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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
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	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
23	Coffee Night – The HUB Café Kitchen	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
25/28	Warrumbungle National Park	Michael	0409 620714	BC	Var
26	Mt Greville	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M44
28	Camp Mountain Circuit	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M33
Apr 2	Love Creek Falls	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
7	Noosa & Paradise Cave	Phil	5522 9702	DW ⁱ	M11
9/10	West Canungra Creek	Mike	3398 1465	TW	M45
9	White Rock	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
10	Sub-Vertical Training	FMR		Trg	
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	M57
17	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24	Mt Coot-tha Skyline	Russ	3374 3534	DW	M33
27	Coffee Night – Café 63 New Farm	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
29/2	Combined Camp - Rockhampton	Michael	0409 620714	BC	Var
29/2	Celtic Festival Glen Innes	Cath	0428 755100	Soc	
29/1	Spicer's Gap	Justin	3366 3193	BC	Var
30	Spicer's Peak & Mt Mitchell Traverse	Justin	3366 3193	DW	L66
30	Mt Mathieson Trail	Trevor	0404 897850	DW	M44
May 1	Mt Alford	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M33
5	Mt Beerwah	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	S45
7	Hamilton Heritage Walk	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	S11
14/15	Abseil/Vertical Rescue Training	FMR		Trg	
14	Alpaca Farm	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M44
15	An Afternoon River Outing	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
16	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	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			TW	
28	Long Creek Falls			DW	
29	Newstead to West End	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
Jun 2	Mt Maroon	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M56
4	Spicer's Peak			DW	
10/12	Fraser Island	Michael	0409 620714	BC	M33
11	Tim Apelt Park Opening Ceremony				
12	Nudgee Wetlands	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
16/21	Fraser Island	Justin	3366 3193	BC	M44
17	JTS – Pig'n'Whistle	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Stag's Head			DW	
20	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
22	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
26	Mt Maroon	Jonas	3288 3820	DW	
Jul 2	Wilson's Peak Circuit	Russ	33743534	DW	
7	Turtle Rock & Natural Arch	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	
9/10	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	BC	
15	JTS – The Theodore Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
18	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types

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

Dear God, we pray for another way of being: another way of knowing. Across the difficult terrain of our existence we have attempted to build a highway and in so doing have lost our footpath. God lead us to our footpath: Lead us there where in simplicity we may move at the speed of natural creatures and feel the earth's love beneath our feet. Lead us there where step-by-step we may feel the movement of creation in our hearts. And lead us there where side-by-side we may feel the embrace of the common soul. Nothing can be loved at speed. God lead us to the slow path; to the joyous insights of the pilgrim; another way of knowing: another way of being. Amen.

(Leunig 1990)

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.

**FRIDAY 15th APRIL
JIMMY'S ON THE MALL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: Queen Street Mall.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat, a meal and a beer.
Web: <http://www.jimmysonthemall.com.au/>
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 April we are going to the Jimmy's on the Mall in the Queen Street Mall. It is virtually on the intersection of Queen and Albert Streets. A great place to watch the world go by.

There is a reasonably range of beers and wines available and the meals range from \$29 for a salad to \$42 for a 200g eye fillet. About normal.

**SATURDAY 16th APRIL
GLEN ROCK
DAY WALK**

Leader: Iain Renton 3870 8082 or 0401 429085.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M57.
Location: South of Gatton.
Web: <http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/glen-rock/about.html>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

It has been a while since the club has done a walk in the Glen Rock Forest Park. It is an interesting place to go walking. Blackfellow Creek flows down a long narrow valley tucked under the coastal side of the Great Divide with the Mistake Ranges to the east. The north-eastern slopes of this valley are steep, dry and sparsely timbered looking much more like drier inland areas of Australia. The slopes facing the south-west are more lush and heavily timbered (we'll be walking these slopes).

We'll leave the picnic area and take the road up the valley crossing Blackfellow Creek a couple of times. Then walk along Flaggy Creek a short distance before heading up the slopes to find a break in the cliff-line (clearly marked on the forestry map). On reaching the top of the escarpment we may head out to the end of the

bluff that juts out over the valley. We'll then retrace our steps to reach the crest of the ridge that borders the valley. We'll then proceed to one of the highest pinnacles in the vicinity (997 metres) which should give us views of Laidley Gap, Mt. Zahel and Beau Brummell and beyond. Then it's out along another ridgetop to Glen Rock, which has a rocky bluff at the end which gives the park its name. Then down a long ridge back to Blackfellow Creek and then back along the road to our starting point.

The walk is about 12 km long with a height gain of maybe 680m. It is mostly off track with some long steep climbs. There may be some rock scrambling and maybe some exposure. There is the possibility of encountering some heavy undergrowth in the Flaggy Creek valley (so bring some gloves in case). Once we reach the crest of the ridge it should be glorious ridge top walking in open eucalypt forest. I've yet to do the pre-outing and will have definite answers once that is done. Join me on this interesting and varied walk to some spots the club hasn't been to before.

**SUNDAY 17th APRIL
PRINCE ALFRED HOTEL
KATE QUINLAN SOCIETY
A QUIET SUNDAY LUNCH**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Where: 170 Brisbane Rd, Booval (that's Ipswich) Cnr Bergin Rd South.
Time: 11.30am for 12 Noon.
How: Drive and park in the large Carpark OR: catch a train to Booval Station on the Ipswich line. The third carriage The 10.30am train from Platform 8 at Roma St.
Look up: <http://translink.com.au/> (The Ferny Grove Line is "out" for the weekend).
We will walk up Bergin St together to the pub.
Cost: Meals range from \$18 to \$40.
Web: <http://pahotel.com.au/>

Please Nominate by Wed 13th April

This is another in our sequence of cool casual Sunday lunches. Come along to spend social time with your friends in autumn sunshine out in the beer garden Charcoal Grill. Laze about. Talk and discuss. Eat and drink. Make new friends.

The Prince Alfred Hotel is one of the oldest and most iconic hotels in Queensland. It was built in 1842 by D Bergin - a two-storey timber hotel surrounded by 40 acres of Cotton Fields. The original cold room still stands today, dating back to 1842. Up for sale in 1866 the Booval Hotel was a hardwood timber building and contained 7 rooms with a detached kitchen a piggery and garden, store-room, dairy, five stables, stockyard and milking bail.

In 1961, the Historic Prince Alfred Hotel was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt and opened in 1963. In 1987, the Johnson Family purchased the hotel from the Carlton Brewery and has remained passionately independent ever since.

In December 2012, this iconic Ipswich hotel opened its doors to its new Steakhouse, Char'd. The name derives from when the hotel burnt down over 70 years ago and continued serving cold beer out of the cold room; the only part of the hotel not destroyed by the fire. Locals called it 'The Charcoal Inn' because of the charcoal and tin underfoot. The 250 seat steakhouse is setting the standard for dining, with a combination of decor and technology that will ensure a dining experience not to be forgotten. Its focus is on local produce and carefully matched wines.

