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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
17	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
21	JTS – The Orient Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Enoggera Creek	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	L23
23	CityCycle Bike Ride	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26	Coffee Night – Colle Rosso	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
29	Noosa Hill via Tanglewood Track	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M34
Dec 10	Dinner and Coffee Night	Anne	0423 200668	Soc	
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	JTS – The Riverbar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Christmas Party	Jan	3374 3534	Soc	
26	Boxing Day – Northbrook Gorge	Russ	3374 3534	DW	S44
28/4	Western Arthurs	Michael	0409 620714	TW	XL88
Jan 3	Mt Mitchell Sunset Walk	Russ	3374 3534	DW	M22
10	Denman Falls to Killarney Glen	Ivan	0405 487312	DW	M45
16	JTS – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Gold Coast Tram & Beach Walk	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M12
19	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
24/26	Myall Lakes			BC	
25	Toolona Circuit	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L34
28	Coffee Night – Gaythorne RSL	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
31	Bare Rock	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
Feb 7	Illinbah Circuit from the Bottom	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
15	Orleigh Park to New Farm	Gerry	0404 947960	DW	
16	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	BWQ Meeting	Michael	0409 620714	Meet	
20	JTS – Port Office Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Annual Mass and Dinner	Greg	3351 4092	Rel	
25	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Mt Mathieson & Mt Alphen	John	5514 0285	DW	
Mar 1	Clean-up Australia Day			DW	
8	Labrador to Wave Break Island	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
14/15	Club Hut Feast	Greg	3351 4092	ON	S43
15	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
16	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
20	JTS – The Criterion Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
25	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Flinders Peak	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
Apr 3/6	Bunya Mountains			BC	
4	Boggo Road to City	Gerry	0404 947960	DW	
6	Easter Monday Walk	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
9	Lincoln Wreck	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
10	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
17	JTS – Emporium Hotel & Mecca Bah	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Mt Erewah and Mt Allan			DW	
20	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
22	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
26	Rocky Creek Falls	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
May 1/4	Black Snake Ridge – Running Ck	Michael	0409 620714	TW	
2	Mt Mitchell Circuit	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
9	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
15	JTS – Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting			Meet	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

**KEY – Walk Types**

<b>DW</b>	Day Walk	<b>½ DW</b>	Half Day Walk
<b>ON</b>	Over Nighter	<b>BC</b>	Base Camp
<b>TW</b>	Through Walk	<b>CW</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**

Lord our God, the heavens are the work of your hands, the moon and the stars you made; the earth and the sea, and every living creature came into being by your word.

And all of us, too. May this tree bring cheer to this house though Jesus Christ your good and holy Son, who brings life and beauty to us and to our world. Lighting this tree, we hope in his promise. Amen..

**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 declares 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: 0409 620714.



## **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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>

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## **FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER THE RIVERBAR JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.  
**Address:** Riparian Plaza,  
Promenade Level,  
71 Eagle Street.  
Downstairs near the City Cat Terminal.

**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal.  
**Emerg Off:** Phil Murray 0413 307580.  
**Web:** <http://riverbarandkitchen.com.au/>

Somewhere new to visit. A great spot near the river and out in the open so not so noisy.

So come along and enjoy our traditional gathering on the third Friday of the month. The JTS is a great way to get out and see different parts of the City and when you have interstate or overseas visitors you will know a few places to visit around town.

Unfortunately I may not be able to get there as I may be interstate. Phil.

## **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY SOCIAL**

**Enquires:** Jan Nelson 3374 3534.  
**Address:** 12 Bolton Close, Brookfield. If you have not been here before, study the map before you start driving.  
**Time:** 6.00pm.  
**Bring:** \$20 will cover the cost of food. Bring your own drinks and

bring a present up to the value of \$7 for Secret Santa.

**Swimming:** Bring your togs for a swim in the pool if you wish

**Nominate:** By Tuesday, 16 December – [nelhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nelhouse@bigpond.net.au) or 3374 3534.



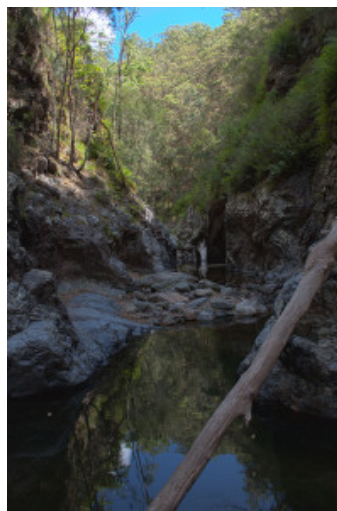
The BCBC annual Christmas event moves this year to the western slopes of Mt Coot-tha at Brookfield.

Gather together to celebrate the season of the birth of Jesus.



## **FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER NORTHBROOK GORGE BOXING DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Russ Nelson 3374 3534.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 9.00am.  
**Cost:** \$10 (car pool, \$2 (private)).  
**Grading:** S44.  
**Location:** Mt Glorious area.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.



Northbrook Gorge is on the western slopes of Mt Glorious in the D'Aguilar Range. The first part of the walk is a descent through thick bush into the creek bed which is the main reason for the rating on this walk. This is the most difficult part of the trip and long sleeves are recommended. Once

we reach the creek bed, this trip is a relaxed wander from rock pool to rock pool. Depending on the water level, there may be a requirement for a compulsory swim and therefore your packs need to be waterproof or only bring items which you don't mind getting wet. While the walking is relaxed, it is not on a formed track and some rock hopping is needed.

