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# *JUNE 2016*

Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
14/15	Abseil/Vertical Rescue Training	FMR		Trg	
14	Alpaca Farm	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M44
15	A Sail & A Sizzle	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
16	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
20	JTS – The Plough Inn	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Sweet Charity Musical	Cath	3398 1465	Soc	
21	Our Lady Of The Way Mass	Justin	3366 3193	Rel	
25	Coffee Night – Vagelis	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
29	Newstead to West End	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
Jun 2	Mt Maroon	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	M56
5	City Hall Heritage Tour	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
7	Movie Night	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
10/12	Fraser Island	Michael	0409 620714	BC	Var
11	Tim Apelt Park Opening Ceremony	Justin	3366 3193	DW	S22
12	Nudgee Wetlands	Justin	3366 3193	DW	L33
16/21	Fraser Island	Justin	3366 3193	BC	M44
17	JTS – Pig’n’Whistle	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19	Mt Edwards	Terry	3366 9765	DW	S33
20	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
26	Carindale To Marsden	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	M22
29	Coffee Night – Coffee Club Milton	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
Jul 2	Wilson’s Peak Circuit	Russ	33743534	DW	M44
9/10	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	BC	S43
13	Pat & Luke’s Bluff	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	S33
15	JTS – The Theodore Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	Shepherd’s Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M34
18	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24	Christmas in July (German Style)	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
27	Coffee Night –	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
29/31	Pilgrimage			BC	
Aug 4	Mt Mee Wildflower Walk	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	
6	Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy	Russ	33743534	DW	
7	TBA	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
9/10	Barney Mass	Greg	3351 4092	BC	
10	Barney Mass	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
13	Mt Hennessey			DW	
13	Mitchelton to Sandgate	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
15	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
19	JTS – Bitter Suite	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Bells Creek to Tooway Creek	Liz	3356 4874	DW	
24	Coffee Night –	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
27	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	DW	
28	Sub-Vertical Training	FMR		Trg	
Sep 1	Bridges of Brisbane			DW <sup>t</sup>	
10	Currumbin Sculptures	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
10	FMR Incident Management	FMR		Trg	
11	Big ‘O’ Birthday Bash	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
16	JTS – Woolly Mammoth	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
19	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24/25	Barney Exploratory	Iain	3870 8082	BC	
24	FMR Search Training	FMR		Trg	
25	Karawatha Forest			DW	
28	Coffee Night	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
30/2	Laidley Gap	Justin	3366 3193	BC	
Oct 1/3	Blue Mountains	Phil	5522 9702	BC	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

### KEY – Walk Types

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

### KEY – Walk Gradings

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

**Example: M48** is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Loving God, in the course of my days,  
 Help me to pause amidst the hustle and bustle  
 of life:  
 To wonder at the beauty of the setting sun;  
 To feel the wind in my hair,  
 And the raindrops on my face;  
 To hear the song of the birds;  
 To marvel at the formation of the clouds in the  
 sky above me;  
 To gaze into the night  
 And behold the majesty of the starlit sky;  
 To embrace the beauty of a tree and fascination  
 of falling leaves;  
 To acquaint myself with the occurrences of the  
 moment!

(AHS Staff Prayer Dec 2007).

## 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 Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530.



**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**PIG'N'WHISTLE**  
**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.  
**Address:** King George Square.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat, a meal and a beer.  
**Web:** <http://www.pignwhistle.com.au/kinggeorgesquare/>  
**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 June we are going to the Pig'n'Whistle, King George Square. It is virtually on the intersection of Adelaide and Albert Streets. A great place to watch the world go by.

We have previously being to this location but it had a different name, the Groove Train Bar.

JTS Quote of the month

*"No soldier can fight unless he is properly fed on beef and beer."*

John Churchill, First Duke of Marlborough

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**MT EDWARDS**  
**DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Terry Silk 3355 9765.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** S33.  
**Location:** Beside Moogerah Dam near  
Cunningham's Gap.  
**Emerg Off:** Carol Kelly 3269 4795.

Due to the unexpected unavailability of Michael to lead the scheduled Stag's Head walk, I have ended up with this walk. I am informed that there is now a track all the way to the top, unlike the last time I did this walk. Mt. Edwards is not a particularly high mountain, but being a mountain it does have some views from the summit, particularly towards Cunningham's Gap and the highway. To start the walk you walk across the dam wall and then the climb begins. The mountain is covered in trees.

As I expect this to not be a particularly hard or long walk, time permitting, we could do an easy circuit walk on Mt. French on the way home via Boonah for a coffee stop. Please contact me if you wish to join me on this adventure.

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**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 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
CARINDALE TO MARSDEN  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Maxine Brophy 3409 4001 or 0417 493 605.

**Meet at:** Carindale Shopping Centre, Creek & Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale.

**Time:** 7.30am.

**Cost:** \$2.00.

**Grading:** M22.

**Emerg Off:** Michael Brophy 3409 4001.

Winter is the perfect time to follow the green spaces bordering creeks, parkland and bush. Time to explore what's over our own back fence, away from traffic and noise. We will be hoping to spot koalas and wildlife living along the way.

Bring morning tea and lunch and the usual water, and gear for a day out in the open.

We will have coffee at the end of the walk. I shall have further details when you ring to nominate. Looking forward to your company.

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT  
SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Graham Glasse 3371 9623.

**Meet at:** The Coffee Club, 9/32 Park Road, Milton.

**Time:** 6.00 pm for dinner or 7.30pm for coffee.

**Cost:** Your choice – visit their website for their menu.

**Web:** <http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/park-road>

It is not easy to find a reasonably priced café/restaurant in Park Road. We tried the Coffee Club last year and found it to be good value. They generally have something for everyone and the food and ambience are usually consistent.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY  
WILSON'S PEAK  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Russ Nelson 3374 3534 or 0427 743534.

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

**Time:** 7.00am.

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

**Grading:** M44.

**Location:** Teviot Gap.

**Emerg Off:** Graham Glasse 3371 9623.

Wilsons Peak (1,230 m) could be called *intersection mountain* as it marks a geographical intersection (the meeting of the Great Dividing Range with the McPherson Range) and a political intersection (as the Queensland and New South Wales border fence leads up the middle of it). The peak itself, capped by a cliff line of resistant trachyte lava, is a steep mountain south-west of Boonah in the heart of the Scenic Rim, which is covered in rainforest.

