

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 FOR 2006

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
January				
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	Paul Evans	3357 5254	TRN
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	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
19	Club Hut Feast & Barney Waterfall	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
20	Meeting			
26	Tullalwal and Caves Creek Circuit	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	D/W
29	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
April				
2	Knapps Peak	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	D/W
8	FMR – Adventure Activity (Rescue Leader Level)	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
9	North Coast Mountains	Paul Evans	3357 5254	D/W
10	Meeting			
14-17	Bald Rock –Easter	BOSQ		B/C
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	Killarney to Cullendore	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W
15	Meeting			
Sat 20-21	FMR – 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
17	FMR Equipment Day			FMR
18	Mt Byron and Somerset Trail	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	D/W
19	Meeting			
25	Glen Rock			D/W
28	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
July				
1	Christmas in July	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	Social

2	Shorncliffe to Sandgate			
8-9	Panorama Point			T/W
15	Colonial Ball			Social
16	Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
17	Meeting			
23	Mt Warning			D/W
26	Coffee Night			Social
30	Stag's Head	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
August				
5	Qld Bush Poets Championship	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	Social
5-6	Richmond Gap to Collins Gap	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	T/W
6	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	C/W
13	Barefoot Bowls			Social
Wed 16	Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
18 – 20	Federation Pilgrimage			
21	Meeting			
27	Mt May to Mt Maroon	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
30	Coffee Night			Social
September				
October				
14	FMR – Adventure Activities			
16	Meeting			

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

It is a new year and time to make New Year Resolutions, and to attempt new things. In your bushwalking life, you can do this too.

We recently had the Leader's Training Day. It was an opportunity for all, especially those who have been around for a year or two, to increase their knowledge in bushwalking and Club procedures. Extra knowledge adds to your experience and enjoyment in the bush. The more you learn, the more you enjoy our sport.

Another coming event is the Abseiling Training Day on Sat 25th Feb. It is one of the few opportunities any of us will have to learn how to do this. This Club no longer has the expertise to teach you. So come along to this Day and learn.

Abseiling is descending a cliff with ropes. The training is being done by FMR – Federation Mountain Rescue. FMR is our own rescue arm – all Qld clubs have banded together to create the Federation of Clubs, and have formed FMR to ensure there is a body of trained bushwalkers available to come to the aid of club members in the time of need. In the past, our Club has provided volunteers for rescue parties of members of other clubs and members of the general public.

By attending Training Days, we skill ourselves to be able to attend future rescues. FMR is our insurance policy – a trained and skilled rescue squad means people will readily drop what they are doing, including work, and come out to look for us.

FMR has been out 3 times in the Dec/Jan period. It is needed, it is used.

This Club does not use abseiling on our trips. So do not worry that you will need to know how to do it on a Club outing. To us, it is the “cream on the cake”. As with all things in life, it is better to know more of everything you do, than just the bare minimum. It adds to your enjoyment and increases your experiences.

So, come one and come all to the Abseiling Training Day on Sat 25th.

AND, as you know, subs are due – please pay Terry at the meeting, or post your cheque to the PO Box.

Regards,
Greg E.

ABOUT MEMBERS

She's Back

After having travelled around Europe for 2 years approx, **Margaret Cooper** tells me she will be back in Brisbane on Friday 17th February. Who knows, perhaps she will be at the February meeting!!

Let's hope we will see Margaret on the track as she intends to very soon travel around Australia in her Motorhome having now retired.

At the moment Margaret is back in Australia, but will be staying at the Glasshouse Mountains, not at home.

Louise Leonardi.

This month birthday wishes are sent to Bill Butler, Michele Endicott, Philip Kearns, Kerry Mulligan, Greg Miller, Louise McPherson, Michael Simpson and Terry Silk.

Congratulations to Lincoln Cory (David's son) for the Australia Day honours which he received for his efforts in sport. Also, Ronnie Keen is making a brief trip to Japan to visit her son and daughter in law.

Congratulations to **Paul & Cecelia McDonald** who are the proud parents of a son "Luke Edward" born 2 weeks ago – brother to Jack & Sarah. All is well.

Also, Birthday wishes and congratulations we are sending to Maxine's mum who has just celebrated her 80th birthday 1 January in New Zealand.

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

George Murdoch and Marta Vinals were visitors on both Phil Murray and Philip Kearns' recent walks. Also on Phil's walk were Trevor O'Hara, Tom Mellor, Marie R's. husband, Steve, and Lincoln Cory.

Roger Ford and Kevin McGovern were also on Philip's walk. We look forward to sharing the tracks with all of you again real soon.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

TREASURERS REPORT

<i>Balance 19/12/05</i>	<i>\$1681.48</i>
<u><i>Plus Receipts</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 486.13</i></u>
	<i>\$2167.61</i>
<u><i>Less Payments</i></u>	<i>\$ 395.80</i>
<u><i>Balance 16/01/06</i></u>	<u><i>\$1771.81</i></u>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	<i>\$1850.40</i>

A reminder that your membership fees are now due and that you need to complete and sign the renewal form which was in your January Magazine when you pay your renewal. Terry

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 20th February

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

**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.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the
normal February Monthly Meeting will

commence under the command new
committee.

All persons are welcome to attend – Do
NOT be put off – you are getting 2
meetings for the price of 1.

Members should attend to carry out their
democratic right of questioning the
outgoing committee about the running of
the Club during 2005, and to vote in the
new committee. It works better if we have
more than the usual number of members
there.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see
the Club in operation. Also, the regular
monthly meeting is on afterwards, so
Visitors can ask leaders about their coming
trips.

See you all there. Greg

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

COMING WALKS**FMR Training Day – Abseiling
Sat 25th February 2006
Daywalk**

Leader: Paul Evans (3357 5254)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am for an 8:00am start
at Helidon
Cost: \$30:00 (all this goes to
expenses of running the day
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott (3351 4092)

All experienced walkers should know how to do abseiling because it adds to the bushwalking experience, it increases your experiences, increases your enjoyment, and extends you. It pushes you beyond your confidence level. You get sheer enjoyment once you successfully complete your first descent.

The day is at Emu Gully, near Helidon on the Toowoomba road. It is an adventure camp where the public, corporations, schools and clubs can do outdoor activities. There is an air-conditioned lunch room and water on tap. You have to bring your own morning tea and lunch. Also remember – Slip, Slot and Slap. It is out in the open in the sun and is hot. All climbing gear is supplied by FMR.

FMR has recently had a very long and good look at abseiling and the teaching of it. These training days are the product of this review. It will be different to those days at Kangaroo Point.

This is a Beginners Day, so you do not need any previous experience. You might think you have a fear of heights, but you never know until you try.

However, once you are out there, there is no way back to Brisbane – we are carpooling as usual. Be game, come out and try it. Thanks, Paul

Leaders to Note

Leaders, please have all Visitors, which includes all children, persons under 18 years of age, and anyone 80 and over, sign the Waiver of Liability Form. Pick them up at the meeting, or print them off from the Club web site – under “Forms”.

