

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.**  
**PO BOX 31, RED HILL Q 4059**

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**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>
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### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2004

DATE 2004	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<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 33514092
<b>Monday 17</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
Friday, 21 - Saturday, 23	Border Ranges	BC	Easy	Iain Renton 33714672
Saturday 29	An evening stroll to Southbank	Social	Easy	Barbara Eastoe 33553639
<b>February</b>				
Wednesday, 2	Coffee Night - Kangaroo Point Cliffs	Social		
Saturday, 5	The Cougals	DW	Medium	Justin Tobin 33663193
Sunday, 13	Little Kings	DW	Easy	Gabriel Romaguer a 38563842
Friday 18 to Sunday 20	Bunya Mountains	BC	Easy	Paul Evans 33575254
<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

**Key - Walk Types**

D/W

Day Walk

½ DW Half-day Walk

T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training
O/N	Overnighter	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C	Base Camp	SOC	Social

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

<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 scrambling using hands, technical	
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day	8-10	8-10 <u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.

**PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

Here we are again at the end of another year. It is time to reflect on the year past and to make resolutions for the year just beginning. We all lead different lives, so it will be different for each of us. Anyway, we most likely will keep the summing up of 2004 to ourselves, as we have made mistakes we do not want made known, and would like our resolutions for 2005 kept secret because we do not want to be reminded when we break them.

I wish everyone has a good 2005, and all they wish for come their way.

And now to the mundane – January sees the time where we ask each one of you to think of being on Committee. It is not difficult, but it can be time consuming. And at times you can be unpopular and you certainly can be questioned. But it is all part of being in a club. The Committee governs the Club on behalf of the members. The members elect the people who they think can run the Club in their best interests.

You have got a lot out of the Club, so it is time you put something back into it.

Seriously consider nominating for Committee. Take some time to think of the skills you possess, and how you can use these for the benefit of your fellow Club members. We are in a co-operative – we all help each other in some way.

This can be in an organising capacity, can be physical strength, can be in office skills, it can be in summing up terrain into a route, can be in training, can be in clear thought, it can be in just being there, being on the end of the phone wire – it can be in just being you.

Whoever you are, whatever you do, you have a skill that you can put forward for the benefit of your fellow Club members. We are a co-operative, we cannot continue to exist without your help.

AND it is now that time where anyone who ran something, anything on behalf of the Club to write their piece for the Annual Report. This means all the Committee members sum up their part in the Club year, as well as all those Curators that we cannot function without. Get your articles into Phil M as soon as you can.

Regards,

Greg E.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Balance</b>	\$	702.07
<b>15.11.04</b>		
<b><u>Plus Receipts</u></b>	\$	781.80
	\$	1501.87
<b><u>Less Payments</u></b>	\$	442.00
<b>Balance</b>		1059.87
<b>20.12.04</b>		
<b><u>Term Deposit</u></b>	\$	1759.76

I'm not a happy treasurer at the moment because after believing that I had convinced the committee that it was not necessary to increase our subscription rates, the members at the December General Meeting voted for an increase. I would like to go on record as being strongly against this increase and fear that it could lead to a reduction in member numbers. Consequently, Ordinary members will now pay \$35.00, Associate and Country members \$26.00 and Spouse members \$9.00. Spouse members have come out the best after these increases as their rate has only gone up by \$1.00. It looks like we will all have to get married!! Meanwhile, congratulations to Bernard Ivers who won our latest raffle of the family pass to Alma Park Zoo. Once again thank you to all those who supported the club by buying tickets. I look for to your continued support next year as I have already lined up some very good prizes.

Finally, the club has commenced a new year and that means that your subscriptions are now due. Therefore, you will find a Membership Renewal Form in this magazine which you need to complete and sign when you pay

your money a.s.a.p. so as not to miss any magazines.  
Terry.

**About Members**

My club records show that Michael Brophy, Jean Gowans, Cheryl Layzelle, Bob Mollison, Michael and Mary Nolan, Robyn Pugh and Ray Rowe are having a birthday in January. A special congratulation to Jean and Cheryl who join the "Half Century Club".

Word has come through that James survived the Tsunami in Sri Lanka. Our prayers go out to the families of all those who did not.

**About Visitors.**

Megan Stannard and Theresa Scoubis joined Liz on her successful Boxing Day walk. Greg ascertained that Megan's children are o.k. after the traffic accident that they had whilst she was on our walk. The club has also had enquiries from Frank Vardanega, Kym Belham and Gabriella Schacheri.

**ANNUAL  
SUBSCRIPTIONS  
An Increase from the  
2005 Year**

The membership at the December General Meeting voted that the Annual Membership Subscription Rate be increased.

