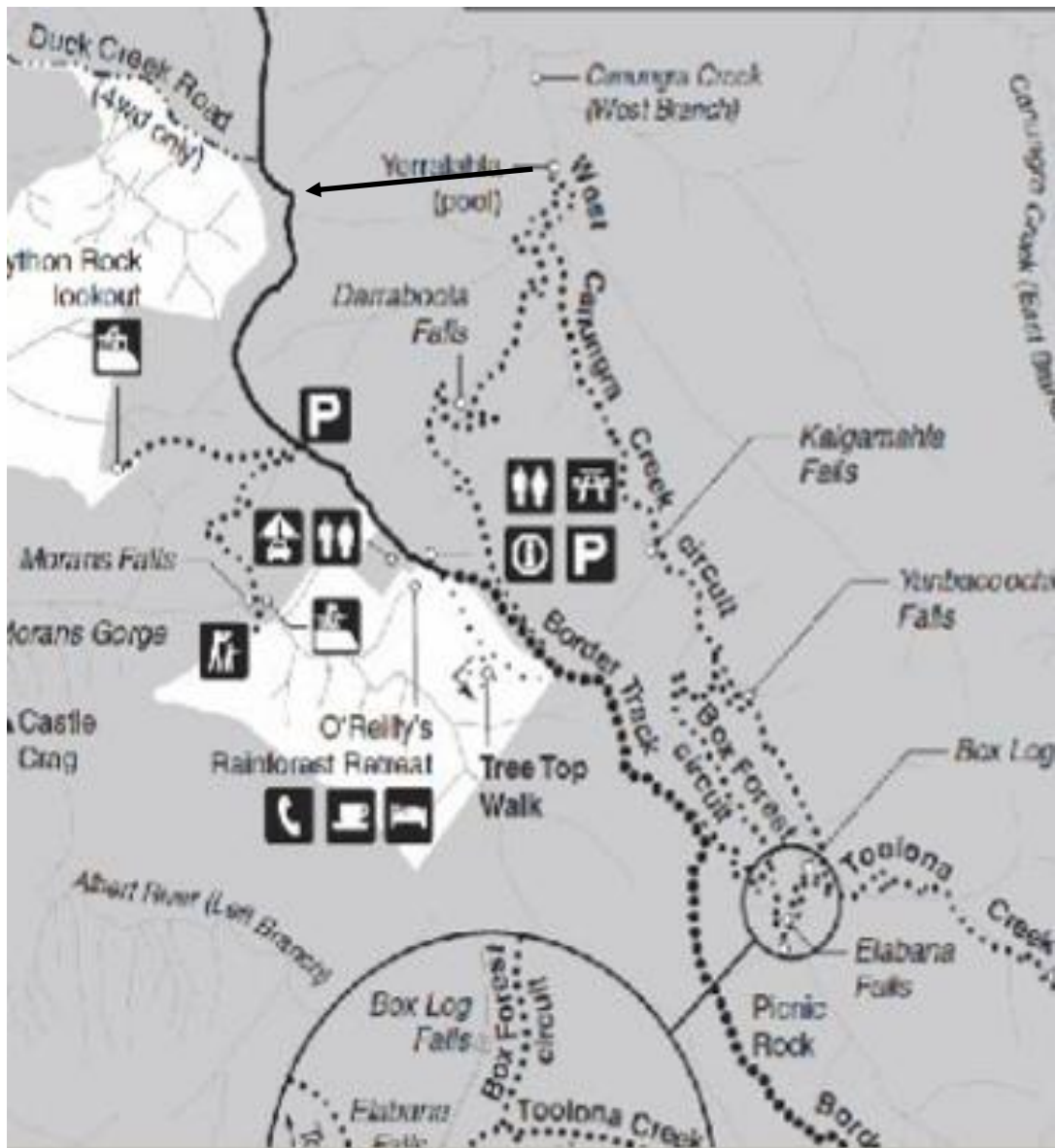


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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
23	Booloumba Gorge	Justin		DW	
30	Woody Point to Scarborough	Wendy		DW	
31/2	Victorian Alps	Phil		TW	
Nov 6	Noosa NP	Justin		DW	
9	Street Orienteering	Michael		SW	
14	Purlingbrook Falls to Appletree Park	Kerrienne	5597 6160	DW	M34
15	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
16	Street Orienteering	Michael	3351 3810	SW	S22
16	Merthyr Bowls Club	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	
19	Working Week Wine Down at "The Pier"	Phil	5522 9702		
20	Running Creek Falls	John	5514 0285	DW	L57
23	Street Orienteering	Michael	3351 3810	SW	S22
26/28	Northern NSW	Paul	0412 339 311	BC	M55
28	Burleigh H'ds to Tallebudgera Ck	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M22
30	Street Orienteering	Michael	3351 3810	SW	S22
Dec 5	Stairway Falls via Bull Ant Spur	Paul	0412 339 311	DW	M55
7	Street Orienteering	Michael	3351 3810	SW	S22
12	Conondales	Maxine	3490 4001	DW	M34
17	Working Week Wine Down –Sofitel	Phil	5522 9702		
18	Car Rally	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
18	Christmas Party	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
19	Northbrook Gorge	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M44
20	BCBC Annual Photo Competition	Phil	5522 9702	Meet	
20	BCBC BBQ & Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
27	Gold Coast Hinterland	Liz	3356 4874	DW	M22
Jan 2	Warrie Circuit			DW	M33
8	Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	F54
16	Social Walk			SW	
18/21	Wilderness First Aid Course	Binna Burra			
22	Lower Bellbird Circuit			DW	M33
22	Equipment Day			FMR	
23	Leaders Training Day	Greg	3351 4092	Trn	
26	O'Reilly's			DW	
30	Cedar Falls & Killarney Glen			DW	S32
Feb 4/6	Undercliffe to Boonoo Boonoo Falls			TW/BC	XL55
12	Currumbin Creek			DW	M55
13	Leaders Training Walk			Trn	
15	BCBC Meeting – AGM			Meet	
20	Social Walk			SW	
23	Leaders Training Day	Greg	3351 4092	Trn	
26/27	Nightcap Track Area			TW/BC	M22
26/27	Basic B'walking Skills & Navigation			FMR	
Mar 2	XXXX Brewery Tour & BBQ	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
6	Mermaid Mountain			DW	L23
13	Social Walk			SW	
18/20	Circumnavigation of Mt Barney	Justin	3366 3193	TW	
19/20	Club Hut Feast			ON	S43
20	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
26	Mt Greville	Paul	0412 339 311	DW	S54
Apr 3	Campbell's Folly/Stonehenge	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S43
9	Kenilworth Bluff	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M43
10	Map Reading Training	Greg	3351 4092	Trn	
17	Social Walk			SW	
22/26	Carnarvon Great Walk			TW/BC	XL45

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. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km per day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km per day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
Long 15-20 km per day	5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
Extra Long Over 20 km per day	7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	9 - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

Example: M48 is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

AN AUSTRALIAN LITANY OF PRAISE

From the great south land of the Southern Cross
Creator God we praise you.

