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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Туре	Grade
14	Mt Joyce	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	JTS – The Plough Inn	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Sandgate to Scarborough	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
25	Araucaria Circuit	Michael	3351 3810	DW	L33
27/28	Moreton Island	Michael	3351 3810	BC	M33
27	Cominya to Corragook Bridge	Graham	3371 9623	DW	M22

28	Breakfast	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
May 5	Mt May to Maroon	John	5514 0285	DW	L67
11	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M33
17	JTS – Transcontinental Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Annual Mass and Dinner	Needed		Soc	
19	Boondall Wetlands	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M33
20	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
25	Bridges of Brisbane	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	
25/26	Emu Creek	Michael	3351 3810	BC	
Jun 2	Bare Rock	Graham	3371 9623	DW	
7/9	Bigriggen	Justin	3366 3193	BC	
15	Lizard Point	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M45
17	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
21	JTS – Groove Train Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Ipswich Heritage Walk	Helen	3294 6976	DW	
22	Mt Castle	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M55
29	Abbey Medieval Banquet	Needed		Soc	
Jul 6/7	Abbey Medieval Tournament	Needed		Soc	
6/7	Savages Ridge	Needed		ON	
13	Beau Brummel to Grass Tree Knob	Ivan	0405 487312	DW	
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	John Toohey Society	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
20	Colonial Ball	Matthew	3876 8125	Soc	
27	Mt Gravatt to South Bank	Needed		DW	
27	Trachyte Circuit & Ngungun	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
Aug 3	Spicer's Gap to Lemon Tree	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
3/4	Lemon Tree to Teviot Gap	Matthew	3876 8125	TW	
4	Somerset Trail	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
10	Mt Warning	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S 36
13/14	Barney Mass	Needed		DW/BC	M77
16	JTS – The Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Toohey Forest Wildflowers	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
19	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
23/25	The Marathon	Phil	5522 9702	TW	XL47
24	Forest Hill/Marburg Heritage Walk			DW	
24	Swan Knoll	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
31	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
Sep 1	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
7/8	Pilgrimage			BC	
8	Kate Quinlan by the Beach	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
14	Stinson Wreck/Point Lookout	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
15	Mass on Macleay	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

KEY – Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	1∕₂ D/W	Half Day Walk
O/N	Over Nighter	B/C	Base Camp
T/W	Through Walk	C/W	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	5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small	5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to
km per day	climbs using hands or rock hopping	450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to
	climbs using hands or rock hopping	600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
Extra Long	1 5	7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to
Over 20 km	2	750m gain/loss per day. High fitness.
per day	Good upper body strength	Endurance and agility required
	8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with	8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to
	exposure. Climbing skills may be required	1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	9 - Sustained climbing or descending of	9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking.
	vertical or near vertical rock with	Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high
	exposure. Advanced climbing skills	fitness. Endurance and agility required
	required. Good upper body strength	

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

God of life You are the vine grower Who prunes and shapes our lives Trim away all that hinders New growth in us So that we may be One in Christ And alive in your love Amen. (Source: All Hallows' Staff Prayer, May 2011)

EDITOR'S NOTE

All articles for MAY Jilalan are due on or before 1 May 2013

FOR LEADERS

The "Leaders Guide" is on the web at: http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702

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

COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

Coming Socials & Cultural Events

THE CLUB'S PROPOSED SOCIAL ITINERARY

Mar	1	James Boag at the Courtyard	Liz
Mar	16/17	Club Hut Feast	?
Apr	13	Progressive Dinner by Bus	
Apr	28	Breakfast	Greg
May	18	Annual Mass and Dinner	??
May	31	Night at the Footy	Phil
June	16	Backyard Campfire Party	needed
Jul	29	Abbey Medieval Banquet	Needed
Jul	6/7	Abbey Medieval Tournament	needed
July	20	Colonial Ball	Matthew ?
July	25	Xmas in July (Broncos ?)	??
Sept	8	Kate Quinlan by the Beach	Greg
Oct	12	Brisbane Open House	??
Oct		Kate Quinlan Society ??	Greg
Dec	?	Xmas Party	Justin
Dec	?	Xmas Lights	Justin

Dinner on the Glider Saturday 13 April Social

Contact:	Justin Tobin Ph.: 33663193
	0417710371
Where:	The Grove 225 Waterworks Rd
	Ashgrove Downstairs in the Bar
Time:	4:15 pm
Cost:	Go Card + Eats approx. \$40.00
RSVP:	Monday 8 April. Earlier if you can.

The Brisbane City Council is providing the transport for our night out. The new Maroon Glider.

We will meet at the Grove for drinks, then who knows where? On again, off again, gone again for entrée, main course and an ice cream before heading back to Ashgrove for coffee and cake.

Bring your Go Card as it is a pre-paid service and come on the bus for a different Saturday night out.

	<u>Mt Joyce daywalk</u>
	Sunday 14 th April 2013
Leader :	Phil Murray
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park,
	Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time:	7:30 am
Grade:	M 44
Distance:	9 kilometres
Cost:	\$15:00
Contact:	5522 9702
	0416 650160
	philriver@optusnet.com.au
Emerg Off	Susan Murray 5522 9702

Join me on an easy "off track" walk at Mt Joyce.

