

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

Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month.

Articles, if on disk, need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten

or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **samlouis@bigpond.net.au**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is **St Brigid's Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL**. (The huge red brick Church on the hill) **VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm your family may ring the Emergency Officer for that outing– but please don't panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates – Packs \$10/ weekend, Tents \$5:00 – Deposit of \$20:00 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All members are most welcome to attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but please contact the President beforehand. This means you can be advised of any change of date/venue. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we'll put it on the agenda.

WARNING All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2005

DATE 2005	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
December				
19	Meeting			
26	Boxing Day Walk – Brisbane Forest Park	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
31	New Year's Eve	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social

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January 2006				
1	New Year's day	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
8	Northbrook Gorge	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
13	Coffee Night – St Vincent de Paul	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
15	Wellington Point Walk	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
16	Meeting			
22	Stairway Falls	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
Thur 26 – Sun 29	Gibraltar & Washpool Australia Day Long Week-end	Paul Evans	3357 5254	T/W
February				
5	Leader's Training Day			
12	Little Kings Movement Collection	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	City Walk
19	Obi Obi Creek Lilo Trip	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Lilo
20	Annual General Meeting			
25	Abseil Training – Kangaroo Point	Paul Evans	3357 5254	FMR
26	Castle Crag & Lyre Bird Lookout	Michele Johns	3353 2822	D/W
March				
5	Love Creek Falls	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
12	Running Creek Falls	James Parra		
19	Club Hut Feast & Barney Waterfall	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
20	Meeting			
26	Tullalwal and Caves Creek Circuit			D/W
29	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
April				
2	Knapps Peak	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	D/W
8	FMR – Adventure Activity	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
9	Killarney to Cullendore	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W
10	Meeting			
16	Kwiambal National Park – Easter Sun.	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
17	Minnages – Easter Monday	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
Tues 25	ANZAC – Dawn Service in City	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social
30	New Farm to Southbank	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	C/W
May				
1	Lost World	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
14	North Coast Mountains	Paul Evans	3357 5254	D/W
15	Meeting			
Sat 20-21	Injury & Recovery Training			FMR
21	Mt Toowoona	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
24	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
27	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social

28	Bridges of Brisbane	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	C/W
June				
4	Bardon to Toowong Cemetery	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	C/W
10	Rogaining	Phil Murray	3841 0254	
10-12	Barney Basecamp – Long weekend	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
18	Mt Byron and Somerset Trail	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	D/W

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.

1. Distance

Short Under 10km per day

Medium 10-15km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

EXtra Over 20 km per day

Long

2. Terrain

1-3 Graded or open terrain.

No scrub

4-7 Bush. Minor scrub

rainforest, rock creek

Rock hopping, scrambling

8-10 Bush. As Above+ thick

scrub, major rock

scrambling using hands,
technical

3. Fitness

1-3 Easy. Suitable for
beginners

4-7 Medium. Reasonable
fitness required.

8-10 Hard Strenuous, fit
walkers required.

Club Web Address: www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

I hope one & all had a very happy Christmas and a joy filled New Year's Day. May 2006 be all you wish.

There is a good programme in 2006 for BCBC. Our Outings Calendar is already published. Have a read through it and highlight the trips you want to do – then mark your 2006 wall calendar or diary so you can remember when these trips are on – and then you can nominate for them.

Come to think of it, why not volunteer to lead an Outing that has no Leader against it – do more for the Club than just being a follower. It will help you to appreciate trips better in the future.

There are no Socials in the Calendar yet – leaving that to the next Social Secretary. But, that person will have to hit the ground running – so if you think of a few good ideas and tell me, it will help. We need “new” ideas, “new” places, and “new” concepts to get more people at Socials.

And, the end of a year or the beginning of another is a good time to think of membership – the numbers in the Club. Word of mouth is the best way to increase our membership – advertise the Club amongst your friends, acquaintances, workmates, neighbours, at Church, etc. Let people get to know about the Club through you.

It is time for those who have to put articles in the Annual Report to get them written and off to Phil (the VP puts it together).

All the best for 2006 and Good Walking.

Greg.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Michael Brophy, Jean Gowans, David Hill, Cheryl Layzelle, Bob Mollison, Mary Nolan, Robyn Pugh and Ray Rowe are all having a birthday in January.

