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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
15	JTS – The Surf Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
22/26	Kwiambal National Park	Michael	0409 620714	BC	Var
23	Toolona Circuit	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L35
24	Indooroopilly - Oxley - Indooroopilly	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	L24
27	Coffee Night – Gaythorne RSL	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
Feb 2	Movie Night	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
4	North Stradbroke Island	Phil	5522 9702	DW ⁱ	M22
7	Coomera Circuit	Michele	3353 2822	DW	L35
9	Pancake Tuesday	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
13	Araucaria Track	Gerry	0404 947960	DW	L34
15	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	JTS – The Crest	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
20	Annual Mass	Liz	3356 4874	Rel	
20	Annual Dinner	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
24	Coffee Night – Tomato Brothers	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
28	Thorneside to Wynnum	Louise	3399 4472	DW	M11
Mar 6	Clean-up Australia Day	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M11
11	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
11/13	Border Track (Diabetes Qld)	Michael	0409 620714	BC	L34
17	Larapinta Falls	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M44
18	JTS – The Emporium Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19/20	Club Hut Feast	Greg	3351 4092	ON	S43
20	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
20	BWQ Open Day	Desley	3369 5530	Party	
21	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
23	Coffee Night – Taverner Lounge	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
25/28	Warrumbungle National Park	Michael	0409 620714	BC	Var
26	Montserrat	John	5514 0285	DW	
28	Camp Mountain Circuit	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M33
Apr 2	Love Creek Falls	Michele	3353 2822	DW	
7	Noosa & Paradise Cave	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M11
9/10	West Canungra Creek	Michael	3398 1465	TW	
9	White Rock	Michele	3353 2822	DW	
12	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
15	JTS – Jimmy's on the Mall	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	Glen Rock	Iain	3870 8082	DW	
17	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
24	The Gap to Fig Tree Pocket	Russ	3374 3534	DW	
27	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
29/2	Combined Camp - Rockhampton	Michael	0409 620714	BC	Var
29/2	Celtic Festival Glen Innes	Cath	0428 755100	Soc	
May 5	Mt Beerwah	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	
7	Alderley to Aspley			DW	
14	Alpaca Farm	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
15				Soc	
16	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
20	JTS – The Plough Inn	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Our Lady Of The Way Mass	Justin	3366 3193	Rel	
25	Coffee Night – Vagelis	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28/29	Richmond Gap to Collins Gap	Michael	0409 620714	TW	
28	Long Creek Falls			DW	
29	Newstead to West End	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
Jun 2	Mt Maroon Cave	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	

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 per day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km per 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

Give me work to do,
 Give me heath,
 Give me joy in simple things,
 Give me an eye for beauty,
 A tongue for truth,
 A heart that loves,
 A mind that reasons,
 A sympathy that understands.
 Give me neither malice nor envy,
 But a true kindness
 And a noble common-sense.
 At the close of each day
 Give me a book
 And a friend with whom
 I can be silent.

(SM Frazier in Creeds to Love and Live By)

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, cancel it – please tell Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620714.

**SATURDAY 13th FEBRUARY
ARAUCARIA TRACK
DAY WALK**

Leader: Gerry Burges 0404 947960.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: L34.
Distance: Approximately 18kms.
Web: <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/pdf/lamington-binna-burra-map.pdf>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This walk is rarely done by the club so don't miss out. There are four main easterly spurs which run off the main spur at Binna Burra, Shipstern, Dave's Creek, Wagawn and Araucaria. Araucaria is the second from the south.

After leaving the car park the walk follows the Border Track through rainforest. After about 1½ hrs walking we reach Joalah Lookout where we have our first view of Araucaria. There is a seat here and a nice place for morning tea. After a short break it is about a kilometre to the first turnoff where we join the Mt Hobwee track. Another kilometre along the track and we reach our last turnoff. We are now some 2.6km from the Araucaria Lookout.

Arguably the highlight of this walk is the Orchid Bower, a little over a kilometre from the junction. There are several species of orchids here, the large King Orchid and the smaller pink Rock Orchid. After the required break here we re-join the track and after another, yes another, kilometre we reach a fork in the track. But don't worry both lead to the lookout. In fact they come together again after about 250m. At this point we are only 200m from the lookout and lunch. For the best views stand on top of the rock. After lunch we retrace our steps and a deserved coffee at the car park.

Bring the usual gear for a great walk in the bush.

**MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY
MONTHLY MEETING & AGM**

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

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. A quorum is 15 members – so come along and help make up the quorum and ensure that the AGM can proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- Receive the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2015;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2016;
- The appointment of the 2016 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

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

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2015, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

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

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

**FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY
THE CREST HOTEL – THE KG BAR
(ACTUALLY THE PULLMAN HOTEL)
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Graham Glasse 3371 9623.
Address: Corner Ann and Roma Streets.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat, a meal and a beer.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.

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

For the month of February we are back in the heart of Brisbane. We will be opposite the Town Hall in the Crest Hotel, actually it is now called the Pullman Hotel, but it is still called the Crest.

The Crest Hotel has had many name changes over the years. The suffix or prefix has being changed several times. It was the Crest International Hotel, Recently it was renamed

the Mercure Crest Hotel although some still call it the Carlton Crest Hotel. Apparently it is now called the Pullman Hotel.

We will gather in the KG Bar which is presumably named after King George Square. There are snack and meals available at the KG Bar. Access to the bar is from Ann Street about 30 metres down from Roma Street.

The KG Bar is described as a sleek and funky Brisbane lounge bar. We have booked for a spot on the alfresco terrace section of the KG bar. Or in other words we will be on the deck near the entrance.

The bar is very close to Town hall and you will be able to hear the bells in the clock tower. Brisbane City Hall has an imposing 70 m clock tower (rising 91 m above ground level). The design is based on the clock tower of the St Mark's Campanile in Venice, Italy. The four clock faces on each side of the tower are the largest in Australia. Each clock face is 5m in diameter, the hour hands are 5f 6in, and the minute hands are 3m long. The clock has Westminster Chimes, which sound on the quarter-hour. Above the clocks is an observation platform, open to the public and accessible by lift between 10:15 am and 4:45 pm seven days a week, for free.

JTS Quote of the month

*"Most people
hate the taste of beer
to begin with.
It is, however, a prejudice
that most people overcome"
(Winston Churchill)*

SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092 or
endhouse@bigpond.net.au.

Address: Mass: St Carthage's Church,
115 Beaconsfield Terrace,
Gordon Park.
Dinner: Everton Park Tavern,
101 Flockton Street,
Everton Park.

Web: <http://www.evertonparkhotel.com.au/>

Time: 5.00pm.

Cost: Mass is free. Pay individually for
dinner and drinks.

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.

RSVP: Wednesday 17th February.

This is our annual celebration of the Club's continuance. It marks the beginning of a new Club year and we come together to celebrate the successes of the year gone by and mark with reverence & breaking of bread the coming year. Come along with us on this journey of joy.

Again this year Fr Frank O'Dea will celebrate Mass with us at Gordon Park. Liz has arranged a liturgy of beauty and relevance. Members will be willingly participating in this celebration of our love of nature and going out into it. We remember members who have gone, the good times we have had, the highs to celebrate. Bring along those singing voices and hail our successes.

