



Daves Creek Daywalk Sunday Nov  $20^{\text{Hb}}$ 

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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Туре	Grade
24	Tweed River to Kingscliff	Graham	3371 9623	DW	
Oct 1 2	Lunch at the Breakfast Creek (KQ Soc) Fairview Mountain	Greg Justin	3351 4092 3366 3193	Soc DW	
9	Mt Maroon	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
Oct 16	Protest on the Peaks	KTSRS	5544 3233	P'test	
15/16	The Obelisks	Phil	5522 9702	ON	M44
17	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
21	JTS –German Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21/28	Vic Great Ocean Road	Chris	0418 739 064	TW	XL33
22	Mooloolah River to Coolum	Peter	3205 5982	SW	M13
28/1	Victorian Alps	Phil	5522 9702	TW	L77
29	Booloumba Creek	Justin	33663193	DW	M55
Nov 4/6	Nightcap Range	Paul	0412 339 311	BC	M55
6	Abseil adventure bushwalk.	FMR		Trn	
13	Diana's Bath	James	3844 5006	1∕₂ <b>DW</b>	<b>S</b> 33
18	JTS – Coffee Club @ Eagle St Pier	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Dave's Creek	Kerrianne	5597 6160	DW	M33
21	Annual BCBC Photo Competition	Phil	5522 9702	Meet	
21	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
27	Boombana/Jolly's Lookout	Michele	3353 2822	SW	M33
Dec 4	Barney Falls	Peter	3205 5982	DW	L55
11	Coochie Mudlo	Graham	3371 9623	DW	S11
16	JTS – Cultural Centre Café	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Christmas Party			Soc	
19	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
21	Christmas Lights			Soc	
26	Boxing Day Walk	Liz	3356 4874	DW	M32
Jan 2012	Penguin Cradle Trail, Tasmania	Barbara M		FMR	
Jan 2	Greene's Falls/Western Lookout			DW	M23
7	Piper Comanche			DW	M45
14	Climbable Falls			DW	S32
21	Obi Obi Lilo			DW	L57
26	Blue Pool			DW	M34
26/29	Barrington Tops			BC/TW	XL46
28	Bohgaban Falls			DW	S45
Feb 4	Tooloona Circuit			DW	L34
11	Summer Creek			DW	M45
18/19	Abseiling and ropes workshop			FMR	
25/26	Byron Bay			BC	M22
Mar 3	Mt Greville			DW	S54
10	Love Creek/Cedar Creek			DW	M67
10/11	Self rescue and rope rigging workshop			FMR	
18	Toombul to Sandgate			Bike	M12
24/25	Club Hut Feast & Day Walk			ON	S32
31	Stag's Head			DW	M57
31/3-1/4	Navigation train & general bush ethics			FMR	
Apr 6/9	Sydney			BC	
7	Mt Philp			DW	S45
9	Pat's Special Walk – Easter Monday			DW	
3 14/15	Gateway Bridge			DW	<b>S12</b>
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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
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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	<ul> <li>3 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain</li> </ul>
	<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	5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small	5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to
km per day	climbs using hands or rock hopping	450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	<b>6</b> - 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	7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands	7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to
Over 20 km per day	or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	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**

May God, who knows our deepest thirst, Reveal each day "the more" That there is to life.

May God, who comes to us as the thirsty stranger, Challenge our priorities

Showing us the truth about ourselves

And the gift of life. (Source: All Hallows' Staff Prayer 2008)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance 15/8/11	\$5083.25
Plus Receipts	\$ 517.50
	\$5600.75
Less Payments	\$2526.25
Balance 19/9/11	\$3074.50
Term Deposit	\$2415.52

Congratulations to Barry Crawford and Peter Constable who won first and second prizes respectively in our last raffle.

Our new raffle also has two prizes with the first prize being a set of Adventure Ridge Trekking Poles and the second prize being a one litre stainless steel drink bottle and a Microfibre Sports Towel. Tickets are still a dollar each.

Don't forget to see me if you wish to buy a metal club badge and/or club t-shirt. They are still five dollars and twenty dollars each respectively. Terry

## **SOCIALS REPORT**

Look at the BCBC 2012 Calendar in last month's Jilalan. Notice there were no Socials. That is because currently it is just an Outings Calendar!

Now we need you to put in the names, possible dates and contact. If you want Socials, you need to do the thinking and work.

## **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Maxine Brophy, Alan Cox, Tracey Haggar, Julie Hoey, Mary Hood, Mary Kelly, Trevor Kelly, Maria Kerruish, Patricia Mackie, Russell Nelson, Matthew Palmer, Desley Pedrazzini and Christopher Rahmann are each celebrating a birthday in October.

The Tobins have just returned from a tour of the West Coast of Australia whilst Pat Lawton and Jonas Bernotas have just returned from a tour of South and Central Australia. Lyn and Malcolm have just returned from New Zealand where they did some walking.

Arif Matthee from The Redlands Bushwalking Club joined us on our Tomewin to Tugun walk. Audrey Sim and her daughter, Bernice and her friend Amy Han along with Janell Sammon and Marina Grey were visitors on Graham's Tweed River to Kingscliff walk.

We recently had an enquiry from Roslyn Godfrey. Visitors are always most welcome to join us on any of our activities.

Two members just completed the Carnarvons Great Walk – Lucy & Stephen Endicott.

Desley just completed 300km of the Camino St James Trail in Spain in 13 days.

Michael S is trying to climb the highest mountains in Scotland, England & Wales – 2 down & one to go! (Late Report – All 3 done.)

Phil Hammond has retired from the Courier Mail. Thanks for the articles over the years.

Ernie Lythall, an old bushie and one of the Foundation Members of the BCBC, has passed away. The family had a private burial. Jan his wife past away some years ago. May he Rest in Peace.

Roger & Julie Ford since late July until 16<sup>th</sup> Sept have had a mammoth holiday, firstly with two weeks in London area visiting family and many friends. Then joined the Eurodam for a 29 day cruise through the Baltic countries, then through the Atlantic to New York via the east coast of Canada, calling to 15 countries in dry, sunny weather except for a very wet & windy day in Stockholm. Arrival in NYC was the day before 11<sup>th</sup> Sept which was very different; many services took place and security at its best. Hello from Amy Han of Singapore who has come on our trips again while visiting her sister.

## **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 Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702.

#### LEADERS NEEDED

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Lights Without leaders, these will be cancelled. Ring Greg on Ph: 3351 4092 if you will do it.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> OCT SAT-SUN THE OBELISKS BASECAMP

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0413 307 580, philriver@optusnet.com.au Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark Time: 7.30am Grade: M44 Cost: \$25 Location: Near Urbenville, across the border from Rathdowney Web:http://www.visitkyogle.com.au/images/upl

oads/Map7.pdf

#### Emerg Off: Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

The Obelisks are in northern NSW. There is South Obelisks, also called The Beehive, and North Obelisks called Coutts Crown.

They are 2 little mountains just south of the border near the town of Woodenbong. You get a great view of these mountains from Mt Barney.

The plan is to climb South Obelisk on the Saturday and North Obelisk on the Sunday. If time permits we might even try to climb Edinburgh Castle.

#### 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, SAT/SUN BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL BIKE RIDE

Leaders:	Athol Lester Ph: 3300 2191
Meet at:	Old Fernvale Rail Station
Cost:	\$4 NPAQ Fee + accommodation
Location:	Brisbane Valley between Ipswich
	and the Wivenhoe Dam

Web:<u>http://www.brisbanevalleyrailtrail.org.au/t</u> rail.php

Meet Time: 9.30am on Saturday.

