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Jun 21	JTS – The Groove Train Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Mt Castle	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M55
26	Coffee Night – Coffee Club Stones Corner	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
Jul 6	Abbey Medieval Tournament	Antonia	3857 3187	Soc	
13	Beau Brummel to Grass Tree Knob	Ivan	0405 487312	DW	M44
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	JTS – Lock’n’Load Bistro	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Shepherd’s Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M34
24	Coffee Night – Gino’s Restaurant	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
27	Colonial Ball	Matthew	3876 8125	Soc	
27	Glass House Mountain Circuit	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M34
Aug 3	Spicer’s Gap to Lemon Tree	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M57
3/4	Lemon Tree to Teviot Gap	Matthew	3876 8125	TW	XL88
4	Somerset Trail	Desley	3369 5530	DW	M12
10	Cape Byron	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M23
13/14	Barney Mass	Russ	3374 3534	DW/BC	M77
16	JTS – The Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Toohey Forest Wildflowers	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S22
17	Play at QUT Theatre	Antonia	3857 3187	Soc	
19	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
24	Swan Knoll	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
28	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
31	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
Sep 7	Stinson Wreck/Point Lookout	Peter	3205 5982	DW	
8	Kate Quinlan by the Beach	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
13/15	Pilgrimage	Michael	3351 3810	BC	
14	Picnic at Pemberley	Antonia	3357 1387	Soc	
15	Mass on Macleay	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
16	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
20	JTS – Elephant & Wheelbarrow	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21/22	Burleigh Stay + Sunday Markets	Anne	3356 5431	Soc	
21	Currumbin to Burleigh	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
28	Norman Park to Stones Corner	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	
28	Riverfire	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
28/29	Border Fence	Needed		TW	
Oct 5/8	Blue Mountains	Phil	5522 9702	BC	
5	Brisbane Open House	Needed		Soc	
6	Cabarita to Pottsville	Graham	3371 9623	DW	
12	Tibrogargan/Coochin Hills	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
18	JTS – MJ’s	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19	West End to North Shore	Needed		Bike	
21	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
26	Russell Island	Needed		DW	
26/27	Border Ranges	Michael	3351 3810	BC	
29	Movie Night + Dinner	Needed		Soc	
Nov 1/6	Victorian Alps	Phil	5522 9702	TW	
3	Toooloona Circuit	Peggy	5498 7112	DW	
9	Fountain Falls	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
15	JTS – Gilhooley’s City	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	Car Rally	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
23	Cleveland Point	Needed		Soc	
Dec 1	Lower Portals	Needed		DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	½ D/W	Half Day Walk
O/N	Over Nighter	B/C	Base Camp
T/W	Through Walk	C/W	City Walk
TRN	Training	S&T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km per day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km per day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
Long 15-20 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

God let us be serious.
Face to face.
Heart to. heart.
Let us be fully present' - -
Strongly present -
Deeply serious - - - - The closest we may come
to innocence.
Amen

(Source: Leunig 1990)



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at 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 declared you a Member of the Club.

LEADERS

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810.

**SATURDAY 13th JULY
LITTLE LIVERPOOL RANGE
(MT BEAU BRUMMEL)
DAY WALK**

Leader: Ivan Mort 0405 476312
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7.00 am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: M44
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092

The Little Liverpool Range is an offshoot of the Great Dividing Range, being lightly forested it offers easy walking with unique often panoramic views of the Mistake Mountain range.

The walk itself will see us park our cars at the end of Kings Road – (on the Eastern slopes of Mount Beau Brummell), we will then follow a national park easement up onto Mount Beau Brummell. From there depending on permission from landholders (still being sought) we will either turn left and follow the range along over a few knolls before ascending Grass Tree Knob, from there we will pick up a ridgeline that will take us back to Alpers road and our cars. Or we will turn right and follow the range off Mount Beau Brummell down into Edwards Gap and out to the road.

Both options provided rewarding views, unique vegetation changes and open easy walking.

The walk is not overly difficult- (suitable for those with a moderate level of fitness) and I encourage you all to come along – especially those of you who tend to only walk on graded tracks or feel that off track walking is not for them. Look forward to seeing you all. Ivan

**15th JULY MONDAY
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 come on the walk. Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**FRIDAY 19th JULY
LOCK'N'LOAD
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160
Address 142 Boundary St, West End.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

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

In the best tradition of bushwalking we are staying true to the spirit of exploration and we are headed to south of the river to check out the scene down at West End. It used to be covered in impenetrable rainforest now it is a busy shopping precinct that has a nice village feel to the place with lots of bookshops. It is only 5 minutes by bus from the centre of Brisbane. Or a 10 minute walk for bushwalkers. The venue has a nice coffee shop feel rather than a hotel. We will probably be out the back in the "tranquil courtyard". Take the chance to come along and check out the scene.

Come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal. And a chat about whatever you want.

I found this review on the web.

After seeing the queue outside Gunshop on Saturday morning, we wandered up the road & ended up at Lock n Load. Although I've been for drinks a few times, I've never eaten here. What a pleasant surprise! The staff are friendly, the outdoor area out back is lovely & the food...fabulous! I had the Veggie Loaded (with Chorizo on the side) & my partner had the Fully Loaded. Generous serving sizes, delicious & the coffee is good too. With so many over-hyped places around West End, we won't be wasting our time in a queue elsewhere next time. Highly recommend!

The Lock'n'Load bistro is not to be confused with the gun shop called "Lock N Load Firearm Supplies" of Wyong NSW 2259.



**SATURDAY 20th JULY
HISTORICAL SHEPHERD'S WALK
DAY WALK**

Co-ordinator: Terry Silk 3355 9765
Meet at: St. Brigid's, Red Hill
Time: 6.45 am
Cost: \$10.00 + \$20.00
Grading: M34
Location: In the Kerry Valley near Beaudesert

Web:

<http://beaudesertmuseum.org.au/main/images/stories/pdfs/shepherds%20walk%202012%20web%20flyer.pdf>

Emerg. Off.: Carol Kelly 3269 4795

This event is run by The Beaudesert Historical Society. They provide the Leader and Tail End Charlie. There are usually over one hundred walkers on this 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. After our recent good rain the countryside has never looked better. (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 and a steepish climb followed by a descent. At the end of the walk there is a small water crossing where I got my feet wet for the first time last year in thirteen years of doing this walk.

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 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.

I highly recommend this walk as the Historical Society is famous for their country hospitality, the views are quite 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 a quarter of a century.

You will have to bring your own morning tea and water. Also, 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.

**WEDNESDAY 24th JULY
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810 or 0409 620714.
Meet at: Gino's Restaurant,
468 Kingsford Smith Drive,
Hamilton.
Time: 6.00 to 6.30pm for dinner or
7.30pm for coffee.
Cost: Your choice – visit their website
for their menu.
Web: <http://www.ginosrestaurant.com.au>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.

We are back on the north side of the river this month. Gino's Restaurant is Italian in the suburb of Hamilton with views of the river. Check out their web site for their menu and join Graham and others for a delightful winter's evening by the banks of the Brisbane River. I will not be there this month as I will be trekking in Nepal with my daughter but my thoughts will be with you.

MBS: Who was the new member seen skipping down the road towards the end of Michael's Mt. Castle walk? (Had she had too many red jelly beans or is she just too fit??)

**SATURDAY 27th JULY
COLONIAL BALL
SOCIAL**

Leader: Matt Palmer & Kerry Mulligan
3876 8125.
Meet at: Morningside School of Arts
cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds,
Morningside.
Time: 7pm.
Cost: \$35.00 or \$25.00 if purchased at
the first practice on July 13th.
Grading: S11.
Practices: Uniting Church Hall,
Kadumba St, Yeronga 1 to 4 pm
on the 14th and 21st of July,
Cost for these is \$3 each.
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan 3876 8125.

