

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article. Visitors – for general enquiries contact Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month.

Articles, if on disk, need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **leonardi@gil.com.au**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is **St Brigid’s Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL**. (The huge red brick Church on the hill) **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, Musgrave Rd. Check “Jilalan” or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (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. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (f) 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
- (g) **All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm your family may ring the Emergency Officer for that outing– but please don’t panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates – Packs \$10/ weekend, Tents \$5:00 – Deposit of \$20:00 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association 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.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All members are most welcome to attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but please contact the President beforehand. This means you can be advised of any change of date/venue. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we’ll put it on the agenda.

WARNING All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2005

DATE 2005	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
October				
17	Meeting			
23	Wynnum to Ransome	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	D/W
26	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
30	Sandstone Point to Beachmere	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
November				
5	Fountain Falls	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	D/W
12	Obi Obi Lookout	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
19	Saturday on the River	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	Social
21	Meeting			
26	Gold Creek Reservoir	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
30	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
December				
3	Xmas Party			Social
9-11	Yamahra Creek (Mt Barney)	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
10	Christmas Carols at Newstead House	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
14	Christmas Lights Walk	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
19	Meeting			
26	Boxing Day Walk			
31	New Year's Eve			

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January 2006				
1	New Year's day			
8	Northbrook Gorge	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
15	Wellington Point	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
16	Meeting			
22	Stairway Falls	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
Thur 26–Sun 29	Gibraltar & Washpool Australia Day Long Week-end	Paul Evans	3357 5254	B/C
February				
5	Running Creek Falls	James Parra	3711 4490	D/W
12	Little Kings Movement Collection	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	City Walk
19	Obi Obi Creek Lilo Trip	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Lilo
20	Annual General Meeting			
25	Abseil Training – Kangaroo Point	Paul Evans	3357 5254	FMR
26	Castle Crag & Lyre Bird Lookout	Michele Johns	3353 2822	D/W
March				
5	Love Creek Falls	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
19	Club Hut Feast & Barney Waterfall	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
20	Meeting			
26	Mt Byron & Somerset Trail	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	D/W
29	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
April				
2	Knapps Peak	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	D/W
8	FMR – Adventure Activity	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR

9	Killarney to Cullendore	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W
10	Meeting			
16	Kwiambal National Park –Easter Sun.	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
17	Minnages – Easter Monday	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
Tues 25	ANZAC – Dawn Service in City	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social
30	New Farm to Southbank	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	C/W
May				
1	Lost World	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
15	Meeting			
Sat 20-21	Injury & Recovery Training			FMR
20	Annual Mass & Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
21	Bridges of Brisbane	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	C/W
24	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
June				
4	Bardon to Toowong Cemetery	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	C/W
9-11	Barney Basecamp – Long weekend	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
18	Edinburg Castle	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W

KEY – Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	½ DW	Half-day Walk
T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training
O/N	Overnighter	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C	Base Camp	SOC	Social

KEY – Walk Gradings

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club uses the following Walk Grading system, which is referred to under each coming walk. If uncertain, please consult with the walk's leader.

1. Distance

Short Under 10km per day

Medium 10-15km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

EXtra Over 20 km per day

Long

2. Terrain

1-3 Graded or open terrain.

No scrub

4-7 Bush. Minor scrub

rainforest, rock creek

Rock hopping, scrambling

Bush. As Above+ thick

8-10 scrub, major rock

scrambling using hands,

technical

3. Fitness

1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners

4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness required.

8-10 Hard Strenuous, fit walkers required.

Club Web Address: www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)

The BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB's

SECOND ANNUAL - PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At the November Monthly Meeting - Monday 21st November

The idea of the having a photographic competition is to encourage members to bring their photos out and share them with other members. A great way to share them is by entering them in the competition and also including them in the Club's magazine, annual report and on our website. Our goal as a club is to encourage the love of the bush and bushwalking. I trust the photos will display the spirit of the Club and the beauty of nature and why we go bushwalking.