Regards,
Greg E.

**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: \$16:00
Emerg Off: Richard Johns
(0409 871 641)

If you want to enjoy a walk with friends and get away from the heat of Brisbane, then this walk is for you. The walk is approximately 15km long. The track entrance is 1km from O'Reilly's Guesthouse on the main road. We will descend 140 metres through a sub-tropical rainforest of booyongs, figs and brush box to Moran's Falls Lookout. A picnic area is located 400m further on at the top of the falls. This was the site of a bark hut, the first home of the O'Reilly brothers when they arrived on the mountain.

From here, we will follow a fire trail to Balancing Rock. Once past Balancing Rock, we face 500m 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 also has not been maintained and is poorly defined). We will then 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

**Love Creek Falls
Sunday 5th March 2006
Daywalk**

Leader: John Carter (3290 3621)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:30am
Grade: M 6 5
Cost: \$8:00
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372)

Whilst not a long walk, it has a bit of everything – graded track, rock hopping and ridge climbing, all through subtropical rainforest. In addition there is a beautiful creek, a good swimming hole, attractive waterfalls and views to Moreton Bay. The walk is close to Brisbane, located in Maiala National Park, Mt Glorious.

After admiring the new parking facilities at Maiala Day Use Area, we will walk to Green Falls Lookout, then rock hop downstream until we reach Love Creek Falls. This scramble could be slow if there is recent wet weather. We will have plenty of time to enjoy the waterfall.

After lunch, we will climb out of the valley back to the graded track system. There will be time for a cuppa after the walk.

Please bring along the usual gear for a great day.

John

**Running Creek Falls
Sunday 12th March
Daywalk**

Leader: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:15am
Grade: L 7 7 (Hard)
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Sue Murray (3841 0254)

Running Creek Falls is the most outstanding waterfall in Lamington National Park. These falls are the most spectacular in southern Queensland; a long straight drop of over 100 metres into a very large beautiful pool framed by a grand sweeping curve of cliffline. The rains we've been having recently should ensure a reasonable amount of water coming over the falls.

Running Creek Falls is on Running Creek which is at the far southern end of Lamington National Park. The creek basically runs parallel to the border and is only about 2 kilometres from the border.

The walk is through a variety of countryside. Initially through farmland and open country, then eucalypt forest and then some particularly beautiful rainforest. But once we get to the rainforest the track becomes a bit indistinct as it is grown over in places and the track is not maintained. Usually at the later stages we spend a fair bit of time in the creek and we will do a bit of rock-hopping or should I say boulder hopping. The overall walk is long and it could take 8 hours of walking on the day, hence, the early start time.

If you are fit and strong the walk is very easy as there are no real uphill sections. But if you are not in your prime fitness this walk is a bit of horror story as the frequent fallen trees and rock hopping make it very punishing.

As a guide the walk was not listed in the book *“Take a Walk in Queensland’s National Parks–Southern Zone”* by John and Lyn Daly. I can only presume it wasn’t listed because it was a bit harder than the average graded track walk. I am not sure if that is a reflection on the walk to Running Creek Falls or on the standard of the walks listed in the book.

Not many members have done this trip. The last time the trip was done was in October 2002 and only 3 members went. The previous trip to 2002 that I could find in the Annual Reports was in January 1992.

I will be taking a lilo so I can paddle around in the huge pool at the base of the falls. Bring the normal stuff for a daywalk and make sure you put your swimmers in for a swim at the waterfall.

Come along and enjoy one of the great waterfalls of south east Queensland.

Phil

**Club Hut Feast and
Barney Waterfall
Sunday 19th March
Daywalk**

Leader: Maxine Brophy
(3203 4699)
Meet at: St Brigid’s Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Grade: S 3 4
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Michael Brophy
(3203 4699)

March will be ideal for a walk into our Club Hut. It is birthday time for our hut built in 1967 and always a fun time.

We will meet at Red Hill and drive to the Lower Portals car park. Walking into the hut is 4km approx as we cross two small creeks and require medium fitness. As we follow the track, there are excellent views of the western peaks of Mt Barney and Mt Maroon beside us.

After a morning cuppa on arrival we can swim in the huge pool under Barney waterfall, explore Barney Creek and surrounds or just sit beside the creek and relax with your book. Many options are available.

Please bring a small contribution for sharing at lunch and of course we’ll light the candles and celebrate this day.

An ideal time for any new member or visitor, to view an important link in the history of our club.

Regards, Maxine

Visitors are not covered by the insurance policy that the Club holds, as the policy wording specifically excludes non-members. This is what the insurer has placed on the policy and is not what we would like.

Visitors attending any Club event – trip, social, training, or whatever must sign a waiver of liability form before the commencement of the Club event, otherwise they cannot participate in that event.

COMING SOCIALS

COFFEE NIGHT & TWILIGHT STROLL

Date: Wednesday, 1st March
Time: 6:15pm for the Twilight Stroll
7:15pm onwards for dinner
and/or dessert
Place: Merthyr Bowls Club
Oxlade Drive NEW FARM
Contact: Barbara Eastoe (3355 3639 OR
0431 921 641)

The Merthyr Bowls Club is one of our favourite Coffee Night venues which is ironic as the only thing they don't do well is coffee. But you can get beer and good quality wine by the bottle or glass. The dinners and sweets are very good and reasonably priced and the setting right on the Brisbane River is one of the best in Brisbane. You can also get instant coffee and plunger coffee too if you absolutely must have coffee. We'll sit on the plastic chairs along the river as there's more room and you get the best views so look for familiar faces there. You are supposed to sign in. You can do this if you belong to any other club or you can join and become a social member for 5 years for \$5 (bargain!). I'm also a member and can sign you in.

Why not add to your evening's experience and come for a pre-dinner walk? We will meet outside the Bowls club on Oxlade Drive at 6:15pm. From there, we will walk through New Farm Park and along the river in front of the apartment developments in the old CSR factory and Wool Stores before returning to the club for dinner. This is a beautiful walk which will take about an hour and shows you how Brisbane has changed. Everyone who I've taken on this walk has raved about it and I never tire of it. It's a great way to unwind after a day's walk. If you let me know you're coming we'll try and wait if you're a bit late.

Regards, Barbara

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS: I suggest you arrive a little bit later to make sure some of us have had a chance to arrive first (sometimes we're not the most punctual people in the world!). Look out for people wearing the light blue Club T-shirt. Alternatively, ring me to let me know you're coming and someone will watch out for you.

OLDER MEMBERS: Try and wear your Club T-shirt so any visitors can recognise us.

PAST SOCIALS

St Vincent de Paul Coffee Night 13/01/06

Who said BCBC members were a crazy lot?? They would go anywhere for a coffee, even to climb a mountain in the dark, but all for a good cause.