This walk is a refreshing change from the Christmas Day hot weather and feasting. The mountains are definitely cooler and the Gorge is cooler still.



**28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER TO 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
SUNDAY TO SUNDAY  
WESTERN ARTHURS  
THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620714.  
**Meet at:** Hobart Airport.  
**Time:** 12 noon.  
**Grading:** XL88.  
**Location:** South West Tasmania.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

The Western Arthurs Traverse is arguably the hardest through walk in Australia but provides some of the best scenery and views you will get anywhere. Unfortunately at this stage all the preparations have been made and any other interested persons will need to make all their own arrangements.

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY  
MT MITCHELL SUNSET WALK  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Russ Nelson 3374 3534.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 2.00pm.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M22 (Second half of walk is at night, by torch light and moon light).  
**Location:** Cunningham's Gap.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Given that there is a full moon on 5 January, the opportunity is being taken to enjoy a sunset on top of Mt Mitchell on a warm summer evening. The walk will begin at Cunningham's Gap before 4.00pm, which will mean we will be on top of Mt Mitchell prior to sunset. There we will be able to watch the sunset over the Fassifern Valley (with lights of Brisbane in the distance) in the east and the Condamine District in the west. Mt Mitchell is on the watershed with rainfall going east to Moreton Bay and the Pacific Ocean and rainfall going west via the Condamine and Darling Rivers to the Southern Ocean. While enjoying the sunset, there will be an opportunity to eat – consider what fine food you might bring to such an august venue.

The descent retraces our earlier route and follows a graded track all the way. Early in the descent there are some stone steps which need care. Provided you bring a reliable torch with batteries that have plenty of life, this is an easy walk back to the cars. I expect to be back at

the cars by 9.00pm and back at Red Hill by 10.30pm.

**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
DENMAN FALLS TO KILLARNEY  
GLEN  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Ivan Mort 0405 487312.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M45.  
**Location:** Back Creek, Beechmont.  
**Emerg Off:** TBA.

The walk along back creek from our access point at Denham park to Killarney glen is one worth doing. Incorporating a mix of open forest/rainforest walking with rock-hopping and waterfalls.

After doing a car shuffle we will commence our walk from Denham park in Beechmont. From here we will follow an established track via a lookout over Denham falls into back creek gorge at lip falls. The track/creek will then be followed to the top of cavern falls. The track then skirts the creek crossing numerous gullies before following a ridge back into back creek at twin falls. From here we will rock hop down back creek skirting small waterfalls as we make our way to our exit point at Killarney Glen.

The perfect walk for summer - with opportunities to swim

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
STORY BRIDGE HOTEL  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.  
**Address:** 200 Main Street,  
Kangaroo Point.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal.  
**Emerg Off:** Phil Murray 0413 307580.  
**Web:** <http://www.storybridgehotel.com.au/>

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering at the Story Bridge Hotel. We gather in the area called the Outback Bar and Grill.

This pub is one of our favourites. But there is a push from the JTS regulars to see different locales around town and we will spread our travels further in the future but not before we say goodbye to the Story Bridge Hotel. The hotel is a special place for the Club as it where

we had the large send off for Philip Kearns, before he moved north several years ago. Philip was a larger than life character in the Club, was an extremely good walker, he was Club President for 2 years and Phil joined the Club on the Thorsborne trip this year and he hadn't changed a bit. A great walker and talker.

A highlight for me for coming to this venue is catching the river ferries across the mighty Brisbane River to get to the venue.

So come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal.

### **SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY GOLD COAST TRAM & BEACH WALK DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.30am.  
**Cost:** \$15 (car pool, \$2 (private)  
plus Tram fares.  
**Grading:** M12.  
**Location:** Gold Coast.  
**Distance:** Approximately 12kms.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

The Gold Coast Light Rail (trams) opened on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The authorities (Translink) want the Trams to be known as "The G" and have asked the public to 'Ride the "G"'.  
"The G" is a 13 kilometre integrated Tram system that connects the new Gold Coast University Hospital at Parkwood (near the old Southport Showground) to Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach. The trams are supposed to run every 10 minutes on the weekends between 7 am and 7 pm. The end-to-end journey time is around 37 minutes.

The plan is to catch the Tram from the University down to Broadbeach South.  
Fares - This is a 2 zone journey, travelling in zones 13 - 14.

Ticket type Price  
go card adult \$3.14 (off-peak)  
go card concession \$1.57 (off-peak)  
Single paper adult \$5.60

We will then walk back past Jupiter's Casino and the Gold Coast Convention Centre, then we cross the highway to the Broadbeach restaurant district and then zip across to Kurrawa Surf Club. For those who are interested they can have a swim here. For those interested in a hot coffee they can check

out the Surf Club. For those interested in chilling out they can find a shady spot in the parkland near the beach and can have a relaxing morning tea in a shady spot.

Then we will have a leisurely stroll along the beach as we head north towards the Sheraton which is at the southern end of the Southport Spit. This is about 8 km to the north and should only take about 2 hours. We have another quick swim along here. (Low tide is at 12.40 pm).

Then we zip across to the Marina Mirage have a quick look around then head back to the Broadwater and find a shady spot to have a late lunch.

Then we will walk across to catch the Tram at Main Beach station and catch the tram back to the Gold Coast University Hospital.

This is a 1 zone journey, travelling in zone 13 - 13.

