

# JILALAN



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# **DECEMBER 2010**

Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
16	Street Orienteering	Michael		SW	
16	Merthyr Bowls Club	Antonia		Soc	
19	Working Week Wind Down – Coffee Club on Riverside	Phil		Soc	
20	Running Creek Falls	John		DW	
26/27	Northern NSW	Paul		BC	
28	Burleigh to Fleays Sanctuary	Pat		DW	
Dec 4	Stairway Falls via Bull Ant Spur	Paul		DW	
12	Conondales	Maxine		DW	
17	JTS – The Sofitel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Car Rally	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
18	Christmas Party	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
19	Northbrook Gorge	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M44
20	Annual Photo Competition	Phil	5522 9702		
20	BCBC Meeting & Sausage Sizzle	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
26	Mt Tamborine Boxing Day Walk	Liz	0414 252 003	DW	S33
Jan 2	Warrie Circuit	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
9	Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M54
17	Our Monthly Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
18/21	Wilderness First Aid Course	Binna	Burra	Trn	
21	JTS – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Lower Bellbird Circuit	Peggy	38631464	DW	M33
22	Equipment Day	FMR		Trn	
23	Leaders Training Day	Greg	3351 4092	Trn	
26	O'Reilly's – Box Forest Circuit	Peter	3205 5982	DW	M33
30	Cedar Falls & Killarney Glen	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
Feb 4/6	Undercliffe Falls to Boonoo Boonoo Falls	Justin	3366 3193	TW/BC	XL55
12	Currumbin Creek	Needed		DW	M55
13	Leaders Training Walk			Trn	
15	Our Monthly Meeting – AGM	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
18	JTS – Victory	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Social Walk	Needed		SW	
26/27	Nightcap Track Area	Needed		TW/BC	M22
26/27	Basic Bushwalking Skills & Navigation	FMR		Trn	
Mar 2	XXXX Brewery Tour & BBQ	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
4	James Boag at the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
6	Mermaid Mountain	Needed		DW	L23
13	West Canungra Creek	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L33
18	JTS – The Paddo Tavern	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18/20	Circumnavigation of Mt Barney	Justin	3366 3193	TW	S43
19/20	Club Hut Feast			ON	S43
20	Club Hut Walk	Michele J	3353 2822	DW	S54
26	Mt Greville	Paul E	0412339311	DW	S43
Apr 3	Social Walk	Needed		SW	M43
9	Kennilworth Bluff	Michael S	3351 3810	DW	S43
10	Map Reading Training	Greg	3351 4092	Trn	
15	John Toohey Society – Mick O'Malleys	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Social Walk	Needed		SW	
18	Our Monthly Meeting			Meet	
22/26	Carnarvon Great Walk	Needed		TW/BC	XL45
23	Hardings Paddock to Plum Res	Needed		DW	
25	A Surprise Walk	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
30/2	Kwiambal NP	Needed		BC	
May 1	Mt May	Phil	5522 9702	DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

**WARNING:** All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

**KEY – Walk Types**

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

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

*Robert Louis Stevenson*



*O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the Angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving, and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen*



# OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

This month, the heat is on and we will be heading downhill to journey through cool rainforests and gorgeous gorges, along running creeks and visiting amazing waterfalls. It's going to be a great summer. Work off that Christmas Dinner and get walking. Pack your pack grab your togs and let's go. Justin

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

December is a great month to catch up with old and new friends at some of the club Social events. There is a car rally to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of *Francis the blue Datsun*. Also on the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec is the club Christmas Party – this year at the Kookaburra Cafe. See below for details.

The meeting this month will be especially 'social' as it will include a sausage sizzle and the Annual Photographic Competition. If you don't normally come along to meetings, this will be more interesting than most! Antonia

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 18/10/2010	\$2628.42
Plus Receipts	\$ 672.37
	\$3300.79
Less Payments	\$ 380.55
Balance 15/11/10	\$2920.24
Term Deposit	\$2362.51

Leaders, please return all the pages of the Trip Sheets to me as soon as possible after walks. Please include the sheet for the Treasurer's calculations.

If you are looking for a last minute Christmas gift, [www.choice.com.au](http://www.choice.com.au) lists the three most useless presents: electric wine chiller, aromatherapy diffuser and electric ice shaver. Don't be caught giving embarrassingly useless gifts. Why not give club t-shirts and/or badges? See me at the meeting for these great buys!

Buy some tickets in our final raffle for the year which will be drawn at our December BBQ/meeting. The first prize is a set of Adventure Ridge Trekking Poles and the second is a one litre Stainless Steel Drink Bottle and Microfibre 40x50cm Towel Set. Tickets are a dollar each.

As many members as possible need to come along to our December BBQ/meeting as it is proposed to hold a ballot on an increase in our

subs. I'm strongly against any increase as I do not believe that it is warranted at this time. Come along, listen to the debate and cast your vote.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Terry.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Jonas Bernotas, Roger Ford, Anne Iron, Lawrence Kearney, Ronald Miller, Sofia Ramsay, Robyn Ross, Antonia Simpson and Barry Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December.

Congratulations to our latest new members:- Ken Evans, Elise McLachlan, Mary Hood and Louise Jones. Mary and Louise are past members.

The club extends its sympathy and prayers to Jenny Dancer whose father passed away peacefully on the 25th November, at the age of 88. This year he celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary.

Many of our club members have been travelling recently. Rosie O'Brien has spent some time exploring the U.S.A. this year where she injured her knee which has slowed down her walking. Marian and Vince Arthur have also been doing a bit of travelling with Canberra being one of their destinations. Vince is also recovering from an injury. Robin Thorn has spent some more time in N.Z. catching up with family. Rick Brake has been very busy with work this year which has had him overseas a few times. Barry and Patricia Taylor, Jeffrey Foreman and Sofia Ramsay have all had interstate holidays recently.

Welcome to our visitors on recent walks. Maree Hutchinson was an interested visitor at our November meeting and she managed her first walk with us on Pat's Burleigh Heads/Tallebudgera Creek walk. Russell J.(a past member), Sergio and Simone were also visitors on this walk. Dan Keough and Pete Scott were visitors on John's Running Creek walk. Julie Carroll-Keir clocked up her first walk by being a visitor on Kerriane's Purlingbrook to Numinbah walk. Past members, Marcia and Casey Richardson along with Dan K., Simone and Sergio were also visitors on this walk. Ian Campbell and Cathy Pitt were first time visitors on Justin's Noosa N.P. walk. Visitors are welcome on any of our activities. We recently had an enquiry from David Tebb, hope to see you soon.

As well as the Members in the Membership List, we have visitors who have paid their Subs, but have not qualified as ratified members because they have not done their 2 walks. These include:

Lynette Schofield, Kerry Parry, Tracey Laing, Rebecca Campbell, Michael Duggan, Anne Grant, & Carmel Messingham. We hope to see you on a walk or two soon so you can become full members.

## ANNUAL REPORT

Articles for the Annual Report are now due. 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.

Send your articles to Michael Simpson at: [michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au)

He needs your contributions early, as he has a life and does not want to slave away after the deadline putting it all together – he may have other (and better) plans.

## TEMPORARY EDITOR

Peggy is the temporary Editor for the December & January Jilalans while Greg takes a well deserved break. Don't forget to get your articles for January Jilalan to Peggy by 5 January 2011. Thank you!

## 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>

### 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, FRIDAY THE SOFITEL JTS DECEMBER MEETING SOCIAL

**Contact:** Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307580  
**Meet:** The Sofitel Hotel - From Central Station come up the escalators, through the main entry and turn left into the bar area.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**Location:** 249 Turbot Street, Brisbane – above Central Station.  
**Web:** <http://www.sofitelbrisbane.com.au>

The John Toohey Society (JTS) was established as a beer appreciation and tasting society but we have lost our way. We have become a talk fest and fine dining group. For Xmas we are headed

for the Sheraton – sorry the Sofitel. This is the one and possibly the only time the JTS will be going here.