Our Sunday lunches are very enjoyable and we have a great time together.

MONDAY 18th APRIL 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.



SUNDAY 24th APRIL MT COOT-THA SKYLINE DAY WALK

Leader: Russ Nelson 3374 3534 or 0427743534.

Meet at: King George Square Bus Station to catch 385 bus to The Gap at Stop 1c. (Note – Return to the City is expected to be at 4.15pm at the Queen Street Bus Station).

Time: 8.30am to catch the 8.35am 385 bus (Don't miss the bus at Stop 1c!).

Cost: \$2 + bus fares (Bringing your GoCard is recommended).

Grading: M33.

Location: Mt Coot-tha area.

Emerg Off: Jan Nelson 0401 030137.

Mount Coot-tha (287m) is the highest peak in Brisbane and marks the eastern extent of the Taylor Range. The name 'Coot-tha' or 'Kuta' was taken from the Aboriginal name for the area which meant 'honey' or 'the place of wild honey'. This trip was originally called "The Gap to Fig Tree Pocket" but the name has been changed to reflect the fact we climb Mt Coot-tha from the northern side, transverse the top and then descend the southern side. This meets the classic definition of a "skyline" trip and we only undertake the occasional skyline trip each year.

This walk begins at Walton Bridge in the eastern portion of The Gap. Almost immediately we cross Enoggera Creek and then pass Fanning Corner and transverse Paten Park and follow the streets to the start of the Currawang Street Trail. This is a service route for the water supply for the summit of the mountain, which supplies water to the television stations. This is a steep and rapid ascent to the summit. (Note – The Summit Café is not here. It is on the eastern side of the mountain near the second highest point of the mountain at 244m.) From the summit we skyline along the top of the mountain, past the television stations, then descend the mountain via the Scorpion Trail which brings us out to Chapel Hill. This marks the completion of the "skyline".

Now we pass through some streets to find our way to Cubberla Creek and we follow this creek to Moggill Road, follows parklands to underneath the Western Freeway and into Cubberla Creek Reserve. As a result we experience almost the full length of this creek. We are now in Fig Tree Pocket and if time and

bus timetables allow us we might reach Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, adjacent to the Brisbane River, but will not enter it. Then we catch a bus back to the city.

This walk links The Gap with the Brisbane River via a series of leafy suburban streets, parks and bushland and in doing this provides spectacular views of Brisbane and the peaks to the west.

**WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

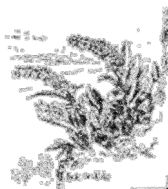
Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.
Meet at: Café 63, 938 Brunswick Street, New Farm.
Time: 6.00pm for dinner or 7.30pm for coffee.
Cost: Your choice.
Web:<https://www.zomato.com/brisbane/cafe/C3%A9-63-new-farm>

This month we are heading to New Farm to a new venue, Café 63. It comes with good reviews and was a venue for last year's Christmas Party. So either join me for a meal and coffee or just coffee.

**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: From 3.00pm Friday at Kooyalee.
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. The nomination form and all the necessary information have been emailed and the nomination form is included in this month's Jilalan. So please ring me if you are interested.



**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.

**FRIDAY 29th APRIL TO 1st MAY
SPICER'S GAP
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Location: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30pm Friday.
Cost: \$32.00.
Grading: S33 to L66.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Spicer's Gap was the original route through Cunningham's Gap established by Allan Cunningham in 1828. Spicer's Peak on the eastern side and Mt Mitchell on the West. The campsite is cleared, grassy and a great place to pitch the tent. We will head up after tea Friday night to boil the billy, tell stories, check out the stars and enjoy the peace and serenity that sleeping in the bush brings. Saturday you have a choice of Mt Mathieson with Trevor or the longer Spicer's, Mitchell traverse. Saturday night back at camp and telling everyone what a great day you had. After tea we will boil the billy and share some Australian poetry, bring yours along. Another night sleeping under the stars. Sunday's walk is Mt Alford where the views are just incredible, one mountain after the other.

We should be finished in time to head home via the Dam for a Chocolate malted. Join me for two days in the scrub, It will be a good week-end and you can have Monday at home. It has been a long time since I spent Labour Day at home and not just any Labour day but it is 125 years since the Great Shearers Strike in 1891.



**SATURDAY 30th APRIL
SPICER'S PEAK & MT MITCHELL
TRAVERSE
DAY WALK**

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Location: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: L66.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

This is one of the classic traverses and allows us to visit both mountains in one day, although it could be a long day. We will head up to Spicer's via Governor's chair and the north west ridge, this route is exposed in places with loose rock but with care we will enjoy those great views as we make our way up, over to the rainforest gully and up to the east peak. The journey to the west peak and down the north east ridge is a well-used foot pad now a commercial operator is using it Travelling down the ridge we cross over Spicer's Gap road and onto the spur taking us to the south west ridge, a well-used foot pad takes us up to the track below west peak and over to the east peak for those magic views. The descent is down the south east ridge, we drop off east peak and contour around and below the second cliff line and onto the ridge, a wonderful ridge to drop off the mountain. We are now on Spicer's Gap Road and follow this back to camp. This is a walk to do at least once in your bushwalking life, the views are incredible, walking through rainforest and open eucalypt and cliff lines fantastic. Sharing it with your mates is the only way to travel. Come and journey with me.

**SATURDAY 30th APRIL
MT MATHIESON TRAIL
DAY WALK**

Leader: Trevor Kelly 0404 897850.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M44.
Location: Spicer's Gap Campground.
Distance: Approximately 12kms.
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 0413 018469.

We will start by climbing the small mountain to the south east of camp ground which is Mt Alphen. Mt Alphen was named after Henry Alphen who discovered Spicer's Gap which was

used as a pioneering route for trafficable goods before the Cunningham's Gap route was opened. As the height of Mt Alphen is only about 130 metres, the round trip should take us about 40 minutes return.

On returning we will set off on Mt Mathieson trail. The Mt Matheson trail was built by volunteers from National Parks association in 1986. The Circuit starts at picnic ground next to Spicer's Gap camp ground. The track has a mixture of lush rainforest open eucalypt and grass trees gradually climbing until it reach the top of the ridge heading north.

There are some great views of Mt Mitchell and Mt. Cordeaux as the track turns south west, the track continues along ridge passing through some large boulders where we make our way to a rocky outcrop with great views to the north east. We will see an old timber jinker then follow the historic paved road to Governors Chair and the Governors Chair lookout with absolutely beautiful views. We will take a look at Moss's Well before returning to the cars.

This is a great day walk suitable for most members of the club. So nominate to me after the meeting.

