

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

**Please have all Jilalan articles to Desley Pedrazzini by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month**, otherwise they cannot be included. Articles (if not using Microsoft Word), 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: **DPedrazzin@aol.com**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<b>Club Web Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/">www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/</a>
<b>email:</b>	<a href="mailto:briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au">briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au</a>

**CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2004**

<b>DATE 2004</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>CONTACT NUMBER</b>	<b>WALK TYPE</b>
<b>November</b>				
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Bike Ride	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	Social
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Dave's Creek	Jean Gowans	32566140	DW
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Northbrook Mountain	Bill Butler	32986556	DW
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon.	<b>November Meeting</b>			
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Byron Bay	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	BC
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Coffee Night - South Bank	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Lightning Falls Circuit	Paul Evans	3357 5254	DW
<b>December</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Christmas Party	Louise Leonardi	32871372	Social
12 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Club Hut - Barney Gorge	Iain Renton	33714672	BC
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Christmas Lights at Sherwood	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon.	<b>December Meeting</b>			
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Boxing Day Mt Tamborine	Liz Little	33564874	DW

**2005**

<b>January</b>				
Sunday, 9	Illinbah Circuit	DW	Easy	Greg Endicott
<b>Monday 17</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
Sunday, 23	Border Ranges	BC	Easy	Iain Renton
Wednesday, 26	Australia Day Breakfast	Social		
Saturday 29	An evening stroll to Southbank	Social	Easy	Barbara Eastoe
<b>February</b>				
Saturday, 5	The Cougals	DW	Medium	Justin Tobin
Sunday, 13	Little Kings	DW	Easy	Gabe
Friday 18 to Sunday 20	Bunya Mountains	BC	Easy	Paul Evans
<b>Monday 21</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
Sunday, 27	Warrie Circuit	DW	Easy	Phil Murray
<b>March</b>				
Saturday 5	Clean Up Australia Day	DW	Easy	Maxine Brophy
Sunday, 6	Obi Obi Lilo	DW	Hard	Phil Murray
Saturday 12	Members and Leaders Training	S&T	Easy	Iain Renton
Sunday, 13	Members and Leaders Training	S&T	Easy	Iain Renton
Saturday 19	Yalburru Club Hut Birthday Feast	Social		TBA
Sunday, 20	Tom's Tum (Isolated Peak?)	DW	Medium	TBA
<b>Monday 21</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
Thursday 24 to Mon. 28	Mt Kaputar (Easter B/C)	BC	Easy	Iain Renton
Easter Monday, 28	Maroon Falls / Golden Staircase	DW	Easy	TBA

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

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

<b>1. Distance</b>		<b>2. Terrain</b>	<b>3. Fitness</b>
Short	Under 10km per day	1-3 <u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub	1-3 <u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15 km per day	4-7 <u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling	4-7 <u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.
Long	15-20 km per day	<u>Bush.</u> As Above+ thick scrub, major rock	
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day	8-10 scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 <u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.

**PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

You will notice a 12-month Club Calendar folded inside this Jilalan. Read Iain's article about it. Have a look at the trips, socials & training days. See what catches your fancy. Look to see who is leading the outing.

If there is no leader, think about it yourself - Is it time you became a leader.

Iain has put on easy trips - suitable for first time leaders.

Try one out. Grab it before someone else takes it.

All you New Leaders out there. Why not ask someone who has been around a few years about the trip you have your eye on to lead. Once you say "Yees", then approach an experienced leader to find out what is involved - pick a few brains. Why not ask that person to do the pre-outing with you - you will learn a lot from the mutterings as you walk along. The best way to learn is to roll up the sleeves & do it.

Experienced leaders are always willing to help out a new one.

The hardest part of leading occurs before the cars leave the Red Hill carpark - the organising of the outing and the gathering of names (or chasing people to come along with you). If you have any problems or doubts along the way, just ring your chosen experienced leader. It is a mentoring process.

When writing your "Coming Outings" article, ring the Outings Secretary about the Emergency Officer, Cost & Grading.

AND, Do not forget that Committee Nominations Will Be Called In January - Think of the Skills You Possess That Will Help the CLUB. Put Back Into It Some of What YOU Have Got Out Of It.

There has been discussion again of the Grading System we use to describe walks. This is the same system used by most Brisbane clubs. However, it works only in conjunction with the Coming Outing article the leader writes for that particular trip. "Comings" articles should be written after the pre-outing, and still be in time for the Jilalan prior to the date of the outing.

Your "Comings" article must describe the walk - the distance of

the walk, the time it will take, the steepness, the condition of the track/trail, any obstacles to be encountered, cliffs/rock scrambling, creek crossings, lookouts & all. Describe the difficulties found along the way, as well as the joys - walk that fine line between telling all & turning people off a good walk. A person should be able to pick up Jilalan and from your article decide if that is the trip for them - we do not want "graded track" walkers surprised by off-track long grass & rocks. Remember, only 15% of members come to meetings to hear you talk about your trip and then question you about such topics - think of the "silent majority" who make up most walks. Don't describe the fun & coffee stops, but rather describe the terrain.

Walkers, remember that the grading system of "S, M, L, ExL, Number, Number" is allocated to the trip and not to the people going on the trip. All clubs should grade the trip the same. The grading should stay the same for all time. This is because the route is graded. The trip can contain people from those using walking sticks to those doing graded tracks only to those who do short trips to the super-fit super walkers - how can we grade a trip to suit the person? You can't grade the trip for the people because everyone is at a different standard. It may take an individual a few trips to judge what the meaning of the grading is to them and to calibrate it to their own meaning.

