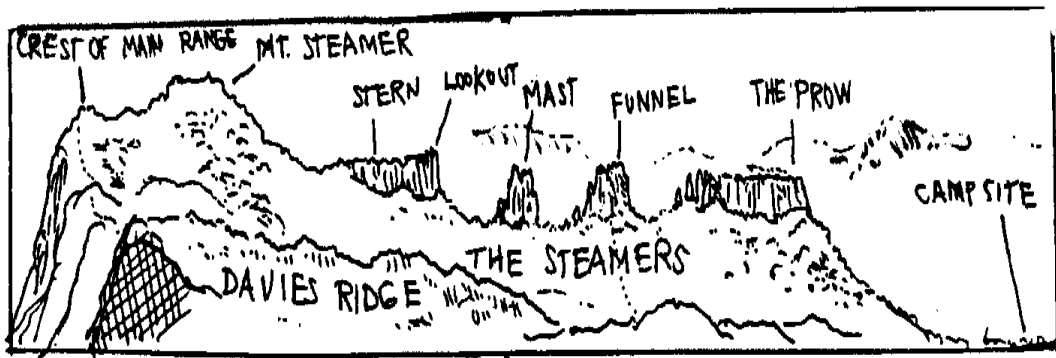


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Sketch by Iain

History of the Lincoln Wreck

The Avro Lincoln bomber A73-64 of number 10 Squadron RAAF based in Townsville crashed into Mount Superbus near Emu Vale in the early hours of Holy Saturday morning on 9 April 1955 during a medical evacuation of a sick baby from Townsville to Eagle Farm airfield in Brisbane. The crew of four RAAF personnel and the two passengers were all killed in this tragic accident.



For more information, look at: <http://www.ozatwar.com/ozcrashes/superbus.htm> where this information & photos came from.

The aircraft took off from Garbutt airfield at 00:30am on Saturday 9 April 1955. The aircraft encountered some cloud and rain as it approached southern Queensland. The aircraft had to fly at a relatively low altitude to ensure the baby had a comfortable flight.

At 4:05am the aircraft contacted Brisbane Air Traffic Control to advise that they were flying in cloud at 6,000 feet. They advised that they would arrive in Brisbane in about 10 minutes time and sought a clearance to reduce altitude to 5,000 feet. Brisbane Air Traffic Control advised that they were cleared to drop to 5,000 feet and if they wished they could drop to 4,000 feet for the approach to Eagle Farm airfield.

A short time later Brisbane Air Traffic Control contacted them with weather information and asked them to confirm when they had obtained a visual fix on the town of Caboolture. No further reports were heard from the Lincoln bomber. There were no low clouds in the Brisbane area at that time.

Some time later, reports came in that an aircraft, later confirmed as a Lincoln, was heard to circle over the town of Bell at about 3:30am. Bell is located about 18 miles north east of Dalby. Clearly A73-64 was well off course. The weather south of Bell was overcast with scattered rain.

At 4:14am some members of the Brisbane Bushwalking Club heard a large aircraft fly overhead followed by the noise of an impact and some large explosions. By their estimation it had slammed into a nearby mountain in the Main Range region of the Border Ranges near Emu Vale. This was later confirmed to be Mount Superbus, the highest mountain (1,375 metres) in southern Queensland.

A small group from the Bushwalking Club was despatched immediately to Emu Vale to notify the relevant authorities. Five hours later a Canberra bomber from Amberley airbase was able to confirm the location of the still burning wreckage of Lincoln, A73-64 just below the summit of Mount Superbus.

Eric, a current member of our Club, was on that trip and he gave an impromptu talk about the crash at our June or July meeting last year. He indicated that the bushwalkers did all the hard work of finding the plane but when the official rescue workers turned up the bushwalkers were relegated to the margins and their assistance was no longer needed.

Those killed in this tragic accident were:-

Wing Commander John Peter Costello MID (pilot)

Squadron Leader Charles Surtees Mason MBE (co-pilot)

Squadron Leader John Watson Finlay (navigator)

Flight Lieutenant William George Stanley Cater (signaller)

Baby Robyn Huxley

Sister Mafalda Gray



Ewen Cameron is putting together a book with photographs of the history of the Lincoln crash.
Phil

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Here we are again at the start of another Club year.

Congratulations to the Committee Members elected at the AGM in February: Phil M as Vice President, Terry as Treasurer, Robyn J as Membership Officer, Louise as Editor and Paul E as Safety & Training Officer.

This start has gone the same way as the last few years – without a full committee. There seems to not be enough enthusiasm among our almost 100 members to want to run the Club. The only major effort is one extra meeting a month, normally on a Monday night 2 weeks after the General Meeting.

Mostly, the Club runs itself, with the portfolio holders carrying out their duties. The Outings Secretary keeps the trips going by making those phone calls ensuring we have leaders and emergency officers. Similarly with Socials and again with Training.

