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**AUGUST 2013** 

Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Туре	Grade
Jul 19	JTS – Lock'n'Load Bistro	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20 24	Shepherd's Walk Coffee Night – Gino's Restaurant	Terry Michael	3355 9765 3351 3810	DW Soc	M34
27	Colonial Ball	Matthew	3876 8125	Soc	
27	Glass House Mountain Circuit	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M34
Aug 3 3/4	Spicer's Gap to Lemon Tree Lemon Tree to Teviot Gap	Michael Matthew	3351 3810 3876 8125	DW TW	M57 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	Mt Huntley	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M46
28	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
31	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M33
Sep 7	Stinson Wreck/Point Lookout	Peter	3205 5982	DW	M57
8	Kate Quinlan by the Beach	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
13/15	Pilgrimage	Michael	3351 3810	BC	Var
14	Picnic at Pemberley	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	T GI
16	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
20	JTS – Elephant & Wheelbarrow	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21/22		Anne	3356 5431	Soc	
	Burleigh Stay + Sunday Markets				044
21	Tugun to Burleigh	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S11
28	Norman Park to Mt Gravatt	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	M11
28	Riverfire	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
28/29	Border Fence	Needed		TW	
Oct 6	Casuarina Beach to Pottsville	Graham	3371 9623	DW	
12	Tibrogargan/Coochin Hills	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
13	Brisbane Open House	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	JTS – MJ's	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19	West End to North Shore	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
20	Mass on Macleay	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
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	3331 3010	Soc	
Nov 1/6	Victorian Alps	Phil	5522 9702	TW	
3	Tooloona Circuit		5498 7112	DW	
		Peggy			
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	Upper Portals	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
7	Christmas Party	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
8	Bohgaban Falls	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
14/21	South Coast Track	Peter	3205 5982	TW	XL77
16	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
18	Christmas Lights			Soc	
20	JTS – Coffee Club Riverside	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
26	Boxing Day Walk			DW	
28	New Farm to South Bank	Graham	3371 9623	DW	
31	New Year's Eve Event	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	
51	The Calendar is subject to			300	

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 T	ypes
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D/W	Day Walk	1∕₂ <b>D/W</b>	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	<ol> <li>Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat</li> </ol>
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10- 15km per day	<b>3</b> - 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
	<b>4</b> - 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	<b>5</b> - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	<ul><li>5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to</li><li>450m gain/loss per day. Agility required</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping</li> </ul>	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
Extra Long Over 20 km per day	1 0	<ul> <li>7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to</li> <li>750m gain/loss per day. High fitness.</li> <li>Endurance and agility required</li> </ul>
	8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	<ul> <li>8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness.</li> <li>Endurance and agility required</li> </ul>
	<b>9</b> - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	<ul> <li>9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking.</li> <li>Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required</li> </ul>

**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/LeadersGuideV <u>5-02-06.html</u>

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.

### FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Kilkenny. The society has a keen appreciation of the dark beers and this month we are in beer heaven as the Guinness and Kilkenny 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:	S22.
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 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST PLAY AT QUT THEATRE SOCIAL

Leader:	Antonia Simpson 3857 3157
Address:	Gardens Theatre in QUT
	Gardens Point
Time:	7.30 pm
Meet:	In the foyer at approx. 7.00pm
Cost:	Adults \$25.00;
	Concessions \$15.00



The bookings have been made and paid for as per the email. But if you would like to go you will need to ring/go online to book and pay. The number is 3138 4455 and the site address is <u>www.gardenstheatre.qut.edu.au</u>. Let me know if you are successful so we know to expect you. Seating is limited.

### 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST MT HUNTLEY DAY WALK

Leader:	Michael Simpson 3351 3810	
	or 0409 620714	
Meet at:	St. Brigid's, Red Hill.	
Time:	6.00 am.	
Cost:	\$20.00.	
Grading:	M46.	
Dist: 7.5kms, Ascent: 602m, Descent: 602m		
Emerg Off:	Greg Endicott 3351 4092.	

We will visit yet another beautiful section of the Main Range. This walk is all ridge walking along open clear tracks. Did I say tracks? I mean bush tracks, sometimes there and sometimes not. Only the top of Huntley has any scunge and it is minimal.

The walk starts from the Lemon Tree which is near the source of Swan Creek. We will follow the creek briefly before heading up an open ridge which takes us to the Huntley-Sentinel Ridge. Once there we will begin to have views along the Main Range and points west. The ridge now gets steeper with rocky outcrops to bypass. Once we reach Huntley proper there is a tricky cliff line we need to ascend (we also need to descend it on the way back which can be even trickier). Once on top it is now just a matter of wandering through pretty banksias and wattles until we reach the top which is an established campsite.

We return the same way. So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for a longish day walk, water, food etc.

### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader:Michael Simpson 3351 3810 or<br/>0409 620714.Meet at:Coffee Club, 283 Given Terrace,<br/>Paddington.Time:6.00 to 6.30pm for dinner or<br/>7.30pm for coffee.Cost:Your choice – visit their website<br/>for their menu.

Web: <u>http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/paddington</u> Emerg Off: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.

We are more central this month. I'm back this month after missing the last two due to walking commitments. I'm looking forward to catching us with people and getting all the goss. Check out the Coffee Club's menu and join me for a relaxed night. Come with some ideas for future Coffee Nights.

### SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST NOOSA TRAILS DAY WALK

Leader:	Terry Silk 3355 9765
Meet at:	St. Brigid's, Red Hill.
Time:	7.00 am.
Cost:	\$20.00.
Grading:	M33.
Emerg Off:	Carol Kelly 3269 4795.