The categories for this year are as follows –

1 Mountains -

2. Waterfalls

3. Moods of nature –

4. People and faces -

5. Best overall - awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge.

6. Peoples choice, the best overall photo selected by the members on the night.

The Competition Rules

- The photographs have to be prints and displayed at the November meeting.
- The size of the photographs shall be approximately A5 size - 210 mm x 149 mm or smaller.
- Photographs do not need to be mounted.
- All photographs must be the competitor's owner's work
- Each person may enter 2 photographs per category
- Each photograph must have a title, the owner's name, and date taken.
- The photos must be from a BCBC trip or in the area in which we usually walk
- The photo must have been taken in the last 3 years
- Photographs can be entered on the night
- There is no entry fee
- The winning photo will go on the front cover of the next annual report
- The ownership of the photo will remain that of the photographer.
- The owner agrees to allow the club to scan their photos to use the photos in the club magazine, annual report and website.

Last Years Winners were as follows –

CATEGORY	WINNER	PHOTO
1 Landscape -	Philip Kearns	Waterfall on Christmas Creek
2. Moods of nature –	Iain Renton	Rock Overhang at Minto Crags
3 Nature Close Up -	Louise Leonardi	Mushrooms
4. People and Faces –	Iain Renton	Helping hands
5. Miscellaneous-	Phil Murray	The group at Coomera Falls
6. Best Overall -	Iain Renton	Helping hands
7. People's Choice -	Phil Murray	Pat's Bluff

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

“What do I need to take or wear on an outing?”

Everyone will have a different opinion on what to wear and what to put into that pack which you will have on your back for 6 hours.

What to wear. There are many categories of outings – city walks, bike tracks, graded tracks, up hills and up mountains. And then there are the Overnighters, Basecamps and Throughwalks. I shall restrict myself to Daywalks!

My choice of clothing: I normally tell people to wear “gardening clothes”.

This means something comfortable, familiar and can get dirty without worrying you. On the city, river & bike track walks, you can go for something “respectful” – clothes you wouldn't mind been seen in public wearing.

But for graded tracks, and especially off track walks – where there could be dirt, ash, mud, water, rock & etc, something older and something you wouldn't mind getting stained with lovely fine red mud, is more appropriate. No one except the other walkers will be seeing you, and no one you know will be “out there”.

For overnighters, basecamps and throughwalks, same as above.

There are several things to remember – what you wear must be comfortable. The underwear must fit, have good elastic and not rub and cause irritation. Shirts need a collar to keep the sun off the neck. My personal preference is for short sleeved open neck cotton shirts & shorts. Short sleeves are comfortable, cool and do not rub or irritate. Short pants certainly do not get hot. In the wet, they do not chafe, nor do they get heavy & drag down. You can climb, take big steps etc. You may get a

few scratches, but that is minor considering the extra comfort.

The main item of clothing is footwear, and one which probably caused more argument amongst walkers. There are the “boots V the joggers” opinions. I wear joggers. They are comfortable, they are what I wear everyday, I know them, I can “feel the road” under my feet, they are light, they dry out quickly, they are cheap, they are easily replaceable and more. But, don't get cheapies – pay the extra and get good ones. Footwear has to be comfortable and needs good tread.

When you buy them, try them out by walking around the suburb for a couple of hours – go up and down a few hills to test out foot movement inside them. Get hot & sweaty to let the feet swell inside them. Stand in a bucket of water and walk around – see how they are while wet.

Tread is what keeps you stuck to the ground – it must do its job. Your shoes need good tread. The sole needs to be made out of a material that sticks to the ground like glue. Each type of each brand has a different tread pattern – confusing for us all. When you are buying, remember wet, mud, rock – all areas where you want steady feet and no slipping. Once the tread wears, demote them to the garden and buy a new pair.

Socks are important too – I use one pair of thick cotton without too much wear already. Your feet need a bit of cushioning, and need to be in those shoes tightly (no movement). If you wear boots, two pair is recommended.

Always have a hat. Remember – slip, slop, slap. Remember to bring the rain protection on each trip.