This is a new walk for the club to the area around the new Wyaralong Dam. I plan to do the walk as a traverse from the western side and go along the gently ascending ridge to the Summit of Mt Joyce.which is only 469 metres high.

In the website the information blurb describes the walk as " Mt Joyce Summit Trail is a difficult trail for experienced bushwalkers only. Providing stunning vistas at the top of Mt Joyce, this challenging walk is on the southernmost peak of the Dugandan Range." I suspect the blurb overstates the difficulty for legal reasons and would be a medium trip for our club. It is only 469 metres high. The track starts at a height of approximately 100 metres so is only a height gain of 370 metres. But the descent is down the very steep eastern ridge so due care needs to be exercised. The walk is approximately 9 kilometres long. So a reasonably short walk.

The Wyaralong Dam and Mt Joyce Recreation Park opened on Friday July 1 2011. The dam has a total capacity of 103,000 mega litres and cost \$348 million to build. Due to the wet conditions in late 2010 the dam filled and began to overtop on January 11, just 25 days after the 48-metre high dam wall was plugged. The dam has a supply area of 1230 hectares and is surrounded by a new

master-planned recreation park. After the recent heavy rains I suspect the dam will be 100% capacity.

The Mt Joyce Escape Recreation Park boasts world-class mountain bike trails, shoreline horse trails, bushwalks, trail runs and canoe trails. The park also features picnic facilities, playground and other amenities.

The dam and the park are located about one hour south-west of Brisbane.

Bring the usual day walk stuff.

Please note this trip is on a Sunday not a Saturday as previously advised as there is now a social on the Saturday night.

Phil

JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY <u>The Watt Bar</u> <u>at the Powerhouse at New Farm</u> Friday 19th April

Address	The Powerhouse
	Lower level
	119 Lamington Street
	New Farm
Contact:	Phil Murray 0416 650 160
Time:	From 4pm till 9ish.
What For:	A chat and a beer and a meal
Emerg Off:	Phil on 0413 307580.

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering on the third Friday of the month.

This is another new venue for the JTS – it will be 2 new venues in a row.

It is a lovely venue to watch the passing crowd with the beautiful river in the background with boats and ferries gently sliding by.

This place is down by the riverside and has a nice feel to it.

A great place to catch up with friends. I hope you can make it.

Come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer. And a chat about whatever you want. As it is restaurant we will definitely stay for a bite to eat. The Banff Mountain Film Festival

At the Powerhouse New Farm

Friday :	19 th April 2013
Venue :	The Powerhouse Theatre
	(upper level)
	119 Lamington Street
	New Farm
Leader :	Phil Murray
	5522 9702
	0416 650160
	philriver@optusnet.com.au
Meet at:	Watt Bar
Time:	7:00 pm
Cost	about \$30

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international film competition and an annual presentation of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. It is held every fall in Banff Alberta, Canada. Immediately after the festival in November, a selection of the best films entered in the festival goes on a world tour. The host organization in each tour location chooses a program that reflects the interests of their community. The World tour visits approximately 305 cities annually in 20 countries, reaching over 220,000 people. It is coming to Brisbane in April at the Powerhouse Brisbane at 119 Lamington St, New Farm. The date pencilled in Friday 19th April. Hope you can make it.

Sunday: 21st April 2013

Leader :	Phil Murray
	5522 9702
	0416 650160
	philriver@optusnet.com.au
Meet at:	Shorncilffe Pier
Time:	7:30 am
Distance:	approx. 30 kilometres

Join me on an easy "bike ride" on the bayside. It is easy because there are no hills. It is an out and back trip to the tip of Scarborough.

The weather will be a glorious sunny day to make up for the lousy Australia Day weather.

Bring the usual stuff for a bike ride.

Phil

Phil

Araucaria Circuit Thursday 25th April Day Walk

Leader:	Michael Simpson 3351
3810 or 0409 620714	
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park
	Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time:	6.30 am
Cost:	\$20:00
Grading:	L33
Emergency Officer:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092
Distance: 18 kms 300m	Ascent: 300m Descent:

The Araucaria Track is named for the hoop pine Araucaria cunninghamii which in turn is the namesake of Alan Cunningham. Unfortunately there are little signs of the hoop pine on the track but the lookout does provide a different perspective than the other lookouts from the eastern side of Lamington NP.

The walk starts at the Binna Burra and follows the graded track system via the Border and Hobwee tracks before branching off for the final 2½ kms to the lookout. The main points of interest are the Orchid Bower, which won't reveal any flowering orchids at this time of the year, and the lookout at the end. The lookout provides views from Springbrook to Mt Warning and can be quite spectacular in good weather.

Lunch will be taken at the lookout and then we retrace our steps to the cars. So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for a day walk, water, food etc.

Please Note! This walk may need to be changed as the majority of the long walks at Binna Burra & O'Reilly's are still closed after damage from Cyclone Oswald.

Michael.

Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Coominya to Cooragook Saturday 27 April Day Walk

Leaders:	Graham Glasse and Ray Rowe
Contact:	Graham Glasse Ph: 3371 9623 graham.glasse@bigpond.com
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park,

	Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time:	7 am
Grade:	M22
Distance:	15 kilometres
Cost:	\$18
Location:	Near Wivenhoe Dam
Emerg. Off.:	Nicky Brien Ph: 3245 6984

The original proposal was that this walk would be from Lowood to Coominya but this section is impassable at Lockyer Creek, following the floods earlier this year. Instead we shall walk from Coominya to Cooragook Bridge on Captain Logan Creek. This section is approximately 10k long, and passes through a forested area, in contrast to the section south of Coominya which is through a farming landscape.

Our walk will be easy, as the track is either flat or has a very mild incline. The surface is generally good, but a little stony in places, as a result of residual ballast from the railway. We expect to have lunch at the creek and railway bridge, which is quite a scenic location. After lunch, we shall retrace our steps for about 3.5k, and then divert to a gravel road which will take us back to the cars. During the car shuffle before the walk, there will be opportunity for walkers to read several informational signs at the former Coominya railway station.

We shall finish the day with coffee at Fernvale. Graham and Ray

Moreton Island Saturday 27th to Sunday 28th April Base Camp

Leader:	Michael Simpson 3351
	3810 or 0409 620714
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park
	Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time:	7.00 am
Cost:	TBA but should be around
\$55.00	
Grading:	L 3 3
Emergency Officer:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092

Moreton Island is one of nature's wonders. Once you've been there you can't wait to return. Endless beaches, magnificent blue lakes and great walking. Well we are off again in April. Unfortunately only for an overnight stay. We will catch the 8.30am ferry, Micat, from the Port of Brisbane which arrives around 9.30am. The journey across and back is worth the effort alone.

Our taxi will meet us at the Wrecks and transport us to another world. Actually the eastern side of the island.

We will drop our packs at our campsite at Eagers Creek before continuing onto Blue Lagoon. If some walkers just want to hang around and explore Eagers Creek and chill out they are welcome to do so. After reaching Blue Lagoon we will take time to explore the area on our way to Honeyeater Lake. We then follow the Telegraph Track back to our campsite. On the way we will just have to climb Mt Tempest, the highest sand dune in the world.

Sunday will be spent relaxing and exploring our surrounds. Maybe even find the infamous upside down J Lake. Our taxi will return to collect us in time to catch the 4.30pm ferry home. We should be back at Red Hill around 7pm. Please ring me for more information.

Michael.

<u>A Country Breakfast</u> Sunday 28th April Social

Leader: Meet At:	Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092 St Brigid's Carpark at Red Hill			
	Or Caltex Station, Gympie Rd,			
Carseldine				
	(Just before the Highway begins)			
Meet Time:	Red Hill at 7am			
	Carseldine at 7.30am			
	(Not a coffee or toilet stop)			
Cost:	\$10 + Breakfast			
Location:	In the Sunshine Coast Hinterland			
Web:				

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breakfast Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Come along for breakfast at a surprise location. Out in the country. Sit on the veranda and look over the farmland. Order a gourmet breakfast. Sit and leisurely read the newspaper. Talk to your friends. Stay as long as you like. Have another real coffee. Sip on something long and cool. Just a 90 minute drive from Red Hill.

Afterwards, walk up and down the street to see an unchanged rural village. Go down the highway to the Sunday markets. If those in your car agree, visit the beaches. Be home in time for lunch (which you will not want anyway.)

South Stradbroke 11 May, Saturday DAYWALK

Leader:	Justin Tobin Ph 33663193
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time:	6:15 am
Cost:	\$30.00
Grading:	M33
Emerg Off:	Susan Tobin Ph: 33663193

A short boat ride across the Broadwater at the Gold Coast puts us on South Straddie a walking area new to most of us. We are getting dropped at the Hole in the Wall; from here we will walk over to the Ocean Beach to stand on the sea wall and gaze across the Sea Way to the Spit and ask the question why are they even considering putting the Cruise Terminal over there? Dredging will be needed to 18 ft. man against nature again. Money over sense. Why are we so dense?

Following the Ocean Beach north, with the bush on one side and the Pacific on the other, wilderness walking it is, wild and rugged. Somewhere along here we will reach the road and head west to North Currigee for lunch and a swim. While having lunch looking across to the Gold Coast and onto the Darlington Range you will be surprised at the amount of development down this end of the coast ,especially those who can remember back to their youth when there was nothing down this end, just nothing.

After lunch we will head South to South Currigee for an ice cream and another swim, before taking the boat back to the mainland and coffee.

Come and walk South Straddie with me. A walk full of surprises and one you will want to do again.

Mt May to Mt Maroon 12th May, Sunday DAYWALK

Leader:	John Carter Ph: 5514 0285, 0433 779 771
Meet at:	St Brigid's, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Meet Time:	6.00 am
Grading:	L67
Cost:	\$20
Location:	south of Boonah
Emer Off:	ТВА

This walk will traverse the watershed between Mt May (approx 800m) and Mt Maroon (approx 950m). It is a long walk and will involve a car shuffle.

We drive via Boonah to the Mt May Water Reserve campground. The walk commences by climbing Mt May's steep and forested western ridge and there will be some loose rock and scrambling. We will do a small detour to the western peak for good views of Mt Barney and Maroon Dam.