The explanation of the grading system is found at the bottom of the calendar.

Don't let all this frighten you -  
Stand up and be counted.

Regards,

Greg.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Balance** \$ 1703.27

**18.10.04**

**Plus Receipts** \$ 446.40

\$ 2149.67

**Less Payments** \$ 1429.60

**Balance** 720.07

**15.11.04**

**Term Deposit** \$ 1759.76

Our current raffle of a family pass to the Alma Park Zoo will be drawn at our December meeting. So, if you have not bought a ticket to support your club and possibly win a great prize at the same time it is not too late. For those of you who have not bought a club T-shirt or those who wish to buy a second one, we now have a small supply on hand ready for a quick sale at \$27.00 each.

Wishing you all a merry, safe and holy Christmas.

Terry.

### **About Members**

Maxine has just returned from a brief visit to New Zealand to catch up with family whilst Michele Johns is about to do the same. Chester is going home to catch up with family for Christmas and the New Year whilst Jie and Eva are doing the same. James Buultjens is also heading home to Sri Lanka via Thailand for the Festive Season. The Endicotts are heading up the coast for a break before Christmas

whilst Robyn and Ross Jones have just returned. The Tobin's are heading south to do some exploring during the festive season. Should we ask the last person to leave Brisbane to turn out the lights?

Great news!!! The influx of new members is continuing. Congratulations to our latest batch: - David Auer, Karen Skelton, Marie Ricketts and Jeffrey Foreman. All of whom have enjoyed a variety of walks with us putting many of our existing members to shame. Margaret Cooper has just renewed her membership and in doing so has created history by becoming our first overseas' member. Margaret is currently in Wales "doing a little bit of work in between exploring the Welsh countryside". She plans on returning to Australia late next year if she can tear herself away from the beautiful Welsh countryside. As Margaret is a top photographer and storyteller we can not wait for her return. Birthday wishes in December for Bev Gaffney, Carolyn Ivanac, Louise Leonardi and Gabriel Romaguera.

### **OOPS...**

In our rush to get the Membership List in last month's magazine we accidentally left a couple of members off the list. Our sincerest apologies to Gloria Honor and Antonia Simpson. Their details, along with those of our newest members appear below for you to add to your list. Also, Philip Kearns has just given us his new address.

Honor, Gloria, 37 View St.,  
Chermside. 4032. Ph. 3256 3541.

Simpson, Antonia, 38 Dorrigo St.,  
Stafford Heights. 4053. Ph. 3359  
1294.

Ricketts, Marie, 18 Tedman St.,  
Zillmere. 4034. Ph. 3265 1794.

Foreman, Jeffrey, 6/27 Stuckey  
Rd., Clayfield. 4011. Ph. 3262  
4410.

Kearns, Philip, 10/19 Stanley Tce.  
Taringa. 4068. Ph. 3870 7025.

Also please note that "Ben" Larkin should read "Brother Benildus" Larkin.

### **About Visitors**

It was good to welcome Anne-Marie and Spencer Bell and Greg Buckley as visitors to our November meeting, which saw the exciting finalisation of our photo competition. We hope to get to know you better on a walk soon. Christine Keane and her son, Liam along with Paul Rooney were welcome visitors on Desley's recent Noosa walk. Kenneth Potter and Dianne Carroll met some of our Members on Gabe's recent memorable bike ride and followed this up by joining Jean on her successful Dave's Creek walk. (Is it true that Gabriel is the "Matthew Palmer of two wheels"?)

### **Monthly General Meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Meeting Place:** St. Brigid's Hall,  
at the back of the carpark.

**Where** : Musgrave Rd, Red  
Hill

**Doors Open** : 7.30pm - No dance  
classes this month, so we will be in  
quickly.

**Cost** : Nil, zero, nix  
\$0.00.

**Grading** M11.

**Location** : Seated, facing forward.

Visitors especially welcome. Come and hear Leaders talk about their Outing or Social. Hear if the description fires the embers in your heart. Quiz them on details afterwards. Ask questions to satisfy your curiosity - others will want to ask the same thing but hold back. Make it an informative event.....

For this meeting, make it an Occasion and wear something red & white, with a green trim.

Bring some Christmassy goodies for supper. Make this meeting an occasion.

See you there.

### **WALKS WAFFLE**

#### **ABOUT THE PROPOSED 2005 CALENDER, and other things.**

You'll find enclosed with this magazine a proposed calendar for next year; it is still open for some changes. Only a few socials are listed, the new social secretary will be adding quite a few more. I've included a couple of city walks, hopefully more will be added as socials (and a bike ride). As to whether walks are on Saturday or Sunday is still a bit flexible (partly depending on the preference of the leader), but the intention is to get a rough balance between the days. I reckon it'd be good to see another one or two challenging off-track walks on the calendar. Comments and suggestions for the calendar are welcome and volunteers to lead walks will be greeted with open arms.

In mid-march I've set aside a weekend for members' training

(particularly for new members), and for leaders' training. I'll probably run the same programme on both days, with general training in the morning and leader training in the afternoon, so people can turn up for half a day or the whole day. Well before the training weekend, we will be getting leaders notes finalised. Along the way we'll be putting some information together about Emergency Officers. This will attempt to set out what needs to be done clearly, without making the task too daunting (and minimise paperwork). Greg's article in the last magazine was a timely reminder of the importance of E.O., as a functioning safety net if things go wrong. The club has become a bit casual in this area over the years. Hopefully we'll get the E.O system working well, while keeping it as simple and user-friendly as possible.