The 28th Queensland Colonial Ball is the night of nights. Back in the 1980's and 1990's it was the highlight of the club social calendar, up there with the progressive dinner and annual mass and dinner. At some of the early balls 30 BCBC members or more would attend and make up a large percentage of the dancers.

Colonial Dancing consists of reels, jigs, waltz, circle dances, polkas and schottisches just to name a few. From a personal experience it is an event not to be missed and is loads and loads of fun whether you can dance well or can't dance at all. It is a night where you dig to the back of the wardrobe and put on your best clobber or beg, borrow or steal from someone. Costumes can be readily procured at good rates from your local St Vinnies or Lifeline. The dances danced on the night mostly come from the 19th Century, some have been written recently but are kept in style of the period. If you are unfamiliar with colonial dancing attending practices are a good idea and you can get to meet some of your fellow dancers who will be at the ball. The dancers are called through on the night so you know what the steps will be. As much as possible etiquette of the period is maintained. On the night it is a good idea to arrive early as you are issued with a dance card which you mingle with the opposite sex to procure a partner for each dance. It is good form not to dance with the same partner more than once unless you are intimate with them and then only three or four times. If you are unable to attend practices never fear turning up on the night you will still be able to dance with help from the callers.

You can get more information about the Queensland Colonial Ball from

<http://members.optusnet.com.au/colonialdance/ball.html>. Kerry and I won't be collecting the money you will need to purchase tickets at the first practice or mail a cheque to:
Queensland Colonial & Heritage Dancers
PO Box 3011 Yeronga Qld 4104.

You can also talk to Vic or Jan Orloff who run the ball on: (07) 3848 7706.

The programme for the 2012 Ball will be:

Grand March
Brisbane Quadrille
Rosa
Indian Queen
Blackwattle Reel
La Russe Quadrille
Flirtation Reel
Maxina (NSW Version)
Rockhampton Alberts
Country Bumpkin
Janet's Delight
Fiddle Hill Jig
Zephyrs and Flora
King George Square
Gypsy Tap
Casuarina Waltz Quadrille
Blaydon Races
Margaret's Waltz
Girls in White Dresses
Ideal Schottische
Garibaldi Waltz

Many of these dances have been animated by Keith Wood and you can see them in action at <http://www.dancekaleidoscope.org.au/dance.html>. This website has music, descriptions and visual positions so you can watch and practise in the safety of your own home.

I hope you can join Kerry and I on the night

**SATURDAY 27th JULY
GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT
DAY WALK**

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193
Meet at: Roma Street Train Station
Platform 9.
Time: 6.20 am.
Cost: \$20.00 GoCard.
Grading: M34.
Location: Near North Coast.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

A relaxing train ride through the northern suburbs and onto Beerburrum on the Sunshine Coast, where we begin our walk, first climbing Mt Beerburrum for those great views over the Glass Houses and the Pumicestone Passage

and the coast, then we will wander over to the Trachyte Circuit and the Jack Ferris Look-out and onto Mt Tibrowoocum, after sitting on the summit for more views we rejoin the track to Mt. Tibrogargen where we pick up the track which goes around the mountain to Mt Cooee, no views but a chance to get it off the tick list. From here it is Back to Beerburum for coffee and the train home. A walk suitable for everyone, if you just want to do the track and not the mountains that's o k. Join me for a walk around the Glass Houses.

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
2nd TO 4th AUGUST
LEMON TREE TO TEVIOT GAP
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Matthew Palmer 3664 4179
or 3876 8125.
Meet at: TBA.
Time: Friday after work.
Cost: \$40.00.
Grading: XL88.
Location: Along the Escarpment of the scenic rim starting east of Yangan and finishing South West of Boonah.
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan 3876 8125.

If you ever read any of numerous bushwalking books focused on classic wilderness walks in Australia, they cover such treks as the overland track, alpine track, Gross Valley and the Main Range. They are not wrong as this is the classic through walk in Southern Queensland. The two days we propose on the range continues on from where we aborted last time due to bad weather, we will bypass Spicers and Doubletop and climb up on to the escarpment at Swan Knoll. From there the entire walk has us walking along the edge of the escarpment as we cross a fair swathe of the +1000m peaks in South East Queensland; Huntley, Asplenium, Steamer, Lizard Point and Roberts. As you cross each peak the view changes and you see outstanding views of South East Queensland from a different aspect, Barney will be our constant companion as it stands out like a beacon to our left. We traverse through many types of landscape rainforest, fern forests, open eucalypt forest. We will camp at some of the best and most remote camp spots in South East Qld, our aim for Saturday night will be the Davies Ridge Saddle where we will be able to drop into Pinch Gut creek for water. The walk is entirely off track and in a few places we need ropes to get up and down with our packs. With

last summer being very wet the springs for our water should be brimming but the undergrowth is likely to be quite thick.

**SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST
MAIN RANGE
DAY WALK**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810 or 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.00 am.
Cost: \$25:00
Grading: M57.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Dist: 9.25km Ascent: 715m Descent: 735m

We will visit another beautiful section of the Main Range. There will be great views of the Fassifern Valley and lovely rainforest and open sclerophyll forest to wander through with very little scunge.

The walk starts from Spicer's Gap after arranging with Matthew to have a car at the Lemon Tree. The ascent of Spicer's Peak is steep and tiring but the rewards at the top are well worth the effort. After a brief stop at the campsite on Spicer's we descend to Cuthbertson Peak, an open double peak with tremendous views. From Cuthbertson we wander over to Doubletop with its double cliff line but I'm sure we'll find the easy way through. From Doubletop we now descend through some rainforest to Swan Knoll. Our time on the Main Range is now at an end and we need to descend to the car.

The descent ridge back to Swan Creek and the car is very gentle and we will soon reach the creek and the road on the other side. So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for a day walk, water, food etc.

**SATURDAY 4th AUGUST
SOMERSET TRAIL
DAY WALK**

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini 3369 5530
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00 am.
Cost: \$15.00.
Grading: M12.
Location: Near North Coast.
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 3269 4795.

This 13km walk leads to the Somerset Lookout with views over Lake Somerset and the Great

Dividing Range. It is a graded track with few, or any, obstacles and should be easy for everyone.

We will be walking through open eucalyptus forest as well as banksias and grasstrees with a few ups and downs.

Depending on how fast we are, lunch will either at the Lookout or back at the Gantry car park and we will finish the day with the 1km Piccabeen walk just near the car park.

As this walk is in the Mt. Mee area, some northsiders may wish to carpool from somewhere on the north side, so please let me know if this is an option.

Please join me on a pleasant winter walk that the Club does not do very often.

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST CAPE BYRON DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702,
0416 650160 or
philriver@optusnet.com.au
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00 am.
Cost: \$27.00.
Grading: M23.
Location: Far North Coast NSW.
Emerg Off: Susan Murray 5522 9702.

According to the RACQ trip planner Byron Bay is 167 km from Brisbane and it should take about 1hr 45 mins drive to get there.

We will have a comfort stop at the Hungry Jacks at Mudgeeraba at about 8 am. We should arrive at Byron Bay at about 9.15. am. The first issue will be to find a car park where we don't have to pay. . We hope to be walking before 9.30 am. The walk will be out to Cape Byron and back about 10 km in distance. We walk along the beach until we get past Clark's Beach then head up across the bush towards Tallows Beach and then up to the Lighthouse.

We will have an early lunch near the Lighthouse and enjoy the view. Then we come down the paved footpath that follows the spine of the ridgeline down to the Wategos Beach. There are outstanding views from the Lighthouse and as we come down the ridgeline.