Ticket type	Price
go card adult	\$2.68 (off-peak)
go card concession	\$1.34 (off-peak)
Single paper adult	\$4.80

We will probably stop for a coffee at the Uni Hospital before we head home.

The Club hasn't done a walk to incorporate a tram ride as an integral part of the trip. This is an opportunity to check out the Gold Coast Trams and to ascertain whether the Trams were worth the billion dollar price tag.

Bring your lunch, a hat, sunnies and sun screen and yours swimmers and towel. And bring your Go Card.

The first tricky part will be finding a car park near the start. We will probably have to park in Green Drive Parkwood and then walk about 500 up to the first tram station. The other tricky part is keeping the group together as there are so many tourists around I keeping losing people on the busy beach walks so I am thinking of restricting the trip to members only.

If the weather is yucky and rainy I still intend doing the trip but will walk back along the parklands. But bring an umbrella.

The Tides		
High	0609	1.58
Low	1241	0.18
High	1818	1.15





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## **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** L34.  
**Location:** O'Reilly's Section of Lamington.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.



A lovely rainforest walk on the Australia day weekend. An 18.5km walk but is entirely graded track. There are a few creek crossings but usually they not are not too difficult.

The walk is to commemorate the club's commemorate the Club's first ever official walk which was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1958 up at O'Reilly's.

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

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

## **EXTREMELY ADVANCED NOTICE 28<sup>th</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 SATURDAY TO SUNDAY KIAMA COASTAL WALK BASE CAMP**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.

At the last Committee meeting we agreed to slot in a trip to Kiama in November next year. Kiama is about 120 kilometres south of Sydney. This trip would be a two (2) day trip. Fly out first thing Saturday morning fly back Sunday evening. The proposed weekend for the trip is the Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

We fly to Sydney early to catch the train down to Kiama (about a 2 hour 15 min trip). Need to be at Sydney airport by 8 am NSW time (ie 7 am Qld time). Catch the train at Airport Domestic train station at 8-29 to catch the South Coast train at Wollie Creek at 8-39 am.

We get off before Kiama at Minnamurra station (at 10-46 am) where the walk starts. We walk along amazing headlands and beaches and in particular past Bombo Beach and then on to Kiama. Then check into the cabins at Kiama Harbour Cabins about 4ish. The cabins are very nice and are about \$100 per person for the night. A quick shower and change. Then check out the Kiama Blowhole. Mass at 6 pm at Kiama Church. Then out to dinner on Saturday night.

Sunday up early, catch the train to Gerringong. Then walk back to Kiama along the very scenic coast line. Have a quick swim and shower at Main Beach Kiama. Then catch the train from Kiama to Sydney at 5-04 pm. Back at Airport about 7-30 and catch a plane about 8-15 pm back to Brisbane.

Why the very early notice? Because the airlines usually have extremely cheap airfares on sale on Boxing Day. The train fares are about \$22 each way.

I will have to limit the numbers at 12 people otherwise it gets too disorganized. Also it will be a club members only trip. Nominate soon to reserve a spot.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the recent Bushwalking Queensland Annual General Meeting, BCBC member Desley Pedrazzini was re-elected as Secretary and Michael Simpson made a first time appearance on the Executive as Vice-President plus is a BWQ delegate to Bushwalking Australia. Congratulations to both.

Our membership renewal form is being changed so that it no longer requires disclosure of any medical conditions. As a result the Club will no longer face the requirement to store such disclosures in a secure way. The traditional practice of walkers discussing their medical condition(s) / physical fitness to the leader at the time of nomination is reinforced. This emphasises that the primary responsibility for a walker's capability to undertake a walk lies with the individual walker. Leaders make judgements about a walker's suitability for a walk based on what a walker discloses about themselves. Balancing this is the need for leaders to provide accurate information in *Jilalan* about the walk, terrain and ease or difficulty of the walk. It is important that walking information is accurate and neither understates or overstates the difficulty. The natural tendency to overstate the difficulty of walks needs to be avoided and accurate descriptions are expected to be the norm.

Membership fees are set by the Committee and in 2015 will be unchanged except that the discount for electronic delivery of *Jilalan* and the Annual Report will rise from \$5 to \$10. At the same time, the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts have been reduced in price by 50% and are now only \$10. The very large sizes make great pyjamas for the ladies. The Committee is now looking at a new BCBC shirt which will be priced on a full cost recovery basis so the current shirt at \$10 is a bargain.

With the run up to Christmas there has been some fine tuning to the calendar, so base your plans on what is in this issue of *Jilalan*.

The Club's Emergency Officer System remains as relevant as ever. It is important that leaders communicate to the emergency officer the names of walkers, and indicate who the drivers are, before the outbound journey to the beginning of the walk. Walkers need to draw the attention of their family members to this system. Details of the Emergency Officer System are available on the Club website at <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html>

The popular use of mobile telephones, social media and emails should make communication between the leader and the emergency officer easier.