And – always bring along a complete spare set of undies & clothes (including shoes & socks) to wear in the car on the way home, and a towel. A car full of sweaty dirty bushwalkers is overpowering. As well, you

make the cloth seats of the car dirty, and you will be going into the obligatory café for coffee.

Have an enjoyable trip.



Sketch by Iain Renton

ABOUT MEMBERS

Through this month of November, I will be trekking the historic route to the base of the world's highest mountain (Mt Everest) ascending the nearby peak of Kala Pattar (5545m) where there are uninterrupted views of Everest (8848m)

Many Thanks and see you all when I return from Nepal....Bye.
James Parra (intrepid bushwalker)

Congratulations to Mary & Michael Nolan who have become grandparents again with the birth of a second granddaughter on 15th October and to Louise and Paul Rooney on the birth of their first grandchild.

Birthday wishes this month to James Bultjens, Jie Chen, Michael Egert and Jeffrey Foreman.

Also, congratulations to David Hill and Philip Kearns who won first and second prizes in our last raffle which was drawn at the end of our October meeting. A heartfelt thank you to all those who supported the club by buying tickets.

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

TREASURERS REPORT

<i>Balance 19/09/05</i>	\$1441.08
<u><i>Plus Receipts</i></u>	<u>\$ 961.00</u>
	\$2402.08
<u><i>Less Payments</i></u>	\$ 436.00
<u><i>Balance 17/10/05</i></u>	<u>\$1966.08</u>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	\$1803.63

We are already selling tickets in our next raffle which will be our last for the year. Our thanks must go to Louise Leonardi who donated the prize which is a beautifully assembled Christmas Hamper. As usual the tickets are only one dollar each. The hamper will be on display at our November meeting and you need to see me to buy your tickets to have a chance of winning it. At this stage it is proposed to draw this raffle at our Christmas Party on the 3rd December. So do not delay in purchasing your ticket(s).

Vice Presidents Notes

1. The 50th Anniversary for the Club is coming up soon. I would like to suggest that we have the first "50th Anniversary sub committee" meeting on Thursday 1st December. Please note; the first walk by the Club was done on Sunday 1st December 1957. The walk was to Mt Tibrogargan. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ideas and formulate some parameters and plans for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. More details next month.

2. A new publication will issue with the December edition of Jilalan. It is a small booklet containing a collection of poems from the Jilalan magazine. I needed a name for the booklet and the name of the booklet

will be "Bithongabel". (pronounced "Bee - thon - ga - bel". The name is in recognition of the misty and mysterious place of Mt Bithongabel which is a mountain up at O'Reilly's. The mountain is on the McPherson escarpment and the Border track skirts the flanks of the mountain. The area is covered in Antarctic Beech trees which are relics from the ice age. It is important that these old poems from our club history are made available for newer members, hence, the need to re-publish them in a handy little booklet.

Phil

Contribution from Mary Nolan

The Lolly in the Lunchbox

I went to work this morning
As lighthearted as could be
For the lolly found in my lunchbox
Had clearly reminded me
Of a walk along the circuit
With friends from BCBC.

Later as I bit into that lolly
The memories came to me
Of rocks, wet socks and waterfalls
Of laughter and good company.

So next time you find a leftover lolly
Do not bin or put it aside
For locked in that jelly
Many memories of walks and talks
with good friends abide.

Mary Nolan



*“Savior, teach me day by day,
Love’s sweet lesson, to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.”*

Jone E. Leeson

COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 21st November

Time: 7.30 PM we move in to
arrange the tables & chairs
Location: St Brigid’s Parish Hall
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
**The BIG Brick Church on Top of the
Hill (The hall is down the back of the
carpark)**
Contact: Greg (3351 4092)
Cost: FREE

Come along to hear our leaders talk about their coming trips, learn how we organise ourselves, find out about coming socials, and ask questions.

This is the members’ opportunity to ask why we do things.

This is the place for visitors to ask about the coming events that catch the eye. Find out the details you need to know. Talk to the leader at supper after the meeting. Greg E.