SUNDAY 1st MAY MT ALFORD DAY WALK

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Location: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M33.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Mt Alford is a great walk with nothing too difficult, there is a steep pinch at the beginning but there is no hurry as we wander up past Glennie's Pulpit a large rocky outcrop, that you have probably seen from Saturday's walk. From the top we play name the mountain and how many have you done? A great mountain, a walk capable of everyone. We will take our time on the way up, boil the billy for lunch and take in the panorama spread out before us. A malted milk on the way home. This should get you ready for the labour day march on Monday.



THURSDAY 5th MAY MT BEERWAH 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: \$10 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: S45.
Location: Glasshouse Mountains.
Distance: 2.6kms.
Web: <http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/glass-house-mountains/about.html>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

Mt Beerwah is an iconic mountain just north of Brisbane. The mountain was closed for several years (it was closed in mid-2008 due to a rock fall) and was re-opened just recently without any fanfare. I can only presume that the lack of notice of the re-opening was due to that the NPWS want to keep the fact that the mountain was re-opened very quiet is that so many people have encountered difficulties on the mountain, especially coming down. I am keen to go back to the mountain and climb it before it is closed again.

The trip is described in Ross Buchanan's book (*Bushpeople's guide to Bushwalking in South-East Queensland 2nd Edition, 1991*) as follows.

"The Glasshouse Mountains are among the most memorable landmarks in south east Queensland. They present dramatic profiles, rising abruptly, from the flat coastal plain. (p265)

***Mt Beerwah** (556 m; grade 2¹/₂ to 3, 3 hours return. This is the highest and most imposing of the Glass House Mountains. .. Walk up the track to the beginning of the slabs, which can be scaled either directly or by an easier route up a gully on the left. An obvious route leads up to the base of the northern cliffs. From here turn right and follow the track up and around the mountain's western shoulder. Care is required on decent." (Page 269)*

The recent book by John Daly has taken a much more cautious approach and rated the mountain as hard.

The Climb to the 556 metre summit of Mt Beerwah involves scrambling over steep, rocking slabs. The difficult walk should only be attempted by confident, experienced

scramblers and has been rated 'hard', because of its precarious nature. ...

A graded track leads a few hundred metres from the car park to a picnic area and the views of the mountain face from here are excellent. From the picnic area follow the track uphill over some steps and past a short section of pipe railing. The track swings right and ends at the base of a steep rocky slab.

This is the start of the summit climb. (There is an alternate access point to the mountain, immediately behind a clump of trees at the point where the track swings right. This route climbs a narrow cleft like ledge and is favoured by some people as a descent route).

There are some smooth hand holds up this smooth, sloping slab. An obvious route leads from the top of the slab to a small sandy ledge. When you reach the tree line an eroded sandy tack leads straight up to the base of the cliffs. The cliffs are honeycombed with hundreds of small caves inhabited by swallows and the top of the cliff overhangs you in layers.

This walk is an iconic walk for south east Queensland and Club members should take the chance to do the walk before it gets closed again. It is a hard walk for some but that is yet another reason why members should do the walk.

Bring your usual daywalk stuff and a head for heights. If it is raining we will do a different walk.

SATURDAY 7th MAY HAMILTON HERITAGE WALK DAY WALK

Leader: Maxine Brophy 0417 493605.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$5.
Grading: S11.
Location: North Brisbane.
Emerg Off: Michael Brophy 3409 4001.

The closest most of us get to this suburb, situated on the Brisbane River, is to stream past in heavy traffic along Kingsford Smith Drive. Rushing to the Airport, heading to the Gateway Motorway and out of the City, unaware of the gems that sit hidden up on the hills of Hamilton, overlooking our city and river.

We will leave Red Hill and re group at Newstead House. Our day will start with a walk along the Brisbane River for a short time. Leaving the busy traffic, we climb up steep streets to follow the Heritage trail, while enjoying the clear view back over the city. Hear the many stories of the famous and infamous families, who have lived in these beautiful homes.

There will be many places of interest as we make our way, after morning tea, back down towards the iconic Breakfast Creek Hotel where historical photos line the walls for visitors to enjoy. A short walk will bring us back to enjoy lunch on the lawns surrounding Newstead House, one of our most famous Heritage sites. Bring your usual protection, food and water for a memorable and interesting morning.

Looking forward to sharing a special walk with you.

SATURDAY TO SUNDAY 14th TO 15th MAY 2016 ABSEIL/VERTICAL RESCUE TRAINING SAFETY TRAINING

Contact: Frank at fmrqld@gmail.com.
Meet at: Murphy's Creek Escape.
Time: TBA.
Cost: \$50.
Web: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/cms-assets/documents/235870-299072.fmr-training-2016.pdf>

Aimed at those looking toward comprehensive vertical rescue training (thus serving as a familiarisation), or those wanting to refresh their knowledge of vertical rescue.

Participants are expected to have competencies of basic abseil training, including being able to tie knots such as:

- Alpine butterfly
- Clove hitch
- Klemheist
- Figure eight on a bight
- Rethreaded figure of eight
- Double fisherman
- Munter hitch
- Prusik
- Autoblock

Topics:

- Basics and understanding systems of abseiling.

- Cliff safety.
- Top belay methods for dealing with a group of novices.
- Solo abseiling.
- Retrieval systems for double rope and single rope rappels.
- Rescue, self rescue.
- High directionals and edge protection.

SATURDAY 14th MAY ALPACA FARM DAY WALK

Leader: Pat Lawton 3366 1956.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M44.
Location: On the road to O'Reilly's.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

It is a few years since this walk has been done. Fortunately I have been given permission by the property owner to access his land and walk in this beautiful part of the world.

The walk will start at the Alpaca Farm on the road to O'Reilly's. After saying hello to the alpacas we will make our way down through farmlands to a delightful spot on Canungra Creek for morning tea. It is a long way down but it is not steep. There is a lovely swimming pool on the creek, however at this time of year it might not attract too many takers.

Unfortunately, we have to retrace our steps uphill to our lunch spot on some cliff bluffs overlooking the Canungra Valley. The views from the lunch spot will compensate for the climb up. After lunch we will make our way up Kamarun Lookout – once again great views.

The Alpaca Farm has a café but it closes at 3 p.m. so we will probably go to Beaudesert for coffee etc.

Come along and join me on this great walk and you can be assured of a lovely day.



SUNDAY 15th MAY AN AFTERNOON RIVER OUTING SOCIAL

Leader: Liz Little 3356 4874.
Details: To be advised at a later date.

Ring Liz for more information or wait for Greg's Fortnightly Update.

MONDAY 16th MAY 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.

FRIDAY 20th MAY THE PLOUGH INN JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 29 Stanley Street Plaza,
Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat, a meal and a beer.

Web: <http://ploughinn.com.au/>
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 May we are going to the Plough inn at Southbank. One of the best parts of the JTS is not the beers but just coming into town, finding these nice 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 Plough Inn was built in 1885 to replace the earlier pub of the same name. The picture dates from 1939. It was designed by Alexander



Wilson and built by contractor Abraham James for £3,300. GHM Addison did a substantial makeover in 1922. Some say Brisbane hit its straps

with the advent of Expo '88, those heady days of beer halls and the infamous chicken dance.

