

## BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC. PO BOX 31, RED HILL, QLD 4059

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**Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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: **leonardi@gil.com.au**

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

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

#### OUTINGS

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

#### EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

#### EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

#### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2005

DATE 2005	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<b>March</b>				
21	<b>Meeting</b>			
Thur24 – 28	Mt Kaputar (Easter Weekend)	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
28	Laheys Tabletop	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
30	Coffee Night			Social
<b>April</b>				
3	Shipstern	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	D/W
9	Lincoln Wreck	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
17	Mt Gravatt to Norman Park	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	D/W
18	<b>Meeting</b>			
23-25	Black Canyon	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
24	Cronan's Creek	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
25	ANZAC Dawn Service & BBQ	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social
27	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
<b>May</b>				
1	Mt May	Phil Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
2	Box Forest Circuit	Mike Simpson	3351 3810	D/W
7	Mt Alford to Mt Moon	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
14	Long Creek Falls	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
15	Paddington Heritage Walk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
16	<b>Meeting</b>			
21-22	Mt Castle	Phil Murray	3841 0254	O/N
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
28	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
29	St Lucia/South Bris/Dutton Park	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	½ D/W
<b>June</b>				
4	Train walk-Glasshouse Mountains	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
10 – 13	Fraser Island	Iain Renton	3371 4672	T/W
11	Mt Glennie	Phil Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
Sun 19	Cainbale Falls/Valley Pines L'out	Patricia Funnel	3366 6767	D/W
20	<b>Meeting</b>			
Sat 25	Caloundra Beaches	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
Sun 26	England Creek Circuit (BFP)	Iain Renton	3371 4672	D/W
Wed 29	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
<b>July</b>				
3				
9	Kin Kin Walks	Jean Gowans	3256 6140	D/W
Sun 10	Mt Barney – Up North – Down SE	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	O/N
Sat 16	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
16	Shepherds Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
18	<b>Meeting</b>			
22-24	Glen Rock	Richard Johns	3353 2822	B/C
22-24	Point Pure	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	T/W
27	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
31	Alpaca Farm to Canungra Creek	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
<b>August</b>				
7	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	D/W
13	North Coast Mountains	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W

14	Karawatha Wildflower Walk	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
15	<b>Meeting</b>			
17	Mt Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
19-21	Federation Pilgrimage at Bigriggen	Redland Bay		B/C
24	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
27	Harry's Hut	Richard Johns	3353 2282	D/W
28	Daves Creek	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
<b>September</b>				
3	Fr Ed Memorial Walk – Moreton Island	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
9 – 11	Swan Creek Base Camp	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
9	Spicer's Peak and Double Top			D/W
17 – 18	Rogaine – 8 Hour Championship	Phil Murray	3841 0254	O/N
19	<b>Meeting</b>			
25	Sandstone Point to Beachmere	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
28	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
30 – Oct 2	Girraween	Paul Evans	3357 5254	B/C
30 – Oct 2	Tenterfield – Bald Rock – Girraween	Iain Renton	3371 4672	T/W
<b>October</b>				

**KEY – Walk Types**

D/W	Day Walk	½ DW	Half-day Walk
T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training
O/N	Overnighter	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C	Base Camp	SOC	Social

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

<b>1. Distance</b>		<b>2. Terrain</b>		<b>3. Fitness</b>	
Short	Under 10km per day	1-3	<u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub	1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15 km per day	4-7	<u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling	4-7	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.
Long	15-20 km per day		<u>Bush.</u> As Above+ thick		
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day	8-10	scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10	<u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.

**Club Web Address:** [www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/](http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/)

email: [briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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

Here we are again starting another month.

But still we don't have an Outings Secretary or a Social Secretary. If we don't get a volunteer soon, Committee will have to organise trips and socials – and you know what they say about the product of committees – a camel with 2 heads and only 1 hump.