Then follows a gentle descent through open forest along the long connecting ridge between the two mountains. We pass through the main saddle where there is a track which leads east down to Paddy's Plain. However, we continue northwards up the winding ridge line to Mt Maroon. There will be plenty of rock slabs between low vegetation. On the summit will be great views of the Main Range. The descent is via the Cotswold track to our car.

This will be a great autumn walk. Carry three litres of water and sun protection.

The early start should give us plenty of time for the walk.

John

Boondall Wetlands, Sandgate Lagoons 19 May, Sunday DAYWALK

Leader:	Justin Tobin Ph 33663193
Meet at:	Mobile on day of walk 0417710371 Roma Street Train Station
	Platform 7
Time:	7.10 am
Cost:	\$ 10.00 Go Card
Grading:	M33
Emerg Off:	Susan Tobin Ph: 33663193

The Boondall wetlands on the edge of Moreton Bay are the largest stand of Mangroves left in Brisbane. Saved from being the Olympic village and Yacht Marina by not getting the Olympics in 1992.Save Boondall was a success and here we are today, over 1,000 hectares of tidal flats, mangroves, salt marshes, melaleuca wetlands, open forests and woodlands, and all on Brisbane's doorstep.

Catching the train to Boondall, a short walk brings us to the information centre and the Billai Dhagun CCT, a track that takes us through all the wetland communities. From here we will follow the bikeway across Nundah Creek and then walking between Nundah and Nudgee Creeks to Nudgee Beach, along the boardwalk and onto the tidal flats and morning tea at Nudgee Beach. The tidal flats will take us north to Cabbage tree Creek and across to Shorncliffe for lunch in the park, bring your own or buy it at the fish and chip shop across the road. An interesting morning it will be.

The afternoon walk will be around the back of Shorncliffe to Sandgate and the three lagoons, after all the rain they should be looking their best. The Sandgate foreshore takes us back to Shorncliffe for coffee and the train home.

Join me and discover something different in suburban Brisbane

If you want to join us for lunch and do the afternoon walk that's ok too.

	<u>nu Creek</u> to Sunday 26 th May
Ba	se Camp
Leader:	Michael Simpson (3351
3810)	• •
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park
	Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time:	4.00 am (or go down
Friday night and car	, U
Cost:	\$25
Grading:	L 4 6
Emergency Officer:	Greg Endicott (3351 4092)
	11km Ascent: 648m
	10.5km Ascent: 695m

Emu Creek is a valley on the western side of the Main Range. It is a three (3) hour drive from Brisbane hence the early start. After arriving we will commence our day walk rather than set up camp. We will leave it to later. We will be climbing the Steamers, a classic walk, following the range beyond Mt Steamer to the descent ridge to the Steamers campsite. From there it is an easy walk back to Davies Ridge and down to the waiting car. It will be a long hard day but the views are well worth the effort.

The next day we will climb Mt Guymer. There are no views at the summit but there are great views of the Steamers from the ascent ridge. Whilst this is not an arduous climb it will take all morning to complete so we will break camp before starting the climb. It is now a three (3) drive home with stops at either Yangan (preferred) and/or Aratula.

There is the opportunity for members to organize day walks on either of these days. Please ring me for more information.

Michael.

<u>A night at the Footy with Trev</u> Friday : 31st May 2013

31 st May 2013
The 'Gabba
Phil Murray
0416 650160
philriver@optusnet.com.au
Justin Tobin
to be advised
Probably the Pineapple Hotel
to be advised
Probably 5ish

I suggested to Justin on the Booloumba Creek walk that perhaps we should make an effort to put on an event that Trevor Kelly would like to come to, namely a footy game and possibly the Lions v Collingwood game at the end of May. Justin quickly said it was a must do.

For those who don't know Trevor is a true believer in the virtue and history of the mighty team in black and white, namely the Collingwood Football Team.

On the 31st May Collingwood are playing the mighty Bisbane Lions at the 'Gabba. You may not have been to a game for ages so this is the chance to come along with a few mates and girls (yes girls are allowed to come) and see what all the fuss is about. For those true Brisbane boys they are allowed (and expected) to support the Lions and we well let Trevor support the 'Pies. For those who follow the game the last meeting between the teams was in the NAB Cup semi-final and the Lions won 88-54.

The plan is for a small group to go to the 'Gabba and support your favourite team, with dinner and drinks beforehand at the Pineapple Hotel.

To sit as a group at the 'Gabba we need your nominations early so we can make a group booking. The cost of tickets is around \$30 to \$40. The game starts at 7.50 pm.

I need definite numbers by Wednesday 1st May so we can make the booking.

Phil

Ps Justin was so taken with the idea that he penned a poem. I can't wait any longer and just had to publish it.

Boys Night Out

Our good mate Trevor, Is feeling a bit under the weather

So the boys are taking him out to the AFL one night To see if the Lions can give his team a bit of a fright

Trevor sees the world in a different light To him the world is black and white

His team in the light and the dark The men from Victoria Park

We know the 'Pies are playing well And have a few more stories to tell

And it's been a while since the Lions had a score The last roar was the loss in 2004

But we know miracles can happen Especially when Brownie is your captain

So come along and have pie with your steak And tell Trevor supporting Collingwood is a big mistake

Now he is living in the Sunshine State.