Well, it is time to do the last of the Noosa Trail Network that we have not done. This year we are doing Trail No. 7 from Lake MacDonald in Cooroy to Pomona. This is a distance of 15km. mainly on tree lined roads and tracks with very little climbing with less than fifty metres gain or loss in elevation.

During the pre-outing the going was very muddy as a result of recent persistent and heavy rain. By walk day I expect conditions to be greatly improved. There are two creek crossings, one via a bridge (how civilised) and the other can be via a ten minute off track detour which I used last year. Being mainly in the Yurol State Forest and with no gain in

elevation there are limited views but it is still a pleasant walk.

During the pre-outing a number of whip birds were heard whilst a wallaby was sighted along with numerous birds. I hope that you can join me on this easy walk in the beautiful Sunshine Coast Hinterland which is my favourite part of the state. To save us retracing our steps we will need to do a car shuffle.

### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER STINSON WRECK/POINT LOOKOUT DAY WALK

Leader:	Peter Constable 3205 5982	
Meet at:	St. Brigid's, Red Hill.	
Time:	6.00 am.	
Cost:	\$20.00.	
Grading:	M57.	
Dist: 12kms, Ascent: 800m, Descent: 800m		
Emerg Off:	Tracey Constable 3205 5982.	

#### NOTE! Kevin has gazumped us so you will need to have cast your vote before joining us on this walk, pre-poll or postal.

This is a new walk for the club. It will be a long day but the experience will be unforgettable. There has not been time for a pre-outing but on examining the topographic maps and Google Earth it does not appear to be too difficult.

The Stinson Wreck lies just below Point Lookout on the southern end of the Lamington NP in the Christmas Creek Valley. On February 19 1937 a Stinson Airliner crashed in rainforest in the McPherson Ranges. The story of Bernard O'Reilly's involvement in the discovery and subsequent rescue of the two survivors is well documented. We will be visiting the site by a route never done by our club and I suspect by no other as well. We will follow the usual route to Westray's Grave before climbing a ridge on the southern side of Larapinta Falls. The ridge is steepish to start but does flatten out as we climb to the McPherson Range and the track we hope is still clear along the Range.

Turning south we follow this track climbing to the campsite at Point Lookout. The last time I was in this area there were occasional great views into NSW. My plan is to arrive at Point Lookout for lunch where we can relax and check out the campsite for Michael's through walk next year. We now follow the track 600m NW to the turnoff to the site of the Stinson Wreck passing the turnoff to the Stretcher Track on the way. We now follow the ever steepening ridge back to the Westray's Grave track before retracing our steps to the car. Don't forget your head lamp as it is possible we will not get out before dark. So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for a longish day walk, water, food etc.

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER KATE QUINLAN BY THE BEACH SOCIAL

Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Roma Street Railway Station,
Platform 7.
10.40am for the 10.47
Shorncliffe train.
Train – GoCard \$5.13, Paper
Ticket \$7.50
Food – \$16 to \$34
Drinks – Priceless.
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270 19' 15.42"S 1530 04' 25.80"E
http://www.fullmoonhotel.com.au/
http://jp.translink.com.au/travel-
<u>/service-updates</u>
Greg Endicott 0418 122995.
Wednesday 4th September.

This is the next in our series of JTS's, James Boag's and Kate Quinlan's.

Kate has taken us to the Breakfast Creek, The Norman, the Red Brick, the Rising Sun in Rosewood, and now to the Full Moon at Sandgate. What an experience.

Kate was the good Irish lass who started XXXX with a few mates on the death of her hubbie. Her memory lives on in our annual genteel refined lunches at different watering locations.

Sit in the annex looking out through the park at peaceful Moreton Bay on a lovely spring day. The warmth of the sun, the cooling sea breezes, the age old atmosphere, the sound of waves lapping on the rock retaining wall. Oh, what an afternoon.

The food choices range from gourmet burgers, steak sandwiches, pizzas, pasta, chicken, fish & chips, seafood and The Grill. Lunch will be from 12 noon. For the train travellers, there is a 600m walk from the station to the hotel – but a walk along the lovely cliff top pathway.

Ring around and get a group together. Family, children, friends, workmates, lovers, mistresses all welcome.

For an excellent afternoon with all your friends, come along to celebrate the end of winter and the return of the warming sun.

### FRIDAY TO SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE BASE CAMP

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810 or 0409 620714. Meet at: TBA. Time: TBA. Cost: \$20 for 2 nights (\$15 if prepaid by 31-Aug-2013)

> \$15 for 1 night (\$10 if prepaid by 31-Aug-2013).

Grading: Various.

Web:http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au /pilgrimage.php

### Emerg Off: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.

The Pilgrimage is an annual bushwalking and social event attracting members of affiliated clubs from throughout the south-east corner of the state and sometimes further afield. It is usually held at a campground venue and on the Saturday you can join one of many daywalks through the surrounding areas.

This year the pilgrimage is hosted by the Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc. at the Girraween National Park during 13th - 15th September 2013 with the specific location of Castle Rock Campground.

I'm not able to attend this year's event but I will be able to give you as much information as you need to attend this great gathering.