This is a comfortable walk where we follow the border fence up to the top of the peak. Going through the cliff line is easily achieved without any exposure. The views during the climb are spectacular but the top is covered in small trees which obscure the views.

Our descent will provide us with good views to the north looking at Mt Superbus. The journey home will take us over The Head, one of the more isolated road crossings of the Great Dividing Range.

Note – Make sure you voted in the federal election beforehand as you will not have the opportunity to vote on the day.

**SATURDAY TO SUNDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> TO 10<sup>th</sup> JULY  
CLUB HUT WORKING BEE  
WALK IN BASE CAMP  
(DAY WALK OPTIONS AVAILABLE)**

**Leader:** Iain Renton 3870 8082 or 0401 429 085.

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

**Time:** 7.00am.

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

**Grading:** S43.

**Location:** Mt Barney area.

**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Next year is going to be the big FIVE-ZERO. I am aware that a number of club members have recently passed (or are approaching soon) the big six- zero birthday but the club hut will be 50 next year. So we are having a working bee to get it all spruced up for the big day and do maintenance work that needs attending to.

As usual, many different things need doing, so there should be jobs for everybody across a range of fitness and skill levels. We will be painting exterior timber trim (which will include washing, sanding and painting). Some carpentry and repairs (replace rotted bargeboard near the chimney and replace holed Masonite sheets on a bunk bed with ply). General cleaning and washing down (especially the windows) and the usual clearing of weeds, bracken, lantana etc., from the hut paddock. We may even be replacing the narrow downpipe next to the chimney with a broader diameter one. We'll probably find other things that could be done. Hopefully we'll get fine weather so we can get the outside painting done.

I'm sure quite a few people would like to come in for just a day (Saturday or Sunday). If you do, let me know (preferably a bit in advance) and we'll work out car-pooling for the day walkers. If there is enough interest, a separate party leaving about 2pm Friday (but if you need to come in after work, it could be later) and coming back Sunday arvo would be cool (let me know well in advance if you are interested). This party would then get in a full day's work on Saturday. Anyway, when people come in and leave can be quite flexible. When you ring and let me know you're coming, I'll let you know if you need to bring any tools (gloves, brushes, secateurs. etc., depending on what you want to do) I will be bringing in quite a few spare tools myself.

If you are staying overnight you will need to bring a warm sleeping bag and sleeping mat or therma-rest as the bunks are quite hard. Join me for a great time at the hut, mucking about and doing things, having a yak and enjoying this glorious, peaceful spot.



## **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY MOVIE NIGHT SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Terry Silk 3355 9765.  
**Meet at:** Balmoral Cinema,  
Oxford Street, Bulimba.  
**Time:** 5.00pm onwards for dinner.  
**Cost:** \$6.50 (Adults), \$5.50(Conc) +  
Dinner (optional).

After seeing a preview at our last movie night we have selected our next movie and it is another Australian film. It is titled "Goldstone" (where worlds collide) and it is a stunning, perfectly, executed, taut and intelligent thriller starring Aaron Pedersen, Alex Russell, Jacki Weaver, David Wenham, David Gulpilil and Tom E. Lewis.

Because there six cinemas at Balmoral, we do not have to all see the same movie. The session time will be available when the movie is released on the 7th July. We will choose a session commencing as close to 7.00 PM as possible. There are numerous eateries along Oxford Street if you wish to eat before the movie. The Coffee Club is popular as it has a two for one offer on Tuesday nights and is normally quick. After the movie we can have coffee and a debrief in the Cinema Cafe. I look forward to you joining me for another top movie.

## **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY PAT'S BLUFF & LUKE'S BLUFF 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:** S33.  
**Location:** O'Reillys.  
**Distance:** Approximately 8kms.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

A lovely mountain top walk in mid-winter. The walk is a mix of graded track and gentle bush tracks.

In south east Queensland we usually don't get much of a winter so we are going out of way to revel in the cooler conditions by going to O'Reilly's which is about 930 metres above sea level and can be very cool on winter mornings. Hopefully it will be a sparkling winter's day and give us a chance to wear a beanie and a scarf.

The walk is one of the Club's regular trips and involves a circuit walk from O'Reilly's down to Python Rock Lookout, then on to Pat's Bluff for lunch and a cup of tea. There should be great views from here. Then we continue out to Luke's Bluff and then back up the road to O'Reilly's.

Bring your usual day walk stuff and a head for heights. Also it could be cool so bring a warm jacket and a beanie and scarf. Also include a mug as we will have a cuppa at lunch time.

The proposed venue of Turtle Rock was unavailable as I couldn't arrange access from the landowners. The proposed date of 9th July needed to be changed as I have visitors from interstate visiting me so we switched it to 13<sup>th</sup> July to align with mid-winter.

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY THE THEODORE CLUB JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.  
**Address:** 1/333 Adelaide Street.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat, a meal and a beer.  
**Web:** [www.thetheodoreclub.com](http://www.thetheodoreclub.com)  
**Emerg Off:** Phil Murray 0413 307580.

The Club, under the auspices of the John Toohey Society, has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month.

For the month of August we are meeting at the Theodore Club which is one of our favourites. The Theodore Club is definitely a little bit dated as it is sort of mid 1980's but that's why we love it as some of us still prefer to live in the 1980's. Other reasons we like the place is that the prices are comparatively cheap and the place is quiet.

We came here last year on Friday 17th July which was the coldest day of the year in 2015. The maximum temperature for the day only got to 16.1 degree and there was a howling westerly wind all day and night it was frigid that night. Plus it was the night Liverpool came to Lang Park Brisbane to play the Brisbane Roar. For those who may have forgotten the score it was 2-1 to Liverpool.

Just a reminder as it is a Club you have to sign in. So come along for a good night out.

### **SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY SHEPHERD'S WALK DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Terry Silk 3355 9765.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.45am.  
**Cost:** \$10 + \$20 (car pool),  
\$2 + \$20 (private).  
**Grading:** M34.  
**Location:** In the Kerry Valley near  
Beautesert.