Come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal. Phil

### 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, SATURDAY FRANCIS (THE Blue Datsun) 40<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, SATURDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Contact:** Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** Rosalie Catholic Church (Sacred Heart), 358 Given Tce, Paddington  
**Dinner:** Kookaburra Café, 280 Given Tce, Paddington – at the bend where Given & Latrobe Terraces meet.  
**Time:** 4.15pm for 4.30pm Mass  
**Web:** <http://www.kookaburracafe.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<sup>th</sup> December. Justin

## 19<sup>th</sup> 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 is 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.

## 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, MONDAY SOCIAL MEETING & SAUSAGE SIZZLE At the December Monthly Meeting

**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.

## **26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, SUNDAY TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOXING DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Liz Little Ph: 0414 252 003  
**Meeting Place:** St Brigid's, Red Hill  
**Time:** 8.00am  
**Grading:** S22  
**Cost:** \$15.00  
**Location:** Gold Coast Hinterland  
**Web:**

<http://www.tamborinemtncc.org.au/>

The Boxing Day Walk is typically one of our gentle ones, designed to get us going again after Christmas and to walk off a few of the calories consumed on Christmas Day. Leftovers are encouraged as lunch food.

This year we will do a selection of graded track walks at Mt Tamborine, in the Gold Coast Hinterland, which will necessitate drives in between.

The forecasters are predicting a cooler than usual period, but you will still need your two litres of water. In addition, you will need your morning tea and lunch. There is usually something open in the afternoon for a coffee at the end of the walking.

Don't forget hats and raincoats. We sometimes get wet on this walk.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, SUNDAY WARRIE CIRCUIT & THE PINNACLE DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307 580  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00 am  
**Grade:** M 33  
**Cost:** \$15:00  
**Location:** Springbrook National Park in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

**Web:** [http://www.aussiebushwalking.com/QLD/Springbrook/Warrie\\_Circuit](http://www.aussiebushwalking.com/QLD/Springbrook/Warrie_Circuit)

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

This easy 17km loop walk at Springbrook is well worth the effort. It is a rich tapestry of sub-tropical waterfalls, cascades, rock formations and delightful swimming holes.

We start from near the *Canyon* lookout car park. We do the trip in the clockwise direction and descend to *The Meeting of the Waters*. There is a bit of a climb back to the cliff line. We will take a detour out to *The Pinnacle* and scramble up this rocky formation where we will enjoy the dazzling view of the Gold Coast Hinterland. We will then head back to the track and zoom along below the cliff line past numerous waterfalls and eventually up a break in the cliff line to get back to the cars.

This trip is one of the Club's favourites and is a "must do" trip. It is certainly a great walk to start the year. Bring the all the usual day walk gear plus swimmers. Phil

## **9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, SUNDAY OBI OBI LILO TRIP DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307 580  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:00 am  
**Grade:** M 77  
**Cost:** \$20:00  
**Location:** Blackall Range in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland

**Web:** <http://www.bbw.org.au/obiobigorge.htm>

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

The Obi Obi trip is a classic trip to do. It is such a buzz – lying down on an airbed in the water – the easiest way to do a walk! The trip is about 11 km long and we spend about 10kms in the water. There are about fifteen ponds to drift through and fifteen exciting rapids to zip through. It takes about seven hours to do it.

Bring a lilo and a spare lilo. Wear thermals for sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. To keep your gear dry, put it into three garbage bags and then stuff it into your backpack. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop volleys as footwear and garden gloves for your hands.

Please note that although it is a lovely trip, you need bring a sense of responsibility and water smarts. The trip has an element of risk and people have drowned from not being aware of the danger while doing it.

This trip was scheduled on the Club's program last year for Saturday 27 Feb 2010 but the rains didn't come until the week after. It was re-scheduled for Friday 12 March and Matthew Palmer led a group of three down the Creek. He said it was an absolute blast.

Please consider coming along but don't be put off if I grill you over your rock hopping capabilities and your swimming abilities. Phil

### **17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, MONDAY MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact:** Desley Ph: 3369 5530  
**Time:** 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after  
**Where:** St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

Come along to hear about what happened at the club Christmas Party, as well as our coming events and past walks. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

### **18/21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au)**

Gavin Dale, Secretary, Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

**MBS** Clarification – Desley wants it stated that the Brazilian she showed Greg were Sergio & Simone – our visitors from the nation of Brazil in South America, and not a style of haircut. (She hasn't even shown me her belly button stud).

### **21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, FRIDAY THE STOREY BRIDGE HOTEL – JTS JANUARY MEETING SOCIAL**

**Contact:** Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307580  
**Meet:** The Storey Bridge Hotel  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**Location:** 200 Main Street Kangaroo Point.  
**Web:** <http://www.storeybridgehotel.com.au/>

The John Toohey Society was established as a beer appreciation and tasting society but we have lost our way. We have become a talk fest and fine dining group. Be that as it may it is still a good night out. And we must be getting respectable as we are often heading home before 10.00pm-ish. Anyhow come along and enjoy our traditional gathering at the Storey Bridge.

A highlight is catching the river ferries across the river to meet up with friends in a big City. We will be in the Beer Garden. Come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal. I highly recommend the Story Bridge pies. Phil

P.S. I highly recommend to the purists the James Squire Golden Ale.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, SATURDAY LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Peggy Roe Ph: 3863 1464, 0419489717  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00 am  
**Grade:** M33  
**Cost:** \$20:00  
**Location:** Binna Burra  
**Web:** <http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au/t-hings-to-see-and-do/lower-bellbird-circuit/index.cfm>  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin Ph 3366 3193

The Lower Bellbird Circuit is a very pleasant day walk that features examples of the best aspects of the Binna Burra Section of Lamington National Park – rainforest, mixed forest, orchids, wild flowers, creeks, lookouts, cliffs, rock formations and caves.

The track begins using part of the Ships Stern track as far as the bottom of Nixon Creek Valley. There are good viewing areas at Koolanbilba and Yangahla Lookouts which allow the walker to see views of Egg Rock, Turtle Rock, the Numinbah Valley and Ship's Stern.



The end of the track joins the Binna Burra road about 500 metres down from the Information Centre and we plan to return to Binna Burra by taking the Caves Track – which is a little longer (1.6km) but much more pleasant than the road (the Caves Track passes magnificent views, cool rainforest and interesting caves and rock formations).

The Lower Bellbird circuit is approximately 14km long (including the Caves Track), with an easy to moderate degree of difficulty and takes approximately four hours to complete. The weather can change quickly so bring plenty of water, good food, wet-weather gear and sun protection.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, SATURDAY EQUIPMENT DAY FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

**Contact:** Ted Ph: 0428753297  
**Time:** 9.00am  
**Where:** The Old Museum

FMR keeps Queensland bushwalkers safe by teaching them to navigate, belay, and look after their parties. When that fails, FMR helps the police find and rescue them. On 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan the FMR will audit all its equipment and check it for suitability. Bring old clothes and some morning tea and lunch. Support this organisation that supports us. Many hands make light work.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY, SUNDAY LEADER'S TRAINING DAY TRAINING**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet Time:** 9am  
**Meet at:** J C Slaughter Park, Mt Coot-tha  
– at the end of the road at the picnic shelter shed.  
**Cost:** Nil  
**Grade:** S43  
**Location:** UBD Map 158 G13  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Anyone can come along to learn a bit more about bushwalking. It is not just for future leaders.

BCBC is running out of willing leaders. Many of those currently leading are burnt out and will be leading fewer trips – and not coming forward when a trip is leaderless. We need to increase the number of members who can lead anything from the simplest of walks to those of more complexity. Anyone can be a Leader, especially with our help. Put a bit back into the Club – you have got a lot out of it.