### Programme

Friday 13th September 2013

- 12:00 noon Registration opens at the entry of the Castle Rock campground. Camping sites are preregistered and are included in your entry fee. If you wish to camp in the vehicular camping area, you will need to book online at <u>http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au</u>
- 3:00pm onwards The navigational exercise is open. Entry sheets are available at the community tent
- 6:00pm onwards Friday night supper is available at the community shelter. Soup, coffee, tea etc (BYO Mug and Chair)
- 6:00pm onwards Walk registrations are available at the community shelter

Saturday 14th September 2013

- 6:00am registration of arrivals
- Walks start as per advertised time for each walk
- throughout the day Coffee and tea available at the community shelter. Nonwalkers may like to take advantage of visiting some of the local wineries and scenic spots. Self-guided orienteering course will be available.
- 7:00pm Supper to share (bring savoury, sweet or otherwise) at the community shelter, hot water will be provided
- 7:30pm Night navigation exercise
- 7:30pm Poetry and assorted activities around the campfire

Sunday 15th

- 7:00am onwards Displays by various organisations
- 7:00am Yoga
- 7:00am onwards 2nd hand sale items so bring along 2nd hand items for sale
- 7:30am Karate Introduction
- 8am Presidents meeting
- 8:30am entries close for competitions
- 9:30am to 11:30am Bush Olympics
- 11:30am onwards Announcements, prizes for competitions and hand over of boot to next year's Pilgrimage host
- 12noon Close of Pilgrimage.

### Registration

All attendees must be members of their respective clubs and therefore insured.

\$20 for 2 nights (\$15 if prepaid by 31-Aug-2013)

\$15 for 1 night (\$10 if prepaid by 31-Aug-2013).

Registration fees can be direct deposited to the following account prior to and including the 31-Aug-2013. Thereafter CASH only at the pilgrimage entrance. :-

Account Name : The Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc

BSB Number : 638-080

Account Number : 5732840 S24

Please ensure you include the word pilgrimage and your surname in the reference for the payment. Send the registration form to <u>mailto:secretary@toowoomba.bwq.org.au</u> or post to The Secretary, PO Box 17, Toowoomba 4350.

Registration fees can also be paid via cheque or money order and these should be posted to The Secretary,

The Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club, PO Box 17,Toowoomba 4350.

Download your registration from at: <u>http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/Pilgri</u>mage2013-RegistrationForm-20130616.pdf

There are no walk details currently on their website but I'm sure as the event draws nearer they will appear.

### SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER THE ABBEY MUSEUM'S PICNIC AT PEMBERLEY SOCIAL

Leader:	Antonia Simpson 0400 571387.
Address:	Take the Bribie turnoff, turn left
	at Old Toorbul Point Rd
Time:	1.30 pm – 4.45 pm
Cost:	Adults \$25.00; Children \$12.50
Booking:	Online or contact me if there are
_	any problems.

The title says it all - Picnic at Pemberley – Jane Austen fans and hopeless romantics alike can spend a pleasant afternoon with the devilishly handsome Mr Darcy at his elegant estate. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea – all homemade and presented on the finest china. Enter into the spirit of the scene by wearing Regency costume but you are just as welcome in 21st Century clothing.

Perhaps you will join in some Maypole dancing, learn the language of fans in the Regency world, avoid being conscripted into the English or French militia group which will be present and ready to ride in on their horses, fire some practice rounds into the air and turn the hearts of some flighty, young ladies. Other diverting activities will include croquet, badminton, dancing and kite flying.

The grounds at the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology will be transformed into a picturesque Regency paradise to raise funds to build an art gallery to house the fabulous Old Masters and Icons in the Museum collection. There is plenty of parking in the grounds.

Visitors to the event are encouraged to tour the priceless collection of artefacts on display in the Museum and view the magnificent stained glass in the Abbey Church.

To secure a place, it is best if you book and pay online and then let me know so that I can keep us a table. You can email the Museum at <u>office@abbeymuseum.asn.au</u> or phone on 5495 1652

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### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER THE ELEPHANT & WHEELBARROW JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader:	Phil Murray 0416 650160
Address	230 Wickham Street,
	Fortitude Valley QLD 4101
	It is on the corner of Wickham
	St and Brunswick St.
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. We are headed to the Elephant and Wheelbarrow in the Valley. We went there last year and had a quick drink at the pub before it got too noisy then we headed across the road to China town.

We will do the same plan this year but maybe a different restaurant this time.

### SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER TUGUN TO BURLEIGH DAY WALK

Leader:	Phil Murray 5522 9702 or
	0416 650160.
Meet at:	St. Brigid's, Red Hill.
Time:	7.00 am.
Cost:	\$20.00 + \$3.00 Bus Fare.
	Bring your GoCard.
Grading:	S11.
Distance:	About 12kms
Emerg Off:	Susan Murray 5522 9702.

This year the trip is on again but it is only about 14 km long. It is an easy walk along the beach.

We leave Brisbane from Red Hill, park the cars at just north of the Burleigh Heads Surf Club then we walk over to the bus stop on the Gold Coast Highway and catch the bus to Coolangatta. We will hop off near the Tugun Shops near Wyberba Street. We walk down past the Tugun Surf Club to the beach.

We will have a longish break at Elephant Rock & Currumbin Beach to have morning tea and to admire the sculpture festival called "Swell". Then we walk along the Currumbin Creek up to the bridge at Thrower drive. Then walk along the boardwalk back to the beach at Palm Beach. We will allow time for a swim and lunch here. Then we will walk along Palm Beach up to Tallebudgera creek. Around the Burleigh Heads National Park and back to the cars.

Come along on a lovely easy trip with magnificent views, a spot of art and culture, with a leisurely lunch and swim.

DescriptionTimeHeightHigh tide9.17 am1.47 metresLow tide3.19 pm0.06 metres

### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER NORMAN PARK TO MT GRAVATT DAY WALK

Leader:	Paddy Taylor 3378 4813.
Meet at:	Roma St Railway Station
	platform.
Time:	8.10 am for 8.19 am train.
Cost:	GoCard Fare.
Grading:	M11.
Reference:	Translink Local Travel Map 4.
Emerg Off:	Barry Taylor 3378 4813.

