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18	JTS – German Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Three Bridges Circuit	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	L13
21	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
23	Coffee Night – Ouzeri	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
26	Wave Break Island	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22
27	Verse For Vinnies	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
30	Ashgrove to City	Russ	3374 3534	Stroll	S12
Dec 4	West End	Michele	3351 4092	DW	M22
7	Dutton Park to City via Toowong	Paddy	3378 4813	Stroll	M11
10	Christmas Party	Louise J	3399 4472	Soc	
14	Maroochy River to Mooloolah River	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M22
14	Albion to the City	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
16	JTS – George’s Paragon	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Box Forest Circuit	Gerry	0404 947960	DW	M33
19	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
21	New Farm to the City	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
Jan 1	Hogmanay Hike	Liz	3356 4874	DW	S22
7	Piper Comanche	Michael	0409 620714	DW	S34
12	Burleigh Heads to Southport	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	L11
14	Obi Obi Li-Lo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M54
16	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
19	Apple Tree to Purling Brook Falls	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	S34
20	JTS – Storey Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Baroon Pocket – Kondalilla	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
25	Coffee Night for Vinnies	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26	Aussie Social	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
29	Samford Valley	Michele	3351 4092	DW	
Feb 4	Warrie Circuit	John	5514 0285	DW	L33
11	Mt Mitchell Full Moon Walk	Needed		DW	S33
16	Blue Pool	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M33
17/19	Cronan’s Cascades Base Camp	Trevor	0411 286885	BC	M34
17	JTS – The Guilty Rogue	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
22	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
25	Annual Mass and Dinner	Michele	3351 4092	Sp	
28	Shrove Tuesday	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
Mar 4/5	Rainbow Beach	Needed		BC	
10	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
12	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	DW	S43
16	Shorncliffe to Redcliffe	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	
17	JTS – Mick O’Malleys	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18/19	Club Hut 50th Anniversary	Cath	3398 1465	ON	S43
19	Club Hut 50th Anniversary	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
20	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
25	Lepidozamia Trail	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
29	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
Apr 1	Duck Creek	Greg	3351 4092	DW	M23
2	BWQ Bush Bash Party	Desley	3369 5530	Party	
8	Social – Heritage Walk	Needed		Soc	
9	Pine River/Hayes Inlet	Trevor	0411 286885	DW	M33
10	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
14/17	Blackdown Tableland	Russ	3374 3534	BC	
15	Mt Greville	Trevor	0411 286885	DW	
17	Pat’s Easter Monday walk	Pat	3366 1956	DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types

DW	Day Walk	½ DW	Half Day Walk
ON	Over Nighter	BC	Base Camp
TW	Through Walk	CW	City Walk
TRN	Training	S&T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km / day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km / day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
Long 15-20 km per day	5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
Extra Long Over 20 km per day	7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	9 - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. 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 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The “**Leaders Guide**” is on the web at:
<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

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

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

LEADERS

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, or cancel it – please tell Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092.

**WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER
ALBION TO THE CITY
EVENING STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: Albion Railway Station.
Depart: 4.45pm.
Cost: Free.
Grade: S11.
Location: Inner Northern Suburbs.
Distance: 6.5kms.
Time: 1½ hours.
Hght Gain: 5m.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.

Tired of doing the same old thing day in/day out?

Bored with life as it is?

Want excitement?

Want Adventure?

Want to live on the edge?

Then come on a Wednesday Stroll.

This one will leave from Albion Station and follow the back streets and bike paths through Albion to the Exhibition Grounds at Herston. From here we will walk the back streets of Spring Hill where there are a lot of lovely renovated workers cottages. These were built in the days of lax town planning laws – small blocks of land, one or two bedroom houses right up to the front fence, very narrow streets and no provision for parking. These houses have lovely decorative woodwork, latticework, palms and ferns in the gardens, built on hilly ground. These back streets you would never have driven down before let alone walked along.

You will end up in the Roma Street Parklands where we shall smell the roses. Then off to the rail or bus station to go back home.

A lovely adventure seeing lots of new things.

**FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER
GEORGE'S PARAGON
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 1/10 Eagle St.
Time: From 4pm till 8ish.
What For: A chat, a beverage and a meal.
Web: <http://www.georgesparagon.com/>
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

For the half price dinner menu need to be seated between 5.30 to 6.30

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month.

For December we will be dining down by the river and enjoy seafood at Georges Paragon Restaurant. It is a lovely venue with great views over the river. There is a half price dinner menu if you are seated between 5.30 and 6.30.

Last year we went the Bavarian Beer House which was next door to Georges. The Bavarian Beer House was way too crowded and busy whereas Georges looked uncrowded and relaxed.

The Aussie beers are about \$6.90 and the Greek beer Mythos is \$8.50. Mythos Hellenic Lager Beer from Mythos Breweries S.A. It has received some average and unflattering reviews.

The average review was as follows- - Pale lager...yada yada yada. Nothing different here, but will admit it was better than I expected. Just the right amount of flavor to go with a plate of souvlaki.

The bad review was - One of the worst beers I tried so far. Tastes and smells like some fainted apple cider. Colour is also similar to apple cider. The best thing in the beer is the head that stayed on for a solid amount of time. No hoppiness, no maltiness, just alcohol, some boozy/fermented fruit taste and sweetness. Not much carbonation and heavy feel. I was curious to know how bad the beer was - well, luckily, curiosity did not kill the cat. When in Greece I'll stick to other options.

**SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER
BOX FOREST CIRCUIT
DAY WALK**

Leader: Gerry Burges 0404 947960.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Depart: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade: S33.
Location: O'Reilly's.
Distance: 10.7kms.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

We follow the road to the top of the mountain, where the rainforest resorts are, and where hungry parrots flock to adorn shoulders for photo's.

The Box Forest Circuit is 11km long. It takes about 3.5 hours to complete. There are several long stretches of time going "oooooh" and "ahhhhh" over water falls, clambering over rocks to reach the optimal position for a photo., and stopping to search for rustling wildlife.

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING & PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

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

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WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER NEW FARM TO THE CITY EVENING STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: New Farm Ferry Terminal at the very end of Brunswick St.
Depart: 5.00pm.
Cost: Free.
Grade: S11.
Location: Inner Suburbs.
Distance: 4.6kms.
Time: 1¼ hours.
Hght Gain: 41m.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.

Prepare ye, prepare ye for the way of THE Christmas.

Get fit for all that eating and drinking you will shortly be doing.

Lose some weight so you can put it back on over the next week of feasting and carousing.

Get in the right frame of mind for the holiday season by relaxing and gentle exercise.