There is plenty of parking in the church yard or on the street in front. The road is not a busy one. The church is easy to find – come off either Stafford Rd or Gympie Rd.

We have been to the Everton Park Hotel before for the dinner, but not in recent years – not the same place as the last few times. It is near the North-West Hospital & Medical Centre and next to the Woolies shopping centre (now known as Northwest Plaza).

The Hotel has a great range of food and you pay as you go – makes it simple for us. I recommend we go up in groups of 5 with a gap in between groups so the food will come out in batches and on different numbers to save the confusion that exists when 30 people go up and order together.

It is normally a great night for members and a good way for visitors to meet and see us. During the night everyone normally swaps places in order to catch up with those they have not seen for some time. Just get back to your seat before someone else eats your dessert.

See you there. Remember to nominate so I can book the correct number of places. Leave a message on my answering machine if I am not home.

WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Graham Glasse 3371 9623.

Meet at: Tomato Brothers,
75 Kedron Park Road, Wilston.

Time: 6.00 to 6.30pm for dinner or
7.30pm for coffee.

Cost: Your choice.

Web: <http://www.tomatobrotherswilston.com>

The first dinner and coffee night this year will be at Tomato Brothers at Wilston. The cafe is situated on the main road. There is usually plenty of parking in surrounding streets and there are bus and train routes. Unfortunately I won't be there this month as I'm off walking in New Zealand but Graham would love to see you there for either a meal or coffee.

**SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY
THORNESIDE TO WYNNUM
DAY WALK**

Leader: Louise Jones 0437 447277.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$10 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M11.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This is a walk mainly along bike track which is within the capabilities of all members. The walk starts at Thornside and passes through Lota. The boardwalk links to bush walking tracks in the reserves on the southern side of the creek. We pass salt marshes and paper bark forest before entering the dry eucalyptus forest in this area. We then move on to Manly where we will stop for a well-earned morning tea. After that we enter the Wynnum Mangrove boardwalk.

Please come and join me to explore this neck of Brisbane. Please bring everything you need for a day walk

**SUNDAY 6th MARCH
CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY
DAY WALK**

Leader: Terry Silk 3355 9765.
Meet at: Downfall Crk Bushland Centre,
815 Rode Road, McDowall.
Time: 9.15am.
Cost: \$2.
Grading: M11.
Location: McDowall.
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 3269 4295.

This year we are joining the Clean-Up Australia organisation at Downfall Creek. The clean-up is to start at 9:30am to 11:30am concluding with a free thank you sausage sizzle.

All equipment is provided including gloves and rubbish bags, however they do ask participants to ensure they are wearing enclosed walking shoes, sun smart clothing, a hat and to bring a drink bottle.

So join me for a couple of hours to assist the environment and get outdoors.

**FRIDAY 11th MARCH
JAMES BOAG @ THE COURTYARD
SOCIAL**

Leader: Liz Little 3356 4874 or
lizlittle@bigpond.com.
Meet at: 4/411 Newmarket Road,
Newmarket.
Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm.
Bring: Beer, wine, champagne, soft
drink, juice etc, photos,
conversation, companionship,
smiles.
Cost: \$2 per pizza slice; (nibbles,
coffee, etc. provided).

This meeting is entirely BYO for all cold liquids. Fortunately, there is a bottle shop across the road. Refrigeration will be provided, along with some snacks to eat. A variety of pizzas will be ordered at \$2 per slice or \$8 for half a pizza. Try to bring some coins for this. Tea and coffee will be provided.

The Courtyard is a pleasant garden setting in downtown Newmarket. It is quiet and not at all crowded. There are enough seats for all. Ample parking and convenient public transport (both train and bus) are available. Public transport can be checked at www.translink.com.au. For those travelling home alone, the bus stop is located in a busy, well lit place.

The company is always convivial. The gathering is a delightful way to wind down with drinks after work. For those wishing to rock on after 7.00 pm, the Newmarket Hotel is located conveniently across the road. Unlike *The Courtyard*, it is sound proofed and the neighbours do not hear anything.

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
11th TO 13th MARCH
BORDER TRACK
(DIABETES QUEENSLAND)
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: TBA.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private) +
walk, accommodation and food
costs.
Grading: L34.

Distance: Approximately 24kms.

Web:<http://www.diabetesqld.org.au/get-involved/what's-on/2016/march/border-track-trek.aspx>

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

You may be aware that Diabetes Queensland and Bushwalking Queensland have signed a memorandum of understanding. As a result they agree to promote each other wherever possible. Consequently Diabetes Queensland is heading for a weekend of bushwalking in the Lamington National Park and they would love for you to join them.

There are a number of ways you can participate in this event:

1. Do the walk only for a cost of \$80,
2. Stay the whole weekend with costs ranging from \$10 to \$470,
3. Help Diabetes Queensland by leading or being a tail end Charlie again with varying costs.

Karen, Peter and I are providing assistance for the walk (there will be a minimum cost of \$80) and will be travelling up and back on the Saturday. That is, we are only doing the walk.

As this is a fundraising event we would appreciate your support by donating to our team. The following URL will take you to the Diabetes Qld Fundraising site. Just select 'Sponsor a Friend', search for Michael and then click on 'Make a Donation'. We thank you in advance.

getinvolved.diabetesqld.org.au/event/border-track2016/

THURSDAY 17th MARCH LARAPINTA FALLS DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.

Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

Time: 7.00am.

Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).

Grading: M44.

Distance: Approximately 10kms.

Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

A lovely rainforest waterfall in Lamington National Park on St Patrick's Day. You can wear green if you like.

The falls are located in the southern section of Lamington National Park and access is gained

along the road to Christmas Creek. The walk will also visit Westray's Grave.

The falls are according to one of our life members the best waterfall in Lamington National Park. According to the book by John & Lyn Daly 'Take a Walk in South East Queensland' at page 237 – "If there's been rain, these falls are an awesome sight".

It will be mainly off track walking with some rock hopping. The term "off track walking" is perhaps a misnomer – there is a track, of sorts, it is very rough and vague in places. Bring the usual day walk stuff plus gaiters and I will be wearing garden gloves. And also bring gear for a swim.

FRIDAY 18th MARCH THE EMPORIUM HOTEL & MECCA BAH RESTAURANT JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.

Address: Corner Ann and Roma Streets.

Time: From 4pm till 9ish.

What For: A chat, a meal and a beer.

Web:<http://www.emporiumhotels.com.au/en/default.html> and <http://www.meccabah.net/>

Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

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

For the month of March we are going to the Emporium Hotel in Fortitude Valley – but it is virtually in Newstead.

The decore of the bar is perhaps best described as James Bond early 1960's. It has a lovely ambience. We will have a few drinks and then make our way to dinner at the Mecca Bah Mediterranean Restaurant which specialises in Middle Eastern and North African plates in an ornate space with ottomans and outdoor seating. I did the pre-outing a few years ago and the food was divine.

One of the best parts of the JTS is not the beers but just coming into town, finding these nice new venues and finding a group of friends to share time with. So come along and share some time with friends.