Gold Creek Reservoir Saturday 26th November Daywalk

Leader: Robyn Jones (3267 7377)
Meet at: St Brigid’s Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:30am
Grade: S 3 2
Cost: \$3:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

Gold Creek Reservoir is a restricted area of Brisbane Forest Park for which we had to get a permit. This will allow 15 walkers in the area for the day. Gold Creek is west of Moggill but is a short walk of 8kms around the old reservoir. The area is open eucalyptus forest with regrowth as nature

returns old farmland and logged areas to a more natural state. The area abounds with birds which were heard the whole time on the pre-outing. There is a remnant rain forest loop on the circuit around the reservoir. Recent work has been done on the dam wall, as water will again be stored for use and pumped back to Lake Manchester to add to Brisbane's water supply.

Although this is a short walk an earlier start is necessary as the weather warms up. With an early start and finish, time can be taken for a coffee stop before returning to Red Hill. To learn more about the history of Brisbane, come and join me for the day. Bring plenty of water and the usual gear for a day walk.

Robyn Jones

**Yamahra Creek
Fri 9th – Sun 11th December
Basecamp**

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:00pm
Cost: \$25:00
Grading: L 5 5
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

The Yamahara Creek campsite near the Upper Portals and Barney Creek is an hour walk in from the cars. On Friday night we'll head down to Boonah and have tea at the Dugandan, then off to the Mt May Water Reserve and up to Cleared Ridge onto our weekend campsite – plenty of room for everyone.

Saturday morning we will get up early to explore one of the rainforest creeks; a long but enjoyable day in a great wilderness creek flowing into Barney Creek.

Saturday night bring your Christmas hat, goodies to share, stories to tell and Christmas carols to sing. Sunday we will rock-hop down Barney Creek as far as Barrabool Creek :- cascades, rock pools and a swim before heading back to the cars in the early afternoon.

Come and join me for a great weekend exploring the Barney Wilderness. Justin

**Special Christmas
Raffle
Last Raffle of the
Year**

Our current raffle is a large basket of goodies, tied up with a ribbon, which has been donated by Louise Leonardi. Included in the hamper is a gourmet bottle of chocolate pudding sauce, which we will all need when it comes to Christmas day. A jar of Louise's homemade pickled capsicum strips, a variety of teabags, biscuits, bodywash & more.

If for some reason you don't manage to make it to the next meeting talk to Terry or Louise if you see them on a walk or social.

COMING SOCIALS

Saturday on the River **November 19th**

Contact: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: Regatta Hotel
 Coronation Drive
 Toowong
Time: 4:00pm
Cost: \$20:00 approx

A Saturday evening on the river. Fish and chips, an ice-cream, a ferry ride and a look at that loo.

We'll meet at the Regatta for a drink and a need for a toilet stop before catching the 5:01pm ferry to New Farm Park for fish and chips at Gambaros. From here we'll walk along the river for an ice-cream at the local shop, and then back on the ferry for coffee, to finish off what should be an enjoyable evening on the Brisbane River.

If you think parking maybe too difficult around the Regatta you can park further up the river and catch the ferry down to the Regatta. The ferry leaves Uni of Qld at 4:01pm, West End at 4:04pm. (For those who want to park on that side of the river.) Gyatt Park at 4:07pm and the Regatta at 4:11pm. A 2 zone off-peak daily is approx. \$3:80.

Regards, Justin Tobin

Club Christmas Party Social **Saturday, December 3rd** **17 Mile Rocks Park**

Contact: Greg Endicott
 (3351 4092)
Location: Down at the end of
 Counihan Road
 17 Mile Rocks
Time: 4:00pm in the area near
 the picnic shelter sheds
Bring: Your BBQ meat to
 barbeque and a salad, desert to share,
 party foods to share, a present of approx
 \$10 and wear your Christmas Clothes.

Come along and celebrate Christmas early & in style with your friends. The more the merrier. Get into that Christmas Spirit and remain at that level till 26th Dec. Wear the clothes. Sit on Santa's knee and tell him you have been good all year.

Cook the snag, munch on the salad, choke on the nuts, and suck on the sweets. Stay till it is dark. You may even want to sing Carols (good practice for Pat's night at Newstead House.)