14 happy walkers gathered at the base of Wildhorse Mountain – some straight from work and others who were on holidays, all eager to get together for a coffee night with a difference. An army of hungry mozzies lay in wait as we got out of the cars. No time to put packs on – it was how quick could you lather yourself in repellent as they attacked from every direction. We had an easy walk up to the lookout on a wide but fairly steep concrete path. Clear views were all about as we gathered height.

The M1 we could see was a snake of lights heading north to the Sunshine Coast making it an impressive sight. A large, grand looking Rotunda was waiting at the top after our 700m walk up. There were seats and information on the surrounding area which made it all perfect for a coffee venue.

Billy's were out on to boil and a table magically appeared out of Justin's pack.

Numerous delicious cakes, slices, biscuits, a cheesecake and fruit covered the table and were enjoyed by all. Mary shared her photos of her Norfolk Island holiday whilst we consumed much tea and coffee. Whilst eating & drinking we all gazed out on the 360 degree views from the Glass House Mountains to the lights of Caboolture, Redcliffe, Bribie, Caloundra and Nambour. We were kept cool by a strong breeze which topped off such a night with the full moon shining down on us. Great fun, lots of stories & jokes which made it hard to leave such a top coffee spot.

Many thanks to Justin & Susan for their help in organizing the evening and to the many generous members who drove up making the night such a success. \$75.00 was raised towards St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to all: Mary, Justin, Susan, Mike & Catherine, Patricia M, Terry, Therese, Phil K, Barbara, Michelle & Richard Johns & Jeffrey.

Cheers, Maxine

Wellington Point which changed to Brighton to Shorncliffe

This walk was changed because of the high tide at Wellington Point and we would not have been able to walk to King Island. We met up with Liz Little and Phillip Kearns at Red Hill and proceeded to the Sandgate Pool to meet Justin, Susan and Mary with bike, Marilyn Graham, Catherine and Michael Simpson, Terry, Trevor Kelly, Michelle Johns and Jeffrey Foreman. We arranged a car shuffle with Robyn who, with "Pippa" then strolled on to Shorncliffe. The rest of us headed for Dekker Park at Brighton to meet Graham Glasse, Julie Cullen and Catherine Patterson.

After much lavish use of sunscreen and counting of heads, it was off along the foreshore back through Sandgate to the

pool, where a break was called for ice blocks and coffee. A gentle breeze kept us cool whilst we watched the planes take off and land at Eagle Farm and the ships make their way up Pumicestone passage and out to sea. It was a great sight!

At Shorncliffe some of us strolled out to the end of the jetty to see if the fish were biting, while others chose to sit in the shade of the pandanus trees and relax. We decided to return there in the near future for a BBQ.

We found a path back to the cliff top where again a great view of Moreton Bay was before us. Down from the cliffs to gather at Cabbage Tree Creek for a fish and chips lunch from the Shelley Inn – a former hospital. Lovely to see Carol Kelly who joined us for lunch.

Time to go and some chose to walk around the cliff top admiring the beautiful homes built around the 1860's; to the Sandgate foreshore and then a delightful drive in the 'Blue Datsun' back to Brighton.

Thank you for your company on this walk. I enjoyed it and I hope you did too.

Pat Mackie

PAST OUTINGS

Northbrook Gorge Daywalk. Sun. 8th Jan 2006

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. (Apologies to Charles Dickens) The Northbrook Gorge trip was both the worst trip I have ever done and the best trip I have ever done.

I had planned to do the pre-outing on Friday 30th January but something came up and I postponed the pre-outing to Saturday 7th Jan (that is the day before the walk). On

the Friday night it poured and poured and poured. I was up at 5:00 am on Saturday morning getting everything ready. The phone rang at 6:00 am and I was advised by my intended companion that it would be impossible to do the pre-outing that day. I thought I might cancel the actual outing for tomorrow as well but I thought I should wait to the afternoon before I would make a decision. So I went back to bed again.

On Saturday I got one more nomination. It was a visitor George Murdoch who saw the article about the walk in the Courier-Mail newspaper. It was George's nomination that re-enthused me and I decided to stick with the plan to do the trip. Saturday afternoon it fined up and I thought I would be able to do the trip. But I would have to rely on a hazy memory of my previous trip to the gorge in January 1992. On Saturday night I got another 3 nominations. I now had 19 nominations for an off track walk in rainy conditions. Very surprising!

On Saturday night my son Michael said the surf was up and did I want to hit the waves while it was good. Unfortunately, I had to explain that I was already committed to lead the trip. I woke up at 5:00am on Sunday morning to a leaden sky and drizzly rain. I thought the weather would cut the numbers drastically. In fact I was hoping everyone would pull out so I could go surfing with Michael. The phone rang at 6:00am and "X" pulled out. The phone rang at 6:02am and "Y" and "Z" pulled out. Things were looking good for a surf. I waited but there were no more phone calls. There was nothing to do, I had to face my fate. So I drove into Red Hill. I arrived on time, much to Barbara's surprise.

I was met by 15 eager bushwalkers. I was more interested in going surfing rather than bushwalking in the wet and I suggested we call the walk off. But my offer was not even seriously considered. The Catholic walkers are made of sterner stuff and they were keen to go walking. (But I was very serious as I knew I was in for some very yucky

bits.). So we set off in the cars to drive to Wivenhoe Lookout for the start of the walk. I had a 'debrief' with the group about the scunge, wearing jeans, and using garden gloves. The walk would be down the road, down the ridge to the creek, that we would follow the creek for a few kilometres and then there was the compulsory swim at the gorge, the swim was not very far about the length of a lounge room and finish at the walk at the bridge. I added that they needed to make sure they had their dry clothes in Dave's car for the end of the trip. Then Dave Cory and Greg Endicott did the car shuffle and left Dave's car at the bridge.

We started the trip by following the road for about a kilometre below the Wivenhoe Lookout. We then 'Dropped down' the ridge and ran into a bit of regrowth. It was very steep and the ground was very uneven with lots of loose rocks and hidden potholes and rotten timber that crumbled under your feet. You felt like you could fall over any second. Many of us did fall over, or should I say many fell backwards onto their bottoms. After only 15 minutes we hit the scunge, then more scunge and then some more scunge and then some more scunge. It was yucky. It was time for garden gloves and secateurs. Then it started to rain. But it eased to be only a heavy drizzle. We had donned our raincoats but it was so warm that you got wetter from the condensation inside your raincoat than from the rain. I just hate how the fibre from the lantana gets under your clothes and sticks to your skin.

I was very concerned that some of our visitors may have trouble with a very yucky "off track" walk. Particular Marta Vinals who was doing her first trip and Steve Ricketts who was doing only his second trip. The young guns, Lincoln Cory, Stephen Endicott and Tom Mellor were second generation walkers and should know what to expect. The other new visitors were George and Trevor O'Hara. They informed me they had done the Milford Track and the Kokoda track recently, so I thought they should be able to cope with a bit of scunge.

