

# **JILALAN**



**UPPER PORTALS – SUN 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

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# ***NOVEMBER 2013***

Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
18	JTS – MJ's	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19	West End to North Shore	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
20	Our Lady of The Way Mass & Walk	Justin	3366 3193	DW	S33
21	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
26/27	Pottsville to Byron Bay	Michael	3351 3810	BC	L33
27	Echo Point	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L34
30	Coffee Night – Coffee Club The Gap	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
Nov 1/6	Bogong High Plains	Phil	5522 9702	TW	L66
2	Toolona Creek Circuit	Peggy	0419 489717	DW	L35
9	Fountain Falls	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M47
15	JTS – Gilhooley's Steakhouse	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	Sydney Harbour North Head	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M33
18	BCBC Meeting & Photographic Comp	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
23	Cinque Aqua	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22
27	Coffee Night – Colle Rosso	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
Dec 1	Montserrat/Upper Portals	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M44
7	Christmas Party	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
8	Bohgaban Falls	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M44
14/21	South Coast Track	Peter	3205 5982	TW	XL77
16	BCBC Meeting	Graham	3371 9623	Meet	
20	JTS – Coffee Club Riverside	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
26	Boxing Day Walk	Graham	3371 9623	DW	S11
31	New Year's Eve Event	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	
Jan 4	Northbrook Gorge	Michael	3351 3810	DW	S44
5/16	Dusky Track	Michael	3351 3810	TW	XL77
11	Cronan's Cascades			DW	
17	JTS – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Somerset Lookout	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
20	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
22	St Vinnies @ Gaythorne RSL	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
25/27	Cooloola Wilderness Trail	Michael	3351 3810	TW	XL33
25/27	Harry's Hut	Trevor	3269 4795	BC	
25	Kedron Brook	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	
29	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
Feb 1	Summer Creek	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
8	Denman Falls & Killarney Glen			DW	
9	Daisy Hill			DW	
15	Barney Gorge Circuit	John	5514 0285	DW	
17	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
21	JTS –	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Annual Mass and Dinner	Liz	3356 4874	Rel	
26	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
28	James Boag at the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
Mar 1	Mt Fraser	Peter	3205 5982	DW	
2	Sandstone Point to Beachmere	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
8/9	Apple & Grape Festival	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
15/16	Club Hut Feast	Greg	3351 4092	ON	S43
16	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
17	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
21	JTS –	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	North Coast Mountains	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
26	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
29/30	Training Weekend @ Kobble Ck	Michael	3351 3810	BC	
Apr 5	Edinburgh Castle	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
7	TAFE Restaurant @ South Bank	Anne	3356 5431	Soc	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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



**KEY – Walk Types**

<b>D/W</b>	Day Walk	<b>½ D/W</b>	Half Day Walk
<b>O/N</b>	Over Nighter	<b>B/C</b>	Base Camp
<b>T/W</b>	Through Walk	<b>C/W</b>	City Walk
<b>TRN</b>	Training	<b>S&amp;T</b>	Safety & Training
<b>FMR</b>	Federation Mountain Rescue	<b>SOC/SW</b>	Social/Social Walk

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
<b>Short</b> Under 10km per day	<b>1</b> - Smooth reasonably flat path	<b>1</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	<b>2</b> - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	<b>2</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
<b>Medium</b> 10-15km per day	<b>3</b> - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>3</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	<b>4</b> - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>4</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
<b>Long</b> 15-20 km per day	<b>5</b> - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>5</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	<b>6</b> - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>6</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
<b>Extra Long</b> Over 20 km per day	<b>7</b> - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	<b>7</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>8</b> - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	<b>8</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>9</b> - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	<b>9</b> - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. 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**

“Today I am giving you a choice  
Between good and evil,  
Between life and death, -  
Between God’s blessing and God’s curse,  
And I call heaven and earth to witness the  
choice you make:  
Choose life.”

(Deuteronomy 30: 15-19)

**COMING EVENTS**

**TRIPS** leave from St Brigid’s car park at 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 declared you a Member of the Club.

**LEADERS**

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810.

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
GILHOOLEY'S STEAKHOUSE  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Phil 0416 650160  
**Address:** 124 Albert St, Brisbane.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal  
**Emerg Off:** Phil 0413 307580.

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering on the third Friday of the month. We are headed to the middle of the City. The plan is to get a side walk table and enjoy the busy ambience of the city. Come along for a lovely night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal. And a chat about whatever you want.

Gilhooleys has been around since 1995. It looks like an Irish pub, what with all of the heavy polished wooden furniture and fittings and everything, though a friend insists that all Brisbane Irish pubs actually look like English pubs. Gilhooley's is now a steakhouse not merely a bar. So presumably the food is now better.

We plan to be outside if the weather is fine but inside if the weather is stormy. (We need the rain as Brisbane is now suffering from a mini-drought).

I need some assistance from the historical buffs in the Club - there used to be a german style hotel at this venue – was it called the Munich Steakhouse or the Bavarian Steakhouse?

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
SYDNEY HARBOUR  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin 3366 3193.  
**Meet at:** Brisbane Domestic Airport.  
**Time:** 4.30am.  
**Cost:** \$220.  
**Grading:** M33.  
**Location:** Sydney Harbour North Head.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Sydney Harbour, one of the finest harbours in the world, guarded by North and South Head, and spreading out to a magnificent waterway. Headlands, hidden bays, bush, beaches and views. We'll discover all this as we walk from North Head to the Manly Spit and if time allows over to Watson Bay and South Head.

Pack your daypack and join us on the Harbour for a walk that will surprise you.

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**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 come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC  
COMPETITION**

This is the tenth time we have had this photo competition. One of the main reasons for the photo competition is to find a "cover photo" for the Annual Report. The other reason for having a photographic competition is to encourage members to bring their photos out and share them with other members. Our goal as a club is to encourage the love of the bush and bushwalking. I trust the photos will display the spirit of the Club and the beauty of nature and why we go bushwalking.

More info in the separate article towards the back.