Come one, come all, come regulars, come strangers, come the walker, come the rarely seen, come the visitors, come all.

Christmas Carols **Sat 10th Dec** **At Newstead House**

Friends of Newstead House organise carols each year in the grounds of this historic old mansion on the banks of the Brisbane River where Breakfast Creek joins it. Come along for an enjoyable night of good singing and excellent company. Patricia Mackie (Ph: 3398 7041) will have more details.

Coffee Night and Christmas Lights**Walk****Wednesday, December 14th**

Meet at: Outside Woolworths on
Sherwood Rd, Sherwood.
(near the railway line)
Coronation Drive

Contact: Barbara Eastoe
(3355 3639 or 0431 921641)

Time: 7:00pm

Please note that this coffee night is two weeks earlier than usual and is the week before the December meeting.

Come along and help celebrate Christmas with your bushwalking friends in a very appropriate way. We will meet at Woolworths at 7:00pm and go for a stroll around the streets of Sherwood to look at the Christmas Lights (which are particularly good in this area). We will finish up with coffee at the Coffee Club before heading for home. Those who came along last year really enjoyed themselves so I hope we get a good turnout again.

NB: If you have children you are really encouraged to bring them along. They really make the experience much richer for all those involved.

Further information about the place is listed at the back

COFFEE NIGHT**Wednesday 30th November**

Contact: Greg Endicott 3351 4092

Location: THE COFFEE CLUB -
STONES CORNER –
(Logan Rd, just up from the
Old Cleveland Rd intersection)

Time: 7:30pm for coffee & cake
(For dinner, come earlier,
but bring a friend so you can
talk to someone).

Here we are again on the Southside, but still near the main traffic routes. It is just beside the freeway, close to Ipswich and Cavendish Rds and of course right on Logan & Old Cleveland Rds. And, the Council has made this part of the road a shopping presence so has bypassed the through traffic away from the area.

This Coffee Club has footpath dining, not much passing foot traffic through it and is in a nice setting. It is not as busy as other Coffee Clubs, but does have delicious food, cakes & coffee.

Come along and talk about the latest events, talk about where you are going & what you are doing for Christmas, where you have been this last month, bring along your photos and generally find out what has been happening.

This is the last Coffee Night before Christmas.

Regards, Greg E.

PAST SOCIALS

Progressive Dinner October 15th

What a lovely night this was.

Approx 30 of us gathered at Patricia's at St John's Wood to commence the evening. Patricia put on a lovely spread for entrée. Most of us stood or sat out on the deck in the cool of the evening. We talked, drank, ate and talked more. I had arranged fireworks & they commenced right on time – lovely skyrockets that lit up the evening.

The next stop was at McDowall at Rosemary's. The main courses were ready and laid out for us to sample a piece of each. The variety was excellent – thank you cooks. We sat to eat here and got to know the people around us. One good thing about a progressive dinner is that you talk to someone you do not normally socialise with, and it gives visitors a way to mix in. We stayed on and on – I couldn't get anyone to leave.

And the last course as at Albany Creek with Robyn T. A lovely house and a good entertaining area. Our dessert producers excelled themselves again. There was so much, we could not do justice to it all – there were leftovers – a sign that the first courses were satisfying.

A big thanks to my cooks, who volunteered to prepare the food and a very special thankyou and well done to my house owners – very much appreciated that you opened your residences to us.

And a big thankyou to those who came along Without you, your conversation and your good humour, the night would not have been a success.

UFO Search Night Coffee Night

We gathered on top of the mountain at 7:30pm on 26th Oct to see what we could find. It was a dark night, somewhat cloudy at times. The wind was stirring – just blowing through the trees to make the leaves move. The night was quite – only some distant conversation was overheard.

We came and sat in a circle, with someone watching every direction. There were eight of us – enough in the circumstances. We watched, chatted quietly, watched still, had a coffee, watched a little more, looked around into the dark, we talked and watched some more.

Then, in the southern sky, we saw it – a bright white Orb. It hovered stationary, bright as a spotlight, motionless. We stopped looking around us, we stopped conversation, we spilled some coffee – we stared spellbound.