After much debate - various people spoke of the advantages & disadvantages of increasing the subs, the decision was made. In fact, it was the liveliest debate of the year, and the most vocal - more members spoke on this one

topic than I think spoke at a Meeting all year.

The new rates are:

**Ordinary     \$35,**  
**Associate    \$26,**  
**Country      \$26,**  
**Spouse       \$9.**

Subscriptions are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

You should have received a membership Renewal Form in this Jilalan – Please read it thoroughly, complete it in full and return it to the Treasurer with your Membership Fee.

Greg,

President

## **ELECTION 2005**

### **Call for Nominations To All Committee Positions.**

1. Elections will be held on Monday 21 Feb at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM is held prior to the Feb Monthly Meeting – from 7.30pm, and the normal Feb Monthly meeting will commence straight after.

2. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant and all are up for election.

3. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.

4. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, Training Officer, and Membership Officer.

5. If you cannot make it to the AGM, you can vote by Proxy – complete the form you will find in the Feb Jilalan and have it in the hands of the Secretary by the start of the AGM.

6. Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.

7. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on any matter before any meeting of the Club, i.e. – vote at the election of members to Committee.

8. Any 2 members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position – Associate Members can nominate or second any Ordinary Member for Committee.

9. Nominations must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Secunder & the Candidate.

10. The Nomination Form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM – This is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The January Monthly Meeting is on Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, so this is the best practicable time. You can post them to the Club PO Box, provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

11. The list of Committee Positions, along with all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Seconders will be published in the February Jilalan.

12. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position, they are still in the ballot for the next until elected, or remain unelected at the end of the night.

13. If only one person stands for a position, that person is automatically elected to that position.

14. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Secunder, or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing for.

15. In the event of more than one person being nominated for a Position, there shall be an election by secret ballot.

16. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.

17. In recent years, if after nominations have been called from the floor for a vacant position and no Ordinary Member has been elected to the position, an Associate Member can be nominated. However, the Constitution says that only Ordinary Members can vote on matters before a Meeting & be on Committee, so the Associate Members will be performing the duties of the Committee Position while only acting in the position.

18. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.

Greg,  
President

## **Notice Of The Annual General Meeting. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2005.**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb soon after 7.30pm, at the Parish Hall at St. Brigid's, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The business conducted will include:

Receive the Committee's Report, and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2004;

Receive the Auditor's Report;

Election of Committee for 2005;

The appointment of the 2005 Auditor;

Voting of Honorary Members;

Any other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

Greg,  
President

## **COMING WALKS**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

### **Cougals Daywalk**

Saturday 5 February

Leader: Justin Tobin (Ph  
33663193)  
Meet Red Hill  
Time: 7.00 am

Cost: \$18.00

EO Susan Tobin (Ph 33663193)  
Grade: L 5 5

The Cougals are a two peaked mountain in the Gold Coast hinterland on the N.S.W. border. We'll start the walk in the Currumbin Valley at the Cougals National Park and follow Currumbin Creek before heading up the ridge for morning tea. From here it is a bit of a scrubby route to the Cougals. We'll

have lunch on West Peak and then head over to East Peak and down the fence before branching off to reach the creek for a swim and the cars. It's a different walk than the normal fence walk and capable of most walkers. Come and join me for an interesting walk in the Gold Coast hinterland.

**Little Kings Movement Annual Collection**

**LEADER** : Gabriel Romaguera (Tel 3856 3842)  
**DATE** : 13 February  
**COST** : Nil, zilch, nada, rien!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
**GRADE** : Easy  
**MEETING TIME:** 8.45 am  
**MEETING PLACE:** Appel Street, Graceville (across the road from the station) under the awning of the shop.

This is the cheapest daywalk offered by the club, it permits you to sleep in, and can be as short as you like. We get to walk around a very scenic area of Brisbane. What more could you ask for?

For those who don't know the Little Kings Movement is established primarily to assist the handicapped by offering vocational training, entertainment, friendship, pastoral assistance, and support. Their charter also covers helping anyone in need and lately this includes helping displaced refugees and the homeless in Brisbane.

They have a centre at Buranda and transport people there from all over Brisbane using the help of volunteers. They provide meals to the disabled also etc etc etc. It all costs money - quite a lot in fact even though they have no paid staff - it is all voluntary.

The annual collection underpins the activities of the Movement for the whole year. Some years our club helped raise over \$1,000 for their work. We do make a difference! It is a chance to show that our club is not just here for a good time, but we are practising what we believe in. Our club traditionally collects in the Graceville area. Please come along for whatever time you can spare on the Sunday, and help the club show that we do care for those in need and contribute significantly to the operations of The Little Kings Movement.