Come on this stroll.

We start at the peaceful serene River and finish in the middle of a vast modern bustling metropolis. In between we see parks, gardens,

pretty little century old houses, monuments, historic structures, wild animals, vast savannahs, never ending skies, towering snow capped mountains, ragging torrents, rickety old suspension bridges, and more (views and scenery subject to seasonal variation and the itinerary can change due to conditions – please refer to the T&Cs. Spoken by G Endicott on behalf of The Wednesday Strolls.)

Come by bus, come by CityCat, or come by foot. But do come.

This is a little stroll through the back streets of New Farm, winding our way along the narrow lanes and crossing main roads. Look through the front windows of houses close to the footpath, view lovely little front gardens, and check out the century old houses. Approve the renovations.

Once we cross Brunswick St at the top of the ridge, the group will follow the river cliff to the Story Bridge. Look over to the City and all those workers going to their boring old homes. Then off the long way to Central Station for our homeward journey.

Will be very happy if you joined me for this last Stroll on 2016.

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY HOGMANAY HIKE HALF DAY WALK & BBQ

Leader: Liz Little 3356 4874 or lizlittle@bigpond.com.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 2.00pm.
Cost: \$10 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade: S22.
Location: Mt Nebo to Jolly's Lookout.
Emerg Off: Liz Little 0414 252003.

Hogmanay is the Scottish word for the last day of the year and is synonymous with New Year Celebrations which often continue on the 1st and 2nd January.

Our Hogmanay this year will consist of a short track walk from Mt Nebo and a BYO everything barbeque at Jolly's Lookout.

Parking will be at a premium on the public holiday so we will car pool from the Gap Park 'n Ride, which is the terminus for the Number 385 bus from Roma St. Please don't bring large eskies as we won't be able to fit them in the

cars. A car shuffle will be required before we begin walking.

From the Mt Nebo Village, we will walk along a track to the giant fig tree, then follow the Pitta Circuit, the Thylogale Track and the Egernia Circuit before the final short ascent on the bitumen to Jolly's Lookout.

There are push-button electric barbeques for cooking. Be sure to bring everything you need including insect repellent, chairs and torches.

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY PIPER COMANCHE WRECK DAY WALK

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill OR
45 Camoola Street, Keperra.
Depart: 7.00am – St Brigid's OR
7.30am – Keperra.
Cost: \$10 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade: S34.
Location: Mt Glorious area.
Distance: About 6.5kms.
Hgt Gain: About 300m.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

On 2 March 1977 at approximately 1822 a Piper Comanche departed Harrison's Pocket for the short flight to Archerfield. There was low cloud cover and the plane was observed to climb into cloud as it flew up the South Kobbie Creek valley. At approximately 1828 it crashed some 400ft below Mt D'Aguilar.

The site of crash has become popular as it is used as a navigational exercise although recently the dreaded pink tape has appeared everywhere along the route.

After regrouping at my place around 7.30am we will drive the short distance to Tenison Woods where we will park the cars. This is a short walk through lovely rainforest in an area with lots of logging history. Unfortunately the old logging road is not part of the park's walking tracks and consequently has numerous tree falls across it. But they all add to the enjoyment of the day.

The walk to the wreck is around 3.3kms from the cars and involves some ups and downs but nothing serious. We will have morning tea at the wreck before returning to the cars along the same route. Depending on time we will either have lunch near the big log or at Maiala.

THURSDAY 12th JANUARY BURLEIGH TO SOUTHPORT DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or
0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$15 (car pool), \$2 (private)
+ Tram & Bus Fares.
Grade: L23.
Location: Gold Coast.
Distance: Approximately 17kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This walk is a combined Tram Ride and beach walk. The plan is to park the cars near the Gold Coast University Hospital and catch the trams from here down to Broadbeach South and we will then catch the bus from here down to Tallebudgera Creek (south side of the creek) and then walk back up to Main Beach.

We will start walking at Tallebudgera Creek and cross the bridge and then climb up and over Big Burleigh. There are great views from the lookout and then we will walk back along the beaches to Main Beach, which is about 2 kms north of Surfers Paradise. We then walk inland about 500 metres where we get back on the tram (at Main Beach Station) and head back to the Gold Coast University Hospital. Also I hope to have a swim or two along the way.

A tricky bit at the start of the day will be finding a car park near the tram station and we will probably have to park in Wintergreen Drive Parkwood and then walk about 300m up to the tram station.

Beach walks are seemingly easy but on the busy beach you can't keep an eye on people on the busy beach and we have misplaced visitors before so this is a members only trip. If the weather is yucky and rainy I still intend doing the trip but will walk along the pathways in the parklands. But bring an umbrella.

The Gold Coast Light Rail (trams) opened on Sunday 20th July 2014. We have done this walk twice in the last 2 years but is a great little walk and I want to do it again.

In particular I want to have a look at the construction work on the tram line extension from Helensvale to the Southport Hospital (Gold Coast University Hospital) which is very advanced and also look at the huge

construction work around the Commonwealth games Athletes Village.

The walk is on the second Thursday as the tides on the third Thursday in January were too high at the time frame we would be walking so we slotted this trip in as a bonus walk for the month.

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

The Tides for the day are :-

High	8.08 am	1.83 m
Low	2.33 pm	0.08 m

Also there is a full moon on 12th January.

SATURDAY 14th JANUARY OBI OBI LILO TRIP DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade: M55.
Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
Distance: Approximately 12kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

The Obi Obi lilo trip is a classic trip. The date we go out is usually dependent on the rains. But I haven't been on a trip since 3 March 2012 so I will go again on the 14th January no matter how much rain as it is still fun paddling down through the Narrows gorge. Last time we did it we only went halfway down which made it a much shorter trip.

Hopefully we can do the full trip which is about 11 km long and we spend about 10 kms in the water. It takes about 6 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 as your hands get very soft after a few hours in the water,

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 and there is a risk of drowning.

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THURSDAY 19th JANUARY APPLE TREE PARK TO PURLING BROOK FALLS DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702, 0416 650160 or philmurray16@gmail.com.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade: S34.
Location: Springbrook Plateau.
Distance: Approximately 8kms.
Hgt Gain: 300m.
Hgt Loss: 250m.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This trip is part of the Gold Coast Hinterland walk.