I even expected some of the seasoned members to start whingeing and moaning about the scunge. Fortunately I didn't hear any complaints and everyone was reasonably jovial about the silly things we do as bushwalkers. Paul Evans and Russ Nelson helped with finding alternative routes. After about an hour of battling the lantana we finally got to the creek. I was knackered – hot, wet, muddy and itchy.

Michael Simpson tried to cheer me up. He mentioned that even though it was fairly tough going no one had mumbled or whinged. But Michael being Michael he couldn't resist - then he rubbed it in when he mentioned that that the track was very easy for the people at the back of the group to follow. So he didn't understand why I was so wet and muddy.

We had a little break and allowed the walkers to regroup and re-energise. Then we walked and rock hopped for about an hour along the creek. . A pleasant feature of this part of the walk was the number of Christmas orchids (*Calanthe triplicata*) in bloom. They are a very large orchid and there were dozens of them. The drizzly rain stopped so we had an early lunch. We then discussed and pontificated on the most important things in life; that is cricket. We discussed the relative merits of Ricky Ponting (Punter), Alan Border, the Chappels and Steve Waugh as to who should be ranked second after Bradman. The consensus was it had to be Punter after his marvellous efforts in scoring twin centuries in the Third Test in Sydney

We started walking again and within five minutes a thunderstorm started and the heavens opened. It rained, then rained, then rained and then it really poured. It got a bit tricky in places as we were walking on wet rocks and wet slippery boulders. Most of the group were still trying to keep their boots dry but it was becoming a lost cause. We got to the gorge in reasonable time and noticed that rather than one compulsory

swim we had a few to do because the water was up.

Most people were able to swim through unaided but some people were more comfortable using the lilo. The others in the group got to enjoy more time in the water while they shuffled the lilo back and forward. I should note that most people got to the stage they just swam through in their clothes, boots and all.

As we were going through the main gorge the rain had caused a few temporary waterfalls to come in from the side. It just looked wonderful. I got out my new beautiful waterproof camera but I was very sad to discover the camera didn't work because the battery was dead. I had once again been struck by Murphy's Law of things going wrong at the worst possible time. The new camera is actually very good. It is a Pentax Optio WPi it works really well and I have great photos from a recent trip to the Blue Mountains canyons

Northbrook Gorge was just gorgeous in the dull grey light as the rain softly fell down on us. The gorge walls are a jagged and craggy edifice with patches of smooth yellow rock where the rock had fallen away recently and dull grey sections where the rock had been exposed to the weather for years. The gorge is only about 6 feet wide in places and the gorge walls would be about 100 feet high. It is not a straight gorge though it is a bit twisted and it zig zags as well. The gorge is only short at about 200 to 300 metres in total.

The thunderstorm had created several little intermittent streams to flow and many were running down the walls of the gorge. Many of the little streams were shooting out over the gorge to create a wall of water cascading into the gorge. One of the little waterfalls was just like a natural shower. People kept going back for another 'shower'. I would have loved to get a photo of it. After the yucky scunge it was sheer luxury to be able to have a swim and

shower at the gorge and get the itchy bits of scunge off and wash away all the mud and sweat. I for one was a bit reluctant to leave so quickly as time was slipping away

After the main gorge there were a few more pools to swim through. (From memory in 1992, I was sure that there was only one compulsory swim.) We ended up having to do 6 compulsory swims, but it was lovely. Our group was having a wonderful time just casually swimming through the pools and enjoying the experience. We regrouped once again and Marie Ricketts had a dig at me about the length of my lounge room because I must live in a palace because the pools were quite long.

After we left the gorge there was a sting in the tail as the track disappeared. When it reappeared there was a fork in the track. One track went up to the road, the other track followed the creek and it was very rough and indistinct. By now our party had become split into 2 groups - The leading group and the tail end charlie group. The tail end charlie (TEC) group had got behind as one of the walkers was having great trouble walking through the creek and kept slipping on the boulders and falling over. Decision time – walk in the creek over the rocks and boulders and risk falling over several more times or take the nice easy track out that our tired walker could easily cope with and then we could meet the lead group at the bridge. The track won. We (the TEC group) followed the track back to the road, then zipped down to the bridge where Russ and Steve were waiting. Russ and Steve had taken the track up to the road as well. Russ asked “Where were the rest?” Steve asked “where’s Marie?” Obviously the leading group had waited for us along the creek. Greg and I zipped back along the creek and after 15 minutes we found Paul doing his Moses trick of leading the people out of the wilderness. So after a mini crisis we found each other and finished the walk and it was smiles all around.

We didn't finish until nearly 4:30pm. but it was a great day and no one complained about the scunge or other hard bits because it was such a treat swimming through all the pools. Besides, there are "real bushwalkers" in our Club.

Those who joined me on the walk were.
Members - Paul Evans, Michael Simpson, Barbara Eastoe, Russ Nelson, Jan Nelson, Dave Cory, Greg Endicott, Marie Ricketts
Visitors - Steve Ricketts (Marie's husband), George Murdoch, Trevor O'Hara, Stephen Endicott (Greg 's son), Tom Mellor (the son of Tim Mellor a former member), Lincoln Cory, (Dave's son) & Marta Vinals (she is boarding with Rosemary Stafford). The names of X, Y and Z have been withheld to protect their identity. It was a hard trip but it was a great trip. Thanks to all those who came and showed such tolerance and understanding and ended up enjoying such a great walk to start the 2006 year. A special thank you to the drivers and those who did the car shuffle.

In summary I didn't want to do the walk, it was yucky at times but gee I am glad I went as there were so many magic moments to remember and there was such a great vibe amongst the walkers.

Phil Murray

PS Marta Vinals is an overseas visitor. She is a university student from Girona in Spain. She is in Australia to improve her conversational English. Girona is in north east Spain near the French border. The interesting thing that she pointed out is that in Girona they mainly speak Catalan which is a very different language to Spanish.

PPS Lantana – the lantana has covered nearly all the hill sides around Northbrook Creek. It is an absolute scourge. I presume the government authorities are doing something about this weed. Does anyone know if there is a beetle or caterpillar that eats Lantana or if any government agency is doing any research to determine if there are

any biological responses to the spread of lantana? Perhaps John Carter or Philip Kearns may be able to provide some information.

World Heritage Walk - Washpool & Gibraltar National Parks 26 – 29 January 2006

Four walkers – Paul Evans, Pat Lawton, Patricia Funnell and an ex-member from way back, Margaret Case (nee Halliday) - set off at 5am on Australia Day morning. We drove for 5 hours, taking a few breaks and arrived in the Gibraltar National Park at 10:15am. We oriented ourselves at the Raspberry Lookout and then headed to our starting position at Boundary Creek where we said goodbye to Paul's car!