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER  
CINQUE AQUA  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.  
**Meet at:** St. Brigid's, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.30am.  
**Cost:** \$20.  
**Grading:** M22.  
**Distance:** 10.75kms  
**Web:** <http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pilgrimage.php>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This trip was originally listed as Cleveland Point but no one came forward to lead it. As an alternative easy walk I volunteered to lead this easy trip up at Maleny Montville way.

There are several small little walks up at Maleny and Montville and the suggestion is to do all of them on the one day to make them into a walk for the Club.

The planned walks we will do are

1. Obi Boardwalk	850 m
2. Gardner Falls	800 m
3. Baroon Lookout	4.4 km
4. Kondalilla Falls	3.4 km
5. Mapleton Falls	1.3 km
Total	10.75 km

So all up it is over 10 kms with a hill to meet the requirement to be a walk. Why call the walk the "Cinque Aqua" walk well Italy has the walk called the Cinque Terre meaning the 5 lands and this walk is 5 walks beside water, so it just had to be called the 5 waters or Cinque Aqua (pronounced Chin Key Aqua). But more importantly it would look a bit cumbersome to list the names of all 5 walks in the name of the walk.

So come along for an easy graded track walk with lovely views. You will feel as though you are on top of the world for days afterwards. So come along for a great walk.

### **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Michael 3351 3810.  
**Meet at:** Colle Rosso,  
191 Musgrave Road,  
Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.00 to 6.30pm for dinner or  
7.30pm for coffee.  
**Cost:** Your choice – visit their website  
for their menu.  
**Web:** <http://www.collerosso.com.au/>  
**Emerg Off:** Michael 0409 620714.

The last coffee night for the year is near the centre of the city. The venue is Colle Rosso in Red Hill. This is a lovely Italian restaurant near St Brigid's and I hope we have a good attendance. Come along with your ideas for coffee nights next year or socials for that matter. Discuss the proposed New Year's Eve function or overseas trips or whatever.



### **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER MONTSERRAT/UPPER PORTALS DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 3351 3810  
or 0409 620714.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00 am.  
**Cost:** \$20.00.  
**Grading:** M44.  
**Location:** Mt Barney National Park –  
Grace's Hut.  
**Web:** <http://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/mt-barney/upper-portals>  
**Distance:** 9kms.  
**Ht Gain/Loss:** 683m/683m.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This is a great area to visit anytime but it is special during the summer months. The temperatures are up and there is nothing better than cooling off in a cool creek. The Upper Portals are magical with a narrow gorge spreading out to several pristine pools which are all so inviting. We will leave Brisbane late, or at a civilized hour for some, as the distances aren't great and the walking will not be long or arduous.

We park our cars at Cleared Ridge where Montserrat should be visible and follow the well-worn track down to Yamahra Creek and Grace's Hut. From the creek we wander up a road and then a bush track to the amazing lookout at Montserrat. The ridge is gentle with flat spots appearing whenever you start to feel tired. The views of Barney from this vantage point have to be seen as describing the view is never enough.

After tearing ourselves away we will now follow another bush track to the junction of Yamahra and Barney Creeks. From this junction it is but a short stroll to the Upper Portals and the compulsory swims. After retracing our steps to the junction we will follow the gentle track back to our cars.

So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for an easy day walk, water, food etc.



**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin 3366 3193.  
**Address:** The Plough Inn, South Bank.  
**Time:** 4.00pm.  
**Cost:** Meal approximately \$40  
Present for Santa's Sack \$5.  
**RSVP:** Tuesday 3 December, earlier if you can.

Christmas is here again, catch the train or bus and join us at the Plough Inn at South Bank for drinks. The inner city hopper will take us down the river for entrée, main course and back for coffee and dessert. Bring a present for Santa's sack and join your friends for a night on the river as we begin the festive season.

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
BOHGABAN FALLS  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 3351 3810  
or 0409 620714.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00 am.  
**Cost:** \$20.00.  
**Grading:** M44.  
**Location:** Lamington National Park –  
Binna Burra section.  
**Distance:** 11kms.  
**Ht Gain/Loss:** 470m/470m.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Bohgaban Falls are small but pretty and lie on the upper reaches of the picturesque Nixon Creek. There is an opportunity to go swimming in a small pool at the base of Egg Rock near the end of the walk.

We park our cars near the Numinbah Correctional Centre and follow the Great Walk Track for a short distance before dropping into Nixon Creek. We pass between Egg and Turtle Rocks as we wander along through open forest. Once into the creek we simply follow it up to the base of Bohgaban Falls. The falls themselves are easily climbed and we now have a choice of following Nixon Creek to its junction with the Shipstern Track or following Rifle Bird Creek to its junction with the Lower Bellbird Track.

Either way we finish up on the Binna Burra track system which we follow around to the Great Walk track again. We now follow this

track back to our cars and as mentioned above a possible swim.

This walk provides the ideal opportunity to walk off all those calories consumed at the Christmas Party. So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for an easy day walk, water, food etc.

**SATURDAY TO SATURDAY  
14<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER  
SOUTH COAST TRACK  
THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** Peter Constable 3205 5982.  
**Grading:** XL77.  
**Location:** Southern Tasmania.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This walk is now full. A special part of Australia from Melaleuca to Cockle Creek is being visited on this walk. There will be mud but there will be magnificent views and wonderful landscapes to behold. Eight walkers have nominated for the walk and as mentioned above no more can be taken.

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**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
THE COFFEE CLUB RIVERSIDE  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Greg 3351 4092.  
**Address:** Eagle Street Pier, Brisbane.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal  
**Emerg Off:** Greg 0418 122995.

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering on the third Friday of the month. Liz Little insisted we come here again. I have to agree



with her, a lovely venue to watch the passing crowd; from tourists, yuppies, bike riders, mums and dads, to the beautiful and daggy people; with the beautiful river in the background with boats and ferries gently sliding by.

A great place to catch up with friends. I hope you can make it. Come along for a great night for a drink, a meal and a chat. As it is restaurant we will definitely stay for a bite to eat.

## **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Antonia Simpson 0400 571387.  
**Address:** Palace Barracks Cinemas.  
**Meet in the foyer on Level 2.**  
**Time:** Approx. 8.30pm.  
**Cost:** TBA.