The walk starts at Apple Tree Park (height about 550 metres) and the walk is mainly on graded track. The walk initially drops down to the Little Nerang Creek (height about 300 metres) and ends at the amazing Purling Brook Falls (height about 500 metres). There is a small descent and ascent on the walk that will give our legs a workout. I also plan to have a stop at Warringa Pool for a swim. The walk finishes at Purling Brook Falls. After we finish

“the walk” I also wanted to do a quick drive up the mountain to see the view at Canyon Lookout and do the short walk at Best of All Lookout both stops involve a short walk. If we are feeling very energetic we may do the walk from the Tallabana picnic ground down to Twin Falls which is about 4km.

We will also need do a short car shuffle at the start and end of the walk and it is about 5 km each way.

**FRIDAY 20th JANUARY
THE STORY BRIDGE HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 200 Main Street, Kangaroo Point.
Time: From 4pm till 8ish.
What For: A chat, a beverage and a meal.
Web: <http://www.storybridgehotel.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering at the Story Bridge Hotel. This pub is one of our favourites. We gather in the area called the Outback Bar and Grill.

There is no need to nominate just come along and meet up with colleagues from the BCBC for a great night out or a drink of beer, wine, water, wine or coco cola and a meal.

A highlight for me for coming to this venue is catching the river ferries across the Brisbane River to get to the venue. The best idea is to catch the free ferry service called the City hopper. The City Hopper leaves the Eagle Street pier at 4.07 pm and every 30 minutes thereafter. The return trip from Thornton Street eaves at 8.02 pm and every 30 minutes.

**SATURDAY 21st JANUARY
BAROON POCKET TO KONDALLILA
DAY WALK**

Leader: Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Depart: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grade: M34.
Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
Emerg Off: Richard Johns 0409 871 641.
Web: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/gl/d/baroon-pocket-to-kondalilla-falls-and-back>

Keep this date free and join me on a medium walk in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. The club doesn't often do walks in this area, the last time was in 2009.

The walk covers a variety of scenery including the dam, Obi Obi Creek and the upper and lower Kondalilla falls. We will follow Obi Obi Creek and its tributary, Skene Creek in the cool of the rainforest with its many palms.

So join me for a pleasant day's walk (it should only take about 5 – 6 hrs at a steady pace). The gradient is not very steep and should be attainable by walkers with average fitness.

After the walk we will regroup at one of the many coffee shops at Montville and we should hopefully be home by 6 pm.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
SUNDAY 19th MARCH 2017
CLUB HUT “YALBURRU” 50TH
ANNIVERSARY
SPECIAL EVENT**

For complete details see the article at the end of this Jilalan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that it is the end of the year, it is time to review the year gone by and to look forward to the year ahead. What were our personal goals? How did we go achieving them? What were our Club goals? How did we go on them?

Our lives were busy and packed; there were disturbances maybe. Things do not go according to plan. Did we get back on track as individuals?

The Club does the same kind of reflecting on the year past. Committee members review our activities. The Annual Report is a big part of the process. It shows how we went. Ours is a very comprehensive document.

The end of the year is also a time to look forward. We have a new Club Calendar in place. We have the Annual General Meeting coming up in February when our elections are held. There will be a new Committee – new faces, a new outlook on old problems, a new vibrancy in the Club.

On an individual level, it's also a time to look forward and make some personal Club goals – maybe to do more walks, lead a trip, do an extended interstate walk, be on Committee,

help out organising an event, be more active in our administration - take the burden off those who do a lot of the organising.

The Committee wishes that your Christmas be what you want, that you have a happy time, that you rest, that you drive safely, that you enjoy family and friends.

All the best over the Christmas season and for 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Unfortunately, we ran out of time at the November meeting and so we will draw the raffle at our December meeting. Good luck to all those who bought tickets. Also, please let us know if your address details were incorrect on the list which was in your November magazine. I would like to wish the members a holy and merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Jonas Bernotas, Sandra Goleby, John Hood, Anne Iron, Lawrence Kearney, Peter Nally, Sofia Ramsay, Antonia Simpson, Janell Sammon and Barry Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December. Benno Giuliani did his second walk as a visitor on Paddy's Three Bridges walk. Trish Boman and Tim Hanley also clocked up their second walk as visitors on Michele's West End walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities. Russ and Jan Nelson recently returned from a short holiday cruise. Sue Walsh recently returned from a motoring holiday to North Queensland with her husband.

OUTINGS STATISTICS

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
November 2/11	Aussie Camino	Russ	BC	14
November 20	Three Bridges Circuit	Paddy	DW	13
November 26	Wave Break Island	Phil	DW	7
December 4	West End	Michele	DW	11

LEADER'S REQUIRED

March 4/5	Rainbow Beach	BC
April 27/2	Fraser Island	BC
August 17	Mt Gillies	DW
September 30/2	Mt Maroon	BC
October 7 or 8	Baxter Falls	DW
October 21	Bohgaban Falls	DW
November 4	Killarney Glen	DW
December 2	Tibrogargan Circuit	DW
December 2	Trachyte Circuit	DW
December 9/10	Noosa Weekend	BC

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thanks to Justin for organizing a very successful progressive dinner last month and to Phil for a delightful JTS at the German Club. Dinner at the Ouzeri Greek Restaurant at West End was delicious. Thanks, Michael. Verse for Vinnies was a very entertaining afternoon. Be sure to read Justin's poetic report.

Overall it has been a very social year for members of BCBC. Many thanks must go to those who organized both the regular and the special events and to those who supported them and, hopefully, enjoyed them.

Keep an eye out for our January socials. We hope to find something special to do for Australia Day.

PAST EVENTS

MITCHELTON TO TOOMBUL & RTN SATURDAY 13th AUGUST BIKE RIDE

Weather: A brilliant sunny day with a cloudless sky.
Wind: A very light breeze at first but it on the ride back we had to peddle into a SSW at 15km/hr.
Temperature: 23°.
Distance: 26 km.
Attendance: 6 – Phil Murray, Richard & Michele Johns, Rusty & Louise Jones and Robin Thorn.

A great trip. Started riding at 9.45 am and back about 12.40 pm.

The bikeway from Mitchy to Toombul is a great place for an easy ride. We turned around at the Toombul and did a lap around the bike track at Toombul. There are several sporting fields along this track and I was tempted to have a quick look but that will have to wait for another day.

It was a marvelous morning for a ride and another great day in the great outdoors.

We did have a couple of incidents worth reporting. There was a slight problem on the day as Richard broke the chain on his bike about 6 km from the end and had to push his bike back. Michele went ahead to get the car and come back and meet him. I never did find out where Michele met Richard. But they did

get it organized and more importantly Richard now has a "new" bike that he 'bought' for nothing. Phil.

COOLANGATTA TO CURRUMBIN THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER DAY WALK

Weather: Grey high clouds and overcast all day. Rained threatened all day but it only rained in the last minute of the walk.