I'll be spending the next couple of months lining up as many leaders as possible for next year's walks. I hope to get quite a few new leaders on board, giving them assistance by providing the training days and lining up experienced leaders to help them through the process. Experienced leaders to do pre-outings with leaders are always most welcome. Over 2004 and forward to 2005, I've slowly been stacking more walks onto the calendar. I have a pet theory about this club eventually having a very busy and active calendar, with several things happening on quite a few weekends (if we have enough walkers and leaders to sustain it). That is my bit of kite-flying. What actually happens depends on what you, the members want (and are prepared to do), and what our hard working committee is able to achieve. No

doubt whoever is outings co-ordinator will bring their own slant in shaping the walks programme.

Finally, thank you to all who offered suggestions for the calendar, to Greg E., Phil M., Terry, Pat L., and Justin who came to the outings planning meeting when most of the work putting it together was done. Also thank you to Phil M., who typed the calendar up and to Don who helped me shuffle it around a bit. Also, gold stars to those who have already put their names down to lead walks.

Happy walking (and all the other greetings to do with this time of year), Iain.

## **COMING WALKS**

### **Club Hut - Barney George Basecamp**

11-12 December

Leader: Iain Renton  
33714672  
Meet: St. Brigid's  
Car Park, Red Hill  
Time: 7AM  
Cost: \$18  
Grade: M65  
E/O: Matthew  
Palmer  
38768125

Come with me to escape the pre-Christmas chaos. We'll leave early enough on Saturday to walk into the hut before the hottest part of the day and be able to relax in serene and peaceful surroundings for the rest of the day. We'll start reasonably early next morning so we can walk over the ridge into Gorge junction before it gets too

hot. Then we'll walk some distance up and back down Barney Gorge. Then we'll take Barney Creek back down to just above the Lower Portals and back to the Hut and then walk back out to the cars. It is one of the best creek walks around with an abundance of rock pools, cascades, rocks and boulders of all shapes and sizes, and always the cliffs and crags of Mt. Barney looming overhead. There'll be quite a bit of rock hopping and some scrambling up Barney Gorge. There'll be at least a couple of chances for a lovely cooling swim. It is a walk in base camp (1 to 1 1/4 hours in on a fairly eroded track with a fair bit of up and down). You'll need to take in a foam mat or therma-rest to make sleeping here more comfortable (but you won't need a tent). Other options include walking in on Friday afternoon/evening or on Saturday afternoon. You can spend the whole weekend lazing at the hut. Iain

### **Coomera Circuit**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Daywalk

**Leader** : Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

**Meeting At** : St. Brigid's Carpark, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill

**Meeting Time:** 7am

**Cost** : \$17

**Grading** : L13

**Emerg. Officer:** Michele Endicott  
Ph: 3351 4092

**Location** : Binna Burra section of Lamington National Park.

We will be driving straight to Binna Burra without stopping. Once out of the cars, we will start the walk - by then it will be rather warm so you will want to get into the cool lush green rainforest. The graded track is over 20km to the top of

the Falls, and onward to the Border escarpment, then back on the Main Border Track.

You will be walking through New England Blackbutts, Forest Oaks & Blue Mountain Ash - white, straight & reaching for the sky. The gullies are filled with lily-like Helmholtzias. Koongalala Lookout overlooks Coomera Gorge, over 300m deep at this point.

There is now a glorious platform erected over the cliff line for you to view the falls - a truly memorable experience - the floor is mesh & you can see straight down to the valley floor far below. The main Falls are 64m high - a grand view for SEQ since our falls are usually rather smaller.

The party will continue past this spectacular point and travel onward to the Border Track. If you are lucky, you might see a lyrebird and/or a Lamington Blue Crayfish and/or a Land Mullet (I can't promise a sighting of Santa Claus). Out here you will come across such features as Merino Lookout, Dacelo Lookout, Mt Hobwee and Wagawn.

Then it is back to O'Reilly's (I mean Binna Burra, had you worried there for a moment, didn't I). It will be a bit of an express trip - put the mind in neutral and just keep going.

A good graded track walk for all, though a bit long. Time wise, it depends how long you stop at the lookouts and go "Ooh Aah".

This will be the last outing I lead this year, so I want it well attended to cap off the year in style.

Thanks,

Greg.

**MT. TAMBOURINE**  
**BOXING DAY WALK**

26.12.04

Leader: Liz Little  
33564874  
Meet: St. Brigid's  
Time: 8.30AM  
Cost: \$10.00  
Grading: Easy to Difficult  
(depends on what  
you did/ate the day  
before)  
E.O.: TBA

Liz has asked me to create a write-up for this walk and after hearing her plans, I don't know if I should tell my family I won't be home for Christmas so I can go on this walk or very glad I can use them as an excuse to get out of a very difficult one.

The plan is to leave Red Hill at 8.30AM, walk for about an hour, have morning tea, walk a bit more, have lunch and then force everyone to stop for afternoon coffee.

If you think you can handle this, please contact Liz. Don't forget, this will be a perfect opportunity to walk off some of the Christmas lunch in the cool of the mountains and also use up all the leftovers as you share them around.

Enjoy yourselves,  
Desley

**Illinbah Circuit**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2005  
Daywalk

**Leader** : Greg Endicott Ph:  
3351 4092  
**Meet At** : St. Brigid's  
Carpark, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Meeting Time:** 7am



**Cost** : \$17  
**Grading** : ExL33  
**Emerg. Officer:** Michele Endicott  
Ph: 3351 4092  
**Location** : Binna Burra end of  
Lamington National Park.