The OS needs to be contactable by phone, needs to know the bushwalking areas we frequent, needs to have done enough walks of all types and needs to know a lot of the people in the Club. The OS is the key person in the Club. The OS is not the default leader if a trip is without a leader, is not the one going on all pre-outings, is not the one who does all the walks. The OS is the organiser, the contact, the one who answers the leader's questions, the one who puts leaders in contact with people capable of doing a pre-outing and the one who can and should suggest what route to follow. The OS is the pivot that Outings turn round on.

Socials are the grease that makes the Club keep moving. We cannot survive on just walks – not everyone would meet that way. Organising socials is what you make of it. The ideal is have a sub-committee, who pool ideas to plan the one social each month, and then to organise it. This way, you spread the load around, and at the same time involve a number of extra people in the running of the Club – always a good thing. The main criteria in being a Social Secretary is to be imaginative. Also to be a good organiser and a good delegator.

You would think I would get sick of making these requests – I do.

Keep Walking  
Greg E

## ABOUT MEMBERS

Birthday wishes to Ross Jones and Eric Steeden this month.

Just how great a movie buff is our Treasurer? On the night before Pat's Easter Monday walk he went to a movie marathon which finished in time for him to have breakfast but no sleep before going on the daywalk. It seems that this is not the first time that he has done this either and he still manages to go to bed after the walk at his normal post midnight time. He has also been known on more than one occasion to have gone to a movie marathon after doing a daywalk and then not going to bed until his normal bed-time the following night.

This month the club welcomes our latest batch of new members:-Catherine and Michael Simpson, Sofia Ramsay and Jenny Dancer. Thank you for joining us and keep up the good work so that more of us can get to know you on our walks. Jan Nelson has also rejoined us after an absence of a couple of years. Welcome back, Jan

## News About Visitors

Yet another member from the past, Therese Abernethy, joined us at our recent Club Hut Feast and proved that she can still keep up with the best of us by conquering Tom's Tum. Gail and Mark Clignett made it along to Iain's successful Training Day. Phil Robson and Rossie O'Brien were welcome visitors on Pat's Lahey's Tabletop walk. Trish Osgood was seen at our March meeting. Once again a warm welcome to all our visitors and we look forward to catching up with you again real soon.

Nicole Randall, Kylie Rogers, Arthur and Lyn, Carolyn Edmundson, Yasmin Evans, Moira Widdowson, Elspeth Hyde and Paul

Knight were some of the people who enquired about us during March.

We have also received inquiries from Arasu Kannappirau, Mary Mc Namara, Dixon & Alison Bartlett. Please keep your eyes out for these people to make them welcome visitors when they join us on our walks.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

*Balance 21/02/05*      \$1169.87

*Plus Receipts*      *\$ 595.95*

\$1765.82

*Less Payments*      \$ 610.75

*Balance 21/03/05*      *\$1155.07*

*Term Deposit*      \$1759.76

Terry.

## **MONTHLY MEETING**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time:**      7.30 PM

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

**Contact:**      Greg (3351 4092)

Come along and put faces to the names you have been speaking to over the phone. Listen as our leaders speak about their events - outings or socials. Ask them questions about the bits that you need clarification on. Hear about past events. Look at photos that members took on recent trips. Learn how we organise ourselves, about how we arrange outings and what we do on socials.

Stay for a cup of tea afterwards.

## **Outings News**

We now have leaders for walks up until the first week in October (except for a through walk in September). But... we still don't have an outings secretary. I've talked to several people who have agreed to form an informal outings sub-committee to help keep outings ticking over for the rest of the year, liaising with the BCBC committee. Justin who has been outings secretary in the club for quite a few years (and is a fount of bushwalking knowledge) has offered to be outings contact (contact, not secretary) but won't be doing the organising. Other members are Maxine Brophy and Phil Kearns. They may decide to ask others to join them. I intend to meet with them sometime in April to get things going. Then I'll find a nice quiet corner and start putting paint to canvas.