Temperature: About 23°.

Distance: 15 kms.

Time: 6 hrs 25 mins.

Attendance: 5 – Phil Murray, Liz Little, Andrea Turner, Wendy Loh and Trish Boman.

This walk was postponed by 5 days. It was raining on Saturday 10th Sept so we rescheduled for Thursday 15th Sept and there were 5 on the walk.

This is a great trip. I have done it numerous times. Great views and great walking. I just love the different views you get and I particularly like the deserted beach between Kirra and Tugun. The Swell Sculpture Festival was excellent as usual.



A Huge Inflatable Turtle (photo by Liz)

There were no drivers coming down from Brisbane so the group caught a train down to Robina Railway Station where I picked them up. We then drove down to Currumbin and then caught a bus down to Coolangatta.

We walked past the border monument. Then traipsed along the river bank and out to the end of the breakwater called North Head. Then up and over Point Danger to Rainbow Bay Surf Club for our morning tea. Then we did the long beach walk up to Currumbin. We had lunch at the Vikings Surf Club and then looked at the Swell Sculpture Festival. The weather was

looking a lot more threatening so we decided to move on.



Liz With Some Strange Sculptures

We spotted a wedding about to take place on the sand bank just downstream from the bridge. The bride was due at any moment as she was already 40 minutes late so we thought she wouldn't be long and decided to wait. We took a vantage point behind a tree to watch the bridal procession. We had a nice seat to watch the procession but after 15 minutes we were ready to go as still no sign of the bride. The bride eventually turned up 60 minutes late and we discussed the relevant dresses and whether it was a good idea to have a wedding with the possibility of rain. After 5 minutes watching the wedding we walked the last 400 metres back to the car but we were interrupted by a flock of yellow tailed Black Cockatoos that were having a feed on the banksia cones. It was great to see these very large birds so close. We watched them for about 3 minutes. It was only another 200 metres to the car and we got a shower of rain that obviously would have rained on the wedding. Thanks to those who came on the walk at such short notice. Phil.

THE WOOLLY MAMMOTH FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Attendance: 10 – Graham Glasse, Phil Murray, John Hood, Liz Little, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Peggy Roe and Kylie Moore.

There was free beer so it was a great night out.

Yes there was free beer – it was the “house beer” called “Mammoth Lager”. Most of us drank this beer but Graham and Greg were happy to taste the other beers. The beer was free, sort of, if you had a free beer you were asked to make a gold coin donation to a charity. The charity for the night was for homeless young people.

The food was good. The company excellent and the beer was free. (they put on one keg every Friday afternoon at 4 pm and when it is gone it is gone. It lasted for ages as very few people were there.)

Kylie Moore was effervescent as she was heading off overseas to conquer Everest well Everest Basecamp, which is still a tough walk. Plus she was on her way to ascend the highest mountain in South America Mt Aconcagua. (Makes the Coolangatta to Currumbin walk look very tame). Plus she was doing a world tour of Starbucks Coffee Shops to see if they could spell her name correctly on her coffee cup – see her Facebook page with the numerous misspellings of her name on her coffee cup.

It was a good night. As usual we finished early. I caught the 7.30 pm train home. And the beer was free which was a first as it has never happened before at a JTS night. Phil.

**BLUE MOUNTAINS
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
30th SEPTEMBER TO 3rd OCTOBER
DAY WALK**

Weather: A mixed bag but mainly very cold in the mornings with fine days.

Temperature: Mornings were about 2° and middays 12°.

Wind: Mostly strong south westerlies.

Distance: Day 1 0.8 kms,
Day 2 10 kms,
Day 3 9 kms,
Day 4 12 kms.

Attendance: 9 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Liz Little. Elizabeth Richards, Sue Murray, Kerriane Pearce, Joe Pearce, Robyn Ross and Sharne Lord.

Day 1 The Fairfax Trail

Weather: Freezing cold with howling winds and light drizzle.

Temperature: About 5°.

Wind: Strong westerlies, 35kph.

Distance: Day 1 0.8 kms



Phil & Sue At Govetts Leap Lookout

We arrived at Blackheath about 1pm and got sorted in the cabins by about 2pm and the weather was very dodgy and our proposed walk was looking very uninviting. We kept the itinerary very flexible as the weather was bleak and drizzling with the noon temperature a mere 5°.



The Cliffline Above Wentworth Falls

We changed the plan from the Pope's Glenn Track (3.5 km) to the Fairfax Track which was a mere 800m and was an easy 20 minute stroll from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Visitor Information Centre down to the Govett's Leap Lookout. To get to the start of the

walk we did a 5 minute car shuffle. The weather was worse than dodgy it was freezing with horizontal misty rain. We all donned jackets, gloves and beanies. Fortunately, the rain stopped as soon as we started the walk. There was also another bonus as we spotted one Waratah in flower.

The views over the Grose Valley were amazing.

Paddy and Liz were determined to complete the designated walk for the day and duly completed the Pope's Glenn Track.

We regrouped and we then drove the group back to the 'cabins' at Blackheath Holiday Park in a 2 trip shuffle. We had dinner at the Blackheath Pub also known as the Ivanhoe Hotel. It had lovely traditional 1950s décor with lovely wooden walnut tables and chairs.

Day 2 Wentworth Falls and National Pass

(a joint walk with the Catholic Bushwalking Club of Sydney (CBC))

Weather: Fine and sunny with some clouds.

Temperature: Morning was about 2° and afternoon was about 12°.

Wind: mostly strong south westerlies about 40 kph
But during the night the wind was howling at 91kph.

Distance: 10kms.

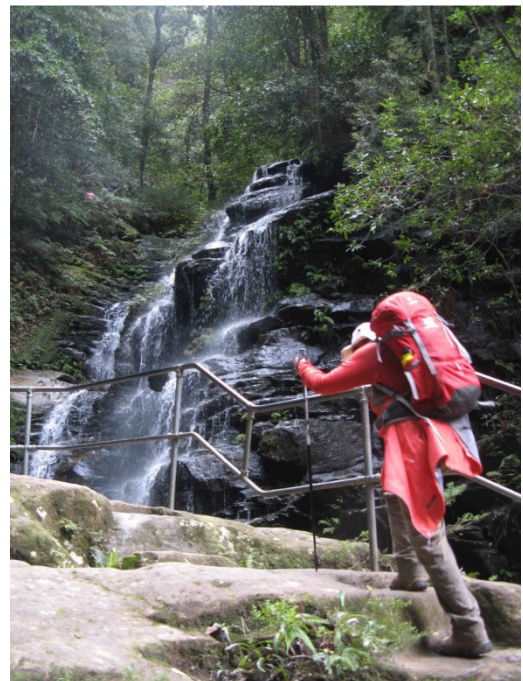
Walkers: BCBC - Liz, Paddy, Kerrienne, Robyn, Joe, Sharne, Elizabeth & Phil.
CBC - Vince Murtagh, Paul Wijngaarden & Sue Russell.