We will also make a quick detour to look at the viewing platform overlooking 'the Pass' which is famous surfing spot. There should be time for a

quick swim along here probably at Watefos beach. . We will then walk back along the beach to the shops at Byron. I hope to stop in at the Byron Hotel for a quick Pepsi Max and a Tooheys Old. You can pack light for this trip – water, lunch, a rain jacket and sunscreen. It is a very easy walk but there is a small hill and some steps and we will be walking along some wobbly rocks along the edge of the beach. The tides for the day are

Description	Time	Height
High Tide	10.14 pm	1.30 m
Low Tide	4.05 pm	0.34 m

I was thinking of also doing a quick trip down to Broken Head where we will do a quick walk out along the 'Two Sisters Walking Track' at Broken Head where we walk around the headlands to a few secluded beaches. But this is extremely doubtful we will have time to do this and we will only do this if we finish the Byron part of the trip very, very early.

It is long drive there but it is so worthwhile. The views are stupendous – even if it is in NSW. So say goodbye to winter and hello to the summer season with a visit to Byron Bay. Only away for a day - but it will seem like a week.

The last time I did this trip was on Saturday 28th April 2012 and it rained on us all day but it was still a lovely trip.

The planned trip for this day was the Mt Warning trip but it is still closed hence the reason for the alternative trip to Cape Byron.

WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST BARNEY MASS OVERNIGHTER/DAY WALK

Leader: Russ Nelson 3374 3534
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.00 am.
Cost: \$20.00.
Grading: M67.
Nominations: 11 August.
Starting Time: 8.00am Yellowpinch

This will be the 53rd time that we have met to gather for the Annual Barney Mass and the priest this year will be Fr James Grant OFM Cap. There will be a group going up and down by Peasants Ridge as well others may chose to go up other ridges. The goal will be to gather at 12.45pm at the Mass site, about 15 minutes from the old Uni hut site. Aiming to have Mass at this time should allow us to get back to Yellowpinch without having to use our torches.

Some members have developed a custom of sleeping overnight at Larkin's – Mt Barney Lodge. If you want to do this come to the July meeting, and talk to others who want to do the same.

Come and take part in this tradition of the Club.

**FRIDAY 16th AUGUST
THE IRISH CLUB
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160
Address 171 Elizabeth St, Brisbane.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

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

For the month of August we are meeting at the Irish Club. The official name of the Club is the Irish Association of Queensland. We usually gather on the ground floor bar on the right hand side just past the entry. The Irish Club is a very nice establishment. The Irish Club is about 200 metres north of the Myer Centre. As it is a club you have to sign in.

The notable beers at the Irish Club are Harp, Guinness and Kilkeny. The society has a keen appreciation of the dark beers and this month we are in beer heaven as the Guinness and Kilkeny are superb dark beers.

The original aim of the JTS society was to find the best beer on tap in Brisbane (the founders still hold true to this aim) but it has become something more as it is a chance for Club members and friends to have a friendly gathering in town. I hasten to add that the JTS is not some type of subversive secret society it is just a genteel beer appreciation group but is actually a pluralistic society that has allowed a splinter group to develop namely the champagne and white wine appreciation society.

In summary the JTS meetings are a lovely excuse to come into town on a Friday night and feel the buzz of the city and meet up with a group of friends to share a drink, a meal and a chat. So come along and meet up with friends and discuss your next interstate trip or overseas trip and start dreaming about your next trips OS. In particular we are interested in those who have beer tasting reports from interstate and overseas locales.

So come along and have a good night in town.

**SATURDAY 17th AUGUST
TOOHEY FOREST WILDFLOWERS
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702,
0416 650160 or
philriver@optusnet.com.au
Meet at: Toohey Forest Carpark
on Toohey Road at Nathan
UBD ref Map 200 – ref D1
Time: 10.00 am.
Cost: \$2.00.
Grading: \$22.
Distance: About 8kms
Emerg Off: Susan Murray 5522 9702.

Toohey Forest is a remnant patch of bushland in the middle of suburbia. We will start on the western side of the forest and walk through to the eastern side. There are several patches of forest where we are totally cut-off from views of suburbia so it does have a sense of remoteness from time to time. We will also have a quick look at the university grounds and zip up to Mt Gravatt to enjoy the views over Brisbane.

The highlight of the day is to have a leisurely lunch at the new coffee shop called Echidna Magic. So bring some cash (\$20) for a coffee and a bite to eat.

The main purpose of the day is to look for and identify the wildflowers. In particular we should see the many pea flowers, several wattles and a few orchids.

Although it is an easy wildflower walk there are still a few hills and gullies to wander up and down. Make sure you bring the usual day-walk stuff. Because of the late start the expected finish time is 3ish.

If anyone needs to use Public Transport to get there – I can pick people up from the Upper Mt Gravatt bus station. Please ring and I will arrange a time to pick you up.

**SATURDAY 17th AUGUST
PLAY AT QUT THEATRE
SOCIAL**

Leader: Antonia Simpson 3857 3157

Details for this social are still being finalised by Antonia. There will be a general email sent out when the final details are known. Please contact Antonia if you require further information.

**19th AUGUST MONDAY
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 come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**FRIDAY TO MONDAY
5th to 8th OCTOBER
BLUE MOUNTAINS
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702,
0416 650160 or
philriver@optusnet.com.au

For the Labor Day weekend in early October I was planning on doing a trip to the Blue Mountains as they have some of the best track walks in Australia. The rough plan was to stay at Katoomba and do 3 walks.

Day 1 - A trip around Wentworth Falls and the 3 Sisters,

Day 2 – a trip around Blackheath and down to the Grand Canyon,

Day 3 – a trip around Springwood.

The plan was to fly down Friday afternoon and catch a train up to Katoomba. Stay the weekend and fly back on Tuesday. We will probably stay at a Youth hostel or similar. Some of the trips will probably be with the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club.

Please contact me if you are interested in coming. Approximate cost around \$400.

Airfares \$180

Hotel \$180

Train fares \$60

But it could be more.

I haven't heard from anyone if they are interested.

**FRIDAY TO WEDNESDAY
1st to 6th NOVEMBER
BOGONG HIGH PLAINS
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702,
0416 650160 or
philriver@optusnet.com.au

Meet at: Melbourne Tullarmarine Airport.

Time: 12.00 pm.

Cost: approx. \$150:00 in car pool cars plus airfares to Melbourne.

Grading: L66.

Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

This is a joint walk with Catholic Walking Club of Victoria. The plan is to visit the Bogong High Plains which are centred on the Falls Creek ski resort area. Despite the name we don't actually go to Mt Bogong which is about 20 kms to the north of the Bogong High Plains. A highlight of the trip is that we should get good views of Mt Feathertop and Mt Bogong.

The details of the walking route are obviously weather dependent but the preliminary itinerary is as follows

Friday – Fly to Melbourne – then drive to Mt Beauty – stay at ? – Tawonga Caravan Park,

Saturday – walk from Falls Creek to Roper's Hut. Visit Mt Nelse and Johnston's Hut,

Sunday – walk from Roper's Hut to Cope Hut – visit Edmonson Hut and Fitzgerald's Hut,

Monday – morning walk from Cope Hut to Tawonga Hut – set up tents,

Afternoon – walk out to Mt Fainter and back via the Niggerheads,

Tuesday – Tawonga Huts to Falls creek - via Mt Jim and Mt McKay – stay at ? – Tawonga Caravan Park,

Wednesday – drive back to Melbourne - then fly back to Brissie.