The Plough Inn was central to the festivities there too, and indeed had been specially prepared for Expo in the prior year.

After Expo finished and Brisbane got back to work, the Plough Inn was refurbished by architect Bruce Buchanan.

JTS Quote of the month

"Make sure that the beer – four pints a week – goes to the troops under fire before any of the parties in the rear get a drop."

(Winston Churchill to his Secretary of War, 1944)

SATURDAY 21st MAY
OUR LADY OF THE WAY MASS
AND BREAKFAST
RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Where: St Thomas More Church,
Chapel Street, Petrie Terrace.
Time: Mass 7:45 am for 8:00 am
Breakfast 9:00 am.
RSVP: Monday 16 May.
Web: <http://www.gambaro.com.au/>



Our Lady of the Way Mass for 2016 to honour Mary as Our Lady of the Way, the club's Patron Saint, protector and walking companion, will once again be held at St Thomas More Church Chapel St. Petrie Tce. There is a small carpark off Caxton St. Breakfast will be across the road at Gambaro's restaurant.

Join us for Mass and breakfast or just breakfast.

Our Lady of the Way.

Mother, Mother I am coming
Home to Jesus and to thee
But my country hills are distant
And the lights I cannot see.

Mother, hearken as I pray,
Meet me on my homeward way
Meet me Lady of the Way
Meet me Mother dear today.

Often times my skies are clouded
I can see no sun, no star.
And the road is rough and narrow,
And the end seems very far.

Mother meet me on my way,
Lest perchance my feet should stray,
Meet me Lady of the Way,
Meet me mother dear today.

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE
MT MAROON
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: S56.
Location: Between Boonah and Rathdowney.
Distance: Approximately 8kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

A lovely mountain walk in early winter.

We will ascend the usual route up via the north east ridge. Then into the gully to the "summit glen" where there was formerly a camp site. There is some scrambling involved at the top of the gully. It is a bit steep in places. I suggest you bring gloves and gaiters. From the summit glen we continue south over rock slabs to the south summit - height 966 m (3,169 ft).

The huffing and puffing to get up is well worth the effort. Bring a mug for a cup of tea. Maybe a beanie and jacket in case it is cool on top.

There should be some wildflowers out especially the scarlet pea (*Bossiaea rupicola*) plus several yellow pea flowers. I also want to visit the northern peak if time permits.

There are usually great views from the summit. Usually you get views of Mt Lindsay, Mt Ernest and Mt Barney and the main range. Actually the winning photo for the 2014 photo comp was the view from the summit of Mt Maroon. Sometimes the views are obscured as I must admit the last time I went up it was a white-out and freezing cold. Hopefully we have a bright sunny day and I want to determine if you can see Mt Warning from the summit. I presume it can be seen but

every time I have previously got to the summit there were too many clouds to the east.

According to the book by John & Lyn Daly '*Take a Walk in South East Queensland*' at page 299 – the walk should be graded as hard but most people in the Club would rate it only as a medium walk.

The mountain was first gazetted in 1938 as Mount Maroon National Park. According to Wikipedia the original indigenous name for the mountain is Wahlmoorum which means sand goanna in the Yuggera language. Another aboriginal name documented for the mountain is Dahl-moor-uhn, which means "big fellow waterhole bunyip" attributed to two small yet deep lagoons, on the summit of the mountain.[The current name for the mountain comes from the first grazing property in the area called Maroon. I haven't seen the two lagoons on the summit so if time permits we may have a look for them as well.

Bring the usual day walk stuff and 2 to 3 litres of water.

THURSDAY 16th TO 21st JUNE
FRASER ISLAND
The Southern Lakes
BASE CAMP

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Location: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 10.00am Thursday.
Cost: \$290.00.
Grading: M44.
Location: Fraser Island
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.
Limit: 8.

Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world formed by sand moving north from the Tweed. It is an amazing place to visit. Lakes, Window, perched, and Barrage, big trees including kauris and satinays, rainforest, the beautiful Wangoolba Creek, sand blows and tranquillity. Leaving Brisbane Thursday Morning for River Heads to catch the 4:00 pm barge to Wangoolba Creek, where the taxi will be waiting to take us to Eurong where we will stay overnight.. Fridays walk is from Central Station to Dilli village. The track passes Lakes Jennings, Birrabeen, Benaroon, and Boomanjin. Hopefully there will be time to swim in all of them. A relaxing night at Dilli to tell your bushwalking and Fraser Island stories. Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be

exploring this section of the island, I have even heard mutterings of Yankee Jack Lake. There will be plenty of time at Dilli to relax, boil the billy and tell tall tales and true. Tuesday morning is a 6:00 am pick-up due to the tide, the taxi will take us to Lake Wabby look-out where we will walk into Lake Wabby, a beautiful barrage lake and sand dune. From here it is onto the beach and taxi to Wangoolba Creek and 3:00pm barge. Come and visit the Southern Lakes and see the beauty Fraser has to offer.

ADVANCE NOTICE
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
30th SEPTEMBER TO 2nd OCTOBER
BLUE MOUNTAINS
BASE CAMP

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or
0416 650160.

Closing Date: Monday 16 May 2016.

The Blue Mountains has some of the best graded track walks in Australia.

This trip will be a 4 day trip, 3 days in the Blue Mountains, plus one day of sightseeing in Sydney to see Sydney Harbour and ride the Manly Ferry.

The 3 days of walking will be as follows

- Sat – Wentworth Falls,
- Sun – Katoomba & The 3 Sisters,
- Mon – The Grose Valley & Govett's Leap.

We will be staying for 3 nights at the Blackheath Caravan Park. The approximate cost is \$120 per person for the weekend if we get 12 people. This is a great chance to do these walks and it may a long time before we go there again.

Costs of Flights – on special should be able to get them for \$50 plus \$20 for baggage each way.

Proposed flights:

Flights down on Friday
Qantas QF 507
07:45 am Brisbane – 09:20 am Sydney

Flight back on Monday night
Qantas QF 556
21:45 (9:45 pm) Sydney – 22:15 (10:15 pm) Brisbane

I only have 6 nominations at the moment and as this trip requires attendees to nominate early the bookings will close at the May meeting on Monday 16th May. If you have nominated to me please contact me again to reconfirm So I can discuss what flights you are on.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that we have entered the cooler months of autumn, bushwalking becomes both easier and harder.

The walks you have been doing over the last 6 months will now be more comfortable – less steamy, less humid, need less heavy water to carry, perhaps less rain. So, you will find the standard walks easier. More reason to get out and do them.

However, the nice rainforest creek walks in our famous national parks will, in most cases, be replaced by more hills, steeper inclines, more open territory, and dirt & rocks. We are now entering the period of endless views from ridges and hill tops.