It is a big job cut up into little bits. With the help of everyone, the pieces fit together. In fact, leading a trip involves more work.

The Committee comes together once a month to co-ordinate the various portfolios – to make sure one does not interfere with the other.

We also try to plan the future direction of the Club. There are non-portfolio questions that arise that the combined knowledge and talents of a committee can discuss and solve.

We currently have the unfilled positions of: Secretary, Outings Secretary, and Social Secretary.

You might have noticed that these are very important positions, if not essential. The Secretary is the Legal Officer of the Club – the person who signs on behalf of the Club, answers general queries without referral to

committee (within reason), and keeps up to date the Club records – mainly the minutes of general and committee meetings. The Secretary must keep an up to date copy of the Constitution and by-laws, and a full membership register – all the legal stuff. Also, to be incorporated, we must have a President, Secretary and a Treasurer.

The reason we are together is that we go walking. It doesn't just happen. There is a lot of planning, hard work, cajoling, phoning and frustration. However, the planning is already done as is a lot of the phoning – Iain is passing on a job already half done.

What is needed is experience in the Club, a lot of walking already under the belt, planning ability, dedication, love of the Club, knowing our ethos and knowing our methods. It is the hardest job in the Club because it is constant.

However, you do not have to go on too many walks, you do not have to lead walks yourself, you are not the fall-guy if you cannot get a leader for an outing and you do not have to go on pre- outings with your leaders: you just have to manage your leaders.

Socials is what you make of it, you can organise it the way you want. That is, as long as the minimum standard is kept – a social a month and a coffee night a month. You can do more if you want.

Socials are a good way to involve the not-too-forward people into the running of the Club – get yourself a sub-committee to help you arrange the overall running of socials, and then have a sub-committee to organise the individual socials. The Social Secretary can be an organiser and ideas person, and the sub-committees can do the running of the show.

As you can see, there is a lot of scope for the people who take over. We could do with some new ideas people. There is work to be done and it has to be done for all of the 12 coming months.

Everyone has got something out of the Club – that is why you joined a club instead of walking by yourself. Look at being on committee as putting something back into the club.

Out of 88 members, surely we can find 3 dedicated people.

Thanks, Greg.

Walks Waffle

Although I declined to continue in the role of outings co-ordinator at the recent AGM I am still trying to find leaders for walks, particularly in May/June. Hopefully I'll have leaders for these walks by the end of March. Particularly, I don't have a leader for the May Day long weekend base camp - volunteers welcome (even if you'd like to have it somewhere else). If I don't have a leader by the end of March I'll have to cancel it.

Also from the end of March I'll no longer be doing any more work co-ordinating for the outings. From that time I'll be forwarding calls to either

the new outings person or a phone contact for outings officer will be listed in the April magazine.

Thanks Iain.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance 16/01/05	\$ 468.31
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 1167.85</u>
	\$1636.16
<u>Less Payments</u>	\$ 466.29
<u>Balance 21/02/05</u>	<u>\$1169.87</u>
Term Deposit	\$1759.76

Terry.

Warning: *If you have not renewed your membership, this is the last magazine that you will receive. Remember that when paying your subscription you must complete and sign the Membership Renewal Form which was included in your January magazine.*

Also, remember that the club still has a limited number of t-shirts available for sale. I expect to kick off our first raffle for the year in April.
Terry.

Ω A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....Ω

"Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction".

– Antoine de Saint Exupery
French aviator & writer

COMING EVENTS

"YALBURU" CLUB HUT **BIRTHDAY FEAST**

Saturday 19th March 2005
Daywalk or Base camp

Leader: Maxine (3203 4699)
Time: 7.00 am
Meet at: St Brigid's Car park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill

Grade: S 3 3
Cost: \$16:00
Emerg Off: Mike (3203 4699)
Location: Near the border, in the Rathdowney area, just short of the Mt Lindsay Border Gate.

Our Club Hut has a birthday. It is 38 years since a group of dedicated bushwalkers brought a vision into being.

If you are new to our club, this will be a good time to visit.

We will walk in from the Portals car park, taking about an hour. The track is easy to follow with a few small creek crossings and can be a little steep in a few sections. Good swims await you at the Lower Portals where a huge swimming pool in Barney Creek is fed by gushing water coming down over the huge boulders of Barney Gorge and the Upper Portals.

Lunch and celebrations will be back at the Hut. Here you can sit on the grassy bank overlooking Barney Creek and take in the pleasant surroundings that our Hut provides. Please bring something special to share in this birthday feast. We will have a Birthday Cake to celebrate the Hut's day.

There will be walks to Tom's Tum on Sunday, so complete the weekend with a sleep at the Club Hut and a moonlight feast to continue the party.

For those going back, we will walk out in the cool of the evening with a stop at Beaudesert for coffee and a snack.