From this vast island continent – the land down under

Creator God we acknowledge you.

From the valleys and plains to the mountain tops
Creator God we glorify you.

From the blazing red centre to the cool blue coast

Creator God we adore you.

From the temperate south to the tropical north
Creator God we worship you.

From the wetlands and forests to the deserts and reefs

Creator God we are in awe of you.

When we surf the oceans and swim in the seas
Creator God we remember you.

When we walk in the bushland and climb the rock walls

Creator God we think of you.

When the moon is high in the southern sky

Creator God we wonder at you.

When the sun sits low setting the horizon aglow

Creator God we delight in you.

When we smell the freshness of the Eucalypt trees

Creator God we are aware of you.

When the wattle is clothed in a cloak of gold

Creator God we're reminded of you.

For the flora and fauna unique to this land

Creator God we thank you.

For its peoples, its inhabitants new and old

Creator God we bless you.

From Australia, our country, our shores and our homes

We praise, bless and thank you O God.

From Australia, the land of the green and the gold

We praise, bless and thank you O God.

OUTINGS' SECRETARY REPORT

The creeks are running and flowing well. It's going to be a great summer.

The walk to Booloumba was fantastic and there is more.

This Month there is a creek walk for you:- Paul's Stairway Falls and a swim in Blue Pool in the Green Mountains at O'Reilly's.

Maxine's walk on the Conondales Great Walk Track beside Booloumba Creek to the Breadknife, passing Artists Cascades on the way.

And my float through Northbrook Gorge at Mt Glorious.

Pack your pack grab your togs and let's go. Justin

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

By now you have read "Coming Events" for the details of the Christmas Party being organised by Justin Tobin. I hope many of you will be able to join the celebration. As I write, we are still to meet for our November Social at the Merthyr Bowls Club at New Farm on Tuesday, 16th November. You may also want to join Liz Little in a subscription to the Queensland Theatre Company for the 2011 season. Antonia

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 20/09/2010	\$2520.42
Plus Receipts	\$ 193.00
	\$2713.42
Less Payments	\$ 85.00
Balance	\$2628.42
Term Deposit	\$2310.66

Congratulations to Mary Van Velthuizen, Helen Mees and Michelle Hebbard who were the winners of our last raffle. It is interesting to see that our newer members are becoming regular raffle winners. If you wish to join them you will need to start by buying some tickets in our current raffle which has two prizes with the first

being a set of Adventure Ridge trekking poles and the second an Adventure Ridge 1Litre Stainless Steel Drink Bottle and Microfiber 40x50cm Towel Set. Tickets will cost you a dollar each. Do not forget to purchase your club t-shirt and metal badge before they are all sold. Terry

ABOUT PEOPLE

John Blumke, Jeffrey Foreman, Karen Frederiks, Brenda Keough, Margaret Morgan and Gordana Stanojevic are each celebrating their birthdays in November.

Elise McLachlan and Martin Green were visitors on Greg's Mt Mathieson walk. Julie Carroll-Keir and Maree Hutchinson were welcome visitors at our October meeting. We recently had an enquiry from Merinda Crain. Visitors are always most welcome to join us on any of our activities.

Anne Tracey has advised us of the death on the 16th August of her brother, Terry Vowles who was a member in the early sixties.

On the sick list is past member Tim Apelt.

Simone & Sergio Gomez have returned on 5 year visas, and are now looking for jobs and a house. They are temporarily with Greg Rogers at Corinda.

Another Past member has passed away – John Elliot. He was active in the 1970s. He attended the Mt Barney 50th Anniv Mass in August.

ANNUAL REPORT

Yes folks, it is that time again. Start now to put your thoughts together, and on 1st December put pen to paper and write those thoughts down. Time will run out. Anyone with a job in BCBC needs to write a report and/or collate 12 months worth of data. Even Leaders who have not written a report need to do so now & submit them.

TEMPORARY EDITOR

NEEDED: one temporary Editor for the December & January Jilalans. I can give you help if you ring me sooner rather than later.

Ring Greg on Ph: 3351 4092



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS still 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>

14th NOVEMBER, SUNDAY PURLINGBROOK TO APPLE TREE PARK DAYWALK

Leader: Kerriane Pearce Ph: 5597 6160
or 0411 165 868
Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill
Meet time: 7am
Grading: M34
Cost: \$20
Location: Springbrook, the Gold Coast
Hinterland

Web: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/springbrook/pdf/springbrook-np-map.pdf>

Emerg Off: Jason Pearce 0407148373

We will regroup at Apple Tree Park where we will leave a car for a car shuffle. The party will then drive to Purlingbrook Falls carpark in Springbrook National Park.

Here we will walk down to the falls, under them for a brief, refreshing shower and then onto a Waringa Pool. This is a lovely swimming hole for those who dare. From here we will continue along the Great Walk track, crossing Little Nerang Creek and working our way down to Apple Tree Park where we will stop for morning tea.

From here we will continue along the Great Walk track through to Numinbah Valley, stopping for lunch at the temporary walker's camp. From here we will do a car shuffle before heading for home.

This is a graded track walk with the usual obstacles of roots, rocks etc. After all the rain I expect the grass to be high in places and therefore recommend gaiters and or long pants for protection. This walk is all downhill, walking mostly through open forest and grassland.

Looking forward to seeing you in a nice part of the Gold Coast. Kerriane

15th NOVEMBER, MONDAY MONTHLY MEETING

Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark

behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

Come along to hear reports of recent outings & socials, as well as our coming events. 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.

16th NOVEMBER, TUESDAY STREET ORIENTEERING NIGHTWALK

Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Meet at: White Rd, Chermside West
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: \$5
Grading: S22

Web: http://www.oq.asn.au/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_month&year=2010&month=11&day=10&Itemid=361

Emerg Off: Michael Ph: 0409 620714

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The event starts at 6.30pm and runs for about an hour. There are three courses, long (7.5km), medium (5km) and short (3km). I will go with anyone wanting to learn the ropes before letting you out on your own.

Directions: Turn north from Hamilton Rd (Chermside West) in to Whites Rd - continue to northern end of Whites Rd, into lower parking area of cricket fields. (UBD Map119 H11). Assembly area is in the shelter shed on the upper level playing field. Note: Do not drive through the gates to the upper level.

Come along and get fitter whilst learning new skills. Michael.