You have gained better and more comfortable walking conditions, also gained more constant views as you walk, and you have gained steeper terrain. For instance, when you are gathering at Red Hill for a walk, you look across the carpark to the distant hills; these are but a few that you will go up, and they are a good representation of the whole lot.

Autumn and winter are the seasons for the hills and mountains – terrain that would dehydrate you in the heat of summer. These are more challenging and thus rewarding. Once you climb above the land around you and begin to see the views, you are lifted up on to another plane. You feel that sense of achievement. When you get to the top and it hurt a little to get there, you have the feeling of success.

This autumn & winter, why not break out of your summer mould and try something different, something out of your comfort zone, something challenging, something new, something wild – try an off-track walk. Look up the calendar, check the trip description in Jilalan, and try a trip with a harder grading. You have done enough walks to date, just push yourself a little further.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Now, for those who have some money left after paying your subs, plus supporting St. Vinnies and the Little Kings, I am about to start selling tickets in our first raffle for the year. It has two prizes, with the first being a second edition book written by Dianne McLay entitled "Brisbane's Best Bush, Bay & City Walks, and the second prize is a one litre Spinifex stainless steel scarlet red water bottle with a carrabena.

Dianne McLay is known to one of our members and is willing to autograph the book for the winner. Tickets are still only a dollar each.

Don't forget to buy your club t-shirt and small metal badge before they are all sold. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Abernethy, Malcolm Hill, Bob Iron, Russell Jones, Pat Lawton and Julie-Anne Williamson are celebrating their birthdays in April. Not to be left out of the action in New Zealand, Pat Lawton and Jonas Bernotas have just returned from another trip. Robin Thorn has recently returned from visiting family in New Zealand. Liz Little has just returned from South Africa where she successfully competed in a swimming event Catherine and John Morahan plus Patricia Blanco were interested visitors at our March meeting. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities. Welcome back, past members, Therese Nally and Mark Daly. The club extends its sympathy to Desley Pedrazzini on the recent death of her mother. Also, the club mourns the death of past member, Bev Gaffney.

OUTINGS COMMENTS

Leaders Needed:

24/25 May – Richmond Gap to Collins Gap

24 May – Long Creek Falls

4 June – Spicer's Peak or another walk

18 June – Stag's Head

13 August – Mt Hennessey

25 September – Karawatha Forest

8 October – Tabletop

29 October – Springbrook

4 December – West End Area

26 December – Boxing Day Walk

We still need leaders. There are only 6 day walks, 1 through walk and 3 easy walks left so get in now before you miss out.

In the absence of an Outings Secretary I am providing a brief report.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
March 17	Larapinta Falls	Phil	DW	5
March 19/20	Club Hut Feast	Greg	ON	9
March 20	Club Hut Walk	Michele	DW	11
March 25/28	Warrumbungle NP	Michael	BC	10
March 26	Mt Greville	Justin	DW	7
March 28	Camp Mountain Circuit	Pat	DW	9
April 2	Love Creek Falls	Michele	DW	8
April 7	Noosa & Paradise Cave	Phil	DW	16
April 9/10	West Canungra Creek	Mike	TW	7
April 9	White Rock	Michele	DW	13

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

Michael Ph: 0409 620714 or
michaellesimpson@optusnet.com.au

AROUND THE RIDGES

Post Script from our March Meeting Speaker

Our speaker was Andrea Randall whose practice is at Manly West. She is a structural integrator therapist and is contactable via andrea@fluentmoves.com.au

Another structural integrator therapist is Rob Marshall who is located at Jindalee. He is contactable via info@myologica.com This information has been provided to respond to members requests for contact details. Russ.

Quote from the Friday Bludgers Sojourn to Noosa

"Justin, yesterday you had too much water, today not enough"

Maxine's Latte Lingerers.

BCBC was on a walk down Beaudesert way,
When some of the walkers decided to stray.
It was only meant to be a pit stop
No time to go to the shop.
Just a chance to go the loo
To do what mere mortals must do.
We were back at the cars as soon as we could
As experienced walkers should.
Ready to depart and the walk to start
Those words leaders do not want to hear,
Words that create nightmares and fear
Some are missing we are not all here.
A head count was takin' Maxine was Shakin'
Where could they be?
The missing one, two and three
We better see where they are,
They can't have gone far.
We found them at the diner,
Drinking out of fine china.
On the verandah reading the paper,
Doing the coffee caper.
If you are going to stray,
At least make it take away.
Too polite to give them much stick,
Maxine just said to make it quick.
But you could tell Max was not happy,
When she told them to make it snappy.
One final sip and they were back on the trip,
We finished the walk and had a good time.
Being missing in action was not a great crime,
But now they are more than mere malingerers,
They are Maxine 's Latte Lingerers.

PAST EVENTS

COOMERA CIRCUIT SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY DAY WALK

Leading up to the walk, consistent heavy showers continued right up till the Saturday night. On the morning there was promise of fine weather as the low that had lingered around for most of the week was eventually leaving. This was the good news I was hoping for.

We finally made up a large group of 20. Everyone was in fine form as we made our way down to the junction of the Coomera Circuit where we regrouped. As there was such a large group, I decided that we had better tackle the creek crossings in the morning rather than later.

We all got to the large constructed look-out overlooking the Coomera Gorge minus three. Where were they? Finally arriving, we could only allow a five minute morning tea break as the rest of the group had been here for quite a while and time was getting on.

The next section of Coomera Gorge saw us negotiate the many creek crossings criss-crossing as we made our way up the gorge. The first two were easy as it seemed that the rangers had manouvered some huge boulders in place where we just had to walk across. Lunch was to be near a waterfall with a rock platform, but due to the creek being quite flooded, we continued to the next waterfall where rocks were conveniently placed so that everyone had a rock to sit on facing another of the many waterfalls along the track.

From here, it wasn't very long and we were back on the border track. After a group photo, we made our journey back to Binna Burra where we had started, the final group arriving just on 3.30pm.

It was decided that because of such a large group, we would forgo the coffee stop and make our own way back to Red Hill.

Thank you to participants, Terry Silk, Russ and Jan Nelson, Paddy Taylor, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernodas, Peggy Roe, John Blumke, Priya Perez, Therese Abernethy, Chrissy Turner, Maxine Brophy, Gerry Burges, Richard Johns and visitors, Peter and Therese Nally, Jeff Boyle, Cleone Langan and Melissa Blumke. Michele.

JAMES BOAG GATHERING IN THE COURTYARD FRIDAY 11th MARCH SOCIAL

The heavens smiled upon this year's James Boag Gathering. The rain that had fallen all week abated for long enough for us to stay outdoors. After such a long, hot summer and recent rain, the vegetation in The Courtyard was lush and colourful. Possibly the largest group ever assembled for a delightfully relaxing and convivial end-of-working-week gathering.