Hope you will join us for a fun day or week-end.

Maxine & Iain

Tom's Tum
Sunday 20th March
Daywalk

Leader: Iain (3371 4672)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$16:00
Grading: S 4 4
Emerg Off: Maxine B (3203 4699)
Location: Near the border just beyond Rathdowney, on the Mt Lindsay H'way.

This walk could also be done as part of a base camp coming in on Saturday for the Club Hut feast (not having to start the walk on Sunday until about 10:00am when the day walkers arrive).

The day walkers will be walking in to meet the base campers (about an hour's walk over an eroded and fairly rough walking track). Then it will be

a short steep walk up to Tom's Tum. Tom's Tum is a series of little peaks at the beginning of Eagles Ridge on Mt. Barney. It is a great walk because you get some of the most spectacular and impressive views of the rugged peaks of Mt. Barney up close without having to climb great heights or do any tricky walking.

The walk can be done in a few hours but we'll have much of the day to do it. Therefore we'll be able to take it at a gentle pace with plenty of breaks for those not quite so fit. It is not a difficult walk and the rewards are well and truly worth the effort. I will be going on the base camp, so I will organise somebody to co-ordinate the day walkers.

Iain

FIRST AID TRAINING WEEKEND
Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th March
FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Leader: Jo-Anne McL (3290 3621) after 5pm
Location: Wellers Hill State School, Hall, 190 Toohey Rd, Wellers Hill
Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm both days
Cost: \$125:00 (Includes all course materials and manual.)

It is a good course to be on as it is dealing with the types of injuries we will have and be miles from anywhere.

Payment is required on nomination, and there are financial restrictions on cancellations.

You will receive a proper first aid certificate on successful completion of the exam afterwards.

MONTHLY MEETING
Mon 21st March

Location: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
(That BIG red brick church on top of the hill).
(The hall is down the back of the carpark. A ballet class is on before us, so it will look crowded.)
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Thurs 24th – Mon 28th March
Easter Basecamp

Leader: Iain (3371 4672)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00PM
Cost: Cabin - \$36 (3 places left)
Camping - \$18
Travelling - \$55*
Grading: Various: Mostly S 3 3
Emerg Off: Bill B (3298 6556)

* NB. This amount will only be possible if we get four people to a vehicle. At about 1,350 kms, this is a long trip. To keep costs down, basecampers are requested to TRAVEL AS LIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE. If you want to carry a lot of gear for the weekend and have only three people in a car then be prepared to pay \$70 - \$80 each for travelling or travel privately (passengers and the driver work out the travel costs amongst themselves).

This looks like a great place for a base camp in N.S.W. It is a high plateau with unusually shaped domes and peaks (from volcanic activity 17-21 million years ago). To the west, the country falls away to the seemingly endless broad western plains.

It is mostly dry eucalypt (with snow gums at higher altitudes).

The park has well maintained graded tracks, many of the peaks are quite close to the road, so quite a few walks are 2km or less with others of 4-6 kms.

We'll have enough experienced walkers on the weekend to offer another option for those feeling more energetic (while the others take in the sights on shorter walks). This is a long day walk of 19kms return to Scutt's Hut and Kurrawonga Falls (possible grade L55).

You can either camp in a tent or stay in a cabin, but there are only 3 places in a cabin left, so you'll have to be quick if you want the extra comfort. The cabins are well set up with a slow combustion wood heater, toilets, hot showers, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, microwave, stove-top, kettle and toaster provided. The cabins have two single beds, a double bunk and two extra foam mattresses. The camping ground is nearby and also has hot showers.

On Thursday night, we will be driving to Coolmunda Dam, near Inglewood, camp overnight (these camping fees are included in the total cost) then continue next day to the National Park arriving about 1:00PM. On Saturday night there will be the option of driving into Narrabri for Mass with a meal afterwards. On Monday we'll return to Brisbane. If we can get a full car load I'd be interested in staying another day and leaving on Tuesday. This option is only available for campers as the second cabin that is still available is booked by somebody else on Monday night.

Iain

Lahey's Tabletop
Easter Monday - 28th March
Daywalk

Leader: Pat L (3366 1956)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$14:00
Grading: M 4 4
Emerg Off: Sam (3287 1372)

If you are not going away over Easter and would like to get out on a day walk, well come with me on Easter Monday and I'll take you to Lahey's Tabletop. Lahey's Tabletop is situated at the end of the Coomera Valley in the Canungra region. The walk is mainly through private property and it is an interesting walk in an area a little bit off the beaten track.

The first part of the walk is up a steep grassy slope to the old Binna Burra track system (no longer maintained) before coming out into open country. The views looking back down the Coomera Valley are wonderful.