If we get a lot of people we finish our allotted area more quickly and it becomes a very easy day. A contribution of any amount of time is gratefully accepted!! Of course, we traditionally meet for lunch and coffee afterwards - a lovely way to ease into the afternoon!!

Thanks.

Gabriel

**COMING SOCIALS**

**Coffee Night Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul  
WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY**

**When:** 7.30pm on Wednesday 2 February  
**Where:** Top of the Kangaroo Point cliffs (on River Tce)  
**Cost:** \$5 (to go to St. Vincent de Paul)  
**Bring:** A chair and a mug.  
**Contact:** Barbara Eastoe 3355 3639 or 0431 921 641

The Kangaroo Point cliffs are beautiful at night and it should be a fitting way to end the Australia Day holiday as well as raising some money for a good cause. We'll



have coffee and cake provided, however, since there's limited seating, bring a chair to sit on. There's plenty of parking along River Terrace which is well lit. Park at the end near the rotunda (that's the end of the cliffs closest to Southbank). Hope to see you there.

**NOTE: THIS COFFEE NIGHT IS  
ONE WEEK LATER THAN  
NORMAL BECAUSE THE  
PREVIOUS WEDNESDAY IS  
AUSTRALIA DAY**

**A Message From Graham  
Walters**

Graham e-mailed the Club during Dec, with a greeting and message.

"I have been offered a permanent position at Wollongong in NSW which I have accepted. I'm happy about this appointment because it is permanent and I'll get to teach my true subject areas."

We wish Graham all the best in his "new" venture.

**Previous Walks**

**Tamborine Mountain – Boxing Day**

As is the tradition, the Boxing Day walk was fairly gentle, beginning with a sleep in after the rigours of Christmas Day and an 8.30 gathering at Red Hill. Three cars conveyed walkers along the Gold Coast Highway to Exit 57 (Oxenford) and up the mountain to the Witches Falls picnic ground. Thanks to Greg, Graham and Jean

for driving – especially Jean who stepped in at the last minute.

Paul and Cecelia joined the group at the picnic grounds in time for morning tea and the walks. Thanks to Ian for boiling the billy! Everyone was ready to walk by 10.45, when a couple of appropriate fashion statements were observed. The Endicott's were all decked out in club shirts and Jeffrey was sporting a "Gone Walking" hat.

The morning walk departed from the picnic ground and zigzagged down the western side of the plateau through pretty eucalypt forest and piccabeen palms and included a pause at the Witches Falls lookout. The falls weren't huge but the view across the valley was breathtaking.

At Witches Chase, the track ended at a sign informing walkers that Witches Falls National Park was the first national park in Queensland, proclaimed in 1908. Who could resist such a photo opportunity? Certainly not this snap happy group!

Witches Chase merged into Beacon Road, which led to Dougherty Park for lunch and a short car shuffle after one and a half hours of walking. Yummy Christmas leftovers were shared. Among them were Michele's lemon lamingtons and Robyn's home made treats. Ian boiled the billy again to the delight of the teas addicts. The origins and development of Boxing Day were reflected upon and St. Stephen's Day acknowledged – especially significant because young Stephen was present.

The afternoon walk on the eastern side of the plateau was curtailed a

little by a partial track closure. The Jenyn's Falls Circuit wasn't available and the group had to content itself with the 45 minute Palm Grove Track. The three Ls (Lucy, Louise and Liz) led the way through picturesque piccabeen palm groves and giant eucalypt stands. The smallest L kept all informed of the nature of the vegetation and buttress roots by reading out loud the national park descriptive signs.

The weary walkers availed themselves of an award winning lawn to rest their tired bones and catch their breaths before adjourning to the Curtis Falls Café. It was a cosy and comfortable coffee shop affording views of a pretty waterfall and displaying an extensive range of quaint teapots.

Two visitors, Theresa and Megan, joined the walk in response to an ad in their parish newsletter. It would be great to see them again on future walks.

Liz

### **Past Socials**

#### **2004 Christmas Party**

The 2004 BCBC Christmas Party was a great success. We couldn't have asked for a better afternoon with pleasant company and comfortable temperatures. The food was really great. Robyn Jones' curried eggs went quickly along with the mini-quiches by Louise. When has anything Louise has made not been excellent? Several dips (the Moroccan pumpkin was particularly commented on) garlic bread and even a tub of Kentucky fried chicken disappeared quickly. There was certainly plenty of food.