For at least the last 25 years I've kept saying that NEXT year I'd get serious and get stuck into painting but somehow things kept cropping up or I'd get distracted and nothing much has happened. I passed the 50 milestone last year, so I'm keen to see if I can finally muster the discipline and single-mindedness to get together a good body of artwork for an exhibition. So you'll be seeing a bit less of me about the place (though there are still four walks I'll be leading in the rest of the year).

Iain.

## COMING WALKS

**Black Canyon**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005**  
**A.N.Z.A.C Long Weekend**  
**shared walk with B.O.S.Q**  
**Throughwalk**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin  
(3366 3193)  
**Time:** 6.00 am (Sat morning)  
**Meet at:** TBA  
**Grade:** L 5 5  
**Cost:** \$8:00 – Camping  
\$17:00 - Petrol  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin (3366 3193)  
**Limit:** 4 people (waiting list if needed)

Black Canyon is at the head of the Albert River and is one of nature's amazing places. This three day walk gives us access to the gorge and Lightning and Thunder Falls.

Saturday we'll drive to the Kerry Valley, leave cars at the hostel gate then drive up to O'Reilly's to start the walk. The Border track takes us to Echo Point for morning tea and then over Mt Worendo and down the ridge to the Worendo Lost World Saddle. Here is our campsite for the next two nights. A great camp site is above both branches of the Albert River.

Sunday we'll drop into the left branch of the Albert River, then a float through Red Rock Cutting. Bring a plastic bag to keep pack dry. From here it's a rock hop up to the canyon and falls. A mystical, magic eerie place it is. We'll return to camp the same way.

Sunday night back at camp for poetry reading and A.N.Z.A.C stories. Bring yours to share after tea. Monday we'll drop into the right branch of the Albert with its cascades and pools and rock hop down to the hostel and cars.

You will need a day pack for Sunday's walk, plastic bag for Red Rock Cutting and poetry for Saturday and Sunday night.

If you have Saturday morning spare and can help with car shuffle especially 4wd to access Duck Creek Rd, let me know.

Come and join me for our journey to Black Canyon. Justin

**Cronan's Creek Cascades**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Daywalk**

**Leader:** John Carter (3290 3621)  
**Time:** 7.30 am  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Grade:** S 4 3  
**Cost:** \$16:00  
**Emerg Off:** Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

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 Carter

**Anzac Day Dawn Service  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Daywalk**

**Meet at:** Ann St War Memorial  
**Time:** 4.15 am

Club members have been attending the Dawn Service for a number of years. It is a moving experience.

Afterwards, we have a BBQ/picnic breakfast at Kangaroo Point, down beside the river, sometime after 5:15am. Drive to the end of the road and the base of the cliffs.

We meet at the alcove on the western walkway beside and above Anzac Square.

Terry Silk

**Mt May  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Daywalk**

**Leader:** Phil Kearns (3870 3710 or 0411 016 864)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00AM  
**Cost:** \$16:00  
**Grading:** M 5 5  
**Emerg Off:** Matthew Palmer  
(3876 8125)

Mayday Mayday Mayday: we're in trouble and we need help.

Yes, if you need help finding something fun to do on the first of May this year why not join me in the ascent of Mt May. This little mountain is part of the Mount Barney National Park and should afford spectacular views of Mt Barney, The Ballows, Mt Maroon and other points to the north within the scenic rim.

The pre-outing has not yet been done for this walk, but it shall be before the meeting in April. What I can tell you about the trip is that (1) it is an off the track walk; (2) you may have to scramble over rocky patches during the ascent and descent; (3) there may be also be patches of scrub that we have to negotiate; and (4) you will have the day of your life.

With the weather becoming cooler the club is once again making its westwards migration, so join me on this walk and see another side of Mt Barney and the scenic rim. My suggested rating for the walk at this stage is M-5-5. Stay tuned for a more detailed report at the April monthly meeting. You will need a moderate degree of fitness and a good sense of balance. The other things you should bring for this walk include a red shirt (It is may day after all) and your singing voice because we will do a rendition of the Internationale at the summit (for those that have the breath). The standard things should be brought including water (2L at least), first aid kit, camera, lunch, sunscreen, rain jacket.