Hopefully there should be a few snow drifts still around. It is lovely country to walk with the low vegetation of the alpine grasslands with patches of snow gums. It should still be a fairly easy 4 day through walk, provided it doesn't snow – so we have to carry our goretex jackets and overpants to be on the safe side. The reason it is fairly easy is that we basically stay on top of the plateau for the whole weekend.

Contact me if you want any further details. We have 9 nominations for the trip so far. Room for one more. I did this trip in 2009 and we are going back while it is still fresh in my memory.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with much pleasure that I can announce that Terry Silk has been nominated for Life Membership by Maxine Brophy and this has been unanimously endorsed by the Committee. At our July meeting the special resolution will be put to the meeting to confer life membership. Terry has been our Treasurer for over 11 years continuously and is one of the most highly visible members and a past winner of Bushwalker of the Year. Terry's service to the Club has certainly been meritorious!

The committee is still working its way through a number of changes to the way the Club does things. The current status on issues I mentioned last month are -

Membership Subscription

The proposal is that membership fees will be at two levels, with a lower level being available to those who accept all our publications electronically. The lower rate would reflect the difference in the cost of printing and posting Jilalan. This still needs further discussion.

Fees for Outings and Socials

This proposal is still being considered.

- Nomination fee – This fee seeks to recover the cost of moneys spent in arranging a trip, the most common being the cost of pre-outings. For many outings there will be no nomination fee as no money is spent on pre-outings as the leader already knows the route. Similarly for Socials it will be rare that this type of fee will be charged as it is rare that a pre-outing is required. The size of the nomination fee will be determined by the Outings / Social Secretary consulting with the leader. This fee will replace the \$3 fee for attending an outing "privately".
- Transport fee – This is the way we reimburse drivers for using their cars. It will be, in the main, exactly the same as is currently in place. It is the committee's intention to review and publish once a year how we calculate the size of the fee and the way we reimburse drivers.
- Visitor fee – This would be charged for each outing attended, in addition to any Nomination fee and Transport fee. The suggested fee would be say one twelfth of the Annual Membership fee (printed

Jilalan rate). This would currently be \$3.33 which suggests some rounding might be appropriate such as \$3. One option being considered is that any fee paid could be offset against membership fees when application is made to join the Club. The administrative effort involved by both leaders and the Treasurer is a consideration. So Committee will have another look next month.

Mass

The proposal has been accepted, namely –

- Annual Mass and Dinner – Will be held on the Saturday, immediately after the Annual General Meeting on the third Monday in February. This Mass can easily be attended by all, irrespective of walking ability. This would be a convenient occasion to present awards etc and this allows us to revert back to the previous arrangement where the Annual Mass and Dinner and the AGM are close together. In the decision making process it was acknowledged that in some years that the Dinner will occur in Lent. It was hoped that members, in their preparation for Easter during Lent, will be able to accommodate the Annual Mass and Dinner during this time.
- Barney Mass – No change in date or arrangements. Continue to be held on the public holiday in mid-August, often called "Exhibition Wednesday". This walk can only be attended by those who are fit for a strenuous walk.

The celebrant for this year's Barney Mass will be Fr James Grant OFM Cap. Fr James is a young man and he supports the Parishes of South Brisbane, West End and Moorooka.

- Mass for Our Lady of the Way – This is a new Mass in the Club's calendar and would be held as close as possible to 16 October 2013. This Mass would be held in conjunction with a moderate walk which would appeal to those who do not attempt strenuous walks. The Outings Secretary will be asked to pick a suitable time and walk for this to occur.

Prayer on Walks

It was agreed that it be recommended that leaders on walks provide an opportunity for

prayer, either silent or public prayer. In order to assist leaders a listing of suitable prayers will be published on the Club's website for those leaders who would find this as a convenient source of information. This listing will not be prescriptive but would be offered as a source of support, especially for leaders who are not Catholic. I envisage this period of prayer taking a minute or two.

Attracting younger people to the Club

The Committee will be working through this issue for quite some time. Suggestions floating around include using paid advertising in print or electronic media, develop an "App" for BCBC, developing a "Young BCBC" as a separate but linked body. Your ideas would be much appreciated, especially if you could let a committee member know before 12 August, our next committee meeting.

Constitution

Phil Murray has developed a substantial document and it will take some time to work through the concepts in it before the Committee develops a clear view on the proposal.

Monthly Meetings becoming more attractive

At our July meeting – Monday 15 July 2013 – we have invited a speaker, namely Pam Drummond from U-Tracks (See <http://www.utracks.com/utau/>) and she will be speaking about their walking program in the northern hemisphere, especially Europe. Her talk will begin at 7.30pm to be followed by supper and then a brief meeting. The committee will use this experience as an indicator of whether similar activities should be held. One option is to dedicate every second meeting to talks from an invited speaker and social activities. This may require the Club to buy its own data projector to facilitate showing photographs.

Policy on Hunting in National Parks

The draft policy, as published in Jilalan, has been accepted as Club policy given there was no feedback suggesting there be any changes to the draft.

Feedback

Always welcome, especially before 12 August, our next committee meeting – nelhouse@bigpond.net.au – 0427 74 3534 or 3374 3534.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 20/5/13	\$4313.57
Plus Receipts	\$323.31
	\$4636.88
Less Payments	\$0.00
Balance 17/6/13	\$4636.88
Term Deposit	\$2621.08

Congratulations to Michele Foley and Chrissy Turner who won first and second prize respectively in our first raffle for the year. Chrissy continues the tradition of new members winning raffles. I am about to start selling tickets in our next raffle which also has two prizes with the first being a set of Denali walking poles and the second a first aid kit. Tickets are still a dollar each. Don't forget to see me to purchase your club t-shirt and/or metal badge before it is too late.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Barry Crawford, Paul Evans, Carol Kelly, Heike Krausse and Lynne Lucas are celebrating their birthdays this month. Recently, the club had an enquiry from Ester Elmes. Past member, Gabriel Romagueria was a welcome visitor on Michael's Lizard Point walk. Visitors are always most welcome to join us on any of our activities. John Blumke has just returned from spending some time in the Bunyas with his family. Lucy and Stephen Endicott have just spent some time overseas. Catherine Thomson recently visited North Queensland for a wedding. Kerriane Pearce has just spent some time in Central Australia. Michael Simpson and Paul Evans recently did a walk in the Katherine Gorge.

Br Des Phillips death, 24th June 2013. He was the founder of the Little Kings Movement at Buranda. He was 90 yrs of age and was a Marist Brother. Would BCBC members please include Br Des in their prayers.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

Well what a successful Queen's Birthday weekend we had with the visit of the Victorian Catholics. Phil developed a great series of walks for our visitors to enjoy. He certainly showcased the splendour of Southern Queensland. I was fortunate to walk with Allan Rose when we descended Mt Maroon on the

Saturday via a southern ridge and part of the Golden Staircase. He seemed to love the experience. It was a shame the weather didn't cooperate but apparently the Victorians felt at home. It appears Greg excited his walkers with Spotto during his Paddington walk on the same weekend. I led two walks during June and both lived up to expectations. Lizard Point is an iconic destination and we had a magnificent day to take in the endless views albeit was a little chilly. Similarly the weather behaved when we visited Mt Castle. Unfortunately we couldn't stay as long as we would have liked on top as a road closure added 10kms to the walk but there is always another day. The combined walk with BOSQ led by Jonas was a huge success. He had 28 walkers (5 BCBC members) on the easy stroll along the Acacia Plateau. It was great to see old friends from other clubs including the Gold Coast Bushies.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
June 7/10	Larkin's	Phil	BC	13
June 8	Mt Maroon	Phil	DW	13
June 9	SE Ridge	Phil	DW	10
June 9	North Ridge	Justin	DW	4
June 10	Club Hut	Justin	DW	10
June 8	Paddington	Greg	DW	11
June 15	Lizard Point	Michael	DW	6
June 16	Acacia Plateau	Jonas	DW	5
June 22	Mt Castle	Michael	DW	6

Next month, Ivan will lead his first walk for the club so let's all get out and support him on this relatively easy walk in a rarely visited area. The annual Shepherd's Walk is on again, one of Terry's favourites as well Justin's well supported train trips into the Glass House Mountains. Matthew is finishing his Main Range through walk, ruined by rain last year and I will be continuing my aim to complete the main range in day walks. Unfortunately I will have only room for 5 on the walk due to logistical issues. There are three (3) fairly easy walks on this month, Desley's Somerset Trail and Phil's Cape Byron and Toohey Forest walks. But of course the Barney Mass is in August, a very important occasion for the club. Make an effort to get there if you are fortunate to work in Brisbane or even if you aren't.