Around 4.15, Iain Renton arrived having spent the night at the club hut. He was quickly followed by Pat Mackie and the Tobins. It was time for Santa (alias Phil Kearns) to arrive. Mary Tobin helped him hand out the presents. The Christmas theme was added to by a polar bear that dropped in (actually a stray white dog, which looked for all the world like a polar bear). After the presents, Sam made the coffee (Barbara was delighted to find someone who could make REAL coffee). This was consumed with biscuits and a choice of two cheesecakes (the pineapple one was another example of Louise's baking skills)

People started drifting away about 6pm and Terry was the last to leave about 8pm. Many thanks to those who came for making it a wonderful gathering at the end of another very successful bushwalking year. A special thanks to Sam and Louise for opening up their home for the party. Also thanks to those who came (it's not much of a party without people!)...Ross and Robyn Jones, Maxine, Paul Evans, Iain, Terry, Pat Mackie, Elizabeth Richards, Ronnie and Nick Keen, Philip Kearns, Patricia Funnell, Graham Glasse, Susan, Justin and Mary Tobin and Barbara.

#### **Christmas Lights Walk Wednesday 15 December**

Fourteen adults and two children met at Woolworth's on a pleasant but cloudy evening. There was some speculation that it might rain but our fearless leader Barbara (dressed for the occasion in Christmas T-shirt and antlers) said it would be fine (it was). We headed out through the dark streets, admiring the houses as we

went. It took about 10 minutes before we saw our first lights, which were very nice but were just a hint of what was to come.

After crossing the railway line we saw our first really good set of lights. There were two houses joined by a bridge of lights. The children loved seeing Santa and his reindeer on the roof. After a little more walking we arrived at last (and best) light display of the night. This house came second in the Western Suburbs division of the lights competition. It was a gentle light display, with the whole yard covered thousands of tiny fairy lights. It was certainly a spectacular way to end the evening.

From here it was a short walk to the Coffee Club where we found the Tobins waiting for us. Most stayed for coffee and some good conversation. Everyone said what a great night it had been and suggested it should become a regular event. Thanks to all that came on the walk, Jean, Peta, Rosemary, Marilyn, Deanne, Viv, Cheryl, Liz, Phillip, Ben, Kerry and Matthew and Barbara as well as Justin, Sue and Mary who joined us for coffee. Also welcome to Ben's friend Sofia. We hope to see you on more events. And finally a special thanks to the two Palmer children, Ethan and Heidi, for adding so much to our enjoyment and for walking for the whole hour without a word of complaint. You made the evening very special for all of us.

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

This was the second year that we have celebrated New Year's Eve at the Roma Street

Parklands and it was just as good as the first. We joined half a dozen other groups who had also come together to celebrate the New Year. There was plenty of space for all of us (and many more, if they had wanted to come). Everyone commented on how easy it was to get parking. The evening was cool, very unlike our typical summer weather, but pleasant. We collected around a table cum seating area, which had an adjacent wall for people to sit on if they hadn't brought a chair. Everyone brought food to share as was suggested and we had a good spread ranging from chips to Middle Eastern dips to cheese to home made gingerbread people (notice the politically correct term!).

Patricia and Geoff Funnell headed off with young Josh to see the 9 o'clock fireworks before returning to rejoin the group. Josh then made himself useful by entertaining young Isabelle Deegan (celebrating her first New Year). People started moving off about 9.30 and about 11 PM Barbara, Terry, Elizabeth, Viv and Cheryl walked down to the bridge to watch the fireworks (along with half of Brisbane). Cheryl commented that we were decidedly out of place as the average age of the people there seemed about 20.

This was a relaxed New Year's Eve spent with good friends. If you haven't come along to one of these before, I suggest you try it. Thanks to those who came along and made it such a good night; Barbara Eastoe, Liz Little, Terry Silk, Elizabeth Richards, June Greenaway, Patricia, Geoff and Josh Funnell, Viv and Cheryl Layzelle and Majella, Mark and Isabelle Deegan.

**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)

**FMR TRAINING**  
**CALENDAR - 2005**

DATE	START TIME	ACTIVITY
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January 18, 2005	06:00 PM	Social Meeting South Bank/Kangaroo Pt (FMR)
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February 15, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
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March 15, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
March 17, 2005	07:30 PM	Safety Research for Bushwalking evening
March 19, 2005	08:00 AM	First Aid weekend (BOSQ)
March 20, 2005	08:00 AM	First Aid weekend (BOSQ)

April 19, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
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May 17, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
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June 21, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
June 18, 2005	09:00 AM	Equipment Day at Old Museum (FMR)

July 19, 2005	07:30 PM	AGM
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August 16, 2004	07:30 PM	Meeting
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August 19, 2004	06:00 AM	Pilgrimage (RBWC)
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August 20, 2005	06:00 AM	Pilgrimage
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August 21, 2005	06:00 AM	Pilgrimage
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September 20, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
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October 18, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
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November 15, 2005	07:30 PM	Meeting
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December 02, 2005	06:00 PM	Christmas Social Meeting (FMR)
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# **Oxfam** walk against want Community Aid Abroad

## *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).