Jean Gowans saw the New Year in New Zealand as did David Hill, whilst the Tobins spent Christmas and the New Year exploring Norfolk Island. The Palmers did some walking in the Blue Mountains during a brief holiday before Christmas and Philip Kearns spent the Festive Season in Rockhampton with family and friends

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

John Moloney and Gerard Piper were interested visitors at our December meeting. We have also had enquiries from Rita Wong, Di Micallef, Lyn Lynch and Ann Bragg. Carol Miller and Jennifer Seymour joined Liz for her Boxing Day walk.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

TREASURERS REPORT

<i>Balance 21/11/05</i>	<i>\$1622.08</i>
<u><i>Plus Receipts</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 103.90</i></u>
	<i>\$1725.08</i>
<u><i>Less Payments</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 44.50</i></u>
<u><i>Balance 19/12/05</i></u>	<u><i>\$1681.48</i></u>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	<i>\$1850.40</i>

Terry.

Well, it is that time of the year again. Your Membership Subscriptions are now due. You will find a renewal form in this magazine which you must complete in full remembering to sign it when you renew. It is recommended that you do this A.S.A.P. thus ensuring that you do not miss any magazines. The current subscription rates are:- Ordinary-\$35-00; Associate-\$26-00; and Spouse \$9-00.

Congratulations to Graham Glasse who won our Christmas hamper raffle. Because the response to this raffle was so good, I decided to have a surprise second prize which was a FM Auto Scan Clock Radio kindly donated by Paul Evans. This was won by John Blumke who, along with his family, were visitors on Barbara's Christmas Lights Walk. Once again, thank you to all those who supported the club by buying tickets. The club made \$86-00 from this raffle. Stay tuned for the next club raffle which will be a little later in the year. We already have some worthwhile prizes lined up to be won.

Finally, another reminder that we still have some club T-shirts for sale at \$27-00 each. Terry.

COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 16th January

Time: 7.30 PM

**Location: St Brigid's Parish Hall
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill**

The BIG Brick Church on Top of the Hill (The hall is down the back of the carpark)

Contact: Greg (3351 4092)

Cost: FREE

Now that the dance classes have moved out, we can arrive earlier and set up the chairs so that the business can start at 7.30pm. Be there or be late.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to come and meet us face to face.

Come and listen to our leaders talk about their Outings and Socials. Learn what you need to bring, what you need to wear, listen to a description of the route. Ask questions that will clear up the mystery of what a walk is about. Bring along your photos of recent trips.

Have your input into General Business – the part of the Meeting where the general membership ask the delicate questions that make the Committee sweat, where the secrets are revealed, where you find out what you always wanted to.

Stay for supper, have a biscuit, hang around and talk. Hopefully, the “business” apart of the meeting should be over by 9pm.

Happy Walking, Greg E.

Notice Of The Annual General Meeting Monday 20th February 2006

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Mon. 20th February 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 2005;
Receive the Auditor's Report;
Election of Committee for 2006;
The appointment of the 2006 Auditor;

Voting of Honorary Members; and other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

Greg, President

NOTICE

ELECTION 2006

Call for Nominations To All Committee Positions.

1. Elections will be held on Monday 20th Feb at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held prior to the Feb Monthly Meeting – from 7:30pm, and the normal February 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 30st January. The January Monthly Meeting is on Mon. 16th Jan, so this is the best practicable time. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 30st Jan.
11. The list of Committee Positions, along with all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Secunders 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 nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position 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. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.

18. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position unofficially means the person is not actually in the position, thus cannot vote at committee when a vote is necessary.

Greg, President

**Stairway Falls
Sunday 22nd January 2006
Daywalk**

Leader: Philip Kearns (3870 3710
or 0411 016864)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: TBA
Grading: M 4 4
Emerg Off: Matthew Palmer
(3366 3193)

In March of 2004 this track was closed due to a fall of a huge tree across the track. It cut the track in two places and proved to be too difficult for people to pass. A friend told me that he had done the walk just after the tree had fallen and he remembered having to go through the limbs of the tree and past elk and stag horns just to get through. Not a pleasant experience apparently.

Well, after much brain storming, a solution to the problem was conceived and an action plan put into place and the track is now open again. The way they have solved this problem is amazing as a set of stairs has been incorporated into the tree.

The walk itself starts at O'Reilly's and ventures down the border track for about 300m. We then make a very steep descent to the Creek and follow it along to the Blue

Pool. We will do the track in this clockwise manner to prevent a steep ascent at the end of the walk. Once at Blue pool, we will continue the circuit making several creek crossings and enjoy the views of the waterfalls along the way: You should enjoy that Mike! With all the rain we have had lately the waterfalls should be in good form, but be aware that the creek crossings could be a little more slippery. The ultimate waterfall of the walk will be Elabana falls which we see before making our ascent to the Border track. Then we will journey back to O'Reilly's for a nice hot cuppa.