This is just a proposal at the moment as Palace Barracks has not yet advertised their New Year's Eve event. It may not be happening this year. If it does, the cinema organises a film to start about 9 pm followed by drinks and finger food in the cafe area which looks straight down the Southbank reach of the river. From here you can view the fireworks without the smoke and crowds and with the convenience of your car in the Barracks car park.

If you are interested in this as a way of seeing in the New Year, please let me know as soon as possible so that a booking can be made or so that another social to welcome in the New Year can be organized.

If you would like to offer your home as a venue for a New Year's Eve social or if you have seen an advertisement for a venue offering a great evening, let a committee member know and this can be advertised at our next meeting on 18 November.

## **ADVANCED NOTICE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OBI OBI LILO TRIP DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or  
0416 650160.

**Please note!** The trip is great fun but it has an element of risk and you need to be aware of the danger as we will be in moving water.

The Obi Obi lilo trip is a classic trip. The date we go out is dependent on the rains.

The trip is about 11 km long and we spend about 10 kms in the water. It takes about 7 hours. There are about 12 long pools of water joined by zippy stretches of moving water. Some are wonderful mini-waterfalls and sometimes they are babbling brooks that bounce along under the overhanging rainforest.

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

In 2010 and 2011 the trip didn't go out. In 2010 there wasn't enough water and in 2011 there was too much water. In March 2012 the trip went out but we only did the upper third of the trip as we didn't have enough cars to do the car shuffle. In 2013 the trip didn't go out.

I expect the trip to definitely go out this year as my oldest son is very keen to do it. Please contact me to get further details.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Mass to celebrate Our Lady of the Way**

Thanks to Justin Tobin we gathered at Landsborough on Sunday, 20 October 2013 to celebrate Mass with Fr Kevin Smith and the local community. After Mass, Justin led us on a walking program suitable for all members. Justin thanks for a great day.

### **Lobbying Queensland Government**

Following the Recreation Industries Forum in September 2013 and after discussion with your Committee, I have written to the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing supporting the development of recreation facilities specifically designed for motor bikes i.e. moto-cross so that their usage of more environmentally sensitive areas would decrease. In a second letter to the Minister I argued for the restoration of the track from the top of Morans Falls (near O'Reillys, Green Mountains) to the bottom. This track has been in need of repair for at least 30 years.

### **Disposal of Club's ropes and climbing gear**

The Club's ropes and climbing gear will be given away at the November meeting (Monday, 18 November). All the equipment is at least a quarter of a century old and can no longer be used for any form of climbing. I suggest this

equipment might be useful for tying down loads on trailers etc. The Club offers no warranty on this equipment and it is offered on an as is condition basis and those who take the equipment use it entirely at their own risk.

### **Personal Locator Beacon**

The Committee has approved the purchase of one Personal Locator Beacon which is estimated to cost around \$500. This beacon will be available for all Club trips. Pat Lawton, who lives in Ashgrove, has agreed to be the custodian of the beacon. Once the Beacon has been purchased information will be made available on the arrangements for usage.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance 16/9/13	\$2952.46
Plus Receipts	\$421.06
	\$3373.52
Less Payments	\$193.30
Balance 21/10/13	\$3180.22
Term Deposit	\$2657.02

Our current raffle has two prizes with the first prize being a book entitled "Natural Areas of Queensland" which the author, Peter Shilton, has signed. The second prize is a mystery. Tickets are still only a dollar and remember that you have to be in it to win it.

Instead of mailing reimbursement cheques to our drivers, I have decided that if they prefer, I can make a deposit into their bank account provided they are with a major financial institution.

## **ABOUT PEOPLE**

John Blumke, Anne Grant, Thea Kearney, Margaret Morgan and Gordana Stanojevic are celebrating their birthdays in November. Desley Pedrazzini has just returned from a holiday in Mexico. The club extends its deepest sympathy and prayers to Lynne Lucas on the recent death of her brother. Mignon Hardie and Carole Loveridge were welcome visitors at our October meeting and they have already done their first walk by joining Peggy on her Toolona Circuit. Past member, John Bigg has rejoined the club. (welcome back) Congratulations to our latest new member, Joanne Blake.

## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY**

### **Leaders Needed:**

**14 January** – Cronan's Cascades.

**8 February** – Denman Falls & Killarney Glen.

**9 February** – Daisy Hill

I am still chasing leaders for twenty walks next year. In particular there are six walks programmed to the end of June still without leaders. Please consider leading at least one of these walks otherwise it will only add to the already overloaded programme of some of our experienced leaders. If you have never led a walk and would like to do so let me know. I am only too willing to help you with the planning, pre-outing and paperwork required to lead a successful walk. Overall there are 8 'city walks' and 12 day walks to fill.

I have decided to run a Training Weekend in March for potential leaders and/or anyone who wants to learn some of skills required to navigate through unfamiliar terrain. It will be in the North Kobbie Creek area less than half an hour from Brisbane and only an easy 30 minute walk into the campsite. We will be doing a day walk as well which will probably follow the beautiful Middle Kobbie Creek. Put it in your calendar and come along. I would love to see you there.

The year is almost over and another successful year of walking is coming to an end. As is usual at this time of the year the walks tend to migrate to areas with either plenty of cover or plenty of water. Phil is first up with his Cinque Aqua walk in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. This looks interesting. I'm leading two walks that provide great opportunities for swimming so I hope the weather is warm rather than hot. Then Peter is leading a group of eight along the South Coast Track in southern Tasmania. Again we are praying for good weather. Finally Graham and Ray are leading this year's Boxing Day walk which is in the city, a first since I've been in the club. I say this every month but that's because it's true, another great month of walking.