Just some background info – the Emporium Hotel opened in 2007 and is a modern upmarket luxury boutique hotel that are being built in Brisbane, so it is a bit ritzy. But it is a chance to see some of the new upmarket venues that are being developed around town.

There is a very interesting little shopping precinct next to the Emporium and it is worth a quick look at if you get there early. There's a smart Italian eatery, Tartufo Ristorante Italiano & Wine Bar and a cute patisserie, Belle Epoque Patisserie, plus several other eateries including Grill'd, Guzman Y Gomez, BurgerFuel (gourmet burgers), Nant Whisky Cellar & Bar Saiko Teppanyaki.

Transport – Bus Route 60 departs (every 8 minutes) Adelaide Street Stop 28 near Hutton Lane at 3.55pm and arrives at Wickham St near Light Street, stop 7, Fortitude Valley at 4.03 pm.

To return the bus departs (every 15 minutes) Ann St at James Street, stop 6, Fortitude Valley at 7.59pm and arrives Adelaide Street Stop 36 near Anzac Square, City 8.05pm

I was also planning on visiting the nearby craft brewery called Tippler's Tap at 23 Masters St, Newstead from 2 pm but I am too late as it closed on 19th December 2015 and will move into the premises of the Tomahawk Bar at 5/182 Grey Street, South Brisbane. The Tomahawk Bar will permanently cease trading after Wednesday, December 23rd 2015. Also I was reliably informed that the Lennon's Bar has also closed or changed name's so will need to do pre-outing soon.

**19th TO 20th MARCH
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
CLUB HUT FEAST
WALK-IN SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12 Noon. Non-stop to the
Lower Portals carpark.
Cost: Approx \$40.
Location: On beautiful Mt Barney Ck,
below the Lower Portals.
Web: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banquet>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.
RSVP: Wednesday 9th March.

What is a "Feast": A gathering of friends for the purpose of having a formal meal of several courses in nice surroundings spread out over a night.

What is "The Club Hut": it is a hut (Yalburu) built by members about 48 years ago on the banks of the lovely Barney Creek.

**Members, Visitors, Friends & Family
are invited to Dinner at Yalburu**

Each year in March at the time of the anniversary of our Hut's opening in 1967, the Club holds a birthday party for it – we call it "The Feast."

The Feast consists of five courses of food spread over five hours of Saturday evening. The food is a combined effort of all those attending. As the organiser, I work out the menu and then ask the attendees to buy/prepare the food and drink for the various courses. With the work spread out amongst a dozen people, there is not much to do for each person. Some will buy the nibblies, some prepare the entree, some cook and present the main courses, others prepare the deserts and finally there are the cookies and coffee.

We start nibblies about 5pm as the main cooks prepare the courses to follow. Various wines and other beverages are on offer. Dress is semi-formal top and bushwalking bottom.

The Hut can sleep approximately eight comfortably, and some do bring tents and sleep outside. The Hut is a substantial building with good solid walls, ample ventilation, concrete floor, table & stools, it is water tight; considering it is out in the bush, it is a wonderful place.

The cost of transport and food is calculated from all your receipts and divided by the number of people attending – so the cost is not set in advance; but is not normally over \$40.

What to bring: spare clothes, Sunday breakfast, sleeping bag/light blanket, water, toiletries, small towel, togs, small pillow or something to suite the purpose, something to put under you when sleeping (but not too bulky/heavy, platex2, bowlx2, mugx2, cutleryx3, tea towel, smart casual top, comfy shoes, camera, torch, a share of the feast food, receipts, and cash.

Be prepared to carry in your own personal gear, and a share of the "feasting food & drinks." If you want to sleep outside, include a tent.

There will be a reduced price for non and low drinkers of alcohol. The cost will be calculated at Yalburu, so bring your receipts and cash.

Sleep in the BCBC hut - borrow a sleeping bag or a light blanket. Borrow a weekend pack. The Club has a few to hire out.

The drive from Red Hill to the Portals carpark is 90 minutes. Have lunch before you leave home as we will be driving straight to Barney. The walk carrying your pack is approximately two hours – up minor hill & down small dale. There are approximately four small ridges and one low

creek to cross on your way into The Hut. Two hours is a very short day walk.

Ring or e-mail me as soon as possible so I can start the preparations.

SUNDAY 20th MARCH CLUB HUT WALK DAY WALK

Leader: Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635542.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: S43.
Location: BCBC Hut, on Mt Barney Creek,
west of Rathdowney.
Emerg Off: Michele Endicott 3351 4092.

Come and experience part of the history of the club and join me on a walk to the club hut on beautiful Mt. Barney Creek. The hut is steeped in history being built in the sixties by enthusiastic club members with most material carried by hand.

The hut is a four kilometre walk from the Lower Portals carpark. There are a couple of easy creek crossings and slight uphill sections but the walk is definitely within the capabilities of most people.

Bring memories, morning tea to share, catch up with friends, and relive those early trips spent at the hut and be part of this history as we celebrate the club huts birthday.

Bring the usual day walk gear and morning tea to share as well as your swimmers.

MONDAY 21st MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

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

Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing.

Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

MONDAY 28th MARCH CAMP MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT DAY WALK

Leader: Pat Lawton 3366 1956.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$8 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M33.
Location: Near Samford.
Distance: 11kms
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

If you don't want to drive too far and wish to avoid the heavy traffic returning home after the Easter break, come along on this walk to Camp Mountain. One can drive to Camp Mountain but we won't be doing that – we are going to walk there.

After driving to Samford we will then make our way (by car) to the site of the 1947 train crash in which 109 people died. We will have time to stop and read the monument commemorating the event.

The walk up to Camp Mt. follows an old road, some bitumen road and finally a fairly steep dirt road to the top. It won't be a race to the top – you will do it at your own pace. We will enjoy morning tea at the picnic area, where there are also toilets. There are wonderful views of Brisbane from the Battersby Lookout and from the lookout a little further on; there are lovely views to the north including the Glass House Mountains.

Once refreshed, we again follow an old forestry road steeply downhill and will eventually arrive at Bellbird Grove picnic area in time for lunch. Toilets and tables are again available.

Unfortunately, after lunch we have to retrace our steps uphill. Once up this steep section we will pick up another road which brings us out onto a bitumen road. From there it is all downhill back to the cars.

Hopefully, the café in Samford will be open and if it is we will enjoy a cuppa etc. to finish off the day.

Bring your lunch, morning tea, plenty of water and come along and enjoy a bit of bush close to Brisbane. The walk is suitable for any fit person. As is usual on Easter Monday this walk will be combined with Bushwalkers of Southern Qld.

THURSDAY 7th APRIL NOOSA HEADS & PARADISE CAVES DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M11 (with one tricky bit).
Distance: Approximately 12kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

I just love Noosa Heads National Park. Noosa National Park is one of the wonders of South East Queensland so come along and enjoy a touch of paradise.

The reason for doing the walk this time of year is to visit Paradise Cave which is on the headland at the end of Alexander Bay. The cave is only accessible at super low tides. There is a new moon on the night of Thursday 7th April at 9.23 pm and there is a super low tide in the middle of the day. So it is a perfect time to visit the cave.