This walk was the "train walk" as we caught the train from Blackheath Station down to Wentworth Falls station where we met up with our 3 colleagues from the Sydney Club (CBC). The train trip was about 20 minutes.

The walk along the Charles Darwin Walk was lovely with several wildflowers out particularly the *Grevillea acanthifolia*. We were soon at the top of the falls and there were people everywhere. We then went down the Stairway to the base of the Falls. The views along here were just amazing. Then along the cliff wall and up the Valley of the waters which were just a bit strenuous.



The Giant Staircase



Going Up The Stairs At The Valley Of The Waters

Then a nice coffee break at the Conservation Hut which has superb views out over the valley. Then we went back to Blackheath and our 3 colleagues from Sydney joined us for Dinner at the Blackheath Pub. Plus one of the Sydney Club's former members Malcolm Brady joined us for dinner. A very nice spot and we noticed

out of the corner of our eye the TV which showed that Footscray (aka the Western Bulldogs) beat Sydney Swans in the AFL Grand Final.



Group Photo On Wentworth Falls Trip At Queen Victoria Lookout

Vince Murtagh (CBC) Paul Wijngaarden (CBC), Joe Pearce, Sue Russell (CBC) (kneeling) Phil Murray, Sharne Lord, Kerrienne Pearce, Liz Little, Paddy Taylor

Day 3 Katoomba and the Three Sisters

Weather: Fine and sunny with clear blue skies and light winds.

Temperature: Morning was about 2° and midday was 20°.

Wind: mostly light south westerlies.

Distance: 9kms.

Walkers: Liz, Paddy, Kerrienne, Robyn, Joe, Sharne, Elizabeth, Sue & Phil.

Route: Katoomba Scenic World – Prince Henry Cliff Walk – Echo Point – Three Sisters – down Giant Stairway – along the Federal Pass Walk & Back via Scenic Railway.

We rarely go to Katoomba so we decided to indulge ourselves and had a few rides on the tourists attractions. The 3 rides are

- The Scenic Railway which goes down into the valley
- The Scenic Skyway which goes across the Valley
- The Scenic Cableway which goes down and up from the valley

We arrived nice and early and got the early bird price of \$34 per person for unlimited rides on the facilities.

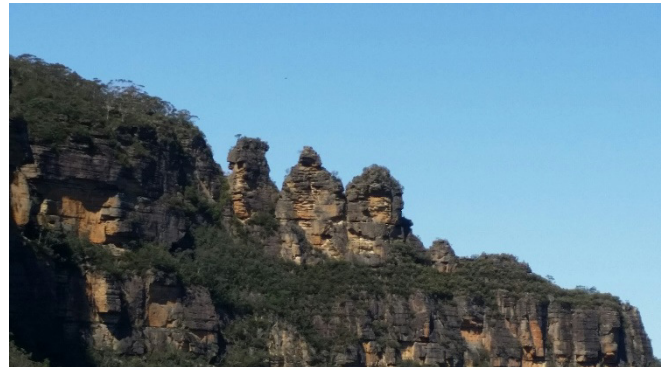
We were on the first rides and quickly went down the Scenic Railway, and then walked around and got the Scenic Cableway back to the top. We then got the Skyway across the valley and enjoyed the views of Katoomba Falls. We hopped off and then quickly walked around to catch the Skyway back with a view down across

the Jamison Valley and Mt Solitary. Just amazing.



Watching The Scenic Skyway With Mt Solitary In The Background

It was now time to walk and we walked around the Prince Henry Cliff Walk to Echo Point. We finally arrived at Echo Point and noticed it was a bit busy here. In fact there were possibly several hundred people here enjoying the view. It was a bit disappointing to have to share the spot with so many other people but in a way it is a good that so many people want to come out and enjoy the great outdoors. Perhaps the government need to develop more spots for people to enjoy the great outdoors. But the views of the 3 sisters were just amazing



The Three Sisters

The walk across the Federal Pass was lovely and then we caught the Cableway back to the top. Not that I am complaining but I should note we had to wait 44 minutes in the line to wait for our turn to get the cableway back to the top. I think it would have been quicker to walk back up the stairway here called the Furber Steps.

We went back to the cabins at the Caravan Park and weather was very mild and we had a leisurely afternoon and had cheese and bickies first then a lovely group meal of Spaghetti Bolognaise.



Day 4 The Grand Canyon & the Clifftop Track

Weather: Fine and sunny with cool breezes.

Temperature: Morning was about 8° and midday was 14°.

Wind: mostly strong south westerlies at 40 kph. During the night the winds howled at 100 kph and it felt as though the wind would blow the cabin over.

Distance: 12kms.

Walkers: Liz, Paddy, Kerriane, Joe, Sharne & Phil plus Malcolm Brady of the CBC.

Route: Evans Lookout – Grand Canyon to Neates Glen – road back down road to Evans Lookout – the Clifftop Track to Govett's Leap Lookout – Pope's Glen Track back to Caravan Park.

The numbers were down but we had a visitor Malcolm Brady who joined us. Malcolm is an ex member of the CBC. Malcolm lives at Blackheath and joined us at the Pub on Saturday night and he had such a good time at the Pub the other night he wanted to join us on the walk on the Monday and he duly did.



Stairs Down Into The Grand Canyon

We drove around to Evans Lookout and the view from here were spectacular. We took about 15 minutes to enjoy the views before we started the walk. We then did the Grand Canyon Walk from north to south and it is truly a great little walk.

We also met a group of people abseiling down into the canyon and they were from the police rescue squad but it wasn't a rescue but merely a training day.

The walk along the canyon is just wonderful. All too soon it was over and we then regrouped back at the lookout carpark. Kerriane, Joe and Sharne decided to finish here and drove the cars back. Paddy, Liz Malcolm and I continued on along the Clifftop Track.

The views from this track of the sandstone cliff lines of the Grose valley were just amazing. There were several wildflowers out to add to the day.

We were quickly across to Govett's Leap Lookout and we had another aspect of the Grose Valley. It is just an awesome place. One of the best walks I have ever done.

Then we walked back along the Pope's Glen Track and regrouped and once again went out to dinner and you guessed it at the Blackheath Pub. Next time we will go somewhere else to eat. I should mention that Paddy Taylor definitely wants to go back to the Blue Mountains soon.