I recently went walking with a former member, Phil Kearns, in North Queensland. He mapped out a great week of walking from Bartle Frere to the Mt Spec NP. This was after a week of walking in the NT with Paul. It was hard to come back to Brisbane and work.

It isn't long before next walks programme will be put together so if anyone would like to

nominate a walk they want to do next year, let me know. I will put it in my future walks file.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have had 0 members from last year rejoin this month and 0 new member join. Total Members as at 30 June 2013 is 98.

Just as a note for nominating for trips can I ask members to nominate for walks very early. I spoke to Ivan Mort about his forth coming trip to Beau Brummell a week out from his walk and I was the first nomination he had. I had heard that several other were going on the trip but obviously we hadn't told the leader yet. As a way to keep the leaders of trips enthused can I ask members to nominate early and preferably as much as a month before the trip to keep the leaders energized and keen.

On the Barney walk we had a visitor named Ben Sotiriadis and he was an excellent walker, we hope to see him on more walks.

There has been a motion put forward to grant Terry Silk Life Membership. He is a very worthy candidate as he has been a tireless walker for the club for nearly two decades and he has done so many walks for the club each year that we were compelled to arrange a yearly prize the Most Walks award to recognise his achievements each year. Plus there are the other little things he does for the Club, in particular I love how he does the posting of the magazines each month and there are often little receipts and notes tucked in between the pages – he does little things like this all the time for the Club). The motion needs to be passed by a special resolution at a general meeting to grant him Life Membership. I highly recommend this significant award should be bestowed to Terry. Please take the opportunity to show your appreciation and come along to the meeting and vote in favour of this motion so that you can say later on that I was at the meeting that voted for the motion to grant him Life Membership.

As far as I am aware The Club at present has 7 life members: Willie Hayes (a club Founder), Pat Lawton, Greg Endicott, Russ Nelson, John Carter, Justin Tobin and Susan Tobin
See you on the track.

PAST EVENTS

CLUB HUT SUNDAY 17th MARCH DAY WALK

After the recent rains, we were blessed with a beautiful autumn day for our annual pilgrimage to the club hut. 10 members and 2 visitors made their way down to the Lower Portals car park to start the short walk into the club hut.

The track in places had been gouged out by water but was in good condition considering the recent rain. The grass trees were spectacular.

We once again passed the overnigheters with huge packs crammed full and weighing heavily on their shoulders. They described spending a pleasant evening in the hut the night before.

Once again, the lantana had been cleared enough to allow for an easy walk into the hut. Morning tea was enjoyed before a few brave souls crossed the creek and wandered down to the swimming hole for a refreshing swim.

All too soon it was time to make our way back to the cars. On our way home we stopped at Beaudesert for refreshments before we said goodbye and made our way back to Red Hill.

Thanks to Jonas B, Pat L, Terry S, Ellen (visitor), Paddy T, Richard J, Trevor K, Sophie R, Therese A, Julie-Anne Williamson and Justin T for making the day so enjoyable.

NORTH COAST MOUNTAINS SATURDAY 1st JUNE DAY WALK

Where is Walli Mountain? Do you really want to know?

It is one of the smaller North Coast Mountains at 459 mtrs near Kenilworth in the Walli State Forest. With no time to do a pre-outing, it was the replacement walk for Cooroy, no worries we'll be right. Ten of us set off under a cloudy sky to explore this peak, new to all of us. It was not a good start when you walk into a wall of Lantana and have to retreat and start again. Following the fence to the ridge was going well until we hit that Lantana again, but with Peter in front and the leader looking after the tail we managed to push through it and got out to the ridge, well done troops. The views out to the west, towards the Connondales and Mt Allen were clouded in. We continued onwards and upwards to the top for a late morning tea at

12.00. Now to get back down, on the way up we passed a gate and possible road down, once we got through the lantana near the fence, it was just follow the road to the cars, where were you on the way up? Mt Walli is now off the tick list. The next trip could be missing ten walkers. Lunch was in the park but not before Terry stopped the lead car heading to Montville for coffee. The afternoon walk was to Mt Cooran at 279 mtrs, a more friendly Mountain, just follow the fence, skirt around the cliff line and wander up for those views over the hinterland and out to the coast. We had afternoon tea and named the mountains around us before heading down to just beat the rain to the cars. Coffee at Cooran to finish an interesting day on another two of the North Coast Mountains.

Thanks to Michele Johns, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk, Russell and Louise Jones, Peter Constable, Ray Rowe, Julie-Ann Williamson and our visitor Ariadna Villamizar who was on her second walk with us. I hope Mt Cooran made up for the scunge on Walli.

MT BARNEY WEEKEND OR CWCV* visits BCBC FRIDAY TO MONDAY 7th TO 10th JUNE BASE CAMP/DAY WALKS

Since 2004 the 'Brisbane mob' has been attending CWCV Cup Weekend walks, and our club has had an open invitation to walk in Qld. So Jan, Alan, Bernie and Judith, Ineen, Mel and I assembled on the Friday afternoon, at "Larkins" (aka as Mt Barney lodge) which is adjacent to the Mt Barney NP. provided with 8 pages of every imaginable detail (track notes, driving details, flora, photos etc) as well as individual maps, we looked forward to 3 day walks - an easy medium warm up, medium hard and then an easy warm down.

Saturday saw us accompanied by Phil, Justin and John (a count of 11 all up) at 8 to climb Mt Maroon which from the valley looked very steep and rocky, and it was. With memories of the staircase to Mt Bogong, we walked through open dry gum forest with small patches of remnant rainforest and we climbed (occasionally on a faint track) the north west ridge, with some interesting scrambling up 'the gully' and after 650 metres of climbing, all 10 of us made it to the summit (yes a recount) at 967m. At the summit we met with 2 other BCBC members (Michael and Peter) who were going down the alternative route called the

Golden Staircase. The spirit of adventure called Allan and Justin and they were off on the hard route. We had superb views and some cloud for much of the way, and then retracing our steps we arrived back at 2.30. After chilling out, 6.00pm saw us at Mass at Rathdowney with Fr Pat Doran (yes Irish) the gospel delivered by heart and from the heart, and a sermon with a twinkle in his eye. A mob of Queenslanders joined us at the local pub for dinner

Sunday with Phil, Ben, Chrissie and Veronica and 5 Victorians (minus Alan and Judith) set out at 7.40 from the Yellow Pinch car park at 220m (actually on a track) for a few k and then started climbing the south east ridge to Mt Barney. This time memories were of the NW (Tom Kneen) Spur to Feathertop with little track, very steep in parts and a continuous climb. After some very interesting scrambling, abrupt drops and wonderful views, we crossed the summit plateau to reach the true summit The East Peak (1351m at 1.45pm). A brief lunch and then we started the descent past Mass Rock. Yes! the Brisbane Club has its annual mass there!!