This is an outing by NPAQ. This will be a fun weekend of easy riding; the exact itinerary will be decided by the group close to the time. (At the time of writing there are still a number of sections of the trail closed post the flooding in January, but work on reopening is progressing). Over the two days we will ride most of the sections between Fernvale and Esk, a total of about 45km, with an accommodation base in Esk. The trail is typically even grade (it was a rail line!) and is a good hard gravel or grass surface. There are ample places for coffee and interaction with the local communities.

#### Bring:

Mountain Bike or similar, helmet. (The trail is not suitable for narrow tyred road bikes). Sun protection, pack for drink and snacks.

#### Accommodation:

There is a variety of accommodation in Esk. We will try to keep the group together and will arrange depending on group preferences.

We will camp at Tooloom Falls on the Saturday night.

Mt Callawajune or South Obelisk, - cross open eucalypt forests for a short time before climbing onto a crescent ridge which leads to the top. This ridge is fairly rocky but presents little difficulty and reach the top after 2½ hours. The views all around are extensive; particularly south. You can see our next mountain to the north as well as Battery Hill which is apparently used for rock climbing.

The campground at Tooloom Falls is small but quite popular – bring togs for a swim.

Coutt's Crown, North Obelisk, - The way up starts at the sewerage works and climbs very quickly to a cliffline. You climb to the cliffline and then follow a faint track left to a gully which leads up to a small saddle It is now only a short walk to the top – just over 2 hours in total (depending on the people on this walk). From here you can see South Obelisk, Edinburgh Castle, the Ballows, Mts Barney, Ernest and Lindsay. We follow the gully down and back at the car – about one hour. A great day.

I wasn't going to bother with a trip to Woodenbong unless Australia is in the Rugby World Cup Quarter Finals on the Saturday night.

http://www.rugbyworldcup.com/index.html

We have nominated this walk as an event in the Great Australian Camp Out. http://greataussiecampout.auscamps.asn.au/vi ew-events Phil

#### 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, MONDAY MONTHLY MEETING

Contact: Greg Ph: 3351 4092

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.)

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.

#### GREAT OCEAN WALK VICTORIA 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, FRI to FRI THROUGHWALK

#### Your Last Chance To Nominate

Leader:	Chris RAHMANN Ph: 0418 739 064
Meet at:	Melbourne
Time:	Around midday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Cost:	\$120 camping fees on hike. (I am working on around \$500 all up
	including flights etc).
Location.	Apollo Bay Victoria

Location: Apollo Bay, Victoria.

Web:<u>http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1process\_details.cfm?place=238</u>

Nominate NOW



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#### 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, FRIDAY THE GERMAN CLUB JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING

Contact:	Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702
	or 0413 307 580
Time:	From 5pm till 10ish
Where:	416 Vulture St, Woolloongabba -
	Opposite the 'Gabba Cricket
	Grounds
What For:	For a chat, a refreshment or two

What For: For a chat, a refreshment or two and a meal

Web: <u>http://www.brisbanegermanclub.com/</u> Emerg Off: Greg Endicott. Ph: 0418 122 995

We are meeting at the German Club to join in the festivities of the Oktoberfest to try out the German beers on tap. However, this is not the Oktoberfest weekend, so no large crowds and no surcharge.

Come along to meet socially with your friends – why not ring some up and bring them along with you, have a wine or two, a meal (good average prices for basic meals), talk, listen, show photos, talk everything except work. We do not just appreciate beer – you can drink whatever you prefer – wine, coffee, water, soft drink.

Open to everyone – visitors, non-BCBC friends, members, non-regular JTS goers. You can easily recognise us because we are the quite ones in the corner.

Getting there is easy – their carpark is off-road beside the building – drive past the Club building and immediately turn right into the carpark. It is a 5 minute walk from the Woolloongabba Busway Station – walk out of the Station and into Main St heading towards the Story Bridge, then turn right into the first right into Vulture St. The Club is on the left just down from the corner. Phil

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, SATURDAY MAROOCHYDORE NORTH SHORE TO MT COOLUM DAYWALK

Leader:	Peter Constable Ph: 0418 778 972
	or 3205 5982
Meet at:	St Bridgid's Car Park
Time:	7.00am
Cost:	\$15
Grading:	Beach/track M13
_	Mt Coolum S34
Length:	Beach/ 13kms + 2 For Mt Coolum
Location:	Sunshine coast
Web: <u>http:/</u>	/www.adventurehire.com.au/Maps/N
	orth%20Shore%20-%20Coolum.pdf
Emerg Off	: Tracey Ph: 0419 729 514
	or 3205 5982

Here we go again folks, grab your parasol or hat and join me on the Sunny Coast for a fabulous walk along some of the nicest beaches on The Coast. We start of at the mouth of the Maroochy River on the North Shore where we walk along the beach to Mudjimba for morning tea and pit stop. Then it's back on the beach to Beach Access 100 where we move to a path through the Yaroomba Foreshore Reserve. We walk behind the dune on a bike path through the vegetation to the boardwalk where you can see the coastal dunes from another prospective.

After another short walk through the vegetation we turn inland about 2kms to the foot of Mt Coolum where the brave and intrepid can do a short steep climb to see one of the great vistas on The Coast. Ye who fear to brave the climb can walk down the road to the coffee shop nearby.

#### THE VICTORIAN ALPS Your LAST Chance to Come Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0413 307 580

http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf\_fil e/0017/313163/05\_1092.pdf http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf\_fil e/0005/313169/05\_0519.pdf

Nominate NOW

#### 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, SATURDAY BOOLOUMBA CREEK DAYWALK

Leader:	Justir	n Tobin	Ph:	3366 319	3	
Meet at:	Red H	Red Hill St. Bridgid's Carpark				
Time:	7.00 a	7.00 am				
Grade:	M55					
Cost:	\$20					
Location:	Just	west	of	Maleny	in	the
	head	waters	of th	e Mary Ri	ver	
Web:http://				-		olou
mba.php						

Emerg Off: Susan Tobin Ph: 3366 3193

The middle section of Booloumba Creek in the Conondales is a pretty little creek when the falls are flowing and I want them to be flowing as I want a swim.

To get to the start of the walk we have two creek crossings and a few kms of dirt road before we leave our cars at the Breadknife car park. We walk back up the road to follow an old road down to the ridge which takes us into Booloumba Creek at the

bottom of Frogs Falls. Wonderful, cool water and a sight to see in full flow.

Smoko and plenty of time to explore before heading down the creek to Artists Cascades, a large rock pool, calling us in for a swim. From here we head up the hill on the new Great Walk Track back to the Breadknife and Booloumba Falls, more swimming and exploring before heading back to the cars on the Bread knife track.

Come and join me in the cool waters of Booloumba Creek.

#### 4-6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER NIGHTCAP NATIONAL PARK BASECAMP

Leader: Paul Evans Ph: 0412 339 311) Meet at: Ring Paul Time: 5am Saturday Cost: TBA Grading: M55 Location: The Tweed Region of northern NSW Web:<u>http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Natio</u> <u>nalParks/parkHome.aspx?id=N0062</u> Emerg Off: Carolyn Ph: 0412 339 322

We will be heading to Nightcap National Park for a weekend base camp. It is located near Nimbin in the northern New South Wales hinterland.

We will be setting up camp at Rummery Park. There are numerous walks in this park .It is my aim to do the historic Nightcap Track which was the old packhorse track connecting the Tweed and the Richmond Valleys .This walk goes up to Tea Creek Lookout .

We will also be doing the circuit around Minyon Falls .This is a base camp with spectacular bushwalking in rainforest. Paul.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, SUNDAY ABSEIL ADVENTURE BUSHWALK FMR

Contact: Barbara M at <u>fmrqld@gmail.com</u>

Email Barbara for more details.