16th NOVEMBER, TUESDAY MERTHYR BOWLS CLUB SOCIAL

Leader: Antonia Simpson Ph: 3857 1387 or 0400 571 387
Meet at: Overlooking the green of the Merthyr Bowls Club
Time: 6.30 pm
Cost: Depends on your order- from \$16.00- 27.00 for a main course

Location: 60 Oxlade Drive, New Farm
Web: <http://www.merthyrbowlsclub.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Antonia Ph: 0400 571 387

Tuesday is a quiet evening at the club; but walkers can liven up the evening by arriving early and walking from the club along the river to Sydney St and back as an appetite booster. Ring up a friend and come with company to do an early walk.

The bowls club is a short walk from the CityCat stop at the end of Brunswick Street near New Farm Park, and there are a number of buses which travel along Brunswick Street from the Valley and City.

In order to secure our booking, please contact me by the day before, that is, **Sunday 14th November**, by phone or email. Antonia

19th NOVEMBER, FRIDAY WORKING WEEK WINE DOWN EAGLE STREET PIER

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580
Where: Coffee Club, Eagle St Pier, Waterfront Place, Eagle St
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: <http://www.coffeecub.com.au/drinks/>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

The aim of the WWW is to appreciate the many light 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.

MBS: The phone rings. Greg answers. Desley here. When is your lunch time? Can you meet me? I have a surprise for you. We met. The surprise? Desley showed me her Brazilian!

20th NOVEMBER, SATURDAY RUNNING CREEK FALLS DAYWALK

Leader: John Carter Ph: 5514 0285 or 0433 779 771
Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill
Meet Time: 6.15am
Grading: L57
Cost: \$20
Location: South of Beaudesert, in the southern Lamington National Park, near the border
Web: <http://qld.gsa.org.au/oreillys.pdf>

Running Creek Falls is at the head of the Running Creek Valley in Lamington National Park. A spectacular single drop waterfall is the feature of this walk.

This is a long day – a big drive and a long walk. The falls come off the Lamington Plateau, and are the highest single drop falls in the park. They come over the cliff and drop into a narrow circular amphitheatre, landing in a pool below. The surrounding cliffs are so high that not much of the daylight sun gets to the valley floor. The pool is always bone chilling cool. It is set in deep rainforest.

The walk starts in open farmland, having been cleared for dairying years ago. The first part is over a 4WD farm road for a long way up the valley. We pass the turn off to Black Snake ridge. When we reach the NP boundary we follow a track through forest to the creek. After about 90 minutes of this, you hit the National Park boundary, just where the creek crosses the track. From now on, you are in the virgin rainforest, either in the old creek bed or higher up with solid dirt under foot. There is an old overgrown track to follow here.

The track weaves its way in and out of the side gullies and along the creek valley. There are some pretty palm forests to walk through. After about 2 hours, you reach the junction with England Creek, where a really old track goes up England Ck to the Stretcher Track. However, we stay with Running Creek and just about now jump in the creek and follow it the further 30min to the falls. Here the creek is made up of bigger boulders which we have to make our way through.

Whatever you have put up with till now is worth it when you see the Falls. Really spectacular, and makes you wonder what they would be like when flood rains pour over the top.

The walk back is the reverse of getting there. Often we get back to the cars on dark.

There is a significant amount of rock hopping which can be challenging if wet. Lunch is at the base of the falls. There may be some scunge to negotiate. The usual walking gear is required including 2 litres of water and a good torch.

23rd NOVEMBER, TUESDAY STREET ORIENTEERING NIGHTWALK

Leader: Michael Simpson **Ph:** 3351 3810
Meet at: ARC Hill Park Goss Rd, Jefferis Rd, Wavell Hts
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: \$5
Grading: S22
Web: http://www.oq.asn.au/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_month&year=2010&month=11&day=10&Itemid=361

Emerg Off: Michael **Ph:** 0409 620 714

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Directions: ARC Hill Park Goss Rd. UBD Map 120 Ref K14

Come along and get fitter whilst learning new skills. Michael.

26th-28th NOVEMBER, FRI TO SUN NORTHERN NSW BASECAMP

Leader: Paul Evans **Ph:** 0412 339 311
Meet at: Depends on where everyone lives
Time: TBA
Cost: TBA
Grading: M55
Location: On the NSW coast near Yamba
Web: http://www.tropicalnsw.com.au/national_parks/yuraygir.html
Emerg Off: Carolyn **Ph:** 0412 339 322

It will be an early start from Brisbane .We will be heading off to Brooms Head in Yuragir National Park. The aim is to proceed south via Sandon to Minnie Water. There will be a possible creek crossing on the way .This will be attempted on

the Friday. It is hoped to get to Minnie Water by evening.

The next day the aim is to walk down to Wooli .This will be along the beach via Diggers Camp. On Sunday we will return to Brisbane.

This walk is mainly along the beach and will be to area the club rarely goes.

It will be best for people to ring me for further details on my mobile. Leaving Time and Leaving Place are likely to change depending on who nominates. At this stage it will be about 5am on Friday for departure and departure point will depend on who will be driving the round trip of over 800km. Sorry I can't be more specific. Paul.

28th NOVEMBER, SUNDAY BURLEIGH HEADS to TALLEBUDGERRA CREEK DAYWALK

Leader: Pat Lawton **Ph:** 33661956
Meet at: St. Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.30am
Cost: \$16
Grade: M22
Location: Gold Coast area
Web: http://www.australianexplorer.com/burleigh_heads.htm
Distance: 12kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Tobin **Ph:** 3366 3193

The walk will start at the entrance to the Burleigh Heads National Park. After walking on the National Park track around the headland, we will pay a quick visit to the National Parks' Information Centre. From there we will head west under the Gold Coast Highway and make our way via a Council reserve to the mangrove boardwalk to view the creek estuary and eerie mangrove forests before arriving at Fleay's Fauna Centre. We will not be visiting the centre; however we will have morning tea on a lovely section of the Creek nearby.

The group will then walk towards the Pacific Highway to cross Tallebudgera Creek by a bridge. From there we will explore another parkland/bush section of the Creek before heading to our lunch spot on another delightful section of the Creek. It is hard to believe that this lovely spot (only water, birds and maybe a fisherman) is so close to the busy Gold Coast.

If the tide is out we will negotiate the mangroves to arrive back into suburbia and a canal development. We will then continue on to Tallebudgera passing a riverfront park and a

camping ground. From there it is an easy walk back through the National Park to the cars.

This is an interesting walk with lots of lovely scenery. Bring your lunch, morning tea, water etc. and come and enjoy the day. The walk is suitable for all – total distance approx. 12kms.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day. Pat.

30th NOVEMBER, TUESDAY STREET ORIENTEERING NIGHTWALK

Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Meet at: Pullen Rd, Everton Park
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: \$5
Grading: S22
Web: http://www.oq.asn.au/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_month&year=2010&month=11&day=10&Itemid=361
Emerg Off: Michael Ph: 0409 620714

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Directions: Teralba Park, Pullen Rd, Everton Park. UBD Map138 Ref M1

Come along and get fitter whilst learning new skills. Michael.