The aim of the morning will be to show you a few of the things you need to know about leading a walk – what to do and what to avoid. It will especially look at the administrative side. It will not be all maps & compass, or all talk. Over the years, we have learned a lot about how to lead walks, and this knowledge is in the heads of many of us. A lot if it is common sense. The aim of this morning is to help you avoid reinventing the wheel.

Later, I will take you on a short walk up Ithica Creek and point out the things a leader needs to know, and have you point out to me what you have learnt by having you “lead” for a little bit. Nothing scary! Bring a small lance. There will be coffee afterwards at Toowong. Greg Endicott

### **26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, WEDNESDAY BOX FORREST CIRCUIT (O'REILLY'S) DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Peter Constable Ph: 3205 5982  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Grade:** M33  
**Location:** O'Reilly's

**Web:** [http://www.oreillys.com.au/uploads/File/Bowerbird\\_Summer\\_0809\(1\).pdf](http://www.oreillys.com.au/uploads/File/Bowerbird_Summer_0809(1).pdf)

If fighting for a spot on crowded beaches is not your thing this Australia Day, why not bathe in the refreshing surrounds of a cool mountain stream in the shade of the world's largest umbrella: the rainforest canopy. If this sounds appealing, take a day this summer to enjoy one of the gems of Lamington, the Box Forest Circuit.

This 11km jaunt features superb sub-tropical rainforest dominated by majestic Brush Box trees, some of which are estimated to be over 1500 years old. There are also a few Antarctic Beeches in small patches of temperate forest. As you descend you may also notice huge Pepper Vines competing with enormous Elkhorn and Haresfoot ferns for space on the upper branches of the largest trees.

The track snakes its way past some beautiful waterfalls. Box Log Falls is a highlight, tumbling into the end of a short canyon, while Elabana Falls is one of the most photogenic in the park. The track leaves the creek soon after and winds its way back up the hill to the ridgetop and on to the guesthouse.

The Box Forest Circuit is an ideal way to spend Australia Day.

## 30 JANUARY, SUNDAY CEDAR CREEK KILLARNEY GLEN DAYWALK

**Leader:** Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7.30 am  
**Cost:** \$15.00  
**Grade:** S33  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin Ph: 3366 3193.

The rain has been pouring down, the creeks are running and the waterfalls should be well and truly flowing. This summer walk at Tambourine will visit Cedar Creek Falls, Curtis and Camerons Falls, before heading to Canungra and Killarney Glen on Back Creek for lunch and a swim. Come and join me. Justin.

## 2011 WALKS - LEADERS NEEDED

Date	Event	Type	Grade
Feb 20	Social Walk	SW	?
26/27	Nightcap Track Area	TW/BC	M22
<b>Mar 6</b>	Mermaid Mountain	DW	L23
<b>Apr 17</b>	Social Walk	SW	?
22/26	Carnarvon Great Walk	TW/BC	XL45
23	Hardings Paddock to Plum Res	DW	S32
30/2	Kwiambal NP	BC	?
<b>May 7</b>	Buchanan's Fort	DW	M46
22	Ipswich Heritage Walk	DW	S11
<b>Jun 11</b>	White Rock	DW	L34
12	Numinbah Gate to Wagawn	DW	M45
26	Social Walk	SW	?
<b>Jul 9</b>	Mt Mitchell Traverse	DW	L55
9	Mt Mathieson	DW	S32
30	Mt Alford	DW	S55
<b>Aug 19/21</b>	Pilgrimage	BC	Various
<b>Sep 10/11</b>	Black Canyon	TW	L67
25	Tweed River to Kingscliffe	DW	M22
<b>Oct 8/9</b>	Moreton Island	TW/BC	L43
8	Moreton Island	DW	M43
22	Mooloolah River to Maroochy River	DW	S42
30	Social Walk	SW	?
<b>Dec 4</b>	Barney Falls	DW	M44
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.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### KATE QUINLAN 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### West Canungra Creek Circuit 13<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 2011 Day Walk

**Leader: Phil Murray**

We had planned to do this walk twice in 2010. On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010 flash flooding # made it impossible to even drive down to O'Reilly's. The trip was re-scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010. Well it never rains but it pours and so on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October it rained once again. The rain was so persistent on that weekend, and the forecast was for more rain, the sensible thing was to simply postpone it for another day. We have planned "another day" for this walk for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. It is a lovely graded track walk through the rainforest at O'Reilly's. So put it in your calendar now either for the walk or flooding rains.

# According to the BoM website the rainfall for the nearest official measuring station at the Hinze Dam was a 250 mm of rain on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010, that is 10 inches in the old measures.

### A Bright Idea for Easter/ May Day 2011

As you have heard we have an extra public holiday for ANZAC Day in 2011. Easter becomes a five day break. If you take the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as leave you also have the next weekend and May Day to give you an eleven day break. What to do? Visit the Victorian Alps? Get a few members together and base yourself in Bright and the walking opportunities are endless: Mt Bogong, Feathertop, Hotham, Buffalo and Falls Creek.

It sounds exciting doesn't it! Yes the Bogong High Plains are calling.

Don't delay organise yourselves today!!

## JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY PROPOSED 2011 ITINERARY

<b>Jan</b>	21	Story Bridge Hotel
<b>Feb</b>	18	Victory Beer Garden
<b>Mar</b>	18	Paddington Tavern
<b>Apr</b>	15	Mick O'Malley's
<b>May</b>	20	The Orient
<b>Jun</b>	17	The Irish Club
<b>Jul</b>	15	The Tank
<b>Aug</b>	19	The Theodore Club
<b>Sep</b>	16	Treasury Casino
<b>Oct</b>	21	The German Club
<b>Nov</b>	18	The Coffee Club at Riverside
<b>Dec</b>	16	The Cultural centre Cafe

Phil

P.S. A suggestion was mooted that the JTS meeting night be changed to the first Friday of the month but it didn't get a seconder so it stays as the third Friday of the month.

P.P.S. There was disquiet that the name was been fiddled with by an unnamed person or persons and the clear majority view was that the name should stay as the JTS.

## PAST EVENTS

### Purling Brook to Numinbah Valley Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010

An enjoyable day was had by all who joined us on the walk. Soon after regrouping at Purlingbrook Falls Carpark we hit the track. We were soon privileged to see the magnificent Purlingbrook Falls which were a sight to see after the recent rain. Once down the bottom of the falls some 40 minutes later, some of us took the opportunity to take a brief and invigorating shower underneath the falls.

Our first experience of wet feet would come along before we expected; the Waringa pool was actually a crossing. Having successfully crossed here and then Little Nerang Creek, we had a climb up to Apple Tree Park. Here most of us had an early lunch whilst the drivers moved the cars.

The second half of the walk was not as tiring despite the 900 plus steps descending to Numinbah Valley. Another creek crossing, a brief look at Horseshoe Falls and then up to the cars. We were greeted by some friendly locals



as well: lace monitors, land mullet and perhaps an eel (??) that was as scared as Desley was !

The weather held off for us, except for a brief shower whilst we ate lunch. Despite the pleasant temperature of 19 degrees, it was rather humid. There were many wildflowers in bloom, along with some late-flowering orchids. New growth was prolific, given the recent rains.

We enjoyed a brief cuppa in the valley before heading home. Thanks to those who joined us for this enjoyable walk: Greg Rogers, Greg Endicott, Sergio, Simone, Terry, Marcia, Casey, Julie, Andrea, Brenda and Dan, Nampesh, Paddy, Desley, Peter and Michael. Special thanks to Peter for taking the lead and to Michael for assisting me through my first walk as leader. Kerrianne Pearce

### **JTS at Coffee Club 19<sup>th</sup> November**

What a serene afternoon and evening we had in November as we gathered for our monthly JTS meeting, this time by the river! We managed to seat ourselves at a long, comfortable table close to the river but away from the boardwalk pedestrian traffic.

