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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: samlouis@bigpond.net.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.

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are as follows.

Ordinary members \$35 Associate Members \$26 Spouse members \$9.00

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. Please note, pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS FOR 2006

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
October				
16	Meeting			
22	Baroon and Gheerulla Falls	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
29	Muscat & Bailey Creeks	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	D/W
November				
5	Evans Heads Basecamp	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	B/C
11	<i>Powerhouse Markets</i>	<i>Maxine Brophy</i>	<i>3203 4699</i>	<i>Social</i>
12	Canungra Creek to Road Junction	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
18	Batty Cruise B.B.Q	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	Social
20	Meeting			
26	Coomera Circuit	Michelle Johns	3353 2822	D/W
Wed 29	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
December				
Sat 2- Sun 3	Christmas Party – (Week-end at Coolum)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
10	Diana's Bath	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	½ DW
17	Toooloona Falls Circuit	Marie Ricketts	3265 1794 or 0402 241045	D/W
18	Meeting			
Sun 24				
Mon 26	Boxing Day Walk	Liz Little	3356 4874	

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
C/W	City Walk		

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.)

**Monthly Meeting
Monday 20th November
St Brigid's Hall
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill**

Contact: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Club President
Location: St Brigid's Parish Hall,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
(In the building at the back
of the car park).
St Brigid's is the big red brick church
right on the top of the hill.
Time: 7:30pm
Grade: M 2 7
Cost: Nil
Emerg Off: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
but not after 7pm on the 20th.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

Members

Gabriel Romaguera's mother passed away late October. I ask that you all remember to keep Gabriel and all his family members in your prayers.

***Yours in Christ,
Louise Leonardi.***

James Parra told me he has been in South America to visit around Peru for most of November. He has viewed the mysterious Nazca Lines, Colca Canyon and cruised Lake Titicaca. He also told me that he went to Cuzco, the Sacred Valley and to witness Machu Picchu.

Hope you didn't go too wild in the Amazon Jungle, James! ***Regards, Louise***

Welcome back home to Dave Auer & Karen Skelton from an 8mths trip driving across northern Australia to WA and back. We look forward to hearing about your trips.

New members we need to welcome are Dianne Barrett and Brendan Walsh. Also we welcome back old time members Joe Finn and Chris McCaffrey.

Birthday wishes this month to John Blumke, Jie Chen, Michael Egert, Jeffrey Foreman and Gordana Stanojevic. Coincidentally, three of them are on the third. Also, Margaret Cooper is now travelling in Australia after her return from touring in Canada.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

Visitors

Inquiries for October were received from Ken & Mary Cross, Leo Sargent, Kate Scott, Les Lynan, and Katrina Colls. Katrina has already completed 2 walks as a visitor as she accompanied a new member for the year Paul Saboni. Another visitor on Liz Little's walk was Teresa Martin, a friend of Lynne Lucas. Teresa has already been to a couple of our meetings. It is good to see these people out joining our walks.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

TREASURES REPORT



Balance 18/09/06	\$2728.46
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 428.05</u>
	\$3156.51
<u>Less Payments</u>	<u>\$ 145.00</u>
<u>Balance 16/10/06</u>	<u>\$3044.5146</u>
Term Deposit	\$1900.22

Terry.

Currently, we have two raffles running. The Binoculars and Torch Set raffle will be drawn at the November meeting. I have added a bonus second prize of a Bookmark which Margaret Cooper picked up on her trip to Israel last year.

The prize of the second raffle is our traditional Christmas Hamper which has been put together and kindly donated by Louise Leonardi. This raffle will be drawn at our December meeting. Louise has also donated a couple of lucky door prizes to be drawn at the next couple of meetings. So you have yet another reason for coming to our meetings. Thank you to Louise for her generosity.

The raffle tickets are still only one dollar each and I will be happy to sell you a ticket or two whenever I see you. With Christmas fast approaching perhaps you would like to buy a club t-shirt before they are sold out. At \$27.00 they are good value.

Terry.