**Web:** <http://beautesertmuseum.org.au/main/images/stories/pdfs/shepherds%20walk%20web%20flyer.pdf>

**Emerg Off:** Carol Kelly 3269 4795.

This event is run by The Beautesert Historical Society. They provide the Leader and Tail End Charlie. There are usually over one hundred walkers on the event and the pace is determined by the slowest walker as there is a great range of fitness and ability. Numerous rest breaks are taken and we have morning tea, (which you need to bring), on the saddle of the Gin Broken Range before we commence our descent to the famous Sausage Sizzle Lunch which The Historical Society provides.

During the walk excellent views of the surrounding countryside can be had. A number of areas in which we walk can be seen. As usual, the countryside is looking quite spectacular. (So don't forget your camera.)

I believe that all our members are capable of doing this short walk and it is my wish that all our members do it at least once. You should not delay doing this walk as I do not know how many more years it will be staged, particularly as many of the volunteers are quite elderly.

Even though this is a short walk (about three and a half hours) it is mainly off track with some long grass and uneven ground along with a steepish climb followed by a descent. At the end of the walk there is a water crossing where, unfortunately, you will get your feet wet. (The fact that I continue to do this walk even though I get wet feet, speaks volumes about how great I think this walk is.)

The Sausage Sizzle Lunch is supported by the famous damper and syrup washed down with tea, coffee, cordial or water. There is usually plenty of food including some home baked cakes and biscuits. (The cakes and biscuits are sometimes hidden, but if you watch me, you should not miss out.)



The Historical Society provides the busses to take us to and from their complex in Beaudesert to a monument in the Christmas Creek valley where a short informative address is given on the significance of the Shepherd's Walk and the era of Chinese shepherds in the area. Then the busses take us a little way down the valley to where the walk starts. After lunch, (all too soon), the busses return us to Beaudesert, thus allowing us to return to Brisbane before dark. No coffee stop is made as usually, everyone is too full.

I highly recommend this walk as The Historical Society is famous for their country hospitality, the views are spectacular and the food is most enjoyable. What more could you want? The Historical Society does an excellent job of running this event. They charge \$20.00 for the bus trip and lunch and our club charges \$10.00 for car-pooling. Children are half price and non-walkers can wait at the lunch spot. I am sure that you will enjoy interacting with walkers from other clubs and areas. This walk has become an annual event for our club. The Historical Society has been running this walk for over a quarter of a century.

You will have to bring your own morning tea and water. Also, most importantly, you need to nominate ASAP as numbers are needed for catering purposes. I look forward to your company on the day which I am sure you will enjoy.

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
MT MEE WILDFLOWER WALK  
& SOMERSER TRACK  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.  
**Meet at:** Corner Gray Street and Newmarket Road, Newmarket.  
**Time:** 7.15am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** S33.  
**Location:** North D'Aguliar National Park.  
**Distance:** Approximately 13kms.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

A lovely forestry walk in mid-winter. The walk is a mix of graded track and gentle bush tracks. It is a lovely part of the world with a nice view from Somerset Lookout.

We start the walk at the Gantry picnic area. We then head south west to the spot I did a wildflower identification trip with the Wallum Study Group last year. I plan to spend on about

40 minutes here spotting the wildflowers while we have a leisurely morning tea. Then we will continue to the lookout for lunch. Bring the usual daywalk stuff.

On the way back I want to stop at the Pit Stop Cafe for coffee or a hot chocolate. (address is 2070a Mt Mee Road, Mount Pleasant. )

**ADVANCE NOTICE  
FRIDAY TO TUESDAY  
28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER TO 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER  
THE BLUFF CIRCUIT  
THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** TBA (Vic)  
**Qld Contact:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.  
**Grade:** Hard.

In 2016 we are doing a 4 day throughwalk called the Bluff Circuit. It is a beautiful and remote part of the Victorian Alps.

The Bluff Circuit is about 50 kilometres south east of the small Victorian town of Mansfield. About half of the walk is along the Australian Alpine Walking Track.

The walking is mainly along the alpine plateaus that have gentle slopes on one side and steep precipitous cliffs on the other side. In simple terms about a third of the walking is along old forestry roads through open eucalypt forest, a third is the high alpine plains where the vegetation is mainly ankle high grass and the occasional snow gum tree. A third of the walk is through thick wet eucalyptus forest. The average daily distance is about 14 kilometres. There is a bit of uphill and downhill walking as well.

The Plan is as follows

Day 0 - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – be at Melb airport by 10 am  
Drive to Broadford – climb Mt Piper.  
Then drive to Mansfield for tea.  
Drive to Howqua River to camp.  
Day 1 - Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – camp at Mt Clear saddle  
Day 2 - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – camp at Lovicks Hut  
Day 3 - Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – camp at Refrigerator Gap  
Day 4 - Tue 4 Nov – Back to cars by about 12.  
Then drive back to Melbourne by 5 ish. Includes a 2 hour buffer for traffic etc.  
Fly out about 8 pm.

Plus we are doing a short daywalk on Friday to Mt Piper. Take about 2 hours .

Travel Details

To Melbourne – QantasQF609  
07:00 Brisbane – 10:25 Melbourne  
Flight Back to Brisbane – QantasQF636  
20:10 Melbourne – 21:20 Brisbane



I only have 1 nomination (Anthony Dolan) at the moment and as this trip requires attendees to nominate early the bookings will close at the June meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Do yourself a favour and come and join us one year. It is 4 days walking in the Alps and 3 nights under canvas in the high country. Just bliss for bushwalkers.

Tom has advised that he is a bit reluctant to lead these trips any more as he ...(well)...he is not as young as he used to be.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As we ran out of time at our May meeting, I will be drawing our raffle at the June meeting. I am now selling tickets in our next raffle which also has two prizes with the first being a small 5W LED Trekking Torch with batteries and pouch and the second a small first aid kit with 88 pieces (two items which everyone should always have in their back pack). Tickets are still only a dollar each and remember that you need to be in it to win it. Terry.