- 1/2 hr talk Sat morning
- FMR first aid kit
- FMR gear
- Mt Lindsay map to use
- FAKEM from Mater to give presentation
- Barney Lodge for the training weekend



#### 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011, SUNDAY DIANA'S BATH ½ DAYWALK

Leader:	James Parra Ph: 38559521
Meet at:	St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time:	7:30am
Grade:	S33
Cost:	\$15.00
Location:	Somerset Dam Area
Web:http://	www.derm.gld.gov.au/parks/da

Web:<u>http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/daguila</u> <u>r/mount-mee-trail-map.pdf</u> Emerg Off: Susan Tobin Ph: 33663193

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It's being almost 4 years since I took a bath, at Diana's bath that is! Don't miss this rare opportunity. Diana's Bath is a large waterhole on Byron Creek that flows in the foothills of Mt Byron. We will travel there by the Brisbane Valley Hwy, via Ferndale and return via Mt Glorious/Nebo

The walk to the waterhole is about 2km each way. There is an optional walk of 2km return up the creek from the waterhole to see an isolated pole house built up above the creek. This may involve a little scrambling. There will be plenty of time for swimming before lunch; bring your lilo if you wish. On the way home, we shall stop for coffee and chat, probably at Mt Glorious.

There will also be an opportunity to enjoy the views from lookouts such as Wivenhoe Outlook and Westridge Outlook. Come and join me on this trip to a scenic part of the world. James.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, FRIDAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIAL COFFEE CLUB, EAGLE STREET PIER

- Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580
- Time: Anytime after 4.30pm till any time before 8ish.
- What For: Great conversation, meet great people, air your views

Cost: What ever you consume Web: <u>http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/drinks/</u> Emerg Off:Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

The aim of the JTS is to appreciate the many eating places around the Brisbane CBD. While eating dinner, we imbibe a few drops of wine, beer, soft drink, coffee and/or water.

You do not have to work in town to come – Phil works at Mt Gravatt and still manages to attend. You don't even have to work – Michael S comes and retired early in the year. More girls than guys turn up. We are old – like Greg. We are young –

like Liz. It is on just to help you wind down after a hard week.

While at it, we discuss almost everything; in fact solve the mystery of Life, the Universe and Everything.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, SUNDAY DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT DAYWALK

Leader: Kerrianne Pearce Ph: 5597 6160, 0411 165 868 Meet at: St Brigid's Red Hill Meet Time: 7am

Grading: M33

Cost: \$20

Location: Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section

Web:<u>http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/lamingt</u> on/about.html#Daves Creek circuit Emerg Off: Jason Pearce 0407148 373

This walk is 12km in length and a botanically diverse walk. It winds through rainforest, eucalypt forest and open heathlands and we should see many wildflowers in bloom.

#### http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/p df/lamington-binna-burra-map.pdf

After leaving the Main Border Track we descend through rainforest before crossing Nixon Creek. We will walk along the edge of the escarpment to a lookout with good views across Woggunba Valley. We will take a look at Molongolee Cave where there is a constant trickle of water that supports the many ferns and lilies growing on the cave wall.

We then ascend to Numinbah Lookout and onto Surprise Rock (No surprise birthday party this time – so sad!) which we will climb to see magnificent views of Mounts Merino and Hobwee, the Springbrook Plateau, down the Valley and across to the Gold Coast. We will stop here for lunch before retracing our steps and heading back to Binna Burra for a cuppa.

Join me for a relatively easy walk on a graded track in a beautiful part of our area. Kerrianne

#### 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, MONDAY BCBC PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION At The November BCBC General Meeting

The categories of the competition are -

1. **Landscape** - this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains

- 2. **Moods of nature** sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or misty days
- 3. **Nature Close up** plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc
- 4. **People and faces** Portraiture & Club Character
- 5. **Miscellaneous** any photos that do not fit into any other category.
- 6. International Walking photos from overseas walks
- 7. **Best overall** awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge.
- 8. **People's choice**. The best photo selected by the members.

See the Sept Jilalan for the full Rules.

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#### 27<sup>th</sup> NOV, SUNDAY BRISBANE FOREST PARK, 4 TRACKS DAYWALK

Michele Johns Ph: 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542
St Brigid's, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
7.00am
\$8.00
M33
On Mt. Nebo Road west of The
Gap

Web:<u>http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/daguila</u> <u>r/south-daguilar-walking-map.pdf</u>

**Emerg Off:** Richard Johns Ph: 0409 871 641 This walk offers variety and first class views from the Brisbane Valley to Moreton Bay. We will cover about 17 - 18km over the day but it is all on graded track. You won't need to carry much as we will be returning to the cars between walks. There should be plenty of time to enjoy a coffee on the way home.

The day will begin at Jolly's Lookout with expansive views of Moreton Island and the Samford Valley, beginning with the Thylogale Track, walking one way to Boombana. This is an easy 4km walk through eucalypt and rainforest with an abundance of rainforest birds, including the fruit dove, green catbird, satin bowerbird and pale yellow robin, so for those bird spotters this is a bonus! We will have an early morning tea stop before heading up to Manorina. We will walk the 6km return on the Morelia Track to Mt Nebo lookout with its spectacular views of the Samford Valley and beyond, and then it is back to the cars where we will head further up the mountain to Mt Glorious for lunch at Miala.

After lunch we will head down to Greenes Falls starting at the Miala Picnic Area. We will finish the day doing the Westside Track one way. This walk will take us through some of the best rainforest in Brisbane Forest Park. The rainforest is more varied here with strangler figs, buttressed trees, stinging trees and large rainforest trees such as white booyong. This walk includes spectacular views over the scenic rim to Cunningham's Gap and Mount Barney. There is a steep descent of steps just past this view but shouldn't pose any problem to most bush walkers.

We don't often explore the natural beauty at our doorstep so don't miss this opportunity. Michele Johns

#### **Mt MAROON**

The popular Cotswold Track on Mount Maroon in the Mount Barney National Park has been reopened after repairs following a large rock fall in September 2010.

## WALKS WISH LIST

Mid February. South Coast Track Tasmania. 84km and 7 day throughwalk (hard). Fly in/out via Hobart.

http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/?base=2265

March 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Wed to Sun. Cooloola Great Walk. Essentially a five day 102km walk from near Noosa to Rainbow Beach.

#### http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/great-walkscooloola/index.html

Early-mid August. Jatbula Trail, Northern Territory. 58km through walk over about 5 days (+ about 2 for travel). Fly in/out via Darwin then bus to Katherine.

http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/find/pdf/Jatbu laTrail\_09.pdf I am not suggesting all three in the one year. I am more providing a number of options I am interested in and seeing if anyone else or the committee are interested in any one of them to possibly go ahead. If any of them were to go ahead I would be willing to lead or co-lead them.

On another note the Green Gully Track already scheduled is one I am also very keen to do. <u>http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources</u> /parks/Western/Oxley Wild Rivers NP/GreenG ullyTrackFAQ.pdf

Anyone Interested?

Thank you, Chris Rahmann, 0418 739 064.

#### THE DISCOVERY OF GOD IN MY LIFE RETREAT SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

A retreat day of prayer, reflection, talks and discussion

The Coorparoo Lay Carmelites extend a warm invitation to you to attend our retreat to be lead by Father John Reilly, Jesuit.

Where: Loreto College: 415 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo

When: 9am for morning tea and registration.

Retreat commences 9.30am and concludes at 3.30 pm.

Mass will be celebrated at midday.

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Morning Tea is provided. BYO Lunch

We would love to see you on the day. Please feel free to extend this invitation to anyone that you feel would also be interested in attending.

Warm Regards, Mary White Ph: 3397 1007 or

cavendish317@optusnet.com.au

Please note: if you have a Bible bring it with you otherwise do not be concerned.

# **PAST EVENTS**

#### THE MARATHON SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST KANANGRA BOYD NATIONAL PARK THROUGHWALK

Weather – fine and mild.