Prepare well during Advent for Christmas which I hope is joyous for all and have a peaceful 2015.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 20/10/14	\$3406.62
Plus Receipts	\$433.00
	\$3839.62
Less Payments	\$59.40
Balance 17/11/14	\$3780.22
Term Deposit	\$2722.34

Congratulations to Veronica Forsyth and Stephen Endicott who won our last raffle. The committee has decided not to increase the subscription rates, but has decided to double the discount for those who opt to receive an electronic magazine only. Therefore the rates for next year will be \$40.00 for Ordinary membership, \$30.00 for Associates, \$10.00 for Spouse and \$30.00 for Country membership with a \$10.00 discount for an electronic magazine. And now for even more good news, the committee also decided to halve the price of our remaining club t-shirts to \$10.00 each. The remaining small supply of small metal club badges are still \$5.00 each. Hopefully, early next year we will have a new club t-shirt for sale, no doubt at an increased price. I would like to wish everyone a holy, safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Terry.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Jonas Bernotas, Roger Ford, John Hood, Ann Iron, Lawrence Kearney, Ronald Miller, Sofia Ramsay, Antonia Simpson, Janell Sammon and Barry Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December. Alan Hodgson is another new visitor who has quickly done two walks with us by joining Michele on her Gheerulla Circuit and Noosa Hill walks. Michele also had her daughter, Sherryn join her on these walks. Visitors are always most welcome to join us on any of our activities.

Congratulations to our latest new members, Jack and Bernadette Desmond, Susan Walsh, Thomas Dobson and John Bevelander. We recently had an enquiry from Rod Barwick.



It is with great sadness we advise the death of two former members of the Club, Noela McHugh (nee Martin) and Jack Murdoch.

Noela passed away on 11 November. Noela and husband Bill were members of the Catholic Bushwalking Club in the very early years with Noela joining in July 1959 and Bill in January 1959. Both Bill and Noela were present at the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Noela had been unwell for a few years. May she rest in peace.

Jack (known as Jock) Murdoch was a Foundation Member of the BCBC. May he rest in peace. Jock was a talented musician but never had a lesson in music, learned all by ear

## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY**

### **Leaders Needed:**

**24/26 January** – Myall Lakes Base Camp

**1 March** – Cleanup Australia Day

**3/6 April** – Easter Trip to Bunya Mountains

**18 April** – Mt Erewah and Mt Allan

**5/8 June** – Fraser Island Base Camp

**20 June** – Sunset on Mt Warning

**27 June** – Camp Mountain to Downfall Creek

### **Outings Programme**

Leaders for next year have been flowing in. There are now only 19 walks out of 69 to be filled. A big thank you to all who responded last month. There are still 6 City/Easy Walks, 7 Day Walks, 5 Base Camps and 1 Through Walk to be filled.

### **Upcoming Walks**

Unfortunately due to the lack of leaders we do not have many walks on next month. However what are on are definitely good walks. First up is the traditional Boxing Day walk with Russ heading for a swim in Northbrook Gorge. This is followed by a sunset walk up Mt Mitchell which is also led by Russ. Ivan will lead his first walk for the club from Denman Falls down the creek to Killarney Glen. This should be a cracker. And finally Phil is leading a beach walk on the Gold Coast which will utilise the new Tramway. Do yourself a favour and nominate early so you don't miss out.

### **Walk Gratings**

I have received fairly constant comments over the years regarding the Club's walk grading system. There seems to be a lot of confusion on what the gradings mean. There are some that believe that walks are under graded whilst there are others that believe that they are over

graded. The grades are set by leaders to reflect what they believe is an accurate measure of the walk for an average competent bushwalker. They are not a measure of an individual's ability to complete the walk.

So what does that mean for the occasional walker? It means that each individual member of the club needs to ascertain their 'grading'. If a walk is graded a M33 for example some will argue that the walk is under graded. This is because that walker's ability is not yet to the M33 standard. It does mean that the walk is over graded.

Members need to be constantly reflecting on their own 'grading' and understand their own fitness and endurance levels.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
November 13/16	Yuraygir Coastal Walk	Michael	BC	11
November 14/16	G20 Summit Walk	Phil	BC	12
November 15	Gheerulla Circuit	Michele	DW	13
November 22	Enoggera Creek	Paddy	DW	10
November 29	Noosa Hill	Michele	DW	13

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

Michael (0409 620714 or [michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au))

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **New members**

At the November Committee meeting three (3) people were accepted as members namely, Sue Walsh, Jack and Bernadette Desmond. They did the 2 beach walks in October and signed up on the Maroochydore walk.

At the December Committee two (2) new members were admitted, Thomas Dobson and John Bevelander. Thomas is very new to the Club and did his first 2 walks in October. John Bevelander is a friend of Matthew Palmer and has done about 4 walks (including a few hard through walks and the Barney Mass this year) over a few years.

The club welcomes the new members to the Club and trust they have a long and rewarding walking association with the Club.

### **Update on Membership Numbers**

Members at start of year	103
Memberships lapsed in 2014	13
sub total	90
New Members for 2014	15
Members as at start of December 2014	107

### Numbers of members per Category.

Life members	8
Honorary Members	1
Ordinary Members	66
Ordinary Spouse Members	13
Associate Members	16
Associate Spouse members	1
Country members	<u>2</u>
Total Members	107

### Membership Fees for 2015

A review by the Management Committee of the Club's finances indicated that it was expected that the club should have a modest profit for the 2014 year. At the November General Meeting the club endorsed the Committee's recommendation that the "base" membership fee of \$40 should be maintained at the current level for the 2015 year and maintain the membership fee of \$10 for associate members and country members.

The committee also reviewed the amount of the discount for receiving the magazine electronically. Last year 27 members received their magazine electronically. The Committee's review indicated that there were further 'savings' to be made by the Club and also noted that the members who receive the electronic magazine were entitled to a larger discount. The recommendation for the \$10 electronic discount was endorsed at the November meeting.