Feeling for a moment like the privileged class, and eventually finding a track we descended to a reality check onto Peasant's Ridge. A steep descent, with rocky sections and some rock slabs. Just on dark (5.30) we came to the track proper with a gradual descent to the cars at 7.15 pm. Eleven hours plus of walking and a 1100 metre plus climb we thought was a hard day. Judith did some rewarding day walks

However while we were on Barney 3 Queenslanders, Michael, Justin and John and our Alan (by nature adventurous) attempted the North Ridge. John and Justin turned back, and Alan and Michael made it to the summit of North Peak (1229m). Daunted by the scramble to the saddle and the climb to the true summit, they decided to descend down Rocky Creek. After 46 hours of severe scrambling, much rope work and a bad fall, Alan (AKA Bear Grills) battered, bruised and bleeding and Michael (unscathed) emerged at the car park at 6pm.

Monday saw Jan and Phil leave early and 6 Victorians and Phil, Justin, John, Michael, Russ Jan and Kath start our easy day walk (Qld grading) to the club Club Hut. Naturally this started with 3 river crossings and some scrambling to eventually a track along Barney Creek to the Lower Portals. A brief climb up a rock chimney brought us to a beautiful large and very deep pool, flanked by tall cliffs and a waterfall that swimmers slide down in warmer weather. Undeterred Justin had a brief swim as

did Judith (accidently) on the way out. Our return included a river crossing to the Club Hut (Yalburru) then up a dry open wooded spur to the cars.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Phil and the others the work that went into organizing the trip and in particular for making us feel welcome. But it is not over yet. 9 Queenslanders have already booked their flights to Melbourne for Tom's Cup Weekend walk AND ITS NOT YET ON THE PROGRAM. Mel explained why, "when they come to Victoria they get to walk on tracks"

Adrian Jones

Those on the walks

Mt Maroon (Saturday) – Phil Murray (leader), Justin Tobin, John Hood, Michael Simpson, Peter Constable and the CWCV walkers, Adrian Jones, Mel Chua, Allan Rose, Ineen McIndoe, Jan Wilkinson, Bernie and Judith O'Shea.

Mt Barney (Sunday) – up South East and down South – Phil Murray (leader), Veronica Forsyth, Chrissie Turner, Ben Sotiriadis (visitor) and the CWCV walkers, Adrian Jones, Mel Chua, Ineen McIndoe, Jan Wilkinson and Bernie O'Shea.

Mt Barney (Sunday) – up North and down Rocky Creek – Justin Tobin (leader), Michael Wood, John Hood and Allan Rose (CWCV).

Club Hut (Monday) – Justin Tobin (leader), Russ and Jan Nelson, Michael and Cathy Wood and the CWCV walkers, Adrian Jones, Mel Chua, Bernie and Judith O'Shea and Allan Rose.

Spare a thought for Chris Rahmann a Club member who now lives in Townsville. Chris has never climbed Mt Barney and this trip was a great chance to do it and he had bought his plane tickets and was all packed and ready to go. He rang me 20 minutes before his plane from Townsville was due to go. I thought he was ringing to confirm the details for the trip from Brisbane to Larkins. But the news was bad, his lift to the airport hadn't turned up and there was no way he could get there in time. . So he missed the trip to Barney. Don't worry Chris we will do the trip again next year just so you can do Mt Barney. We might do Savages Ridge to West Peak next year. Now that is a trip to remember.

There is actually a clause in our Club's constitution to encourage this link with other Club's as follows

2. The objects for which the Association is established are:

- 2.04 To encourage interaction with organisations and persons having similar interests and objectives

*Catholic Walking Club of Victoria

LIZARD POINT SATURDAY 15th JUNE DAY WALK

With the Head Road closed we had a very scenic drive to Teviot Gap via the White Swamp Gate and Head Gate Road. It was interesting to see Wilson's Peak from another vantage point as well as Acacia Plateau, the venue for Sunday's walk, in front of us. We continued through the gate to the parking spot and headed off along the old road. We were taking a different route up, the Middle Ridge, rather than the usual way along the suite of the old rabbit fence. This is a much quicker and easier route and had us at the Steamers Lookout on the rump of Mt Roberts in no time. The weather was perfect until we hit the top when a strong southerly hit us and boy was it cold. We went quickly through the cliffs on the western side of Roberts and on Lizard Point arriving in time for an early and leisurely lunch. The rain the previous day had settled the haze and we were rewarded with stunning views. These were the best views I'd had from Lizard Point. No wonder we come back here year after year. I looked longingly at Heartbreak Ridge wondering when I'll finally get down it as well as getting perfect views of the next two walks, Mt Castle and Beau Brummel.



We eventually decided we had to leave as we were taking a detour on the way back and wanted to get out before dark. We headed back

to the Roberts saddle where we headed down the Bell-Roberts ridge looking for the old road that would take us to the escarpment. We followed the escarpment down as it dropped towards Teviot Falls or are the second falls Teviot Falls, the debate continues. There is a small landslip just upstream from the falls but that did little to stop us as we paused to look out over the falls towards Wilson's and the Head Road. You could see why the road was closed as there was about a 100m landslip below the road and undoubtedly has made the

road unstable. There is a small bathtub of water at the end which I doubt even Justin could swim in but I'm sure he'd try. It was now but a short walk back to the cars arriving just on 5pm.

What a great day. Lizard Point at its best. No wonder I come back here year after year. My thanks to the five walkers who joined me and I hope they enjoyed themselves. The walkers were Karen, Peter, Gabe, Russ and Jan.

ACACIA PLATEAU SUNDAY 16th JUNE DAY WALK

First of all I would like to thank our bus driver Nev McMannim (G.C.B.C.) and John Edenborough for all his support in offering to drive his vehicle to assist with this trip. As it turned out we ended up with a 36 seater bus instead of a smaller one.

With the rumbling of the bus outside my home at 5.30 a.m. we soon had 9 cars parked in my yard – a total of 24 walkers on board with one pick up in Boonah.

Our skillful driver soon had us winding through our scenic route, along Carneys Creek Road. En route he spotted a family of 6 roos and another 2 having a boxing match.

Once through the Boonah Border Gate we headed along White Swamp Road and on to Spring Creek Road. We passed Moss Gardens and shortly after everyone eagerly alighted from the bus to brilliant sunshine and calm conditions.

At this point it was great to see Michael Simpson co-leader (B.C.B.C.) and Peter Constable arrive after having climbed Lizard Point the previous cold and windy day. Thanks to John Edenborough and Nev McMannim for offering to drive Michael's car to the end of the walk.

While we were preparing for the walk I noticed Margaret Keys sitting on the ground, struggling to get her outer leg pants over her boots, so in my enthusiasm to assist her, I pulled hard on the end of her pants and she ended up lifting her legs into the air, to everyone's amusements and comical comments (like a hen on its back – legs dangling up!!). Sorry for the embarrassment – but it was comical.

After introductions, 28 walkers with 6 (G.C.B.W.) 19 (B.O.S.Q.) and 3 (B.C.B.C.) (with Pat and myself members of both clubs) we moved off along the border fence to Killarney.

We had magnificent views and before long Wilsons Peak were behind us. The recent showers, and the fact that the cattle had churned the red mud up, made various sections of the ground along the fence awaked to walk on. The walkers were opening and shutting gates, scrambling over the through fences - always someone assisting - great for the leader who was sometimes at the back!!

Our morning tea break was welcomed with Di Thornthwaite and Margaret Pascoe offering to be the tail - I wonder why - puff! puff!