It was a marvellous adventure again this year with the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club as they did their annual pilgrimage to their Shack.

The plan was to go in from Carlon's but my group was decimated by the flu and I had to switch across to the "standard" way in, which they call the "scratch route" which was led by Owen

Holmwood. The plans were put in place and I met up with the group on Friday night. We than had a lovely dinner at the Oriental Hotel (the Ori) at Springwood then I spent the Friday night at Chris Watson's place at Faulconbridge.

(As an aside, Faulconbridge is a very small village but the local member back in the 1880's was Sir Henry Parkes the "father of federation" of Australia, who was at that time also the Premier of NSW. According to local gossip he suggested a railway station for his locality (and his house) and surprise, surprise his suggestion was acted upon by the Minister of Railways, and Faulconbridge got it's railway station and still has. Faulconbridge is also the final resting place of Sir Henry as just across the street from the railway station is his grave with a lovely sandstone memorial.)

Saturday morning we were up at 3.20am for a 4am departure. We got to the Kanangra Tops just in time to put our boots on to get to the starting spot at the official starting time of 6.15am. There were about 4 groups starting from there – the "hards" and the "not so hards" and the "old and cuddly group". Our group was very large with 10 members in it.

It was a beautiful mild morning with views for miles. The route we were following was the standard route down to the Kowmung River along the Gingra Range. The actual ridge takes 15km to get down to the river and there are several ups to make it a test. We got to the river about midday and then had to cross it. You had a choice to cross upstream from the weir where the water was waist high with very little flow, or below the weir where the water was only knee high but flowing very, very, very fast. Most choose the wetter option as the water was really gushing over the rocks below the weir. The water so cold it numbed your feet and took your breath away. But you felt great after getting out.

We had a leisurely lunch of at least 30 minutes. Then we headed up a hot and bare ridge called Wide Opening Ridge. It was purgatory. So near to the end but it just kept going on and on and on. I was buggered. We eventually reached the road (Scott's Main Range Road) and then it was a leisurely road bash down to the Shack. We got there at 4.43pm – at least we got there in the daylight. One group didn't get in until after dark. We had covered 26.7kms in just on 9 hours of walking through very rough terrain. The big surprise was our group won the prize for the fastest "team". (Before you jump to conclusion that we were the only ones, we beat 3 other teams). That night we had the usual feast and party.

The next day was another tough walk. We got a lift of 17kms to Mt Feld and then we went "down" the Dennis Ridge to the Kowmung then "up, up, up" the other side along Roots Ridge to the Gingra Range - from the junction it was supposed to be just a short 2 hour walk back to the cars - we did it in just under 3 hours. So 2 big days of walking.

Anyhow I am planning on doing the Marathon again, but probably not next year. As the Marathon is an Olympic event I will probably wait until the next time the Olympics are held to do the Bushwalkers Marathon. I highly recommend the trip to other BCBC members. Next time I hope to come in from the northern side from near Carlons and come through the Wild Dog Mountains and down to the Cox River. Phil

#### MURARRIE TO MANSFIELD 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER DAYWALK

The moral of this walk is to have a Plan B, and then also a Plan C. This walk was originally going to be from Coominya to Esk but when I found out the Lockyer Creek Bridge had not yet been replaced after the January flood, I decided to make it from Esk to Toogoolawah. But I didn't get any drivers and Paddy had made her sandwiches the night before, so I was under pressure to come up with a walk where drivers weren't needed.

Paddy, Sofia and Terry met me at Roma Street Railway Station and we set off for Murarrie Station to see how much of the Bulimba Creek Bikeway we could walk.

Terry soon made the first discovery – the Tingalpa Pioneer's Chapel in Wynnum Road. There are quite a lot of early settlers buried here including the Arnolds of Wyvernleigh who were Manly's first family and also Charles Coxen who founded the Queensland Museum. He was just as excited when he discovered the Smith's Chips factory a few doors down!!!

We then set off for the Minnippi Parklands where a fellow taking bird photos offered to show us two tawny frogmouths in a tree we had just walked past without realising.

The next stop was Carindale Shopping Centre for coffee and a toilet stop. Unfortunately, we lost two walkers for a little while – they walked out the wrong exit and were found gossiping around the corner. Child restraint straps may be used next time no matter what their ages! After regrouping we moved back over to the parkland for lunch on a park bench. Walking past the Pacific Golf Club was entertaining as we watched "the geezer".

The crocodiles in Edwards Park are being used as the excuse why we then got slightly geographically embarrassed. My street directory, the signs in the park and the actual tracks were all different. We walked all the way around the Christian Outreach College only to find the shorter road we were trying to find was just ahead of us.

A bus stop on Broadwater Street at Mansfield with a bus due in 5 minutes was our signal to stop and get back into the City before the Riverfire road closures. Also our Emergency Officer Mum (Carol) said our curfew was to be home before dark.

Lots of wildlife was seen, all manner of ducks, cranes, ibis' and water dragons.

Thank s to Sofia, Paddy and Terry for an enjoyable day on a walk the Club has never done before. Desley

(Ed Note: A Street Directory! Street Directory!! – Who in BCBC uses a Street Directory on a Club Trip – a Street Directory! Who, Who??????)

#### SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING WEEKEND 10 AND 11 SEPTEMBER FMR

This was held at Mt. Barney Lodge with a good attendance of bushwalkers and rock climbers.

Saturday morning we were shown how to make and carry various stretchers. In the afternoon we were broken up into groups and given various scenarios of locations and injuries (and bandages) to practice on the group members.

On Sunday the group was split into three parties – I was in the one which was a bushwalking group who had a woman get hit on the head with a falling branch coming down Mt. Barney. In reality we climbed up and over Yellowpinch to a cleared spot. The second group was the medical team sent to help and the third was the stretcher team. After assessing her and putting her on a stretcher she was pulled up Yellowpinch via ropes.

The local Rathdowney policeman also came to talk about what he needs and wants from rescue parties in his very frequent Mt. Barney search and rescues.

A good weekend which everyone should attend – you never know when you're going to need this knowledge. Desley

(Ed Note: Not a Street Directory in sight!)

#### ALBERT CREEK CIRCUIT 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 DAYWALK

What a cracker of a day!

The weather was absolutely perfect for a spring, Sunday walk. The crew left Brisbane a little after 6.30am arriving at O'Reilly's around 8.20am. We began our walk at 9am along the boardwalk before meeting the Border Track a few kilometres later. After around 5kms we turned right onto the Albert River Circuit track. We stopped for morning tea for 15 minutes at 11am looking east out onto Murwillumbah. Soon after we came upon Cominan Lookout with magnificent views of the valleys below and Mt Warning.

We arrived at Echo Point for another brief stop again admiring the wonderful views. We could clearly see the ocean, Murwillumbah and Kingscliff from here as well as hear the echoes in the Valley of Echos. We continued walking and before long we came across our first creek crossing and waterfall, Alcheringa Falls. There was more water in the creek since I had done the pre-outing, after the heavy rain we had had only a week before. We followed the track, crossing the creek several times and admiring the many and magnificent waterfalls. This certainly is a very pretty walk.

We stopped for lunch at the last falls for the day -Lightning Falls at around the half way mark at 1pm. With the best part of the walk over we increased our pace as some were eager to make it back to the café in time for a cuppa. However some of us made our way back a little more leisurely, enjoying the sights and sounds along the way. The last of us arrived back to the café at 3.45 still in time for a cuppa. With a total of 6 and <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours of walking we were all keen for a rest and a drink.