JTS PROPOSED ITINERARY 2013

The JTS itinerary is set out as follows

DATE	VENUE
April 19 th #	The Watt Bar at the Powerhouse
May 17 th	Transcontinental Hotel*
June 21 st	Groove Train Bar
July 19 th	Lock'n'Load Bistro*
Aug 16 th	Irish Club
Sept 20 th	Elephant & Wheelbarrow &
	Dinner at China Town
Oct 18 th	MJs Bar at Traders Hotel
Nov 15 th	Gilhooley's *
Dec 20 th	Coffee Club Riverside -

* There are at least 4 New venues for next year

the Powerhouse venue was slotted in so it can line up with the Banff Film Festival.

Phil

Monthly Meeting Monday 15th April

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

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

JTS April Meeting – The Watt Bar JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

February Meeting –

The Watt Bar

at the Powe	<u>erhouse at New Farm</u>		
Date	Friday 19 th April		
Address	The Powerhouse		
Lower level			
119 Lamington Street			
	New Farm		
Contact:	Phil Murray 0416 650 160		
Time:	From 4pm till 9ish.		
What For:	A chat and a beer and a meal		

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Phil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer has now departed and we are now entering the prime walking season. For walks to proceed, we need transport which is usually provided by members allowing their vehicles to be used and the members acting as drivers. In the early years of the club, car ownership was very low compared to now. As a result buses were chartered, often with the driver being a club member (holding appropriate licences) who gave their time freely and so kept the price down. But this practice disappeared in the early 1970s as car ownership amongst members increased. Now we

have a membership which is, on average much older than in the early years of the club.

We now have a different mix of car ownership and age mix of members and we currently have a shortage of drivers for our Outings. Given the numbers we have on trips, the option of chartering buses would result in a dramatic price rise for the cost of outings. If we are unable to access drivers with their cars, this will have an impact on the Outings offered by the Club. Recently there has been a shortage of drivers and often the burden of providing transport falls on a few willing drivers.

I ask members for feedback on the issue of the shortage of drivers for Outings. If this shortage remains, it will have an impact on our Outings program.

Russ Nelson

President.

TREASURER REPORT

Balance 18/2/13	\$5094.48
Plus Receipts	\$1182.83
	\$6277.31
Less Payments	\$ 683.22
Balance 18/3/13	\$5594.09
Term Deposit	2576.75

Don't forget to see me in order to purchase your club t-shirt and/or metal badge before they are all sold. Now that most members have renewed their membership and we have almost finished collecting for The St. Vincent de Paul Society and The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped, I will start selling tickets in our first raffle for the year. This year we have some very good prizes. Terry.

About People

Therese Abernethy, Lucy Endicott, Malcolm Hill, Russell Jones, Bob Iron,, Pat Lawton and Julie-Anne Williamson are celebrating their birthdays this month. Congratulations to our latest new members:- Julie - Anne Williamson who is Justin's sister and Barbara Eastoe who is rejoining after a break of a couple of years. Renate Provost was a welcome visitor on Paddy's City walk. Visitors are always most welcome to join us on any of our activities. James Para has just returned from a brief holiday in South-East Asia where he climbed a volcano in the Philippines.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is always great to have new members come along and they bring along their enthusiasm for doing trips. I had the pleasure of chatting to some new members recently when the nominated for a walk and they started telling me about the plans they had for other trips like Mt May and Mt Barney. I got a real buzz out of the enthusiasm and it rekindled my interest in doing those trips later in the year. I trust we make visitors to club trips very welcome.

The President's report in the 2012 Annual Report put the spotlight in the about the decline in participation on walks as the average number on walks was down compared to previous years. The message was perhaps a bit negative. But knowing Greg as do I think his comment was actually a bit of a gee up and a bit of challenge for others to get involved. I have often been intrigued by the low participation rate by so many members and it seems to have been like that for years. Without filling pages of stats I will limit the stats to simply the last 2 year and it clearly show that many members do less than 5 trips a year and a huge percentage do no walks.

YEAR	did zero walks	Did 1 walk	Did 2 -4 walks	Did 5 to 9 walks	Did more than 10 walks	Total
2011	29	13	36	20	16	114
2012	35	19	24	19	14	111

In simple terms half our members only do more than 2 trips per year. At first glance this appears to be a very poor level of participation but such a view is perhaps misleading. For some members they want be out there every weekend. For others they are content to do a walk now and again. For some just knowing that when they have time available and the have urge to go for a walk they can join us. For some just to know that it is there and to be able to read about others doing it is enough.

We have many members who didn't do a walk in 2012 and many who haven't done a walk for

years. So obviously they are happy with that style of participation and I presume there is nothing wrong with that. As an aside I am a member of a few other Clubs and I haven't been on any activities with them for over 5 years. Perhaps it is unrealistic to expect members to be more involved and we should let members to set their own level of participation. What we should aspire to do as a club is simply provide an opportunity for quality bushwalking and don't worry about average numbers on trips.