Our first stop was a little detour to Duffer Creek Falls on Boundary Creek. As the weather was quite warm and our heavy packs were already causing us to work up a lather of sweat, a swim and spa under the waterfall was most welcome. That accomplished, we resumed walking on the Heritage Route and soon stopped to eat lunch underneath the Haystack. Some members of the party climbed the Haystack after lunch and were rewarded with some panoramic views of the park. The route then passed down to Grassy Creek where we made our campsite for the evening. This was an area where tin miners had ventured in the 1860's and it became a challenge to locate the mines and old equipment. Margaret's forebears were tin miners in the Stanthorpe region so it was an interesting journey back in time.

Day 2 saw us on the trail again. It was an upward and slow trek onto the Gibraltar Range and into the Washpool National Park area. We passed O'Hara's rock and found a dam he had constructed – possibly a place to water the horses and ourselves for morning tea! The road thankfully headed down into the Coombadjha Creek Valley.

The vegetation changed from Eucalypt Forest to Rain Forest and we arrived at our Campsite for the evening at about 2:00pm. Bellbird Camping area was very busy so we headed down the road for the quieter Coombadjha Camping Area. We had the area to ourselves so it was idyllic! After lunch, three of us did the Washpool circuit of 8.5km. We followed the creek around and saw Summit Falls, a grove of Cedar trees that were 100 years old and went to Washpool Lookout. We passed through different types of forest. A swim at the end in the very large waterhole near our campsite was most enjoyable. After dinner, we walked up to Bellbird Camping area and left a note on the Bellbird Camping sign, to try and let our second group know of our change of venue. Unfortunately they were in too much of a hurry to bed down at 11:30pm to see it! Michael Simpson, Phil the younger, Barbara Eastoe and Maree Ricketts spent the night at Bellbird Camping area.



Photo contributed by Patricia Funnell

Day 3 brought the two groups together for breakfast at Coombadjha Creek. Michel pulled out his kilo pack of sugar so that he could have a sweetened cup of tea to equip him for the day! We cautioned him against carrying it in his pack and as we were splitting up the group (there was a bit of road walking and the three women of the first party were grateful for the use of

Michael's car to drive to the entry of some of the feature walks of the park), the three women offered to ferry it in his car...Paul, minus his b'through walking' pack and the second contingent with their packs set out on the Heritage Trail. The three women leisurely packed up their campsites and headed off along a very steep forestry road only to pass the second group with Paul, as the additional member. Many waves and smiles were exchanged and an offer for some ferrying was declined! The three women parked the car at the entrance to Waratah Trig track and walked up to the Summit. It was a most sensational walk because of the profuse variety of wildflowers, some of which were in flower, and the magnificent vista that awaited them when they arrived. They were very impressed when a "Hey Bob" call resounded in the distance because it was none other than our second group bringing up the rear! This was a sacred site we later found out and it was easy to understand why. From this vantage point, most of the features of the park could be seen. The three women then went on to secure a campsite at Mulligan's Hut near a gas barbecue in anticipation of a sumptuous meal that night. Following this, they drove to the Anvil Rock track entrance and enjoyed another walk amongst some titanic and elephantine boulders. The others walked into the campsite after detouring to the Needles.

Saturday night was particularly special. He, who shall not be named, produced the esky of food for the barbie and we were able to cook up 13 sausages, half an onion (because the other half was rotten) and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a loaf of bread because the other quarter had been eaten by himself for lunch! The wine was even more promising as walkers tucked into the very sweet fruity elixir and a red! But we were 'Throughwalkers' and tired and hungry into the bargain. This night called for a real miracle of the 'loaves and fishes'. The Lord did not let us down. We ate our $1\frac{1}{2}$ sausages and slice of bread and then shared the Scripture Reading for

Sunday. We then produced dessert from our rucksacks and in true BCBC fashion shared what we had. Many food jokes flowed during the evening and we entertained our fellow campers as well.

Day 4 On the last day, rain hurried us along and we packed up wet tents! The males of the group finished the Heritage track from Anvil Rock. Barbara and Maree did Anvil Rock with them and then drove Michael's car to Boundary Creek to rendezvous with the boys. The three ladies from the first group walked out to the Needles from the campsite and then walked to Barra Nulla Cascades along the creek. They then returned to the campsite for lunch and to wait for a lift in Paul Evan's car at 12:40pm. Both parties met at Raspberry Lookout and then prepared to drive the 5 hours home. We returned at approximately 6:30pm. This was a very memorable trip.

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Saturday, February 25th

Where: Kangaroo Point Cliffs
Time: 8:00am
Cost: \$20:00

This event is run by FMR. It is a good opportunity to brush up on abseiling & care of the club

It is part of bushwalking that we all should be familiar with. It is run by Federation Mountain Rescue and I would encourage everyone to consider this for 2006.

I will need to give FMR numbers so nominate as early as possible.

Paul Evans (Ph: 3357 5254)

MT BARNEY RESCUE

The following FMR report is included to help members understand how a bushwalking rescue operation is mounted and conducted and more importantly prevent panic if a similar situation was to happen in our Club. Also, it should provide an understanding of the role of FMR in rescue operations and hopefully may inspire a member or members to become FMR delegates.

FMR REPORT ON THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OF TWO LOST ADVENTURER'S ON MT BARNEY **(an abridged version)**

On Sunday 8th January 2006 four individuals set off to climb Mt Barney in the early morning. After about three hours, in poor conditions, with two individuals were well in front, the other two decided to turn back and head for their vehicle and wait for their companions to return. They had climbed to somewhere a little short of the highest point on South (Peasant's) ridge, just before it descends into Rum Jungle (the Barney saddle).

One of the other incidents was the rescue of a base jumper at Buchanan's Fort at Christmas Creek.

You can see that bushwalkers have skills that the authorities want to use. All the more reason to attend the FMR Training Days.

8th - 10th January, 2006

The returnees arrived back at their starting point at the Yellowpinch day-use area in the early afternoon. Their progress had been slow, but not particularly unusual in the adverse conditions. They had taken approximately three hours to get back.

Torrential rain, slippery surfaces and reduced visibility prevailed throughout their adventure. When the summiteers, both aged 30, had not returned by 7:00 PM the authorities were alerted.

At least one local bushwalking club had postponed a walk on the mountain because of the poor conditions*. For balance, it is worth recording that all search parties, some proceeding quite rapidly, are able to perform their tasks without any unfavourable outcomes.

The mountain pair had ascended to the top of East Peak and had become disoriented due to the deteriorating weather. Their subsequent route is not known with any certainty. They spent their first night out in cool, uncomfortable, foggy and wet conditions. Warm temperatures had at least not produced life-threatening circumstances. Their subsequent progress down the mountain was slow because of the (to them) unknown and difficult terrain. They had found their way into Barney Gorge, but did not know where they were.

Mount Barney is approximately 20 minutes helicopter flying time SSW of Brisbane at a distance of roughly 120km.

On Monday a preliminary rapid search was conducted by SES. A party was placed on East Peak by helicopter and they descended to Barney saddle and then down South ridge. No evidence of the lost persons was found. The helicopter searched the upper areas and ridges of Mount Barney, again with negative results.