The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
October 20	Our Lady of the Way Mass & Walk	Justin	DW	11
October 26/27	Pottsville to Byron Bay	Michael	BC	8
October 26	Echo Point	Phil	DW	9
November 1/6	Bogong High Plains	Phil	TW	9
November 2	Toolona Creek Circuit	Peggy	DW	8
November 9	Fountain Falls	Michael	DW	4

Justin led the first Our Lady of the Way Mass & walk at Landsborough which I'm pleased to say was very well supported. Next year I believe it will be south of the river. My sojourn to the northern NSW beaches was a great weekend with great walking and great company for the two days. I particularly love this part of the world and try to visit it at least once a year. Phil's Echo Point walk was well supported as well as Peggy's Toolona Creek walk. I also led a great walk to Fountain Falls. That made it twice this year. The highlight of the month for me was Phil's annual visit to the Victorian Alps. This year BCBC was represented with a record nine walkers and we walked the Bogong High Plains. This is a magical part of Australia and I would hope everyone could take the opportunity to visit this area at least once. Walking above the tree line is very different as you can see forever and there plenty of peaks to bag. Pete & I managed eleven on this trip.

Good walking and I hope to see you in the bush.

Michael (3351 3810, 0409 620714 or [michael.simpson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:michael.simpson@optusnet.com.au))

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Number of members - Total Members as at 31 August 2013 is 102. At the last meeting a few people submitted their application forms and under our constitution they can't officially be confirmed as members until they are endorsed as members at a committee meeting.

Membership number - At the October committee meeting we discussed updating the membership register to include a membership number for each member of the Club. The reason for this proposal is so we know clearly how many members the Club has had over the years. At present without a numbering system it is a vague and imprecise guess as to how many people have joined the Club. The difficulty was our clear records only go as far back as incorporation. The suggestion is that we start the numbering system from 500 and

apply a membership number for each person as from incorporation back in 1992. In time we hope to be able to identify all the club members since the club was formed. The initial report shows that since incorporation there have been 396 members of the club.

Members' participation on walks - as a bushwalking Club we have members who join and maintain their membership for all sorts of reasons. But I am constantly surprised at the number of members who haven't done a walk for the year. The last count showed that nearly 30 members hadn't done a walk for the year. Hopefully there is walk in the next few months that may bring you out of your hibernation. I will put in a plug for the Cinque Aqua walk which can be a very easy walk if you don't feel up to doing all the sections of the walk or it can be a bit more challenging if you do the Baroon Pocket to Kondalilla through walk section.

See you on the track. Phil.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The committee and some enthusiastic members have been thinking about the social side of next year's calendar. You are invited to send in your ideas as there are still many spaces to fill with new ideas. Email a member of the committee or leave your ideas at the next meeting. They will be very welcome.

If you haven't already planned your New Year's Eve celebrations, think about trying something completely different. Let's meet at Palace Barracks cinema in Petrie Terrace for a relaxing evening with a flash finish. The cinema organises a film to start about 9 pm followed by drinks and finger food in the cafe area which looks straight down the Southbank reach of the river - a perfect place to view the fireworks without the smoke and crowds and with the convenience of your car in the Barracks car park.

There may be a member who has a good idea or who is willing to volunteer their home as a venue for a barbecue/home cinema evening or perhaps an evening picnic at Mt Coot-tha. Contact a committee member straight away so that an email can be circulated with the final details before the next meeting on 18 November.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for 2013 is currently in production. I know it appears I'm asking for content early but it is a major job and there are certain articles I can prepare in advance. So if you have any past articles owing please spend some time to get them to Michael. It means I don't have to make things up.

## PAST EVENTS

### PICNIC AT PEMBERLEY SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

Picnic at Pemberley lived up to its reputation for exquisite, homemade English afternoon tea delicacies served on fine china. The flower-strewn tables made a beautiful backdrop to the events of the day. All those who attended among whom were BCBCers Julia Cowan, Michele and Greg Endicott, Michele Foley, her daughter Jessica and Antonia Simpson, were welcomed to Pemberley by Mr Darcy and his new wife, Elizabeth (née Bennett). After they chatted to us, the games began and Julia's effort at Maypole dancing with other elegant ladies and gentlemen was captured on film (a little anachronistic but who's counting) and can be seen on the Abbey Museum's website.

Two other members, Matthew Palmer and his wife, Kerry Mulligan, were also present as part of the troupe of Regency dancers who both entertained us with Regency dancing and taught us some Regency dances. The Regency music group added to the atmosphere with their authentic sounds.

Michele and Greg attended a lesson in the language of fans. In Regency times, ladies could not state what they really thought but could communicate their feelings by waving or holding their fans in particular ways. Men needed to understand in order to get the message. All who took the tour of the Abbey Church's stained glass windows were impressed with their history and nearly everyone took the opportunity to see the unique treasures in the Abbey Museum.

The day finished with the militia group giving a noisy salute which they did without scaring the horses. We all enjoyed the day especially those of us who were amazed that they could go back for seconds and thirds from the platters in the afternoon tea pavilions.

### MJ's FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Jan Nelson, Russ Nelson, John Hood, Graham Glasse, Liz Little, Peggy Roe, Anne Iron, Bob Iron, Gordane S., Mike Wood, Kathy Wood, Peter Constable, Elizabeth Richards, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Robyn Thorn, Phil Murray and 3 new members Sue Woost, (Robyn's friend), Margaux Springthorpe, Joanne Blake.

It was a dark and rainy night but we still had a bumper crowd for this gathering. It was the biggest gathering we have had to a JTS meeting except for the farewell function we had for Philip Kearns at the Story Bridge Hotel. There was an excellent buzz as so many conversations were on the go. The beer was nice but not cheap. The food was good. The preferred beer on Tap was the James Squire Golden Ale. We also had a planning meeting (of sorts) for next year's itinerary. A draft list was prepared and the regular members of the JTS were consulted and allowed to make one change to next year's program. Actually many members were happy with the proposed list. But the notable casualties from the list were Lock'n'Load and the Archive Bar. See the proposed itinerary for 2014 in this magazine.

### WEST END TO NORTH SHORE SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER BIKE RIDE

Those on the trip - John Hood, Robin Thorn, Rusty Jones, Louise Jones, Emma Jones and Phil Murray.