We will probably have lunch just as we hit the boundary of Lamington National Park. We will then return via the same route. I have chosen this particular walk as it is away from crowds who are usually out over Easter and we should not encounter too much traffic on our homeward journey.

I think it is a great walk to an area not often visited and the bonus is you get good views as well. As I said, the first part is steep and will be steep coming down (so can use your bottom) but if you are reasonably fit you should be able to do it.

Please come along with me on this combined walk with Bushwalkers of Southern Qld (BOSQ).

Pat L



Coffee night
Wednesday 30th March

Meet at: The Coffee Club
Location: Stones Corner – 349 Logan Rd
(Opposite the Pub & about 10 shops up from the corner of Old Cleveland Rd).
UBD: Map 180 – F4
Time: 7:30pm for coffee

This is 2 weeks after the March Monthly Meeting, the regular night of our coffee nights.

Come along to the friendly open atmosphere of this establishment, with outdoor seating if the weather is too warm, or indoors if wet or cool. At the Coffee Club you can indulge yourself in any variation of coffee that you choose. And you can choose any sort of calorific decadence you like. If you are coming straight from work, you can even get dinner.

See you there.

Shipstern
Sunday 3rd April
Daywalk

Leader: Barbara (3355 3639)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$18:00
Grading: L 3 4
Emerg Off: Louise (3287 1372)

This is a great walk and one not to be missed if you haven't done it before. It provides great views, varied vegetation (rainforest to open eucalypt forest), overhanging rock outcrops and the hardest part of the walk is the first half (that is, no long climbs out of the valley at the end of the day).

This is a long walk (20 km). It is on tracks but there are a few parts where the track is quite rough and there is often overhanging vegetation (including wait-a-while vines) which means you have to be careful and think of the person behind you. You need a reasonably good level of fitness because of the length and the terrain. However, I'm not known as the fittest person in the club and I managed it without any trouble. I intend to take things at a steady pace and stop for regular breaks so that most people in the club would be able to do the walk. Because of this we will have an early start and I do not anticipate getting back to Red Hill until about 7:00 pm.

The walk starts opposite the Binna Burra Lodge and goes steadily down to the base of the lower Ballanjui Falls. On the way we will stop off at a lookout where you can get good views of Egg and Turtle Rocks as well as Shipstern itself (this is named because two sides of the Lamington Plateau come together at a point like the stern of a ship). We will then walk along the side of Nixon Creek before starting the steady climb up to Shipstern. Once we reach this we are half way and will have a late lunch overlooking the Numinbah Valley with a close up view of Turtle Rock. We then walk along the plateau before making our way back to the Border Track and then Binna Burra. If we are not too late we can stop off at Canungra for a cup of coffee.

Come and join me for a great walk. Don't be put off by the length, it is well worth the effort. Please support this walk as I have a reputation for getting lots of people on my walks and I don't want to spoil this now.

PS. We will have a couple of morning tea stops before a late lunch so organise your food to accommodate for this.

Regards, Barbara.



The "Lincoln Wreck" Trip
The 50th Anniversary of the Lincoln Aircraft Crash
Saturday 9th April
Daywalk (or Overnighter)

Leader: Phil M (3841 0254)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 5:00am sharp (I repeat – 5am)
Cost: \$25:00
Grading: M 7 7 (Hard)
Emerg Off: Susan M (3841 0254)

This trip is to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the crash that occurred on 9th April 1955.

The Lincoln Wreck is on the western flank of the 'south summit' of Mt Superbus.

Access is via the Emu Creek road. It will take 3 hours from Brisbane to drive there. The walk will be at least 3 hours up and 3 hours down. The height gain from the valley to the summit is approximately 700 metres. We will be following the old forestry track. The track is steep in places and it is a bit overgrown. It will be handy to have gaiters, gloves and secateurs. Bring the usual daywalk stuff. I suggest you bring 3 litres of water for the walk.

It will be a long day but it is a trip worth doing.

I am contemplating camping at Emu Creek on Saturday night after the walk. Please advise your preference for camping on Saturday night when you nominate.

Phil

Mt Gravatt to Norman Park

Sunday 17th April

Daywalk

Leader: Graham G (3371 9623)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 8:30am
Cost: \$3:00
Grading: M 1 2
Emerg Off: Iain (3371 4672)

I have recently agreed to lead this walk. Originally advertised as Mt Gravatt to the City, I have changed the final section to end in Norman Park in order to keep walking through streets to a minimum. The walk will commence at Glindemann Park, Mt Gravatt, and finish at Wilson Park, Norman Park. Much of the walk will be along Norman Creek or its tributary, Glindemann Creek.

The length is approximately 10 kilometres. A car shuffle will be required, probably at the beginning of the walk. Join me on 17th April for what should be a pleasant, leisurely walk.