I plan to park the cars at Noosa Woods and detour around the glitz area of Hastings Street and out along the boardwalk to the National Park. Then it is out along Ti-Tree Bay and Granite Bay to Alexandria Beach. We go past all the bays and the plan is to get to the far end of the Park near Sunshine Beach. I plan on going down the steep track to the little beach near the Caves and walk around to the Cave.

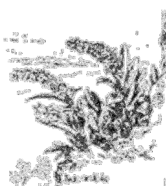
It will be a fairly long, but easy, trip. It is just on the end of summer so should still be nice for a swim.

So put this one in your calendar and see you at Noosa. Come along for an interesting day at Noosa. Bring all the usual day walk stuff.

Tide times – there is a huge tidal difference

Description	Time	Ht
High tide	7.47 am	1.97 metres
Low tide	2.04 pm	0.10 metres
High Tide	8.15 pm	1.98 metres

I have noticed when the tides are huge that there is also a lot of instability in the air and therefore more chance of rain or storms so bring a raincoat.



TUESDAY 12th APRIL BANFF FILM FESTIVAL SOCIAL

Leader : Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Venue : The Powerhouse Theatre.
Meet at: Watt Bar.
Time: 7:00 pm to 10.00 pm.
Cost only \$35.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international film competition held in November each year. The festival selects the best films and then there is world-wide presentation of the best short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment.

Members from our Club have attended the last three years and it is real eye opener. We changed to the Tuesday night 12th April as the Friday night often gets booked out very early.

At this stage three people are going and have booked row H. To make a booking simply go onto the Powerhouse website and make a booking.

Hope to see you there.

Some of the films likely to be included from the 2015 winners are -

Sherpa – reveals the 2014 Everest climbing season from the Sherpa point of view including the tragic avalanche and its aftermath.

A Line Across The Sky – doing the impossible – the Traverse of the iconic skyline of Fitz Roy and its six satellite peaks (in southernmost Chile), it spans seven kilometres across snow and by Tommy Caldwell and Alex Honnold went big – seizing their chance during a rare extended film.

The Great Alone – the Iditarod may be the hardest race in the world. The film captures the inspiring comeback story of champion sled dog racer, Lance Mackey. From his sunniest days as a boy to his darkest hours trapped in the arms of substance abuse, dog sledding just may be his road to salvation.

Unbranded – Four men and 16 wild mustangs set off on a 5,000-kilometre journey across the American West from Mexico to Canada. In the spirit of true adventure, whiskey is drunk, tempers fly, tragedy strikes, and the bonds of friendship hold fast. But can the journey help save the plight of the wild horses roaming on public lands? Only time will tell.



**ADVANCED NOTICE
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
29th APRIL TO 2nd MAY
COMBINED CLUB CAMPOUT
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.
Location: Kooyalee Campground 30kms from Rockhampton.
Time: TBA.
Cost: \$15pn for accommodation + transport and food.
Grading: Various.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

You may be interested in a Pilgrimage type event which is run each year by the Central Queensland Clubs. This year Capricornia Bushwalkers are hosting the event so you will need to travel to/from Rockhampton. I will be receiving more information sometime this month so keep an eye out in next month's Jilalan.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
29th APRIL TO 2nd MAY
GLEN INNES CELTIC FESTIVAL
SOCIAL**

Leader: Cath Wood 3398 1465 or 0428 755100.
Meet at: Showgrounds in Glen Innes LATE Friday night.
Return: Monday late morning.
Transport: Pay your own transport costs to/from Glen Innes. If any people want to combine on transport let me know and I will see what is possible.
Camping: Camping at the showgrounds (in town, walking distance to town centre and the festival site).
Web: <http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>

Glen Innes Tourist office:
<https://www.gleninnestourism.com/australian-celtic-festival/> has links on their website for showground camping for the festival, with unpowered sites from \$20 and powered sites from \$25 per night. Make your own bookings and mention on the booking that you would like to be near Cath Wood.

Festival Tickets:

Book your own tickets. The same site where you book the showground accommodation also has an "Activities" tab to book your festival

tickets. The day passes are \$25/day or \$50 for the weekend, including the Saturday night concert (if you book before 31st March).

"The Festival attracts clans, cultural groups, dancers and performers from around the world. Visitors experience Celtic music and dance at four stages at the Festival's main venue, the Australian Standing Stones, and in many venues around town.

The Australian Standing Stones are an array of granite monoliths often shrouded in autumn mists. You definitely don't want to miss rising at dawn and to listen to the haunting skirl of pipes amidst the stones.

The four-day Festival features entertainment that includes a street parade, kirking of the Tartan, massed pipe bands, strong man events, yard dog trials, children's entertainment, a fun run, dancing, flag raising ceremonies, poet breakfasts, market stalls and Celtic foods.

Each year's Festival celebrates one of the Celtic nations.

The 2016 Festival will honour the Isle of Man and will run from Thursday 28th April to Sunday 1st May."

It is a great weekend, with lots of different activities at the festival. The program actually has event from Thursday onwards, so anyone wanting to go a day or 2 earlier can do so. I can't leave until after school on Friday afternoon. Basically, book your accommodation & festival tickets, let me know that you are going and when, and I will see you there.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
FRIDAY TO TUESDAY
28th OCTOBER TO 1st NOVEMBER
THE BLUFF CIRCUIT
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.

The Cup Weekend Walk with the Victorian Catholic Walkers has become a tradition in the Club's yearly outing's programme. It is a trip that you should put on your bucket list.

In 2016 we are doing a 4 day through walk called the Bluff Circuit. It is a beautiful and remote part of the Victorian Alps. Plus a quick day walk on Friday to Mt Piper.

The walking is mainly along the alpine plateaus that have gentle slopes on one side and steep precipitous cliffs on the other side. In simple

terms about a third of the walking is along old forestry roads through open eucalypt forest, a third is the high alpine plains where the vegetation is mainly ankle high grass and the occasional snow gum. And a third is through thick wet eucalyptus forest. I should add that there is a bit of uphill and downhill walking as well.

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It is just magic walking in Victoria's "High Country" with the views for miles. As to how hard the trip is I have to be up front and mention that it can be a bit hard at times but it is so worth the effort.

On the Friday rather than just spend the day travelling I intend to climb Mt Piper. It is near Broadford and is a lovely small conical mountain. Why Mt Piper? – well there are legends about past expeditions to the mountain and it is apparently not as easy as it seems.

The Plan is as follows

Day 0 - Fri 28th Oct - be at Melb airport by 10 am
Drive to Broadford – climb Mt Piper. Then drive to Mansfield for tea. Drive to Howqua River to camp on Friday night

Day 1 - Sat 29th Oct – camp at Mt Clear saddle

Day 2 - Sun 30th Oct – camp at Lovicks Hut

Day 3 - Mon 31st Oct – Camp at Refrigerator Gap

Day 4 - Tue 1st Nov – Back to cars by about 12.

Then drive back to Melbourne by 5 ish. Includes a 2 hour buffer for traffic etc.