## **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Michele Foley, Mervyn Galvin, Louise Jones, Ivan Mort, Elizabeth Richards and Susan Tobin are celebrating their birthdays in June. Congratulations to our latest new members, Gerard Sammon, Janelle's husband, and Josh Cooke, Karen Franklin's son. Bernadette Ketter was an interested visitor at our May meeting. We recently had an enquiry from Judy Leary. Tina Carnes did her second walk as a visitor on Pat Lawton's Alpaca Walk which also had Bronwyn Menkins from BOSQ and Gerrard Sammon as visitors. Fiona Fitzsimmons' husband, Neil, did his first walk as a visitor on Trevor Kelly's Mt. Mathieson Trail walk. Larry Minton was also a first time visitor on Phil Murray's Mt. Maroon walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

## **OUTINGS REPORT**

I decided to start my stint as Outings Secretary by contacting the people nominated to lead walks for the remainder of the year to confirm if they were still able to do these – or if we needed to make alternative arrangements. Most of you got back to me promptly, and Liz (Social Secretary) and I are now going to make sure there are no clashes between walks and socials, and hopefully, reissue the BCBC Calendar for the next 6 months.

Can I please ask you to all get your thinking caps on and let me know your “wish list” for 2017 walks (and also socials) and suitable months for them also? Walks you're happy to lead would be appreciated – but ANY suggestions are very welcome. We need to have a planning meeting in the next couple of months so if I could have your suggestions ASAP (to [desley.pedrazzini@gmail.com](mailto:desley.pedrazzini@gmail.com)) would be great, and also let me know if you want to be involved in this meeting. Desley.

## **SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

May has been an active social month for the club. Early in the month we watched *Eddie the Eagle* at our usual haunt, the Balmoral Cinema. The movie told the true story of the first British entrant into the winter Olympic ski jump event and his curious interactions with his trainer. Mid-month we gathered on the banks of the Brisbane River in magnificent weather for a relaxing City Cat ride followed by a tasty sausage sizzle in the park. JTS in the Plough Inn was a delightful gathering at a large table in a quiet part of the Inn. Some headed off to the Burke St Studios to enjoy the musical, *Sweet Charity*, while others lingered at the Inn over dinner and extra lemonade. Later in the month, we headed to our old favourite Vagelis Restaurant for a meal and/or coffee. We finished May with a heritage tour of the City Hall. All events were well attended and highly enjoyable. Many thanks to Terry, Phil, Cath and Michael for organizing some of them. Liz.

## **CLUB HUT 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

A small sub-committee is being formed to prepare celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of the Club Hut. If you are interested in nominating for membership of the sub-committee, please advise a member of the committee. Please also advise a member of the committee if you would be willing to lead the sub-committee.

## **AROUND THE RIDGES**

### **A Member's Thoughts On Subscriptions**

Russ in the December Jilalan showed concern about the 2015 loss in the club finances.

The club having a levy on socials and having visitors pay when driving themselves on walks

is to me inviting friends to stay at your place and then asking them to pay the electricity bill.

We can do better. If we are continually having our hand out asking for money through the back door we are not bringing enough money through the front door, our subscriptions.

I can't understand why we are not all paying the one subs, whether we choose to have the magazine posted or e-mailed, Forty dollars is not a lot of money for a year. A cup of coffee a day would cost you at least a \$1000, a movie a week \$364, membership to Qantas Club \$510, Gym membership \$780. Ask yourself what you are getting for your \$40. Access to a wealth of walking knowledge, where we are able to lead and be led on walks, to go to places you would and could not go by yourself, a chance to discover all the wonder and amazement bushwalking can give you. To make new friends that will last a lifetime and the beginning of your own journeys together.

Is there a solution? I think there is.

Have visitors pay a visitor's fee for the first three months, say \$10.00 it would cover insurance and no longer the need for us to have a hand in their pocket every time they go out with us. This would be deducted from their subs when they join, other clubs are doing this. A new visitor's form will be needed.

Every member pays the one subscription whether they choose a hard copy or just e-mailed.

Every member has the magazine e-mailed to them; this should be happening already everyone is paying the e-mail rate in their subs. There would be no need to post the magazine as we should be able to read it before the meeting on line. As Terry picks up the magazine he would have his copy.

Members who have chosen a hard copy as well could pick it up at the meeting or their next walk or social. There would still be a small number that would need to be posted but not many.

The need for our treasurer running around to save the club money should be gone.

I am sure I am not the only member and leader who dislikes asking visitors to pay the \$2.00 and as I object to having to pay it myself I understand their concerns.

Can the committee discuss my concerns and my possible solutions. . We ask visitors to join

us on walks and socials we shouldn't be that hard up for them to pay \$2.00 to do so. Justin.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **CAMP MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT**

#### **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

#### **DAY WALK**

Easter Monday was fine for our walk around Camp Mountain. We all met at Samford where we pooled cars and then drove a few kilometers to the start of the walk. On route we stopped at a monument commemorating the 1947 train crash in which 109 people died – so far Queensland's worst rail disaster.

As it was a combined walk with B.C.B.C. and B.O.S.Q. we all introduced ourselves. The first part of the walk was through private property. However I was able to get the owner's permission to access his land.

Once through the property we came out on to a bitumen road (Sutton Court) and this was followed for about 1.5 kms. We then left the road and began the climb up to Camp Mt. on an old forestry road. Even though the climb was not too steep it was a slog and all took it at their own pace.

It was a rather hot day and all were pleased to reach the picnic area on top. Morning tea was enjoyed near the Battersby Lookout from which great views of Brisbane were obtained. The Lookout was opened a few years ago by the then Environment Minister Kate Jones, to mark the achievements of the Catholic Archbishop, John Battersby. Several people on the walk were present at the official opening of the Lookout.

From that Lookout we moved over to the main Lookout platform and this time obtained the views to the north, including Samford Valley and the Glasshouse Mountains. We then followed another forestry road steeply downhill and then branched off to the right steeply down to Bellbird Grove Picnic area.

The picnic grounds and tables were packed but we were lucky to find a couple of secluded tables away from the hordes of people out enjoying their Easter Monday. It was a fair hike to the toilets!

Unfortunately after lunch we had to retrace some of our steps uphill. Once again all went at their own pace. A side forestry road was then taken and before we knew it we were back on

Sutton Court. It was then all downhill on a bitumen road back to the cars.