An early lunch provided us with wide open expansive views. The ground had recently been ploughed right up to the border fence and the potatoes harvested. The border fence provided a back rest for the 28 walkers - an interesting sight stretching a long way along the fence. With only one way to go to the bush toilets the walkers headed across the ploughed paddock - returning with comments like "Oh, I didn't see you there" or "where did you come from" hand . "Dear me - the people you meet down there".

After lunch Michael Simpson read a poem written by Justin Tobin (B.C.B.C.) called "The great Divide on the Great Divide" which related to a previous trip along the fence led by Pat. Everybody was delighted with it.

Sometime between our tea break and lunch John Edenborough and endeavored to meet up with us via an alternative road or track, but unfortunately missed us.

As we walked along the silence and beauty of the wide open undulating hills, with the lush green grass in the grazing properties, was everywhere. Revealed in the distance stretching towards the horizon where the familiar peaks of Lindesay, Barney and Clunie with Bald Rock to the south. It became apparent to me how the serenity and beauty of the countryside was pleasing everybody and comments were made "if only we could camp here for the weekend".

On our final ridge and steep descent towards the Killarney Tick Gate we saw the bus waiting. On this section a koala was spotted in a gum trees directly above us.

Thanks to Michael Simpson for co-leading and Peter Constable and to Liz Tanner, who became my financial assistant in helping to collect the fare for the bus hire. Thanks to Nev and John and to Pat for e-mailing this article.

What a wonderful time had by all.

THE GROOVE TRAIN BAR FRIDAY 21st JUNE JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Well we won't be going back to the Groove Train Bar in a hurry. The service was good in a bad way. The service was incessant. They constantly wanted to take our order and despite several times suggesting we would like to wait they were back every 5 minutes. You couldn't have a drink in peace. Plus they wanted to enforce the house rule of one bill per table for the food. Well we fixed that when we went to the cashier and ordered from there. Whatever happened to the rule that the customer is always right?

Anyhow I shouldn't harp as it wasn't all bad. At least we got a table and the food was good and the beers were good. But we just felt hassled as they made you feel as though we were in their way and wanted us out as soon as possible. It was just as well that we had a plan to go to a second venue that evening.

So at 6.45 pm we moved en masse. There was a break in the rain and we traipsed across King George Square and up past the Town Hall to the arcade where we found the German Sausage Hut. We were a bit early and the service was fantastic. Richard the owner moved heaven and earth to fit in 12 eager people. We were squeezed but on a very cool June evening it was nice and comfy. The food was typical German fare. Several of us had the bratwurst sausage. They were excellent. Others had the wurst and bangers and mash. The consensus was we would come back here again. The beers were excellent especially the Erdinger Dunkel a beautiful dark ale with hints of coffee, malt and chocolate. The service was excellent and I just loved the practice of serving the beers in special glasses for each type of beer. We are definitely going back again next year.

MT CASTLE SATURDAY 22nd JUNE DAY WALK

What a magnificent day to be walking. The sky was cloud free and the temperature was low. It was a perfect Queensland winters day. It was one day off of the winter solstice and we had a hard walk ahead of us. So you can imagine my annoyance when we discovered the Lookout Road was closed due to wet weather. This annoyance turned to curses when we walked the road. It was in better condition than the road

in, WHS gone insane. This added 2½ hours to the day so it was all stops out as we headed up the 5km to the start of the walk, leaving at 9.45am. With the rain clearing the sky you can imagine the views from Sylvester's Lookout, incredible. Mt Barney was quite clear even with her short skirt on (this had even disappeared by the afternoon).



The track off to Laidley Falls is still very clear but unfortunately the lookout just after the start has finally overgrown so we didn't linger. Even

the raspberry patch was still open as we wandered along. This is a beautiful area to walk through and I was even looking forward to the bracken a little further on. We lost the track in places but that just gave us the opportunity to take in the pristine rain forest. The Laidley Campsite is full of ticks so we gave it a wide berth and headed straight down to the cliffline. What cliffline? There has been a large landslide right next to the cliffs which made the scramble down a slippery dirt hillside an exciting affair. The falls were flowing quite strongly much to Terry's annoyance as we had to walk under them. We were soon at 'Hole-in-the-Wall' arriving just on noon.

I realised that we would easily make Mt Castle so after a short morning tea break we pushed on. All but Pete and I summited Boars Head as we headed to the razorback. Whilst there is some exposure the length of the razorback is short and we were soon all safely over. The views from there though are amazing, from the Mistake Mountains and the Laidley valley to the Fassifern valley and points beyond. All our walking destinations were in front of us, even Ivan's first lead Beau Brummel. It was now a matter of traversing the cliff line until we could safely climb to the summit which we reached around 1pm. Mission accomplished Terry (his first successful summit of Castle completed). After a shortish lunch where some took the opportunity to descend to the rocky lookout to the south we retraced our steps arriving back at the road before dusk. We didn't reach the cars until after dark but that didn't matter as we had a good surface below our feet.

This was another great day and I can't think of a better way to spend a winter's day. My thanks to the five walkers who joined me and I hope

they enjoyed themselves. The walkers were Karen, Terry, Peter, Chrissie and Russell.

A NORTHERN SOJOURN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 24th TO 29th JUNE THROUGH WALK

It's winter in the Northern Territory and so a winter climate is expected. Not so. The Northern Territory actually only has two seasons, a wet one and a dry one. Now is the time for their dry season. Which means hotter temperatures but lower humidity which makes for difficult walking.

After a three hour drive from Darwin we arrived at the campground at Katherine Gorge but not before coming across a young Buffalo on the road just before the National Park. I also saw a rabbit but the ranger later told me that there were no rabbits in that part of the NT. The next day we packed up and started walking. There are nine (9) gorges that make up Katherine Gorge and we were walking down to the eighth. The track is well established with water tanks every few kilometres. There are also detours to several of the gorges along the way; one of which we visited on our return. At the last water tank I came across a pair of donkeys so except for the tame wallabies in the campground I had not seen a native animal since I arrived. The countryside was very dry and rocky which was to be expected but with the red rock everywhere it had a beauty of its own and you never tire of walking through it. Just before the eighth gorge there are examples of Aboriginal Art which makes for an interesting detour. The campsite is on a sandy beach beside a small waterhole and of course swimming in it was compulsory. The ranger had assured us there were no snapping lizards in the gorge so Paul walked down to the gorge for a swim. Unfortunately my boots expired just before we arrived and I needed to find tape to fix them before I was going anywhere.

The next day we left early and returned along the same track until we reached the Butterfly Gorge turnoff. This is a spectacular narrow gorge that runs down to the second gorge and is full of butterflies as the name implies. We had a swim in the cool waters of the second gorge before returning to the campground. We needed to be in Pine Creek a 100kms up the road where we were going to settle down in a Maroon pub and watch the second state of origin.

The next day we headed back up the road for another 100kms or so before turning off to Litchfield National Park. We were walking the Tabletop Track which is a 39km circuit around the main tableland of the park. Florence Falls offered the quickest entry to the walk some 1.4kms from the car park. We were walking south for the first 12.4kms through moist country but unlike Katherine Gorge where it was just hot, here was very hot and humid. I was very pleased when we reached our campsite placed beside a beautiful cascade, the murmuring of the water lulling you to sleep.

The next day was our big day, 21.3kms back to the north of the walk again. The first part followed the creek with numerous swimming holes, one of which we swam in for quite a while before dragging ourselves away as we still had some 11kms to go. The terrain now changed as we moved into the western side. It was very dry and fire was always on our minds. In addition all the creeks we now crossed were also dry making water a priority. We continued on to the designated campsite believing that they would not site a camp spot that didn't have water. We were right to some degree but the water was barely flowing. Lucky we carried a water purifier. It was bed early tonight before the mosquitoes carried us away.