Fly out about 8 pm

I should point out that we attempted this trip in 2014 but the weather turned against us and sent a snowy blizzard. The 'blizzard'* hit on Saturday afternoon and gently snowed all night. We woke up on the Sunday morning to a whiteout with 2 inches of snow on the ground. It was fantastic and one of the best things I have experienced in the Vic Alps. But we took it as a sign that it may be a bit difficult and made a decision to finish the walk early and come back another day, so we are coming back. On the bright side we had a great day walk at Cathedral Range on the Monday.

*technically the snow we got wasn't a blizzard as there was no wind and it was just gentle snow falling all night.

The history of this joint walk with the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria is as follows

Year	Venue	Leader	Qld
2011	Bogong & Mt Feathertop	Phil Murray	7
2012	The Crosscut Saw	Tom Buykx	5
2013	Bogong High Plains	Phil Murray	10
2014	Mt Clear & Cathedral Range	Tom Buykx	4
2015	The Grampians	Phil Murray	13

Do yourself a favour and come and join us one year. 4 days walking in the Alps and 3 nights under canvas in the high country. Just bliss for bushwalkers. For those wondering just exactly where the Bluff Circuit is – it is about 50 kilometres south east of the small Victorian town of Mansfield.

There may be several people on The Bluff Trip who will then continue on to the Aussie Camino trip with Russ Nelson. Please contact Russ about his travel requirements or where he is staying on the Tuesday night.

ADVANCED NOTICE WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 2nd TO 11th NOVEMBER AUSSIE CAMINO MOVING BASE CAMP

Leader: Russ Nelson 3374 3534 or 0427 743534.

Trip Advisor: Peggy Roe 3863 1464.

Peggy completed the Aussie Camino in December 2014 and so can give a personal insight. Peggy will be providing a presentation on the Aussie Camino at the May 2016 meeting.

There are 3 options available - Walker only, Walker / Driver or Driver only.

Full details were in the January Jilalan or email Russ at nelhouse@bigpond.net.au

Airfares to Melbourne are particularly cheap at present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The recent rise in postage has triggered discussion amongst the Committee on how *Jilalan* is distributed to members. Currently members who accept electronic distribution receive a \$10 discount on membership. Postage now costs \$12 per year plus the postage for the Annual Report. Currently *Jilalan* is printed by a printer who employs disabled people and then is posted by a member of the Club. For many years now our Treasurer, Terry

Silk has personally delivered copies to some members and so reduced the cost to the Club.

Various options are now being considered and these include –

- Print *Jilalan* on a desk top printer in a member's home,
- Distribute printed copies to members at monthly meeting,
- Cease providing a printed *Jilalan* altogether.

In addition, there is the Annual Report which is substantially bigger than a typical monthly *Jilalan*. Currently the Committee is considering all possible options, including the impact on membership fees. Please let a committee member know what your views are.

This is my last President's Report and I thank all for their support over the last three years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A reminder that your membership fees are now due. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so A.S.A.P. so that you don't miss any magazines. When renewing, please remember to complete and sign the Renewal Form which was in your January magazine. If you pay your subscription into our bank account you still need to send us your renewal form. Our successful St. Vinnies coffee saw our members donate \$130.00. I have now started collecting money for The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped. After all that, if you have any money left over, we still have some club t-shirts and small metal badges for sale. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

John Bigg, John Bevelander, Michele Endicott, Veronica Forsyth, Kerry Mulligan, Kylie Moore, Terry Silk and Michael Simpson are celebrating their birthdays in February. Liz Little has just returned from a holiday in Europe. Iain Renton is another member who has just returned from a holiday in Tasmania. Congratulations to our latest new member, Terri Evetts. Trish Ashe was an interested visitor at our January meeting. Visitors are always most welcome at any of our activities.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

Leaders Needed:

7 May – Alderley to Aspley

24 May – Long Creek Falls

12 June – Murrarie to Mansfield

26 June – Mt Coot-tha Tracks

We still need leaders. There are only 8 day walks and 7 easy walks left so get in now before you miss out.

I have decided to take a break next year from Outings even though I enjoy the challenge. I wish the new committee all the best for the year to come.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
January 7	Diana's Bath	Phil	DW	8
January 10	Gold Coast Tram Walk	Phil	DW	14
January 23	Toolona Circuit	Phil	DW	14
January 23/26	Kwiambal NP	Michael	BC	5
January 24	Indooroopilly Circuit	Paddy	DW	6
February	North Stradbroke Island	Phil	DW	8

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

Michael Ph: 0409 620714 or

michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au

FUTURE INTERSTATE TRIPS

Phillip Island 2017

Following on from the Hawkesbury, Grampians and Kiama trips I am very keen to do a few more interstate trips to the southern states. Rather than through walks I want to do more interstate trips as basecamps in cabins or caravan parks.

I would like to do these trips in the early February time frame to take advantage of the better weather and the cheaper prices. My major concern is that there are so many trips on my wish list and so few years to do them in so I need to start planning.

Some trips I am interested with proposed dates are as follows:

Feb 2017	Philip Island	Vic
Feb 2018	Tasman Peninsula	Tas
Feb 2019	Gosford area	NSW
Feb 2020	Geelong & Otways	Vic
Feb 2021	Cradle Mtn area	Tas
Feb 2021	Pigeonhouse	NSW
Feb 2023	Wilson's Prom	Vic
Feb 2024	Flinders Island	Tas
Feb 2025	Blackheath area	NSW
Feb 2026	Mt Field & Mt Anne area	Tas

I definitely want to lead the Philip Island trip in February 2017. The proposed trip is shaping up as 5 days long.

Feb 2017 Philip Island Basecamp (includes the Mornington Peninsula area)

- Cape Woolamai, (Phillip island)
- Pyramid Rock & Helens Head
- Bass Coastal Walk,
- Arthurs Seat & Cape Schank walk
- Point Nepean

More details next month about this walk. Phil.

AROUND THE RIDGES

The **Melbourne Walking Club** (MWC) which was founded in 1894 is arguably Australia's oldest bushwalking club. A distinguishing feature of the MWC was that its membership was restricted to males only. It seems to be a wonderful club and does all the usual bushwalks in Victoria that our sister Club the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria (CWCV) does but the MWC seems to have an advantage in that it has two huts in the Victorian Alps.

Anyhow the big news is that the MWC has recently changed its constitution. The change was to allow females to become members. It was surprising that this change didn't make the newspapers. The MWC has about 300 members; the meeting in December 2015 to change the constitution was attended by 53 members. There were 43 votes in favour of the motion and 9 against and 1 abstention. For the motion to succeed it needed 75% of the vote and thankfully it received 81% of the vote.

The question arises; is it undemocratic that there is requirement that changes to the constitution are required to have a support of 75%? Our Club has a similar restriction under the Associations Incorporation Act. I do wonder what the history is behind such a burdensome requirement to change a constitution. Arguably the effect of this 75% requirement is that arguably democracy is denied.

Freeze it, don't squeeze it

A revolution has occurred in the Bushwalking community. There is a new way to remove Ticks, namely freeze it, don't squeeze it. ABC Television Science program, Catalyst shows the safe way to remove Ticks and therefore not exposure yourself to risk of a red meat allergy. The program can be seen at <http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/4177191.htm>

The basic technique to use a spray containing ether. So something like Wart Off, or Medi Freeze Skin Tag Remover. Place the nozzle conveniently over the tick and spray. Feels cold - freeze the tick, and wait about ten minutes for

the tick to die. Once it's dead, you can just brush it off.