It was a magic day, beautifully warm and sunny. It was a relatively easy trip as it was nearly flat all the way. We started riding at 8.38 am. It was just so pretty riding along beside the river. We crossed over the Goodwill Bridge and rode into the Botanical Gardens where we had morning tea. We then retraced our path back over the Goodwill Bridge and rode along the river past the Cliffs where hundreds of people were rock climbing and abseiling. We then rode around to Dockside where we rode up to the Bradfield highway which must be the shortest highway in Australia and then we crossed the Story Bridge. We had a second morning tea at the Powerhouse at New Farm Park. Then it was out along the bikeway to North Shore. We took it at a fairly slow pace. We were finished at North

Shore at 11.25 am. We then caught the City Ferry back to West End. The Jones family were keen for a bit more riding and continued over the Gateway Bridge and home to their place at Bulimba.

This was the first bike ride of the year. We hope to put on more for next year. Stay tuned for details. Hopefully in time we hope to attend some of the bigger rides like the Brisbane to Gold Coast ride which John Hood and Michael Wood did this year.

### **OUR LADY OF THE WAY MASS AND WALK SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER DAY WALK**

The Landsborough community and Father Kevin welcomed BCBC as twelve of us shared the 7.00 mass together at Our Lady of the Way Church. Sharing our faith with others is always enjoyable. Two new babies preparing for Baptism reminded us of our own Journey in faith.

A chat with the locals then across the road to Café 8 for breakfast before catching the train to Mooloolah, one stop further north. Dularcha NP begins at the edge of town and includes the historic train tunnel built in 1891. A walk through open eucalypt and the back streets had us back at the cars for our journey to Buderim. The Buderim forest walk followed the creek to Serenity Falls, a cool spot to enjoy lunch under the rocky over hang. A short walk across the bridge then back along the track to where we started at Harry's Lane. A stop at the local cemetery then coffee on the way home to finish an enjoyable day with friends.

Having mass with other members and communities is always a worthwhile experience. I still think we would be better celebrating our Lady Of The Way in May, where we are able to organise our own Mass and the date means more to us and the rest of the OLOTW parishes. Thanks to Susan Tobin, Trevor Kelly, Michael Simpson, Sophia Ramsey, Terry Silk, Russ and Jan Nelson, Stan Saunders, Paddy Taylor, Barry Crawford and Therese Abernathy for sharing the walk and day with me.

**Our Lady of the Way** (A short history on the name)

The feast day of Our Lady of the Way is celebrated on May 24<sup>th</sup>. When you come to research Our Lady of the Way very little is

known. Mr Peter Donovan, in his Towards the New Jerusalem that records the history of the Catholic Community of Blackwood, has this to say about Our Lady of the Way.

Devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Way is particularly dear to the Jesuits.

The Madonna of the Wayside is a fourteenth century painting of the Madonna and Child Jesus. The boy Jesus is depicted holding a closed book in his left hand with his right raised in blessing.

When Ignatius of Loyola and his followers moved to Rome in 1541 while waiting for Pope Paul 111 to authorize the establishment of their order, they bought a house opposite the Church of St. Maria de la Strada in which the painting was venerated.

Because Ignatius always regarded himself as a pilgrim devotion to Mary under this title took on a special appeal. When the order was finally approved, the first general meeting of the Jesuits was held in this church, and it was here that Ignatius was elected leader.

The Jesuits later secured the painting for the Lady Altar of their first church, which was built next to their first house in Rome.

The present chapel of Our Lady of the Way in the Church of the Gesu, the mother church of the Jesuits in Rome, was built in 1575, Mr Donovan adds.

(David Bokarina, Our Lady of the Way Landsborough Golden Jubilee 1954-2004 Booklet.)

### **ECHO POINT SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER DAY WALK**

Those on the trip - John Hood, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos, Christine Harrison-Walker, Joe Finn, Robyn Thorn, Michele Johns, Stan Saunders and Phil Murray.

It was a magic day. It was a relatively easy walk as it was nearly flat all the way. We started walking at 9.38 am and were back to the coffee shop at O'Reilly's by 3.58 pm. We were trying to get back before they closed at 4 pm which we duly did and were pleased to discover they were open until 5 pm. The walk was particularly pleasant as the track was lovely and dry.





**BYRON BAY TO POTTSVILLE  
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY  
26<sup>th</sup> TO 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
BASE CAMP**

What was killing all the birds and what was that green stuff in the water? These were questions on our lips for most of the first day's walking.

Two cars with eight walkers had left Brisbane early for the 1½ hour drive to Brunswick Heads. After checking in at the caravan park we took our time setting up camp before heading south to Byron Bay. The plan was to park near the lighthouse and walk from there. But the traffic decided our starting point for us. There was a traffic jam before you even entered the town so we took the first turn left and headed down to Belongil Beach. This detour reduced our days walking to 11km and so we not in any real hurry. There are houses built right on the beach here and they are slowly falling into the sea. After rounding the headland we headed north and except for a small crossing of Belongil Creek it was sand walking all the way. It wasn't long before we reached Tyagarah Nature Reserve, a 7km protected strip of coastal heath. It was here we discovered nature lovers of a different sort. It appears this section of the coast has been commandeered by nudists and they were everywhere. Mostly old men but the occasional couple with one family as well. It was quite amusing to see the children completely covered but their parents starkers looking for that elusive skin cancer. It was along this strip that we noticed the abundance of dead birds as well as green stained water. Were the two related? No they aren't, the green stuff is algae which occasionally take over sections of seawater whilst the dead birds were Shearwaters and their death is a natural occurrence. They commonly die during their migration south due to exhaustion and/or lack of food. Quite sad really. The only other wild life I saw was a single Brahminy Kite. Paul & Pete decided the sand was too soft and headed inland to the bushwalking tracks. We saw them again at the groyne protecting the entrance to the Brunswick River.

We arrived back at our camp site mid-afternoon and finished setting up camp before settling down to some nibbles and drinks before dinner. Dinner was at the Brunswick Hotel and was quite busy. Prices were reasonable with most people opting for fish. We left before the band got into full swing and went for a stroll to walk off the meal before chatting around the camp

light. I believe most of us were in bed before 10pm but we were woken at midnight by a large storm. Some even showered in the downpour but it was unintentional. Another storm at 3am ensured a restless night's sleep.