The walk is 14km long, so come and join me away from Brisbane's heat. Next January, recharge your batteries and be one with nature again. Philip Kearns.

**World Heritage Walk
Washpool & Gibraltar National Parks
Wed 25th Jan – Sun 29th Jan 2006
Throughwalk**

Leader: Paul Evans (3357 5254)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: TBA
Grade: M 5 5
Cost: \$50:00 (approx)
Emerg Off: Cathy Evans (0412 339322)

On the 26th Jan 2005, a walk is being organized to do the World Heritage Walk

around the Gibraltar and Washpool National Parks in NSW. It will be a 4 day throughwalk going around the different camps.

It is about 40km with up to 40km of extra tracks. We will have to carry all our gear for the walk and I am to be able to return to Brisbane by late Sunday the 29/1/2006.

This is a hard walk to do because of the time frame but I would encourage people to consider it for 2006. I would appreciate if possible nominations by the beginning of January so as to allow for organization of transport and camping

Regards, Paul Evans

**Little Kings Movement
Annual Collection
Sunday 12 February
Daywalk**

Leader: Gabriel Romaguera
(3856 3842)
Meet at: Cnr Appel St & Verney Rd
Graceville (across the road
from the train station,
under the awning of the
music shop.
Time: 8:45am
Cost: Nil, zilch, nada, rien!!!!!!
Grading: Easy

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

**Obi Obi Creek
White Water Li-Lo Trip
Sunday 19th February
Daywalk**

Leader: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:15am
Grading: M 7 8
Cost: \$18:00
Emer Off: 3841 0254

The Obi Obi Creek Lilo Trip is one of the best ever bushwalks you can do. The walk

is located up at the back of Montville on the Sunshine coast hinterland.

This trip is the ultimate in getting immersed in nature. You gently glide along rainforest pools on a soft airbed and you can look up at the rainforest covered valley walls to the brilliant blue sky. And every 10 minutes or so you zip down the exciting rapids to the next leisurely pool.

The plan is to do the long trip which starts below the Baroon Pocket Dam. Providing there is a good flow we will come out at the bridge on the Kenilworth Road Obi-Obi road. A distance of approximately 12km.

The trip starts with a short 500 metre walk along a graded track and then it is in the water. In the first hour we have to do a few 'walk arounds' to get past the rough rocky parts. We then get to the "The Narrows" a beautiful water filled gorge with a waterfall cascading into the long pool. After 2 more walk arounds' it is basically in the water for the rest of the day. If there is a good flow of water we will spend most of the day shooting the rapids. There are 20 pools of water separated by rapids. Each pool is about 50m to 300m long. The rapids between pools are very short at the start of the day and in the middle sections they can be up to 100m long. These long rapids with the overhanging lily pilly tress are just delightful and provide a tunnel of trees. It is just like going down the water slides at wet-n-wild but it is all natural. Just amazing!

You need a Lilo to do the trip. No Lilo, no trip. No boogie boards, no surfmats and no blow-up canoes. For those who are unsure, a lilo is an airbed made out of rubberised canvas. They usually cost around \$20.

To do the trip you have to be fit, nimble, have a good sense of balance, be able to swim and be water smart. We will be going into moving water and there is a degree of risk from drowning which cannot be underestimated.

Bring the normal stuff you need for a day trip; lunch, water bottle, torch & sunscreen. The best footwear is Dunlop Volleys. I also suggest that people have garden gloves to wear on their hands to minimise the chance of bruises and cuts. It is advisable to wear a long sleeve shirt and long pants as they provide both sun protection and protection from bumps and scrapes on your elbows and shins. A long sleeve thermal shirt and thermal pants are ideal as they provide protection and warmth. If you have a wetsuit bring that as well. To keep your lunch dry during the day you can use 3 heavy duty garbage bags to keep things water proofed or you could buy a "seal bag" but they cost over \$20. It is also handy to have some snack food in a Tupperware container during the day. Also have a complete change of clothes available for the end of the trip.

If the water is not flowing over the spillway, Plan B is to do the upper reaches of Obi Obi Creek from Gardner's Falls down to the Lake. We will enter the water just below Maleny at Gardner's Falls and then follow the Creek down to the Baroon Pocket Lake. This will be an exploratory trip.

Phil.