There was some James confusion this year and several people found themselves drinking James Squire beer rather than the appropriate James Boag brew. But we are liberal in our outlook. Wine, water and Coke were also accepted and even encouraged. The usual range of pizzas satisfied our hunger, with Ham and Pineapple proving popular this year! We finished the evening with coffee and donuts. Thanks to Louise, Rusty and Michele for contributing some other tasty snacks as well.

We inducted some first timers this year – Kylie, Barry, Gerry and Maria were very welcome. It was good to have Graham, Michael and Karen rejoin the flock. We missed Russ and Jan whose other commitments prevented them from attending. Rain and other factors meant that Phil was forced to hold a branch meeting at Tallai. He assured us that he drank a beer with us.

Thanks to all those who helped pack up at the end of the night, especially Terry and Greg for the heavy lifting and Kylie for the washing up.

Others who contributed to the conversation and ambience were Antonia, Paddy, Anne and Peggy. It was lovely to have so many walkers present at such a delightful social event. Liz.

DIABETES QLD BORDER TRACK SATURDAY 12th MARCH DAY WALK

\$10,019.42 was raised by the 22 walkers and 4 leaders who attended this inaugural walk organised by Charlotte Callin of Diabetes Qld. Well done. Karen, Pete and I thank Greg & Michele for their generous donation to the cause.

After the mandatory coffee at Canungra we arrived at O'Reilly's meeting point at 7.30am. This was followed by a leisurely bus ride to Binna Burra where we met our six walking

partners. We set out at 10.20am on a mild sunny day for the 22km walk back to O'Reillys. The track was quite muddy which was great to see as it meant the rainforest was getting rain as it has looked quite susceptible to fire on recent visits.

Lunch was taken at Chakoonya Lookout which is about the halfway point. We had views all the way to the Gold Coast. It was a short lunch as we seemed to stir up the local leeches and so didn't hang around. After crossing between the two track systems we were soon at Nyamulli Lookout with its limited views into NSW. Wanungara, Toolona and Bithongabel Lookouts came and went as we descended to the Echo Point turnoff. Here the group suddenly realised there was only 5kms of walking and arriving in time for the 5pm happy hour seemed achievable. So off they went and we were struggling to stay with them. We arrived just after 5pm after a long tiring walk. Well done to my group. You could see the excitement in their faces as they realised they had conquered the Border Track in daylight.

Thanks to Karen and Pete for assisting me, Gavin and Charlotte for the planning and the other 22 walkers who made the day. Michael.

LARAPINTA FALLS THURSDAY 17th MARCH DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray.
Weather: Beautiful sunny day.
Rain: none on walk but a downpour from an isolated storm on drive back to Beaudesert.
Temperature: 27°.
Distance: 8 km.
Attendance: 5 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Gerry Burgess, Terri Evetts and Therese Nally.

The trip went out. We had a great walk. But alas we didn't actually get to the destination of Larapinta Falls or even to Westray's Grace.

The weather was beautiful and it was just a great day of walking. But you may be asking yourself why didn't we get to the Falls. Well it is a long story. Firstly we only started walking at 10.30 ish. This was a bit later than planned as it was a busy morning. We were very busy talking at morning tea at McDonald's at Beaudesert especially we had an update on how late Madoona arrived for her concert the previous night. She was 3 hours late. Then we got held up for 30 minutes by Road Works. Then there



was another hold up as the creek was up over the last causeway before the carpark. This added another 20 minutes as we fluffed around.

Finally we were walking but after 10 minutes of walking you then cross the creek. Well the usual rock hop across the creek was a no go as the water in the creek was very high

and would be waist deep if we tried to cross it. So we had to use the fallen tree as a bridge. It was a nice big tree. Probably a flooded gum tree. Some found "walking the plank" very easy but others needed to take it very slowly and carefully.

Finally walking on the track but the track was very wet and slippery which slowed us up. Plus there were several tree falls. And there were some magnificent rainforest trees with these huge plank buttresses

We then had another delay as we met up with a group of 3 ladies who were Swiss tourists. They were coming back as they were bothered by the "black worms". Yes they said black worms. (also called leeches). We gave them some Rid to put on their legs. As one of the ladies did this she found a huge black worm under her sock and she immediately went into a mad hysterical frenzy and was screaming and yelling. It took about 5 minutes to calm her down. It was a real unbridled fear. Anyhow we pulled it off and calmed her down eventually. Her extreme reaction shocked us up a bit.



Just when we thought we would definitely get to Westray's Grave we came to a side creek. This side creek was just before the track turns off to go to the Stinson wreck. Well it wasn't a dry gully it was a raging torrent. So obviously there had been heaps of rain in the headwaters. The

creek was only about 30 centimetres deep but all the stepping stones were covered up by the rushing water.

I managed to get across and turned around to see how the others were going but they had decided to keep one of our group company as she had decided that she wasn't interested in going on.

So I came back across the creek and we had a group discussion. Rather than make a decision straight away we decided to have lunch and then make a decision as to whether we push on or turn back.

By the time lunch finished the consensus was we had really enjoyed a great walk and we didn't feel compelled to actually to get to some silly point on the map and we decided to turn back.

Although we didn't get to the Falls or the grave it was a really good walk. On the way back Paddy and I took lots of photos of the numerous fungi that had come out after all the rain. It was a very enjoyable and memorable walk and thanks to those who came on the trip.

As an aside Therese submitted her membership application form after the walk so we have another new member.

THE EMPORIUM HOTEL FRIDAY 18th MARCH JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY



Our first visit to this end of town and it was a lovely venue. It was a great area to visit. The bar was very pleasant and the lounge chairs were huge, the waitresses were very proficient and it was very quiet. The beers were lovely especially Rogers.

Those who came along were - Mike Wood, Anne Iron Cathy Wood, Graham Glasse, Phil Murray, Michele Endicott John Hood, Gerry Burges and Peggy Roe. (Photo courtesy of Michele Endicott.)

It was a lovely night. Unfortunately I couldn't stay for the dinner at Meccabah's.

I was reliable informed that the Lennon's Bar has closed or changed name's so will need to

do pre-outing soon I hope to do the pre-outing on the 15th April. Phil.

**CLUB HUT FEAST
SATURDAY to SUNDAY
19th TO 20th MARCH
OVERNIGHTER**



There were nine enthusiastic feasters at Yalburu this year, some frequent flyers, some occasional flyers and the odd newbie. The feasters came in three

groups, one group braved the thunderstorms on Friday night, one group arrived from Brisbane and the third group arrived from the Gold Coast. Only one person braved the threatening rain and pitched a tent whilst the others wished a snorer had pitched theirs.

The night started with a cheese platter, chips and nuts. This was followed by a delicious soup. Then came the main courses, a lamb casserole and a chicken and vegetable dish. Two desserts were on the menu, friands and cheesecake all washed down by a variety of hot and cold drinks. Eventually the conversations quietened and people began to move to their various beds. The feast was at an end.