An early start to the day with most people up by 7am and leisurely set about making hot drinks. Around 8am we decided to head into town for breakfast and found quite a few cafes open which the opposite to the night before with most cafes closing around 3pm. Obviously dinner at a café is not the done thing in Brunswick Heads. As Anne & Cathy had decided to visit the markets at Bangalow we didn't need a car shuffle today so we took our time packing up. It was but a short drive to the North Head of the Brunswick River and it wasn't long before we said goodbye to the cars and headed down to the river mouth. Once there we realised we could have swum across the river as it was nearly low tide and the distance was short. Another day perhaps. There are a number of Nature Reserves along this strip of the beach, Brunswick Heads, Marshalls Creek and Billinudgel which made the walking much more pleasant. The birdlife increased along this section with a proliferation of seagulls and some terns and Brahminy Kites the most common. I believe I saw some crested hawks and maybe a white breasted sea eagle but I'm not sure as it may have been an eastern osprey. Anyway it was a delight to see them. In addition there were a lot of smaller birds. The walking was easy in the hard sand but the tide was turning and it wasn't long before we were pushed up into the softer sand. Paul & Pete again decided to head inland to the road but they soon returned not far from the end. As we approached Mooball Creek and Pottsville the others decided to use the bridge to cross into Pottsville whilst Karen and I walked to the creek and swam across. We were back in Pottsville surprisingly early as it only took us 4½ hours to walk the 17kms from Brunswick Heads. It was now time for a cold drink and the long drive back to Brisbane, a great weekend's walking had come to an end.

Thanks to my fellow walkers, Karen Franklin, Paul Evans, Peter Constable, Russ & Jan Nelson, Anne Iron and Cathy Wood, for a great weekend. Bring on next year's visit to a great part of the world. Michael.



**COFFEE NIGHT  
WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
SOCIAL**

Twelve people made it to The Gap this month making it the second largest gathering of the year. The Coffee Clubs are usually good value and this one was no different with plenty of room and quite a good selection on the menu. Thanks to Karen Franklin, Greg & Michele Endicott, Russ & Jan Nelson, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos and a relative of his from the US, Martyn, Graham Glasse, Desley Pedrazzini and Terry Silk for joining me. Michael.

**BOGONG HIGH PLAINS  
THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY  
1<sup>st</sup> TO 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
THROUGH WALK**

Walking Days : Saturday to Tuesday  
Leader : Phil Murray  
Attendance : 16 (9 BCBC members and 7 CWCV members)  
Weather : Cold to Cool and a morning with snow and blizzard. A picture perfect trip.  
Temp : days about 12; nights about -2.  
Distance : 80 km (with a very small hill)

**Itinerary**

Day 1 : Falls Creek to Roper's hut  
via the Heathy Track, Johnston's Hut  
and Mt Nelse North and Spion Kopje  
: Distance – about 18 km.  
Day 2 : Roper's Hut to Cope Hut.  
via Edmonson and Wallace's huts  
: Distance – about 16 m  
Day 3 : morning Cope Hut Mt Cope and  
return  
: Distance – about 7 km.  
: afternoon - Cope Hut to Tawonga  
Huts (via Mt Jim)  
: Distance – about 16 kms  
Day 4 : early morning "The Heads" (Mt  
Jaithmathang)  
: Distance – about 4 kms  
: late morning Tawonga Huts to pretty  
Valley Pondage  
: Distance – about 6 km.

We came, we saw, we got snowed on. It was another great trip in the Victorian Alps with the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria.

The weather was just perfect as we had beautiful fine days but a bit windy. It was chilly overnight and sunny during the day except for Monday morning when we awoke to a blanket

of snow on the ground. So we just stayed indoors a bit longer at Cope Hut and stoked up the fire to keep warm.

I won't give a blow by blow description as it would take up to 5 pages. It was a real buzz just walking around the High Plains. The vegetation is just ankle high grass and therefore gives you views for miles. We could see the white patches on Mt Kosciuszko which was 95 kilometres away.

The walking was very easy as the track we were following was usually a wide fire trail. We were able to maintain a fast pace of about 4km per hour on most days and were usually in camp before 4 pm each day. This allowed another 4 hours of daylight before darkness.

We spent Friday night in caravans at Tawonga Caravan Park. We had a beautiful dinner at the Settlers Tavern at Mt Beauty where we came together as group for the first time.

We left camp at about 8ish and drove up to Falls Creek. We did a quick car shuffle as the weather forecast indicated we may need a back-up plan and be able to get off the High Plains quickly. We had our introductory circle and Russ gave the group a blessing. We started walking at 9.50 am. We had lunch at Johnston's Hut. After lunch several of the group went on a peak bagging exercise with Mt Nelse (1882m), Mt Nelse North (1884m) were bagged and several unnamed little peaks were not only bagged they were allegedly named for the first time. So Mt Michael and Peter's Peak were added to the lexicon. I lost track of how many peaks they named. I will leave it to those interested to submit a report on which peaks they named. I am unfamiliar with what process you have to go through to actually formally name a peak in Victoria, but I suspect a few people in our group are keen to pursue this matter.

We ascended the third highest point in Victoria on this trip. Is an unnamed peak on the Spion Kopje Ridge at 1895 metres high. The peak is unnamed in all the maps we were using. The peak, or more properly it should be described as a knoll, on the Spion Kopje Ridge (pronounced Spy-on Koppp according to Tom who is fluent in Dutch) is just west of the road junction called Warby Corner. Six of the group climbed the knoll on Saturday afternoon and another 3 ascended the peak on Sunday morning in the howling wind. It was allegedly named Mt Michael. As a point of interest, I was doing some research about a trip to Mt Clear

that Tom Buykx nominated for next year's trip. In a book by Tyrone Thomas and Sven Klinge, 'Australian Mountains: The Best 100 Walks', I came across a track note to this knoll on Spion Kopje in which Tyrone Thomas has named the mountain as Mt Nelse West. A future project is to ascertain if Victoria has a Place Name's Board that is authorised to name certain geographical features.