Here we are again at Binna Burra in summer. With the long days - not much past the solstice, we can go long distances & still see everything, in this case about 23km. My last outing was to the headwaters of Coomera Creek; this one is following it downstream, out of the National Park. You can do the Double within a month - a scalp to hang off your belt with pride.

We again drive straight down without stopping, this time not even passing the Guest House. We alight the cars at the White Caves Carpark, and head off. You will follow the Old Cedar Road along a grassy eucalypt & ironbark ridge with rainforest gullies - in the morning before the heat of the day bites. The going here should be fast.

As we come down from the heights gradually - an old winding path, we hit the Creek. Then it is a simple matter of following this upstream along the track beside it. Along the way, you will be walking through flooded gums, quandongs, fig-trees & palms. Why not play a game of "Spoto". If you are lucky (and very quite), you may sight a platypus in a pool. Did I mention the 12 creek crossings?

There will be a chance of a swim at the end of the day, to freshen up before hopping back into the cars for the trip home.

As this will be the first outing of the year that I am leading, I would

appreciate a full attendance.

Thanks,

Greg.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

#### **Border Ranges Base Camp**

Friday 21- Sunday 23 January, 05

Leader: Iain Renton  
3371 4672  
Meet: St. Brigid's Carpark  
Red Hill  
Time: 7 PM  
Cost: \$36  
Grade: M33  
EO: Matt Palmer  
3876 8125

This is a lovely cool spot for a summer base camp in the high ranges just south of the border. There's lots of rainforest walking with beautiful creeks and cascades, even the chance to see Antarctic beeches growing on creek banks. We'll be camping at Sheepstation creek. On Saturday there'll be a walk to Forest Tops (11 kms.) with a possible extra detour to see massive rosewood tree (an extra 1.5 kms.). We'll be doing a car shuffle to get back to camp. For those not wanting to do this walk there are shorter tracks around the campsite and great swimming holes a short walk away. Kyogle is close enough to get to Mass on Saturday night ( and possibly a pub meal as well). On Sunday, we have a range of choices from walks around Brindle Creek, to going out to the Tweed Pinnacle. Join me for a great week-end.

Cheers Iain.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Twilight Walk and Dinner**

**New Farm to Southbank on  
Saturday 29 January**

When you're on a good thing, stick to it! The walks around some scenic area of Brisbane followed by dinner together have proved to be one of our most popular events in 2004 so why not bring them back in 2005? This one will be reprising the walk we did last January but with some alterations. Mark the date in your diaries and watch next month's Jilalan for more details.

Barbara Eastoe

**COMING SOCIALS**

**DECEMBER COFFEE NIGHT AND  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

**Date:** Wed 15 December  
**Time:** 7 PM  
**Place:** Outside Woolworth's  
Sherwood Rd  
Sherwood  
**Contact:** Barbara Eastoe  
33553639

A new time for our December Coffee Night this month, the week before the meeting. This is a coffee night with a Christmas theme. We will meet outside Woolworth's, and then proceed to walk around the streets for about an hour to look at the Christmas lights. We'll then adjourn to the coffee Club to have a festive cup of coffee before we head home. We've never tried this before so turn up and help make it a success!

**New Year's Eve at Roma Street  
Parklands**

**Date:** Friday 31 December  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Place:** Roma Street  
Parklands picnic area  
**Contact:** Barbara Eastoe  
3355 3639

We tried this last year and it was so successful I decided to do it again. This New Year's Eve is a low key event, a way to share the end of 2003 with some friends for as long or as short a time as you like. We'll meet at the picnic area where the barbeques are (almost under the bridge that leads from the main car park to the Spectacle Garden). Bring along some food (last year most people brought along things that they could share). It's also a good idea to bring something to sit on. If people want to stay on we can walk down to Southbank to see the fireworks. Hope to see you there.

**VALE - LEONIE PALMER**

The Club extended its sincerest sympathy to the family of Leonie Palmer who went to her eternal reward on 12 November, 2004. Peter and Leonie Palmer were not Club members, however three of their four children - Kath, Cecily and John - were active members of the Club for many years. Each went on to marry Club members with Kath's husband Jim Conway becoming President. With such involvement in the Club over a period of 10 years or more, Mr. & Mrs. Palmer were very much part of the Club. Their home was open to all members - all sorts of activities, socials, committee meetings etc. and many "sleep overs" for night trips to such places as Mt. Beewah etc.

May Leonie rest in peace.

Pat Lawnton

Previous Walks

Father Ed Memorial Walk

Saturday Sept 4th

6.30 Mass at St. Brigid's was a nice start to the day. Time to remember and share some quiet moments together.

After Mass we drove to Nudgee train station, meeting up with more happy walkers for the day. It was warming up

after a cool early morning.

Robyn was ready with interesting information and history of the local area we were about to embark on.

We had a

a short walk to Nudgee Cemetery, passing the local yard filled with huge slabs of granite ready for making up the

headstones. We stopped off at Father Ed's graveside to say some prayers, remembering the many walks Father Ed had

joined us on.

Down the road a short way and we picked up the track leading us around the Nudgee water holes and past a sacred

Bora Ring where initiating ceremonies were performed. A

good place for morning tea beside the water hole with a

short break for a snack and time to check out some wildflowers showing their bright colours.

We followed the bike track out towards Nudgee Beach stopping to watch a few planes depart out over Moreton Bay.

The morning tide had beaten us to being able to walk right out to the beachfront so we checked out the local

properties & the Education Centre well equipped for school excursions.

The local Cafe was ready to take lunch orders for some, while we walked out along the boardwalk.