The approach with tiny ticks or the little larvae or nymphs is different. Use a cream containing permethrin. Now this is basically the same kind of cream as you get for scabies. Just rub that in. The ticks will all die and soon you'll be able to just rub them off.

POETRY CORNER

I found this little verse in an old Jilalan magazine from 26 years ago, and it is appropriate to republish it. Phil

New Year Wishes

*May the winds of fortune do you right,
And save you from the lonely night,
May your tents be pitched on level ground,
Any joyfulness in you abound.*

*Let good mates be with you to the end,
To guide your way as you descend.
May packs be light and spirits gay,
And the sounds of birds begin your day.*

*May brown snakes never cross your path,
To curse you with their hissing wrath.
May slimy leeches never invade,
And sneaky possums seldom raid.*

*May your rivers teem with rainbow trout,
And never ever get caught out.
May campfires burn so bright,
And warm you through the night.*

*May the new year bring you cheer,
And send you love so dear.
So kind folk with much ado
I wish these things for you.*

*Jim Teys of the Catholic Bushwalking Club (Sydney)
Published in Jilalan December 1989*



PAST EVENTS

DIANA'S BATH

THURSDAY 7th JANUARY

DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray.
Weather: hot with clear skies.
Temperature: 30°.
Distance: 3.8 km.
Attendance: 8 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Joe Tottenham, Pat Lawton, Trevor Kelly, Anne Iron, Sue Walsh and Terri Evetts a visitor who has since joined the Club.



Diana's Bath

A top little walk that has to be one of the shortest walks I have done. It was only 4 kilometres but it was still a wonderful trip.



Crossing the Paddock

We parked the cars at the farm gate and walked across the paddocks. Then we got near the overgrown gully with a couple of overgrown tracks one off to the right going away from our objective and one to the left beside the gully that was going towards the main creek. We followed the track on the left. (but of course we should have taken the one on the right). I looked back and had a leader's nightmare – people were going in all directions.

There was that sudden yucky feeling. Things aren't going as planned. But life is like that sometimes. So it was time to relax and keep calm. On the plus side it was interesting trying to find out exactly where we were and which way do we go. With the benefit of hindsight it is a bit of giggle. Actually it helped make the day and it only cost us about 30 minutes as we figured out which was the best way to go and waited for everyone to get back together as a group. We had a quick little discussion about which way to go. There were even a few "murmurs" about what was the correct grading for the walk. Anyhow a solid and cohesive and happy group we headed north and within 8 minutes we found the track. It was only a little track but looked like a highway. It was a beautiful moment. Sometimes the small things in life like finding a track can be the best things in life.



The Track

We then ambled along the track beside the creek which had several lovely waterholes.

Finally, after at least 10 minutes we came to the major water hole it was very impressive perhaps about 80 metres long and about 15 metres wide.

We had started walking at 9.50 am and we got to the lunch spot by 11.05 am. We had a very long leisurely lunch and a swim and had plenty of time to chill out.

Finally the time came to leave at 12.50 pm we left. The track out was uneventful and were back at the cars by 1.28 pm.

It was one of the shortest walks I have done but great fun and would be happy to go back again next year and float my lilo. The one I brought had a hole in it. Also the next time I go back I will make a special effort to try to measure the size of the main waterhole at Diana's Bath.

Thanks to those who came on the walk and thanks to Joe for Driving.

I should mention that one of the highlights of the day was the lovely coffee break on the way home at Mt Glorious, I can't remember the name it is the one all the motor bike riders go to. It was lovely sitting down chatting after our hard adventurous walk. Some of the stories were hilarious especially Joe's about his vintage Holden car and how people are so taken with the care they actually ask if they can take it for a drive. The other story was about the new super walk in Tasmania called the 3 Capes Walk and of course you only visit 2 Capes. It must be a Tasmanian thing.

EAT STREET MARKETS & DINNER FRIDAY 8th JANUARY SOCIAL

Eat Street is a Friday & Saturday evening food and craft extravaganza down at North Shore (that is Hamilton). A vacant block comes alive with stalls and the passing public. You can pick up food from any corner of the world, any variety of dessert, any snack you ever wanted. (Though parking can be a problem as the place is very, very popular.)

And did I mention the craft stalls, and more. You have to see it all to believe what is there – you will not believe it if anyone tells you. And it is just interesting watching the crowd swirling in and out of the stalls, along the alleyways, and in the plaza.

As this social was at the height of summer, we had plenty of daylight on a balmy afternoon/evening with the cool river breezes keeping us comfortable. We did a slow recce along the alleyways to find out what was where and which food outlets looked the most interesting – why have something “normal” with so many interesting variations all around you. Most of us chose something different from the each other. And it was all delicious. To finish off we all had an ice cream cone.

Thanks to Jan & Russ, Karen, Josh & Michael, Michele & Greg and Antonia for coming along.

GOLD COAST TRAM WALK TALLEBUDGERA CREEK TO MAIN BEACH SUNDAY 10th JANUARY DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray.
Weather: A sprinkle of rain at lunch with wind at 1pm 17kph from SE
Temperature: 27°.
Distance: 18.6 km.

Attendance: 15.2 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Gerry Burges, Sofia Ramsay, Janell Sammon, Greg & Michele Endicott, Maria Stalker, Andrea Turner, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Josh Cooke, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas and Kerriane Pearce (the 0.2) as she joined us on the hard part of the walk the 80m ascent of Burleigh Hill.



The Gold Coast Tram at Cavill Avenue

I have done this walk two times now with the Club and the more I do it the more I like it. So I hope we can get it on the program for next year. This trip is a great way to take advantage of the tramway that cost so much, so we may as well use it.

We started at the University Hospital which is actually in the suburb of Southport, but must be at least 4 km from the Southport shopping centre.

This trip invariably becomes a bit disjointed. We had five at the start. Gerry, Janell, Sofia Paddy and me. The others would join us later. We climbed on board at the appointed time of 8.22 and the tram was quickly down the line and across the bridge that goes over the Smith Street Motorway. Just past the motorway the bridge continues and you get a great view of the



View to the South from top of Burleigh Heads (Tumgum Lookout) over Mouth of Tallebudgera Creek Looking Towards Currumbin & Cooloolongatta.

mountains on the border and also a quick view of Mt Warning.



View North to South Nobby & Surfers Paradise from Burleigh Heads

We hopped off the tram at Cavill Avenue and had a quick excursion through the heart of Surfers Paradise down to beach and back again. Several of us had a coffee break at McDonalds. Then back to the tram stop and caught the next tram to the terminus at Broadbeach South. Our second group met us there. Greg, Michele, Andrea and Maria. We then caught the 700 Bus to Tweed Heads. We did a head count. One missing. A quick phone call and we found Maria. She was on the next bus as she was delayed getting her go card topped up. Anyhow we re-grouped at Tallebudgera Creek. We then contacted the third Group led by Michael. They were still having coffee. Change of plans. Meet him on top of Burleigh.