Philip Kearns

**Box Forest Circuit  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Daywalk**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson  
(3351 3810 or 0409 620714)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Cost:** \$16:00  
**Grading:** M 3 3  
**Emerg Off:** Catherine Simpson  
(3351 3810)

This is a lovely walk in the Green Mountains section of the Lamington National Park. It passes through rainforest,

impressive stands of Box Brush and a few waterfalls before rejoining the Border Track and back to O'Reilly's.

The walk starts at O'Reilly's and follows the Border Track for a short distance before descending to the West Canungra Creek. We will then follow the creek past a couple of waterfalls, one of which we will pause at for morning tea. We will continue to follow the creek and after a couple of creek crossings we will stop for lunch at the impressive Elabana Falls. We will then begin a gentle climb to Picnic Rock before rejoining the Border Track and then O'Reilly's.

The length of the walk is 10.9km and we will be following the circuit in a clockwise direction thus tackling the steeper sections of the walk downhill and leaving the gentler climb out the valley until the end.

Come and join us for a pleasant way to spend a day. We will be walking at a steady pace which will still leave plenty of time to enjoy a great mug of coffee at Canungra on our way home.

Michael.

**Mt Alford to Mt Moon**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Daywalk**

**Leader:** Anthony Dolan  
(3342 0386)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Cost:** \$18:00  
**Grading:** M 5 6  
**Emerg Off:** Sam Leonardi  
(3287 1372)

This is a great opportunity to get to the top of two peaks in one day. Mt Alford and

Mt Moon are stand alone peaks in the empty valleys south west of Brisbane.

There are great views from both peaks. You will be able to test your name knowledge of the many mountains and ranges visible from these vantage points. We will start with an ascent of Mt Alford and from there will follow a spur to Mt Moon. We have the option of re-tracing our steps to the cars but preferably (private property access willing), we will organise a car shuffle and descend the western slope of Mt Moon.

This is an off-track walk and a reasonable level of fitness will be required.

As the days are cool, this will be a good way to whet your appetite for some of the more challenging off-track winter walks on the calendar.

Anthony

**Long Creek Falls**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Daywalk**

**Leader:** Pat Lawton (3366 1956)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Cost:** \$15:00  
**Grading:** M 3 3 (may alter)  
**Emerg Off:** Sam Leonardi  
(3287 1372)

Long Creek is situated in the Border Ranges National Park between Mt Glennie and Richmond Gap. Long Creek itself is situated in N.S.W.

At this stage it is planned to approach the area via the "avocado farm" on Lever's Plateau. The view from this spot is magnificent – probably one of the best



views to be had in south east Qld. Lamington, Barney, Mt Lindesay and Mt Maroon are all visible. From the "farm" we will follow the border fence through sections of attractive eucalypt forest with many staghorns, elkhorns, etc adorning many of the trees.

Long Creek runs very close to the border and from a very narrow razorback the falls are visible and make an impressive spectacle. The border fence is well maintained and is a delight to walk along and be able to listen to the birds and admire the lovely forest without any obstacles etc along the way. Needless to say, there are some steep sections; however the total distance is only approx. 12klms.

Most people visit this area on a through-walk from Mt Lindesay to Richmond Gap so here is your chance to see this lovely area on a day walk.

Pat Lawton

**P.S. There is a slight problem with this walk.** The road to the "avocado farm" is steep and the last 4.5km is only suitable for 4WD's. The outcome of the walk will depend on what vehicles will be available. Other options are:-

- (a) Walk up the hill to the start – an extra 4.5km each way
- (b) Cancel the walk
- (c) Change the venue
- (d) Walk in from Richmond Gap and return via the same route – a much longer walk with many steep ups and downs.