This took us through

the many species of mangrove trees busy filtering our waterway's to balance the ecology. The Bird hide is out near the mouth of the river giving visitors an excellent view of migratory birds feeding and sheltering after their long journey from the top of the world.

We enjoyed our lunch on the grass overlooking the beach. Justin joined us for lunch and offered to run a car shuffle for drivers in order to shorten the day a little and bypass the long open bike path we still had to walk. With a storm

darkening up down to the South we opted for the shorter day with a promise to return and link up the last part of this wilderness walk so close to Brisbane City.

Thank you to a great group of walkers numbering over 20 on the day. Cheers Maxine.

PS...Thanks to Pat L and Justin for their time and effort on the pre outing, also the drivers and Robyn Jones for very interesting data on the Nudgee area.

**Westray's Grave**  
**10<sup>th</sup> October**

This walk was going to be led by Carolyn, but since she was having surgery on her knee, I took over. It was quite a few years since I'd been on this walk and I could only hazily remember it. As a result I had to find my way a bit on the walk. We met up with Ronnie and Bill Keen where the bitumen ended (they'd driven across from the coast, and had arrived rather early and we were late, so they'd been waiting for a while). They followed us to the parking area, which was already pretty full. Some creative parking soon saw all three vehicles

parked and not blocking anybody. We were surprised to see Terry's Datsun. Phil's Stinson walk must have won out over Terry's annual ritual of watching the racing at Bathurst (this world is full of wonders and surprises!). Another car had a Gold Coast Bushies sticker on it. The creek crossing was an easy rock-hop with the water level lower than it usually is. So far the track was good and easygoing.

We had morning tea beside a beautiful pool with a small waterfall. From there, the further we went the rougher the track seemed to become. There were quite a few fallen trees to clamber over or under, with larger ones causing some rough and steep detours. The map Matt had given me was reassuring, I did seem to be on the right track and I must be almost there. I was greatly relieved when we finally reached the gravesite. The gravestone was in deep shadow, so somebody moved a torch across the letters as the inscription was read out (20 minutes later it was in full sunshine and easily read). We had a long leisurely lunch in an open, flat area under the trees nearby. Ronnie who has recently rejoined the club regaled us with tales of a BCBC basecamp she'd attended years ago. Rampaging pigs tore apart tents and packs while everybody was away walking. She and some others had the foresight to hang their packs and food up high and out of the way (so that's what the good old days were like!). On the way back we admired some magnificent tall, straight trees (mostly brush-box). After encountering two other groups of walkers we were passed by the Gold Coast Bushies on their way

back from the Stinson. They'd passed Phil's group up there.

It had been a relaxed and enjoyable walk, fine, sunny and a very comfortable walking temperature. We were home before dark. It was great to meet a lot of people I hadn't met before. We had three members and three visitors on the walk, for several, it was their first walk with the club. Walking were Bill and Ronny Keen, Dave Auer, Karen Skelton, Christine Pulbrook, Michelle Johns, Graham Glasse and myself.

Iain.

### **The Stinson and Point Lookout.**

Six intrepid souls met in the wee hours of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of October to make the journey to the wreckage of the Stinson and Point Lookout. Our ranks swelled by a further two at the National Fitness camp along Christmas Creek Road and we learned that a cast of thousands had already started the slog up the hill (the Gold Coast Bushwalkers and another party of four). At the second last ford before we parked the cars I noticed a little family of ducks paddling like crazy in the creek: there really is nothing nicer than seeing a family of birds. We had a gentle walk along Christmas creek to the grave of James Westray to get rid of the cobwebs and enjoy the beauty of this section of the national park, with waterfalls, whipbirds, catbirds and lyrebirds calling.

The really fun part of the walk began here: we had to ascend away from the creek along a crumbly and eroded track. Considering about 20 people had gone up the track before us the track was remarkably good. We

made extremely good time and enjoyed morning tea of lamingtons: well what did you expect it was the Lamington National Park. Since the really hard part of the walk was over we had a very enjoyable stroll up a gentle slope to a campsite near the wreckage and said hello to the Gold Coast Bushies.

We then proceeded to the wreckage and saw what Greg Endicott calls "the rusty shopping trolley and bicycle frame". I have been to the Stinson on 3 separate occasions this year and every time the quantity of wreckage appears to be getting smaller. We had lunch at the now deserted campsite and the majority of us went on to Point Lookout for the spectacular views of Mt Warning, Murwillumbah and Tialgum. The group reassembled at the campsite and proceed down the hill (very hard on the poor old knees and toes). The burbling sound of Christmas Creek was welcomed by us all. Our return along Christmas Creek itself was uneventful and a very pleasant way to "warm down". We prolonged the day by resting at the end of the track, talking and bathing our feet in the cool waters whilst watching Nick Keen rock hop.

I would like to thank all those people who helped me to organise the day: Ian Renton for asking me to lead the walk, Paul Evans for joining me on the pre-outing, and our drivers Terry Silk and Maxine Brophy. An especially big thank you goes out to Terry Silk: for the first time in many, many years Terry has not watched Bathurst live on television, so I really appreciate his support in joining me on the walk, and I can't think of a better tail-end-Charlie either.

Those who joined me on the walk were Maxine, Terry, David Hill, and several of our newer members and visitors: Jenny Dancer, James Parra, Nick Keen and his Uncle Rick.