5th DECEMBER, SUNDAY STAIRWAY FALLS /BULL ANT SPUR DAYWALK

Leader: Paul Evans Ph: 0412 339 311
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: M55
Location: O'Reilly's
Web: http://www.zrobtosam.com/PulsPol/Puls3/index.php?sekcia=1&arty_id=6848
Emerg Off: Carolyn Ph: 0412 339 322

We will be heading up to O'Reilly's for this walk .It is an easy walk from the carpark down to Yerralahla (Blue Pool) .From here we cross to the other side and proceed down via a track .The party will be crossing Purragulli Creek. We will be crossing Canungra Creek several times .After

1.8km we will reach Stairway Falls which hopefully will be for lunch.

From there our group will retrace our steps to The Pool .From here we will head up Bullant Spur to the road - this is off track .From the road we will head back to the carpark via the old Packhorse Track. This walk will depend on the weather (rain not being ideal for this walk)

So come and join me for a delightful way to spend a Sunday up at Lamington National Park Paul.

7th DECEMBER, TUESDAY STREET ORIENTEERING NIGHTWALK

Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Meet at: Downey Park, Wilston
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: \$5:00
Grading: S22
Web: http://www.oq.asn.au/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=1460&year=2010&month=12&day=07&Itemid=361
Emerg Off: Michael Ph: 0409 620714

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Downey Park: McCook Park. Corner of Edmonstone and Finsbury Sts Newmarket.UBD Map139 Ref J17. Come along and get fitter whilst learning new skills. Michael.

12th DECEMBER, SUNDAY CONONDALES GREAT WALK DAYWALK

Leader: Maxine Brophy Ph: 0412 637 670
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7am
Grading: M34
Cost: \$20
Location: West of Maleny, near Kenilworth
Web: http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/great-walks-conondale-range/about.html#getting_there_and_getting_around
Emerg Off: Mike Brophy Ph: 3409-4001

Journey into the wilds of the Conondale Range and experience the rugged beauty of this section of The Great Walk track system. Ancient rainforest, cascading waterfalls, overflowing creeks and rock pools waiting for swimmers: are some of the excitement waiting for us.

We will start our walk at Booloumba Creek Day Use Area. Morning tea at Artist's Cascades and onto the Breadknife for lunch with views untold and more great swimming pools.

In the forest, hoop pines, bunya pines, piccabeen palms among the many species, while on the creek flats, tall flooded gums (eucalyptus grandis), black bean, white booyong, yellow carrabeen and blue quandong.

Come away for a day to recharge batteries and top up you inner soul ready for the coming busy Christmas Season of festivities. Maxine.

17th DECEMBER, FRIDAY WORKING WEEK WINE DOWN The SOFITE

Contact: Phil Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580
Where: Above Central Station, Ann St
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: <http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/drinks/>

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

This time it is the Grand finale before Christmas so a classy place has been chosen. The Sofitel is the old Sheraton above Central Station. The best entry is via the Station plaza, in through the doors of the old station building and up the escalator. They have several bars to choose from, including Harlequin Jacks Bar and Bistro and the more upmarket Curvee Room with live music from 3pm to 6.30pm. Phil will write more for the next Jilalan

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18th DECEMBER, SATURDAY FRANCIS (THE Blue Datsun) 40TH BIRTHDAY CAR RALLY, SOCIAL

Contact: Justin Tobin Ph 3366 3193
Meet: St Brigid's Red Hill
Time 7:00am
Location: 27 27 26.85S, 153 00 38.62E
Web: <http://www.whereis.com/#session=Mjl=>

To celebrate the Blue Datsun turning 40, we are having a car rally in the north-Western suburbs. Starting at Red Hill with your driver and trusty navigator or two to follow the clues, answer the questions and discover parts of Brisbane you probably didn't know existed and hopefully find our way to coffee.

Will you beat the Blue Datsun home? Will Francis get too excited and not finish at all? Will Terry be able to handle the pressure?

Come along to find out the answers and join in the fun as we wish the Blue Datsun a happy birthday. The plan is to finish in time for a light lunch at home and an afternoon kip before heading out again to the Club Christmas Party.

18th DECEMBER, SATURDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Contact: Justin Tobin Ph: Ph. 3366 3193
Meet at: Rosalie Catholic Church (Sacred Heart), 358 Given Tce, Paddington
Dinner: Kookaburra Café, 280 Given Tce, Paddo – at the bend where Given & Latrobe Tces meet.
Time: 4.15pm for 4.30pm Mass
Web: <http://www.kookaburra-cafe.com.au/>

Yes too soon I know, Christmas is here again.

Come and join us at our twilight festivities. Beginning with Mass at Rosalie, then down the road for tea at the Kookaburra Café. Pizza, pasta and more. Enjoy the Garden Courtyard. Breads \$4.50, Mains \$25 to \$29, Pasta around \$18, Pizza around \$20 and finally Desserts around \$8.

Santa's helper will be visiting so bring a \$10 present to put in Santa's sack.

Come along for a fun night and celebrate Christmas with the Club.

Bookings closing 11 December Justin

MBS: Which Editor had almost identical photos of waterfalls on the cover of the last two magazines?

19th DECEMBER, SUNDAY NORTHBROOK GORGE DAYWALK

Leader: Justin Tobin Ph 3366 3193
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Meet Time: 7:00am
Grading: M44
Cost: \$10.00
Location: In the D'Aguila Range, just to the west of Mt Glorious

Web: <http://k2extreme.com.au/trip.php?id=1180>

Emerg Off: Terry Silk Ph 3355 9765

A relaxing Sunday in Northbrook Gorge, cool, cool water, cascades, rock pools and lots of swims. Just what you need on a summers day.

We'll do the walk from Lawton Road. There's a bush track into Eagles Nest for that great view over the park, before dropping into the side creek, following it into Northbrook Creek then into the pools and gorge for the start of our swimming, cliffs on either side, water rushing through, just lie back and let time float away.

We'll have lunch after we finish all the swims. After lunch a short uphill walk takes us to the cars and coffee.

Come with me and keep cool in wilderness close to Brisbane. You will need a plastic bag to keep your pack dry. Justin.

20th DECEMBER, MONDAY ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At the December Monthly Meeting

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 to including them in the 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 best overall photo will go on the front cover of the Annual Report.

The categories 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.

The Competition Rules

- entry is open to club members only
- the photographs have to be prints and displayed at the December meeting.
- size - photo approximately A5 size - 210mm x 149mm or smaller so it can fit on the front cover of the Annual Report
- Each person may enter 2 photographs per category.
- Each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name and date.
- 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 7.00pm. 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. Phil.