### Food for Thought

#### What's in a name - Base Camps or Glamping

Another issue that arises from the proposed Kiama walk is that traditionally we call these two (2) day trips 'base camps'. Eg the recent G20 walk to Kosciusko was labelled a 'base camp'.

But these trips are anything but camping. We certainly don't sleep in tents and certainly not on the ground. We also go out to dinner and have lovely cooked meals. And we can have showers etc. Perhaps the time has come to refer to these trips with more accurate terminology eg Glamping. Which is a term that was coined from the two (2) words glamorous and camping.

Happy to hear any other ideas what to call these trips.

### Out and About

It has been noticed that many members are doing trips to far flung places like Bulgaria and Chile. The proposal was that these trips should be recognised and possibly celebrated by

recording the trips in the Magazine. The Committee has endorsed the idea of the giving members an opportunity of listing there special trips, walks and treks in the magazine. I am happy to kick start this process. The brief details could include the following details.

Date, Name of Trip, Location, Distance, Duration, Walkers and any Special Notes.

See you on the track. Phil.

## AROUND THE RIDGES

### BWQ

Bushwalking Queensland has had its Annual General Meeting with the previous Committee being returned unopposed. Michael Simpson has accepted the previously vacant Vice President position.

### Lake Samsonvale Multi-use Trails

Residents and tourists will soon have access to multi-use trails at Lake Samsonvale (North Pine Dam). The new trails and a new car parking area at Kobble Creek are meant to encourage more walkers, trail runners, mountain bikers and horse riders to the area.

## PAST EVENTS

### MT CLEAR SADDLE

(we can't call it the Bluff Circuit walk as we didn't actually get there)

### FRIDAY TO TUESDAY

### 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER TO 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER THROUGH WALK

**Leader:** Tom Buykx.  
**Reporter:** Phil Murray  
**Weather:** just beautiful – we had snow and lots of it.  
**Attendance:** 4 Queenslanders and 4 Victorians.  
**Distance:** 12 kms.  
**Height gain:** 700 metres.

We came we saw we got snowed on.

But it was one of the best and most memorable trips I have done. But it was cut short as we got snowed on.

When I say snow, I mean heavy snow. It snowed for about 18 hours. Not a light dusting but a dump of snow. I had over an inch of snow on my tent in the morning and I was constantly flicking it off during the night. It started snowing at 4 pm on the Saturday afternoon and was still snowing at 10 am the next morning. I thought it was a blizzard but our southern colleagues from

the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria assured us that it wasn't actually a blizzard as there was no wind. It was cool though very cool. But on the positive side it was lovely listening to the snowflakes gently land on the tent during the night. In the morning it was just a winter wonderland with everything dappled in beautiful white snow.

We had planned to do a four (4) day walk starting from the Mt Clear Spur Road, camp at Mt Clear Saddle, then at Lovicks Hut and then complete the Bluff Circuit. We got up on Sunday morning and it was still lightly snowing. Visibility was good, we could see at least 100 metres so we wouldn't get lost. But without sufficient foul weather gear we thought it unsafe to continue (three 3) in the group didn't have rain pants or thermals to walk in). Also we weren't looking forward to setting up tents on wet yucky snow. So Tom our leader gauged the mood of the group and quickly determined that it was better to be safe than sorry and decided we would retreat back to the care. It was lovely walking out in the falling snow but it only lasted for another 30 minutes or so. It was lovely walking across the snow covered meadows. It was so pretty. We were quickly back at the cars by 1 ish. The drive out to civilisation took ages and we had a relaxing afternoon tea at Mansfield. Plan B was discussed and it was resolved that we would do a daywalk at the Cathedral Range on Monday, we would spend Sunday and Monday nights at a little town called Alexandra. So Sunday dinner was had at the local pub called the Shamrock Hotel and we stayed the night at the Alexandra Caravan park. There were 3 Queenslanders in a cabin. The Victorians camped in their tents and one of our group took the "Glamping" option and camped at the nearby motel with sheets and an ensuite.

Monday we did the Cathedral Range. I will submit a fuller report next month as it is a very special walk and I would recommend that you put it on your to do list.

Tuesday we did the tourists thing had a look at a sculpture garden and went rabbiting at the White Rabbit Brew House. Caught the big race at the Healesville RSL. Back in Melbourne in time to see the crowds going home after the big race. Peter and Michael caught the plane home on Tuesday night. Joe and I had an extra day in town. We stayed at different venues but caught up at lunch time in the heart of Melbourne and had a celebratory drink at Young and Jacksons iconic Princess Bridge Hotel.

The "Cup Weekend Walk" is a definite for next year and the mooted venue is The Grampians. It was interesting to me that our Victorian colleagues were so keen to take us to the Grampians and they raved about the highlights of the place and I am looking forward to it. But I noted that there was no mention of going back to complete the Bluff Circuit. But I am sure we will return there one day.

Attendance 8

4 – members :- Phil Murray, Michael Simpson, Peter Constable and Joe Finn

3 – CWCV members – Bernie O'Shea, Tom Buykx and Jan Wilkinson

1 visitor Katherine (Renie) Reynolds

The wildflowers were sensational. Not a huge variety but just heaps and heaps of yellow pea-flowers and many lovely purple flowers called black eyed susan.