The views from Spion Kopje were excellent especially of the brooding hulk of Mt Bogong that loomed large to the north and we regaled each other about our adventures there back in 2011. We left the High Plains and meandered down the Duanne Spur to the campsite at Roper's Hut which was just below the tree-line in a copse of snow gums. This Hut was rebuilt in about 2008 and is a lovely and modern hut built in the traditional style. It had a lovely little veranda and a great little fire place. The customary rule is that you should only sleep in the huts in case of an emergency. Two of our group were forced to sleep in the hut as they had an unexpected emergency as they had lost their tents (they found them the next morning). Most slept in their tents in the camp site that was studded with beautiful old snow gums. The highlight for the evening was that Russ conducted a lovely Liturgy of the Word for the group and gave an excellent homily about the significance of the fruit Sycamore Tree.

On the Sunday morning we were up early and on our way to Spion Kopje Ridge (Mt Nelse West). The wind was a cool and refreshing gale from the northwest. At least it wasn't a head wind and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. Michael and co had made phone contact with friends and family in Brisbane and the news was ominous. The weather reports were of a snow storm to hit that afternoon. So our group was keen to get moving and get to camp as soon as possible. We deleted the planned detour to see Kelly's Hut and Fitzgerald's Hut as we were rushing to get to camp early. After a very short lunch break at Langford Gap hut we zoomed along the flat track beside the Langford Aqueduct. We made great time and we got to camp at Cope Hut at about 2 pm. There was plenty of time to do a toboggan ride down a snow drift of the other side of the gully from the Cope Hut. Marianne Trigg of the CWCV showed us the way and Michael, Peter, Kerriane and Phil each had a turn and Chris bombed us with snow balls. While doing this we had a sun shower of snow. It was just a light dusting of snow. It wasn't the usual snowflakes

as they were a bit chunky and there was a debate as to whether it was snow or very fine hail and eventually the consensus was that it was 'sago snow'. According to wiki: Sago snow is 'miniature hail like snow that falls at temps close to freezing; immature snow that has gone through many freeze thaw cycles in the cloud before falling'. The anomaly was that this sago snow was falling from blue skies. We thought the weather man had got it wrong again as there were no storms, just a few light fluffy clouds with a sprinkling of snow. Another highlight for the afternoon was the frequent sighting of a lovely little bird called the Scarlet Robin that is black and white with a splash of iridescent red on his chest and belly. Amongst the dull greens and white snow drifts the bird was very noticeable.

Most of the group 'camped' in Cope Hut. Most of the Victorians opted to camp outside and one tent made use of the new tent platforms that were recently installed.

We awoke on Sunday morning to a blanket of snow over the ground and grey and windy skies with a light snow falling. It was cold, about -5 degrees with a wind chill of -10. Most of us were content to sit around the fire until midday to give the weather time to blow over. But by 8.30 am some of the group were getting cabin fever and were keen to head off to Tawonga Huts. But after some discussion a Plan B was put into action and a mini walk to Mt Cope was organised, and this way we could do our first walk in the falling snow and cutting wind. This plan allowed a safety option if the weather turned nasty: to be able to return to a warm and dry hut at Cope Hut whereas Tawonga could be cold and dire. When Plan B became known the group size swelled from 4 to 10. The group duly ascended Mt Cope. After 2 hours the group returned in improving weather and we were confident we could head off across the High Plains in safety. We left as a big group at 11.30 am and by about 1 pm the clouds had lifted and we had a sparkling day. We regrouped at the Cope Saddle Hut that was tiny. A group of school boys from Melbourne Grammar School were using the hut as their 'kitchen hut'. We had a quick bite to eat and then headed across the high plains. This was a special part of the trip as it felt like we were walking across the desolate Tundra but the views were stunning with a lovely meadows and babbling brooks with patches of snow drifts on the hillsides. The highlight was the views from near Mt Jim where



we had spectacular views of Mt Feathertop and Mt Buffalo and several other ranges.

We finally reached the camp site at Tawonga huts. No one slept in the huts here as the campground was just idyllic. There was a paddock fringed by an old fence made out of old logs that had weathered to sparkling silvery grey colour and the verdant grass was neatly tripped and looked flat enough to play lawn bowls on it. And there was a beautiful babbling brook that crossed the paddock so we had a beautiful water supply on tap. We had another freezing cold night, but no rain, so it was reasonably comfortable.

Tuesday morning we did a quick trip up to Mt Jaithmathang also known as the Heads. We were back in camp about 10ish before making a quick up and down walk over the range to the Pretty Valley Pondage. Peter Matheson did the car shuffle for us and we were on our way to Harrietville, where we spent the night. Most of us stayed in the caravan park, but 3 in the hotel. We had a great dinner at the Snowline Hotel and then on Wednesday we drove back to Melbourne for our flights back to Queensland.

There were many magic moments on the trip. The first for me was sitting on the track near Mt Nelse with a big group of fellow walkers just chilling out savouring the moment with views of Mt McKay and Feathertop and the Fainters in the distance. And then Peter, Michael and Chris came charging through on their way to name another peak. Then Chris came back with handfuls of snow and made a snowman complete with eyes and mouth and we had a special moment where we took photos of Chris and the snow man. I asked several walkers in the group for their highlight of the trip and for most it was waking up to the snow falling on Monday morning. Several of our group had never seen snow falling before.

These trips to the Victorian Alps are special for so many reasons. The sense of adventure, the countryside, the alpine meadows, the amazing huts, the wonderful company of the Victorian walkers and especially Tom who is leading next year's trip which is planned to be the Mt Clear Circuit. The trips are hard, but worth it.

Those on the trip

The Queenslanders - Phil Murray, Chris Rahmann, Russ Nelson, Jan Nelson, John Hood, Peter Constable, Michael Simpson, Joe Finn and Kerrianne Pearce.

The Victorians - Jan Wilkinson, Joan Donnan, Corrie van den Bosch, Bernie O'Shea, Tom Buykx, Marianne Trigg and Peter Matheson

The official web site gave the following temperatures and wind speeds

Date	Day	Temp		Wind	Wind
		Min	Max	Dir	Spd
2	Sa	7.3	15.1	N	65
3	Su	7.6	10.0	SW	80
4	Mo	-4.6	11.8	SSW	76
5	Tu	-2.9	16.0	S	43

Phil

### **TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

Eight walkers gathered early on Saturday (not Sunday) morning to experience a taste of the best of Lamington National Park. After driving to O'Reilly's we all tasted lamingtons and began our exploration of Lamington National Park at 9:30am.