Then there were little smaller tiny baby lights going up to the big bright Orb and joining with it. Then another one going up, up and up to it. We were starstruck – sitting there mouths open, having stopped chewing our cheesecake (and dribbling coffee out of the corner of our mouths and down the fronts of our shirts). The little tiny weeny lights went back and forward.

The Mother Ship stayed there – still, bright and hovering in the darkened sky. The baby ships were taking the maidens to the master for insemination and return to Earth. We all closed up tighter, reducing the size of our circle. The branches of the surrounding trees seemed louder as they swayed in the breeze.

Then, as suddenly as it came, the Orb disappeared. We continued staring at nothing – you could have heard a spoon drop. After a while, we closed our mouths and recommenced our conversations. What

had we seen? Was it real? What could it have been? Was there a rational explanation for it? It, It, It? We had another coffee. Then....

There was another big bright Orb in the same part of the sky. We were dumfounded. Obviously we stopped eating & drinking. The speculation was wild. Would there be crop circles to the south next morning. Would the cows stop giving milk? Could cars start? Would the curtains fade? Would anyone forget 2 hours of their life of the previous evening? Would the drought break? Would, would, would.....

The next Coffee Night is Wed 30th Nov at the Coffee Club, Logan Rd, Stones Corner.....

PAST OUTINGS

Box Forest Circuit Daywalk Monday 2nd May

Seven of us gathered at St Brigid's car park at 7:00am on a cool overcast day. After collecting Louise from Beenleigh we arrived at O'Reilly's a little after 9:00am. The weather was threatening but I didn't notice as I felt the beckoning of all those waterfalls along this lovely circuit.

We then commenced the walk following the Border Track for a short distance before descending to the West Canungra Creek. Not long after passing the turnoff to the closed West Canungra Creek Circuit we stopped for morning tea under a large Bob Brush. Large stands of Box Brush were evident along this section of the Lamington Plateau. The weather was holding and I felt we may be lucky and make it through without getting wet. Not long after morning tea we reached the creek and began to follow it upstream.

After passing several waterfalls we arrived at the only difficult creek crossing on the circuit. After helping each other and a couple of tourists across I noticed Terry was missing. However, I need not have worried, he had simply headed upstream to find a drier crossing (see photo). We were now starting to climb out of the valley and before long we arrived at Box Log Falls. These falls, whilst lovely in their own right, were only an appetizer as the Elabana Falls and lunch were awaiting us just a little further up the track.

Elabana Falls was our lunch stop and it appears it was also the lunch spot for a bus load of tourists. It was so pleasing to see so many people enjoying this beautiful waterfall. The rain began to get heavier as we neared the completion of our lunch and so we decided to head back. The rain pelted down for most of the journey back past Picnic Rock, up to the Border Track and back to the car park. Most of us were drenched and I wondered how we were going to dry off before getting back into the cars. But I need not have worried as the moment we left the rain forest the rain then stopped. I guess that's why they call them rainforests.

We left O'Reilly's and meandered down off the plateau to Canungra where we stopped for a well deserved cup of coffee. We arrived back at St Brigid's safely sometime after 5:00pm after a walk that will linger in my memory.

Thanks to the walkers who joined me: Terry, Phillip K, Catherine P, Desley, Mary Naughton, Louise, Graham & Mary Nolan.

Mike Simpson

Sandstone Point to Beachmere Monday 30th October

The trip required a car shuffle so we drove to Beachmere where we left Graham's car and then drove around to Sandstone Point, Waiting there for us was Kay McIntosh and Greg Miller and his mother, Carol. The 30th October was chosen to coincide with low tide at about 1:00PM. My warning about wet feet was true as people found out!

After we all introduced ourselves our group of 16 set off southwards along the seashore. It was great to see Anne Hayes along – Anne was previously a member of the club before she moved to New Zealand to live. As the tide was still fairly high our walking space was confined to the mangroves. We walked under the sandstone cliffs, crawled under and over numerous mangrove trees before emerging on to a clearing which brought us to Godwin Beach. It was here that we had morning tea. Somebody asked me if the part we had just done was the bad section. My reply was “That was the good section – the fun part is still to come”. Kay thought that maybe she should eat her lunch now before it got too muddy!