An early rise was followed by some gardening around the hut before most of the feasters packed up and headed home. Only Iain remained to greet the day walkers.

We will return next year to celebrate the Hut's 50th birthday. I wonder if the builders expected the Hut to be still there and revered 50 years later. Michael.

**DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH
SOCIAL**

The HUB Café Kitchen is a popular venue for coffee nights and proved no different this year. The late change in venue had little effect on numbers with ten members attending. The menu and company was as per usual very pleasant.

Thanks to Karen, Josh, Greg & Michele, Pat & Jonas, Graham, Terry and Trevor for joining me. Michael.

**WARRUMBUNGLES
FRIDAY to MONDAY
25th TO 28th MARCH
BASE CAMP**

I'd forgotten what a wonderful National Park the Warrumbungles is. Even though it has been badly affected by the 2013 bush fire and subsequent flood, the vista is still gorgeous.

The Warrumbungles are the remnants of a large heavily-eroded shield volcano which was active some 15 million years ago. This compares to Mt Kaputar (visited two years ago) which was formed some 20 million years ago and our own back yard, the Tweed Valley, formed some 23 million years ago and the Glass House Mountains formed some 26 million years ago.

We had all arrived at the Walaay 4 campsite by mid-afternoon to quickly discover that the planned afternoon walk, Fan Horizon, had not yet been reopened. So we explored our surroundings and set up camp. The weather was surprisingly hot and did not cool much during the night.

After the long drive the previous day it was not surprising to find that most of us had a long lie in and consequently we did not set off for our morning walk 'til mid-morning. The Belougerie Split Rock is a lava dome and was formed by two different viscous lava flows building up beside each other. It is a short but steep 4.6km walk and the view from the top was amazing. Our walk the next day was laid out before us. The temperature was climbing and with little tree cover due to the fire it made walking uncomfortable. So a rest after lunch was popular. Karen, Richard and Kylie decided to do the short (1.9km) Burbie Canyon walk before heading for a hot shower before heading into town. Saturday evening consisted of some shopping prior to a great dinner at the local Chinese restaurant before heading to Mass.

Up early this morning to start walking so as to beat the heat (31° predicted today). Luckily most of the day was spent under a canopy so we didn't suffer as badly as the previous day. But what a great day's walking. Most of us were doing the Grand High Tops Circuit which involved a 527m climb to the top of the Breadknife. Starting from the Pincham Carpark the track follows Spirey Creek past Spirey Lookout with incredible views of Belougerie Spire. This section of the park has been extensively repaired for obvious reasons and

was by far the most popular walk. After leaving the creek the track takes you up on a series of endless stairs as you walk beside the Breadknife with its crumbling walls. Soon you are at Lugh's Wall and the short climb to Lugh's Throne where you get a 360° view of the park. Wonderful spot. As it was exposed we decided to head down to Dagda Gap for morning tea before saying goodbye to the majority as they headed back via the Dagda Shortcut.

Iain, Karen, Kylie and I headed along the Dagda Ramp to Nuada Gap and Dow's Camp before leaving the main track to climb Bluff Mountain perhaps the most impressive of the lava domes in the park. At 1200m it is only 6m lower than the highest point in the park, Mt Exmouth. The sight of five majestic wedge tailed eagles riding the currents was the highlight of the weekend for me. From the top of Bluff Mountain you get a perspective of the park and the desolation and flatness to the west. Again because of the exposure we didn't linger and headed back down to the campsite for lunch.

After lunch we followed a ridge before descending past Point Wilderness with its views of Mt Exmouth down to Ogma Gap and the West Spirey Creek Track turnoff. Iain wanted to continue on to the Arch and Cathedral (a 3.2km return trip) so while he headed off Karen, Kylie and I had a long break. After Iain's return we headed down the West Spirey Ramp before reaching the creek. It was now but a pleasant stroll beside the creek back to our waiting car. As an aside I should mention that nowhere in the park did we sight any water yet the countryside had greenness. The variety of flora was varied but unfortunately I don't know my plants. The bird life however was quite prolific with Wedge Tailed Eagles, Hawks (sparrow I think), Currawongs, Mickey Birds, Apostle Birds, Superb Parrots and others whose names escapes me. And of course there were Grey Kangaroos everywhere and the occasional goanna.

Lucky Elizabeth got to stay another day in this superb park but unfortunately the rest of us had to leave. But not without a visit to Siding Springs Observatory. The weekend was wonderful. I'd love to return again but we'll see. Thanks to Karen, Josh, Kerrianne, Elizabeth, Kylie, Richard & Michele and Iain & Merrill for making this a wonderful trip. Michael.

MT GREVILLE
Waterfall Gorge & Northern Lookouts
SATURDAY 26th MARCH
DAY WALK

Mt Greville is always an enjoyable walk and with perfect weather Holy Saturdays walk was just as good as all the others. There were six eager walkers heading up Waterfall Gorge, with Trevor deciding the creek and swimming hole needed exploring. Palms, white beech and cliff line keeping us company along the way. We stopped to let another group through, to discover it was Jean and Brian Pearl with their two girls and friends out for the day as well. They were past members of the original Ipswich Catholic Bushwalkers and walking companions of Mark and me for many years. It was definitely hugs all round and good to see them again and like us are still out there walking. We are not just a bushwalking club but a bushwalking community. They continued on, we made a slight detour, but soon were back in the gorge and onto the northern look-outs. That spectacular view overlooking Moogerah Dam, Mt Edwards, The Gap, the Teviot Range, Kangaroo, Castle, Beau Brummell, Mt Maroon, Mt Barney and more. You could possibly see most of the walks you've done around the Scenic Rim from here. I was getting excited and Gerry was doing his best to remember the names. Lunch was in the shade; we boiled the billy, told stories and hoped the base campers were getting good weather as well. Too soon it was time to head down, I don't think we were on the ridge proper, but could see into the gorge from places and over to the rock wall and across to Mt Moon and its Gorge. We managed to get down and out to the cars where Trevor was waiting to tell us about his day and wildlife he had seen. Two chocolate malted milks for the leader at Haigh Park before heading home through Kalbar and Peak Crossing, in time for the six-thirty vigil Mass at Dorrington. Good Friday, Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil are my favourite services of the year. Thanks for joining me in the Gorge, I hope you enjoyed those views as much as I did, Gerry Burges, Paddy Taylor, Trevor Kelly, John Hood, Terry Silk and great to have Mark Daly back on a club walk a past member from the 80's. Did you know the anti-venom is produced in Aratula? Thanks to Terry and John, for driving. No drivers no walk. If I am in Brisbane at Easter next year I will lead another Greville walk. Walk softly, travel slowly. Justin.