It was a great walk and a wonderful day made all the more beautiful by the great group of people and of course the magical weather. A special thanks to Peter C who organised it for me from the Brisbane end and a thank you to our two drivers Peter C and Brenda. Thanks also to all our walkers for your great company. Michelle, Tracey, Sophie and Paddy. Kerrianne Pearce

#### JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY TREASURY CASINO – 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

While the building was the same, the veranda was different! For the first time at the Treasury Casino, we gathered on the veranda overlooking the river instead of our usual spot overlooking Brisbane Square. In our new location we were treated to a

clear view of the laser light show after sunset, in addition to the serenity of sitting by the water.

It was good to see Russ and hear that his recovery is going well.

With great delight we toasted Michele and the news of the acceptance of her PhD. Congratulations Dr Endicott!!

Blinky showed off his photo book recording the highlights of his recent trip to the Mediterranean.

Members read a warm and encouraging letter from Willie Hayes in Ireland, thanking us for the Photo Book of the Barney Anniversary Mass.

For dinner we went into the square for German sausages and Austrian doughnuts. Yummyyyyy!

Present were Peggy, Liz, Pat Ryan, Elizabeth, Michael Cashman, Jan, Russ, Graham, Desley, Greg and Michele. Apologies were received from Phil, who son was married the next day in a beautiful ceremony at Southport. Liz

#### M<sup>t</sup> TOMEWIN TO TUGUN DAYWALK

Nine walkers met at Red Hill for the early start of 6:15am, we arrived at Don Paxton Park, Tugun, to meet another five, Paul Evans, Lyn Lucas, Dan & Brenda Keough, and Aris Matthee.

Mal Gamble was on time and we all boarded the bus, to Mt Tomewin. It was quite a picturesque drive up to the start of the walk, and Mal dropped us a few hundred metres away, in a place he could safely turn around.

After brief outline of the walk, and quick introductions, we set off as group. The leaders (not me) set a cracking pace, the day was particularly hot, and the first stop was a look called Schusters Lookout, which walkers climbed into the New South Wales side for a vista of the countryside to the south of the Border.

There were great views to the North, and next feature was a huge monolith rock right on the border line, which looks a bit out of place and unusual in shape and form. It was a rough rectangle shape that went about ten metres straight up, like a giant pier.

Some of the walkers including me were finding it tough going up the hills, with the heat.

We passed through a number banana plantations which were dotted along the border, and at one place a farmer, had one bag left of bananas which Lyn Lucas bought and shared with some of the walkers.

We found a cool place to have smoko about 10:45am, all be it probably a bit late, after a

decent break and recharging of the batteries, we set off again , with a good deal of the hard yards behind us.

Although it was hot we had hardy group of walkers, and we found a cool spot for a lunch break at about 12.45, a couple of kms away from the first sign of houses. After quite a long lunch break, we set of again towards the coast with only a couple of steep climbs left. It was a welcome sight to get to the rise where the first lot of houses were, the view to the coast was breathtaking and the cool sea breeze was a welcome relief.

We had another break for fifteen minutes under the shade of some trees, before we set off for the last section of the journey, which was relatively easy, and when we got to the Billabong house at the top of the hill we turned left off the border, followed the fence line, and out onto the three million dollar bridge, which was built by the State Government to allow the owner of Billabong house access to his property.

We arrived back at Don Paxton Park at about 3:20pm. It was noticed that some bushwalkers actually weakened, and went to Cafe to buy drinks and Ice creams before the walk was actually completed.

It was a hot day and who could blame them. Thanks to Peter Constable, Lynne Lucas, Michele Johns, Tracey Haggar, Terry Silk, Rusty & Louise Jones, Dan & Brenda Keough, Pal Evans, Paddy Taylor, Aris Matthee, and Maria Kerruish bus driver Mal Gamble, and Pat Lawton for assisting with the pre-outing. Trevor

#### TWEED RIVER TO KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER DAYWALK

Ten members and five visitors took part in this walk in excellent weather conditions. There was a cool northerly breeze which made conditions much better than the hazy, warmer weather inland. The low tide also facilitated walking on the beach.

This walk began at the rock wall on the Tweed River and finished at the rock wall on Cudgen Creek at Kingscliff. After assembling at Doppys Beach on the Tweed River, we followed a track beside the rock wall to the start of the beach walk proper. At this point, we could see the sand bypassing facility which is used in the relocation of sand to Gold Coast beaches.

At the township of Fingal Head, we left the beach and walked through parkland and forest via a

boardwalk to reach the lighthouse, built in 1897 and still in operation. There are wonderful views from the headland; these include the highrise of Tweed Heads to the north, Kingscliff to the south, and Cook Island to the east. We were fortunate to see two pods of dolphins frolicking in the surf. Some members of the party also saw a snake; apparently they are common in the area. An landform, the Giant's unusual Causeway consisting of columns of basalt, can also be seen from the lower section of the headland. We also met some local volunteers, the Fingal Head Coast Care group, who spent a lot of time looking after plant life and removing rubbish from the headland.

We had lunch near Dreamtime Beach between Fingal and Kingscliff. Some very good restoration work has been completed at Kingscliff since the pre-outing, and as a consequence, we were able to walk right along the beach to Cudgen Creek. We finished the day with coffee at the Choux Box espresso bar in Kingscliff.

This was a very enjoyable walk and could certainly be included in the calendar again in the future. Thanks to the following members for participating in this activity: Sofia, Paddy, Julie, Peggy, Elizabeth, Liz, Ann, Phil, Sue, and especially to our visitors Janell, Marina, Amy, Audrey, and Bernice. Graham

#### SCAFELL PIKE FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER DAYWALK, ENGLAND

Apparently one of the musts for bushwalkers is to climb the three peaks of Britain, Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. I decided to climb Scafell Pike first and Snowdon last so I hope the weather cooperates.

Scafell Pike, England's highest peak, lies near a small town called Keswick. Keswick lies in Cumbria and this county in well known by its other name, the Lakes District. The mountain is 978m and the climb is 848m over 14.3kms and starts at Seathwaite Farm. The availability of public footpaths over here is great, no owners to deal with.

The town is full of ramblers and are mostly around my age. I discovered, over a conversation during dinner at a delightful pub, that the ramblers come out when school restarts. After a good night's sleep I set out for Seathwaite Farm around 9.15am and managed to get the last carpark near the farm. Finding the start of the walk was easy. All you do is put your indicator on and join the never ending number of ramblers.

The route follows farm tracks for a while before starting to climb. I discovered that the walk was going to be very hard on my feet as the track is mainly rock. I guess the best way to describe it is as a rock scramble up one of our dry creeks. I don't know what the other routes are like but it would be hard to beat the scenery along this route. Particularly as I had picked the perfect day to walk. There was not a cloud in the sky and the temperature was around 20 and absolutely no humidity.

Except for one minor navigation issue (when I walked into a bog) the route up is fairly straight forward. After 3.5 hours I was on top and the views were great. Unfortunately there was a heat haze all around so the views were limited. The summit is unmistakable as there is a huge cairn on the top.

The compulsory photo taken, a quick drop of water and I was on my way down. The descent was a little more up and down and definitely didn't have the same views as the ascent but it was quicker. Three hours later and I was back at the car. There were still plenty of people somewhere on the Cumbrian Ranges and I guess the Brits were taking full advantage of this great weather.

One down and two to go. I'm on my way to Ben Nevis tomorrow and the weather forecast for Scotland is not good. I'll keep my fingers crossed. Michael.

#### KATE QUINLAN SOCIETY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER SOCIAL

Ten of us gathered at The Breakfast Creek Hotel to have a leisurely lunch of steak. Most arrived at midday to find our reserved seats ready for us in the colonnade. The weather was fine and warm, though it got breezey as we were leaving.

Some bought albums of past holidays, others storied of trips abroad. We talked and talked, ate our steaks and salad, had a few drinks and generally socialised. What a good day in the warm spring sun with friends.