Paddy & Liz At Horseshoe Falls Lookout With Grose Valley In The Background

I have already started working out a possible itinerary for the October long weekend next year.

Day 1 – Katoomba to Ruined Castle 17 km

Day 2 – Leura to Lockleys Pylon (the eastern side of the Grose Valley) 14 km

Day 3 – Evans Lookout - -Rodriguez Pass (goes down into the Valley) and back up to Govett's Leap. 14 km

All three walks are harder than this year's walks at about 6 to 7 hours walking and about a grading of L55. Phil.

**LOCK'N'LOAD
FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Attendance: 12 – Graham Glasse, Phil Murray, John Hood, Liz Little, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Peggy Roe, Michael Simpson, Russ and Jan Nelson.

It was a lovely warm night in Brisbane and we had a lovely roll up at this venue in West End. Phil.

**AUSSIE CAMINO
WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY
2nd TO 10th NOVEMBER
MOVING BASE CAMP**

This 200-kilometre walk from Portland in Victoria to Penola in South Australia is relatively new. Our 14th walker was the 199th to sign in. The walk is also called the Mary Mackillop Way and recognises Australia's first saint. She lived in Portland as a young adult and opened her first school in Penola.

Nine members and five visitors undertook either eight or five days of walking. The five-day walkers joined the rest of the group at Port Macdonnell. The shortest day was 16 kilometres and the longest was 31 kilometres. The average day was just under 25 kilometres.

The first four days followed the coast in a westerly direction. The route was through solid tracks in the very well developed sand dune system and sometimes on the beach. On day five we turned inland and walked north through forest and farm land. All the scenery was spectacular. There were a couple of hard days. On one beach day, we walked at high tide, in soft sand and into a headwind. On another day, we began with two hours of rain and walked with sodden boots for the rest of the day. Overall, we were very lucky with the weather and our plan to be in between the cold winter winds and the scorching hot summer days worked well.

Overnight we stayed in country pubs where the hospitality was warm and often above and

beyond our expectations and our payments. Yes, of course we consumed some refreshments in the evenings. It was the least we could do to repay the kindness of our hosts!

Despite a couple of ailments and injuries along the way, everyone finished the walk. It was a wonderful experience. One of the real highlights was the variety of landscapes along the way.

Those who walked all eight days were Peggy Roe, Liz Little, Priya Pereira, Paddy Taylor, Rusty and Louise Jones, John Hood, Linda Orrell and Mia Summers. Those who began walking on Day 4 were Russ and Jan Nelson, Allan and Paulette Schmidt and Diane Yallop.

Below are some of the day to day highlights:

Day 1 Cape Nelson (near Portland) to Cape Bridgewater

Walking Commentary:

- Made a visit to local Catholic Church at Portland and drove to Cape Nelson. Easy walking.

Highlights:

- Spectacular ocean views from the tracks high on the headlands
- Close up views and audio of the many, many windmills behind the cliffs
- Our darling host, Dennis, at Seaview Lodge, who provided us with wine, a lovely dinner and spade-loads of hospitality

Day 2 Bridgewater Lakes to Cape Bridgewater

Walking Commentary:

- At suggestion of host Dennis, did walk in reverse direction and therefore experienced a tail wind.

Highlights:

- More spectacular ocean views, some say the best they have ever seen
- Feeling the power of the winds that were so strong it was hard to stay on the track
- Beautiful coastal vegetation to walk through
- The contrasting moonscape of the petrified forest
- My first ever sighting of an echidna that waddled across the track in front of me

Day 3 Lake Mombeong to Nelson

Walking Commentary:

- Against the wind ... walking into a head wind today. Many had wind burnt faces by the end of the day.

Highlights:

- Scenic walking tracks through the very developed and extensive dune system behind the beach
- Walking through a large group of kangaroos
- The challenge of a beach walk at high tide, on soft sand and into a head wind

Day 4 Port MacDonnell to Piccaninny Ponds

Walking Commentary:

- Walked the reverse direction, and so had a tail wind.

Highlights:

- The serenity of the open beach with hard sand
- New friends (arrived yesterday at sunset via Tullamarine)

Day 5 Port MacDonnell to Mt Gambier

Walking Commentary:

- Left the coast and turned north. Reached the highest points of the trip crossing Mt Schank and Mt Gambier

Highlights:

- The grassy tracks and the rural landscape that characterised the inland walk
- Learning to embrace the farmscapes and the experience in the rain

Day 6 Mt Gambier to Dismal Swamp

Walking Commentary:

Flat country and our first experience of the white, unsealed, chalk roads in heavily forested country. Dismal Swamp is delightful country.

Highlights:

- The bushland with its southern and unfamiliar vegetation
- The spectacle of the sheep across the road during the car shuffle
- The splendid isolation of the cottages
- The beauty and serenity of a place called *Dismal Swamp*
- The cosiness of pizzas and wine around the fire with delightful companions

Day 7 Dismal Swamp to Kalangadoo

Walking Commentary:

- Flat country heavily populated with yellow daisies

Highlights:

- The lush greenness of the vegetation
- The opportunity to walk alone for a while and get lost in my own reflections
- Our wonderful host and dynamo, Julie, for whom nothing was too much trouble
- News of the US Presidential election result

Day 8 Kalangadoo to Penola

Walking Commentary:

- Hard walking caused by having to walk on disused railway line for part of the day, climbing over electric fences and keeping our distance from healthy black cattle.

Highlights:

- The beautiful shady trees after 23 kilometres of hard walking
- The very welcome Penola sign
- The sense of achievement shared with friends
- Finally getting to walk beside the orange dot¹

Liz.

**BURANDA TO THE CITY
WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER
EVENING STROLL**

Four of us met at Buranda Railway Station at 4.15pm: Tricia, Jenny, Greg and Rose. With a storm threatening, we crossed the line and set off on our zigzag path, past St Luke's Catholic Church, site of the year-long construction of St Luke's Green Retirement Village. The Spanish Mission style church will reopen next April.

It was a stop-start walk through Woolloongabba, with one eye on the storm, as we paused to admire Ukrainian and Russian churches, and Trinity Anglican church on top of the hill, freshly done up after previous severe hail damage.

Tricia left us on Stanley Street for an evening at the Greek Club. The rest of us walked around

¹ The orange dot – Alan Schmidt had a bright orange pack cover which stood out because Alan was usually out in front, often way out in front. In the distance the way to locate Alan was to look for his orange pack cover, the orange dot.

the Russian Orthodox cathedral in Vulture Street and admired its fine set of bells.