Graham

MONTHLY MEETING

Mon 18th April

Location: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
(That BIG red brick church on top of the hill).
(The hall is down the back of the carpark. A ballet class is on before us, so it will look crowded.)
Time: 7:30PM we move in to arrange the tables and chairs.

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Cronan's Creek Cascades

Sunday 24 April

Daywalk

Leader: John C (3290 3621)
Time: 7.30 am
Meet at: St Brigid's Car park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Grade: S 4 3
Cost: \$16:00

Cronan's creek is situated on the southern side of Mt Barney and is one of the tributaries of the Logan River.

It will be a fairly relaxing day. We will commence at the Yellow Pinch picnic area and follow the track south. We then climb a rocky knoll for great views of Barney, Mt Ernest & Mt Lindsay. Cronan's Creek has several small cascades to see. We will walk as far as we can along an old forestry trail. There is a chance for a swim.

On our way back, we may call in to the Rocky Creek portals which are a short stroll in from the Lower Portals car park. It will be an easy day suitable for beginners.

So give me a call or nominate at the next meeting for a chance to spend part of the long weekend away in the bush.

John

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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 Ph: 3366 3193. Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise 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.

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.

PAST EVENTS

Albert River Circuit

Sunday 28th November 2004

A great day for bushwalking! Two cars ferried the troops to O'Reilly's, picking up Louise at the Beenleigh Courthouse. A quick feed of the parrots and then a quick pace down the Border Track to the first turn off for the circuit.

It was downhill to Echo Falls for lunch, passing Lightning and Thunder Falls. After lunch it was up the river passing numerous falls. Afternoon tea was

had at Echo Point with great views over N.S.W. to Mt. Warning. Then it was straight out to the cars and back to Brisbane. Thanks for a great day, Phil M, Philip K, Marie, Louise L., Graham, James P. and David H.

Thanks Paul E.

Bunya Mountains Base Camp

Sat 19- Sun 20 Feb 2005

Everyone met at Dandabah at 9AM on the Saturday and set up camp. Several had already been there on the Friday night. The Bunyas provided great weather and interesting walks. The first walk was Barker Creek Circuit led by Heidi P. The bunya cones were everywhere. Some waterfalls and lookouts to the eastside were the highlights. Then it was back to the campsite for an afternoon rest. Then it was up to Mt. Kiangarow for sunset views. A few avid photographers stayed to the bitter end, i.e. contenders for 2005 photo prize.

Sunday started with a beautiful day and cool breezes. It was up to Burton's Well for the walk down the west side of the park with numerous lookouts over the Darling Downs. This walk was led by Ethan P giving us a commentary on the scenery. Lunch was very welcomed at Westcott camping ground. Then it was on through to Paradise and finally to Dandabah.

Everyone packed up and headed home. A great week-end was had by all. Thanks to Robyn and Don, Mary & Michael, Mathew, Kerry, Heidi and Ethan, Louise R., Barbara M., Michele & Richard, Michael & Catherine, Philip K and Iain.

Thanks, Paul.

Warrie Circuit

Sunday 27th February

We gathered at Red Hill on a beautiful Sunday morning and met the 3 new walkers who had found out about our trip either through the internet or the article in Friday's paper.

We quickly got into our cars and headed down the highway. The first walk for the day was a little trip to Best of All lookout to enjoy the views into New South Wales. But there were no views. The mist and cloud had rolled in and you could not see a thing. It was a real surprise because at the carpark which was less than 200 metres away there was no hint of any cloud or mist. Even though there was no view it was still special as it was lovely and cool after the unrelenting heat of the Queensland summer. It was very atmospheric and cool. We caught a glimpse of a few Paddymelons and Paul was sure he saw a Lyrebird. We walked back to the cars and were surprised to find it nice and sunny once again.

We regrouped at the Canyon lookout and had an early morning tea before we set out on the walk in a clockwise direction. We spotted a few land mullets and lots of bird life. The rainforest is just stunning and the huge Brush Box trees were especially impressive. We made excellent time and

had an early lunch at the Meeting of the Waters at 11.40 am. We met Joanne MacL and Colin M of BOSQ who were doing the pre-outing for Joanne's trip which she was leading in a few weeks. They were kind enough to give us an update on the track condition out to the Pinnacle.

Then it was up the track and the humidity was rising as we ascended. After a few rest breaks we got to the turn off to 'The Pinnacle'. The rough bush track was very easy to follow plus there was the additional navigational aid of red tapes on trees or shrubs about every 10 metres. The Pinnacle was a small craggy rock formation about 15 metres high. It was a bit of a challenge and most of the group made the effort to climb the rocks. The views from the top were just excellent. With a view out over the Gold Coast and the ranges of Springbrook encircling our vantage point.

It was then a simple process of walking back to the cars. It sounded simple in theory but it was a bit of an effort. We got back to the cars just after 5 and the coffee shop had closed. After some toing and froing we decided to stop at Yatala pies for tea. It proved a great choice as several people went back for seconds and deserts and then more deserts. There is a theory that bushwalking helps you lose weight. But only if you skip the Yatala Pies.