COMING WALKS

COOMERA CIRCUIT NOVEMBER 26, 2006 Daywalk

Leader: Michele Johns (3353 2822 or 0414 635 542)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Grade: L 4 4
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

This walk starts at Binna Burra. We will follow the border track for about 2km then turn right and head down to the top of the Coomera Gorge. The vegetation on this part of the walk is open Eucalypt forest. At the top of the gorge, there are some great vantage points. We should be able to see Coomera Falls and Yarrabilgong Falls. These falls are amongst the most spectacular in south east Queensland.

We will then follow the track as it criss-crosses Coomera Creek. There are at least 13 falls along the track so there should be some great photo opportunities as the day progresses.

We connect with the border track near the end of the walk passing Joalah Lookout overlooking the Woggunba Valley.

The walk is fairly long at around 19km along graded track. There are quite a few creek crossings where rock hopping is required.

As walks in this area are popular, I may have to limit numbers so please book early.

Michele Johns

DIANAS BATH
Sunday 10th December
1½ Daywalk

Leader: Graham Glasse (3371 9623)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:30am
Grade: S 3 3
Cost: \$16:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

Have you bathed in Diana's Bath? If not, don't miss this rare opportunity. Diana's Bath is a large waterhole on Byron Creek in the Somerset Dam area, in the foothills of Mt Byron. We shall travel there by the Brisbane Valley highway via Fernvale, and return via Mt Glorious and Mt Nebo.

The walk to the waterhole is about 2km in each direction. There will be 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, probably at Mt Glorious.

There will also be an opportunity to enjoy the views from lookouts such as Wivenhoe Outlook and Westridge Outlook. Join me on this trip to a scenic part of the world which is not often visited by the club.

Graham

 *"In the beginning, God
 created man, but*
 *seeing him so feeble, he
 gave him the cat."*
 * "Warren Eckstein"
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TOOLOONA FALLS CIRCUIT
Sunday, 17th December 2006
Daywalk

Leader: Marie Ricketts (3265 1794
 or 0402 241 045)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:15am SHARP
Grade: L 6 6
Cost: \$18:00
Emerg Off: Pat Mackie (3398 7041)

This is a lovely walk at Green Mountain (O'Reilly's). The circuit has numerous waterfalls and creek crossings. December is the start of high rainfall months which could make some crossings difficult.

This walk including detours to waterfalls and lookouts will be just under 20kms. So if you have reasonable fitness and endurance and love waterfalls and the rainforest come along.

Hopefully we will make it back to Canungra in time for a coffee stop.

Marie

ADVANCE NOTICE

25th – 28th January 2007
Australia Day Week-end
Canoe Trip

Cost: \$160.00

Australia Day weekend 2007 we are canoeing Teewah Creek to Elanda Point. Camping at Campsite 15 and Campsite 3 on the Noosa River. The cost gives us transport to Teewah Creek, N.P campsites fees and canoe hire for three days. Eight campsites and four canoes are booked.

Book your place with \$100 deposit with Justin. (Ph 3366 3193)



Queen Mary Falls
Sketch by Iain Rentom

Advance Notice – One for the diary
(Anyone interested?)

South Coast Track – Tasmania
15 December to 22 December 2007

I am planning a through walk along the South Coast of Tasmania in December 2007. The walk itself should only take 5 days with one contingency day and at least one travelling day. The plan is to walk west to east; Meleleuca to Cockle Creek. The costs will involve a return airfare to Hobart, one way airfare to Meleleuca (\$140), one way bus fare from Cockle Creek and 1/2 nights accommodation in Hobart. I have picked the week before Christmas as I will be in the Mt Kosciuszko area from 2 January 2008 to 18 January 2008. I have a

reasonably detailed itinerary for the trip so if you are interested please talk to me.

Michael S

COMING SOCIALS

A Batty B.B.Q. and Afternoon Tea
with the Grotesques
Saturday 18 November 2006

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 1:30pm
Cost: \$10:00 + B.Y.O.E B.B.Q.