The weather was perfect – fine and cool in the shady rainforest – and we headed out along the Border Track to the start of the Toolona Creek Circuit Track.

We repeatedly saw beautiful waterfalls as we climbed up through Toolona Gorge. We had a late morning tea half way up the gorge at Chalahn Falls. After another hour and a half we had lunch and a good rest at Wanungara Lookout with beautiful views of New South Wales.

After lunch it was downhill all the way (except for a few up bits) along the Border track back to O'Reilly's. All walkers finished just in time for afternoon tea at the Mountain Café.

Thank you to all the walkers for a great day: Sophie, Pat, Jonas, Maria, Terry and our visitors Carol and Migno. A special thanks to Terry for being the best 'Tail End Charlie' a leader could wish for! Peggy.

### **FOUNTAIN FALLS SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

The devastation around Fountain Falls is quite extensive with the beauty of this waterfall changed forever. It has even changed from January when I walked this area. Pete & I have

now completed the Middle Traverse this year albeit in two separate walks.

The weather was fine when four of us left Red Hill although you could feel the temperature rising even then. We started down the Illinbah Track, which is still closed, at 7.40am and after 50 minutes we were on the river looking for the old track. Another 50 minutes later and we turned and headed up the Darlington Range. The old track is still in good condition and allowed us to take in our surroundings. We saw a few pademelons but only heard a few cat birds otherwise. The vegetation changed as we climbed passing from rain forest to wet sclerophyll forest and we were on top by 11.30am.

We took a bearing and headed down Pete's Ridge. This is a great ridge, very narrow but takes you straight down to the creek just above Curtin's Falls. Forty minutes later and we were sitting just above the falls eating lunch. Russell even decided to go for a swim. After lunch we dropped below the falls and paused to admire these falls before continuing down to the base of Fountain Falls. The drought is obvious here with little water flowing but the beauty of the area is still evident. The huge landslide on the eastern side has taken away the old track and our previous route down and has deposited large trees in the second tier of the falls.

We retraced our steps to the top of the Darlington Range and wandered up to the Noowongbil Lookout. If you hadn't been here before you would be hard pressed to find it as a huge tree has fallen and hidden the lookout. We scrambled around the tree and were rewarded with those great views of the Coomera valley. It was now just a matter of finding the cliff break and heading down the ridge back to the track system and up to the car, arriving just on 4.45pm.

My thanks to Karen Franklin, Peter Constable and Russell Jones for joining me. Michael

## **JTS PROPOSED ITINERARY 2014**

The aim of the JTS is to appreciate nice beers and friendly company. The specific aim of the society is to find the best beer on tap in Brisbane. Of note, there are 2 beer festivals each year in Brisbane. There is the Queensland Beer week which is held in mid-July, and March 2014 will see the arrival of 'Brewsvegas', a

week long beer festival described by organisers as a 'grass roots, community minded' venture. Stayed tuned for further details.

The suggestions for next year's program are listed below.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Story Bridge Hotel 200 Main St, Kangaroo Point
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Fox Hotel 71 Melbourne St, South Brisbane
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Tippler's Tap ## 22 Master's St, Newstead
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Alt Bar Powerhouse* 119 Lamington St, New Farm
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Irish Club 175 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Transcontinental Hotel 482 George St, Brisbane
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Club 333 Adelaide St, Brisbane
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	German Sausage Hut Burnett Lane, Brisbane
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Coffee Club Riverside 71 Eagle St, Brisbane (Riverside)
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Scratch 8/51 Park Rd, Milton
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Orient Hotel 560 Queen St, Brisbane
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Riverbar 71 Eagle St, Brisbane (Riverside) ## The Libertine was too expensive

## **AROUND THE RIDGES**

**Frenchmans Cap trip** – just a quick note about a trip that Corrie who is one of our Victorian colleagues is leading. The plan is to do Frenchmans Cap, 4-7 January.

Day 1: walk to Lake Vera hut. It takes 7 1/2 hours, though there is a new track across the "Sodden" Lodden, duck boarded, I believe, so that might lessen the time a little. Lake Vera Hut is very classy and can sleep about 20 for anyone who does not wish to carry a tent

Day 2: Lake Tahune where there is another hut. This is a half day walk. We can drop packs there and climb Frenchmans cap with day packs. It took us an hour and a half to the top last time. If the weather is bad, we can do the climb the morning of day 3.

Day 3: walk back to Lake Vera. This will be a short day.

Day 4: walk out the way we came.

BCBC might not get any starters for this trip but I mention it as a means to start people dreaming about doing this trip in the future. Contact Phil for further details

**Coomera Creek circuit track** – this walk has been re-opened.

**Florescence: The Botanical Artist Society of Queensland Annual Exhibition**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

Address The Auditorium  
Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

Brisbane, QLD

This event is organised by The Botanical Artists' Society of Queensland, which is a voluntary organisation formed to foster a greater knowledge, love and understanding of Botanical Art. Botanical Art illustrates the incredible beauty of plants while retaining scientific accuracy in scale, form and colour.

## ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**At St Michaels at Ashgrove from 7.30 pm**

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

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

The categories of the competition are -

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

The Competition Rules

- entry is open to club members only,
- the photographs have to be prints and displayed at the November meeting,
- size - photograph approximately A5 size - 210 mm x 149 mm or smaller so it can fit on the front cover of the Annual Report (this will be strictly enforced),
- each person may enter 2 photographs per category,
- each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name and date,
- the photographs must be from a BCBC trip or in the area in which we usually walk,
- photographs can be entered on the night but no later than 8.00pm. There is no entry fee,
- there will be an overall winning photograph which will receive a modest prize,
- the winning photograph will go on the front cover of the next annual report,
- the ownership of the photograph will remain that of the photographer,
- the owner agrees to allow the Club to scan their photographs to use the photographs in the club magazine annual report and website.

## HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 carpark.

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

### 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.
- (h) All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

**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: \$40; Associate Members: \$30; Spouse Members: \$10.00; Country: \$30.00. Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. 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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Find a Park: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/index.php>

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<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/radar/>

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<http://info.energex.com.au/tracker/asp/lightningtracker.asp>

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