Come and join me to explore a few suburbs south of the Brisbane River. Leaving the Cleveland train at Norman Park Station, we will follow the "Norman Creek Greenway" through Coorparoo to Stones Corner. Crossing Logan Road, we continue through Greenslopes, Ekibin, Wellers Hill and Tarragindi to Holland Park West. We walk under the freeway at Marshall Road proceed then via the Glindemann Creek track and suburban streets to Glindemann Park for lunch. We continue along Logan Rd to the Mt Gravatt shops, before returning by bus to the city.

This is an easy walk, with very few hills, and well within the capabilities of most club members. Don't forget your go-card, and normal day walk gear, including water, sunscreen, hat and lunch.

### FRIDAY TO MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER BLUE MOUNTAINS BASE CAMP

Leader:

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

For the Labour 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. I haven't heard from anyone about this trip for this year. It is now too late to make bookings so it is canned for 2013 but it is definitely on the agenda for next year.

The plan is to stay at Katoomba (probably at the YHA) 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\$180Hotel\$180Train fares\$60But it could be more.

### SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER WEST END TO NORTH SHORE BIKE RIDE

Leader:	Phil Murray 0416 650160
Meet at:	Orleigh Park,
	Cnr Orleigh Tce. & Hoogley St.,
	West End.
	Near the Ferry Terminal.
Time:	8am.
Cost:	Nil.
Distance:	20kms

Another bike ride. This will be the first bike ride for the year. (the one in April got cancelled due to other commitments). This is a fairly easy ride along the pathways and bikeways along the Riverside. The plan is to ride along Riverside Drive, then get through Southbank before the crowds get too big. Over the Goodwill Bridge past the Gardens, and out past New farm to

North Shore and then catch the ferry back to Orleigh Park.

If you get tired you can catch the ferry back (bring your go card). Approximate distance is about 20 km. Hope to finish just before lunch time. I plan to have a bite to eat around 9-30 ish at New Farm Park. So bring a snack along for a leisurely morning tea. This is a short ride and is an ideal ride for new starters to get into bike riding.

### FRIDAY TO WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 trip is now full. I have been exchanging emails with Tom Buykx and he is keen to do this trip and has suggested that next year that we tackle the Lake Tali Karng area.

#### MBS: Positions Vacant:-

Navigator, to help leaders and drivers to drive from A to B on walks. Rally experience would be an advantage, but not necessary.

Assistant Leader, to help in counting how many are on a walk. Previous mathematical experience would be desirable.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our July meeting was a joyous occasion as we bestowed Life Membership on Terry Silk. Our invited guest speaker for the meeting, Pam Drummond from U-Tracks unfortunately was unable to attend so her presentation has now been scheduled for our September meeting.

#### Fees

The Committee is still debating what our approach should be, particularly to the current "\$3 fee" and whether there should be a fee for visitors.

One proposal that has emerged from the ongoing discussions is to charge a universal Activity Fee for all activities of the Club except the monthly meeting. The Activity Fee would apply to everyone for all walks, socials (including the Annual Mass and Dinner), John Toohey Society and associated events, monthly Wednesday night coffee etc. The rationale being that if the Club and its members organise an event, attendees – member or non-member, should contribute to the cost. These costs can be telephone calls, announcements in Jilalan and so on. The suggested cost would be \$1 per person per event.

If this were adopted this would alter how the Club gathers its revenue. The Club's revenue would then be made up of –

Membership fees – This is a fixed cost no matter how often you participate in the Club's activities.

Outings and Social Fees – These would vary according to the cost of each activity and their impact on individual members corresponds directly to the members participation in Club activities.

The introduction of the Activity Fee concept may make the issue of a Visitors Fee redundant. The Activity Fee is designed to have those who engage in **any** Club activity to contribute to the overall running of the Club. The impact would be -

> Outings fees - This is to cover the cost of transport, usually members' cars. Under the Activity Fee proposal, the published fee would include the Activity Fee. The Treasurer would then deduct from the Outings Fees collected for a trip \$1 per person and credit that to Activity Fees. The balance remaining would be the source of funds for driver reimbursements and any loss or surplus on a trip would be based on the balance of funds (after the Activity Fee has been deducted).

> Social events – In calculating the fees for a social, the Activity Fee would need to be added. Sometimes the Activity Fee might be the only charge made by the Club. This would apply to events such as John Toohey Society and associated events, monthly Wednesday night coffee etc.

I suggest the adoption of the Activity Fee concept would move the financial cost of the Club's operations towards those who use the

Club more frequently for both walks and nonwalking activities.

The Committee will further discuss this issue at its August Meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 17/6/13	\$4636.88
Plus Receipts	\$467.07
	\$5103.95
Less Payments	\$823.80
Balance 15/7/13	\$4280.15
Term Deposit	\$2621.08

I am still selling tickets in our current raffle which has two prizes. The first prize is a set of Denali walking poles and the second is a first aid kit. Tickets are good value at a dollar each. Speaking of good value, don't forget to purchase your club t-shirts and metal badge (\$20.00 and \$5.00 respectively) before it is too late.

### **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Marian Arthur, John Carter, Julia Cowan, Liz Little, Marie Ricketts, Iain Renton and Andrea Turner are celebrating their birthdays in August. Chrissie Turner has just returned from a holiday in Cambodia. Veronica Lawson has just returned from walking the el Camino in Spain. Michele Johns has just returned from visiting family in New Zealand. Iain Renton has just returned from spending some time in Canada. Michael Simpson recently returned from climbing Mount Bartle Frere with past member, Phil Kearns as well as walking in Nepal with his daughter.

Welcome back to Christine Harrison who has rejoined the club after a number of years. The club recently had an enquiry from Jonathan Ure. Anne-Marie Nash, Tom Smith and Tony Doherty were welcome visitors at our July meeting. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities

### ANNUAL MASS & DINNER 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 have 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.