Present were: Barry C, Tracey L, Russ & Jan, Greg & Michele, Graham G, Elizabeth R, and Roger and Julie F. thanks to all for coming. Greg



#### M<sup>t</sup> FAIRVIEW SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER DAYWALK WATERFALLS, RAINFOREST AND CYCADS

Mudgeeraba was the meeting spot for two cars and six walkers as we left Red Hill at 7am under an overcast sky. Despite the leader heading across the border we managed to meet up and head up the mountain to Springbrook. It took a huge car shuffle to finally get the walk underway mid-morning. The troops having smoko while enjoying the view and Brenda's slice while waiting. The view from the Canyon Lookout was fantastic, across Springbrook and down to the Coast; you could see the Pinnacle and the ridge to Fairview.

The walk followed the Warrie Cct through rainforest past the lookouts, under the falls which were all flowing well and looking good. If you stood in the right place and waited for the right fall of water you could see the rainbow on the rocks at Rainbow Falls. The water fall with the four drops, the first starting well above us and the last disappearing over the edge to somewhere below us was worth seeing.

It wasn't too long before we were at the turn off to the Pinnacle. In the early years it was just the ridge now a well-used foot pad winds its way to the base of the Pinnacle. Up through the cliff line and on top for those great views across to Boyds Butte and all the way to the Coast We could almost touch Mt. Gannon, where I reminded Terry of that Tuesday pre-outing we did a few years ago with Alan Cox. It was time to leave before the shakes set in.

We traversed our way around the Pinnacle for Lunch, before heading down to what we were here for. the Cycads. They were looking good, huge ones ,tall ones, fat ones, skinny ones The females in all their glory with their cones and fruit in full display and spread across the forest floor. A sight to see amongst the eucalypts, red beside the green. Too soon we were at that inconspicuous knoll known as Mt. Fairview, so inconspicuous ,I forgot to tell the troops and some of them are still wondering where Mt. Fairview is. A lolly break before heading down to the cars for the reverse car shuffle and onto Pollys Café for coffee, tea, scones and chips to finish a different and enjoyable walk on the Springbrook Plateau.

Thanks to Terry Silk, Brenda Keough, Peter Constable, Tracey Haggard and Alan Cox for sharing the walk with me. Thanks to Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Joe Finn and Paul Evans for the pre-outing that was a great day as well. I hope you enjoyed the journey through the Cycads. Justin

#### BEN NEVIS SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER DAYWALK, SCOTLAND

I left Cumbria under a few clouds but still a beautiful day. By the time I got above Glasgow it was raining. At least by the time I reached Fort William the rain had ceased. The next day dawned fine but with low cloud cover as I set out for peak number 2, Ben Nevis. I hadn't climbed far before the rain started and it stayed with me all the way to the top.

At 1344m Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in the British Isles and consequently Scotland. It lies very near to Fort William on the west coast of Scotland. The walk itself starts from a height of about 20m and therefore I had a climb of 1324m over 7.2kms. The walk is very straightforward. It follows a large track consisting again of mainly rocks. I can see why there are so many stone fences over here. The whole landscape appears to be one big rock. They even have stone fences halfway up mountains. I have no idea how they stay there let alone how they built them.

Every now and again the cloud cover would open and I could see some beautiful country. The summit lies on a large plateau and is noted for the number of ruined stone buildings. Apart from the summit cairn with a trig point on top there is a ruined observatory which was built in 1883. On top of its ruins now stands an emergency shelter. In addition there is a war memorial to the dead of WWII. An interesting titbit is that a piano was discovered in 2006 under a cairn. It is believed it was carried up for charity by removal men some 20 years ago. While I was still on the top the rain stopped and the sun was trying to get through but there were still no views.

So after a futile wait for the mist to clear I decided it was time to leave. Not far below the summit I dropped between two sets of clouds. Now I could see nothing above or below me. Eventually I broke through the bottom set of clouds and was rewarded with spectacular views. The various green colours were amazing. I guess they should be with all the rain they get. When I was only about 200m up the clouds cleared and the sun broke through but the summit of Ben Nevis was still under cloud. It reminded me of Mt Warning with its constant cover.

The whole climb took 6 hours which made it quicker than Scapell Pike but then the terrain was

not as steep. That's 2 down and 1 to go, Snowdon. Hopefully Tuesday. I may even see the Vauxhall Frontera that some idiot drove up Snowdon early last month. It currently lies some 365m from the summit. And they reckon Australians are mad. Michael.

#### Mt SNOWDON FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER DAYWALK, WALES

Snowdon, Yr Wyddfa, at 1085m is the highest mountain in Wales. The starting height was around 240m leaving me with an 845m climb over 6kms. The shortest climb of the three peaks.

The weather forecast for Snowdon today was for a drier day so I decided to give it a go. I arrived at the car park around 11am. I couldn't believe that they charge to leave your car here even though it is in the middle of nowhere. The mountain was covered in cloud but the weather did look dry so I thought I'd walk for an hour or so and see how it looked.

I decided not to take my original route up, the Rhyd Ddu Path, as it is very narrow and airy towards the top and I was worried about wind gusts. So I opted to go up and down the Snowdon Ranger Path. This is on the opposite side of the mountain to the tourist route and is therefore not very popular. The air temperature was quite warm and it wasn't long before I was down to shorts, tshirt and a raincoat (this gives you an idea of the vagaries of the weather). This walk proved to be a more enjoyable walk than Ben Nevis with a lovely stroll through farmland as I approached the ascent ridge.

I counted seven zigzags before the ridge disappeared behind the clouds (there were in fact nine). The views from the ridge were beautiful. Imagine a green valley with a babbling brook wandering down to finish in a blue lake. In the foothills of Snowdon there were several small lakes which were leaking small streams down the various gullies. As I climbed higher the wind gusts increased which in no way prepared me for what lay ahead.

Visibility was now about 20m and I wondered if I would be able to find the path for my descent. After what seemed a long time wandering in eerie silence through the mist I was suddenly alerted to a loud roar. For a few seconds I thought I was to be the next victim of the Welsh Dragon but I soon realized it was the train. Before long I reached the train line and watched the train pass. It consisted of two wagons being pushed by the engine. It is

the only rack and pinion rail line in Great Britain which makes it very unusual.

Finding the path from the train line seemed elusive until I could see silhouettes on the horizon. This was the main track from the north side and I was surprised by the number of people on the mountain. As I neared the ridge the wind increased and the temperature plummeted. In fact it was sleeting. I was about to stop and put on warmer clothes when a fellow walker informed me I was only 5mins from the top. So I pushed on, climbed the cairn, took the requisite photo and bolted back down the path.

It wasn't long before I was below the ridge and out of those freezing winds. It had taken me two hours to climb Snowdon and I anticipated it would take me the same to descend. Not long after I was below the clouds I was amazed to hear 'beep beep' behind me. Looking around you can imagine how surprised I was to see four mountain bikes rushing down the mountain behind me. There was to be another four bikes in another group later on. It was 3pm and I was back at the car. Four hours for the return trip making it much easier than the other two peaks. Mission accomplished, I had summited the three peaks. Michael

#### LETTER FROM IRELAND Willie Hayes, BCBC Co-Founder

6 September 2011 Dear Liz,

The delightful publication *Mt Barney Mass* 11<sup>th</sup> *August, 2010*, which you so thoughtfully and kindly sent me, arrived last week. My niece, Siobhan, (sister of Bernadette who was at the Mass that day), was staying here with us, together with her husband, Harley, and it was very fitting that these Queenslanders were here when I was opening your so carefully parcelled packet. Some expressions of delight and pleasure greeted the colourful publication when it revealed itself and it was immediately gone through with eagerness.

Shortly afterwards we were off on a few days' break to West Cork to explore the lovely seaport of Baltimore and the two main islands off its coast – Sherkin and Cape Clear, all beautiful and wild places for walking.