Anyway, nominate to me and we will work something out for the day.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **Mt Castle – Overnighter**

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Leader:** Phil Murray (3841 0254)  
**Time:** 2.00 pm (Sat 21<sup>s</sup>)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Grade:** L 7 7  
**Cost:** \$20:00  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Murray (3841 0254)

Mt Castle is a very distinctive Mountain at the end of the Ramparts.

The plan for the trip is to camp the night at Goomburra\* on the Saturday night and then do the walk on the Sunday. (\* for those who don't know Goomburra is about 15 kilometres north of Cunningham's Gap. The drive to Goomburra is about 2 to 3 hours).

On Sunday morning we will drive the 4 kilometres to the start of the walk. The walk will be from Sylvester's Lookout out to Mt Castle and back again. It is at least 8 hours of solid walking over some rough terrain. So you need to be fit to do the trip.

The walk goes through some rainforest to Sylvester's Lookout and then follows the cliff line escarpment of the Ramparts. There are fantastic views of the Main Range. Other notable landmarks we visit are Laidley Creek Falls, Hole in the Wall and Boars Head. We will have a lunch on Mt Castle and enjoy the views of the Scenic Rim.

We then retrace our steps back to the cars. I expect the walk back will take at least four hours. There will be a few up hill sections on the walk back. To do this trip you need a good level of fitness, stamina, determination and can do attitude. By the end of the day you will be a bit tired, dirty and scratched but you will feel great. Great

views, great country and great company what more can you ask from a bushwalk.

It is a great walk in a remote and wild part of south east Queensland. So do yourself a favour. Come along and visit a rarely seen part of our wilderness.

Phil Murray

**P.S** I have to have tea at the Goomburra camp site on Saturday night.

### Fraser Island Throughwalk

Although this is listed as a throughwalk it is really a walk-in base camp, with about a 2.5km walk along a good 4WD track (a closed track, so it won't be all soft and churned by vehicles). All the rest of the walking will be with day packs. The Rooneys have kindly offered their 4WD to ferry gear and people.

We'll be concentrating on two beautiful lakes (Coomboo and Hidden Lakes) well away from the usual hordes of people. With quite a long drive to get there, barge and 4WD taxi, it will be more than the usual walk but it is such a magic spot away from the madding crowd. Iain

Am waiting for confirmation from the Ranger. More details will be in next month's magazine

## COMING SOCIALS

### ANNUAL MASS & DINNER

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mass Venue:** The School Chapel at Padua College, Kedron

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Dinner Venue:** Stafford Tavern

**Time:** From 7:00pm

Come along to the celebration of the Club's Annual Mass. It will be held in the Little Chapel at Padua College.

Fr Finian Perkins celebrated Mass for us last year and I have asked Fr Finian to once again celebrate Mass for us. Peter Dore and family have kindly agreed to be the musicians once again.

After Mass we will join together for a meal and a chat at the Stafford Tavern. Last year there was an excellent roll up and in particular many members brought their young children.

Please note all members, especially our non-catholic members, are most welcome at both the Mass and the Dinner.

Please nominate to me so I have some idea of numbers. I would like to be able to tell the College and the Tavern if we will have 30 or 40 or 50 people in attendance so as to make sure we have enough Mass booklets prepared and have enough seats at the chapel and tavern.

Phil

PS. If you don't get around to nominating, you are still most welcome to attend.

PPS. This year will be the last year at the Stafford Tavern as I plan to go to a different venue next year.

### Coffee Night Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Meet at:** The Jazzy Cat  
**Address:** 56 Mollison Street, West End  
 (The Jazzy Cat is next to The Three Monkeys – **do no get them confused.**) You walk up the stairs to The Jazy Cat  
**Time:** 7:30pm for coffee; for a meal come earlier

Come along to an enjoyable evening of coffee and cake. We have not been here for over a year. There is upstairs in the old house or out the back in the rain forest courtyard; where we sit will depend on the weather and how busy it is on the night. If you are the first there, you get to choose.

This is an evening where visitors and members can meet without having to catch your breath or worry about where you will put your next foot (or slowly disappearing to the back of the party).