**Sandgate Bike Bash**  
**Bike Ride**  
**Sunday 7 November**

People were nominating months ago for this trip so I was sure we would get enough to make it a day. As the time approached the Courier Mail contacted me also to list the walk in their weekend supplement. By Sunday morning I had 14 people nominate plus enquiries from a few crazed members of the public who wanted to come on this 28km ride with their 7 year olds!! Staff from Sandgate Railway Station also rang twice to warn me the train line between there and Northgate was closed for maintenance, so if returning by public transport we would have to rely on a bus/train combination.

I set off from home along Kedron Brook meeting up with Ben and Paul along the way and by the time we reached Toombul train station there were 20 people waiting for us – some of them with serious bike clobber on. I assumed there must have been another group meeting there but my jaw dropped when I found out they were joining us!! Apart from members James, June, Phil, Barbara, Desley, Ed, Robyn, Ben and Paul, we had 14 keen visitors. I wondered what the day held in store for us.

After pointing out to all we were a bushwalking not bikeriding club, I informed all the disappointed visitors how we operated our trips. We then headed along Schultz's canal out to Nudgee – beautiful

new section of bike track on very flat former pastures well grassed with some trees. I felt like I was riding along a canal in the Dutch countryside far from a big Australian city. After a brief sunny spot, the weather closed in on us. Pretty soon our bikes spread out across the horizon – we had a mixture of abilities and bikes, so there were several regroup stops along the way where we waited patiently for the tailenders. Fortunately the faster ones were happy to wait, and most people were content to discover this route down to Sandgate, one of my favourite Sunday morning rides. This patience was tested when the heavens opened and the rain poured down and the breeze whipped up in the open countryside. It was very cold waiting around but luckily the tail would always catch up and all accounted for.

On past the Nudgee Golf Course, past the waste transfer station, and then into the Boondall Wetlands. The tracks down here are excellent and mostly flat, but because of the weather, we omitted the Nudgee Beach stop. Through the wetlands we saw several interesting species of bird and the water levels lifting. Not many people on the track today with the heavy rain (this was the day that SouthEast Qld had widespread floods). By the time we reached the visitors centre at Boondall, many people had peeled away from the group to return to their warm homes.

We pushed on across Nundah Creek, past the Boondall entertainment centre, Cabbage Tree Creek and Sandgate golf course to tour the coast around Shorncliffe. At this point the rain

was coming in from the sea horizontally and we certainly felt like diehards!! The views were limited – we were in survival mode. A visitor had recommended Doug's seafood café so this was where we were drawn for refreshment and rejuvenation. An excellent range of hot drinks and food kept this lively group animated and happy in the dry surrounds and made the rest of the patrons wonder what was going on. Everyone felt a great sense of relief to have made it.

What's more, most members of the depleted group (8) decided to return to Toombul by bike also despite the fact the weather had deteriorated further!! This made it close to a 50km return trip, an excellent effort for people who only dust off their bikes once in a while. I'm sure there were some sore limbs on Monday but everyone earned my respect, especially James who made do with a small bike far too small for him, with a shonky seat. Good on you James.

Ethel had fun also, but I was concerned at the end riding through a constant cascade of water and storm water outlets flowing into Kedron Brook. Finally she was baptized and never looked so clean.

Thank you to all for not complaining and sharing a wonderful day.

Cheers

Gabriel

**Northbrook Mountain**

14<sup>th</sup> November

Three of us met at Red Hill and proceeded to Terry's place where five piled into Barbara's car. We arrived at the Maiala picnic ground at Mt. Glorious. Bill Butler our erstwhile leader was waiting for us with his usual cheeky grin. We crossed the road and followed a level graded track through rainforest with the western slopes falling steeply away below. For quite some distance three tracks here run parallel- we were on the highest track. At the end of the track we left the rainforest onto a well-graded fire-trail (used to be a forestry road). We were now in open eucalypt with views down into valleys either side.

Some distance, on we left the road and after a short steep bit reached the first of the knolls on Northbrook Mountain. Here we had morning tea with sweeping views' but smoke and haze obscured Flinders Peak and the Great Divide (usually visible on a good day). Then we walked past a series of rocky knolls with lots of interesting rock formations with multicoloured lichens. There was a profusion of orchids (only one in flower), elkhorns and staghorns, many with fresh growth after recent rain. After inspecting the surveyor's trig-point on the peak, we adjourned to a nearby northern knoll for lunch in a shady spot with a gently cooling breeze. Bill then took us to a high rocky outcrop for a spectacular view down into Northbrook Gorge. A terrific spot, now on my list of places I must come back to.

We then returned to the main ridge and continued west till we rejoined the forestry road. We followed the road back east as it contoured

under Northbrook Mountain, admiring rugged cliffs along the way. After a long, steady up-hill haul we were back at the crest of the D'Aguilar Range. We took the lower graded track back for variety, coming out a bit past the Maiala picnic ground. It had been a great day's walking, fine, sunny and not too hot. All greatly enhanced by excellent company and Bill's thorough knowledge of the area. Thanks to Barbara for driving, also on the walk were Terry, myself, James Parra and David Hill.

Iain.

**Other Little Things.**

**Land Sale**

Do YOU want your own little piece of rainforest freehold?  
Do YOU want piece and quite.  
Do YOU want filtered light coming down through tall tree?

Then YOU will be interested in this: O'Reilly's are selling little pieces of paradise. You too can be a landholder within Lamington.

They are building 2 & 3 bedroom villas at the Guest House that they will sell on completion. And when you are not staying there, you can rent the villa back to them.

All you will need is an estimated \$585,000.

**Do You Want To Put Your Favourite SE Qld Walking Areas into Context?**

The Museum of Brisbane, sited within the City Hall, have a display till 30<sup>th</sup> January on the history of

our part of Queensland - a lot of old photographs you will relate to.