Near the Cliffs Café at Kangaroo Point, we chatted to one of the TV crews waiting to capture lightning shots over the city, disappointed that the café was closed so they couldn't get a coffee, let alone a beer.

Before we left the cliff top to go down the stairs to Main Street, we looked at the dignified memorial commemorating Canon David Garland, who is credited with the establishment, one hundred years ago, of ANZAC Day.

There was a ferry waiting as we walked down to the Thornton Street wharf, and we were soon sitting at the Eagle Street Pier Coffee Club, ordering drinks. Michelle was in town for work, and she came down to join us for a light meal and a good chat before we headed off for buses and trains. The storm that had been threatening us all the way had moved on without shedding a drop of rain.

DINNER ON THE TRACKS SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER SOCIAL

Where are you going? Where have you been?
A huge thunderstorm just before four o'clock cooled the day down after a rather hot humid day.

The journey started at Central with drinks in the Dining Car, before catching the train to Milton and the Soul restaurant for entrée, we managed to get back on the tracks for main course at Caffè Prima Vera at Corinda, a varied menu satisfied everyone before heading back into town and the Nest for coffee. Thanks to Greg and Michele Endicott, Richard and Michele Johns, Robin Thorn, Graham Glasse, Trevor Kelly, Susan and Mary Tobin, Bob and Ann Iron, Andrea Turner, Sophia and Leigh Ramsay, June Greenaway and John Hood for joining me on the rail.

THE GERMAN CLUB FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Attendance: 9 – Graham Glasse, Phil Murray, Liz Little, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Russ and Jan Nelson.

A lovely night with great company, great beers and good food. A very popular venue and Graham asked to come here again soon. Phil.

THREE BRIDGES CIRCUIT SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER DAY WALK

Eleven people left the Indooroopilly station at 9am. We were joined shortly by Benno, a surprise visitor. We made good time to the University, and then crossed the Eleanor Schonell Bridge to Dutton Park, where Michele was waiting, for morning tea.

Walking under the bridge, we followed a path along the river towards Yeronga. There was a short road bash, before we were once again walking through parkland. It was a very hot day, so we took advantage of any shade we could find. Louise phoned her father, who drove her home for a coffee, before she re-joined us.

We arrived at a viewing platform over the river, where we enjoyed a cooling breeze, around noon. Benno's hat was blown into the river, and he had to climb down the bank to retrieve it. Because we had a long road bash ahead of us, with no suitable lunch spot, we decided to have our break early, under the shade of the nearby trees, with a rock wall as a backrest.

After lunch, we climbed a path onto the road, to resume our walk. A few people were feeling tired, so our pace slowed. We passed the old military hospital and the former Wanganui Gardens, as well as many other beautiful homes, before crossing Pamphlett Bridge to Tennyson. Here we examined photos and relics of the old power house, before continuing on to Simpson's Playground, where we made use of seats under the shady fig trees.

Jenny had parked her car there, so she and Rosemary decided it was a good place to finish their walk. A couple of others considered doing the same, but were persuaded to keep walking, as there was only about another hour to go. We continued along the river, before crossing the road for a detour through a shady section of Faulkner Park. Two people raced ahead, took a wrong turning, and had to be phoned to come back. We continued following the river as closely as possible until we arrived at Caesar's Place. This is a lovely patch of bushland in the middle of suburbia, with a walking track which crosses the creek, and a hidden picnic shed. It used to be the home of a horse called Caesar,

and has been revegetated by a local community group.

After this, it was only a short walk to the Jack Petsch Bridge, and back to our starting point at Indooroopilly.

Thanks to Terry, Gerry, Louise, Rusty, Andrea, Jenny, Rosemary, Greg, Michele, Phil, Graham and Benno for joining me on the walk.

DINNER AND COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER SOCIAL

The last coffee night for the year was at another favourite, Ouzeri Mediterranean Restaurant in West End. The food and ambience always pleases here and we had a good attendance.

Thanks to Karen, Josh, Graham, Greg & Michele, Liz, Anne, Patricia and Marlene for joining me. Michael.

WAVEBREAK ISLAND SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER DAY WALK

Weather: Mainly sunny with lots of grey high clouds and huge threatening storm clouds to the south and the north. Rain threatened all day but we had no rain on the walk. (As an aside Brisbane Airport and the Redland Bay area received over 100 mm of rain that morning).

Temperature: About 27°.

Distance: 15 kms.

Time: About 7 hours.

Attendance: 7 – Phil Murray, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Michele Johns, Paddy Taylor, Sue Walsh & Cathy Wood.

We met at the park near the Grand Hotel Labrador at the appointed time and were walking before 8 am. We followed the walking path beside the Broadwater down to the Southport Bridge.

There were several new installations along the way with a new kids swimming pool area plus there were several installations of sculpture that were previously displayed at the Swell Sculpture Festival.



Phil & Jonas With The 'Surfer Girl'



Jonas & Maddie

We had morning tea on the Southport Jetty then it across the Southport Bridge and across to Main Beach (via Mountbatten Avenue.) We were due to meet up with Cathy Wood here at 10.20 ish and we were early so we bought an ice cream. We then met Cathy at the flags at Main Beach We then headed north along the beach.



Cath & Paddy On Main Beach

It was very easy walking and zoomed along the beach in under an hour. Then a quick visit to the end of the break water. In the Refidex this breakwater is called Nerang Head.

Then we walked back to the pickup spot by 12.30. Chris from Broadwater Water Taxi was running early and he picked us up and took us across to Wavebreak island. Most of the group

then had lunch while Paddy and I walked to the far end of the Island.



Boarding The Water Taxi (Michele, Sue, Cath & Paddy)

We intended on having a 2 hour lunch break to allow time for a swim etc but we packed up early and walked across the island along a very faint track (and at times nonexistent track). We arrived at the beach on the western side about 2.30 pm and were about to start exploring the sand flats but Chris was early again so rather than muck around we duly got a ride back to Labrador and were back on the mainland by 2.55 pm. We then had a lovely coffee break at the shops about 300 metres to the south of the Grand Hotel. Thanks to all those who came. The rain held off and it was a lovely day out in the great outdoors. Phil.

VERSE FOR VINNIES SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER SOCIAL

BCBC had gone to Grovely,
To listen to the Vinnies poetry.
Terry was there, Liz as well,
And the local lady Michele,
And when Nathan and Justin
Decided to call in
There were five in all
To listen to Rupert McCall.

