special in bottles. Thanks to Russ and Jan, Greg, Pat and Jonas, Susan, Liz, and Terry for joining me on this social.

Graham.

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**  
**JTS – BITTER SUITE BAR**  
**SOCIAL**

We like the Bitter Suite Bar as it is usually quiet, we can sit outside and the food and drinks are quite good. Parking is available and public transport is good. We will return. Thanks to the ten who joined me: Karen, Josh, Graham, Russ & Jan, Greg & Michele, Liz, John H and Khaleel. Michael.

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 24, 2019**  
**BALANCING ROCK**  
**DAYWALK**

A lovely walk up at O'Reilly's.

The proposed replacement walk for the cancelled the Upper Portals walk was a trip was to Albert River circuit. But I only got one nomination for the walk, namely Pat Lawton. I presume the 20 km distance seemed to reduce the interest in the walk. On the Thursday night Pat asked if we could do a shorter walk and we did – it was a lovely walk out to Balancing Rock then across to Python Rock. The change 2 days before the walk went out was a bit late to send out an email to garner further nominations. For future reference it may be advisable to keep in contact with leaders about potential late changes.

Anyhow we did a loop from O'Reilly's. This walk was about 12 km long and was mainly on graded track .We started at 9.25 am and finished at about 2.30 pm. The walk started by descending down to Moran's Creek via the Wishing Tree Track. Then up to Balancing Rock (It was a bit warm on this section). Then we zig zagged back to Moran's Falls. Then up to the O'Reilly's Road where we had a 10 minute breather on the park bench. Then out to Python Rock where we had lunch and then back to O'Reilly's. The surprise was that Moran's Creek had a good flow of water. The rainforest looked very dry and we could hear lots of birds and lizards scurrying through. the leaf litter.

There were a number of highlights for the day. The first highlight was the number of birds flying around and we spotted several beautiful Satin Bower Birds and also the dazzling gold and black Regent Bower bird. Another highlight was the number of Flame trees in flower. They seemed to be thriving in the dry conditions. Perhaps they have an inbuilt code to detect that the dry was about to finish and they want to set their seeds for the coming rains.

There were frequent views out towards Mt Lindsay and Mt Maroon. But the views were of lots of smoke from bushfires especially at Mt Barney. The concern was that the fire was headed towards the Club Hut. I reported my concerns to Iain Renton but he advised that we probably couldn't do anything at this stage as the park is closed.

Those on the walk Phil Murray, Sue Murray, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas.





**SUE, PAT & JONAS AT BALANCING ROCK.**

## **REPORTS**

### **PAST TRIP/EVENT REPORTS**

Have you led a walk or social this year? Have you sent a report in for this? We need a writeup for each one for the Annual Report which is compiled every January; so, if you haven't already submitted one, please do so before I start hassling (nicely, of course).

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The launch of the new BCBC Website is now only a few weeks away. It will probably take us about a year to fully understand its impact. It will be discussed at both Committee Meetings and General Meetings.

Preparations are now underway for the Annual Mass and Meal on Saturday, 22 February 2020. As happened this year, the meal will be a lunch. Details can be found in this magazine.

After many years of service, Michael Simpson is stepping down as convener of the Wednesday Coffee Nights. Michael undertook this task with distinction for many years. The Coffee Nights are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at a local café in suburban Brisbane. If you would like to host a Coffee Night at a local café of your choice, please contact me.

As mentioned at the November General Meeting, the two-year trial of labelling walks as *Qualifying Walks* which can be considered to meet the standard for membership will come to an end on 31 December 2019. The Committee is now considering the outcome of the trial and whether to adopt the system or not. If you have a point of view, please contact one of the Committee Members.

May you all have a joyous Christmas.

Russ

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I was unable to draw the raffle at the November meeting because we ran out of time. I will draw it at the December meeting after the Photo Competition. Please remember that the club has a small supply of club t-shirts, 60th anniversary t-shirts, small metal club badges and USB devices from our 60th anniversary for sale at reasonable prices.

I wish everyone a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Terry.