We drove back to Samford and all enjoyed coffee, tea, etc. It was a lovely end to the day. I enjoyed showing people a part of an area close to Brisbane. Thanks to all who came along to make the day a success.

Those on the walk:- B.C.B.C. Gerry Burges, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk, Maria Staker, Sue Walsh, Russell and Louise Jones and Jonas Bernotas (both clubs).

B.O.S.Q. Neil Douglas, Barb Devereux, Harold and Jillian Steinkamp. John Hegarty, Lyn Skaines, Gillian Hensche, Helen Sutherland, Bronwyn Men kens and Lyn Haselwood. And myself (Pat Lawton) (both clubs).

### **THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL SOCIAL**

Attendance 4 –John Hood, Phil Murray, Sue Murray, Michael Simpson and Karen Franklin.

Once again another fantastic display of outdoor events.

The highlight for me was the first film which was a weekend epic trip to Mexico from LA California. Three guys wanted to ski the highest volcano in Mexico. So they flew down to Mexico hired a car, drove along old forestry roads then climbed up the side of Mt Orizaba and skied down the mountain. Then drove back to the airport, flew back to LA and get back in time to start work on Monday morning. There were several difficult moments that they managed to deal with and I am not saying they cheated but I don't comprehend how they did it all in one weekend.

The feature film was the short film called Unbranded about a trip by a bunch of 4 guys who wanted to do something after college before they started work, a sort of delayed gap year. The trip they wanted to do was to ride horses from the Mexican border to the Canadian Border. A 5000 kilometre trek that took several months. But not on just any horse they wanted to use wild horses so they had to break them in first. It was just riveting viewing. The sting in the tail was that one of the guys refused to finish the last 5 kilometres with the guys. So one of them was being difficult. It didn't give a reason why he didn't finish the ride. I can only presume he wanted to have

some unfinished business or he wanted a reason to come back another day. Phil.

### **MOVIE NIGHT TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY SOCIAL**

This time we chose a different movie, although once again it was inspired by true events. Seven of us made it along to our favourite cinema at Bulimba to see "Eddie The Eagle" starring Taron Egerton and Hugh Jackman which was a feel-good story inspired by true events. It was a funny and moving story about a British ski-jumper's journey to compete at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Once again we all thoroughly enjoyed the movie. Because we were going to an early session, only Liz made it to the Coffee Club for a meal before the movie, but three others managed to get something at the Cinema Cafe where five of us gathered after the movie for coffee, cake and a review.

At last it looks like there are some good movies coming. When we decide on our next one, we will most likely advise you via e-mail as the notice period is usually too short to allow us to put an article in the magazine.

Thanks to Liz Little (who maintains her perfect record), Louise Jones, Tracey Laing, Jean Gowans along with Greg and Michele Endicott for joining me. Terry.

### **GOLDEN BEACH TO DICKY BEACH THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY DAY WALK**

**Weather:** Beautiful sunny day.

**Rain:** None.

**Wind:** Gentle 15kph SSE.

**Temperature:** 25°.

**Distance:** 12 km.

**Attendance:** 3 – Phil Murray, Liz Little and Antonia Simpson.



**View From Bulcock Beach Caloundra across Pumicestone Passage – with Mt Beerwah and Crookneck in the distance.**



The trip went out. We had a great walk. We didn't go to Mt Beerwah which was the appointed destination for the day. There was very heavy rainfall on the weekend before the walk and a rescue of two walkers on that weekend. I spoke to a ranger who advised we shouldn't do the walk as Mt Beerwah should only be done when it is bone dry. That night there was another 48 mm of rain.

So on Tuesday the decision was made not to go to Mt Beerwah and we needed another walk and after some various options were discussed the walk chosen was the walk from Golden Beach to Dicky Beach via Caloundra. The reason was to take the opportunity to do the walk at an extremely low tide.

I had 8 nominations for the Mt Beerwah walk and only ended up with 3 for the beach walk but it was a lovely trip. Plus Gerry Burges who started driving up to the walk but he had to pull out as he got car troubles before he even left Brisbane. He spent the day getting the car fixed.

We left Brisbane at 7.25 am and we didn't stop on our drive up the coast but there was lots of traffic to slow us down as we came into Caloundra. We parked the car at an all-day car park in Caloundra at Otranto Street. It was getting late at 8.48 am. We then had to hurry to find the bus station to catch the bus at 8.55 am. We got there in the nick of time with 20 seconds to spare. We duly caught the 609 bus down to Golden Beach.

We then walked back along the Esplanade towards Caloundra and enjoyed the views over Pumicestone Passage. We had our first morning tea at a picnic shelter near Fraser Park. We then continued on and had our second morning tea at Bulcock Beach Caloundra. There were a string of food outlets and coffee shops and a bakery here. We ordered our provisions and then made use of the picnic tables beside the water. The ebb tide was zooming along and was causing eddies and whirlpools in the river. It was marvelous just to sit and watch the power of the water.

We then walked along the beach to Kings Beach but we had to come back to the Boardwalk as the council had diggers and trucks on the beach to rebuild the groyne at the southern end of Kings Beach.

We then traipsed around the headland to Shelly Beach and walked along the sand here then around the rocks to Moffat Beach where we had lunch. Then we walked the short distance on to

Dicky Beach where we had a swim. We got changed and then caught the 600 bus back to Caloundra at 2.45 pm.

Our initial plan was to walk to Currimundi Creek but the bus didn't go into here so we changed our plan and we caught the bus from Dicky Beach. We still wanted to explore Currimundi Creek. We duly got back to the car and drove back to Currimundi Lake and then did a quick walk up to the entrance of the Creek to check it out for future reference. According to some maps the entrance gets blocked off by a sand build up. But after the heavy rain on the weekend the water had ripped a huge gap in the sand and the outflow was amazing as it was about 20 metres wide and about 500 mmm deep .just zoo

Several people were frolicking in the water and catching the current down. It was great fun. It was great day and got back into Brisbane about 5.15 pm. Phil.