Come and take the ferry in the shadows of the new bridge being built between Ovens Head and the Elbow. Walk from Chandler Park and see what the locals are protesting about with the golf course. Discover the secrets of the Grotesques Friezes and Coats of Arms of the Great Court with a coffee of course. Discuss as you ride the ferry how long it will be before Eleanor meets up with Fred again. After the B.B.Q on the Brisbane Corso see the bats fly out from Indooroopilly Island. Join us for a Saturday afternoon on the Brisbane River.

Justin

Movie Night

A number of members have been hinting that they would like to see a regular Movie Night placed back on the social calendar. A number of ideas have been floated but the proposal that attracted the most interest was the following.

We all meet on a Tuesday (the 2nd Tuesday of the month is free) at a spot in Southbank, to be decided, for dinner/light snack/coffee at 6:30pm. We then watch a movie of our choice (not necessarily the same movie)

and meet back at a café for a coffee and to compare notes.

Why Tuesday? Well apparently Tuesdays are cheap movie nights (so Terry tells me). If you are interested let me or anyone else know and we may start in the new year.

Michael Simpson

John Toohey Society Meeting
Friday 17th November
The Port Office
Cnr Edward and Margaret Streets

Contact: Phil Murray 3841 0254
Time: From 4pm onwards till 7pm or later.
What For: For a chat and a beer
Drinks: boys - beer
 girls - wine
Emerg Off: Phil on 0413 307580.

The Club has a regular gathering in town for after work for a social drink on a Friday once a month. So for those working in the city pop in and say hello.

I haven't done a pre-outing but I am very keen to check out the upstairs balcony and hopefully get a view of the river. Also there is some sad news in that we have a stirrer in our midst who wants to change the name of the society.

Items for discussion

Agenda Items

1. Future venues - We will have a discussion as to what other venues we will visit in April, May and June next year. The nominees are the Orient Hotel, Gilhooley's, the Brewhouse, Rush, The Zenbar, Chill on Queen, the Regatta, the Irish Club and the Plough Inn. There are just so many choices and so little time.
2. find out why Greg wants to change the name of the John Toohey Society to the Kate Quinlan Society. Apparently Kate was the first brewer of XXXX in Queensland. (Rather than change the name perhaps he should start a new society for lunch time drinks on the first Friday of the month.)
3. Selection of a society badge and motto

The Itinerary for the upcoming John Toohey Society's Monthly Meetings

Dec	15th	Pig n' Whistle Riverside
Jan	19th	Story Bridge Hotel
Feb	16th	Fihelly's (at Central Station)
Mar	16th	Brisbane Underground
Apr	20th	Mick O'Malleys

CHRISTMAS PARTY at COOLUM Sat 2nd – Sun 3rd December

Contact: Maxine Brophy
 (3203 4699) AFTER 7:00PM
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$20:00
Emerg Off: Mike Brophy (042 102 4867)

Come to Coolum for some time out before the Christmas rush hits us all.

We will set up our tents before morning tea at the Coolum Camping ground. The day will be ours to relax with some swimming, surfing, walking along the beach, relaxing with a good book and of course a great game of cricket on the he sand.

Saturday evening we will have a BBQ and share some sweets and desserts with a tea or coffee under the stars.

Sunday morning we will attend Mass before lunch and then heading back to Brisbane.

Remember: Please bring a small gift to pop into Santa's bag along with desserts or sweets to share.

Looking forward to your company.

Cheers, Maxine

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS at
NEWSTEAD HOUSE
Sunday 10th December**

Contact: Pat Mackie (3398 7041)
Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Past Coffee Night

**The Persian Restaurant
25th October 2006**

The weather was pleasant, as were at the surroundings at the Persian Restaurant at Coorparoo. I arrived to find that already Sam and Louise and Heather Stabler; a friend of long-standing of both mine and Louise. Heather also knew people such as Liz Little and Greg Endicott who were also present on the night. Louise had brought along a few photos that took us down memory lane.

The menu consisted of very exotic names which I could hear around the table when ordering "I'll have that!"