The lost persons discovered a space blanket in their first-aid kit on Monday. This enabled them to spend their second rain-drenched night huddled together but in a warmer state. They had little food except for some sultanas and grapes. Water was plentiful.

A full scale search involving Federation Mountain Rescue, several SES groups from

as far away as the Gold Coast and Esk Shire and instructors from the Maroon Outdoor Centre were involved. Senior Constable Brett Taaffe from Rathdowney, Senior Constable Craig Calvert, Canungra and Keith Sullivan, Ranger in Charge, QPWS, were responsible for this call-out.

FMR alerted a number of Rescue Leaders and other experienced and currently fit bushwalkers. The response was excellent. Andrew King dropped off some rescue equipment to supplement that collected by Ron Farmer who had received the request for assistance and implemented the call-out. FMR had first been asked for help around 8:00PM Monday.

Since the walkers had now been out for two nights, anxiety for their well-being was a central concern.

A second wave of bushwalkers would have been activated if Tuesday's more extensive searches had been unproductive. Remaining Rescue Leaders and Club Presidents would have been contacted early Tuesday evening for this purpose. Eagles ridge, Logan's ridge and the more remote tracts of the Ballow area would have been investigated. Helicopter reconnaissance would have been severely hampered in this later and extensive sector. Fortunately, events turned out favourably and this wide-scale inconvenience was avoided.

More than 60 people participated in the search. The Deputy Local Controller Beaudesert Shire Council SES and Group Leader Beaudesert SES were responsible for much of the executive level organization of SES groups. Nik van't Hof Counter Disaster Coordinator Gold Coast City Council and myself shared our combined past experience on searches in this region for the purposes of developing a search deployment plan with the highest possibility of early success.

SES with their large number of personnel and less detailed knowledge of the

mountain searched the track from the Lower Portals car-park to the Lower Portals, the rough track from the Lower Portals to the Barney gorge campsite, the Graces hut tract down to the Upper Portals and the lower reaches of Back creek.

The Maroon Outdoor Centre contingent searched Mezzanine ridge and the gorges on either side.

FMR had several parties. The first, led by Phil Box, was to search South ridge and descend Barney gorge.

The RACQ CareFlight helicopter found the lost people a short while before Phil's party would have discovered them. An SES party ascending from below also would have been present afterwards.

Ted Wassenberg's party, searched South East ridge and were to return to base via North saddle and Rocky creek.

Doug McDonald's party, searched South ridge and were to then investigate the full length of Garv's gorge. Given the heavy rain and swollen creek with splendid waterfalls this would have been a tricky assignment as would have been the Rocky creek descent.

Ron Farmer's party, searched the lower part of Egan's creek, South ridge and were to then scour the basin above the old hut site and the upper slopes of Mezzanine ridge including the upper side of South East ridge before descending the swollen Egan's creek.

An SES communications officer accompanied each FMR and Maroon Outdoor Centre party providing uniform communications for the whole operation. They performed their duties capably and participated well with each of the mountain search parties, all of which were designated with an individual (Tango then a numeral) call sign. All these parties also attended to probing the gorges on either side of South

ridge and to any movements on Savage's ridge.

An SES relay station had been set up on the slopes above base at Yellowpinch and toward the Mt Gilles area.

Around 11:15 AM on Tuesday the RACQ CareFlight crew found the lost persons and winched them out from the flank of Barney gorge. Helicopter movements had been hampered early in the day by low cloud, fog and intermittent heavy rain.

The original intent to place mountain search parties high on the mountain to aid rapid descent and prompt investigation had been abandoned and all parties walked in. The lost persons, hearing the searching helicopter, moved to higher ground to aid their detection. Because of exhaustion and lack of food they had no intention of moving further and were dependent on searchers finding them. **They are to be commended for the good sense they exhibited in getting themselves seen.**

All parties were then recalled. Communication problems were now exacerbated by poor radio reception, but acts of initiatives by various parties in using alternatives# ensured that all groups returned to base without lengthy, difficult, and unnecessary searching.

Transport which had earlier enabled search parties to avoid walk-ins to the start of the ascents were again dispatched and all persons involved had returned, been fed, and debriefed, by about 3:00 PM. The drivers performed their duties capably. There was a de-briefing at the end of the joint operation.

Communications issues and some minor organizational delays were the main points raised in the formal and final debriefing. All agencies worked well together, a solid rapport had been re-established and the thanks from the Police and QPWS had been extended to all participants

OBSERVATIONS

Given tight money constraints on resources for SES communications, we recommend that future recalls be supported by helicopter mounted relays. UHF radios on appropriate channels could most assuredly cover the recall and confirmation of the status of all parties. A joint submission from Local Shires, SES, FMR, Maroon Outdoor Centre, QPWS and the Police would surely enable rapid implementation of this very cost-effective option to be achieved.

This is a reminder of the need for sound navigation skills and the advantages of some over-night capability. The inexpensive, sturdy packliner & bivvy bag available from the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs is recommended. This light, bright orange addition to even a day walk pack, may also be used to attract attention and has useful information on minimal impact walking and advice on responding to an emergency printed on the side. It has other non-emergency uses as well. For example, it may be used as a ground-sheet, a temporary fly, or for collecting water in the daytime.

AFTERMATH

FMR will now purchase UHF radios. This had been previously approved and we now know for sure SES will be discarding their VHF sets for UHF ones. This should enhance synchronization of activities and still provide mutual independence. Updated contact information is being exchanged between the various entities involved.

Dr Ron Farmer
(President, Federation Mountain Rescue)

Phil Murray's notes

* The day the walker's got lost was the same day our Club did it' walk to Northbrook Gorge and we endured constant misty rain and then we were hit by a thunderstorm. But the poor weather on Mt Barney would have been much worse then at Northbrook Gorge.

I am not sure what these alternatives were?? Perhaps someone from our Club would like to follow up on the issue?

Bushwalkers found after two-day ordeal in rain – ten network media release

One of two bushwalkers rescued after spending two days stranded on a rugged Queensland mountain says it was their own fault for continuing the hike despite bad weather.

Chris Jones and Glen Schulz were found in the Mount Barney National Park south-west of Brisbane shortly before noon (AEST) on Tuesday suffering cuts and scratches, mild hypothermia and dehydration.

A rescue helicopter winched the men to safety from Mount Barney Gorge after they used a silver space blanket and a lime green shirt to draw attention to themselves.

"We probably got caught by the weather really badly, so that's our own fault," Mr Jones told the Ten network.

Other Items of Interest

CONSERVATION CORNER

Glossy Black Cockatoo Conservation

The **Glossy Black Cockatoo** (*Calyptorhynchus lathamii*) is recognised as a threatened species and is the rarest of Australia's cockatoos.

What do they look like?

The glossy black-cockatoo is around 46–50 cm long and is generally smaller than other black-cockatoos. Glossies are very similar to the Red-tailed Black as both have a red patch in the tail. It is a brownish black colour with a small crest. As a guide they are similar size to the well known sulphur crested white cockatoo.