### **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Jonas Bernotas, Jeanette Chew, John Hood, Anne Iron, Ken McCarron, Kylie Moore, Sofia Ramsay, Antonia Simpson, Janelle Sammon and Barry Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December. Jenny Bullock was an interested visitor at our busy November meeting. Visitors are always most welcome at any of our activities.

Michael Simpson and Karen Franklin recently returned from a brief trip to the United States. Rosemary O'Brien recently returned from a motoring trip to North Queensland. Khaleel Petrus managed to climb Ayers Rock before it closed. He then went on a trip to Europe from which he has just returned. Michele and Greg Endicott recently attended a clan gathering in Sydney. Russ and Jan Nelson recently returned from a trip to Turkey and the U.K.

### **SAFETY & TRAINING**

The FMR calendar for 2020 has been published on [fmrqld.bwq.org.au](http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au).

The following events are open to members of adequately-insured bushwalking clubs, (this includes BCBC) and are either free or incur a small fee to affray the costs of training materials and wear and-tear on gear. More details of each event will be available closer to the date.

To nominate for any event, email [fmrqld@gmail.com](mailto:fmrqld@gmail.com)

Date	Training Event	Convenor
8 Mar	Basic Navigation -	Peter Rollings
5 Apr	Advanced Navigation -	Doug McDonald
19 Apr	First Aid Refresher -	Tom Bor
10 May	Beginners' Abseil -	Rob Manthey
6-7 June	Search and Rescue training weekend	To be advised
4-5 July	Vertical Self-Rescue training weekend	To be advised
16 Aug	Basic Navigation	To be advised

6 Sep	Operating an incorporated association In Queensland	To be advised
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## OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

### The early summer weather and bushfires.

The big dry continues and the risk of the bushfires continues to impact the Club's outings program. My only concern is the old adage "it never rains but it pours". I only hope is that we get gentle continuous rain not downpours.

The Binna Burra section of Lamington National Park is still closed and is expected to be closed until 20<sup>th</sup> December, Mt Barney National Park is closed. The Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk is closed.

It seems that 90% of the walking areas that the Club walks in are closed at the moment. Thankfully the O'Reilly's section of Lamington National Park is still open.

I did a bushwalk up at O'Reilly's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and we had a great walk but the rainforest was noticeably dry. The sad news to report was that we could see huge clouds of smoke rising from the bushfires from the northern ridges of M Barney not far from the Lower Portals. The expectation is that the fire may impact on the Club's Hut.

**Numbers on Walks** - The average numbers on walks has taken a noticeable dip in the last few months. As an aside the numbers on socials is higher than for walks.

Outings Summary for November 2019			
3 Nov	Three bridges Walk	Paddy	4
9 Nov	Tweed to Cabarita	Phil	0
16 Nov	Noosa	Michele	7
23 Nov	Balancing Rock	Phil	4
30 Nov	Purlingbrook Falls	Louise	6
Average number of walkers on trips		5.1	

The historical average numbers for daywalks for the last 5 years has hovered around the number of 10. This year it is dropped and for the last month has dropped down to 5. There is always a positive as the up side of the smaller numbers on walks is that it is much easier to lead a trip.

### Changes to Walks –

There have been a few changes to walks over the last month.

16 Nov	Booloumba creek cancelled due to fire and the replacement walk was Noosa National Park was led by Michele.
23 Nov	Upper Portals cancelled due to fire and the replacement walk was to Balancing Rock – led by Phil.
21 Dec	Tallebudgera Creek – cancelled as no leader came forward.
18 Jan	Obi Obi Creek closed due to fire risk and replaced by Pat's Bluff.
1 Feb	Diana's Bath changed due to fire risk – replaced by Albert River Circuit (O'Reilly's) to be led by Phil
29 Feb	South Straddie to Warrie Circuit – the tides were wrong for a beach walk.



<b>Leader's Needed for Walks in 2020</b>	
25-28 Jan	Australia Day weekend – need a walk and a leader for this trip
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	currently listed as Stairway Falls. We still need a leader for this walk.
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	We need a walk and a leader for this weekend.