Discussion revolved around travel again this month as members revealed their plans for journeys to faraway places such as Africa, Wales and France. It was easy to relax and imagine journeys to interesting places as we looked out on the gentleness of the mighty Brisbane River at the end of the working week. The menu was extensive so a variety of delicious meals was enjoyed. Drinks were well priced.

Those who partook in this pleasant gathering were Phil, Katherine, Michael, Anne, Peter, Grahame, Liz, Elizabeth, John, Greg and Michele. Apologies were received from Peggy and Carmel. Liz

### **YURAYGIR NATIONAL PARK 26<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER BASECAMP**

The time had arrived for another of those brilliant base camps Paul organises on the Northern NSW beaches. Every time I travel into this region I am reminded of the travesty of the past when NSW stole this part of Queensland from us.

Yuraygir National Park contains the largest stretch of undeveloped coastline in NSW. It is around 60kms of unbelievable scenery, from

isolated beaches and stunning headlands along the shore to quiet lake systems. Unlike Queensland, there was barely a 4WD to be seen - making walking a pleasant experience. From excitement on the ~~high-seas~~ low rivers on the first day to Riley's 21<sup>st</sup> on the last night it was all go, go, go.

The first day started with a rare event. As Paul was taking his car we had the pleasure of travelling through PEPR (Paul Evan's Private Road) beneath the Brisbane River. This was an opportunity not to be missed – an entire 4.8km of dual carriageway to ourselves. What a privilege. And as a bonus it shortened our 4 hour journey by 10mins.

After a high carbohydrate breakfast in Ballina we arrived at the Sandon River mouth raring to go. Justin couldn't wait and in he went. What we didn't realise was that Justin wanted to do a brief exploration of the upper reaches of the river but we didn't mind as we had all day.

The Sandon River lies some 8km south of Brooms Head. It was the finish of a walk a couple of years ago, and whilst a deep river crossing, it is short and was thought to cause us little difficulty. After a thorough examination of the current by Trevor, Paul jumped in and basically floated across. Now it was my turn. I had walked a little further downstream before deciding to venture in when a gentleman on a kayak volunteered to take me across. As I'm always polite and not one to refuse a free ride I reluctantly agreed but before he could collect me I had a better offer and eventually crossed in a rowboat.

It was now 10am and with 12km ahead we decided we had better say goodbye to Trevor and head off. The village of Sandon lies on the southern side of the river and after a brief stroll along the road we dropped to the beach. The village of around 35 houses has a small population of grey kangaroos who were grazing peacefully and seem ignorant of our presence.

We were now on Sandon Beach and some 10km before Rocky Point, the next headland. We wandered idly along the beach enjoying the scenery for several hours before we arrived at Rocky Point and Illaroo Campground. It was time for a swim so in we went. After a brief exploration of the campground we climbed over the headland and low and behold we were in Minnie Water.

Minnie Water lies on a small well protected bay, a simply beautiful spot. There was little to do

now except find Trevor and the Caravan Park and rest.

I should probably mention here that we were completing a part of the Yuraygir Coastal Walk, a unique 64km walk from Angourie in the north to Red Rock in the south. The club has now completed most of the walk with the Brooms Head-Sandon River and Woolli-Red Rock sections still to be walked – maybe next year.

Minnie Water is a small fishing settlement consisting of a few holiday homes on the point, a shop and a caravan park and so for dinner we needed to travel to Woolli some 15km further down the coast – but not before another swim in the protected bay. Woolli also has mobile reception which we normally don't have on these walks.

We had a very early night and at 3am I was awoken by the loudest alarm I think I've ever heard. But where was it coming from? I only found out the next day that it was in our cabin. It was about now the sky opened up and the rain came down but by dawn the skies had cleared. After breakfast we split into two groups with Paul and Justin starting in Minnie Water and Trevor me taking the car to the mouth of the Woolli Woolli River.

Woolli is a beautiful seaside village with ocean on one side and the Woolli Woolli River on the other. There are several oyster farms along this stretch of the river and we were to later taste this delightful shellfish. Trevor and I headed north along Woolli Beach towards Wilson's Headland where we hoped to meet the others and hand them the keys. The beach here was very soft and the walking was slower than yesterday but who cared. It was along this stretch that Trevor noticed 3 to 4 dolphins shadowing us as well as a couple of sea eagles.

It wasn't long before I espied Paul's lime green shirt descending Wilson's Headland. There were several people swimming and surfing here so we thought why not and in we went. The day was marching on so we said our goodbyes and headed up the headland. As we walked across the headland we were blessed with panoramic ocean views and banks of wildflowers. Paul and Justin had seen and emu with 2 chicks here but we weren't blessed with this privilege.

We soon reached Boorkoom Campground, another of those perfectly positioned camp spots Yuraygir NP seems to be blessed with. We were now on Digger's Beach which passes the hamlet of Digger's Camp. The brochure

warns that this section is impassable at high tide which was now but we made it to Back Beach unscathed albeit with considerable effort on my part. Apparently the others had found a road around this section and avoided it entirely.

We were now on the home stretch and the headland before Minnie Water loomed ever closer. We reached the stairs and wandered through Melaleuca Park to our pickup point. There were several Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos here making an awful racket but they are such a beautiful bird I didn't mind.

It wasn't long before Paul & Justin showed up bearing gifts. A delightful 3 course lunch consisting of oysters as an entree, fish and chips the main followed by a Have-a-Heart for dessert washed down by Tassie's finest ale. After a meal like that what more could we do but nap. Another swim was followed by Chinese in the Woolli Bowls Club and home again for an early night. But I didn't count on Riley's 21<sup>st</sup>. It was still going at 4am when the sun came up and I gave up trying to sleep.

We decided as we were up early we may as well head off and after another high carbohydrate breakfast in Ballina we set off for Burleigh Heads arriving just on 8.45am.

My thanks go to Paul for organising another blinder on the NSW coast and for Justin and Trevor for their great company. Next year's programme currently doesn't schedule this outing but I'm sure it will mysteriously appear sometime during the year as it is one of the highlights of the year. Michael

## **BURLEIGH HEADS – TALLEBUDGERRA CREEK SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010 DAY WALK**

Nineteen of us meet at Red Hill. At Burleigh Heads we were joined by Ann and Bob Irons and Justin Tobin, Paul Evans and Michael Simpson (who were on their way home from Paul's northern NSW base camp). After a few cancellations the total roll call was 24.

After introducing ourselves we set off along the lower track in the National Park. It was a perfect day for walking and the walk around the headland was delightful.

Our intended visit to the National Parks Information Centre to view the displays did not eventuate as the centre was closed. Also closed were the toilets as they were being redeveloped. The third thing closed was the

boardwalk through the mangroves along Tallebudgera Creek. They say things come in threes!

A few weeks ago I explored the area trying to find an alternative route to the boardwalk. I did not have too much success, however I did find a good track running along the Burleigh Ridge and this is the route we took for the walk.

It took ages for the lights to turn green to enable us to cross the busy Gold Coast Highway. With our large group we got a few stares from the passing motorists. At the start of the ridge walk we passed a grave, commemorating Emily West and her 5 year old son, who drowned in Tallebudgera Creek in 1922. A steep set of stairs took us to the top of the ridge and after that we were soon on a lovely easy track in Koala Park. From there we dropped down to West Burleigh Road and followed that, passing David Fleay Wildlife Park on the way.

Morning tea was had at a lovely spot on the banks of Tallebudgera Creek. Justin went for a swim. As Somone had recently had a birthday we celebrated that with cakes and candles. Desley had to shield the candles from the gentle breeze so Somone could blow them out.

A side tributary of the creek confronted us and as the tide was in, it was definitely too deep to cross. When I told Terry we were going to cross he replied "I know my way back to the cars". We headed back to the Highway and crossed the main creek via a footbridge. We then turned right under the highway to explore lovely bush parkland. This also took us past the sewerage works – needless to say the smells were not too pleasant!