I should also mention that we started the walk in a gentle misty rain that got a bit heavier for a while. We actually got wetter from the shrubs then we did from the actual rain as all the shrubbery we had to push through on the overgrown track was heavy with raindrops. The rain stopped about 12 ish and we were at the camp site by 2 ish. The plan for the afternoon was to climb Mt Clear was put on hold as it was obvious the rain was coming back in but we didn't think it would snow all night. So we never got to Mt Clear. One day we will return. Phil.

### **JAMES SQUIRE NIGHT SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

The first James Squire Night was a very successful event. Ten guinea pigs joined Karen & I at my place to sample some of the best beers sold in Australia as well as white and red wines. Russ was the most successful of the beer tasters and Liz was the best of the wine tasters. Following the tastings a feast to behold was prepared and concluded with a Tiramisu to kill for. A great night. My thanks to Terry for providing transportation before and after the event. Also thanks to Karen for her amazing skills. Hopefully we may do it again next year.

Those who attended were Russ & Jan Nelson, Michael & Cath Wood, Greg & Michele Endicott, Graham Glasse, Peter Constable, Liz Little and Terry Silk. Michael & Karen



## **LEISURELY SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

Six plus one turned up at the Willow & Spoon at Wilston for breakfast at 8am. The W&S is not your ordinary café with a breakfast – they are more gourmet than that.

We were seated out back in the courtyard – not breathing petrol fumes nor eating dust. We got in early enough to beat the crowds (get close parking) though we found ourselves initially in the spring sun – but the shade soon moved across to us.

The service was fast enough considering the gathering crowd, the location pleasant, the company stimulating, the conversation sensational and the food very enjoyable. We all ordered something different so saw what was on the menu at first hand.

Thanks to: Michele E, Michael S, John H, Liz L, Tracy L and Terry S for waking up early and enjoying a cooked breakfast with me. Greg.

## **YURAYGIR COASTAL WALK THURSDAY TO SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> TO 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER BASE CAMP**



Well we picked the right weekend to leave Brisbane with temperatures soaring past 40°. Apparently everyone else did too with the highways north and south completely choked. We took over six hours to reach our caravan park in Minnie Water but by Sunday we knew the long drive was worth it.

The eleven of us arrived at different times but we were all ready for a great weekend of walking. Some camped whilst others stayed in a cabin and even one slept in their car. An early start with a delicious breakfast cooked on the local BBQ followed by an hour or so drive to

Sandon some 14kms north of Minnie Water. Our boatman was waiting and before long, nine walkers were now on the southern side of the Sandon River. Paul and I remained behind to complete the car shuffle but first we needed to take Carolyn and her three children, Jessica, Angela and Elizabeth, to Broom's Head for a swim. Then it was off to Red Rock, the destination on Saturday, to leave my car there before returning to Minnie Water. Amazingly we arrived back just in time to greet the walkers who had had a quick stroll the beach. It was now time for a relaxing afternoon swimming and sitting around before heading into Wooli for dinner at the local Chinese restaurant inside the Wooli Bowling Club.



Saturday dawned and it was deva-ju all over again with an early start and a BBQ breakfast. Cath decided not to walk today so a second car did not need transporting to Red Rock which definitely saved a lot of time. A quick trip to the Wooli River and our boat and in no time we were on the southern bank. As we wandered through the headland we were delighted to see three yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos. Paul would see another dozen or so before the end of today's walk. Onto the beach and the southern groyne before heading down to the rock shelf. Blair had decided to take the inland route and it would be sometime before we met up with him again. The rock shelf can be treacherous at high tide so it was a delight to be crossing it at low tide. It was quite spectacular with gullies, caves and hills to traverse all the while taking care so as to not cut yourself on the razor sharp edges. After 5kms of the shelf we finally reached the end in a small cove and naturally we had to dive in. The water was cool and fairly flat but only four of us enjoyed the swim. It was now but an easy beach walk to the mouth of the Corindi River. We were joined by a large pod of dolphins, around a dozen, who shadowed us for quite a distance. What a great sight. However there were no signs of any sea eagles which normally frequent this area. But we did see a lot

of freshly eaten lobsters along the way and wondered what was eating them. After a quick phone call to the water taxi to remind him we were here, we were soon on our way across the river. Here we were met by Cath and Carolyn. It was now back to Minnie Water and the showers before heading down to the Wooli Hotel Motel for dinner. Another great days walking.

Another day dawned and another BBQ breakfast before we divided into two groups, half drove back to the mouth of the Wooli River whilst the other half set off walking south. We would meet halfway and hand over the keys before continuing north over the headland hoping to see the elusive coastal Emu. But alas we did not. But we did see our pod of Dolphins again, frolicking in the breakers very close to the shore. After regrouping at the caravan park we farewelled Andrew and his family as well as Paul and Blair who were staying in the area and headed home. This time we decided to head inland only stopping at Casino for a coffee and the Border Loop Lookout. We, therefore, missed all the returning traffic which I was very grateful for.

The walkers were Karen Franklin, Peter Constable, Paul Evans, Maria Kerruish, Michael & Cath Wood, Jan Nelson, Kylie Moore, Blair Koppen and Andrew Hughes with his family. Michael.

### **KOSSIE – THE G20 SUMMIT WALK FRIDAY TO SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> TO 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER BASE CAMP**

**Weather:** Day 1 cool, Day 2 very cool and windy, Day 3 wet and rainy .

**Attendance:** 12

**Distance:** Day 1 - 13 km, Day 2 - 13 km,  
Day 3 - 2 km.

We came, we saw, we got to the top. It was just marvellous. I can't wait to go back again. The views were sensational. The weather was great. The company was even better. It was one of the best trips I have ever done.