The next day was a simple 7.8km walk back to the car but it still took us nearly 4 hours to complete. Back to Batchelor for a great takeaway before heading back to Darwin and our flight to Cairns for the next section of our walking.

MT BARTLE FRERE SUNDAY 30th JUNE DAY WALK

Mt Bartle Frere is Queensland's highest mountain at 1622m. It lies 70kms south of Cairns in the Wooroonooran National Park. It can be climbed from two (2) directions. The most common route is from Josephine Falls but the easiest route is along a track not far from Malanda which is situated on the Atherton Tableland. The difference is that you start 300m higher. For those interested Mt Bellenden Ker is Queensland's second highest mountain at 1593m and Mt Superbus is third.

We left Cairns early and drove up the infamous Gillies Highway and were on the track just on 8am. The track wandered through rain forest climbing steadily for nearly 6kms to the North West Peak at 1476m and we thought we must



be close. There is a campsite there and as we'd been climbing for 3 hrs we took a break. In fact we still had a long way to go as we wandered over knoll

after knoll to the Western Summit camp which has a permanent water supply, a running creek. We did however get some views along this section of both the actual summit and the southern and northern valleys. We now had 170m left to climb through a challenging boulder field to reach the top, 5hrs after we started. The top is covered with foliage but there was a boulder you could stand on to get good views south and east. In fact I was sure I could see Broken Nose on the eastern flank of the mountain.

It was now just a matter of retracing our steps to the car which we did one hour quicker and were out well before dark. We stayed overnight in Malanda and had one of the best surf & turf meals I've had in a while and it was cheap.

Thanks Phil for researching the route and making the climb possible. It was well worth the effort.

PALUMA AREA MONDAY TO SATURDAY 1st TO 6th JULY THROUGH WALK

Phil had organised two great walks for us over the week. But first we needed to drive south stopping only to take in some wonderful scenery and some great waterfalls. We spent the first night in the Hidden Valley Resort some 24kms from the township of Paluma. Its claim to fame is that it is solely solar powered but this is somewhat of an overstatement as the cooking and hot water comes from gas. Our walking started a few kilometres down the road from the residence of an old tin miner. We followed a creek, Harper's Creek, to its source before dropping down to a beautiful creek, Puzzle Creek at a spot known locally as Cable Pool. What a beautiful place. It was such a contrast to the dry country we had been walking through to get there. It was now a three hour rock hop down the creek to our campsite on a sandy beach beside the creek. This was not easy carrying a through pack but the beauty of the place made you forget the weight.

The next day was an easy stroll down the creek to the junction with Running River. But first you

pass through a place known as Peter's Gate which is a hole in a block of granite, reminiscent of our 'Hole-in-the-Wall'. From here we wandered along a ridge until we could drop to a spectacular set of falls a little distance upstream of Running River from the confluence with Puzzle Creek. Time for lunch and a nap before heading across country back to our campsite.

Unfortunately all good things come to an end as we left Puzzle Creek and headed back to our car. After a stop in Paluma for lunch we headed up to Paluma Dam and our last walk. This was to be a 2 night stopover in a hut known as Wilfred's Hut situated in on a miner's lease in the middle of Mt Spec National Park. From the dam it is a two hour walk along fire trails and walking tracks all pretty much maintained by Wilfred. We were only 20kms or so down the road from where we had been walking but the terrain was markedly different. We were now in the wet tropics whereas before we were in the dry tropics. The lawyer vine up here is bigger than ours but is still a nuisance. Wilfred's Hut has to be seen to be believed. It has a bunk house where six can sleep and a combined kitchen/dining area with tables and chairs. It even has running water as well as a fire that can be used to heat a boiler and provide hot showers. There are two toilets provided as well as a swimming hole. All the luxuries of home. It was to be our home for the next two nights.

The next day we wandered the tracks around the hut exploring the old tin mines and equipment left behind as well as summiting Mt Spec. It has the same views as Mt Superbus by the way. Back to the hut for lunch before Phil and Paul went off exploring whilst I relaxed and read a magazine. An early start the next day as we headed back to our car and onto Townsville and home.

This had been a terrific two weeks of walking and I can't thank Paul and Phil for organising it.

COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE SOCIAL

Six members met at the Coffee Club, Stones Corner on a memorable evening in Queensland's history – Kevin Rudd was re-elected prime minister and the Maroons soundly defeated the Blues in the second State of Origin match. These events were certainly discussed on the night but the conversation ranged over many other topics as well.

We were elated to find that meals were half price on Wednesday evenings – many thanks to our leader Michael (absent on holidays) for thinking of us when arranging the outing. Our waitress for the night was wearing a Blues jersey but this didn't impact adversely on her service. Food and beverages were also of a high standard.

Thanks to those who supported this coffee night on the Southside – Graham, Russ, Jan, Greg, Michele, and Tracey.

A REPLY

Once again we are asking the question, when should we have the annual Mass and Dinner? A question I thought that was debated and answered by a previous committee and the club members. Unfortunately the AGM usually is held during Lent, next year being an exception as Easter is late, 20 April. The change was made as the club members thought if holding the dinner during Lent stopped members from dining with their friends after the Mass, we should look for an alternative date, if it only affects one person it is one too many. Rather than a change for change sake and a date that had no meaning, the opportunity was taken to Honour Our Lady of the Way which has her Feast Day on the 24 May. A chance to pray for the new committee welcome the new club year and have Mass for our Patron Saint. For me nothing has changed except Our Lady of the Way's Feast Day is now supposed to be 16 October. If this is correct why can't we continue to have the Annual Mass on the Saturday closest to the 24 May and have another Mass in October? If you can convince me we would not be the only Catholic Organisation honouring Our Lady of the Way on this date I would be willing to organise it each year. The Lady of the Way Parishes I have been able to contact throughout Australia are still using the 24 May, which could mean it is a recent change and it hasn't been noted yet or the Parishes haven't heard about it and are continuing on as they have always have. We could always move the AGM to May. Let us continue to pray to Our Lady for Guidance. Justin



AROUND THE RIDGES

5-7 Oct Great Noosa Trail Walk

www.greatnoosatrailwalk.com.au

This walking event is a 3 day journey through the natural and cultural landscape of the Noosa hinterland known as "Noosa Country". The walk uses the existing Noosa hinterland trail network, linking our hinterland towns with national parks and picturesque farmlands.

The walk is arranged so that camping gear is transported for walkers to each night's destination. A nightly entertainment program is also included in the walk, including at the iconic Majestic Theatre in Pomona. The event is low cost, with proceeds being distributed directly to local community groups and support businesses, as well as deliberately championing our existing Noosa Trail Network.

The Glossy Walking Magazines

Wild Magazine – vol 136 – released late June

The main points of interest are

- The Cover photo - a group crossing the Bogong High Plains with the Rocky Creek Dam in the background.
- Article on the Crosscut Saw- there were detailed track notes (see page 60) for the Crosscut Saw trip that followed much of

the trip we did last year on the Cup Weekend Walk. But they went down the Howqua Spur track whereas we went up that ridge.

Outdoors Magazine

The latest magazine July/August – released late June has several articles of interest. The main points of interest are

- Maria Island – track notes about the walks on Maria Island
- New Zealand great walks – excellent article with track notes about the following iconic walks in kiwi land.
 1. Tongariro Northern circuit
 2. Abel Tasman track
 3. Heaphy Trck
 4. Routeburn Track
 5. Milford Track
 6. Rakiura Track
 7. Kepler track.
- The article has about one page description of each walk and rather than a map includes a walking profile to show the elevation gain and descent to highlight the main features of the walk. A must read for those interested in going walking in NZ and those who just want to know a bit more about these walks.

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

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