20th DECEMBER SOCIAL MEETING & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Contact: Justin Ph: 3366 3193

Time: 6.30pm

Cost: \$ 5

Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

Join us at our Christmas meeting and a chance to catch up with fellow members before you head off to celebrate the festive season with the family. We are putting the sausages on the grill, Phil is organising the Photo Competition. Have you got the winning photo?

Desley is chairing a short meeting; hopefully only the coming walks will be discussed, the rest of that stuff can wait until next year. We need to get to dessert and coffee, so we can relive the year and those great walks and holidays, and to get

excited with the walks to be done and trips planned in 2011. So book your sausage now and don't forget to bring your photos and stories.

**18/21st JANUARY 2011
4-DAY REMOTE WILDERNESS FIRST
AID COURSE
AT BINNA BURRA**

Binna Burra Lodge and interNATIONAL PARKtours are running a 4 day remote area first aid course. Bushwalking club members are invited to participate. The course will involve response to casualty scenarios in areas of Lamington NP.

The cost of the course is nominally \$350 pp for the 4 days – however will reduce if more people attend

Extra costs will be accommodation in the campground, Environmental Study Centre bunkhouse, or the Lodge and any optional meals at The Lodge. The self catering option is available for campers and the bunkhouse. A group discount for campsite/bunkhouse accommodation may be applicable if sufficient numbers book.

Interested persons, please Reply email to secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Gavin Dale, Secretary, Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

2011 WALKS - LEADERS NEEDED

Date	Event	Type	Grade
Jan 2	Warrie Circuit	DW	M33
16	Social Walk	SW	?
22	Lower Bellbird Circuit	DW	M33
26	O'Reilly's	DW	?
30	Cedar Falls & Killarney Glen	DW	S32
Feb 4/6	Undercliffe Falls to Boonoo Boonoo Falls	TW/BC	XL55
12	Currumbin Creek	DW	M55
20	Social Walk	SW	?
26/27	Nightcap Track Area	TW/BC	M22
Mar 6	Mermaid Mountain	DW	L23
13	Social Walk	SW	?
19/20	Club Hut Feast	ON	S43
Apr 17	Social Walk	SW	?
22/26	Carnarvon Great Walk	TW/BC	XL45
23	Hardings Paddock to Plum Res	DW	S32
May 7	Buchanan's Fort	DW	M46
22	Ipswich Heritage Walk	DW	S11
Jun 11	White Rock	DW	L34
12	Numinbah Gate to Wagawn	DW	M45
26	Social Walk	SW	?
Jul 2	Neglected Mountain	DW	S45
9	Mt Mitchell Traverse	DW	L55
9	Mt Mathieson	DW	S32
30	Mt Moon to Mt Alford	DW	M55
30	Mt Alford	DW	S55
Aug 19/21	Pilgrimage	BC	Various
Sep 10/11	Black Canyon	TW	L67
25	Tweed River to Kingscliffe	DW	M22
Oct 8/9	Moreton Island	TW/BC	L43
8	Moreton Island	DW	M43
22	Mooloolah River to Maroochy River	DW	S42
30	Social Walk	SW	?
Nov 13	Diana's Bath	DW	S11
Dec 4	Barney Falls	DW	M44
11	Coochie Mudlo	DW	S11
26	Boxing Day Walk	DW	M22

Leaders for next year are desperately needed. Particularly new leaders. A number of our experienced leaders are needing a break. We will provide training and support, both on the pre-outing and on the actual walk.

Some of these walks are all too soon in the future.

If you do not nominate to lead them, they will be "Leaderless" and thus cancelled.

The "Social Walk" slot is for those wanting these easier shorter walks, often in or near Brisbane. You will need to decide on the walk & a leader, and then inform Justin. No one has yet come forward to offer any suggestions.

There are a number of you who have walked with us and I'm sure you are looking to increase your knowledge and skills. We will provide you with all the maps, directions etc to make life easy for you.

If you are already leading track walks and want to venture into off-track walking let us know. We will be only too pleased to accommodate you. We will be programming training days next year on leadership, map reading etc and some of you will be contacted and encouraged to come along.

Also we are looking for ideas for socials. Contact Antonia Ph: 3857 1387 with these.

KATE QUINLAN 2011

2nd March

The XXXX Brewery Tour starts 6.00pm. Justin has booked for 10. Cost is \$33 for a tour of the plant, BBQ dinner and 4 pots after the tour. You must be sober and wearing closed in footwear. Parking is off Paten St They can take 25 persons, so final numbers and payment one week before.

THIS is where it all began - Kate Quinlan is one of the founders of Castlemaine XXXX – a good catholic Irish lass.

PAST EVENTS

M^t TIBROGARGAN And the TRACHYTE CIRCUIT 28th August

We were greeted with perfect weather for our walk up Mt Tibrogargan and the picturesque Trachyte Circuit this Saturday morning. Walkers joined the group at several points along the way to the Mt Tibro parking area and, by the time we set off on foot, we had 15 people in the group.

The party all walked to the base of the mountain and then divided into 2 groups. Five people decided to enjoy the walk around the base while the more adventurous commenced the climb.

The climbers soon reached the top and spent some time enjoying the view from the front. We then climbed down the northern shoulder of the mountain to a point just above the cave at the end of the caves route climb. This gave us a different view of the cliffs of the eastern face which the majority of the group had not seen before. The down side was that we had to climb back up to the top before we could descend the

way we had come up.

Lunch was eaten at the picnic tables at the base and some of the group left at this point. Those remaining walked the Trachyte Circuit before returning to Brisbane. Everyone had a great day although quite a few (myself included) did mention sore knees.

Thanks to Terry Silk, Michelle Hebbard, Ann Iron, Peter Constable, Robyn Thorne, Ken Evans, Barry Crawford, Mervyn Galvin, Maria Galvin, Brenda Keogh, Sophie Ramsay and visitors Yolanda Wojcieszuk, Don Keogh and Katie O'Brien for your great company. Richard Johns

BRAMBLE BAY TO CABBAGE TREE CREEK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

Five happy walkers met at Woody Point under the shadows of towering high rise apartment blocks, that was once a quiet corner of the Peninsular.

Out onto our first jetty with a clear view across the bay to our destination at Shorncliffe Pier. Families fishing and walking along the seashore as we made our way around Bramble Bay to cross the new Redcliffe Bridge.

A wedding in progress as we stopped for a quick drink, and almost lost Lizzy in the wedding party! Strong gusty winds were to accompany us for the entire walk, making conversation a trial. But, being women and bushwalkers we overcame the adversity!! No offence Phil our one brave male in the group.

Excellent views from the new bridge structure with a huge fishing platform half way across. A welcome rest and afternoon tea at Brighton, before we headed back into the elements and farewelled Phil as he stepped up the pace and made for Sandgate station to catch the train back

to the Riverfire night.