We strolled along the beachfront past the holiday homes at Godwin Beach – a delightful spot, a place that the developers have not yet discovered. It wasn't long before we came to our first obstacle – a tidal stream. We were about to embark on the fun part of the trip – mudflats, mangroves, tidal streams etc.

All soon realised that there was no way around this obstacle and into the water (or mud) they went. Once this stream was crossed all got used to mud and wet feet. At various times we came out into open flat sections, which were mud free. We continued south and were soon at the next tidal stream. People wandered up and down looking for a suitable crossing. Alas, there wasn't any! Louise fell in but quickly picked herself out of the mud. People found

various ways of getting across. I had found a log and dragged it along the bank hoping it might be useful, however when I threw it into the water it immediately floated away on the outgoing tide. I was too busy trying to get myself out of the mud to see how others were managing. Barbara and I decided the best way across was just to wade across.

The next stream seemed to create the most excitement. Rae Rowe thought he had found the best way across using overhanging branches. As all stood and watched Rae carefully manoeuvring himself there was a crack and the branch with Rae still on it plunged into the water. You should not have eaten so much breakfast Rae! There was raucous laughter from everybody who witnessed this great display. People waited for their turn to cross with great trepidation. James managed to jump across (as it was not wide), however his friend Amit followed but he did not quite make it – he went splat. Anne Hayes tried to jump but found her legs were not as long as she thought – she went splat also.

With the aid of a log and careful manoeuvring most people got across. Carol seemed to be the one that had the least trouble – she nimbly sailed across.

Eventually we made our way out of the mangroves and on to the beach where the going was much easier. We did a detour inland to look at a large lagoon on which were many black swans. Rae also showed us a block of land he had owned many years back and wondered now how much it would be worth. It was then back to the beach to find a suitable lunch spot. There were some shady trees in the front yard of a large brick mansion and that's where we lunched. There were some seats suitable placed to enjoy the views so we availed ourselves of these and made ourselves comfortable. It was an ideal spot and lunch was so relaxing that about half the group fell asleep (or appeared to be asleep).

By this time the tide was really out and we were able to continue the walk on the mud flats. This was great as it meant our last tidal crossing was avoided. The soldier crabs were all out running in all directions and busy doing what they had to do when the tide was low.

It was an easy walk back to Beachmere and we arrived there about 2.15 p.m. The drivers all piled into Graham's car and drove back to Sandstone Point. The rest of us waited in the picnic shed and when all returned, we farewelled Kay, Greg and Carol who were going back to Bribie Island. The rest of us went for a cold drink etc. at the local shop.

It was a different walk but something new and I hope all enjoyed the bit of fun – and we did actually walk about 14 klms. Graham was pleased with his boots and we hardly got any water in them.

Thanks for all those who fell into the mud and gave others a good laugh – a good laugh is good medicine – so they say.

Those who enjoyed the fun: -

Graham Glasse, Richard and Michele Johns, Louise Leonardi, Kay McIntosh, Michael Simpson, Barbara Eastoe, Gordana Stanotevic, Rae Rowe, Greg Miller and his mother Carol, Jean Gowans, Anne Hayes, James Buultjens and his friend Amit and myself.

Regards, Pat Lawton

Other Items of Interest

Bushwalking Membership Classification

Dear Fellow Members

I am gathering information regarding members' viewpoints on the classification we have in our club for members and the associated roles members might have in the club. I would like to collate all the viewpoints with some of the reasons why these views might be held.

Anonymity in my final collation of members concerns, thoughts, fears and feelings is assured! My purpose for this exercise is to explore some possible alternatives (if this is possible) for membership that might be acceptable and inoffensive to all members.

Please send your thoughts to me by letter or email.

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Thanking you in anticipation for your responses,
God Bless
Patricia

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Yours in Christ

The Brisbane City Council web site says:

The **Rocks Riverside Park** is located on Counihan Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks, in Brisbane's south west. The park is less than 11 kilometres from Brisbane's CBD (about a 20 minute drive), located along the Brisbane River.