Castle Crag & Lyrebird Lookout Sun 26th February 2006 Daywalk

Leader: Michele Johns (3353 2822)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Grade: M 4 4
Cost: \$20:00
Emerg Off: Richard Johns
(0409 871 641)

Our intention is to walk to Castle Crag via Morans Falls then back to Moonlight Crag and onto Lyrebird Lookout. The walk from

the car park to Morans Falls and on to Balancing Rock follows graded tracks and a fire trail and is very easy walking. Once past Balancing Rock we face 500 metres of rock scrambling and poorly defined track to reach Castle Crag but the view at the end is well worth the effort.

We will then head back towards Moonlight Crag and Lyrebird Lookout (This track has not been maintained and is poorly defined) and return the way we came. The day promises to be a pleasant trip away from the crowds, so come along to share some of nature's wonders.

Michele Johns

COMING SOCIALS

40TH BIRTHDAY
Saturday, February 18th
Keep this night free

Philipa Kearnsstatos is turning 40 and we're going Greek. **Bookings** need to be made by **14th February**. For further details contact Susan (Ph:3366 3193)

PAST SOCIALS

December Coffee Night and Christmas Lights Walk

It was a beautiful December night when we met at Sherwood for the second annual Christmas Lights walk. It must be a good occasion as several people (besides me) turned up for the second year in a row, despite the fact it was the same walk as last year.

There was a good turnout. From the club there was Liz Little, David Hill, Jeffrey

Forman, Gordana, Rosemary Stafford, Michelle and Richard Johns, Michael and Catherine Simpson (who also brought their daughter Sarah) Terry Silk and Therese Abernethy. Rosemary got into the Christmas spirit and invited some people from her church. Welcome to John and Margaret and their girls Melissa and Claire, Peter and Truci and Ross and Carol. She also brought along two Spanish students, Marta and Esther. It was great to be able to show them what a real Aussie Christmas is like. Good on you Rosemary for publicising the walk.

It was a pleasant 45 minute walk. The lights were mainly in two sections. One street had about 7 Queenslander houses, all decorated in keeping with their architecture. Queenslanders are really suited to Christmas Lights. The other section was more "over the top" with huge numbers of lights, including one house which had an award. It seemed like every part of the house and grounds had lights in or on them.

After the walk, most of us headed for the Coffee Club and enjoyed coffee, cake and good company. Altogether it was a very successful evening. Thanks to all who came along.

Barbara Eastoe

New Year's Eve at the Roma Street Parklands

For the third year in a row, some of us met at the Roma Street Parklands to celebrate the New Year in a low key way. I regret to say that this venue (which we had almost to ourselves the first year we went) has become more popular but as the area is big it is still not overcrowded. We set up our chairs near the lake and spread out the food on a blanket between us. We talked and people came and went. I believe that only Terry (otherwise known as "He who never sleeps"), Therese and Elizabeth hung

around long enough to see the Midnight fireworks (I'd certainly left well before then).

Thanks to all who came along and made it such a pleasant way to welcome in the New Year. Those who were there were Liz Little, Terry Silk, Therese Abernethy, Paul Evans, Elizabeth Richards, Patricia Funnell and Mike and Catherine Simpson. We also welcomed Catherine Patterson, who has only made it to one other activity in 2005 but assures us that things will be different in 2006.

I'd like to wish all those in the club (whether they joined us on New Year's Eve or not) a Happy New Year and may 2006 be full of many pleasant bushwalking experiences.

Barbara Eastoe

PAST OUTINGS

Fraser Island Base Camp 10-13 June 2005

A sequence of events, including the cancellation of the Moon Point barge, meant that instead of going to Coomboo Lake further north we would be camping at Central Station and walking around there. Everybody turned up at Urangan on Friday night where we stayed at some rather nice cabins (though we weren't there long enough to really take advantage of the comfort). Next morning we drove down to River Heads with enough time to get our passengers onto the 7:00am barge to Woongoolba Creek where they'd catch the 4WD taxi. Even though the barge had only a few vehicles on it, the lady behind the counter at the ticket kiosk insisted it was full and that we'd have to put our vehicle on the next barge as originally planned.

Just after the first barge pulled out I rang the taxi to let him know they were on their way. That was fine but did they know to get off the barge as soon as it arrived? Thanks to the wonders of modern technology I was able to pass on this information over mobile phones as the barge moved out to sea. Sure enough the taxi was waiting with doors open when they arrived. We dashed across and chucked our gear on board, meanwhile two vehicles had disembarked. The taxi took off (with all on board) and passed one 4WD in the car-park and was soon on the tail of the next. After that vehicle almost came to grief pulling over, it found a better spot and was able to let the taxi pass. I gathered the taxi then shot off like the cork out of a bottle. Our first walking group then had the ride of their lives, hanging, on trying not to hit their heads on the roof as they hurtled along the rough and winding track. It was now obvious why the taxi driver had wanted his passengers off the barge so quickly.