Passing warm cosy cafes and fish places, we pushed on to the end of Sandgate sea front in the fading light. Many walkers and families out eating and getting spots for a glimpse of the F111s that come up and turn over the bay after the dump & burn for Riverfire.

Up over the cliff to our final jetty - Shorncliffe Pier, and a howling gale by now as we walked out to the end. A very enjoyable afternoon made so by the good company of: Lynn S, Mary K, Phil M and Lizzy R. Thank you Lizzy for driving on the day. Cheers, Maxine

WWW AT THE GERMAN CLUB 15th OCTOBER

Our most recent JTS was our own private Oktoberfest at the German Club at Woolloongabba. We were lucky enough to obtain a table in a quiet area of the club where we could converse freely while enjoying very well priced drinks and generous servings of delicious German fare.

It was wonderful to have Catherine and Michael join us after their recent absence. They are doing well and enjoying planning their next trip.

And speaking of travel ... that is mostly what we did. Desley gave a full report on her walk from Perth to New Norcia, while Elizabeth shared her plans for her impending trip for the west. Other itineraries are coming together for places as far flung as China, Alaska, Canada, France and Wales. It was also an appropriate time to toast our four absent friends as they continue their epic Aussie journey.

Others who joined in the fun were Grahame, Helen, Greg and Liz. Liz

BOOLOUMBA GORGE SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER DAYWALK

We got by with a little help from our friends.

A glorious Saturday morning under blue skies found four intrepid explorers heading up the highway to Kenilworth, but first a stop at Carseldine to check out the Mud Springs, one of only two in Australia that they know of - the other one is in W.A.

From Kenilworth it was 6km to the start of the Park and the first creek crossing. You could see where the water had been and thankfully gone. The dirt road took us up to the Breadknife car park and the walk was underway. We followed

the old road to cross over the Great Walk Track and then down the ridge to the bottom of Frogs Falls. Flowing well and looking great.

From here it was a scramble to get above the falls and those great pools, water just tumbling over the rocks into one pool and then another. Water, water everywhere. Smoko above the falls near Kingfisher Falls and a quick swim for the leader.

The journey to the Gorge was beside the creek along the creek, above the creek and finally in the creek. We had arrived at the Gorge, waterproofed the packs and started the swim, a huge amount of water flowing into the Gorge from the top, fantastic! The Pack Rock was uncovered enough for the packs and one body, mine. Joe was first up the side and the others soon followed as he threw the rope down for the packs.

One more crevasse to cross and we were in the creek and above the Gorge, around the Breadknife and up to the top pool for a late lunch at 3.00pm. One last swim before following the track back to the cars and onto Kenilworth for coffee.

What a day, what a walk, thanks Maxine, Joe and Michael for sharing the journey in the wonderful wet and wild waters of Booloomba with me. Yes we did get by and high with a little help from each other.

Mt BOGONG, THE VICTORIAN ALPS 29th/2nd OCT/NOV

The trip to Mt Bogong finally went out on the Monday morning - the third day.

The first day (Saturday) was woeful with torrential horizontal rain. The Staircase Spur was not an option, so we did a quick drive up to the Bogong High Plains and did a quick 700m walk to Wallace's Hut, then onto Cope Hut, a further 300m (lots of discussion as to whether they qualify as a walk for the walk stats). We visited the Annapurna winery (very nice) on the way back to Tawonga Caravan Park. Dinner at the Bogong Hotel. At least we visited the "Bogong" Hotel.

Sunday morning was still raining. The Kiewa River was about to burst it's banks at the caravan park. The weather was very iffy - so after lots of discussion we did a sightseeing trip to Bright. A spot of shopping, then the rain stopped and we did the lovely 3km Canyon Walk (lots of discussion as to whether this counts as a walk for the stats). Sunday night - discussions about

going home or making a quick daywalk to Bogong.

Monday morning - light drizzle and a tentative decision to pack for a 2-day walk to Cleve Cole Hut with the expectation we would call it quits if the weather deteriorated. The weather didn't get better, but it didn't get worse either. After an hour the drizzle stopped. We struggled up to Bivouac Hut - lots of puffing. We nearly pulled the pin. A feed & a drink; then we pushed on for a bit. Weather improved but our fitness didn't. After another hour we were at the tree line. Not far now - too close to the top to pull out - but the weather looked ominous with storm clouds brewing. Up to the summit saddle - no time to look at the summit cairn as we wanted to beat the rain to the hut. We got to The Hut about 4 20pm in the misty clouds. Only 2 people were there so we could sleep in the hut. It was a terrific night. Warm and dry. Excellent food. Michael Carpenelli shared his wonderful food - main course was spaghetti bolognaise & pasta; desert was custard & fruitcake.

Tuesday morning saw great views with swirling clouds. Back to Mt Bogong and this time a proper visit to "the summit" cairn. Handshakes all round and photos taken. So pretty up there but time to move on as it was so cold. Back to the cars by 2.35pm. Back in Melbourne by 8pm. A great trip in the end. It was all the more memorable as we were on the verge of calling it quits so many times. It was as though "Bogong Jack" wanted to remind us of the power of nature and that the summit has to be earned the hard way.

Those on the trip - Peter Matheson, Tom Buykx, Joan Donnan, Michael Carpenelli & Phil Murray. The trip up the staircase spur is equivalent to Mt Barney's Southeast Ridge in steepness. But it is a climb of 1,300m ascent without any views until the last 300m. The Spur is on the north east side of the mountain. The summit saddle is only 50m below the summit but with the howling wind and minimal visibility we dashed towards Cleve Cole Hut about 3km on the southern side of the summit plateau. Hell Gap is about 500m from the summit and has howling winds coming across the alpine grassland. Phil

WOODY POINT TO SCARBOROUGH SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER

After leaving Crockatt Park, we ambled out onto the new Woody Point Jetty, a very impressive addition to the newly revamped Woody Point. We then set off up to the top of the hill and viewed

the rusting remains of the Gayundah, a gunboat used to patrol Moreton Bay during WW1.

From here we made our way to Scotts Point and were now able to get close to the water and refreshing sea breezes. Some elected to walk on the sand and one walker even took the opportunity to wade his way along the beach, something a few more of us will embrace on future walks.

We continued on past Margate and Suttons Beach and were impressed by the generous swimming facilities and picnic areas at Settlement Cove. A quick break for morning tea and we were off again to venture out onto the Redcliffe Jetty and then up to Scarborough for a well-earned stop for lunch.

A bit of discussion resulted in the decision to retrace most of our footsteps back to Woody Point making it a pretty long day of walking, but certainly a perfect day of magnificent weather, beautiful sea breezes, lovely scenery, great company and a sense of achievement. Wendy

6th NOVEMBER NOOSA NATIONAL PARK

After a week of inclement weather, it was good and a surprise to wake up Saturday morning to blue skies and the start of what was to be a great day. The Noosa daywalk was going to be alright.