Thanks to those who joined me for the day. The walkers were James P, Rosemary S, Graham G, Sofia R, David H, Greg E, Terry S, Michael S, Catherine S, Laura W, Brendon S and Paul S. Special thanks to drivers on the day.

Phil

Coffee Night at Bellpeppers

Wednesday, March 2

Another good night with about 12 people turning up. I think I must have shut down now I am not Social Coordinator and I forgot to count the people and write down names (hence about 12 as I'm relying on my memory). It was nice to welcome Sam and Louise who came all the way from Beenleigh for dinner and some good company. Although the food was fine, the attitude of the staff and the early closing hour was disappointing. But, as always, it was the people who made the night and isn't that what it's all about? If you haven't gone to a coffee night lately I would encourage you to do so as they are something the club does well.

Barbara

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O'Keefe St, Buranda.

Federation web site address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.html>. The email address is qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

ABOUT PEOPLE

Birthday wishes to Barbara, Dennis H, Robyn J, Don, James P and Robin T who are having a birthday in March.

John and Thomas have just had a brief holiday in Hawaii. Viv and Cheryl have just had a brief trip to Sydney.

A warm welcome to our first new members for the year. Robyn's husband Ross J and Ronnie's husband Bill also Cathy E who was a member about eight years ago.

Michael and Catherine S have been regulars at recent meetings and coffee nights as well as having done the Bunya Mountains Base Camp and the Warrie Circuit Day Walk. Pam R was also a visitor at our February Meeting.

It was good to catch up with Joe F, a past member, on Justin's Cougals walk. Justin also had his nephew Ivan with him on the Cougals. Just like his uncle, Ivan is proving to be quite an accomplished walker. Phil's Warrie Circuit also saw Brendan S, Laura W and Paul S join us as visitors. After being one of the twenty-six on Barbara's Social Walk in January, Sofia R decided to step up to the challenge of the Warrie Circuit which she met with ease.

Louise R had a friend, Barbara M, join her on Paul's Bunya Mountains Base Camp. Dianne B, Christine L, Gail B, Jennifer R, Therese A, Margarit B and Mark C were some of the people who made enquiries of the club last month. Once again we extend a warm welcome to all visitors and we look forward to catching up with you sooner rather than later.

A note from the Editor.....

Please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the month**. You may preferably e-mail (or post) your articles to me.

"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is compassionate."
Psalms 116:5

Yours in Christ Louise

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2005

DATE 2005	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
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February				
27 th Sun	Warrie Circuit	Phil M	3841 0254	D/W
March				
2	Coffee Night – Bell Peppers	Barbara	3355 3639	Social
5 th Sat	Clean Up Australia Day	Maxine	3203 4699	D/W
13	Members and Leaders Training	Iain	3371 4672	S&T
19	Yalburru Club Hut Birthday Feast	Maxine	3203 4699	B/C
20	Tom's Tum (Isolated Peak?)	Iain	3371 4672	D/W
21	Meeting			
Thur24 – 28	Mt Kaputar (Easter Weekend)	Iain	3371 4672	B/C
28	Laheys Tabletop	Pat L	3366 1956	D/W
30	Coffee Night			Social
April				
3	Shipstern	Barbara	3355 3639	D/W
9	Lincoln Wreck	Phil M	3841 0254	D/W
17	Mt Gravatt to Norman Park	Graham	3371 9623	D/W
18	Meeting			
22-25	Black Canyon	Justin	3366 3193	T/W
24	Cronan's Creek	John C	3290 3621	D/W
27	Coffee Night			Social
29 – May 2	Northern NSW			B/C
May				
1	Mt May	Phil K	3870 7025	D/W
7	Mt Alford to Mt Moon	Anthony	3342 0386	D/W
14	Long Creek Falls	Pat L	3366 1956	D/W
15	Paddington Heritage Walk	Maxine	3203 4699	D/W
16	Meeting			
21-22	Mt Castle	Phil M	3841 0254	O/N
25	Coffee Night			Social
28	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil M	3841 0254	Social
29	St Lucia/South Bris/Dutton Park			½ D/W
June				
4	Train walk–Glasshouse Mountains	Justin	3366 3193	D/W
10 – 13	Fraser Island	Iain		T/W
Mon 13	Mt Glennie			D/W
Sun 19	Cainbale Falls/Valley Pines L'out	Patricia F		D/W
20	Meeting			
Sat 25	Caloundra Beaches	Robyn	3267 7377	D/W
Sun 26	Neglected Mountain			D/W
Wed 29	Coffee Night			Social
July				
3	Alpaca Farm to Canungra Creek	Pat L	3366 1956	D/W

9	Kin Kin Walks	Jean	3256 6140	D/W
Sun 10	Mt Barney – Up North – Down SE	Philip K	3870 1129	O/N
Sat 16	Colonial Ball	Greg	3351 4092	Social
16-17	Rogaine – 6 Hour Event			O/N

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

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 10-15 km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

EXtra Long Over 20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3 Graded or open terrain. No scrub

4-7 Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek
Rock hopping, scrambling

Bush. As Above+ thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners

Medium. Reasonable fitness required.