Meanwhile, back at River Heads, the dramas hadn't finished. The ferry people had no record of Paul Rooney's payment by credit card over the phone (Paul had received a bank statement so he knew it had gone through). We would have to pay again by cash and they would post a refund later. With that sorted out we were soon headed for Kingfisher Bay. The second walking group had a much more sedate and comfortable drive across Fraser. Paul dropped us off at the ocean beach near Lake Wabby then continued on with our camping gear to Central Station, our final destination for the day. The other group had been dropped off by the taxi a couple of kilometres down the beach an hour earlier and were walking into Lake Wabby.

We walked at a fast pace directly across the sand blow to Lake Wabby. The other party, led by Mike Simpson, took their walk at a very slow and leisurely pace. Amazingly both groups arrived at Wabby at the same time, a beautiful spot with a high sand dune slanting straight down into deep water.

Some of us went in for a swim and the water temperature was beautiful & refreshing without being too cold. After a good look from the lookout above the lake, and quite a few photos, we headed down the track towards central station. The estimated distance for the day's walk continued to be rather elastic but for the first couple of hours, the distance yet to be travelled continued to be 18kms. So for the rest of the weekend the standard answer for how long a walk was going to be was 18km. The distance we walked that day was probably 22kms.

At Pile Valley there were roads and tracks headed in all directions, most with Central Station as the destination and some distance signs that seemed to disagree. We chose one and continued. At Central Station a few ended up in the day use area, but soon we were all together. Footsore after a long day's walking we were greeted by a pleasant surprise, Paul R. had unpacked and pitched most of our tents.

The next day we did the circuit walk to Lake Mackenzie. A bit before Lake Mackenzie we passed some NPA walkers (we'd met at the camping ground) on their way to Lake Wabby and beyond. Over the weekend we'd be travelling a fair chunk of their route, but without having to lug heavy through-packs like they were. At Lake Mackenzie I got separated from the group I was supposed to be leading and found this gorgeous virtually deserted beach. I then located the rest of the mob at the crowded main beach and dragged them away from the fleshpots of Babylon (all those scantily clad young European backpackers) to the chaste beauty of Fraser Island. A small headland cut off the view of the main beach so we could imagine we had the lake to ourselves. Some of us braved the chilly water for a swim and we enjoyed a very long lunch.

Then we headed off for the absolutely gorgeous Basin Lake. We arrived late in the afternoon with the sun low on the ridges,

very pleased that we'd taken Paul Evan's suggestion to leave this lake to the end of the day. The blokes got there first and enjoyed a swim. The water temperature was perfect and you could even see pollen and motes of dust floating on the surface of the water. Mike S. jogged around the perfectly formed oval of sandy beach that ringed the lake. As the sun dipped behind the trees we tore ourselves away from this beautiful spot and headed for camp at a good pace. We arrived just as the light was failing.

On day three most of us headed south to a lake beyond Lake Binaroo, had lunch there and walked back in plenty of time to catch the taxi back to the barge. The taxi trip was a much more sedate affair this time. It had been a great long-weekend of walking-beautiful weather, fine and sunny with a few fluffy clouds. Rain the previous days had compacted the sand and given us a perfect walking surface. It was a nice uncrowded camping spot with facilities close by (even hot showers) and having somebody to transport our camping gear for us and put up tents was even better. There were the usual convivial evenings of cooking, eating and sharing yummy food (and plenty of stories and jokes). Several of us had encounters with small furry animals eating food in our tents at night even having holes gnawed in tent walls.

Marie continued her tradition of nocturnal encounters with animals on islands, hitting one small animal on the nose several times before it retreated from the hole in her tent it was poking its head through. Those who walked on all three days covered 55kms, a great effort. Thanks to all who came, especially Paul and Louise Rooney who made their 4WD available and to Paul who drove it and stayed at base camp. Thanks also to Mike who drove on the mainland and managed to squeeze in an amazing amount of stuff. Also on the walk were Marie, Paul Evans, Barbara and Jean.