BUT, what impressed me is the satellite photo they have of all our walking areas - from Gympie to Mt Warning, and from the Bay Islands to Cunningham's Gap. It is a coloured photo map, crystal clear, with the lighting below it. All this means is that every detail is visible.

You can see the ruggedness of Lamington Plateau, you can see the deepness of the creek valleys, you can see the ridges snaking along the landscape, and you can see roads, powerlines, creeks & rivers. It shows up residential areas, farmland, and natural bush. All is revealed.

It is something you can spend hours studying.

Go in for a look over the holidays - or during your workday lunch.

Regards,

Greg.

### **The Old Lincoln Wreck.**

There seems to be a Government proposal to remove this old (50 years old next April) plane wreck from Mt Superbus.

As it is one of the more interesting features Bushwalkers go to, and as the first people on the scene after the crash were Brisbane Bushwalkers, we would not like to see it disappear. As well, we have a trip going there next April - how can you visit the Lincoln Wreck if it ain't there.

Besides, it is the most preserved wreck in SE Qld - being made of aluminum it cannot rust, so you can still make out the shape & even see the painted marks on the fuselage. This plane wreck even looks like an aeroplane.

Long may it survive in its natural state.

Besides, everyone on board died in the attempted mercy flight & they are remembered because the wreck is still on site - a memorial to them. The graves of the RAAF aircrew are in the Lutwyche Cemetery - in date order.

### **Ever Thought Of Other Little Associated Things.**

The Club received an e-mail from the Bibbulmun Track Foundation last month advising us that they have opened a new track in WA. They want walkers to traverse sections of this world class walking track.

For more info, try .

[www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au](http://www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au)

Wast to do Rock Climbing.

A new store has opened to cater for you - Pinnacle Sports.

They retail all the gear & run climbing trips to good SE Queensland climbing areas.

More on.

[www.pinnaclesports.com.au](http://www.pinnaclesports.com.au)

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST** **Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs**

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of



each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O'Keefe St., Buranda.

Federation web site address is:  
<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>

The email address is  
[qfbwc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:qfbwc@yahoo.com.au)

### **Keep those Buckets Handy**

It has wonderful to have those recent showers and I'm sure that many of you have lovely green lawns at the moment. I'm sure you all went running to the garage or laundry to gather the buckets so as to place outside and collect the rain or place under the gutters or areas where it falls most heavy.

I hope there are many of you out there who, like me, make sure you keep a couple of buckets beside the washing machine so as to capture the water when the spin cycles come around. When you've been doing it long enough, in my case approx. 5years, you get to know the timing between the spin cycles. If you have ever taken notice, the average load of washing uses approx. 200litres of water. Then if you do any extra pre-wash or rinse obviously more water is required.

It only takes a few minutes to walk to the front or back yard to empty a couple of buckets of water. The other thing to do is put a bucket or tub in the shower recess to catch those few drops whilst having a 5min shower, or to throw into the garden the dirty water which has been soaking in the saucepan. So remember, continue to keep those buckets handy, collect the water and besides fruit and vegetable

scraps, also bury paper so as to absorb the water and moisture.

Louise Leonardi

### **M.B.S.**

Who was the Club Member in the Blue Camry seen slowly driving around the Broken Head Caravan Park on a recent base camp? Her readily proffered excuse - "I'm looking for young men to pick up". It seems to have worked, as she was later seen with not one but three young men in her car.

Congratulations to Jie Chen on her recent successful exam results.

### **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

Please forward your magazine articles by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. You may forward your articles to either:

P.O. Box 18  
Royal Brisbane Hospital, 4029  
or

E-mail address:  
[DPedrazzin@aol.com](mailto:DPedrazzin@aol.com)

### **2005 Subscriptions**

As promised in July, the Committee gave an undertaken to review the financial position of the Club at the end of this year in order to determine if we need to raise subs from next year.

For the last 4 years at least, we ran at a loss of approximately \$400 each year - eating into our cash balance that we need to keep the finances operating.

By June this year, we had reduced the cash balance so much that we were concerned that we wouldn't have enough cash to meet our expenses for the rest of the 2004 year. To fix the problem we raised trip & social prices a little to try to stop this cash squeeze. We have been successful - for the first 11 months of 2004 we have income exceeding expenditure to the tune of \$367. A major reason for the improved finances is that we have had 25 new members so far this year.

So what level should we set the subs for next year? We base our annual subscription on the administrative costs of running the Club and the assumed number of members. More members means the cost is spread further, resulting in a lower cost per member. The fact we made a small profit this year doesn't automatically indicate everything is fine and dandy. In simple terms we just managed to squeeze through this year due to some lucky events that may not happen again next year.

We can leave the subs as they are or we can be more cautious and prudent and make a modest increase to the subs. The small increase will allow the Club some breathing space to deal with the large expenses that come in the first half of the year.

Do we increase the subs? A small increase in subs now means incremental increases year-by-year and they won't hit the hip pocket too much; where one large one will be noticed. If we don't increase and we start running at a loss again, we will have to increase subs and in a hurry - resulting in that big jump.

The cost of running the Club should come out of the subs: costs such as - hall rental for the meetings, supper costs, Jilalan printing & postage, stamps, petty cash, insurance, Federation fees, bank fees, tributes/gifts/cards, incorporation annual renewal, PO Box rental, hut repairs/maintenance & more. These costs have to be estimated for the coming year and divided by the estimated number of members to work out a unit cost. With our 5-tier subs structure, this is not as easy as it seems.