In summary, it was lovely to get to the summit of Australia. I will put in a detailed report with photos next month.

Those on the trip (12) - Justin Tobin, Joe Finn, Anne Iron, Trevor Kelly, Maxine Brophy, Liz Little, Maree Hutchinson, Margaret Morgan, Phil and Sue, Greg and Michele Endicott. Phil

### **GHEERULLA CIRCUIT SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

After leaving from different pick-up points, 13 members and visitors eventually regrouped at the Mapleton Lillyponds. From here it was a short distance down Delicia Road to the start of the Gheerulla Circuit.

Leaving Richard's car at the end of the walk, four passengers piled into the other cars to go to our starting point further down the road. Introductions out of the way, we started down a forestry road, which would take us into Thilba Thalba walker's camp.

The view over the Gheerulla Valley was rather hazy due to the hot day. A group photo was taken with the Gheerulla Valley in the background. As time was getting on, we decided to not linger.

Walking west, it was easy walking but extremely hot. Morning tea was perfectly timed with a short detour to Thilba Thalba viewpoint. Shade was at a premium so we spread out under whatever shade we could find. Views over the Mary Valley with the Mary River winding its way through farms could be seen on one side and the Gheerulla Valley on the other. From here the track became narrower as we wound our way down to the Gheerulla Bluff.

A short distance down the track we came to Gheerulla Bluff with views out to the west and valley below. We were now zig-zagging down into the Gheerulla Valley. After about 1½ hours we were at the Gheerulla camping and trail bike area. A vote was taken about having a lunch stop on the creek bank. Most felt frazzled from the heat and a lunch break sounded like a good idea. Two were out voted!

The creek was dry with only a small water hole in its vicinity. A group of campers and a few motor bike riders shared our idealic lunch spot. Some were too exhausted and just lazed away the time horizontally, albeit on hard creek rocks.

Lunch now out of the way, we pressed on but the heat was starting to take its toll. The afternoon, although easy walking on a pleasant day (mild temperatures) became arduous in the 35 degree heat. Many stops were had and most ran out of water quite early even before we reached the falls.

Along this section, the bush around changed from scribbly gum forest to sections of



rainforest following the creek bank with several hill climbs still in scribbly gum forest.

The more adventurous in the group made it to the waterfall with reports that there was no water running over the rocks and it was a waste of time going.

The tail end group finally finished the walk at about 5 pm. Meanwhile, the drivers had left to collect the cars further down the road.

All the coffee shops at Mapleton were closed, so it was unanimously decided to continue down the range to Chevallum on the Bruce Highway to the B.P. servo. Anything cool to drink or eat sounded like bliss. Unfortunately, one of the cars ended up on the other side of the highway at the opposite servo, it turns out there was some confusion where we were meeting. The newest members, Jack and Bernadette Dobson, continued onto Alexandra Headlands having driven up privately.

Thank you to everyone for being such an understanding group, in such horrendous conditions.

My fellow walkers were members, Rusty Jones, Louise Jones, Paddy Taylor, Richard Johns, Jack Desmond, Bernadette Desmond, Robin Thorn, Terry Silk and visitors Alan Hodgson, Jackie Rablin, Thomas Dobson and Sherryn Johns. Michele.

### **THE ORIENT HOTEL FRIDAY 21<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

A good turnout for our return visit to the Orient. We last visited here several years ago and I remembered it being a great night. This year was no different. Although the hotel is small it is relatively quiet and you could actually engage in a conversation which, after all, is what the night is all about.

Liz and Kylie had to leave early but that still left eleven (11) of us to move upstairs for dinner and amazingly we had the restaurant to ourselves and wait staff dedicated to us. What a great night. I hope we return a little quicker next time.

Attendance: Karen F, Liz L, Kylie M, Graham G, Jan N, Greg & Michele E, Michael & Cath W, John H and our two newest member, Jack & Bernie D. Michael.

### **ENOGGERA CREEK SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

**Weather:** Fine and hot.



After a short delay, 10 walkers set off from Butterfield St, outside the RBH to follow Enoggera Creek to The Gap. We crossed the bridge at Rasey Park into Downey Park then turned left onto the bikeway. The water in the creek was very high and filthy after Wednesday's flash flood.

The off-street path ended at Newmarket and we crossed Enoggera Rd near St Ambrose School, before re-joining the creek at the end of Davidson St. After morning tea, we followed the bikeway under Ashgrove Ave, and through the Bank St Reserve, eventually reaching Dorrington Park, where a surprise awaited us. We could see what appeared to be some sort of market on the other side of the park, but moving closer, saw several horses behind the tents. Stopping under a shady tree to regroup, we were approached by a security guard, who escorted us out of the area. It seems we had crashed a polo match, but unfortunately were just not suitably dressed for the occasion.

Continuing on, we passed the Marist Brothers playing fields, where a cricket match was in progress, then walked through St John's Wood, and behind the Ashgrove Golf Club to Bennett Rd, where we had no option other than to traverse the very hot concrete footpath along Waterworks Rd. Luckily it wasn't far to our lunch spot in the Walton Bridge Reserve. The shady trees, seats, and a chance to replenish our water bottles were all very welcome.

After the break, we crossed under Waterworks Rd, and then followed "The Gap Walk" through the trees beside the creek, finishing our walk at the Park & Ride, where a bus was waiting to



take us back to the city. We had the bonus of a free trip, as the go-card machine was out of action.