#### DISAPPOINTED

After writing my reply to the Presidents proposed changes to the Annual Mass and Dinner and putting it in the magazine for discussion at the July meeting, only to open the July Jilalan and discover the decision had already been made. Disappointed? Yes, very disappointed, where was the input from the members, the discussion from the floor. Why the rush? The AGM is in February next year, months away. Surely changing a previous committee and member's decision warrants more than this? The Catholic in BCBC should mean the club not only looks after our bushwalking needs but our spiritual needs as well. Otherwise why choose to walk with a Catholic club? In his Presidents report Russ states that with the change he hopes that members will be able to accommodate the Annual Mass and Dinner during this time. They are mere words my friends, if he really was concerned about all members spiritual welfare and their journey to Easter he would leave the Mass and Dinner away from Lent, then there is no decision to be made, no conflict of interest. Yes, as said previously, If it affects only one person it is one too many. A concern we thought had been addressed in the past to take us into the future. Here we are in the present

taking back into the past. Is it for the better? is there a need for a change? Does the supposed need to have it closer to the AGM more important than having all our friends join us at the table? Members previously did not think so but come to the August meeting and have your say, let the members decide and lets discuss it from the floor. Justin

### THANK YOU

I wish to thank the club members who voted to bestow life membership on me. It is something that I had never expected and I am truly honoured and humbled. I am indeed in esteemed company with some rather large footsteps to follow. Thank you for your support.

### RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

It appears that Brisbane's normally great winters have returned. Beautiful mild days and not a cloud in sight. And great walking to complement them. Unfortunately Ivan was not able to lead his first walk this month but Justin stepped up and took over the leadership of a very successful walk to Beau Brummel. Fourteen walkers joined him which was a great number for an off track walk. Terry's annual pilgrimage to the Shepherd's Walk went ahead despite the unsettled conditions and he also had great numbers. Justin seems to like the Glass House Mountains and in particular visiting them by train. Last month saw a small but enthusiastic crew head up again. Matthew finally had good weather and this enabled him to zap along the Main Range from Swan Knoll to Teviot Gap. I was on the Main Range at the same time and the weather and views for glorious. Desley's Somerset Trail was well supported as the group enjoyed this surprising area. I was taken by the scenery and will certainly reschedule this walk more often.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Туре	No
July 13	Beau Brummel Circuit	Justin	DW	15
July 20	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	DW	14
July 27	Glass House Mountains	Justin	DW	5
August 3/4	Lemon Tree to Teviot	Matthew	TW	3
August 3	Spicer's to Lemon Tree	Michael	DW	5
August 4	Somerset Trail	Desley	DW	15

Next month, there is some great walking and it appears our normal Brisbane weather has returned which makes the walking even better if that's possible. First up is my walk up Mt Huntley. I will be taking the easier route although it does still contain a cliff break but it is nothing really. Next is Terry's annual exploration of the Noosa Trails. This year he completes them all and I believe he is then going to do them all in reverse. Peter is visiting the Stinson Wreck by a route never used before. I'm really looking forward to this one. Lastly is the BWQ Pilgrimage, this year run by the Toowoomba Club and sited at Girraween. I'm not able to attend and will gladly hand over the leadership of this weekend to anyone else going.

I enjoyed a great week in the Himalayas and can recommend it to anyone in our club wanting a different experience. The walking is not hard and you only walk for about 5 hours a day.

The Outings Sub-Committee will be meeting in early September to organise next year's programme. So this is your last opportunity to put forward any ideas you may have. I'm also still looking for a leader for the Border Fence through walk from 28/29 September.

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

Michael (3351 3810, 0409 620714 or michaelesimpson@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 31 July is 98.

At the last meeting the motion was put forward for Life Membership for Terry Silk. I spoke to the motion and Russ Nelson as President then followed standard meeting procedure to ask if there was any one who wanted to speak against the motion, no one did, then Russ put the motion to the vote and every hand in the room shot up and the motion was passed. It was almost over too quick. We actually didn't official count but there were get an approximately 24 people there at the time. I noticed that John Hood and Jan Nelson were actually outside at that point in time as they were acting as "guides" for the guest speaker who was running late. I was most impressed as most of the Life Members were there to congratulate Terry on the special award.

The Club at present has 8 life members Willie Hayes (a club Founder) Pat Lawton - 1983 Greg Endicott - 1988 Russ Nelson - 1992

John Carter - 2000 Justin Tobin - 2007 Sue Tobin – 2007 Terry Silk - 2013

Raoul Mellish, who was also a Club Founder was also a Life Member died in 2009.

I noticed in the latest magazine for the Brisbane Bushwalking Club that they welcomed 44 new members to their Club for the month of July. Our Club had zero new members so as a Club it appears we need to do more to enlist new members and mainly advertise our existence to the wider community. Thinking outside the should square perhaps we put an advertisement in their magazine and indicate that our trips are rarely booked out whereas with their Club about half the trips are booked out (I'm just kidding). Hopefully we can get a few new members over the next few months. Spread the word.

As an aside to getting new and younger members my eldest son has started doing adventure racing in a race called Hells Bells (there is also a shorter version called Fairy Bells). There were about 100 people doing the race, which was about 80 km long and had a mixture of running, paddling and mountain bike legs. It started at midday and they finished at 3.20 am. The kayak leg was along the Mary River from Little Yabba Creek to Kenilworth. It looked like great fun.

I had a nomination for the Byron Bay trip from a member and the rationale they used was that they did Mount Byron on Desley's trip to the Somerset trail so they had to come on my trip so they could do Cape Byron.

See you on the track and remember the only walks you regret are the ones you didn't do.