8-10 Hard
Strenuous, fit walkers required.

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The Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club was founded in 1957 and has adopted some of the traditions of the Catholic Bushwalking Club of Sydney which was founded in 1943. In particular we have adopted Our Lady of the Way as our patroness. From the 50th Anniversary booklet for The Catholic-Bushwalking Club of Sydney.

Our Lady of the Way

Since its inception the Club has operated under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of Christ, under the title Our Lady of the Way.

It is a maxim of Catholic theology that those who place themselves under the protection of Mary will enjoy her favour.

Many are the stories that have been told by Club members of dangers averted, perils avoided and navigational dilemmas solved when once they had recourse to her.



Every life is a journey and in this respect every bushwalk is an analogy of life. It has a beginning and an end; it is accompanied by not a few joys and sorrows. The greatest joy of a walk is the achievement of its objective and such too should be the greatest joy of life.

In the argot of the day, we will be "a long time dead". And so we shall, in earthly terms, for the world knows nothing of life beyond time, of life beyond death. Four hundred years before Christ, Aristotle established that there was a part of man ("man" is used here to indicate genus not gender) that could not die since it was not composed of anything material. He established moreover, that this, the spiritual part of man's nature was the superior part, the intellect and will, that which distinguishes man from the beast.

So when Christianity insists that when a person dies, life is changed, not taken away, it is merely endorsing the findings of reason. But faith is something more than mere acknowledgement that there is life after death. For it holds that God became man in Jesus Christ and that there is to be no eternal happiness save in Him, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Faith affirms in the words of St Paul that "at various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, He has spoken to us through His Son." It is in Him that we believe; in Him "we live and move and have our being".

Many who call themselves Christians are at pains to say that Mary the Mother of Christ was no different from any other woman: that is not our

belief. What woman could be worthy to be Mother of God's Son had she not been blessed in anticipation with freedom from every taint of sin, with the fullness of grace and merit? The Order of Mt Schoenstatt refers to Our Lady as the Mother Thrice Admirable. The title is well bestowed: Daughter of God the Father; Spouse of God the Holy Spirit; Mother of God the Son. Mary dwells at the heart of the Blessed Trinity. What better patroness could we have?

The image of Madonna Della Strada - Our Lady of the Way - is a fresco, a work of the early Christian centuries, which was painted on a wall of an ancient street in Rome.

The building on which it was painted was said to be the remains of a house erected in the days of Imperial Rome. Tradition asserts that the painting was placed there in the fifth or sixth century. The fresco was held in great reverence and in due course, in the twelfth century, a church was raised and the fresco was enshrined within it: the church was named 'Our Lady of Astalli' after the noble family, one of whose members had ordered the church's construction.

In the sixteenth century, Ignatius Loyola conceived a great devotion to the picture, frequently saying his daily Mass at the altar which stood beneath it. When the first home of the newly founded Society of Jesus was established in Rome, Ignatius secured the church with the approval of its parish priest and the Astalii family.

Among the saints who often knelt and prayed before this shrine were Francis Xavier (one of Australia's Patron saints) and Peter Faber, first companions of Ignatius, and later, Aloysius Gonzaga, Stanislaus Koska and John Berchmans. The promotion of devotion to Our Lady under the title 'Della Strada' (of the Way) was the untiring task of the first fathers of the Society of Jesus. The old church was replaced in about 1576 by the Church of the Gesu and in that church, in a side chapel, the picture of Our Lady of the Way may be seen today.

The Jesuit Fathers conduct the parish of St Marys at North Sydney. In the side chapel of that church may be seen a copy of the ancient fresco. More than one Club member has lit a candle and prayed before that image over the years. For most of her life founding member Dot Clayton has had some contact with St Mary's. North Sydney. It has been her parish church for more than thirty years.

From its earliest days the Club fostered the idea of a shrine to Our Lady of the Way. In the Tenth Anniversary Catholic Bushwalker, it is recorded that enthusiasm for the idea gained momentum when on Walk No 266a (on Sunday, 26th September, 1947) a beautiful grotto was discovered in Rocky Creek, a tributary of Katoomba Creek.

In due course a special block of Carrara marble was imported from Italy on the order of Fr Coughlan (it was the same material from which Michelangelo's famous 'Pieta' was sculpted) and a statue modelled on the fresco Madonna Del Strada was carved by Mr Osvath Imre at the premises

of Mr T.H. Tyrrell, monumental mason North Ryde. The work was completed in October, 1951.