Come along and talk about yourself, find out what makes others tick, learn about what we do – all that non-bushwalking stuff.

Anyway, the coffee is great, the cheesecakes wonderful, the biscuits full of butter and sugar – all calorie-free, of course!

Just roll on up for a totally informal evening.

*See you there.*

### Paddington Heritage Walk Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May SOCIAL

**Leader:** Maxine Brophy  
 (3203 4699) After 7:00pm  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Cost:** \$3:00  
**Grading:** S 1 2  
**Emerg Off:** Michael Brophy  
 (0421 024867)

It may well be a perfect time of year to stroll through the streets of this fine old suburb. So close to the city but peaceful and charming, lined with grand old homes. From pioneer cottages to gracious Qld style including Government House in gothic style high up on the hill overlooking Brisbane. We will follow the Heritage Trail where possible learning of the history of this area in days gone by.

Please bring along your lunch or there will be many shops you can purchase food. We will end the day in a coffee shop overlooking the city and surrounds.

Looking forward to your company on this walk.

Cheers, Maxine

### PAST SOCIALS

**Video Night  
Friday, March 11**

If you did not attend this social, then you missed out on a great night - good food, great company and a nice "feel good" movie called 'The Terminal'. It would be easy for 'us 8 participants' to do a repeat performance later this year!

### **PAST COFFEE NIGHT Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Coffee Club at Stones Corner is a nice place to meet – not too crowded and not too bust. With the backwater of Logan Rd at night, the footpath tables are not brushed by pass-a-byers. The night was good with good conversation, good food and drink, good surrounds and good company.

There were 14 of us there over the 2½ hours we sat talking. We solved the problems of the world, caught up with old friends, heard about recent holidays, caught up on recent trips and heard what people were currently doing.

We had members and visitors come from all over the place to enjoy each others company. It is not far to drive a little way across town and during the early evening it does not take long.

See you at the Jazzy Cat.      Greg E

### **PAST OUTINGS**

#### **“Yalburru” Club Hut Birthday Feast & Tom’s Tum. Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2005**

Saturday morning bright and clear after a rain forecast, saw a group assembling at Red Hill at 7am to head directly down to the Lower Portals car park in the shadow of Mt. Barney. The group, lead by Maxine & Iain, with Terry carefully carrying the most yummy birthday cake set off to the Club hut, “Yalburru”. It took about an hour & a quarter to walk in and unload our gear to have morning tea.

Marilyn, Patricia M, & Robyn J guided by Elizabeth R. lazed at the hut and then went to the Lower Portals for a swim. Iain set out to lead Terry, Maxine, Sophie, &

Teresa up to Tom’s Tum. Teresa is back walking with the club after a break of several years. The group that climbed Tom’s Tum returned by 2-45pm for late lunch and we all sang Happy Birthday before cutting a Mud Cake provided by Maxine and lit a candle. Photos were taken for the Club photo album. A bit after 4pm Terry & Maxine lead the group returning Saturday back to the cars & home.

Iain & Robyn stayed overnight & as they were eating breakfast were entertained in the morning by a flock of crimson rosellas feasting in the trees near the hut. At the moment the area is very dry & the creek although running does not have any surge through the Lower Portals.

The Sunday group arrived on the track above the hut at 10.30am as Iain was boiling up for tea. Barbara, Marie, Michael, Phillip K, James P, Dave H, & Graham were pleased to sit & rest before tackling the climb. We encountered heavy regrowth of Acacia on the ridge after a fire of a few years ago as we started upwards. Barbara, Robyn & Graham stayed at the knoll enjoying the outlook over the rocks above the lower portals. The rest tackled the steeper climb up to Tom’s Tum with a little rock scrambling to be greeted by the panoramic vista of the craggy peaks of Mt. Barney as they had lunch. On the way down the over-grown ridge we benefited from the previous days climb & found the right ridge with the red bucket at the base.