After viewing a lovely park on the opposite side of the creek we returned via the same route. A wetland reserve on Tallabudgera Creek was to be our lunch spot, however when we got there it was definitely a WETLAND – the tide was in and the entire area was under water. An osprey rest was high in a tree above us. We had to retreat into a not too pleasant bit of bush covered with the weed asparagus fern for lunch. Nobody seemed to mind. They were more interested in having lunch and enjoying the company of everybody. Paul, Michael and Justin cooled down by having a swim. It was hard to believe that this lovely stretch of the creek is only a short distance from the busy Gold Coast.

After lunch we headed into suburbia and a canal development. We continued via a

riverfront park and a camping/caravan park until we arrived at the Gold Coast Highway.

While some returned to the cars via the lower track in the National Park, some took the higher track to obtain great coastal views from 2 lookouts. We finished off the day and said our farewells at a beachfront cafe.

All in all it was a lovely day. The area was new to most of the group and it is amazing that such a walk can be done in such close proximity to the busy Gold Coast.

Maree Hutchinson was doing her first walk with the club and I'm sure we will see her along on future walks. It was nice to catch up with Barry Crawford – I first walked with Barry in the early 1960s. It was also nice to see Russell and Louise Jones back walking with the Club. They were active members about 15 years ago and stopped walking when their family came along.

I would like to thank our car drivers – Barry, Helen Mees, Graham Glasse, Michele Johns and Greg Rogers. Jonas Bernotas was our "tail" and he did a great job keeping 24 people moving along and encouraging those who sometimes fell to the back.

I enjoyed leading the walk and enjoying the company of the following:-

Helen Mees, Maree Hutchinson, Brenda Kehoe, Terry Silk, Desley Pedrazzini, Jonas Bernotas, Louise and Russell Jones, Graham Glasse, Andrea Turner, Mary Van Velthuisen, Justin Tobin, Paddy Taylor, Susan Stevens, Gred Rogers, Sergio and Somone, Barry Crawford, Ann and Bob Irons, Paul Evans, Michael Simpson and Michele Johns. Looking forward to walking again with you in the future. Pat Lawnton.

## **MORAN'S FALLS AND CASTLE CRAG TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 Day Walk**

**Weather: Fine but very warm - 31° max  
Number on Walk: 23**

This walk is up at O'Reilly's in Lamington National Park and was planned as an anniversary celebration of the Club's first trip in 1958. It was a small way to recall the Club's history we went on a walk to same location.

We started the walk at the O'Reilly's car park then walked down rainforest shaded track to Python Rock Lookout to have an impromptu morning tea. We then re-traced our steps to Road and then walked down the graded track to the Creek Crossing on Moran's Creek. We had



a nice long leisurely lunch here in the cool shady rainforest. Several people traipsed along the Creek to the top of the Falls.

Just as we finished lunch we had a circle where everyone mentioned when they did the first walk with the Club. Several interesting details came out – in particular Julie Phillippi was on the Club's first walk to O'Reilly's in 1958. Also of note was the huge number of people who did their first walk with Pat Lawton as the leader of the walk. Plus there were several people on their first ever walk with the Club.

After lunch we headed for Balancing Rock and came out in the sun. We reached the "bus-stop" area where the O'Reilly's tourist bus stops. There were great views over the Albert River Valley and across to the Lost World. For those who were up to a challenge we then proceeded along the ridge top to Balancing Rock. We then returned to the O'Reilly's Coffee Shop and most of us managed to get in before they closed the doors.

It was a very successful day and I would like to thank those who came on the day. Hopefully we can make it a regular event by having a walk at O'Reilly's on Australia Day to celebrate the Anniversary of the Club's first official walk. Those on the trip were: Greg Endicott, Lucy Endicott, Greg Rogers, Julie Phillippi, Graham Glasse, Tracey Hagger, Desley Pedrazzini, Paddy Taylor, Peggy Roe, Pat Lawton, Ray Rowe, Maria Kerruish, Robyn Thorn, Liz Little, Phil Murray, Marie Ricketts, Glenys Heavon-Jones, The visitors:- Andrea Turner, Sarah Munroe, Candy Jowett, Kerrie Mahon, Peter Bambrick, Peter Scott.

## **STEWART ISLAND - 5 DAY TRAMP**

### **Thursday 28 January to Monday 1 February 2010**

### **THROUGH WALK**

This was to be my 3<sup>rd</sup> tramp in New Zealand so I was quite confident that I knew what to expect. However, after checking into the DOC office on Stewart Island my confidence soon started to wane. We (brother and I) were given a quick summary of what to expect, like lots of bog, mud, no definite tracks to follow (following orange triangles only), uneven ground and lots of other obstacles along the way. Should we encounter rain we could be walking in bog up to our knees!

This was regarded as a remote, challenging tramping experience and a high level of fitness would be required.

I am not one to let a challenge get in my way so after getting necessary hut tickets and filling in a back country intentions form, we put our back packs on our backs and made our way to the jetty on the other side of Oban where we would be ferried by water taxi to Fred's Camp, the start of our wilderness adventure. Now we were on our own for 5 days.

What a beautiful way to start a walk – a hut set in thick bush surrounded by ocean. We were no sooner off the jetty and we noticed a pod of dolphins out in the bay. What a sight. However we weren't here to view the dolphins so we made tracks to our next hut, Rakeahua, about 5hrs away.

This track followed the shores of Paterson Inlet and then the banks of the Rakeahua River. The track was undulating – not too difficult but a lot of concentration needed as there were quite a lot of exposed tree roots and uneven ground to tread. I managed to fall heavily on my side and for the next few weeks was nursing a rather large bruise across my upper leg. We also encountered deep creek crossings, one which had a large log to walk across but I managed to miss the bank at the other side and landed in between a fork in the log. As we neared the hut, we were trudging through about 1.5km of swamp. This was quite challenging, especially as there wasn't a distinct track to follow and it was getting quite late in the day. The information we had, said we had about 12 km walking from Fred's Camp and we eventually got into camp at 6.30pm, having taken us about 7hrs. The forest of Kamahi, Rata, Rimu and mixed natives more than made up for the rough terrain and on a few occasions we could hear the rare Stewart Island Parrakeet. The forest was also a blaze of colour with Rimu blooms of a brilliant red.

Rakeahua Hut was a welcome sight in amongst the Macracarpa Trees, a member of the cyprus family. Cups of soup and our rations for the first day were very welcome after a day of fairly strenuous walking.

After a good night's sleep, we awoke early to a dull day but nothing to dull our spirits and with breakfast out of the way, were on our 2<sup>nd</sup> day of adventure which would take us through to Doughboy Bay Hut. Climbing steeply up the Rakeahua Valley we passed through forest, semi-open scrub and bog-fields before a steep descent into Doughboy Bay. This was by far the highlight of the tramp as the view from the summit was definitely worth the long day endured. As far as the eye could see, was a

panoramic view of Doughboy Bay and its surrounds. Doughboy Hut is nestled in amongst the bush set back from the beach. This is the smallest of the huts accommodating 8. The descent was very rough and so care was needed to get down to the hut. A group of DOC workers, who had been flown in to do some maintenance around the hut had bunked down for the night. Thankfully, there were still a couple of beds left.

Kiwi spotting seemed like a good idea but as dusk set in so did the sand flies. It was more comfortable to stay inside and also rain was starting to fall.

Next day we awoke to steady rain falling but fortunately this was a passing low. The rain cleared soon after we left the hut and were able to pack our raincoats. A little way up the beach we started climbing, crossing a small creek and then large boulders which were very slippery from the rain. A small track took us through to Evans Hill with Rata bush. We were soon on the summit, crossing swamps before descending through forest and sand dunes which would take us out to the beach and up to Mason Bay Hut. This was by far the most demanding day. Not only in distance, 18km, the longest distance between huts, but sore feet were also suffering. Mason Bay Hut is set back from the beach on a clearing and is the newest largest hut on the circuit accommodating 20.