The Glossies can be confused with the Red-Tailed black cockatoo but the main differences are the Glossies have a soft drawn out call, the absence of a distinctive crest, they have a chunky or bulbous beak, the colour is less uniform and then tend to be blacky brown on the head. The Glossies are about 48cm long and the Red Tails are up to 65cm long. Also the Glossies are very easy to approach as they will sit in a tree munching on cone seeds, whereas the red tail will usually fly off.

are some distinct differences in appearance between male and female birds. The male can be identified by the browner colour on the head and underparts and also by bright red panels in the black tail. The female has a wider tail which is red to reddish-yellow, barred with black. The female may also have numerous yellow markings around the neck and head area.

South East Queensland (SEQ) has some of the most significant populations in Australia. Unfortunately, the urban growth in the region is having adverse affects on the birds.

The birds are extremely specialised feeders, feeding almost exclusively on the seeds of the cones of **she-oaks** (*Casuarina* and *Allocasuarina*). Despite the common occurrence of she-oaks throughout SEQ, the birds do not feed on all trees available in an area. They tend to favour particular species and, for reasons that are still being researched, they select specific trees and show fidelity to them over time. As such, the birds are only using a small part of the potential resource, which is often less than 1% of the available trees. The birds range over a large area to obtain

adequate food resources. The black she-oak is a pioneer species in disturbed areas and becomes less common as other more permanent, native vegetation is established. Therefore the protection of food trees in a small area alone is inadequate as the resource will naturally dwindle then disappear.

The birds **nest in large tree hollows** (usually Eucalyptus sp.). Females lay only one egg every 2 years. She-oaks and dead hollow-bearing trees are often regarded as 'rubbish trees' that are subsequently removed because of aesthetic and safety reasons. Recognition of these resources is essential in order to protect feeding and breeding opportunities in SEQ.

It is imperative that further research of the species be undertaken so that management recommendations can be formulated.

The Glossy Black Conservancy is a not for profit consortium, initiated by Biodiversity Assessment and Management (BAAM) Pty Ltd with initial support from Brisbane City Council, Redland Shire Council and Consolidated Rutile Limited.

The **Conservancy** seeks to engage all relevant stakeholders including government agencies, private enterprise and the community to increase awareness and promote a collaborative conservation approach across SEQ.

Specific aims of the Conservancy are to:

1. Coordinate the assessment of glossy black-cockatoo resources across local government areas in SEQ.
2. Engage with the community to assist in record collection.
3. Manage a central database of glossy black-cockatoo records, accessible by government agencies in SEQ.

Research under the Conservancy will be aimed at increasing current knowledge of the species use of pioneer vegetation, fidelity to individual feed trees, requirement for nesting hollows and diurnal and seasonal range, with a priority to map vital resources for glossy black-cockatoos across SEQ.

The information will be used to inform the development of a Regional Management Plan for the species, establishment of procedures required to prepare a Species Conservation Action Plan, and development of guidelines for local authorities and developers in assessing and planning for feed trees.

Anyone who has an interest in the bird or its habitats can provide valuable assistance to the Conservancy. As bushwalkers, we are in an ideal position to provide information on sightings.

I remember seeing a pair of Glossies sitting in a she-oak tree beside the track on the way into the Lower Portals a few years ago. They were there on the Saturday morning and they were still there on the Sunday afternoon when we coming out.

If you have seen a glossy black-cockatoo (recently) or have found evidence of their feeding, such as a cone chewings please pass the information on.

Just simple information as to where and when you saw them, how many birds and what type of tree they were in (usually a she-oak) will be a great start.

I am happy to act as collector of information for our Club. Contact Phil on 3841 0254 or philriver@optusnet.com.au or you may wish to report the sightings direct to **Lisa Bailey** at IndigiScapes (Redland Shire Council) on: Ph:(07) **38248611** or

Email: lisab@redland.qld.gov.au

Also check out the website

<http://lamington.nrsrm.uq.edu.au/Documents/Birds/Gbc.htm> which has a audio of the bird's call.

The other names for the Glossies are Casuarina Cockatoo, Latham's Cockatoo and Leach's Black Cockatoo or Leach's Red Tailed Cockatoo

Phil Murray

MORETON ISLAND DREAMING

Banksia trees are all around

Where small green birds abound.

*The tranquillity is only disturbed
By the pounding of the surf.
And everywhere can be heard
The insects of the planet earth.*

*With warmth erupts another day
The sand is hot the sky is blue.*

*Once inhabited by few
Is where I long to stay
On the beach throughout the day
Where the shellfish hide away,*

The eugaree bird, its red beak poised
Easily finds its prey.*

*At night where other lights are bright
The blanket of nature descends,*

*The spider spins his arduous web
A death trap of intricate design.*

*A ghost crab slowly emerges
And still can be heard the pounding surf.*

*All is now silent and still
The moon is high above
The sheoaks sway in the gentle breeze
On this island that I love.*

EB Ross

- otherwise known as the Pied Oystercatcher or RedBill.
this poem was on the display at the Moreton Island Visitors Information Centre

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

**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.

A note from the Editor.....

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

25 Harburg Drive
Beenleigh Qld 4207 *or*

e-mail address: samlouis@bigpond.net.au

Do not kill them, O God, or my people may forget. Scatter them by your strength and defeat them, O Lord, our protector.

Psalm 59:11

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**

Cost: **nil, gratis, zilch.**

This is an excellent opportunity to find out the names of the little wildflowers you often walk past on your bushwalking trips. Glenn has covered the same terrain as bushwalkers to get his photos of the "jewels of the bush".

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 native plants and 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 \$40.00

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 and Scenic Rim areas.

The Catholic Bushwalkers invites members of the other bushwalking clubs in the Brisbane region to attend this special presentation.

Please note we will have a quick supper at the end of the talk and then hold our regular monthly meeting after the supper.

Phil Murray
Vice President
Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club
Phone 3841 0254.

Vice Presidents Notes

1. 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. The framework of activities for the anniversary year is as follows :-

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

	Event	Date
1.	Mt Tibrogargan Anniversary of first Club trip.	Saturday 1st December 2007
2.	Mass & Anniversary Function at St Brigid's	Sun 6th April 2008 Mass at 11:00 am Lunch in the Parish hall
3.	Weekend at O'Reilly's	Sat 17th - Sun 18th May 2008
4.	Barney Mass	Wed 13th August 2008

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.

2. Publications

The Bithongabel poetry booklet was very well received. I have received feedback from several people and had a request for extra copies. 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.

I have been thinking about publishing several other little booklets and I have already made progress on some of the booklets. Attached is a list of some of the Booklets I have been working on.