View North to Surfers Paradise from South Nobby

We set out and actually started walking. The forest at Burleigh Heads is very nice, I suppose technically it is littoral rainforest dominated by Brush Box trees but just so refreshing after seeing all the concrete and cars and trams all morning. Got to the top in good time. The views were great. Michael's group joined us a few minutes after we got there including Kerriane. It was so nice to catch up with everyone.



View South to Burleigh Heads from South Nobby

It was a nice day and soon we were on our way walking along the beach. Actually it was very nice walking along the beach. The tide was out and it was so easy to walk fast so we just zoomed along. We had second morning tea on top of South Nobby.



**Lunch at Kurrawa – Umbrellas Up
(Michele and Sofia at the front)**

We then moved on to Kurrawa for lunch a few clouds had started to build up but I thought we had a few hours before it hit. Found a table and started lunch and then it started to drizzle. We couldn't be bothered moving so we simply put up our umbrellas. As soon as we finished lunch the rain stopped. Not sure if that was a sign??? Within 30 minutes all the clouds were gone. According to the BOM the coast only had 0.2 mm of rain that day.

Anyhow we were quickly back on the beach and zooming along and before we knew it we were at Surfers Paradise where Greg's group said goodbye as Greg needed to be back in Brisbane early. Michael's group were still behind us, somewhere.

The five in my group waved goodbye and continued zooming along. Soon we were at Southport Surf Beach (also called Main Beach).

Two of us had a quick swim and then we traipsed over to Tedder Avenue for afternoon tea. The bakery was closed for the day and we noticed some of the ritzy restaurants were closed permanently. Anyhow it was too hot for coffee so we got ice creams at the newsagents, yep at the newsagent. The ice creams were nice. Michael's group had missed us at Southport beach and were already on the tram and nearly back at the Uni.



View Along Beach at Surfers Paradise

We caught the 4.08 pm tram and finished at the Uni Hospital at 4.22 pm where we met up with Michael and crew.

Actually there were 3 groups walking on the day. A bit of a juggle keeping things sort of together. Made lots of phone calls to check where we were. It was a really good trip and happy to do it again. It was really good to stretch the legs out.

We did get a few stares from one or two people. They were slowing frying themselves in the sun and increasing their risk of skin cancer. But they still gave us the look 'what are you doing walking on the beach with long shirts and long pants. I just kept on walking and left them for dust or should I say 'ashes' as they slowing fried in the sun.

THE SURF CLUB FRIDAY 15th JANUARY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

This was a nice little spot. It was great night and the food was good and the drinks were cheap. The far end of the table was getting jugs for about \$10. I think the most popular beer was the Carlton dry. I must admit w have been too busy chatting to actually taste and grade the beers.

We had a nice spot with views the music wasn't too loud. No one from our group went for a

swim. Those there were – Russ & Jan, Greg & Michele, Phil, Graham, John, Liz, Cath, Antonia Gerry, Anne, Michael, Karen & Peggy. We moved on about 8.00 pm. Phil

KWIAMBAL NATIONAL PARK SATURDAY TO TUESDAY 23rd TO 26th JANUARY BASE CAMP

Kwiambal National Park is just over 400kms south west from Brisbane and covers the junction of the Severn and Macintyre Rivers. The park was declared in 2000 and is approximately 3400 hectares in size. There is about 200 hectares of dry rainforest in the park which represents about 15% of the total remaining in Australia. Most of the vegetation consists of White Cypress Pine, Silver Leaf Ironbark and Tumbledown Red Gum whilst the fauna consisted of mainly grey kangaroos, feral goats, hundreds of birds and the occasional reptile particularly goannas.



The weather for the weekend was generally hot and humid with the occasional thunderstorm. Perfect for swimming. Most of Saturday was spent travelling down into enemy territory; arriving in the small village of Ashford around lunchtime. A lot of this town has closed and the locals have to travel to Inverell now for their groceries. Shame really but there is an enterprising service station, come general store come takeaway which seems to be doing okay. Thirty kilometres north of Ashford is Kwiambal NP and our accommodation for the weekend, a lovely renovated 3-bedroom home fully equipped. After settling in it was time for a snooze before firing up the barbie for dinner. Karen and Pete had decided separately to explore our surroundings and came back with plenty of info. As dusk fell the kangaroos and goats came out to feed as well as endless birds such as the Superb Fairy Wren. Then a huge thunderstorm hit cooling the day and refilling the tanks.



Sunday dawned and after a late breakfast we headed down to the Macintyre Falls Picnic Area. A quick visit to the two lookouts before following the track down to the Plunge Pool. We had seen a couple of fishermen downstream and one was hauling in a cod as we watched from afar. So we decided to rock hop down the river to a beach we had seen near the fishermen. After an interesting scramble we made it to the beach. Nothing left to do now but go swimming so in we went. The water was very refreshing and it was hard to leave. Not wishing to retrace our steps around the rocks we headed straight up through the cliff breaks to the lookout above. Josh had completed his first off track walk, well done. After lunch we headed down to the Ashford Caves, a series of limestone caves on the edge of the park. They were nothing spectacular which was probably due to the fact that they were mined for limestone and guano for a number of decades. Back at camp there was nothing left to do but wander down to the river which seemed amazingly full despite the warnings of drought. We disturbed a Wallaroo as we clambered around on the granite slabs before exploring the rest of the buildings near the house.



Another storm threatened but didn't eventuate so the night air was quite oppressive. Thank heavens for the air conditioners. Sunday morning arrived and another late breakfast all cooked on the barbie with a couple of goannas waiting for spilt food. No luck there boys. We decided to head into Inverell (some 95kms away) for dinner but why waste the day just

driving there so we went exploring. First up Pindari Dam, a minor irrigation and power generation dam on the Severn River. It can hold 312,000 megalitres but it is awfully low now and is but a shadow of itself. Interesting the release of water flows west to the Border River area and irrigates land between Goondiwindi and Mungindi growing cotton. From there we undertook a circuitous route to King's Plains National Park just east of Inverell. What a beautiful spot with two delightful camping areas both beside a scenic creek. We decided to rock hop down the creek to find a waterfall displayed on the information board. We're not certain if we found that waterfall but we did reach a charming waterfall about 1½ kms downstream. We were entertained by a Yellow Breasted Robin as we returned to the car. I have to return here as there is much to explore. As it was getting late we headed into Inverell and dinner at an interesting pub, the Australia Hotel. As we headed home after dinner we drove through torrential rain. At least some parts of NSW are getting rain and were surprised to see we had received very little back in the park.

Tuesday dawned and with sadness we packed up. One final trip down to Lemon Tree Campground before heading home. The trip home was uneventful and surprising low on traffic so we made good time.

What a great weekend and a wonderful surprise. This area has so much to offer. Thanks to Karen, Josh, Pete and Nicky for sharing it with me. Michael.

TOOLONA CIRCUIT SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray.
Weather: Grey gloomy skies & very muggy
Temperature: 29°.
Distance: 18 km.
Attendance: 14 – 7 members & 7 visitors.

The 7 members were Phil Murray, Chrissie Turner, Pat Lawton, John Hood, Maria Kerruish, Michele Johns and Louise Jones.