Next day was by far the easiest. A flat track all the way to Freshwater Landing, passing Island Hill Homestead, originally used to accommodate farming staff back in the early 1900's and now used as accommodation for DOC staff. Then on to Chocolate swamp passing flat tussock and Manuka. From here we were being picked up by water taxi and taken back to where we started at Oban. Our 5 days of adventure were over. Michele Johns.

## **ROCHEDALE TO BURBANK SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010 DAY WALK**

**Weather: Fine 7°min 20°max  
Number on Walk: 18**

This walk is on the southern edge of the Brisbane City Council area and is through the greenbelt zone between the Brisbane, Logan and Redland shires. The walk was along bike tracks, horse trails and old fire trails.

We started the walk on Priestdale Road at the Scout Hut. We initially headed south although our final destination was about 8 kilometres

north east of where we started from. Initially I expected the walk to be only about 10km but as the track meanders all over the place I calculated we did over 14km.

The walk commenced at 8.35 am on a very chilly morning, at the old scout hall on Priestdale Road. The first part of the walk was along the bike track pass the netball courts and the Rochedale Rovers soccer field.

We made a slight detour through the mini-amphitheatre, which I presume it is to host open air concerts. We gathered on the bridge that goes over the little duck pond and Desley took the obligatory group photo. We then traipsed around the large duck pond (about 250 metres long) and walked along the boardwalk. It was very pleasant here. There were scores of ducks who flocked to us but we didn't bring any bread crumbs to feed the ducks.

Next stop was the Buddhist temple where we got an impromptu guided tour of the complex by a lovely lady. Initially it was a tour of the complex but the longer she spoke the more she ventured onto the Buddhists teachings. We were so polite in listening to her I think she expected to convert a few of us. We visited the scroll room, the worship rooms, and then the pagoda (see Desley's Facebook page for the photos). This was all very interesting and very spiritual but the longer she spoke the more the track beckoned.

We then entered the bush and walked along a rough track that followed an old gazetted road. When we reached the ridgeline we crossed the fence and made a detour to ensure we visited the northern tip of Daisy Hill State Forest. We marked the occasion with a short morning tea break.

We then headed north and found the elusive Torelliana Rd. There were several farms along this road and many of the paddocks had horses and a few that came up for a pat. There was one paddock that must have had 20 kangaroos lolling around. Why the kangaroos were only in this paddock is a mystery.

We then got to Ford Road. We took a quick walk along Ford Road past a house that looked like a fort. Then we entered the Koala Bushland reserve. We pushed on to the lunch spot which was the lovely facilities at the Koala Bushland Centre. The centre is just off Applerton Road. It is a lovely little spot for a picnic with a spacious main shelter shed and several picnic tables. It

was a lovely lunch with several people sharing cakes and slices.

There is a circuit track here for the picnickers to amble around. There is a viewing platform over Stockdale Creek and a very sturdy timber boardwalk through the riparian section of the bush.

We will then pushed on to Mt Cotton Road. The traffic was zooming past and made the crossing just a bit hairy. We then meandered through JC Trotter Park which is bordered by Leslie Harrison Dam. There were a few wildflowers out. Particularly noticeable were the golden Banksia (*Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina*), Pink Boronia (*Boronia Rosmarinifolia*) and there was a very bright yellow fan flower (*Velleia paradoxa*) about an inch high that grew on the grassy strip down the middle of the fire trail near the lake. We then found the "bus stop shelter" - it was somewhat strange to find in the middle of the bush a very sturdy park bench with a large roof almost like a bus stop shelter. Heaven knows what it cost to construct it here.

We finished at Cherbon Street at 2.25 pm. There was still a car shuffle to do to collect the cars. I presume most people were home before 4 pm.

It was nice to see such a large tract of Aussie Bush within the Brisbane City Council area. More importantly it only takes 25 minutes to drive there. It is very close to Brissy but rarely used.

Thank you to the 18 people who came on the walk: - Greg Endicott, Brenda Keough, Maria Galvin, Merv Galvin, Mary Kelly, Peter Bambrick, Terry Silk, Peter Constable, Gordana Stanojevic, Graham Glasse, Rosemary Stafford, Desley Pedrazzini, Paddy Taylor, Liz Richards, Maxine Brophy, Suzanna Stephens & Roger Forde. Thanks to the drivers. Phil

P.S. A special thanks to Maxine for helping another walker who was suffering from severe muscle cramps and they took the shortcut back to the cars.

P.P.S. The walk is reputedly through the number one place in Australia to find koalas in the bush. But we saw none. However, I did see one on the pre-outing, so they are there.

## **TOOHEY FOREST WILDFLOWERS SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY DAY WALK**

**Weather: Fine with a few clouds - min 21°  
max**

**Number on Walk: 15**

This was a lovely wildflower walk through Toohey Forest, which is a remnant patch of bushland in the middle of suburbia. We started the walk at the car park on Toohey Road. We followed the Nathan Ridge Track and found the special patch that has a concentration of botanical delights including:

GENUS SPECIES	COMMON NAME
<i>Hovea acutifolia</i>	Hovea
<i>Hovea linearis</i>	Hovea
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Sarsparilla vine
<i>Boronia rosmarinifolia</i>	pink boronia
<i>Gompholobium latifolia</i>	Golden glory pea
<i>Pultanea villosa</i>	Egg & bacon plant
<i>Pultanea petiolaris</i>	Shaggy pea
<i>Daviesia squarosa</i>	Prickly moses
<i>Acacia falcate</i>	Sickle leaved wattle
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i>	Hairpin banksia

There are several patches of forest where we were totally cut-off from views of suburbia so it had a lovely sense of remoteness. We will also made a quick dash into the Griffith University grounds where we had a short break for morning tea. We then traipsed over to the summit of Mt Gravatt to enjoy the views over Brisbane. We had lunch at the new Café at the summit called Echidna Magic. The views were delightful and the food was lovely and at very modest prices. We then zipped back to the cars but I should add a few took the scenic route and took a bit longer to get back.

I should add that to ensure the trip counted as a walk for the yearly stats we walked over 10 kms and we did ascend a mountain namely Mt Gravatt. Those present were:

Graham Glasse, Liz Little, Nampeche Wuphahanich, Alan Cox, Michelle Hebbard, Brenda Keough, Paddy Taylor, Desley Carroll, Andrea Turner, Liz Richards, Barry Crawford, Michael Simpson, Desley Pedrazzini, Phil Murray. Phil

**We wish you a happy, holy and enjoyable  
Christmas and a Walking New Year!**



# QUINZEH ROCK WILDFLOWERS SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2010 DAY WALK

**Weather: Fine - max 23°**

**Number on Walk: 12**

This was a lovely, enjoyable wildflower walk. It was relatively short and not far from the city. It is rarely done by the club and it would be over 10 years since the last time I led it. Last time we did the walk we followed an old fire trail and stopped at the quarry and walked from there. It was a surprise to find out the road had received a major upgrade and it was now a two lane highway. A policeman stopped to "talk to us" when I pulled over to find our bearings and he soon set us on the right path.

We drove back about 500 metres along the road and parked our cars and quickly got ready for the walk. We had a quick de-brief about what flowers I was looking for and where we expected to walk.

We headed for the top of Quinzeh Rock for morning tea where there were lovely views of the countryside. Unfortunately the area was showing the signs of wear and tear from being overused by off roaders. A group of four bikers arrived while we having morning tea at the Rock. They were nice guys but wildflowers weren't much of a priority for them.

We then did a huge loop around the forest reserve spotting numerous wildflowers and special trees along the way. It was very nice country and the bike riders were mostly a long way away coming past every 30 minutes or so.