Iain Renton

**England Creek Circuit (BFP)
Daywalk.
Sun. 26th June**

After a relaxed amble downhill on the forestry road along Lawtons Ridge we left the road for a short steepish climb up to the first knoll. Then we continued along a series of knolls until we reached the trig point on Northbrook Mountain. We did a slight detour across to a high prominent rocky outcrop with great views down into Northbrook Gorge. As Bill Butler had shown me this spot on a previous walk we decided to call it Bill's Barnacle. We stopped here for morning tea. After continuing back along the mountain we rejoined the forestry road and followed its long winding route down into England Creek.

At the creek we stopped for lunch in a cleared area where logs had been set in a square to sit on. After lunch we walked a short distance along the creek (which had clear flowing water in it). Then things went a bit astray. At this point where we should have turned off and headed up a ridge to the Pinnacle. Instead I was persuaded by a couple of rather vocal walkers and my curiosity to follow the clearly defined track along the creek. When it turned out a short distance further along that it was going to keep going along the creek (as I'd suspected all along), I headed up another ridge. This got us to the top on Joyners Ridge, and we got to see more of the area around the Pinnacle, but it was a longer and rougher route than the intended one. It reached the knoll along from the Pinnacle.

With time running short we decided to save the Pinnacle for another day. Next time I'll stick to my guns like a good leader should and not head off on detours. Thanks to Therese, Jon Brunott, Bill Butler, Terry, Dave Hill and James Parra who joined me on a great walk, it was good to see old hands Jon and Bill again. Thanks to James P. and Mike S. for joining me on the pre-outing. Regards, Iain Renton

**Spicers Peak-Double-Top Day-walk.
Sat. 10th September**

After a brief stop at Aratula and a good break at the driver reviver at Gladfield, we arrived at the start of the walk at Hall's place. The original intention was to have a car shuffle but since we only had one vehicle, there would be quite a long road walk back to our starting point. We started at 8:25am, rather later than I would have liked, as I wanted to get off Double-Top before the light failed. This meant that I pushed the pace a bit during the day.

After walking through Hell-Hole Gorge on a 4WD track we crossed some paddocks to the long gradual ridge up to West Spicers Peak. We stopped for morning tea on the prominent knoll at the intersection of ridges from Spicers Peak and Cedar Mountain. Great spot, fantastic views down into the Spicers Gap valley and behind us across Swan Creek valley to peaks far beyond. Then we headed towards Spicers along a long gently dipping saddle. Soon there was a scattering of massive mossy hoop pines amongst the eucalypts. Then more of them until we were walking in rainforest with the feeling of walking in virgin country, since there were no formed footpads.

Near the peak it got rather thick and scungy, with lots of prickly vines to contend with. On the peak we waded through waist high ferns until we located the footpad across to East Peak. While we were doing this Terry twisted an ankle, but the rest of us didn't find this out until a bit later. Once on the footpad we could pick up our pace. We met three walkers doing a circuit of Spicers Peak.

At midday we stopped for lunch on a rock slab beneath hoop pines with great views south along the Main Range to Mt. Barney and beyond. From the track we got a good view of the resort on Cedar Mountain to the west. After a quick look at the view from East Spicers we dropped south off the peak to reach the ridge along the crest of the

Main Range. For a while we spent some time locating the route but there was a clear footpad most of the way. We stopped at one point for Paul to strap Terry's ankle. We got good views from a knoll along the way and of Double-Top, and were able to see most of the route we had walked. We headed down Double-Top with everybody helping with navigation and keeping an eye out dabs of pink paint on tree trunks. We reached the forestry track with daylight to spare, just before five. We then had a long road walk out, much of it by the light of a half-moon. We reached the car at seven in the evening.

Thanks to Terry, Justin and Paul Evans for joining me on a great day's walking. Thanks to Terry for keeping up such a good pace with a sore ankle, Justin for driving and Mike Simpson and Ray for joining me on the pre-outing along some of the route.

Cheers, Iain

Brisbane Forest Park Boxing Day 2005

Cool was one of the highlights of this walk, a welcome relief after the high temperatures of Christmas Day in Brisbane. The altitude and the forest both contributed to afternoon temperatures of only 25 degrees in Brisbane Forest Park. Another major highlight was the prettiness of the forests.

Four walks were undertaken and ten walkers participated – Terry, Graham, Gordana, Julie, Greg E, Lucy, Greg M, Carol, Jenny (a visitor from Canberra) and Liz. (Blinky Little was there too, but his participation was mostly limited to photo opportunities!!) Two lookouts provided only mediocre views of Samford Valley due to the haze. Moreton Bay could not really be seen at all. The storm the afternoon before had not left the clean and clear air we had hoped for.