First to recite was Noel Stallard,
Organiser and resident bard.
We were amused by the lady from Bundy,

Who knew the right way to hang out her undies.
We felt pride once again,
In the Diggers slouch hat.
And the new Chums,
From the school at The Gums,
Whose Christmas came true,
When the pupils became true blue.
And poor young Mick, he got the flick,
He seemed to have gone too far,
In rescuing his toad from his teachers bra,
It didn't look innocent, a little indecent,
The principal didn't know what was going on,
So Mick was gone, yes g-o-n-e.

With Rupert on stage,
We turned a new page
Once again 1980 came to pass,
When we kicked that cocky's arse
We thought it was quite nifty,
When he recited the Q150
Rattled it out so fast
Four minutes from first to last.
The Rats of Tobruk, Mates in the sand,
In a faraway land.
We had a tear in the eye,
When the man in the suit and the tie,
Wouldn't let go of the poet's hand
Yes we did understand.

He met his girl at the cricket,
At first on a sticky wicket,
1999, what more can be said,
When he thought it was time to be wed,
When he first became the Augathella fella,
We cheered as one, when he told us he'd won,
And the honey moon money wasn't diluted,
When Tie The Knot saluted.
His champions off the wall, were heroes of us
all
Thank you to Noel Stallard and Rupert McCall
We all had a good time, with your Sunday of
rhyme.

By Justin Tobin.

SUNDAY 19th MARCH 2017
CLUB HUT "YALBURRU" 50TH ANNIVERSARY
SPECIAL EVENT

Invitation: To all past and present members, friends and families
Leader: Cath Wood
RSVP: BCBC.BigEvent@gmail.com by Friday 17th February
Transport: more details in February when numbers known
Time: Mass commencing 11am at the hut on Barney Creek
Last walkers to leave Lower Portals carpark by 9.30am
Grade: S 4 3
Cost: Small donation on the day to cover the club administration costs.

Our club hut is 50 years old in March 2017 and a celebration Mass is being held at the hut to mark the occasion. The main event will be Mass commencing at 11am, followed by lunch and a cuppa. Apart from that people are welcome to stay for the whole day or come for the weekend, so long as you are self-sufficient.

Details: This will be the biggest club event of the year and hopefully it will bring a big crowd of past and present members together. The hut has always been a special place for many members and it deserves a celebration. If you are in contact with any past members, please pass on the details or get them to check the club website.

Transport will be arranged depending on the number of people coming. Obviously parking will be limited, so those coming are urged to car pool to keep vehicles to a minimum. The option of a bus going from Brisbane may be arranged on a user pays basis if there is the demand for it based on the RSVPs.

The walk in to the hut goes from the carpark on Lower Portals Rd at Mt. Barney, following the National Parks track. This track goes up and down through about 6 small gullies before turning off and following the ridge down to the hut on Barney Creek. There will be someone directing people at the carpark and the turnoff point on the day. Fit walkers will take an hour or less, while it may take an hour and a half for slower walkers.

This is in the calendar as a day walk so there will be a leader to assist anyone not familiar with the track. There will be more details of this closer to the date, so keep an eye on the next Jilalans and the website.

The club will be putting on cake, tea & coffee. Things to bring include your own lunch & some finger food to share, something to sit on (towel or groundsheet), cup, spoon & plate, other drinks, but please NO GLASS. Please remember, the hut is a natural environment so as little disposable packaging as possible, and if you carry it in, you carry it out.

RSVP to BCBC.BigEvent@gmail.com by Friday 17th February

Giving the following details:

- Name/s and number of people coming,
- phone number,
- whether you are coming for the day or the weekend,
- whether you would be interested in bus transport if it can be arranged,
- details of your years in the club, especially if you were involved with construction.

More details will be emailed out closer to the date.

HELP NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and preparation between now and March, as well as helping on the day. Some of the jobs that need to be filled are:

- Hut working bee on the weekend of 11th & 12th March – Contact Iain Renton (3870 8082)
- Music for the Mass – Contact Michele Endicott (3351 4092)

- Co-ordinating the transport. This is an urgent and major job. Anyone able to drive a bus please let us know.
- Anyone with pop-up marquee/s or large tarps with poles, ropes, etc.
- Organising equipment and supplies for tea & coffee
- Photo records: collect old photos, organise a display on the day and organise an online resource of old photos and those taken on the day.
- Setting up and packing up on Weekend of 18th & 19th March - – Contact Iain Renton (3870 8082)
- On Sunday 19th March:
 - Directing people at the car park and on the track
 - Tea & coffee making
- Unless otherwise specified, if you can help please contact Cath Wood (0428 755 100) or email BCBC.BigEvent@gmail.com

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.

All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

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

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower car park.

VISITORS are always welcome.

EMERGENCY OFFICER: If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (Or "EO" or "Emerg Off") for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$40; Associate Members: \$30; Spouse Members: \$10; Country: \$30.

Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. There is a \$10 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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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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Triple Zero Awareness Work Group (TZAAG)

As a result of problems experienced by emergency call-takers and emergency services, in late 2013 TZAAG launched a free smartphone app: Emergency*. TZAAG identified that more than 66% of incoming emergency calls were now made from mobile phones; however, mobile callers often do not

know exactly where they are, meaning call-processing times are longer and call-takers are then unavailable to take the next incoming emergency call.

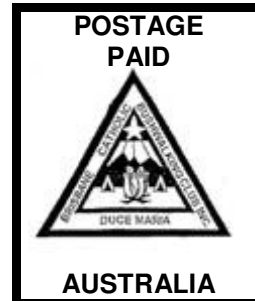
Determining caller location is the most critical piece of information emergency call-takers need when a call comes in. If callers don't know where they are, emergency services can't send help.

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

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

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ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER

At St Michaels at Ashgrove from 7.30 pm

The categories 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. Best overall - awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge,
7. People's choice - the best photo selected by the members.

The Competition Rules

- entry is open to club members only,
- the photographs must be submitted in two formats,
 - o printed on paper and displayed at the December meeting and
 - o delivered electronically to nelhouse@bigpond.net.au by sunrise on 19 December,
- size - photograph must be able to fit on the front cover of the Annual Report (paper size A5). It may be submitted in a size up to A4 so long as the photograph can be reduced to a size suitable for publication,
- each person may enter 4 photographs per category,
- each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name and date,
- the photographs must be from a BCBC trip (Name of trip and date to be supplied),
- photographs can be entered on the night but no later than 7.40pm,
- there is no entry fee,
- there will be an overall winning photograph,
- the winning photograph will go on the front cover of the next annual report,
- the ownership of each photograph will remain that of the photographer but BCBC has permission to publish the photograph in any of its publications, print or electronic.