The spot I had in mind for lunch was overgrown with no views so we headed back to Quinzeh Rocks for lunch. It was very pleasant having lunch there and the occasional biker would visit us. A battered and noisy 4 wheel drive also visited us – mufflers are an optional extra! Greg entertained everyone by leaning over the cliff edge to use a tree trunk as a back support while he had lunch.

The wildflowers were very good and I identified several old favourites and became acquainted with a few I hadn't noticed previously. The main flowers we observed were:

GENUS SPECIES	COMMON NAME
Hardenbergia violacea	Native violet
Eucalyptus curtisii	Plunkett mallee
Calytrix tetragona	fringe myrtle
Leucopogon recurvisepalus	White beardies
Melichrus adpressus	Spiky bush
Pultenaea retusa	Blunt leaved pea
Pultenaea spinosa	Ace of spades pea
Acacia granitica	"Granite wattle"

Those on the walk were - Graham Glasse, Desley Pedrazzini, Marian Arthur, Andrea Turner, Brenda Keough, Merv Galvin, Maria Galvin, Julia Cowan, Alan Cox, **Phil Murray**, Greg Endicott, Russell Henderson ( a visitor from Melbourne and friend of Greg). Phil

P.S. The trip qualifies as a walk as it was just over the 10 kms and it did include have a hill, namely Quinzeh Rock.

## THE MARATHON SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010 THROUGH WALK

**Weather: Fine min 4° max 16°**

**BCBC walkers: 1**

This is the annual trip our Club does with the Catholic Bushwalking Club of Sydney. The trip this year was almost a carbon copy of last year but it was still very enjoyable.

There were two differences this year. The first difference was the weather which was just perfect all weekend. The big difference, however, was that *the river was up*. The Kowmung River was very high and there were concerns we might not get across.

I met the group on a Friday night at a railway station at Springwood in the Blue Mountains. We once again had a lovely dinner at the Oriental Hotel (the Ori) then it was off to Faulconbridge where we spent the night or at least a little bit of it at Chris Watson's home. Thankfully Chris was kind enough to volunteer his place one again for our group to spend the night. Chris's home was just up the road from the Ori but we didn't get there until after 10-ish. We were up at 3-ish but we didn't leave until 4-ish. It was a mad dash out to Kanagra walls. We got to the Kangara Tops just in time to put our boots on to start at the official starting time of 6:15 am.

There were three groups there: the "hards" - Margaret and Keith Carmody and Clare Woods; the "not so hards" - Chris Watson, Sue Russell and myself all lead by James McMaster; and the "tourists" - Peter and Martha Gould who were going to walk by themselves.

The starting time had come and soon enough the pace picked up and we were scurrying along the tracks. It was a golden dawn and a few magic moments of views over Kangara Deep. The Kanangra Falls were in full flow. We later found out that it had snowed heavily on Thursday night and had already thawed causing the high water.

We tried to keep up with the “hards” but they disappeared within 10 minutes. Peter and Martha were supposed to be walking by themselves but they had become part of our group. We quickly reached the one tricky bit as we dropped down through a cliff line. The route we were following was the standard route down to the Kowmung River along the Gingra range. It is supposedly the easy way in but it took nearly 5 hours of hard walking just to get down to the Kowmung.

The “word” was correct as the river really was up. It looked very ominous - a river about 40 metres wide and of uncertain depth and the current was moving fast. Last year the water only came up to our knees this year it was going to be very different. Our leader let us have a leisurely lunch of at least 30 minutes. Then it was time to “Cross the Rubicon” and tackle the crossing. Moses wasn’t there to part the Red Sea so we had to wade in. Chris did the exploratory crossing and the water came up to his waist. It was just “doable”. We all managed to get across but it was very dodgy and the water was very chilly.

We then headed up a hot and bare ridge called Wide Opening Ridge. It was purgatory. So near to the end but it just kept going on and on and on. We eventually reached the road (Scotts Main Range Road) and then it was a leisurely road bash down to *The Shack*. We got there at around 4:30 – at least we got there in the daylight.

There was a large group on the veranda to cheer us in. We later found out that our group won a prize - *The Joe Levey Prize*. We had covered 26.7kms in just on 10 hours of walking through very rough terrain with a through walk load on.

The Shack is a bit of a misnomer as it a bushwalker’s paradise with two separate huts – the boys hut (the bigger one) is called Kiaramba and the girls hut is called Kowmung House.

As a good Catholic club they have their own chapel that holds 50 people. They had two priests there and Fr Bendeich and Fr Blayney con-celebrated Mass. The highlight of the Mass was the singing by the whole congregation of the hymn “Our Lady of the Way”.

After Mass we returned to the Shack for the Feast. What an amazing 3 course meal - just superb. It was just an amazing night meeting so many people and such a great atmosphere. This year there weren’t as many people at the Marathon and I was able to sleep in the Shack.

The next day was another tough walk. We got a lift of 17 kms to Mt Feld and then we went “down” the Dennis Ridge to the Kowmung. The river was still up and we again had a very tricky crossing to negotiate. It was then “up” the other side along Roots ridge to the Gingra Range - a climb of 800 metres in 2 hours - from the junction it was supposed to be just a short 2 hour walk back to the cars - we did it in just under 3 hours. The views along the Kowmung are very pleasant rather than the spectacular cliff lines you get around Katoomba.

It was just an amazing weekend. I am planning on doing *The Marathon* next year and I highly recommend the trip to other BCBC members. Under our Constitution the objects of the Club include the following points:

- 2.01 To promote a Catholic organisation pursuing an active interest in bushwalking and associated activities.
- 2.04 To encourage interaction with organisations and persons having similar interests and objectives.

The Marathon trip achieves both of these objectives.

The Marathon trip is one of the main events of the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club calendar. For us it is a great way to meet the members of that Club and to get an insight into their Club. The Marathon highlights the special areas where they go walking and their very special Club Hut called the Shack. More importantly it is one way to try to bring another facet to our Club’s activities by interacting and sharing with our sister Club in Sydney. Phil

## COOLANGATTA TO CURRUMBIN DAY WALK SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Weather: Very grey and overcast - max 20°  
Number on Walk: 12**

This is becoming one of my favourite trips. This walk is a lovely easy stroll along the beach. But you still get a real sense of accomplishment at the end as you look back to Coolangatta from Currumbin to see where you came from.

We all met at Currumbin at the appointed time and flagged down a bus which came through in less than a minute. We soon arrived at Coolangatta and met up with Lynne. We started walking around Greenmount. The views from Greenmount were stunning – beautiful aquamarine water with numerous surfboard riders out and many of the new style of stand up paddleboards. It was picture postcard

perfect. We then walked around to Rainbow Bay, past Snapper Rocks and up the hill to Duranbah and took in the views at Point Lookout.

There was no time to linger and our journey really started as we left Snapper Rocks. We walked along Coolangatta Beach. We clambered over the rock groyne at Kirra Point and then we set out for Currumbin. I was very conscious that the rain was forecast but it held off. We got to Elephant Rock at Currumbin and visited the sculpture festival called 'Swell'. It was once again a highlight. The sculptures this year were clearly an improvement on last year.

We then walked out to Currumbin Rock and Peter displayed his rock climbing skills by scrambling up the rock. Did he actually make it to the top? We then crossed the bridge and we regrouped at the Currumbin Creek car park. A big thank you to those who did the walk - it was just a magic day. Those on the trip were: Graham Glasse, Andrea Turner, Nampech Wuthapanich, Brenda Keough, Liz Little, Peter Bambrick, Peggy Roe, Barry Crawford, Mary Kelly, Phil Murray, Lynne Lucas, Peter Constable. Phil

## FMR

### Federation Mountain Rescue

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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2010**

Reports:

**Training:** 1. Navigation Training weekend – successful weekend with 23 participants – very well received

**BWQ:** Incidents/Alerts/Call-outs: nil  
Photographic Course – 19-20<sup>th</sup> Feb at Barney Lodge

Pilgrimage – discussed that planning is underway

BAI conference Melbourne – on this weekend, John M is attending

General Business:

- 1) February Training Weekend – basic bushwalking skills and navigation at Karingal, Mt Cotton
- 2) May training – radio protocol and search techniques
- 3) Barb to organise collection of maps and date for photographing them
- 4) Thankyou letter to be sent to Tom Hulse for revamping FMR website
- 5) Ted has new email address –

[FMRdirector@optusnet.com.au](mailto:FMRdirector@optusnet.com.au)

Next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010

## Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation



You indicated that you would like some information about the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF).