We returned to the hut to have a late afternoon tea break and share the birthday cake before heading back to the cars just after 5. Congratulations to those who actually completed the climb to the top of Tom’s Tum. It was a great for so many newer members to go to the hut. Many thanks to our leaders Maxine and Iain, the drivers & thanks also for your company – a good weekend was had by all.

*Robyn Jones*

## Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

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

Federation web site address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>

1. The email address is

[qfbwc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:qfbwc@yahoo.com.au)

## FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

The Gold Coast Bushwalkers Inc. have been working on the course for this inaugural event, the Kokoda Challenge to be held on the 16th & 17th July 2005. Gold Coast Bushwalkers Inc. has set and is now vetting the complete course.

Gold Coast Bushwalkers Inc. would like all clubs to have the chance to enter and raise money for this great cause, or take the information to their workplaces and form corporate teams.

For more information please access:

[www.kokodachallenge.com](http://www.kokodachallenge.com)

Thank you

Richard Kolarski

assistant Secretary

QFBWC

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### ANZAC DAY AT GALLIPOLI

Last year club member Elizabeth Richards was at the Dawn Service at Anzac Cove. This year, Margaret Cooper (our most distant member) will be at the Dawn Service. This is part of a trip to Israel and Turkey before she returns to Wales to work

at her Youth Hostel. Is this the start of a Club tradition? Who will be there next year? Please let it be me!

Margaret stays in touch regularly by e-mail and seems to be having a great time. She is doing a lot of walking and must be getting fantastically fit (I used to be able to outwalk her but I'm sure that's changed). If retirement is this good I think I'll join her.

Barbara Eastoe

## **A TIMELY REMINDER** ***IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE*** **IT COULD HAPPEN AT ANY TIME**

Over the last 2 weekends there have been 2 Police and SES callouts for bushwalking club members on club trips. (Not our Club.)

On the first, on Easter Monday, there were about 20 people walking up Mt Norman from the Wallangarra road. There was an official tail-end Charlie, and the trip leader was towards the back. One member of the party stopped and sat on the rock slab – seemed to be fiddling with his water bottle. He was later seen a bit further on, walking off the track to the left. People thought he was going for a wee walk. He was not seen again. This was at 11.10am on the way up the hill. A days good walking and enjoyment was in front of them.

When the party got to the top, regrouped and had a count, there was one person missing. He had been walking for over 30 years, and walked everywhere. Where was he? The trip went into search mode. Gone was the plan for the day – an enjoyable exploration of the rocky outcrop.

Some went on to see if he got ahead of them. Some went over to the other side to see if he went right over the ridge and down the other side. Some went along the ridge to see if he missed the track altogether and went to the lowest part of the ridge before turning to go up to the top. Some went back to where he was last seen and searched in the thick undergrowth to see if he was lost. One went back to the cars to see if he went back when he realised he was lost.

None of these proved true, because the searchers did not locate him by mid afternoon.

As I was on a private trip to Mt Norman with the family of a past Club member, our wives volunteered us for the search (and hopefully rescue). But we searched in vain.

The rangers, police, SES and FMR were called out. Searching went on till 9pm.

The person walked out at the other side of the park at 9.30am the following morning, no worse for the experience.

In my opinion, where he was last seen by the people on the trip was not a place where you can be easily lost. The rocky mountain is in front of you, and there is only one other rocky outcrop which does not look like Mt Norman. All you have to do is look up to see the distinctive appearance on Mt Norman.

The lesson here is not to leave anyone by themselves, no matter how easy navigation seems. Always let the tail-end Charlie know when someone has gone away from the track.

And on the following Sunday, as I was running out the door to Mass, I got a phone call from a worried sister of a BCBC member – her brother went walking on the previous day and was not home yet. He

currently works in Sydney and was up for Easter. All she knew was that he was walking at Green Mountains – O'Reillys. As BCBC was not at O'Reillys on Saturday, he was not out with us.

After Mass, I phoned her to find out more details. She knew the name of someone who he walks with occasionally while up in Brisbane, but when he was phoned, there was no one home.