PUBLISHING PLAN FOR BOOKLETS FOR 2006

	Title	Subject	Progress
1	Bithongabel Vol 1	a biannual collection of Club poems	Done
2	Leaders Notes	Notes for leaders	Done
3	Reflections -Looking Back to Go Forward.	a collection of articles from the prior earlier reports - in particular it includes all the "forewords" for the last 30 years.	Done
4	Best of Barrani.	The Best of the old annual Barrani Journal	5%
5	Barrabool	a biannual journal on bushwalking	40%
6	Visitors Booklet	a Visitors Booklet	90%
7	New Members Guide	A new members booklet - articles on why we go bushwalking and a history of the club.	70%
8	The Barney Guide	The Mt Barney Guide - I have a copy of the Hey Bob book and it is not subject to copyright.	5%

9	25 th Anniversay Booklet –re-issued	The 25 th Anniversary booklet with a history of the club.	5%
10	Safety & Training Guidebook	A collection of articles on bush safety and training issues and FMR information	30%
11	Club Chaplains Revisited	History of Club Chaplains	30%
12	Bithongabel Vol 2.	a collection of poems from Jilalan from the 70s and 80s.	5%

3. Leaders Training Day.

The Leaders Training Day was held at Matthew Palmer's and Kerry Mulligan's home on Sunday 5th February.

It was a lovely friendly atmosphere at Matthew and Kerry's place. We were allowed to use their new back deck. It was just a marvellous setting.

The trainees were – Michael Simpson, Graham Glasse, Michele Johns, James Parra and Patricia Funnell.

The trainers were Paul Evans, Iain Renton and myself. The training was a reasonably structured process and we were able to get through a lot of info. But it was also a nice chatty session about who did what on trips.

I went through the Leaders Guide book and then gave some examples of the silly little things that can derail a trip and how to manage the problems. The highlight of the session was the first aid quick quiz that Paul gave us. The quiz had us all intrigued - even Matthew joined in as it was a nice little challenge. Paul asked several questions including topics on ticks, rusty nail injuries, concussion injuries and what you do. He also handed out 4 items of medicines and asked us to identify what they were and how and when the individual should administered their medications. Eg Ventolin, adrenalin and syringe for someone with bee-sting sensitivity, glucose vial and syringe for a diabetic, also a nitrolingua spray for someone who suffers from angina. I learnt heaps.

Iain did the map reading session. It was very good as he gave people a good overview of how the maps work. In particular we spent a lot of time on the maps and photos of the Point Pure through walk and identifying points on the map from the photos and what route they took. He also had the forestry map which showed the breaks in the cliff lines that they needed to get through. We also looked at the maps for Washpool throughwalk. It was very informative and we all learnt heaps.

A big thankyou to Kerry and Matthew for making their home available for the session. It was overall a very good session.

4. Constitution Review Sub-Committee – Once again there has been some talk about the associates issue and the need to change the constitution. There are several other issues that need to be addressed. The big issue is what do we do with the wording for ordinary members and associate members.

My concern with the old wording was it was very discriminatory and tended to be in absolute unchanging terms that were very black and white and never the twain shall meet. There is no recognition in the wording to the various interpretations people have and there is no facility to cater for a changing position or to encourage a person to contemplate a change of status. We need to soften the wording and make it more flexible and to allow for the wider spectrum of standpoints that people have on a very private matter. To start the thinking process rolling I would like to air a possible wording for the amendment to the Constitution. Perhaps we could change the wording as follows :-

Ordinary membership is open to those (a) of the Catholic Faith and (b) those not of the Catholic Faith and who support the Catholic traditions of the Club and are not closed to the suggestion of joining or re-joining the Catholic Faith.

Thus most members would fit within the category of Ordinary members and if you wanted names for the sub categories they could be Catholic Members and Potential Catholic Members. Let's try and make it a positive approach to the issue and be careful of not trampling of other peoples sensitivities.

Also we need to look at a several other minor issues

- We need to have 2 or 3 general positions on committee so newer members can find out what is involved with committee without holding a portfolio
- we need to include a position of chaplain in the constitution and decide whether the Chaplain is part of the committee
- include a list of other "ancillary office holders" – eg Club Hut Curator.
- nomination procedures for elections need to be overhauled eg change the nomination period from 21 days to 0 days - notification of nominations needs to change – the current problem is that at present we have no one nominating.
- quorum for meeting – at present it is double the committee, the problem is for many meetings we don't have a quorum at the start of the meeting - we need to change it to same as on committee plus one.
- we need to include details about annual report-
- we need to change the rule on changing the Constitution from 75% to 50%.

It is time we sat down and went through the constitution and tidied up a lot of little issues. So I would like to suggest that we have a sub-committee and have a meeting to identify the areas that need to be sorted out and come up with the appropriate wording.

5. Bushwalking Certificates for your first throughwalk – we decided at the leaders Training day that we need to do more to recognise bushwalking achievements – in particular when a member does there first throughwalk we should give them a certificate in recognition of the feat. So at the next meeting we will present all the first time throughwalkers on the Barrabool, Point Pure and Washpool throughwalks with a certificate.

6. Navigation Training Day – with the Queensland Orienteering Association – on Sunday 26th Feb at Stockyard Creek – which is at Alperston Rod Burbank at 8:30 am – approx cost \$10.00 – ring me for further details. A short session of orienteering is a great way to enhance your map and compass skills.

7. FMR Training Day on 25th Feb – change of location – now at Emu Gully which is near Helidon. See Greg for further details.

8. The John Toohey Society- Greg and I would like to invite all members to the inaugural monthly meeting of the John Toohey Society at Fihelly's Arms Hotel (Central Station) at 4:00 pm on Friday 17th February. The second meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Friday 17th March at Mick O'Malleys at the Wintergarden on the Queen St Mall. John Toohey is the founder and brewer of Toohey's Old. Purpose to enjoy a few cleansing ales and discuss the itinerary for the year.

9. Annual Report – it may be a bit late this year as I am still waiting for a few reports. Hopefully it will be available to be handed out at the AGM on Monday 20th February.

Phil

Together

Time once again for our parting
song

Time for our final bow
But as we go our separate
pathways
Memories will linger on.

Together, when we're all
together
We know how lucky we are.
The world around us is
everything,
The sound of music, the songs
we sing.
And even in the coldest winter
The warmest summer arrives.
We share together, when we're
together.

The best years of our lives.
Ralph Reader & Hugh McKee



Sean Mort
In God's Care
20 January 2006.

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



Our Lady of the Way
Watch over us.

"Our Lady of the Way."

Mother, Mother I am coming
home to Jesus and to thee
But my country hills are distant
And the lights I cannot see.

Mother, hearken as I pray,
Meet me on my homeward way
Meet me Lady of the Way
Meet me Mother dear today.

Often times my skies are
clouded
I can see no sun no star.
And the road is rough and
narrow,
And the end seems very far.

Mother meet me in my way
Lest perchance my feet should
stray,
Meet me Lady of the Way,
Meet me mother dear today.

*We ask that you
Remember Sean in the passing of
the years;*

To stop and think of him
As you go about your day;
To send a prayer to him,
And tell him not that he was loved
But that he is loved.