### **PAST EVENTS**

### BEAU BRUMMEL CIRCUIT SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY DAY WALK

Unfortunately Ivan was called away and unable to lead this walk. This was a shame as it was his first lead and he had put a lot of effort into making it a great day.

We had a large group of fifteen for an off track walk but they all coped beautifully and I know some of them really enjoyed the experience. It was another beautiful winter's day as we headed to Rosewood to regroup before continuing onto Grandchester and the start of the walk. Beau Brummel came into view but which ridge were we using? All became clear after we parked, we were following the road. There is an old road which wanders along the slopes of the mountain but all good things must come to an end as we left the road and climbed to the top of a ridge for morning tea. As we climbed the road the views back across the valley became better and better. The rain the day before had cleared the sky for us and made for perfect photos. Terry was rapt as he found a new supply of film and was happy to click away. Phil and Paddy were enjoying every small flower and flowering trees as we climbed. After morning tea we decided to make the walk a circuit and headed cross country to another ridge some 200-300m away. Beau Brummel has three peaks and we had to summit them all.

After a short time we were on the north peak and were rewarded with views across the valley of Mt Zaheel, Mt Mistake among others. It was now only a short climb to the summit of the south peak. From here you can see between the trees our original route down to Grass Tree Knob and points beyond like Mt Castle. After lingering for a while we dropped to the saddle for lunch before ascending the main peak where a CB radio repeater is located. Again the views were stupendous as we followed the main ridge down to our morning tea spot. It was now just a matter of dropping to the road and returning to the cars.

A great day and thanks to Justin were taking over the leadership at short notice. Hopefully we will return and complete the intended walk in the future. The walkers were Peter C, Michael S, Justin T, Pat L, Jonas B, Trevor K, Terry S, Phil M, Ray R, Paddy T, Robin T, Michele J, Brenda K, Russell and Louise J.

### THE LOCK'N'LOAD BISTRO FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Attendance 10

It was a great little place to visit. The beers were nice. The food was nice but not cheap.

Liz Little has put in a request to come back next year as the vibe was so nice. I also really enjoyed the vibe on the street there. It had a real buzz. I want to go back as I didn't find time to have one of the boutique beers they had namely the Monteith's Winter Ale.

Those there were - Greg Endicott, Russ Nelson, Graham Glasse, Phil Murray, Liz Little, Elizabeth Richards, Russell and Louise Jones Michele Endicott and Peggy Roe.

### SHEPHERD'S WALK SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY DAY WALK

As I climbed my internal staircase upon arriving home after my fifteenth consecutive Shepherd's walk I wondered what the strange light was that I perceived coming from my kitchen. (Surely, I had not left a light on.) Upon entering the kitchen I discovered that it was the sun which had been absent all day. This year was the wettest Shepherd's walk that I have done. The weather on Sunday was picture perfect, just like two years ago when it was also wet. (As I was driving in the area, I can confirm this.) Congratulations to the thirteen brave and hardy souls who joined me and fifty-six others on this year's walk despite the dire weather forecast. This was the lowest number of walkers ever to do the walk.

The night before the walk my phone ran hot with cancellations. The next morning I had more drama with a last minute cancellation and a late arrival followed by another late arrival in Beaudesert. The Beaudesert Historical Society had also had a number of last minute cancellations meaning that they only needed one bus instead of the two that they had booked. This year for the first time, we had to stay on the bus at the historical monument in the Christmas Creek valley as it was raining and some vandals in their four wheel drives had torn up the grass around the monument making it guite muddy. Once again, local identity, Joy Drescher, gave us an informative talk about the origins of the walk and then read a beautiful poem which she had written about the walk. Each year I seem to pick up a new piece of information.

Eventually, we started the walk after receiving some directions from the farm owner on how to avoid the muddiest paddocks. As we walked through the paddocks we spotted three kangaroos in the grass and a number of galahs on a dead tree. At this stage the going was not too bad and the rain was having a break. We had a lengthy rest and regroup before we started the slippery climb to the saddle of the Gin Broken Range for morning tea. As we started walking the rain returned to keep us company for the rest of the day. We had another lengthy rest and regroup, one less than usual, just short of the final climb to the saddle. Morning tea was a relaxed break with very limited views because of the low cloud and rain. Eventually, we started our slippery muddy descent to our sausage sizzle lunch. The wattles were in bloom and the numerous grass trees were looking healthy after the rain as was countryside that the we could see. Unfortunately, it was not really a day for photography. The crossing of the Albert River saw the water knee deep and fast flowing. Thanks to the help of Ray Rowe and a number of enthusiastic children everyone made it across safely. This year I changed my strategy by leaving my shoes on,(they were wet anyway), and crossing lower down than the majority. This resulted in an easier crossing than last year. Unfortunately, it looks like we will continue to get wet feet at the end of this walk. (The fact that I continue to do this walk even though I am certain to get wet feet speaks volumes about what I think of this walk.)

Fortunately, the Historical Society volunteers had erected tarpaulins to protect us from the rain which became heavier as we enjoyed the sausage sizzle lunch along with damper, (unfortunately, one less variety this year), home made cakes and slices washed down with tea, coffee, cordial and water. As usual there was plenty of food. Unsurprisingly, the members of the Restored Auto Club, who bake the dampers, did not bring their restored autos. The Washpool lunch spot was so boggy that the bus had to be left out by the road. All too soon it was once again time to bid farewell to the friendly locals with the promise of renewing acquaintances next year on the third Saturday in July when, hopefully, the true beauty of the area will be on full display.

A big thank you to those who joined me, Paddy Taylor, Ray Rowe, Mary Kelly, Antonia Simpson, John Hood, Andrea Turner, Pat Lawton, Cathy Thomson, Aileen Hill and Elizabeth Richards along with our visitors, Loraine Whitehead, on her second walk with us, Trish Breitkruez and Bruce Jaques. Hopefully, you and others will join me again next year on one of my favourite walks to give support to the Beaudesert Historical Society who do such a fantastic job of organising the day as they have for more than twenty-five years.



### COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY SOCIAL

Had we known that Prince George of Cambridge was going to arrive just prior to the coffee night, we may have chosen a British venue this month. Instead, we were at Gino's Italian Restaurant at Hamilton. This is a very popular and long established restaurant which is family owned and operated. It was a good choice, as prices were moderate for quality Italian food. Most people ordered dinner but a couple came later for coffee and dessert.

Thanks to the following members who supported this coffee night on the Eastside – Graham, Pat, Barry, Trevor, Greg and Michele, Justin, Sue, and Mary.

### GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS CIRCUIT SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY DAY WALK

The 6.30 Nambour train left Roma Street with three bushies on board, Rossi, Paddy and myself were enjoying the relaxing ride through the Northern Suburbs to Petrie where Karen got on board to continue our journey to Beerburrum. Trevor was waiting to make it five for the day walk.

The walk from the station was up Anzac St, a town not normally visited, it was originally a soldier's settlement, small farm lots settled in 1916 and gone by 1929 Interp signs explained it all. We continued onwards to Mt Beerburrum a rather steep pinch in places that didn't seem to bother a group running up and down the mountain getting fit for The Great Mudder event. We got on top for those views of the Pumicestone Passage where Matthew Flinders sailed into on the Norfolk and travelled up Elimbah Creek and overland to climb Beerburrum on the 26 July 1799 and here we were on the 27 July 214 years later, you could see all of The Glass House Mountains except for the Coochin Hills, we had a walk to do so back down past the fitness group still running up and down. And onto the road to the Cemetery which is looked after by the State School, a tree is planted every year in August.

The road continued on between the State Forest and Macadamia Farm, a great view of Tibrogargan, as we continued on to reach the Trachyte Cct and then onto the Jack Ferris Look-out for morning tea with views. The Trachyte Track took us around to the road and turn off to Tibrowoocum, the road very eroded in places and groups of 4wds could be heard trying to get up and over something. We met a horse with her rider and her dog, when we turned off to start the climb but it soon got too narrow and steep for them but we continued on to the top for more of those great views including the Coochin Hills. We took the main track back down, and lunch was at the Tibrogargan Look-out, we let Trevor have a snooze before leaving at two to take the track around the back of Tibrogargan. The closest we got to Cooee was the interp sign so it still remains the only one of the Glass Houses I haven't done and is still on the tick list.

We passed the caves route and the East Face and onto the car park and road to Matthew Flinders Park and bike track to Beerburrum. A milk shake and ice-cream at Elimbah and the 4.22 home from Caboolture to finish an enjoyable and different walk in the Glasshouses.

Thanks to Trevor Kelly, Paddy Taylor, Karen Franklin and Rossi Minata for sharing the walk and train ride with me and to the Friday Bludgers for the two pre-outings to put it all together. Maxine and Joe on one Friday where we walked the Trachyte Ridge again, Trevor and Pat on the other Friday where we discovered the road to the Cemetery and Macadamia farm and saw that great view of Tibrogargan. For those who missed it there will be another train trip next year.

### LEMONTREE TO TEVIOT GAP FRIDAY TO SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> TO 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST THROUGH WALK

Finally a weather forecast that proved to be the best you could hope for walking. The adventure started before we started walking. With the Head Road closed we headed through the Boonah Border Gate and back through the White Swamp Border Gate before dropping a car at Teviot Gap, a nice peaceful place with no traffic. We did not know that the Queen Mary Falls Rd was closed and our only "easy" route to Lemontree was along Condamine River Rd. I have often thought about doing this to see what it was like. Well my curiosity was well and truly satisfied and with luck I won't have to do it again. The 14 rough river crossing are interspersed with patches of mud and boulders. This was all good practice for the creek crossing into Lemontree.

Saturday Morning dawned clear and the temperature was 1 degree when we left at 7.20 am. We followed Swan Creek to the junction before heading up the ridge to Swan Knoll. Carting through packs up a hill soon warms you up and we were soon putting our jumpers away. Just about every time we stopped during the trip we would pull the jumper back on. The ridge up Swan Knoll which we reached at 8.30 was easy going with a reasonable foot pad in the upper part. We were now on the range proper and the clarity of the day offered us exceptional views. A strong cold breeze ensured we did not linger too long. Up and over the next knoll until we reached Huntley saddle at 10am. We thought we would try Michael's route up Huntley and contour from the saddle instead of heading straight up the ridge and contouring. We obviously missed the correct way and ended up abandoning the contouring and heading straight up after passing a landslide. On the way up a loose rock came hurtling down and had us diving for cover. Unfortunately for John he sprained his ankle in the process which made the rest of the trip quite painful. This stop also gave me the opportunity to remove tick no. 1. Once around the corner we found our way up through the Huntley cliff line and it was on to an early Lunch at 11.30. Early lunches tend to damage my reputation of the normal 3.30 lunch that lasts five to ten minutes. The route from Huntley to Asplenium was slow going and overgrown from all the rain. It took us until 2pm to reach the top of Asplenium and then another hour to Lower Panorama point. We saw our first Alberts Lyrebird of the trip and the magic, crisp and vocal call of this bird would follow us all the way back to the car. From Lower Panorama we made very quick time up and over Davies Ridge where the next saddle was our camp for the night. While Mike and John set up camp I dropped into Pinchgut creek to pick up water. The creek was flowing very well and was only five minutes from our camp. We had a nice log to serve as our dining room bench and had a pleasant meal of Tuna and Couscous while we reminisced about the days' walk and trips of long ago (and remove Tick no. 2 and 3). Cold had us in bed between 7 and 8pm where we could listen to the wind howl in the tree tops unabated throughout the night but the breeze at our level was not too strong. The wind kept the temperature much warmer than Friday night and I had trouble sleeping as I was too warm.