**LOVE CREEK FALLS
SATURDAY 2nd APRIL
DAY WALK**

We left Red Hill right on time and had a quick re-group at Andy Williams Park at Cedar Creek, then down the road to our start. A short delay while Michele retrieved her walking pole from the car and we were on our way at about 8.15am.

It was obvious from the start that we had two groups, the fast and slow, however we made steady progress and we soon passed the popular Cedar Creek Falls swimming hole.

There was a lot of criss-crossing the creek. As we got further up the creek, the walk changed from rock hopping across medium sized rocks and boulders to scrambling up small waterfalls and huge boulders.

Maria was the first casualty of the day finding herself in a slippery sided pool and needing help to get out. Louise went in soon afterwards but the rest of us stayed dry.

We continued on past the entrance of the creek from Greene's Falls and eventually came to a point where the creek was almost blocked by a very big boulder. It was difficult to get up with very few hand holds, however we managed to all get up it and round the corner was the magnificent Love Creek Falls. Four thought they would venture further and climbed up the side of the falls to the top where they had views to Moreton Island. The rest swam, ate lunch and relaxed.

We left for our return journey at 12.15. Once again everything went smoothly. To get down the high rock wall we made use of a conveniently placed tangled vine which we used as a make-shift abseiling rope.

It was easier moving downstream and we soon found ourselves having a break at the Cedar Creek Falls swimming hole where a large crowd had gathered. A short walk from there and we arrived back at the cars at around 3.00.

We stopped at Andy Williams Park on the way home and brewed tea and coffee to wash down the tasty treats that everyone had brought along.

Thanks to Terry Silk, Maria Kerruish, Louise and Rusty Jones, Gerry Burgess, Paddy Taylor and Richard Johns for making this an enjoyable trip. Michele.

**NOOSA & PARADISE CAVE
THURSDAY 7th APRIL
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray.
Weather: Sunny day, no clouds.
Rain: None.
Wind: Light NE 15kph.
Temperature: 28°.
Distance: 14 km.

Attendance: 16 – 10 members – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Fiona Fitzsimmons, Maria Stalker, Louise Jones, Sue Walsh, Terri Evetts, Trevor Kelly, Justin Tobin and John Hood, 6 visitors – Marie Beresford (nee Kelly), Connor Bruce, Emma Jones, Mary McInnes, Vaughan McInnes and Mark Warnick.



The trip went out. We had a great walk. We got the Caves well at least three of us got to the Caves and more importantly 3 of us got back.

The weather was beautiful and it was just a great day of walking. We had a very leisurely day just traipsing around the easy walking tracks of Noosa Heads National Park. The views were fantastic. We had morning tea and a swim at Ti-Tree bay and then moved on to Alexandra Bay for lunch and another swim.

Then we walked up track on the southern headland towards Sunshine Beach and came to the very rough track after about 10 minutes. This track took us down to a little beach that provides access to the Caves from the northern side. (This beach according to some sites on the web is called Devil's Kitchen).

The sand was only partially in and there was a wide gutter of deeper water just below the rocky cliffs where the caves were. So we had to swim a bit to the Caves. Getting across was easy. We just waded out about 50 metres from the middle of the beach to the sand bar then waded 80 metres south to be in line with the northern cave and then swim across the 15m gutter of water to the sand before the northern cave. Took about 5 minutes to get there from the beach. However, getting back became epic.

The caves were excellent. I was only aware of southern cave which is the cave we visited in July 2014 and on that trip we approached Caves from headland from southern end of the Caves. The southern cave is a more of a deep overhang rather than a distinct cave. It was nice but a bit ho hum.

But coming in from the north you can clearly see the two caves. The northern cave is the more dramatic cave as it was very narrow and very deep, about 50 metres, and has a sandy bottom so it was easy to get to the very end. It was pretty special.

When we decided to come back it looked a simple task of merely wade out to about waist deep water then swim across the gutter which was about 15 metres wide. I got across but it took me about 3 minutes of very hard swimming to get across 15 metres. Why was it so hard, because it was like a washing machine of white water that went left and right and I was constantly getting pushed back by white water about 2 feet high. I was very relieved to get across to the sand bar. I looked around and Mark and Justin were having a bit of a bother. Justin was about 80 metres down the beach trying to wade against the current and Mark was about 8 metres away and swimming hard but not making much progress. They tried valiantly to swim across but after 15 minutes decided to swim back to the entrance of the northern cave and then clamber up the barnacle encrusted rocks and clamber across the steep rocky cliff face for about 80 metres. It took about 20 minutes to do this so it was a bit of an epic. It was a few intense moments that will live forever in my memory.

This beach according to some sites on the web is called 'Devil's Kitchen' and I know why now. The trip back to the cars was uneventful but we did have another swim at Ti-Tree Bay.

I have to go back here one day and take my camera next time. Phil.

**WEST CANUNGRA CREEK
SATURDAY to SUNDAY
9th TO 10th APRIL
THROUGH WALK**

This walk will go down as one of the hardest if not the hardest walk I have ever done. All in all we walked 16.5kms in 17 hours. It even looks

harder if you consider that the first 4.8kms was done in 1¼ hrs. But in saying that the walk was brilliant with incredible scenery all the way and great company.

Seven of us met at Canungra for the obligatory coffee before heading up to O'Reilly's. One car headed straight to the car park whilst the other two headed down Sarabah Road as far as you can go. At one point I thought we were driving to O'Reilly's up the creek. Five adventurous walkers headed to Blue Pool via Bull Ant Spur whilst the other two followed the track down. All arrived at about the same time. It was great to see quite a few walkers enjoying the park with us.

Once at Blue Pool the good track disappeared and we followed the old track system all the way to the confluence of West and East Canungra Creeks. Lunch was taken at Stairway Falls which had a good flow over it which made it too inviting for two of our group who jumped in. We arrived at the confluence just before 4pm and set up camp. We quickly realized that Pyramid Rock was now out of the question so we just enjoyed our surroundings until about 8.30pm when tiredness overtook us.

We weren't too worried about when to arise as we only had 6kms to walk the next day so how long could that take. Just before the 8am four adventurous souls headed up East Canungra Creek to the Giant's Causeway whilst the other three got a head start. The creek was marvellous with waterfalls, cascades, still pools and wonderful surroundings. We passed beneath Pyramid Rock about 2pm (the halfway point) when the other four caught the three runaways and we all continued downstream together. The terrain was getting worse not better and it soon became obvious we would not get out before dark. Not to worry we continued on and when I heard this scream of delight I realized Mike's marker for the car had been sighted. It was now nearly 7pm but we were all out and safe. Now for the long car shuffle before heading home. We all regrouped in Canungra, said our goodbyes and were on the road by 10.15pm.

We all can't thank Mike enough. He's a great leader and very strong. I know he walked further than we did as he was constantly moving back and forth through the group. Well done Mike. Michael.

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Your name:

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Total number of people included on this registration:

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HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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- (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.
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