Bushwalking provides us with many things from the chance to get to know interesting places and out of the way places but it also gives us a challenge to test ourselves - our fitness and our skills. For some a 10 km graded track walk is a challenge and for others a 10 hour bush bash is merely a standard trip for others it is a nightmare. For some they can't wait to find new and different mountains and creeks to explore like the top of Larapinta Falls. For some they like the tried and true and like doing things we have done before like the Shepherd's walk or the Currumbin Beach Walk. Some just want to maintain their connection with the Club and we should be grateful for that and therefore we should not have the expectation for them to do more walks or do harder walks.

So to focus on average numbers on trips and how few members are leading trips is to give too much importance to bland numbers. The slight dip in numbers can be explained away as a few regular members had other concerns during the last year and I expect you will see a few members doing a huge increase in number of walks and that will probably bring up the average numbers.

The concern about no new members joining is somewhat misplaced as the Club has had new members join the Club in recent years and they have become 'established' members in a few short years. In 2012 we have had a new crop of members join. Basically the Club is open and welcoming and we do have new members joining and becoming involved in the Club.

The average numbers may be down but that is neither good nor bad. To focus on averages is to miss the point. It might be a good thing as I often find it easier to engage with the group if there is only a small group. Some of the best trips I have done were trips where there were only a few on the trip like Booloumba Creek with 5 or North Coast Mountains with 6. Maybe it might be a good thing that the average numbers is going down. Perhaps that might be the challenge we need to address to reduce the average numbers on walks?

But average number is not some sacrosanct statistic it is just one of many we could devise. It is just that it has been one of the main statistics that is reported each year in the annual report and by default it has become 'special'. I could dream up another 20 relevant measures for the Club's bushwalking performance eq how many members did more than 5 walks and is that stat increasing or decreasing. The more interesting and revealing stats might be what percentage of members who did a throughwalk in 2012, what percentage of members did an off track walk in 2012. Is the average age increasing in decreasing. How many members have done a walk along the scenic rim is it over 25%. How many members have done the Barney Mass - is it over 50%. How many members have done the Camino. How many members went on a swim on a walk in 2012. How many members have done an off track walk with Michael Simpson or Justin Tobin – is it over 50%. A really true guide about how tough the walking was in 2012 is on how many trips did Terry gets his white socks dirty. So stats are important but we need more than just one stat of average numbers on walks. I really like the stats in the annual report and perhaps we need to include more especially how many members have done an off track walk. So perhaps what we should be asking ourselves is what stats we have in the annual report.

By any measure the Club had a great year last year as there was a huge number of walks done with a wide variety of trips. With trips going out nearly every weekend. There was actually a noticeable trend that the traditional events like Terry's Shepherds walk, Pat's Easter Monday walk, The Club Hut Feast and the Barney Mass were all very well attended. So is there a message in that? Perhaps we need more special events? The graded track walks and the beach walks were also well attended. The Brisbane Backyard explorers added a new dimension to the Club and were well attended.

The only area where numbers were noticeably down was the hard walks that several members are fond of. But equally you wouldn't want many more on those trips as it slows the trip down. Arguably if we were to apply the bureaucratic

solution of improving the average number of walks for the Club the obvious solution would be to discontinue the harder trips. But I clearly I don't think that is what the Club should do.

The job of the leadership of the Club is help define the role and focus of the Club and develop a clearly defined structure and make it easy for people to experience bushwalking events through the Club and the Club did that in 2012 and is well on the way of doing that in 2013.

The Club could possibly do more but we need to carefully define what we want to do and decide how we want to do this. One thing we should discard is the aim of increasing the average number of walkers on trips as this would skew what is important about the bushwalking experience.

Phil

Around the Ridges

Anzac Day Memorial for fallen bushwalkers.

Just a note to keep you in the loop about a marvellous tradition on Anzac Day. In the Blue Mountains they have made a memorial to bushwalkers who died in WWII. It is on a huge outcrop overlooking the Blue Mountains and the Cox River Valley and over to the mountains of the Kanangra Walls area. The area is also known as the Wild Dog Mountains. The rock is now known as Splendour Rock. Every year on Anzac day a few people gather here to remember the fallen. I found the following little note about the event in the Bushwalkers Magazine.

ANZAC DAY

byTom Hayllar 1999

Standing on Splendour Rock, encircled by the Wild Dog Mountains, we are shot at by the wind and flecked with rain and sun. Now Anzac Day runs down through all the trees to the bend in the Cox.

And there are birds in the air and in place of bugles **13** | P a g e sounding the "last post" there are currawong calls.

Out over far Kanangra First light swells and flashes amongst smoky clouds and close by sunlight bursts on one great spur we image the spirit moving across the land on the brightness – the curving, shaping spirit that transforms its myriad trembling forms to blue green loveliness.

Other walkers stood on Splendour Rock and *saw* – before the bugles ordered them to war. Now we stand where they stood and where they often must have longed to go, the Wild Dogs ringed around us and the Cox's down below.

OUTINGS SECRETARY

Ramblings from the Outings Secretary

The year seems to be racing past. It's almost Easter and the bushwalking season is almost upon us but unfortunately a lot of tracks and roads are still closed. Cyclone Oswald must have been the last straw for a lot of areas in our National Parks. Some areas such as Glen Rock and the Cordeaux and Mitchell tracks will be out of bounds for a significant period. Some like Binna Burra and O'Reilly's for hopefully shorter periods. These closures are putting some of our future walks in doubt. I'll be looking for alternative walks to replace these and any advice would be gladly received.