Socials should, at a minimum, be cost neutral or preferably bring in a profit to supplement admin. costs. Outings should break even or make a little profit (to replace hire equipment, to replace our map supply, to cover any unexpected whopping loss on an outing, to cover a sudden increase in the petrol price & etc.)

Thus, as costs rise, so should subs.

An increase in subs means that all members contribute to the cost of running the Club - But if we put a small loading onto outings, only those on walks pay. And those who do walks tend to do multiple - the average is about 6 per member per year.

Do we stay the same: the case here is that we are currently running a small profit, so why increase subs. We do not want to make a huge profit each year, but just enough to cover inflation and to prepare for any unexpected increase in costs - like insurance or petrol, or to pay for T-shirts up front without having to sell all of them first before putting in an order.

After a good discussion and considering all the above, the Committee recommends that annual subscription rate for 2005 remain unaltered.

Greg  
President.

Some Statistics.

Payments for the 11 months Jan to November '04:

Income Items	Receipts	Outgoings	Net
Outings	\$4,049	\$2,911	\$1,138
Equipment Hire	45		45
Socials	387	197	190
Subs	\$1,977		\$1,977
Raffles	115	137	-22
Sundries	151		151
Donations	174		174
			\$3653
Expenses			
Bank Fees		\$66	
Jilalan Printing		987	
Jilalan Postage		105	
Stamps		50	
Hall Rental		300	
Supper Expenses		38	
Tributes & Gifts		141	
Club Registration		34	
PO Box Rental		78	
Insurance		772	
Affiliations		108	
Sundries		192	
			2,871
Surplus for Year			\$782

*You will notice my article above says the profit is \$367 and the table just here shows a surplus of \$782 – the difference is that I have left out the T-shirts, because we still have over half in stock and these will be income in future years. At the moment, they are more of expenditure than an income. For the second batch, we have paid out \$1302 & sold \$894, so far a "loss" of \$408.*

Assume a further \$100 is spent in December for Jilalan printing & postage, bank fees, supper expenses & etc. The admin. expenses would be \$2971.

Assume we have 12 Spouse members, 25 Associates, 1 Country, 57 Ordinary & 5 Life members. This is approximately equivalent to 78 full paying members. The members of the Club need to cover the administrative expenses of the Club. The unit cost per member is as follows.  $\$2971 / 78 \text{ members} = \$37.86$ .

The equivalent full paying members of 78 is calculated by: Spouse \$6 divided by \$30 = .200. As there are 12, this is equivalent to  $0.2 \times 12 = 2.4$  people paying the full \$30 rate. Similarly for the rest:  $\$22 \text{ into } \$30 = .733 \times 26 = 19.07$  equivalent full paying people. The 57 pay the full rate. Thus, we have  $2.4 + 19.07 + 57 = 78.47$  people. With estimated expenses of \$2971, this equals \$37.86 for a full paying member.

This breaks down into Ordinary: \$37.86, Associate & Country \$ 27.76 and Spouse \$7.57. To be sensible, \$38, \$28 & \$ 8.

We finished 2004 with 92 members, which is a 25-person increase on the previous year. I am assuming we will lose 10 who will not renew in 2004, which leaves 82 as the net number. This assumes we will get 18 new members in 2005. The 25 for 2004 was far more than in previous years and so far is an exception to the rule. The above calculation assumes we can keep the membership momentum going and keep the increase going at the same rate.

We need to provide for contingencies – sudden increases in Admin. Expenses or a big loss on an outing, or big expenses on the hut (or Club 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration expenses in 2007).

Come to the December Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to add your voice to the debate.

We will discuss it at the meeting & make a decision.



### *Don't Stand for Poverty*

The Oxfam Community Aid Abroad Walk against Want is a national event where volunteer walkers raise money to reduce poverty and injustice in communities around the world.

The walk has been running since 1967 and is Australia's longest running outdoor fundraising event, during which time over \$10 million dollars has been raised to help communities help themselves.

**When:**

The afternoon of 13 March 2005

**Where:** \* (to be confirmed) \*

5km – Brisbane City Botanical Gardens, over the Goodwill Bridge to Kangaroo Point Cliffs and return.

10km - Brisbane City Botanical Gardens, over the Goodwill Bridge, Kangaroo Point Cliffs to the Story Bridge and return.

Each year around 10,000 people join the Walk Against Want. Individual people, old and young or teams participate in the event in various locations across Australia by walking between five and ten kilometres. Some people run, ride a bike, roller blade or walk the dog.

Walkers raise funds through sponsorship - anything from five to five hundred dollars. Every step can help alleviate poverty and injustice. Almost ½ the people of the world live on less than \$2 a day, and our focus in 2005 is on stamping out poverty around the world.

75% of all funds raised go towards overseas programs such as:

- Helping provide access to **education**
  - 61% of the adult population of Bangladesh is illiterate
- Expanding **health** services
  - Over 11 million people die each year of preventable diseases
- Providing adequate **food**
  - 800 million people around the world go hungry each day
- Giving access to safe, fresh **water**
  - 75% of the population of Ethiopia don't have access to clean, safe water

If you or your bushwalking club would like to participate in the 2005 Walk Against Want, please call **1800 034 034** to register as a team or individual. The walk is always fun with entertainment and other activities provided on the day.

If you would like further information please contact the Queensland Office on (07) 3637 4620 or [juliest@brisbane.caa.org.au](mailto:juliest@brisbane.caa.org.au) or website [www.oxfam.org.au/walk](http://www.oxfam.org.au/walk).