Now that we're back, I have been savouring Mt Barney Mass again. I was very glad that my brother Pat was present at that special Mass (with his daughter Bernadette) to represent me, and that he had a lovely role to play. (And Leo Power, and old and dear friend.)

I warmly congratulate all who helped with the design, lay-out and contents of *Mt Barney Mass 2010*. It is outstanding and I treasure it. Also I want to say that I feel greatly honoured by it. I get a great sense of gratification whenever I think of the club, and I'm proud of the part I played in its initiation and early formation.

I'm also very proud of the Club as it has matured into what it is today, thanks to the energy, motivation, time, planning and dedication that the members, especially committee members, have put into it over the years and continue to put into it. I'm very impressed by the range of its activities and its vitality. I think it is something of a record that, after more than 50 years, it is so vibrant and continuing to provide enjoyment, sociability and challenge to so many.

Thank you, Liz, for sending me this treasured publication and for including the text of the Mass and the DVD as well. May god bless you and all the members lavishly and may the Club continue to prosper.

Yours most sincerely, Willie

## COALSEAM GAS EXPLORATION SE Q'LD PROTEST SUNDAY16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

The Scenic Rim's iconic landscapes are in danger of being trashed by the coal and coal seam gas industry and similar scenarios are playing out in other rural communities across Australia.

On October 16 landholders and concerned Australians across the country will unite to say "NO". You can be part of this action in the Scenic Rim by joining "Protesters on Peaks". Be one of hundreds of people to climb (or drive to) our peaks, with their yellow triangles and huge white banners carrying anti-CSG and coal mining messages.

Protestors on Peaks is designed as a truly different, visual, media event, which includes an aerial flyover at around 11am to capture footage for national TV news bulletins covering protests across the country.

BYO "Lock The Gate" <u>signs</u>, giant banners (we suggest 2.4 x 7m to be visible from the air with black painted letters, you can use old sheets for this) and a camera/phone to take part in sending a clear message to the State Government that the people of Queensland are opposed to wrecking

agriculture, tourism, and the natural assets in the Scenic Rim.

For full information, and to register for this event to allow for smooth coordination of what we hope to be a very large turnout - go to <u>www.keepthescenicrimscenic.com</u> or 07 5544 3233.

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# **FMR TRAINING**

(Federation Mountain Rescue)

6 November: Abseil adventure bushwalk. Contact Barbara by email: <u>fmrqld@gmail.com</u>.

## SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA WEEK 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Each year in Queensland there is approximately 100 work-related fatalities and nearly 30,000 serious injuries and diseases where workers are either permanently impaired or seriously injured. Safe Work Week provides an opportunity for everyone to think about practical ways to improve workplace health and safety within their workplace and aim to achieve zero harm at work.

What is happening in my area? Find out what is happening in your area by clicking on the link http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/events/s afeworkweek/2011/events/index.htm To find resources to help you host your own event

click on the following link http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/events/s afeworkweek/2011/resources/index.htm Contact our pathways team hrpathways@publicworks.gld.gov.au if you

# hrpathways@publicworks.qld.gov.au if you require any further information

# ARE YOU BUSHFIRE PREPARED?

The **Rural Fire Service** has a lot of vital and useful information to help you get ready and be prepared in case a bush fire comes your way! <u>http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/index.asp</u>

#### PREPARE.ACT.SURVIVE.

In 2009 Queensland experienced one of its worst bushfire seasons on record and at one point firefighters attended 4491 vegetation fires across

the state over a 36-day period. In many cases homes and lives were at risk and residents were faced with the decision to stay with their property or leave the area early.

The **Prepare**, **Act**, **Survive** booklet is full of information that will help you to prepare for bushfire season. It will assist you in making the decision to stay or to leave and will outline the steps you need to take as a result of your decision.

#### **Bushfire Survival Plan**

Your bushfire survival plan details how you'll prepare and what action you will take if threatened by a bushfire. During a large-scale event, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) will not be able to place a fire truck at every property so it is therefore even more important to have a solid plan in place.

Your plan needs to take into account what you will do based on the Fire Danger Rating On days of catastrophic and extreme fire weather the QFRS advises that people leave the area well in advance of any fire (the night before or early in the morning is recommended). So you need to decide under what conditions you will stay (if any) and when it would be best to leave well in advance of a fire.

#### **Queensland Bushfire Warning System?**



**Bushfire Advice**: A fire or other emergency has started in the area however there is no immediate threat.

**Bushfire Watch and Act**: There is a heightened level of threat, you need to be aware of your situation and take action to be prepared and protect yourself.

**Bushfire Emergency Warning**: You are in danger and need to take immediate action recommended by the fire service.

The Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) is also used when bushfire threatens life. The siren sound effect is the same used for cyclone warnings. These messages are delivered through local TV and radio. However, you should not expect that detailed information will be available every time there is a bushfire. If you see fire and smoke, take action to ensure the safety of your family, neighbours and animals.

# **MOBILES IN EMERGENCY**

FIRST: The Emergency Number worldwide for all Mobile Phones is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and your mobile will search any existing network in your area to establish the emergency number for you. This number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. This works on all phones worldwide and is free. It is the equivalent of 000.

# QORF

- <u>www.youtube.com/EQUIPnTRIP</u> channel that brings together all sorts of interesting and useful tips and info for the outdoors enthusiast
- A new <u>Brisbane Region e-Advisory</u> is now available – info on upcoming free workshops, news and events from the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) and the wider sport and recreation industry.
- The popular **Cotswold Track** on **Mount Maroon** in the Mount Barney National Park has been reopened after repairs following a large rock fall in September 2010.
- The consultation period for draft of <u>'Naturally</u> <u>Queensland 2020—the Master Plan for</u> <u>protected areas, forests and wildlife'</u> closes 20 November 2011.
- Climbing Insurance now available from
   <u>Fortitude Financial Management</u>
- Brisbane City Council <u>Outdoor Recreation</u> <u>Management Strategy</u> for Brisbane's Natural Areas 2011-2021.
- New <u>Backpackers Guide to Queensland</u> from Tourism Queensland
- <u>Keep the Scenic Rim Scenic</u> Sign up to help protect world heritage-listed Mt Barney National Park.
- New draft management plans are being prepared for a number of protected areas, national parks and conservation estates.
   <u>READ MORE</u> - have your say!

### Q'LD THEATRE COMPANY http://www.theatre2012.com.au/

A group of us have season tickets to the QTC plays at Q-Pac.

We tend to go on Saturday for the 2pm matinee sessions.

Phone Greg on Ph: 3351 4092 for more details, and if you decide to join us, e-mail the Club at <u>briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au</u>

There are many reasons to buy a Season Ticket from Queensland Theatre Company:

- **Great savings** Save up to 50% off single ticket prices.
- **Priority seating** Secure the best seats in the house at any performance before tickets go on sale to the general public.
- **Behind-the-scene events** Enhance your theatre experience with free entry into exclusive briefings from directors, actors and designers.
- **Ticket exchanges** Enjoy the special privilege of being able to exchange into another performance of the same play if your circumstances change.

Sit in A Reserve seats or any part of the theatre you choose. If you need to change or shift your dates after you've booked, for whatever reason, you can do so free of charge.

Season tickets can be 3, 5 or 7 plays: You can choose which plays. The dates are by consensus.