The last month was great for walking with all walks proceeding although some not as was planned. My Valley of Diamonds walk had to be changed to Ravensbourne Falls and I'm glad we visited this area at this time. I can't remember seeing water in Buaraba Creek but this time it was flowing and the falls were incredible. Greg's annual Club Hut Feast was, as per usual, a great night. I highly

recommend people make a reservation at least once in their walking life. Pete and I did some exploring of the ridges behind the hut looking for future walks and were lucky to see four Glossy Black Cockatoos, a first for me. Michele's walk into the hut on the Sunday was again well supported and a few made it to the Lower Portals which is still full of water. Eleven hardy souls joined Paddy for her City to UQ and return with a twist and was a great day although the weather was rather hot and humid. Three more walks will go out before the meeting, Pat's Mt Goolman, Justin's and my day walks on the Sunshine Coast and Phil's Mt Joyce.

The next month has some great walks:

Araucaria Circuit will undoubtedly need to change as I doubt the track will be open by Anzac Day. To this end Pete, Justin & I visited Split Rock recently but it would be too hard a trip for the day. So I'm still looking.

Our first base camp is on this month, Moreton Island. This is a great island and isn't visited enough due to the high cost of getting there. Boy do we need more competition. But all the news isn't bad with the club partially subsiding the trip so I'm hopeful we will get at least five (5) on the trip.

On the same weekend is Graham's Coominya to Cooragook Rail Trail walk. Graham and Ray have spent many hours optimising this walk and will be well worth the effort to join him.

Justin will be visiting South Straddie in May. I cannot remember the club visiting this area. Any visit to our sandy islands is a good one and this will be no different.

Lastly John is leading the Mt May to Maroon traverse. I believe he will be climbing both mountains so it will be a long hard day. But the views of Barney, in particular, will more than compensate.

I am still looking for leaders for the Mt Gravatt to South Bank walk in July, a co-ordinator for the Barney Mass as well as the Forest Hill/Marburg Heritage Walk in August.

I know it's only early in the year but if anyone would like to nominate a walk they want to do next year, let me know. I will put it in my future walks file. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Easter with plenty of walking. I know I will with Paul and I heading off to the Snowy Mountains for five days.

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

Michael (3351 3810, 0409 620714 or michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au)

PAST EVENTS

The March JTS meeting at the Sparrow and Finch was reasonably popular with about 10 people which was more than the general meeting. Those at the JTS were - Graham Glasse, John Hood, Jan Nelson, Russ Nelson, Greg Endicott, Michelle Endicott, Liz Little, Elizabeth Richards, Desley Pedrazzini, Michael Simpson and Phil Murray. Some of us loved the place and others had a grumble about the seats and the price of beer and chips. Sounds a bit like the grumbles about the Granada Tapas bar.

Liz and Elizabeth updated us on their travel plans. The weather was excellent the conversation was ernest and frank at times especially when retirement plans were mentioned and the cost of beers got and chips got a feisty mention. Overall it was a great night.

The other quiet topic of conversation was whether the JTS should have a membership qualification that all new members must pass a beer tasting test where they correctly identify a few beers, the suggested test is that be able to identify by a blindfold taste test a Tooheys Old from a XXXX Gold. Some thought there was too much mention of beer.

Anyhow it is always great to meet friends in the city after work and chill out or let it spill out.

Phil

Purling Brook Falls Sunday 3rd March Day Walk

The weather wasn't too bad as we set off from Brisbane but it started to rain as we got closer to Springbrook. We knew we were in for some spectacular waterfalls as we climbed the ridge to the Purling Brook track as the water pouring off the mountain side was amazing. Kerrianne and

Robyn were waiting for us so we headed down the track to the lookout and our first viewing of the falls. You could hear the roaring of the falls long before you could see them. Unfortunately the cloud cover spoilt our views out towards the coast but the falls were quite clear and we couldn't wait to get down the bottom.

Not far from the lookout you cross Tanninaba Creek where it tumbles over the escarpment. It is usually just a trickle but today was a raging torrent. This all augured well for the rest of the walk. The track was relatively dry as we wandered down the steps through the escarpment and the bottom of Tanninaba Falls which were guite spectacular. You could not pass in front of them without getting drenched so it was just as well it was a warm day. From here it is just a short walk to Purling Brook Falls themselves. The roar of the falls reminded me of Running Creek Falls, it was so loud. There was an enormous amount of water flowing over and you could have walked behind them even if we could. Both sides of the falls are now blocked. There is a huge rock across the track leading into the falls and I see that the opposite side is still blocked from the landslip that occurred there. How many years ago was that?

Unfortunately the Warringa Pool track was closed so we had no choice but to turn around and head back. Will the Warringa Pool track ever reopen? We stopped for a break in the covered areas at the picnic spot before heading over to view Twin Falls. Unfortunately that track was closed as well. Someone had a brief idea to visit Best Of All Lookout but quickly realized that would not be an option so we called it a day.