Those who attended were: Catherine and Michael, Jean, Terry, Liz Little, David, Philip (the Younger), Jeffrey, Greg, Maxine and a welcome back to old friend, Chris McCaffrey. My thanks for your company and judging by the volume of noise, all who attended enjoyed themselves.

Also, many thanks to Louise for suggesting this place as it was wheelchair accessible making it possible for her & Sam to attend which they don't usually do due to access and parking situations.

Patricia M

PAST OUTINGS

**Muscat and Bailey's Creek
D'Aguilar National Park
Sunday, 29th October**

Eight People met up at the car park just before Mount Tennison Woods. We headed along the start of the Macrozamia trail before shortly turning off and following an old forestry along the ridge dividing Love creek from Kobble Creek. The forestry road here has not become overgrown and we made good time. Along the way we passed an old log puller that has spent many years out in the weather. When the forestry road dwindled to a track and started to deviate to the south we headed off down into the creek.

We initially made good time but were soon impeded by Lawyer vine, they were to remain our constant companions through out the day. We soon dropped into a dry gully that we would spend the next two hours descending 400 metres in altitude. There was very little water in the gully. The gully certainly provided us with many great scrambling opportunities as we worked our way down the myriad of waterfalls, gorges and cascades. On our way down some of us had the fortune of seeing a marble frogmouth that we flushed out of the creek. This bird which is similar in appearance to the tawny frogmouth is quite rare and it is only the second time I have seen one.

We had a second smoko at the junction of Muscat and Bailey's and then had the choice of following the creek further down into Kobble or heading up one of the other branches to Mount D'Aguilar. We decided to head up but I ventured downstream for about fifty metre to have a look. I came to the top of a large waterfall that would have been very difficult to skirt around, so we

were glad we chose up. Considering the size of the waterfall I was surprised that it does not appear on the maps or have a name. The next three hours we spent travelling up the creek through rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest. Any opening in the canopy had been exploited by Lantana and although the bank were quite overgrown the creek itself wasn't too bad, especially if you were at the back.

At 1:30pm we reached the top of Mt D'Aguilar which provided us with sweeping views of tree trunks and the inside of canopies. We now had to complete our loop by heading back towards the cars. We followed the continuous deviating ridgeline with maps and compass until we returned to our drop off point. All bar one of the group wanted to take a side trip to the Piper Comanche wreck but Michael Simpson managed to talk us out of it.

Thanks to Terry, Paul, Paul, Kate, Lee, Phil and Michael for coming on the trip.

Matt

Evan's Head 3rd to 5th November Basecamp

The rain greeted me early on Saturday morning as Catherine and I set out to regroup with the four other intrepid adventurers at the Woody Head campground on the outskirts of Iluka. Patricia and Robyn had left on the Friday around 11am and Philip and Marie left at 5:00pm also on Friday. The trip took just short of 3½ hours and we all regrouped just before 9am on Saturday morning. After setting up camp in the drizzle and boiling the billy we discussed the weekend's walking schedule. The forward party had already checked out the local beach and had been entertained by the local bird life

including a couple of Peliquins (sic). The campground was quite large and different from national park campgrounds in Queensland and our campsite was right on the beachfront.

The first walk was from Broadwater to Evan's Head along the beach and involved a car shuffle and a long drive and we weren't on the beach until 11:30am. The weather was drizzly, the beach wide and straight, the views limited but beautiful yet the traffic was constant. Unlike the beach traffic in Queensland the fourbees travel quite sedately as though they want to enjoy the scenery as well. After a couple hours of walking and a lot of chatter we arrived at Evan's Head for lunch which was at a nice little fish and chip shop in the centre of town. After lunch the plan was to walk from Evan's Head south to the bombing range but the weather was against us. After a brief stop at a lovely lookout on Evan's Head we decided to postpone this walk and return to camp. After rearranging the campsite, we prepared for dinner. The showers here are hot and inviting. As we were only 4km out of Iluka we decided to eat at the local Bowls Club which interestingly served Chinese food. After tea we discovered there was a football game on so we delayed our departure 'til after the game.