The QORF website:

<http://www.outdoorsqueensland.com.au> or [www.qorf.org.au](http://www.qorf.org.au) has a wealth of information about QORF and what we do. Check out the following links:

What we do – the Function of QORF with further links to our Mission, Values and Objectives

Advertising with Us – ways to promote your business through the QORF website

Latest News - [www.qorf.org.au/LatestNews](http://www.qorf.org.au/LatestNews) - stories of particular interest to the outdoor sector

Event Calendar - [www.qorf.org.au/Calendar](http://www.qorf.org.au/Calendar) - training courses and outdoor events (Members can upload their own items)

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Adventure Activity Standards - [www.qorf.org.au/AAS](http://www.qorf.org.au/AAS) - minimum standards to safely run outdoor activities

The online Bookshop - [www.qorf.org.au/Bookshop](http://www.qorf.org.au/Bookshop) - books and DVD's for the outdoor sector

The online [Outdoor Directory](#) – member pages used for promotion and marketing

QORF Events - [www.qorf.org.au/EXPO](http://www.qorf.org.au/EXPO) - the Active Outdoors Expo – an exhibition for the outdoors; the Great Aussie Camp Out - [www.qorf.org.au/GACO](http://www.qorf.org.au/GACO); the annual "It's Better Outdoors" Photo Comp – celebrating the beauty of nature and adventure in the outdoors - [www.qorf.org.au/PhotoComp](http://www.qorf.org.au/PhotoComp) and the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Awards - [www.qorf.org.au/Awards](http://www.qorf.org.au/Awards) – acknowledging the achievements of the outdoor sector

In addition you will also find information on various activities, [activities providers & campsites](#), [places to go](#), [information](#) on the issues for outdoor recreation in Queensland and [jobs and careers](#) in the outdoors.

All the information you'll need on Membership is on - [www.qorf.org.au/Membership](http://www.qorf.org.au/Membership) - benefits, how to apply, other members, code of ethics and QORF logo usage.



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I trust you will find what you need when you go exploring the website.

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## **CONSERVATION ISSUE**

### **Coal Seam Gas Extraction**

<http://gaslandthemovie.com/>

Of late, you would have heard a bit on the radio or TV about coal seam gas extraction at Kingaroy or on the Darling Downs near Dalby. The process is to release the methane natural gas from the seams of coal as they lie under the ground before the coal is mined. The gas is piped to the surface, cleaned, de-moisturised and pumped into the reticulated gas pipeline - mainly for industry to use as an energy source instead of electricity.

A documentary movie has come out following the extraction process being used in the USA. One company offered to “rent” a farm from the documentary maker, who decided to investigate before signing. He investigated enough to make the doco “Gasland”.

<http://gaslandthemovie.com/> .

I have heard a review of the movie, and the extraction process, according to the movie, is scary. In order to extract the gas, first the coal seam has to be broken up to release the gas for piping to the surface. This breaking up is done by pumping “sludge” down a drill hole under pressure to smash open the seam. The doco says that what they pump down is a cocktail mixture of chemicals. These are left under the ground and not brought back to the surface.

The doco alleges that the cocktail of chemicals seeps into the underground water and pollutes it. Our Great Artesian Basin lies in the area of some of this exploration. If the doco is to be believed, it could ruin our pastoral and agricultural land and industries. It claims that agricultural land in the USA has been turned

into desert, and that the underground water is permanently poisoned – good shots of farmers turning on their kitchen tap, putting a match to the water and having it burst into flame.

Governments are in favour of it because it brings in huge revenues and claims increased employment. However, if the land is ruined for future generations, any money now will be useless in the future if the very ground is ruined. Make up your own mind by researching the costs and benefits.

Write to your state and federal members registering your objection to the projects.

State:

[http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/legislativeAssembly/members\\_current.asp](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/legislativeAssembly/members_current.asp)

Federal:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/members/index.htm#contact>

Senate:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/state.asp?state=qld>

Electorates:

<http://www.aec.gov.au/profiles/index.htm>

Greg Endicott

## **OXFAM TRAILWALKER**

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

<http://www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/brisbane/>

Oxfam Trailwalker is one of the world's greatest team challenges and it's coming to Queensland in 2011. The inaugural Oxfam Trailwalker Brisbane event will be kicking off on June 17, 2011 in the Brisbane Forest Park. The challenge is to get your team of four to walk or run 100km from Mt Glorious all the way to Mt Coot-tha in less than 48 hours - and collectively, to raise at least \$1,000 to help to support people living in poverty in 29 countries around the world.

Oxfam Trailwalker is all about teamwork - it is a great way for friends, family or work colleagues to come together and achieve something extraordinary. You need to start together, go through each checkpoint together and finish together. You'll have to train and fundraise together beforehand. Oxfam Trailwalker is challenging - but you don't need to be a marathon runner or a professional athlete to do it. Whether you are a team of bankers, a group of mums, running buddies or mates from work, with the right training, right preparation and a strong mental attitude, anyone can do it!

By taking part in Oxfam Trailwalker you'll be doing something amazing for yourself at the same time as making a huge difference to the lives of those less fortunate around the world. Your support will help communities build their own lasting solutions to poverty. You won't be on your own either as 300 other Brisbane Trailwalker teams will help raise \$1 million in 2011. To learn more about the difference you'll make check out the Oxfam Australia [website](#).

## FROM THE TRAVELLING NELSONS

After crossing the Nullarbor, visiting Ceduna, Port Lincoln, Port Augusta, The Yorke Peninsula, Mildura, Geelong, they reached Wilson's Promontory, the most southerly point of Mainland Australia. After a few daywalks here, they made their way to Snuggle Buggle on the Vic/NSW border. Then following the Snowy River to Jindabyne. An attempt was made on Mt Koz, but under cloud. After a few days in the Snowies, it was a matter of dodging the rain and floods back home. Of course, via Byron Bay, the most easterly point of Oz. this almost completed the "erly" points of the country – the most westerly, southerly, higherly and easterly (too bad the northerly was missed on this trip.) Now back to work.

## EDITOR'S REPORT

**ARTICLES:** Please have all articles for the January Jilalan to Peggy by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please check and adjust your article to comply with the Style Guide: [www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/JilalanStyleGuide.htm](http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/JilalanStyleGuide.htm)

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## HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

**VISITORS** – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower carpark.

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

### OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$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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## THEOLOGY CORNER

'In the beginning was the Word.' That's how St. John begins his gospel, his story of Good News. That Word, as you know, is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who dwells among us, filled with God's enduring love.

There are no greater words than the Word that God speaks to us. There is no greater power on earth than God's Word. This Word is filled with unlimited love, care, and concern for each of us. That's the true meaning of Christmas: we celebrate because God loves us.

In the most basic sense, Christmas never changes. Over the centuries, despite the many traditions we have added to this day, the central fact remains: God almighty, the eternal One, creator of heaven and earth, becomes human. He comes to us in his Son, Jesus, a tiny infant-poor, humble, cared for by two simple people who are rich in nothing but faith and love. That is the unchanging picture of Christmas: the holy family surrounding the infant Jesus, God become human. Artists will never tire of portraying it. And who can resist being moved by it? **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin**

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