We headed down to the café near the Little Nerang Creek crossing for a cold drink and hot chips before saying farewell to Kerrianne and

Robyn

and



Ravensbourne Falls Saturday 9th March Day Walk

Another unsettled day as we headed west to Ravensbourne. It has been several years since the club last visited this area and the first, I think, where the falls have been visited. Joe and Maxine had spent a windy night in the area and were waiting as we pulled into the Blackbean Day Use Area.

There are several walking tracks in the small 687ha national park and would use three of them during the day. We are lucky this remnant of times past have been conserved with pockets of Sydney Blue Gums. Tallowwoods, Bloodwoods. Blackwoods and other rainforest trees visible through the walk. We started by following the Rainforest and Palm Creek Circuits before taking the side track to caves, more overhangs, carved out of the sandstone ridge by water over centuries. From here it was a short climb to an old logging road which was followed for several kilometres to Buaraba Creek. The change in vegetation was distinct as we climbed out of the creeks to the ridge above. Buaraba Creek is normally quite dry so it was lovely to see a raging torrent.

It was now just a short walk down the creek passing a lovely small waterfall before reaching Ravensbourne Falls. I was unaware of a track leading down but my erstwhile scouts found such a track, albeit a little hairy, and we soon reached the base of the falls. The falls are in a natural amphitheatre with a lovely pool and a quite spectacular outlook. As I said earlier the creek is normally dry and the falls are but a trickle but today they were flowing strongly. We decided to climb back up the ridge to the road before returning to the creek by the same side road rather than retrace our steps which proved to be much quicker. After crossing the creek we now followed several roads before dropping to the creek again. A short rock hop up the creek brought us to the Buaraba Creek track. The creek flows through a beautiful palm forest in this area

and was a delightful way to return to the start. It was now just a short hike back up to the cars and a chance to de leech ourselves.

Before departing we headed up to the Gus Beutel Lookout as the rain had cleared and were rewarded with great views over Wivenhoe Dam and the D'Aguilar Range as well as points south. Next stop Fernvale, where pies and cold drinks were on the menu before heading home. My thanks to the 5 walkers who joined me – Peter, Paul, Justin, Karen and Joe and to Maxine for the lovely cuppa at the end of the walk.

<u>City to UQ and Return</u> Date: Saturday 23rd March.

Weather: Fine and hot.

Just after 8am, ten of us set off from the North Quay citycat terminal, and walked beside the river to Toowong. At Milton, we noticed a water dragon sunning itself in a dead tree. Further along, we passed a monument to John Oxley, and the derelict Drift restaurant, damaged by the 2011 flood. We collected two more walkers before continuing past the old ABC building, along Archer St, and on towards Kayes Rocks.

Crossing the main road, we followed Josling St to Perrin Park. We walked through the park, over a footbridge, past the Toowong Bowls Club, then across Jack Cook Park to Gailey Rd., and up a hill to the Taringa fiveways. A short walk along Indooroopilly Rd brought us to Lex Ord Park at 10am for a leisurely morning tea.

Next we followed a path beside the St Lucia golf course and along the river to the University of Qld. We continued walking to Guyatt Park, where we caught a citycat to West End. Lunch was under a shady tree in Orleigh Park.

Michele decided to leave us here, and the remaining 11 resumed our walk alongside the river through West End and South Brisbane, to finish at the State Library café.

Thank you to Desley, Cathy, Aileen, Ray, Julie, Antonia, Graham, Terry, Greg, Michele and our visitor Renata for joining me on the day.

Paddy

The Hut Feast 16/17th March Basecamp

What a wonderful time we had in wonderful weather. There were eight of us this year – a good number for catering purposes and for seating in The Hut.

The trip down was effortless, no roadwork or traffic problems. The walk in was hot and humid, and not surprisingly with all the rain we have had recently, all the gullies were wet and some muddy. However, we all made it in before dark – Michael and Peter were already there having done a day's walking over the other side of the creek.

Then those who decided to prepare food on site commence to do so. The rest had nibbles and hors d'oeuvres while the wine cooled in the fridge. Helen made her spring rolls from the raw ingredients – no mean feat considering the circumstances; we did enjoy them.

By this stage darkness was falling upon us. The table was cleared, plates & cutlery pulled out and main course got ready. Goblets filled, plates piled and forks in hand, we munched our way through the chicken. Stories were told (and believed), tales waged and legs pulled. And the Fruit Elixir was drained.

Then there was dessert – pecan nut pie with Pavlova and fruit. Oh Yum, please madam, may I have some more? And on we went – really needed a walk to let it all go down, but instead it was off to bed for a long quiet night's sleep. If you went outside, the sky was cloudless and a mantle of bright stars filling the sky form horizon to horizon.

On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast, we swept out the hut, signed the log book, packed our gear and made our way up the ridge to the track out and on to the cars. We met the daywalkers on their way in. The morning was hotting up as the sun rose higher into the sky. We drove straight back to Red Hill and were all home by 2pm.

Thank to my fellow Feasters for coming with feasting food – Michael Simpson, Jan Nelson, Peter Constable, Helen Mees, John Hood, Russell & Louise Jones. Greg E.

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HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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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 carpark.

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

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