### **HAMILTON HERITAGE WALK SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY DAY WALK**

Newstead House was our departure point for the day, 11 members with 2 to collect en-route. Clear autumn skies as we scurried along busy Kingsford Smith Drive to Greys Rd. Louise and Rusty joined us here after their cross river ferry trip, (benefits of river suburbs!) We climbed steeply and before long had pushed up the heart rate, warmed the legs and left the traffic noise far behind.

Clear views back over Brisbane River to the City and surrounding landmarks. With our Heritage Trail booklets in hand we stood outside the first of the 27 grand old homes we would view on our walk today. "Cremourne" built in 1905-06 was a classic design, the wide surrounding verandahs featuring octagonal viewing rotundas at each end, to overlook the river and mountain views.

Bishopbourne, once owned by the Anglican Church sat proudly at the highest point of Eldernell Tce, and originally named Eldernell, was built in 1869 of local sandstone and featuring a church like appearance with a gabled porch and Gothic archway. There were clear views to the airport tower and Moreton Bay as we passed another four homes, each holding a story of owners, architects and fascinating history.

Coffee was brewing in Racecourse Rd as we admired Hamilton Town Hall built in 1920, the glazed tiles used on the roof, manufactured at the local Albion Pottery works. St Augustine's Anglican Church our stop for morning tea under the trees, before we were treated to a most interesting talk by the residing Minister, Marion. She covered the history of the magnificent stained glass windows, throughout the Church, designed by William Bustard, and the Church becoming known as the "Jewel Box." We were able to spend time admiring these works of art in a special Church built in two sections to the memory of the First and Second World Wars soldiers. In the church grounds stands the oldest bell in Australia which is believed to have been first hung in a Romanian Church by Emperor Constantine in 320AD.

During the next hour we explored the trail, passing period homes in Federation, Tudor, Victorian Georgian design, and learnt of the famous families who have owned these gracious homes, preserving our history. We linked streets through stairways and laneways, one aptly named Ronnies Ruin, before our lunch break at Oriel Park with a welcome rest and cuppa brewed by our ace tea maker, Justin. We shared more treats to recharge for the afternoon.

We climbed up to Thompsons Hill reservoir, with views out over the city and surrounding mountains. Stories of this well-known parking spot in years gone, by from those who remembered. Stairs, laneways and tracks, brought us up to Toorak Rd, and the last of our heritage homes. We stood gazing at homes seemingly built into steep cliffs, hanging on hills and all claiming stunning views.

Stately Toorak built in 1867, was the oldest building on the Hamilton heritage trail, A Gothic stone house with steeply pitched slate roofs, a three level tower over the entry and two Italian marble lions guarding the main entry. As we rounded the last corner of this property we were greeted by a friendly lama, followed by a peacock and deer resting under the trees, overlooking the best view on our trail. Suburban walks hold many surprises.

It was all downhill to our last destination, a Buddhist 'Josh' house, tucked behind the Albion Paceway. A place of peace and prayer for passing travellers. We dropped into the Breakfast Creek watering hole for welcome drinks and snacks to complete the day.

Many thanks to the Tobin Team for the preparation for this walk, and to Justin, Frances and Dave for helping with the pre-outing. Thanks to all who made the day so enjoyable: Louise and Rusty, Paddy, Therese, Michele J, Graham, Terry, Gerry, Trevor, Andrea, Robin and Justin. Cheers, Maxine.

### **ALPACA FARM SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY DAY WALK**

There were 13 people who came out to enjoy the walk from the Alpaca Farm. It was a perfect day - ideal for walking – not a cloud in the sky.

So as not to take up too much space in the café parking area, we moved our cars into a paddock. The Alpaca Farm opens at 9 a.m. The alpaca put on a show as they were moved through the parking area into the paddock next to our cars – they were all shapes, sizes and colours. With the alpaca came 3 very friendly dogs.

We looked down from the café and the first part of the walk lay before us – lovely green grassy paddocks. Of course, there were lots of gates to open and close and Gerry soon became the official gate opener.

In the first paddock Jonas found something unusual. We tried to work out what it was. Was it something to fit a horse? We finally agreed it was a bra – size 20C. Jonas tried it on but his chest was too flat! There was a roar of laughter as Jonas posed as a model. We left it on a gate for some large person to claim it.

There were cattle yards in the bottom paddock and, of course, cattle chewing on the lush grass. One cow was just sitting down doing nothing. There was a bit of concern for the cow until we saw that she was about to give birth to a calf. As we did not want to disturb her we moved on quickly.

Eventually the views down the valley appeared and we saw just how far we had to go for morning tea.

On the way down we met the owner's son riding up on a farm vehicle. We chatted to him for a while and told him about the cow. Eventually we arrived at the property of Jandooya on Canungra Creek. It was at this delight spot that the well-earned morning tea was had. It was 11 a.m. We were visited by two very friendly horses wanting to share our morning tea.

After all refreshed we did a short walk along to creek to a lovely swimming hole, Platypus pool, a bit too cold for swimming. We then began the long uphill slog for lunch. A couple of people struggled a bit on the up; however Bronwyn produced some magic potion (hydralyte) which worked wonders.

We did not quite make the cliff bluffs for lunch but instead stopped in a shady spot at the top of the slog. We admired the wonderful views down the Canungra Valley as we continued around the cliffs.

Eventually we left the cliff and turned west through open paddocks, past a house hidden in a patch of rain forest. After the rainforest we were back into open paddocks and after climbing through a bard wire fence we were at Kamarun Lookout.

Once again the views in all directions were wonderful. From there it was short walk back to cars and the Alpaca Café. It was 3.15 p.m. Of course, the alpaca were to greet us, along with a chook.

It was a beautiful day and I enjoyed leading the group into such a lovely part of the world. The walk was all on private property and I am very grateful that the property owner gave us permission to access his magnificent property.

We day came to an end at the Outpost Cafe an Canungra and we got an extra bonus as the coffee was only \$1 for the day – they were celebrating their birthday.

Those fortunate to be part of the walk:-- Pat Lawton, Gerry Burges, Tina Carnes, Maria Staker, Michele and Richard Johns, Louise Jones, Terry Silk, Jonas Bernotas, Paddy Taylor, Gerald and Janell Sammon, and Bronwyn Menkens (BOSQ). Pat.