Morning came and what a glorious morning. The sky is always so clear and the air so fresh after rain. After breakfast we broke camp and set off. Just outside of Iluka there is this wonderful Nature Reserve. First we climbed to the top of Iluka Bluff with endless views north and south before starting the nature trail. As a car shuffle was desirable Catherine decided to forgo the walk and meet us at the other end. We the set off on a 2.5km walk through the loveliest rainforest where we were entertained by scores of different birds and a goanna who took time out to pose for us. This was in addition to the abundant plant life including orchids, elkhorns, and birds nest ferns. It was such a lovely walk

we all commented that Catherine should not miss it. So while the others returned to Iluka Bluff, Catherine and I returned along the track. It was here that Patricia and Robyn left us to return to Brisbane although I suspect they visited the markets in Iluka first.

The Woody Heads campground is at the southern end of the Bundjalung National Park and Evan's Head is at the northern end. We were now heading to the Black Rocks campground which is in the middle. From here we headed north along a closed jeep track which closely followed Jerusalem Creek. The vegetation consisted mainly of scrubs undoubtedly salt resistant as we were just on the western side of the dunes which dominate the coastline. The area was also ablaze with colour as most of the plants were flowering. After 45-50 minutes we reached the end of the track and so we continued along the banks of the creek to its entry to the sea. What a magical place. We were lucky to arrive near low tide as the entrance would be too wide at high tide and we would not have been able to paddle in the creek and cross to the northern side which incidentally is a RAAF

bombing range. The mouth of the creek is also a nesting area for Little Terns and Pied Oystercatchers which are apparently endangered. After spending too much time at the mouth we set off south along the beach back to the cars. Near the end we came across an abandoned fourbee buried in the sand. How or why it came to grief is a mystery.

It was now time to head off and, except for a coffee stop at the Humble Pie near Brunswick Heads, we travelled straight through. I know Catherine and I enjoyed ourselves and I am sure the others did as well and I thank them for the pleasant company and walking.

Michael

Other Items of Interest

interNATIONAL PARKtours Slide Show: 2006



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Dear Colleagues,

During November 2006 interNATIONAL PARKtours Manager, Lisa Groom hosts an information evening and slide night at the following locations:

Sydney ...Mosman Art Gallery, Cnr Short Street & Myahgah Road

Tuesday 23 November 7-9pm

Melbourne ...The Green Building, 60 Leicester Street Carlton

Monday 27 November 2-4pm

Brisbane ...Hamilton Town Hall, Cnr Rossiter Pde and Racecourse Road, Hamilton

Tuesday 28 November 7-9pm

interNATIONAL PARKtours was established 30 years ago by Lisa's parents, Tony and Connie. The company specialises in walking tours to wild and protected places around the world.

Lisa will present photographs from our various tours in Australia, Europe, Asia and the Americas and is available for discussion about tour styles and itineraries.

This year Lisa will be leading new tours to Bhutan, Corsica and Sardinia and will introduce other sensational new destinations including the Baltic States, Cuba and Northern Spain.

Please call the office or drop us an email to confirm your place at the presentation, as we will be providing drinks and nibbles and need to know the numbers for catering purposes.

Further details are available on our web site, at

www.parktours.com.au

Please pass the word along to friends and colleagues and we'd be grateful if you would post this notice on your community notice boards. Thank you for your time.

**THE BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB
ANNUAL
PHOTOGRAPHIC
COMPETITION
Monday 18th December 2006**

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 of the competition are as follows -

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

2. **Moods of nature** – sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or mist from a waterfall, or a shady spot in the eucalypt forest.

3 **Nature Close up** - i.e. approx one metre or less - plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc

4. **People and faces** – Portraiture & Club Character - capture some interesting faces as you walk or socialise

5. **Miscellaneous**- any photos that do not fit into any other category.