The walk started at the Laguna Lookout for views of Noosa Beach, Laguna Bay and north to Teewah Beach and Double Island Point. The new Great Walk was out there somewhere. The view south across the National Park and where we were going was obscured by trees. Doesn't the Sunshine Council have a chainsaw or did they lose it in the great amalgamation; cost cutting maybe?

From the lookout we wound our way down to Hastings St, the banana farm now replaced by more units they just keep growing. Round- Up just doesn't seem to be working. The Noosa Beach and surf was being enjoyed by quite a lot of people, and yes, we were willing, but now was not the time to linger. So up Park Rd where major works are being undertaken to stop it slipping into the sea. The surfers were all out at the point and catching that long wave in. Blair wondered how they got back out again but Paul explained it all. I lost a few at the toilets and Information Centre but found them again later on.

The sea was boiling at Boiling Pot Point, a great surge. We saw a koala at Tea Tree Bay. Graham thought it was just a stuffed one put in the tree to

fool us all - you can't fool Graham. Around Dolphin Point, more surfers; someone said it should be called Surfers Paradise and the one down the coast Paradise Lost. Along to Granite Bay and onto Hells Gates - the sea was really hitting the rocks here, spray all over the rocks. A great view of Alexandria Bay where we headed to for smoko and a swim. At last; we were in the cool, beautiful and rough Pacific Ocean. The swimmers swum and the rest rested. After smoko we continued along the beach to head uphill and out to Devils Kitchen for lunch - another great spot views north and south, ospreys circling overhead, a slight breeze and a cup of tea thanks to Trevor. Life was pretty good.

The advanced scouts, Trevor and Paul, went on ahead to find the Paradise Cave, somewhere below the next Headland. The others slowly did the last climb of the day, Greg and I got to the top to find the group waiting to tell us Trevor and Paul had gone down. The main group continued on the main track to the beach. Greg and I wandered out and down the headland to find Trevor and Paul had done what advanced scouts are supposed to do and found the cave. We saw, we wondered and now we know where it is. All that was left to do was to continue around the rocks and on to Sunshine Beach, down to the flags.

Greg organised the car shuffle while once again the swimmers swum. The leader caught his last wave in and was heading up to the troops, Trevor was coming down for a swim, being a responsible leader, suitably trained by BCBC; I could not let him swim alone so in I went again. We finally left the surf to go around and get Trevor's car and join the troops for coffee.

Too soon the walk was over. A great day spent along and in the Pacific in Noosa National Park, made more enjoyable by being a Club walk and sharing it with our visitors, Blair, Ian, Cathy and Members Ann, Bob, Greg, Julie, Denise, Suzanne, Trevor, Graham, Marie, Peter, Mary van, Michele, Sophia and Paul. Now you have made the journey and enjoyed the coastal section of the Park you can understand the battle fought to save it, a fight that had to be won. Our thanks to Dr Arthur Harrold and the formation of the Noosa Parks Association - Queensland's first local conservation organisation. Justin

A NIGHT WALK IN NORMANDY, FRANCE

Through the Bay

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mont_Saint-Michel

**By Our European Correspondent Denise
Campbell (of Barcaldine)**

I was not convinced I would survive what seemed to me to be quite a cool evening and a colder sea. As I would possibly be up to my thighs in sea water, I was assured that the best clothing for the crossing would be shorts and bare feet: to cross the two rivers that were embedded in the sea equates to a walk in the sand and mud. "You can keep your shoes on if they are not too large for you, and if they fit well. If not, they will stay in the mud and they will be dirty. It will be too late then to put them in your rucksack." "Mmm. I understand exactly what our guide means after all the boggy walks into "Orange Downs" of late. Pas de problème!"

And so the group starts out on the 6.5km trek from Bec d'Andaine on the mainland to a little dot in the distance - Mont St Michel - hopefully avoiding the quicksand and the impassable depths of the rivers that surge from the mainland and become one with the sea. We walk about 500 metres and are stopped by the guide and a line drawn in the sand, to show our exact position and future dangers. We can see Tombelain's rock, a landmark steeped apparently in a "rich but unknown history". My French ensured it remained unknown! We could also see the coast of Brittany to the right, and a small isolated mountain called Le Mont de Dol. "We will say 2 words about it later". Once again, I think I later missed the 2 words.

Next we find ourselves up to our ankles in water, and at the Lerre River a warning that if not careful we could sink to our waists in holes - formed by the sea, then filled by water mixed with sand, and then completely covered by sand mixed with mud. All in all, I have never come across this at "Orange Downs" and become a little anxious!! We are reassured that the rope fixed to the guide's rucksack is for pulling out such unfortunates. We must avoid travelling Indian file as those first will soften the élastique top layer and those last will never reach the other side. (I thought he said he would pull us out!!) I stick close to the guide, taking care to make my own little pathway. So far so good - for me anyway!!

The guide then tells us that storms, fog, and lightning strikes are definitely big no-nos. "A storm is the only reason which can make us

cancel the trip", he says, as he points to his compass also attached to the rucksack. "And if lightening strikes, it's best to be with a tall guide". "He's a comédien as well!" I think as I cast my eyes around at the perfect weather and relax a little more.

The final danger, we are warned, is the tidal flow. The river beds are submerged in the bay and it is impossible to know what is happening. From the days of the pilgrims to now, drowning of the unwary is common in these parts. Thus the need for a guide with every crossing, day or night.

Onward now across the bay with a halt between the Lerre River and the Sée. The walking is becoming difficult as the tiny ripples on the bed of the bay are beginning to REALLY hurt. I ask if others are experiencing the same problem. "Oui, oui", they say but I can never be sure of my French, and perhaps these Frenchmen are having no trouble at all! The light is beginning to fade and lights twinkle in the far distance on Mt St Michel. We are likely to see gulls of all sorts, shelducks, egrets, cormorants and perhaps even a seal.

Next stop - the beds of the Sée and Sélune. This will be the most difficult to cross as it is 1km across and the current is strong. It will also be deeper. The guide disappears in to the dark to find the best route. Quiet, then disquiet, then positive mutterings as the group seems to think it is OK to proceed. Long legs will definitely be an advantage! After what seems a very long time, especially because by feet are so sore, we reach a point where I think my feet will perhaps go the distance. Mt St Michel is looming large and majestic. I make the crossing intact but others are not so lucky as the muddy feet, hands and legs attest.

But I am worried because rumour has it (or my dodgy French) that once we arrive, we must then walk back to the mainland! My feet definitely won't last but the response to my question regarding our return seems to indicate that "oui", we will be going back the way we came!! I grit my teeth and pray for a miracle in this sacred place!! It is 11.30p.m. and I am très fatiguée!! I thought that a bus was going to pick us up and begin to assume that this must be what is happening - surely??