### **A SAIL AND A SIZZLE SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY SOCIAL**

The magnificent weather that we had been experiencing in May made our afternoon by the river very special indeed. Eight of us boarded the city cat at the West End and headed downstream. We made the most of the beautiful day by sitting outdoors. It was so relaxing that we almost missed our end stop, Riverside. The return trip was just as delightful.

At the BBQ spot at Orleigh Park, we found another four members waiting for us, with the picnic table set up and the sausages sizzling.

By now the crowd at the park was starting to die down and, by the time we finished, we had the whole place to ourselves.

Many thanks to Rusty and Louise for minding our spot in the park while the rest of us enjoyed the sail. Thanks also to Rusty and Russ for doing the cooking; and to Andrea for baking a cake and Justin for supplying the hot cuppa.

Thanks to others who also came along - Paddy, Robyn, Terry, Jan, Michele J and Richard - and contributed to this gentle and companionable afternoon. Liz.

### **THE PLOUGH INN FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Attendance 18 – Graham Glasse, John Hood, Phil Murray, Sue Murray, Thelma Murray, Liz Little, Kylie Moore, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Jan Nelson, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood, Antonia Simpson, Maria Kerruish Gerry Burges, The above list includes 1 new member to the JTS namely Thelma Murray (my Mum) who came all the way from Sydney for the event.

It was a nice place to meet up and have a chat with friends. We had a lovely little room like an alcove that was a distinct little room so it was a lovely private gathering.



The venue was right in the heart of Brisbane and it was a nice vibe meeting up with so many friends in town.

I was surprised by the huge turnout and had a great time. There were several conversations going on at the various sectors of the group. It was a lovely night out in a busy bustling Brisbane.

It was a lovely spot but there was another activity on that night with a Theatre night at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music with their performance of Sweet Charity. So several of us left about 6.30 ish to zip across town to watch the show and it was a great show and it was the best ever musical. Phil.



## **MASS OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY SPIRITUAL**

The club came together to honour our patron saint at St Thomas More Church Petrie Tce. A beautiful church for our musicians to play their guitars and for us to join in song in praise of the Mother of Jesus. Father Jim Spence and Deacon Russ celebrated mass again with Father Spence telling us he has trouble saying mass in English now as the only Mass he says these days is in Italian. Russ reminded us in his homily about Jesus and his Mother Mary, families and as Jesus instructed us to stay on the right path Russ encouraged us to keep heading in the right direction, to stay on the Way and let Mary be our companion.

Breakfast was across the road at Gambaro's, this year we were on the terrace where we caught up with friends, told stories and had a good time.

Thanks to Father Jim Spence and our Deacon Russell Nelson for saying the Mass, we can't have Mass without a Priest. The Italian Community for sharing their beautiful church with us, Peggy Roe, Peter and Cathy Dore for putting the music into the Mass, Michele, Peggy and Susan for organising the booklets and preparing the mass and Jan Nelson, Russell and Louise Jones, Trevor Kelly, Antonia Simpson, Graham Glasse, John Hood, Paddy Taylor, Maxine Brophy, Pat Lawton, Desley Pedrazzini, Terry Silk and Terry Sheehan for joining as one at Mass and giving thanks to Our Lady of the Way.

May Our Lady of the Way continue to be with us on all our journeys.

## **DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY SOCIAL**

This is a quiet delightful café in Hamilton far from the maddening crowds around Lang Park. But apparently this year they changed the dates for State of Origin and we didn't clash. But it didn't matter the company, food and ambience all made the night a great success.

Thanks to Karen, Josh, Peter & Nicky, Graham, Kylie and Terry for joining me. Michael.



## **RIVERSIDE BIKE RIDE SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY BIKE RIDE**

**Leader:** Phil Murray.  
**Weather:** Beautiful clear blue skies.  
**Temperature:** Cool 18°.  
**Distance:** 34 km.  
**Attendance:** 4 – Phil Murray, John Hood, Michele Johns and Robin Thorne.

This was the first bike ride for the year. It was a fairly easy ride along the pathways and bikeways beside the river from Newstead House to the Regatta Hotel.

Caught the City Cat Ferry to West End. We had a short break then rode back to the Goodwill Bridge where we enjoyed a cuppa at the coffee shop. The views from here were just magic.

We then completed the trip and were finished by 12.10.

I should also mention that there was a real buzz about the City as there were several markets on and a Wild Adventure Run at Southbank. There was a market at Davies Park at South Brisbane and another at the Powerhouse at New Farm and we took a slight detour to sample the goodies at the markets at the Powerhouse.

It was truly a beautiful day, a clear cloudless sky and the river was twinkling. It was a great way to spend a morning and we will be doing it again next year so do yourself a favour a come along next year and enjoy one of the true delights of Brisbane.

The next Bike Ride is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August from Teralba Park Mitchelton to Albert Park at Nundah. Phil.

## **MT MAROON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray.  
**Weather:** Grey skies a bit of rain.  
**Temperature:** Cool 18°.  
**Distance:** About 6 km.  
**Height Gain:** 600m.  
**Attendance:** 9 – Gerry Burges, Rusty Jones, Louise Jones, Phil Murray, Karen Fredericks, Larry Minton, Liz Little, Paddy Taylor and John Bevelander.

A lovely mountain walk in early winter. The weather was a bit iffy with low clouds covering the tops of many peaks.



Back Row: John, Louise, Larry (obscured), Karen  
Front Row: Phil, Liz, Paddy, Rusty  
Photo by Gerry.

A lovely mountain walk in early winter. The weather was a bit iffy with low clouds covering the tops of many peaks.

We gathered at the meeting spot of Maccas at Beaudesert. Most of us got there at the appointed time but one driver who shall nameless managed to take a shortcut. Well it would be on a Sunday but not on a Thursday. So we were about 30 minutes late getting away from Bowie (as the locals call it)

The forecast was for a chance of rain later in the day. But we were only slightly deterred and set out on our mission full of hope.