Photo contributed by Liz Little

“On rocks, Blinky in foreground

This is us at the Mt Nebo Lookout – Greg E, Lucy, Terry, Graham, Julie, Carol and Greg M. Oh, yes, Blinky Little snuck into this one too– in his Christmas attire!”

The Thylogale Track from Jolly's Lookout to Boombana was our first walk. The eucalypt and rainforest vegetation, as well as the thick leaf litter on this 4 kilometre walk, provided a most attractive and easy walking experience.

At Boombana, Ranger Ruth and young Bill provided written insights into the various features on the 1.1 kilometre Boombana Circuit Track. (See photo on page 13). Lucy took up the challenge of drawing the various shapes of the information boards along the way and showed us the completed jigsaw at the end. A key feature on this walk was a giant strangler fig surrounded by a boardwalk. Palms, ferns, vines, orchids and other epiphytes also contributed to the beauty of the track. Many thanks to our drivers, Greg, Greg, Julie and Graham, for undertaking the car shuffle here.

There were information boards on the 1km circuit track at Manorina as well. Unfortunately for us, they all described animals that could be spotted only after dark! Clearly, this was a self-guided night walk from the days when campsites were

located at Manorina (and the toilets worked!) Nevertheless, the track was quite “magical” due to the nature of the eucalypt forest and several cute little bridge crossings, including one that went through a large, open tree trunk.

The walk out to the Mt Nebo Lookout took us out along the Morelia Walking Track and back by the Mt Nebo Lookout Track and the Mt Nebo Road, a total distance of 6 kilometres. In addition to eucalypt forest, we also experienced pockets of cabbage tree palm rainforest. The track out was a little more challenging as it went gently uphill the whole way, so the lookout at the end provided a welcome rest, even if the views were not quite as spectacular as they would be on a clear day. The return track was a wide firebreak road, so provided yet another walking experience and a grander vista to appreciate.

The last treat was a multi-sensual one at the JM Jones Teahouse at the Mt Nebo Village. In addition to the *taste* of coffee, we enjoyed the *sound* of the bellbirds, the *touch* of the rustic, outdoor table and the *sight* of magnificent king parrots, lorikeets and cockatoos. The final feature of the day was that the drive back to St Brigid’s was only a short 30 kilometres!

Liz Little

Other Items of Interest

FOR SALE: Club T-shirt

Due to my loss of weight I have to get rid of my club t-shirt (it’s huge on me now). If you would like to buy a club shirt in size XL please contact me on 3355 3639. I am selling it for half price, \$14.00. That’s a bargain!

Barbara Eastoe

A note from the Editor.....

Please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the month**. You may forward your articles to either:

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Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.

Ephesians 4:2

*Yours in Christ
Louise Leonardi*



Photo Contributed by Liz Little

Sitting in a row, Gordana and Liz in foreground:

Here we are having a drink break in the shade at Boombana – Graham, Julie, Greg E, Lucy, Terry, (Blinky Little) Liz and Gordana.

Oxfam Australia – Walk against Want

Take steps against poverty and join us as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Oxfam Australia's Walk Against Want!

Oxfam Australia invites the Queensland community to participate in the Walk against Want on **Sunday 12 March 2006**. Thousands of Australians will attend events in over 60 locations across Australia. Every step can help alleviate poverty and injustice. It's a healthy and fun way for all people to raise funds to help poor communities.

Funds raised will go to aid and development programs in over 30 countries as well as Indigenous Australia.

To show your support and attend a free event near you, register to participate and receive a sponsor book to collect funds.

Please contact James Oliver on (07) 3637 4620, or email waw-qld@oxfam.org.au. Also feel free to visit our website at www.oxfam.org.au.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

WILDFLOWERS OF

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

By Glenn Leiper

DATE **Monday 20th March 2006**

Venue: The Parish Hall
 at St Brigid's Catholic Church, Red Hill

Address Musgrave Road
 Red Hill

Time: **7:45 pm to 8:30 pm**

Glenn is an exceptional presenter who has the ability to make a detailed topic like botany come alive and interesting even to those who only have a passing interest in wildflowers.

Glenn is the Principal at the Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre. He has many special interests including the wildflowers of the scenic rim.

He has published several books on wildflowers. Most recently he co-authored the book *Mangroves to Mountains Volume 2* – he will have several copies available for sale at the meeting at \$35. It usually retails for \$49.

He has an impressive catalogue of photos on wildflowers. I have asked him to concentrate the presentation on the “easy to notice” wildflowers of Mt Barney, the Scenic Rim and Lamington areas.