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

7. **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 competitors owners work
- Each person may enter **3** photographs per category
- Each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name and date (approx) the photo was taken.
- The photos must be from a BCBC trip or in the area in which we usually walk
- Photographs can be entered on the night but no later than 7.30 pm
- There is no entry fee
- There will be an overall winning photo which will receive a modest prize.
- 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.
- the adjudicator is Joe Tottenham

Further information can be obtained from Phil Murray

REFLECTIONS

The Club's old magazines and reports have a wonderful legacy of articles on reflections on the bushwalking experience. I would share them with the current members. Hopefully these reflections will provide some words of wisdom.

Phil

REFLECTION BY Fr Ed Nally

FOREWORD TO THE 35th ANNUAL REPORT – 1992 –

CRADDLE MOUNTAIN TRIP

Recently I was able to do something that I first thought of doing probably twenty five years ago - namely walking the Overland Track in Tasmania from Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair.

It was an eight day walk about eighty or ninety kilometres in length. There were a number of detours to places of interest such as Mt Ossa, the highest point in Tasmania and the Hartnett Falls complex.

There were thirteen in the group, five women and eight men. It was quite an international group in that there was a husband and wife couple from America, a man and a woman from Germany, two men from Britain, a nurse from Perth, a couple of teachers from Sydney, myself and three guides who were all Tasmanians.

One of the things about this group of people that struck me quite forcibly, was the way in which we were immediately at ease with one another. Not on any occasion during the week was there even the slightest suggestion of disagreement or bad feeling towards one another.

Which led me to think that there is possibly a connection between having an appreciation of the simple beauties of Nature and being able to get along with one's fellowman.

People on the walk were able to find quite rich enjoyment from simple games and activities. Nobody gave any indication of missing the

sophisticated electronic amusements of our materialistic society. Ample enjoyment was to be had in admiring the native fauna and flora, enduring the cold, the wind, the sleet... and yes even the snow....enduring and enjoying these in association with one's fellow walkers. (For the most part the weather was excellent.)

And as I walked I was aware of how frequently images from the Old Testament, particularly the Book of Psalms, the prayer book of the Old Testament, came to my mind. The Old Testament people were people who lived close to Nature and seemed to move easily from seeing the beauty of Nature to thinking of the beauty and goodness of its Creator. King David, one of the authors of the psalms, speaking of the Messiah King that was to come, saw Him "drinking from the stream by the wayside, from which He rose up refreshed." Our normal drinking water was from the crystal clear streams by the wayside from which we certainly rose up refreshed.

May we who find delight in the beauty of Nature be led to an ever deeper awareness of the presence of the Author of Nature and may we grow in our appreciation of one another and of the value of human companionship.

Edwin Nally

SAFETY & TRAINING

FMR is organising an abseiling event. It appears to be an advanced activity that would suit those who did the introductory course earlier this year. See details below

FMR**TRAINING CALENDAR - 2007**
(A shortened version)

DATE	EVENT	CONTACTS
Jan 27,	Tibrogargan advanced abseiling	Phil Box
Feb 24 - 25,	Mt Maroon – rescue training	Ron Farmer
Mar 31,	Condamine Gorge area Exploration of little visited gorge	Ted Wassenberg
April 28 & 29,	Lynches Creek Challenging Navigation and	Lance Rutherford
May 26 & 27,	Mt Gillies area - Simulated rescues	Rob Santry
June 16,	Equipment & Research Day (FMR Rescue Leaders only)	
June 30,	Mezzanine Ridge and Gorge descent advanced bushwalking skills & rock climbing skills	Frank Bowling
July 28	Mt Ernest Full moon traverse	Robyn Cox
Sept 29, Sept 30,	East of Main Range - South Wild Cattle Creek -Exploration of new area.	Ruth Palsson
Oct 27 28	Nymboida River Canoe trip 45km trip including white water	Kevin Blain
Nov 24,	Coffs Harbour area canyons - Canyoning/ Abseiling trip	Trevor Smith & Kerry de Clausel

Just an update to help people have an awareness of these trips and hopefully inspire some members to attend some of

these trips. In particular I am looking for someone to go on the canoeing trip on the Nymboida with me.

A note from the Editor.....

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“Command the people of Israel to bring you the best olive oil for the lamp, so that it can be lit each evening.” Exodus 27:20-21”

**God Bless
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