Sunday morning up for sunrise before our 7.10 departure. We were rewarded with another beautiful day of cloudless skies. Fire on this

part of the range last year has cleared out the bracken fern and much of the deadwood making walking easier than previous time I have been here. By 8am we reached the top of Mt Steamer and headed part the way to the Stern lookout before common sense overruled in that would stretch the day out too much. I don't think we picked the correct way off Mt Steamer and some rope work was required to get us back on the track. Much of the track to Lizard Point is overgrown and progress was heavy going to reach Lizard Point at 10.35. Lizard Point was out of the wind and only lacking in three recliner chairs to make if fully idyllic. Lizard Point has recovered well from the fire damage I saw here last October and is now becoming quite overgrown. With much regret we packed up and crossed back into the rainforest, over Mt Roberts to have lunch at the Steamer Lookout. While Lizard Point was warm bordering on hot, Steamer Lookout was windy and cold. At lunch we had the privilege to witness an aerial display by a Wedge-tail Eagle who would let the breeze lift him up until he was stationary in a vertical position like he had been nailed to a wall, he would then drop like a stone and then swoop up and do it all over again. I can see no other purpose for this other than having fun. 1.15pm had us on top of Middle Ridge which has been well taped and we were able to follow these with some careful navigation and observation until we hit the creek where the old forestry road comes in. After topping up our water we then followed the road back to the car, which was without doubt the worst part of the trip as the road is now so overgrown with many tree falls from the January rains severely inhibiting progress. 3.15pm was a good time to get back to the car which allowed us plenty of daylight to get home (and remove tick no.4).

The walk was thoroughly enjoyable with excellent company in John and Mike. I loved all the razorbacks and narrow ridgelines, my favourite country would be between Mt Steamer and Lower Panorama, clear undergrowth with towering stringybarks and grass trees. A big thanks to Michael and his day walkers who were able to bring my car back to Brisbane and saved us three hours driving at the end of the walk.



### SPICER'S GAP TO LEMONTREE SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST DAY WALK

What a great walk. Despite an early stiff breeze the day warmed and made for pleasant walking with great company. We left Spicer's Gap fairly late around 8.10am and started the steep climb to Spicer's Peak. The track takes you straight up the northern ridge and provides tremendous views north, east and west. If you weren't careful you could spend all day taking photos. We were on top just on 10am and after a brief stop we headed down to Cuthbertson Peaks. As per usual I couldn't find the correct way down and we blazed a new trail yet again. This one was probably the best as we managed to finish below the third set of cliffs. Bonus.

It was now 11.40am and I thought as we were ahead of schedule I'd give the crew a bonus 20 minute morning tea. This was well received I think. I was feeling confident at this point that we would be well out before night fell but I still wanted to push on quickly and summit Double Top before I could relax.

I have been up Double Top two ways before and so I guess it was of no surprise when Pete found distinct tracks passing through the cliff lines by another route. This proved to be the easiest and most direct method I'd used even though it was very close to the northern cliffs. We were on top by 1pm and it was time for lunch. After a lengthy 40minute stop we headed off for Swan Knoll. I thought it was only a short hop to Swan Knoll but boy was I wrong. After a long steep descent to the saddle and the gentle climb to the knoll it was nearly 3pm. We didn't hang around the campsite for long as it was full of ticks. This seems to be a general rule these days, campsites full of ticks. As we walked along this undulating ridge it was fascinating to see the constant change in vegetation. We would be walking through sclerophyll forest one minute and rain forest the next.

The descent to the car was uneventful and we arrived at 4.15pm to find a couple from QBW camping at the Lemontree. The road out has been badly damaged by the recent rains and you certainly need a high clearance vehicle to get in now. A quick stop at Yangan and Aratula before dropping Matt's car home and heading home ourselves. A big thankyou to Matt for leaving his car at Lemontree as without it this walk could not have happened. Those on the walk – Peter, Kerrianne, Jonas & Terry.

### **AROUND THE RIDGES**

#### **Walking Magazines**

Great Walks Magazine – released late July The main points of interest is

- Article on the South Coast track in Tasmania – a nice little article about the trip but they had dodgy weather. - they also made the point that you need to program your walk to make sure your walking times align with the low tide so that you can get around the cliffline at "Black Cliffs" on the second day without wading through waist deep surf.

#### SGAP Flower Show

Spring Native Flower Show and Native Plants Market

31 August & 1 September 2013 9am - 4pm

Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium

There are spectacular displays of:

- native flora,
- landscaping ideas,
- displays from other organizations with similar aims,
- plants sales,
- cut flower sales,
- book sales,
- plant information and
- bush tucker displays.

Admission is \$3.00 - children free

#### Blue Mountains Crossings Bicentenary 2013

This year is the bicentenary of the first crossing of the Blue Mountains. In 1813 - The first recognised European crossing of the Blue Mountains, undertaken by Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William Charles Wentworth, and subsequent survey of the terrain by George Evans. In 1814 - The building of the road from Emu Plains to Bathurst by William Cox and convict labourers. In 1815 -Governor Macquarie's expedition along the length of the 165-kilometre road and his founding of the colony's first major inland settlement of Bathurst.

The Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club is organizing a string of walks to celebrate the occasion. There is also the Bicentenary Festival of Walking, 5-13 October.

## HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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 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.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$40; Associate Members: \$30; Spouse Members: \$10.00; Country: \$30.00. Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer.

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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