The Committee invites all Club members and members of other bushwalking clubs to attend to support this special presentation.

Phil

Vice Presidents Notes

1. Outings Program

The Outings Sub committee has been working on the 2006 Outings Program for next year. There will be 20 copies of the Outings Program available at the January Monthly meeting for members.

2. The 50th Anniversary Plans

The first meeting for the "50th Anniversary sub committee" was held on Thursday 1st December 2005 at Patricia Funnell's place. Those who attended were Patricia Funnell, Pat Lawton, Greg Endicott, Maxine Brophy and Phil Murray.

The discussion moved along at a brisk pace and I am pleased to report that we have already worked out a framework of activities for the anniversary year. We have penciled in tentative dates and proposed the relevant activities and venues. Please note, the sub-committee concluded that the most appropriate structure would be to have only four designated 50th Anniversary events.

The Suggested Program for the 50th Anniversary is as follows.

Event	Date	Comments
1. Mt Tibrogargan (a normal Club trip)	Saturday 1st December 2007	This trip is in recognition of the Club's first trip which was to Mt Tibrogargan on Sunday 1st December 1957
2. Mass & Anniversary Function. Mass at St Brigid's Church Red Hill at perhaps 11:00 am and Lunch in the Parish hall with lunch provided by caterer's	Sun 6th April 2008	-The decision was made to have a day time lunch at Red Hill Church to allow for greater participation by former members. - We considered going to a swish hotel for a function but the high cost could scare away many members. - By having the lunch at the parish hall we should be able to keep costs down and allow greater participation by more members.
3. Weekend at O'Reilly's	Sat 17th - Sun 18th May 2008	This trip is in recognition that the first Club trip after the formal establishment of the Club was a trip to O'Reilly's. Also O'Reilly's has been a regular place for Club activities. - there will be a weekend of

		walks from easy to hard. - dinner and bushdance at O'Reilly's on Saturday night. - Members could camp out or stay at the Guesthouse. - - Or members could come up as a day trip on either day.
4. Barney Mass	Wed 13th August 2008	- To allow more members to participate in the Mass, we will have the Mass on top of the knoll at Yellowpinch. - for the more energetic we could still do a quick trip to the top via south east ridge.

The next meeting for the sub-committee is set for Wednesday 1st March 2006 at Patricia Funnell's place at 96 Buckingham St, St John's Woods. All members are welcome to attend. If you're interested in putting forward some ideas please come along or mention your ideas to one of the people at the first meeting.

The issues to discuss will be - do we have an Anniversary booklet, getting details sorted out and quotes for catering for the above events, getting a list of memorabilia organized, getting a mailing list organized.

3. Bithongabel - poetry booklet

A new publication (or should I say supplement) should issue with the January edition of Jilalan. It was printed in time for the December issue but there were size issues with the December magazine and getting things posted. Terry thought it better to issue the booklet with the January magazine.

The booklet contains a collection of poems that have appeared in the Jilalan magazine over the years. I needed a name for the booklet and the name chosen for the booklet is "Bithongabel". (pronounced "Bee - thon - ga - bel"). The name is in recognition of the misty and mysterious place of Mt Bithongabel which is a mountain up at O'Reilly's. The mountain is on the McPherson escarpment. The Border track skirts the flanks of the mountain. The area is covered in Antarctic Beech trees which are relics from the ice age.

The reason for publishing the booklet is that it is important that the old poems that give an insight to our club's history are made available for newer members and hence the need to re-publish them in a handy little booklet.

4 Annual Report

It is time to prepare the articles for the Annual report. Can I ask people to have their articles to me by Monday 30th January. I also need to ask someone to write the Foreword. Hopefully I will be successful in my search.

5. Leaders Training Day.

Just a reminder for all our new leaders to come along to the Leaders Training Day on Sunday 5th February.

I have listed several people as leaders for the first time in the 2006 Outings Program. The following new leaders listed in the program should attend - Michelle Johns, James Parra, Rosemary Stafford, David Hill, Mary Naughton and Marie Ricketts. Also, people who have only lead one or two trips should also come along.

It is essential for the benefit of new leaders that they familiarise themselves with what is involved in leading a trip and learn some of the tricks of the trade.

As a Club we have a responsibility (some would argue we have a legal obligation) to ensure new leaders are trained in the way our leaders are expected to organize and lead a walk in our Club.

Also the training day will provide a way to find out how they can get more out of bushwalking.

More details as to the time and venue will be advised later.

Phil