If we don't get leaders for these walks by the December meeting the walks will be cancelled.

### **Outings Planning for 2020**

The third draft of Outings Program for next year was published last month. Most of the dates and walks are becoming firm plans but some small changes may need to be made.

If you want to go on a particular walk next year, don't keep it to yourself let me know so the proposed walk doesn't get changed. Many of the walks have leaders but we still need some leaders.

It is not too late to put forward ideas for walks if you have a great idea for a walk, we will squeeze it in somewhere. There are a few spare dates on the program to cater for late suggestions.

See you on a walk soon.

Phil

Outings Secretary

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **Mt Barney 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Accommodation Wednesday 12th August 2020**

The Club has already booked one of the houses and members reserved beds as soon as the availability was announced. The house is now fully booked.

If others wish to stay overnight for one or two nights in Forester's Hut, the Club is willing to organize this, at no cost to the Club. For this reason, full payment is required at the time of booking. If the booking doesn't go ahead due to lack of numbers, full refunds will be made.

### **Details**

- Sleeps 10
- One double bed
- 4 upper bunks
- 4 lower bunks
- Kitchen – stove, fridge, microwave, crockery, cutlery
- Fireplace
- Toilets and showers in campground shared facilities

### **Price (2019)**

- \$160 per night for two people plus \$30 per additional person

**To book for 11<sup>TH</sup> August**

Once two people each pay \$80, the hut will be booked for one night. If additional people book, the price per person will decrease and appropriate refunds will be organized. If only one person books, they will be given the option of paying the whole \$160 or having their \$80 refunded and the booking not made. Once the booking is made, if people cancel, refunds may not be possible, depending on the numbers still going. Money can be paid to the Treasurer.

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## **HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES**

### **OUTINGS**

1. Always read the *Jilalan* article to check the departure point, date and time.
2. Walks usually depart from the Red Hill Catholic Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check *Jilalan* to be sure.
3. The Club usually organises transport for outings, but walkers must nominate to the leader by the Wednesday night prior unless nominations close earlier. Late nominations may not be accepted. Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
4. Walks are rarely cancelled. If they are, all nominees are notified. It should not be assumed that outings are cancelled because of bad weather.
5. Walkers who must cancel are asked to notify the leader as soon as possible.
6. Walkers who run late for departure are asked to notify the leader or the emergency officer.
7. All visitors must sign an *Assumption of Risk* form for insurance purposes.

### **VISITORS**

For general enquiries contact Greg on 3351 4092.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

Are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at 7:30 pm at St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the lower terrace, below the church and accessed by driving down the cement driveway to the lower carpark.

## EMERGENCY OFFICER SYSTEM

If walkers have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, their families may phone the Emergency Officer (Or EO or Emerg Off) for that outing. If the EO is not mentioned, they may phone the President or Vice President. Walks are delayed from time to time for a variety of reasons and families need not panic. The Club will organize any action that needs to be taken.

(<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html>)

## PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Club requires all walkers to carry certain minimal basic equipment: a completed medical information form, a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, a hat, a shirt, 50+ sunscreen and at least two litres of water. Leaders may require additional equipment on particular walks, and will advise, usually in *Jilalan*.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. \$20 - Ordinary Members, Ordinary Spouse Members, Country Members.
2. \$16 - Associate Members, Associate Spouse Members.
3. Pro-rata rates apply to new members who join during the year.
4. Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December. Renewals are due and payable by the end of February each year.
5. There is an additional \$25 cost for members who elect to receive a printed *Jilalan*. Life Members and Honorary Members receive complimentary copies.

## WARNING

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

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For specific enquiries, contact the relevant committee member.

For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

### **TRIPLE ZERO AWARENESS WORK GROUP (TZA WG)**

As a result of problems experienced by emergency call-takers and emergency services, in late 2013 TZA WG launched a free smartphone app: Emergency\*. TZA WG 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 TZA WG has numerous examples where lost or injured bushwalkers have used the app to pinpoint their location for emergency services.

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