Thanks to Cathy, Aileen, Sophie, Rose, Graham, Tom, Robyn, Gerry and Terry who accompanied me on the day. Paddy.

### **CITYCYCLE BIKE RIDE SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**



Who in their right mind picked a 32<sup>o</sup> day for a bike ride out in the open sun!

Six souls joined me for this interesting contest on a warm Sunday in November. The CityCycle is an interesting concept. You hire a bike; you pay \$2 for half an hour, but can ride all day for that \$2. The contest was to see if you succeeded. And so did many of us. With some anguish before the start, we all moved off about 9.15am. We headed to the River at the Teneriffe Ferry and went upstream following the foreshore to the Power House. The river breeze was cool, the scenery across the River pretty, the parks beside the bikeway green & inviting and always pleasant looking at the ever-changing flowing water beside us.

We practised changing bikes at the Power House; and well we did. We found out how long it took, so decided that half the team change at alternate stations. This saved us riding time. One problem we encountered too often was that CityCycle is not all that popular – thus the bike stations have more bikes than empty pods. This makes changing bikes difficult with lots of waiting around if we have to do it one at a time while waiting for a spare space to become vacant. Oh Hum, we persevered.

Onwards along the River at the foot of New Farm Park, to the Merthyr Bowls Club, back to

the River under the shady Poinciana trees, to Sydney St for another changeover. Now onto the new River Walk (I still prefer the old bouncy floating one), to the Howard Smith Wharves and to All Hallows' to change bikes once again. Here the change station was uphill – ohhh, how hard.

Now for the stretch along the River from Petrie Bight to the Botanic Gardens – lots of pedestrians, prams and other bikes – a horror obstacle course for someone like me who is not too well skilled at directing a push bike. Some of the restaurants were chockers – especially the River Bar. Too early for lunch, so onward we pushed. Through the Botanic Gardens, to QUT, across the Goodwill Bridge (there is a hill in the middle of it), with some stopping for a cool drink near the Maritime Museum. Through the populous Southbank with pedestrians wandering everywhere and not looking out for riders, past the lucky ones swimming in the pool and keeping cool, under the Vic Bridge and to the Kurilpa Bridge to dock the bikes.

We lunched at the GOMA café – having a variety of their offerings. And lovely cool cool drinks to revive us. Now back to the bikes after a 45min rest to complete the last segment of the ride – along the River past the rowing sheds, into Orleigh Park, and onto the West End Ferry terminal. And the end was like the beginning with not enough docks to leave the bikes so the majority had to retrace steps, going uphill to finish.

Most caught the bus back to the start, with the last 3 getting the CityCat back to Teneriffe.

Thanks to: Michael S, Karen F, Josh C, John H, Maria K and Rossy M. Greg E

### **COFFEE NIGHT & DINNER WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

The final coffee night of the year was at the same place as last year, Colle Rosso. The food was delightful and the Tiramisu was apparently delicious. Discussions on Christmas plans were the order of the night.

Thanks to Karen, Gerry, Graham, Liz, Jonas, Justin, Sue, Mary, Terry, Trevor and a visitor Rodney for supporting the night. Michael.

## ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

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

This is the eleventh 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.

The winners of the photo competition last year were as follows

CATEGORY	PHOTOGRAPHER	PHOTO
1. Landscape	Phil Murray	Mt Gower Through the Pines
2. Moods of nature	Paddy Taylor	On the Beach
3. Nature Close-up	Barbara Eastoe	Flannel Flowers and Boronia Buds
4. People and Faces	Pat Lawton	Withered Hand
5. Miscellaneous	Phil Murray	Cleve Cole Hut
6. International	Barbara Eastoe	Glaciers National Park Argentina
7. Best overall	Jan Nelson	Roper's Hut
8. People's choice	Pat Lawton	The Rainbow

The previous major winners are as follows

	YEAR	BEST OVERALL	Photographer	PEOPLES CHOICE	Photographer
1	2004	The Creek Crossing	Iain Renton	Pat's Bluff	Phil Murray
2	2005	Mt Barney	Patricia Mackie	Karawatha Pool	Robyn Jones
3	2006	Mt Lindsay	Marie Ricketts	Mt Kaputar	Michele Johns
4	2007	Archbishop at Barney Mass	Patricia Lawton	Mt Lindsay with morning cloud	Phil Murray
5	2008	Bushwalker on a Razorback (Pages Pinnacle)	Richard Johns	The Club Founders 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass - Willie Hayes and Raoul Mellish	Phil Murray
6	2009	Bushwalker on the Glasshouse Mountains	Paddy Taylor	Early Morning	Patricia Lawton
7	2010	Barney Mass at Larkins for 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Barney Mass	Phil Murray	The Main Range Escarpment	Paul Evans
8	2011	Pandanus tree on Stradbroke Island	Andrea Turner	Tranquil Morning at Tooloom Falls	Maree Hutchinson
9	2012	Group on summit of Mt Barney for Barney Mass with Mt Lindsay in background	Phil Murray	Forest Path (in Cradle Mountain) blessed by rare moment of sunlight	Maree Hutchinson
10	2013	Roper's Hut	Jan Nelson	The Rainbow	Patricia Lawton



## 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 car park.

**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. There is a \$5 discount for Ordinary and Associate Members who elect to receive an electronic Jilalan only. 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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