My great hope is confirmed as we clamber up on to the island fortress and the group proceeds - up, up, up to a place where we wash our feet off and thankfully put on our shoes. Shod again, I blissfully sink in to the soft padding and continue on for a night exploration of this amazing place.

Apparently I am now one of 3 million who visit the Mont; with 150,000 who do this trek each year.

Best wishes for now
Denice Campbell

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

The rain held off. The sun shone, and the pilgrims have now left the square intent and hopeful that Mary will speak to Australians for generations to come. Inspired, excited and freshly motivated, may we serve God, the Church, our nation and the poor of our world with faith and humility. Otherwise so much of today's celebration will be just for show – an exhibit for the archives rather than an emblem for the future.

Dorrington Newsletter 24-10-2010

FROM THE TRAVELLING NELSONS

An update since our last e-mail from Geraldton. We headed south-east and saw many varieties of wildflowers - all the colours of the rainbow.

Our next key stop was New Norcia. There we joined with the Monks in prayer (the Divine Office). Russ managed to attend the pre-breakfast prayer session.

We spent a week in Perth. At the Burswood Casino we saw West Side Story but got a little geographically embarrassed on the way so arrived about 20 seconds before the curtain went up (after running from the carpark).

Paid a visit to Freemantle and saw the markets, Maritime Museum, the former HMAS Ovens - a submarine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Hilton.

Our time in Perth was dominated by getting both vehicles serviced and sourcing spare parts etc for minor repairs.

Our fuel tank has taken some of our attention. It had two cracks in it from the Gibb River Road. So we fixed that ourselves (or our friend Mike did). We then put in a warranty claim for a permanent fix. The manufacturer was Perth based and offered to fix it immediately. After the fix had been applied, back at camp we noticed a new leak. So I rang the manufacturer who then replaced the whole tank and associated fittings the next day. We could not be happier with their response to our warranty claims.

Leaving Perth we followed the coast south to Mandurah, Bunbury, Busselton and Cape Naturaliste. There we did most of the walks and spent a lot of time looking for whales and dolphins. A bonus was that we saw many seals.

This brought us into Margaret River country. We tasted the delights of the area and visited the caves. We saw the big trees, especially the Karri and the less well known Tingles. We then turned east after visiting Cape Leeuwin.

We soon reached Albany and visited Whaleworld and heard about their whaling history. Albany is a magnificent port and it was from here the original ANZACs farewelled Australia. So far our travels on the south coast of WA have proven that WA stands for Windy Always. The weather has been like early August weather in Brisbane - cool to cold and windy.

From Kalgoorlie we went north to Menzies and onto Lake Ballard. There we saw the outdoor sculptures by Antony Gormely called, "Inside Australia". There are 51 statutes there in the dry salt lake. An interesting experience.

Tomorrow we start our crossing of the Nullarbor and are hoping for a westerly wind which would give us a "wind assisted" crossing. This afternoon is a chance to catch up on the washing.

Hope everyone is keeping well. Take care Jan & Russ

Since this, they have visited Ceduna on the SA/WA border, and Coffin Bay, between Ceduna and Port Lincoln.

BUSHWALKING Q'LD

VOLUNTEER TRACK MAINTENANCE

LAMINGTON NP

The first graded track maintenance-work day for volunteers who completed the QPWS Induction will be held at Lamington on Wedn 17th Nov. Please assemble at 7:30am at the Information Centre, lower carpark at Binna Burra.

This first work group will be under the supervision of a ranger. A current First Aid Certificate is not necessarily a requirement, but participants will need to have done the QPWS Induction. The tasks will be mainly clearing of drains on the more popular graded tracks at the Binna Burra end of the park.

During 2011 the intention is to hold monthly work days at Lamington, every third Wednesday, commencing 19th Jan. The work will alternate as

required between the Binna Burra and Green Mountains ends of the graded track network.

Weekend work groups may be introduced later.

Additional volunteers are invited to become involved, another Induction early 2011 can be arranged.

All enquiries to BWQ: secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Reporting of Track Conditions at Lamington: QPWS rangers welcome reports of track damage, tree falls or any other maintenance issues from any visitor to Lamington N.P. Note location as accurately as possible, also the diameter of any tree trunks across the track to assist rangers in selection of equipment.

Information to Ph: 5533 3996 Mon to Fri. or email: andre.duplessis@derm.qld.gov.au

John Marshall, President, Bushwalking Qld Inc.

WALK THE OTWAYS

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EDITOR'S REPORT

ARTICLES: Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by Saturday 4th December. Articles should be e-mailed to me at endhouse@bigpond.net.au. Please follow the "Jilalan Style Guide", which is on the Club web www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/JilalanStyleGuide.html

If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092. If you have "late" articles, you will miss out as my e-mail box will not be read.

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

The views expressed in Jilalan are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Management Committee of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.

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I need your articles on time – it makes it hard to still get articles when I should be formatting.

Articles from this publication may be reproduced provided the source is acknowledged.

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$35; Associate Members: \$26; Spouse Members: \$9.00; Country: \$26.00.

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. The Club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

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HIS JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN

Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun
life hold so many facets
this earth is only one.



Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost-
and he was loved so much
E. Brenneman.

John Elliot

In God's Care

14 October 2010

Safe journey, gentle friend, fellow
walker and mate.

"Our Lady of the Way"
Mother, Mother I am coming
Home, home to Jesus and to thee
But my country hills are distant
And the lights I cannot see.
Mother, hearken as I pray,
Meet me on my homeward way
Meet me Lady Of the Way
Meet me Mother dear today.
Often times my skies are clouded
I can see no sun no star.
And the road is rough and narrow,
And the end seems very far.
Mother meet me in my way
Lest perchance my feet should stray,
Meet me Lady of the Way,
Meet me mother dear today.

May Our Lady of the Way be with
John on his journey home.

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THEOLOGY CORNER

Club Annual Mass and Dinner 2010 – Luke 2:16-19

Then we read in the Gospel

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

These words have intrigued me / and I suggest they align very closely to the title of our patron, Our Lady of the Way. Mary understood that life was going to be different / but she did not understand how things were going to pan out. But, she had faith in God, the trust that God would guide her along her own personal Way / and was confident that she was doing what God wanted her to do.

As we know, Mary did not have a stress free life. She suffered what many parents fear, the early death of their child. All parents hope they will die in old age well before their children. Mary witnessed the brutal, unjustified execution of her son. Mary's own personal Way was certainly traumatic.

Mary was able to live her life, the Way, with the confidence that God was with her. We too can do the same with Our Lady of the Way to guide us if we treasure God's word in our hearts / to guide us on the Way.

May I close with a prayer from St Bernard of Clairvaux

With Mary's support, you will never fall.
Beneath her protection, you will never fear.
Under her guidance, you will never tire.
And with her help, you will reach your heavenly goal.