The 7 visitors were: on their first walk were Celeste Alcaraz (a friend of Renuka Reid) and Joan Lammas (a friend of Louise Jones). Also there were Sherryn Johns (Michele's daughter) and Therese Nally (she was a member from early 1980's) and her husband Peter Nally and their young son Michael Nally (only 9 years old)

and presumably his first walk with the Club) and Mary McInnes (nee Blyth) and Mary was previously member back in the late 1980's.

The trip went out. It was just a great day of walking. We started walking at 10.00 am and finished back at O'Reilly's at 4.25 pm. I have to mention it is so easy walking down hill along the Border Track we just zoomed along

The weather at the start was a bit dodgy and there was a light sprinkle in the morning on the drive up. The weather was grey and gloomy most of the day and very very very humid. Yes very humid.



There was plenty of water in the waterfalls but the track was mostly dry. The creek crossing weren't too tricky. The walk went really well. Had 1st morning tea at Picnic Rock, had a quick look at Elabana Falls - the altitude here was 760 m. We started the slow uphill zig zag climb. We spotted heaps of Lamington Blue Crayfish (*Euastacus sulcatus*). (by heaps I mean we spotted at least 10).

The trees in the rainforest were covered by a beautiful little dainty vine. All the trees were covered by this vine and was probably the most widespread plant in the forest so I pointed it out and advised that it's the botanical name is *Pothos longipes*.

The common name is either Pothos, Candle Flame or Candle Vine. I was asked what did pothos mean but alas I didn't know. I looked it up later and there are alternative explanations, in Greek mythology, Pothos is the Greek god of love or to be more precise the love of the longing for an unattainable goal and is perhaps analogous to the vine trying to reach the sun but

according to another source the name is derived from a local name of the plant in Sri Lanka.

We had second morning tea at Chalan Falls. It was then another hour to go to reach the Border Track. We had lunch at Wanungra Lookout from 1.44 pm to 2.25 pm. The altitude at Wanungra Lookout was 1160 m so there was a reasonably large ascent coming up the Toolona Circuit. We had a good view of Mt Warning from here. We hit the track again and moved very quickly. The grey clouds cleared by about 3 pm so we could see the beautiful blue sky through the rainforest trees as we walked downhill back to O'Reilly's. We positively zoomed back along the Border Track and got to coffee shop in time for coffee, drinks or ice creams. We were enjoying our chill out time and Pat interrupted and in a very serious voice advised "The storm's coming". She was right. It was very low and ominous with swirling wind and thunder and dark grey clouds with a greenish tinge. We quickly finished our ice creams and rushed to the cars.

We jumped in cars and were keen to get going. But we forgot the normal procedure to check that all cars were mobile. And of course the inevitable happened. Peter Nally's car had a flat battery (he had left his lights on). We got 5 km down the road and we got phone call that they were stuck as car had battery issues. We went back but we got some very good news. Peter had sourced a set of jumper leads and started the car within 15 minutes. Just remarkable. By the time we got back they were mobile. Fortunately the storm was a fizzer and it only rained a bit.

It was a great trip and I am happy to go back there another day, maybe next year or the year after as it is such a great walk.

On the way back along the Border Track we bumped into a group of walkers from BOSQ Club. They were doing the Albert River Circuit walk and we had a lovely chat for about 5 minutes. . Also we bumped into Helen Mees a former member while we having our coffee. Helen took the opportunity to rejoin the Club and quickly filled out the forms.

A highlight of the day was the "circle" where we introduced ourselves. I asked everyone to quickly mention their name and also mention something special that happened last week – eg did they get a job promotion, or win lotto or mention the name of your pet. No one had won lotto but everyone had wanted to make a quick comment about their pets. Therese astonished us when she said she had a cat that they could

take for a walk. Louise had 2 goldfish and there was a quick discussion as to whether gold fish could count as pets and yes apparently they do. Also, Joan mentioned she had elderly guinea pigs as they were now 5 years old. Most of the group were astonished that guinea pigs were considered elderly at that age. A silly little discussion really but a great way to break the ice and helped set the scene for a great day. Also I should mention that one of our group didn't like cats. Phil.

INDOOROOPILLY OXLEY CIRCUIT SUNDAY 24th JANUARY DAY WALK

Six walkers set off from the Indooroopilly Station at 8am on a hot and sunny day. We walked alongside the Brisbane River as far as Ambrose Treacey College, crossing Witton Creek on the way. Our route took us beside the playing fields, along streets and easements, and over a couple of hills back to the river, which we crossed at the Jindalee Bridge.

The next section of our walk followed a delightful path through parkland along the river until we arrived at Rocks Riverside Park. Gerry expressed surprise to see so much greenery in suburbia.

After morning tea, we stopped to inspect the artefacts in the industrial plaza, including the remains of an old conveyor, a reminder of the park's previous life as a landing site for barges delivering coral to the cement works. We then followed the Zigzag and Ridge tracks through bushland to Fort Rd at Oxley. Unfortunately the trees had grown so much there was no view from either of the lookouts on the hill.

This is a very rural part of Oxley. We passed the Passionist Fort, parkland and bushland. We saw horses in a paddock beside the road. After climbing another hill and some steps on Cliveden Ave, we were back in suburbia. We wound our way through the residential areas of Oxley and Corinda to the Francis Lookout with its pioneer graves and city views, then on to the Sherwood Arboretum for lunch. We were fortunate to find an empty picnic shed, where we enjoyed a very pleasant breeze from the river.

After Andrea left us at Sherwood, the remaining five continued walking along the leafy streets of

Graceville and Chelmer and across the Walter Taylor Bridge, finishing by about 2pm.

Those on the walk were Terry, Greg, Gerry, Andrea and Sophie. Paddy.

GAYTHORNE RSL WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY COFFEE NIGHT

The Club had its usual St Vinnies fundraiser again at the Gaythorne RSL. It is a great night with everyone enjoying the meeting-up, the conversation, the camaraderie, the food and the atmosphere.

We had a long table in the main bistro area and started filling the seats before 6.30pm. Before ordering, most sat and caught up with friends. As the line-up in the food queue lengthened we started to line up as well. Ordering and the delivery of food to the tables ran smoothly. And the food was good and tasty. The drinks cool and long.

We had seventeen of us there this night – good to see some irregular socialites coming along. Everyone gravitated around the table to keep the conversation rolling, catching up with erstwhile friends, telling stories, and keeping in touch.

It all ended too soon after being there for 2 hours. Come along next year to socialise with members and visitors at the start of the year.

The following enjoyed the nights festivities, Michael, Karen & Josh, Graham, Greg & Michele, Terry, John, Liz, Pat & Jonas, Anne & Bob, Robin, Therese, Maria and Andrea

MARY RIVER LILO SATURDAY 30th JANUARY DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray.

I had 2 enquiries about this trip. So that was a good start. But no nominations. So I postponed the trip to next year. I am still very keen for this trip to go out. If first you don't succeed try try try again. It is a beautiful part of the world. The idea of gently paddling along the river is a dream come true. We didn't get there this year and now that people have heard of it I am sure we will get a few on the trip next year. Phil.

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>

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