N° of Plays	7	5	3
Adult	\$378	\$300	\$204
Concession	\$301	\$240	\$162
Under 30	\$189	\$135	\$81

Summer Of The Seventeenth Doll - 22/02/12 to 11/03/12

Special Event: Bloodland - 14.04 to 18/04

Bombshells - 19/03 to 21/04

Romeo & Juliet - 23/4 to 21/5

Elizabeth I: Almost By Chance A Woman - 28/5 to 24/6

Head Full Of Love - 07/07 to 11/08

Special Event: Yes, Prime Minister - 05/07 to 15/07

(Ned) Kelly - 15/09 to 20/10

David Williamson's Managing Carmen - 13/10 to 04/11

#### LOWER RIVER TERRACE FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT CONSTRUCTION STARTING IN MID-SEPTEMBER 2011

Brisbane City Council is focused on repairing and rebuilding the city's infrastructure, environment, economy and communities following the devastating January 2011 floods. Council will soon start reconstruction works in the park. The Lower River Terrace flood recovery project will involve: 1. replacing and relocating lighting used to illuminate the cliff face with energy efficient LED lights. 2. Replanting vegetation and damaged turf areas.

Works are expected to start in mid-September 2011 and will take approximately four months to complete. During the works, the park will remain open however some areas may be cordoned off for public safety. The car park will remain fully open. Standard working hours are 7am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. Ph: **1800 727 923** during business hours or

email riversideparksfloodrecovery@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

# QUEENSLAND CYCLE STRATEGY 2011-2021

Queensland values cycling for the important contribution it makes to the development of a sustainable and effective transport system. Cycling is not just a transport issue. It has significant benefits for health, the environment and tourism, as well as having positive local impacts in connecting communities.

The Queensland Government's cycling vision is 'more cycling more often' on safe, direct and connected routes. The *Queensland Cycle Strategy 2011-2021* sets the direction for cycling to achieve this vision and get more people on bikes for school, work, leisure and shopping trips.

The strategy targets four priority areas for cycling:

- building safe, direct and connected cycle networks
- growing a cycling culture
- creating cycle-friendly communities
- developing a cycle economy.

#### View the strategy

Download the **Queensland Cycle Strategy** (PDF, <u>5.9 MB</u>).

The Queensland Cycle Strategy is also available split into sections:

#### Past Queensland Cycle Strategy Implementation Reports

The <u>Queensland</u> <u>Cycle</u> <u>Strategy</u> <u>Implementation Report 2008-2009 (PDF, 248.2</u> <u>KB</u>) lists the significant Queensland Cycle Strategy implementation achievements made at state and local levels for the 2008-2009 reporting period.

All packages include

- VIP service through our freecall phone line
- Complimentary souvenir program at each play

- First access to the best seats, or the flexibility to book closer to time
- \$10 off single ticket prices to treat your family and friends
- The option to change into another performance if your circumstances change
- Free entry to behind-the-scenes play briefings
- Exclusive deals, discounts and invitations to events

## THEOLOGY CORNER BEATING THE CHURCH

In the paper the other day someone wrote about the current economic crash as a 'crisis of faith': we had believed in the money markets as our religion.

We just thought that money would make money and money would buy happiness, not realising that, sooner or later, the credit would crunch, and the holes in risky, fast-buck investments would be exposed. So now we've lost that faith, people fear to spend, and the banks fear to lend.

It would be very easy for Christians to say, 'See, we told you so. You worshipped money, not God, and this is where it's got you.' But that's not much help to the people who are hit hardest, such as families on small incomes. Yet, as the 'religion' of the market has failed, do we have a different vision of money and the economy to offer? Or is Christianity not concerned with such things?

It rather seems from what Jesus says that it's not. 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -and to God what belongs to God.' This has often been cited by Christians who want church and politics to stay apart, and with some good reason. After all, we've seen plenty of totalitarian governments that had a Christian veneer, and even in democratic politics, if a Christian party acts corruptly just once, it wrecks ruins the reputation not just of the party, but of the Christian faith. But is this what Jesus is getting at?

The Pharisees are trying desperately to get rid of Him. If He says you can pay taxes to Caesar, then He's on the side of the hated Romans, whom they hoped the longed-for Messiah would free them from, so they can stir up the people against Him. But if He says not to pay Caesar, then He's guilty of treason and they can hand him straight over to the Romans.

Jesus saw straight through this. And His answer was not just clever: it had a very basic message that we often forget: God is in control, not human beings. We don't need to try to manipulate God or others. If we are faithful to God, and work within our situation, He will do the rest.

So just grin and bear it, then? But if our situation is bad, if people around us are living with injustice and oppression, shouldn't we do something about it?

Let's look at what happened to the exiled people of Israel under Cyrus. This man, whom Isaiah calls God's anointed -- yes, Messiah! -- was a Persian ruler who had conquered the Babylonians, the people who had taken the Israelites into captivity. Wanting to be seen as tolerant and benign, he allows the Jewish people to return home.

And even though Cyrus does not know the God of Israel, God has called him by his name. Our God is a God of surprises. Just as the people and things we expect to help may disappoint, sometimes God acts through the most unlikely channels. 'People unknown to me served me' (Psalm 17.43). That is because He is 'the Lord, unrivalled'.

So by all means let's ask God for what we want. But let's be open to His way, His initiative -- which may well be a prompt to action: St. Paul was an amazingly active and energetic apostle, yet always in response to the guidance he received in prayer. A world away from seizing illusory happiness from a fast car, dream holiday (and pay nothing till Christmas).

In these tougher times, we need to rely on God's providence. This is not a grim fact -- though the bursting of a bubble is never pleasant -- rather, it's an opportunity. If we put our trust in God, and listen to His voice, we can persevere in real hope, working especially to love our neighbour in need, knowing that what we do is faith in action.

This is our opportunity to let go of the money religion, so that money becomes what it should be: a useful tool, not our master. Source: Dominic White O.P.

# **EDITOR'S REPORT**

**ARTICLES:** Please have all articles for the Sept Jilalan to me by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please check and adjust your article to comply with the Style Guide: <u>www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/JilalanStyleGuide.html</u> If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092. E-mail articles to <u>endhouse@bigpond.net.au</u>

# As Editor, I reserve the right to alter, amend, move, shorten or not print articles.

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# Look at last month's Jilalan and copy that format – especially the "headings" in Comings

# Type your article as a Word document, then attach it to the e-mail. A4 please, not in Columns.

# Type Face is "Arial", Font Size is "12", though Date, Name of Event & Type are "14

# 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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# THE NEEDS OF THE MANY

In the early eighties the boys went to see the Star Trek Movie, years of watching repeats of Captain Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise save the Universe on the telly; they had arrived on the big screen. Excited we were, so you can imagine our concern and dismay when Spock, was dying, behind the glass with Spock on one side and Kirk on the other a shattered broken man and friend asking the question as his good mate is slipping away "Why Spock, why ?" Spock replied "Jim, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one" and he was gone.

In my few years of walking that has been BCBC, everyone looking after each other, making sure it was always we can get to the top and not I can, just looking after your mates making sure everyone is alright. We saw it in the past, present and future as we celebrated Pats 50 years of walking. Fifty years of walking with your mates,

This spirit of walking is always most noticeable at the Barney Mass., A journey we have been making since 1960. We saw it on Matthews walk helping each other through the Lomandra Triffids, sharing the last of the water as we headed down off West Peak in fading light to camp. We saw it with Trevor looking after Mary and Lizzy so Dad could do the Spur. We saw it on South Ridge with everyone helping each other through the rough bits, we saw it in the Priest struggling to the saddle so once again we could celebrate Mass in that great Cathedral that is Barney and give thanks for the great club BCBC is and will continue to be. We saw it on the way down as the rain started to fall and made the track and rocks slippery and needing more care. Everyone managing to finish the walk in daylight and that doesn't happen that often. We see it on every walk and hopefully will continue to see it as the wilderness keeps calling

.Spock's last words to his friend were "Jim, live long and prosper" I'm sure that is what we all want BCBC to do . Justin

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Surprise Party, Surprise Rock, Dave's Creek Circuit, August 2005