We parked at the lagoon near the Cotswolds and ascended the usual route up via the north east ridge. (The book by John Daly referred to this ridge as the Cotswolds Track – see page 299). We were finally walking at 9.59 am. The ridge is a constant up-hill grind, so we set a slow-ish pace so as not to burn people out. But our visitor Larry found it was just a bit of a struggle and discovered that the coffee from McDonalds didn't agree with him. After our second little break poor Larry had a little chunder. I thought that would be the end of Larry's trip for the day and I was just working out how to take him back to the cars when he sparked up and insisted that he wanted to keep going. What a guy, we need people like that in the Club who keep going after a setback, so we reverted to our original plan.



John and Phil with Mt Barney in the background.

After a short break we continued on ascending the ridge. I have done the walk about 6 times and I am always surprised how far up the ridge you go before you turn right to get across to the gully.

Eventually we found the turn off and continued across to the gully. It was actually a bit of a drop down to the gully. It was then into the gully where we had to clamber over a few boulders. It was then rather quick going until we encountered a very very large carpet snake who was straddling the track and it was in no hurry to move. The only thing to do was take numerous photos while he slowly slithered across the track. Finally we were in the "summit glen" where there was formerly a camp site. We then continued on. The track to the summit is now reasonably well defined.

We reached the summit at 1.04 pm. A bit slow for the ascent but we got there and the views were stupendous. The summit is 966 m (3,169 ft) high and has the best views in south east Queensland.

Unfortunately there were clouds over Lamington Plateau so I didn't get to the opportunity to ascertain if you can see Mt Warning from the summit of Mt Maroon.

It was a great feeling to get to the summit and Larry was so impressed he quickly had a lie down. But after 10 minutes he freshened up and enjoyed the views.

Gerry brought along his new stove, a Jetboil It was so fast at boiling the water and most of us had a cuppa courtesy of Gerry.

The wildflowers were very disappointing and there were no scarlet peas (*Bossiaea rupicola*) in flower. I want to go back there next year in July to see the wildflowers..

There were rain clouds about but we still got great views of Mt Lindsay, Mt Ernest and Mt Barney and the main range.

A great place to visit and I plan on going back next year. Phil.

### **CITY HALL HERITAGE TOUR SUNDAY 5 JUNE SOCIAL**

Seven members gathered at beautifully restored Brisbane City Hall for a guided tour of the building that has long represented the heart of Brisbane and has been the backdrop to many cultural, social and civic events.

Our professional guide, Greg, took us outside first for a viewing of the exterior of the building. He explained the history of the site and the design of the Hall. He then led us through the interior, explaining the reasons for the various designs used - the fish scales, the stars and the waves. We admired the old paving and the grate in the Enoggera Courtyard and learned that it was discovered during the restorative excavations of the main auditorium.

Among other fascinating aspects was the Soldiers' Wall, also revealed during excavations. The Wall was in the basement behind the Red Cross Tea Room and was once part of the men's toilets. Soldiers scribbled their names and other identifying words on the toilet wall. A scholar has since researched all the names she could identify and has written a book which tells the story of each of the men. Extraordinarily, all of them survived the World War Two. One even assisted JFK when the soldiers had to abandon their ship during a battle.

Following the tour, we walked to the river and across the Victoria Bridge to relax and enjoy the ambience of South Bank Parklands for lunch.

Thanks to those whose company I enjoyed so much - Paddy, Terry, Louise, Rusty, Graham and Justin. I hope they found the outing as interesting and enjoyable as I did. Liz.

**FRASER ISLAND  
FRIDAY TO SUNDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> TO 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
BASE CAMP**

A very early start Friday morning (4am) to enable us to catch the low tide (6.30am) and thus save a lot of grief. We were able to cruise along the beach past Hook Point rather than use the inland route. We were dropping the walkers off at Dilli Village before a quick trip to Eurong to leave the cars.

Finally walking around 9am and heading along a well blazed trail through an open forest of melaleucas and swamp banksia whilst some sort of fern which Phil called Foxtails grew along the swampy verges. It wasn't long before we reached Wongi Sandblow with its spectacular views of the eastern shore. Then it was onto Lake Boomanjin, the largest perched lake in the world. This was the first of five lake swims over the weekend. From the lake we climbed to cross over to Lake Benaroon through open woodland and forests of Blackbutt

and Brush Box. Kauri pines began to appear as we neared Benaroon. It was but a short distance to Lake Birrabeen where we apparently just missed Richard & Pat who had driven over to view the sites. Unfortunately you only pass by Lake Jennings and we only had glimpses of this largish lake. We all finally reached Central Station around 4 to 4.30pm and a short car shuffle awaited us to return to Eurong. Dinner in the resort's restaurant before an early night.

After a latish breakfast five intrepid walkers headed back to Central Station for the Lake McKenzie Circuit. They followed an old forestry tramline through cool, shady rainforest before continuing on through Satinay and Blackbutt forests to Lake McKenzie. The rest of us had a relaxing morning before heading by road to Lake McKenzie to meet the walkers. After returning one car to Central Station we arrived back just as the first of the walkers appeared from the forest. After a leisurely swim and lunch in the picnic area, the five were joined by another five for the return walk via Basin Lake to Central Station. A quick check with the rangers to locate the now hard to find track from the road into Basin Lake saw the remaining three head down the road. The walkers descended through banksia woodland, tall open forest and melaleuca wetland, before arriving at one of the nicest lakes on the island, Basin Lake. It is off the beaten track and you usually have it to yourself. However today we were sharing it with a tour group of young backpackers, one with a drone believe it or not. After arriving back at Eurong early there was plenty of time for relaxation before heading down for dinner and another early night.

Another leisurely start as we breakfasted, packed and reluctantly tore ourselves away from another brilliant weekend on Fraser. But our weekend was not yet over. After coffee and cake in Rainbow Beach we headed off for a last walk, the 2.2km walk into Poona Lake and back. A great way to end a great weekend. With the weather threatening we headed home already planning a future trip to the most amazing island in the world.

Thanks to Karen, Josh & Peta, Pete & Nicky, Pat & Jonas, Richard & Michele, Kylie, Chris and Phil for joining me on this memorable trip. Unfortunately space does not allow me to publish any photos with article which is a shame as pictures always speak louder. Michael.



# HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

## OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

**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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Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

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

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

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

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

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