Vehicles can access the park through the main entrance, which is off Counihan Road. Plenty of parking is available for cars and there are designated parks for buses and coaches. Disabled parking bays and drop-off zones are available at various points along the Rocks Riverside Park vehicle access loop road. You can also follow Brisbane's bikepaths and ride your bike or walk to Rocks Riverside Park. Access is from the riverside promenade, the Seventeen Mile Rocks Road entrance, Jennifer Street entrance and Fort Road bushland track.

There's lots to see and do at Rocks Riverside Park. Whether you want to enjoy a lazy riverside picnic, ride or walk along the riverside promenade, travel the bushland track, or let the kids explore the adventure playground, it's all here.

Rocks Riverside Park features:

- free electric barbecues,
- eight park shelters, lawns, gardens and bushland.
- the park also features: adventure that cater for children from two to fourteen years
- open spaces for gatherings in the Industrial Plaza and on the Great Lawn
- an amphitheatres for smaller community events
- the Crusher Pavilion, which has facilities for corporate and community functions
- the work of local artists, who have created public art created especially for Rocks Riverside Park.
- There are plenty of toilet facilities, including toilet and shower facilities that have wheelchair access
- Rocks Riverside Park has open shelters designed to suit Brisbane's subtropical climate.

It's the perfect place for a family picnic or gathering with friends.

The river played a pivotal role in the lives of this area's original inhabitants. Aboriginal tribes of the Brisbane River watershed relied on the river and creeks to provide plentiful fish, shellfish, mammals, birds and plant food. Nearby Seventeen Mile Rocks is mentioned as a crossing point on the river in the oral history of the original people inhabiting this area. At low tide the people crossed by wading or swimming from rock to rock.

The dramatic rock escarpment overlooks a riverside flat. In early times this escarpment would have been covered in rainforest and vine scrubs leading down to the river's edge.

In 1999, the Brisbane City Council decided to redevelop the riverside site into a contemporary regional park for the enjoyment of all residents.

Rocks Riverside Park has three major zones:

1. the river flat, which was a formerly rich riparian environment, then market garden and industrial site
2. the bushland ridge, forming the backdrop to the river flat area covered with dry eucalypt forest
3. the major green link from the park to suburbs in the south.

Western Lawn & Great Lawn

An informal recreational grassed area suitable for small groups, gatherings and low key leisure activities. It consists of the upper Western Lawn and the lower Western Lawn. The Great Lawn is a large semi-circular lawn that can accommodate large events, concerts and gatherings. Facilities include a substantial power switchboard, front of house pit and conduits, and heavy vehicle access.

Industrial Plaza

A contemporary urban plaza that interprets the activities and artefacts from the QCL era in a modern way. Activities or events that need temporary structures are not appropriate in this plaza.

Central Plaza

The Central Plaza provides a building platform for the proposed café. The plaza overlooks the Great Lawn and is suitable for medium to large events.

Bushland escarpment

The remnant bushland escarpment has important environmental and aesthetic values. It is an important segment of habitat corridors that follow the river and extend into adjacent districts. The top of the escarpment has views to the surrounding mountains and hills, as well as the river and CBD skyline.

Oxley Wharf (on completion of repair maintenance mid 2004) The Oxley Wharf provides pedestrian access onto the river structure. There are excellent views from the wharf down to Mermaids Reach and up to Seventeen Mile Rocks. Fishing from the wharf is allowed.

Cropping area

The cropping area demonstrates and interprets the market garden crops and agricultural grains that grew on the land that is now the park's riverflat area. Seasonal crops will be rotated through this area. Bamboo groves provide materials for programmed craft and recreation activities.

River bank

The sloping river bank to the Brisbane River has important mangrove and river gum communities. This vegetation helps to stabilise the river edge and forms an important habitat corridor. It also forms an important visual element of the park.

Creek and buffer

The area provides a vegetation screen to surrounding industrial areas and a western link corridor for wildlife, pedestrians and cyclists. It also provides for drainage of the western portion of the park.