The Lands Department indicated a willingness to grant permissive occupancy of the land Rocky Creek but doubts were raised because of the possibility of vandalism. Other sites we explored and eventually a Club sub-committee recommended a grotto in Blue Gum Swamp Creek Springwood, at the outer edge of the St Columba's College property, then the minor seminary for students for the priesthood. The site was known to the students as St Joseph's Bower.

Providence intervened when in August 1952, timber getters making a road through the bush in an effort to get timber out of Lynch's Creek, mistakenly cut a road into St Joseph's Bower. The spring that followed was dry and Club members took advantage of the conditions to place the statue in position in the Grotto on 30th November 1952. It was officially blessed by Monsignor Dunne on Sunday 27th September 1953 in the presence of a large gathering of Club members.

It is perhaps significant that the formidable task entailed in the planning for the installation and the actual installation of the statue at the Grotto involved a large contribution from the late Jack Murphy. After the tragic death of Frank Cooper in New Zealand early in 1955 and Jack Murphy's in Glenbrook Gorge later in that year, plaques were erected at the shrine site (as it came to be known) in their honour.

After the installation, in September of every year until 1983, the Club honoured Our Lady with Mass at the shrine site followed by a picnic. By 1983 however, concerns were being expressed as to the safety of the statue: regrettably, the Club was spending little time each year in visiting the shrine site. A motion was put and after discussion it was passed, not without strong opposition, that the statue be removed from the site and transferred to a safer venue. The venue ultimately decided on was the property formally owned by Fr Coughlan, 'Wooglemai', (The location of Wooglemai is about 100 km southwest of Sydney. It is on Sheehy's Creek Rd 12 km north west of Picton.).

The removal of the statue from St Joseph's Bower on Saturday 10th December 1983 was attended by some extraordinary natural phenomena and a near tragedy. In The Waysider of March 1984 (No 184), Tom Carroll described what happened after the statue was lowered to the ground.

The statue was raised off the ground and turned through 180 degrees so as to be on its back in the trailer. In an instant the cradle toppled over towards the clearing and the statue crashed down into the trailer. Somehow those supporting the trailer kept it in position, but not without injury: Peter Rott sustained a small cut to the head (this later required stitches) whilst George Hanson, who had taken the impact of the cradle on his shoulder, had the wind knocked out of him and was very shaken. The following Monday George's doctor proclaimed him very lucky to

have gotten off so lightly. Whilst Bemadette (Carroll) and Kerry (Weeks) tended the injured, the work continued. The trailer was removed and attached to the Landcruiser, the cradle dismantled and the ropes collected.

As we busied ourselves it was apparent that a change had come upon the clearing. The air had taken on a sullen feeling and looking upwards we realised that the sky had darkened noticeably. Presently the sound of thunder could be heard. We continued working, but at a quicker pace. Then, as if all of us had been given a sign, without a word we stopped our toil, collected our packs from the middle of the clearing, donned our oilskins and retreated to the cover of the cave. The heavens opened and for twenty minutes we were treated to an unforgettable show as the rain poured down forming streams all over the clearing and even on the tree trunks, and the water level in the pool rose before our eyes.

As the rains eased and finally ceased, we emerged to the peace that so often follows such violence. We sensed that such a large amount of rain could very likely change the trickle we had crossed in the creek earlier into a raging torrent and we lost no time in getting the load rolling. As we positioned the planks our attention was aroused by various exclamations of shock and disbelief. The creek we had just crossed had broken its banks and spilled onto the walking track.

The water on the track was already six inches high and rising as we watched. The Landcruiser was stranded on an island. The planks we had laid were in danger of floating away so in one last ditch effort Jim Brown gunned the vehicle forward. Unable to see the planks, he was soon off them and stuck fast. And still the water rose. The one hundred yards of track we had cut was a sea of muddy water and the trailer with the statue was barely visible.

I'm unsure how long we winched for - was it fifteen minutes or an hour? - but after changing the anchor point three times, and assisted wherever possible- by the engine of the Landcruiser, we at last gained the high ground.

Once the engine was dry, the Landcruiser made short work of the last few hundred yards to the carpark. Saturated, but much relieved, we congratulated ourselves. The load had been winched inch by inch for at least fifty yards through water up to four feet deep.

Since 1983 the Club has honoured Our Lady at her Statue on the Sunday closest to 24th May, the feast day of Our Lady of the Way, with Mass in the Chapel followed by the Rosary at the Statue. The Statue stands now on the brow of a small escarpment overlooking the valley leading down to Warragamba Dam.

Michael B



I included this article as many people in the Brisbane Bushwalking Club visit Sydney and may like to include visits to St Mary's, North Sydney and to the Chapel at Wooglemai. Phil