But I deduced he might be walking with another club, so I did a web search and ring-around to discover that another club was in fact up at O'Reillys. I passed this info on. However, his family had a nephew in the SES, and they started an official search. The ball was rolling.

What happened was the party were exploring a new route down to Canungra Creek, heading to the general direction on Pyramid Rock. They got there early, did some exploring and then got confused by the lack of water in Canungra Creek and by the fact the creek was overgrown – it had not been flushed out by flood waters for a long time – they thought they were in a side creek rather than the main one. They lost time looking for Canungra Creek, being in it all the time. This is easy to believe because Canungra Creek is usually a large fast flowing mountain creek at this point. The drought has caught up with it.

When it got dark, for safety reasons, they stopped. A cold night with not much food. In the morning, they back tracked and found the gully they entered the creek by. Up they went, back to the car.

As they were a very experienced party, they were not concerned – the note on their windscreen let them know there was a search on for them.

The lesson here is that a very experienced party with a few old hands in it can

become geographically embarrassed – it is not just new people who get lost.

And another lesson is to tell those at home who can panic who you are with, leave an emergency number with them, and let those you leave at home with a description of where you are going.

We have an Emergency Officer System of our own, but have been a bit slack lately in not having an Emergency Officer published on all trips in Jilalan. We all need to know how the Emergency Officer System works.

Those left at home need to be shown how to use the Emergency Officer System. Those at home need to know who to ring when you are home late, or not at all. Those at home need to know not to start a rescue, but to ring the Club who will start to get things organised. In both these cases, as in most cases, the people walk out in the morning.

A timely reminder.

It can happen to anyone.

It can happen at any time.           Greg E.

#### **A note from the Editor.....**

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

25 Harburg Drive

Beenleigh Qld 4207                   *or*

e-mail address: [leonardi@gil.com.au](mailto:leonardi@gil.com.au)

“Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
yes, our God is compassionate.”  
*Psalms 116:4-5*

Yours in Christ     Louise

## **PILGRIMAGE 2005**

### **UPDATE**

*Don't miss "THE ONE" weekend in the bushwalking calendar!*

We have a line up of **fantastic walks** around the Mt Barney area planned for you this year.....so don't miss this opportunity to **camp, walk, socialise, catch-up, and have FUN with other bushwalkers.**

**Remember! – There will be a prize to the club who registers the most members!**

What is going to make this Pilgrimage the biggest and best!

- ✓ A Coffee Shop will be running all weekend (with entertainment) (bring extra coins to purchase beverages and eats)
  - ✓ A trip down memory lane display
  - ✓ The big campfire plus bushdance, storytelling and entertainment on Saturday night
  - ✓ Other fun activities planned throughout the weekend
- Redland Bushwalking Club, the organisers for the 2005 Pilgrimage, want to make this the biggest and best Pilgrimage ever!

## **AUGUST Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21**

### **Details for 2005:**

Where: Bigriggen camping grounds

<http://www.erawan.com.au/bigriggen/index.html>

For only \$30 per person you receive:

- camping fees for two nights
- opportunity to go on some of the best walks in Qld
- supper Friday night
- supper Saturday night
- light breakfast Sunday morning
- entertainment throughout the weekend

Note: Dormitory and bunkhouse accommodation available at extra cost.

**Take action now Queensland bushwalkers!**

**Claim these dates in your diary.**





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## The Kokoda Challenge

The Kokoda Challenge has been designed to reflect the key elements of the Spirit of our nation.

Endurance – Sacrifice – Courage – Mateship

The Challenge will be a cross-country, bushwalking, 4 person team event held over 96kms which represents the distance of the Kokoda Track. To be completed within 39hours, which symbolises the 39 th Militia Battalion, the first of our Australian troops to arrive at Kokoda, 15 th July 1942 .

The inaugural event will be held 16 th – 17 th July 2005 in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

The Kokoda Challenge has been designed to raise funds to enhance the public awareness and to educate the youth of our nation to the significance of the Kokoda, New Guinea and the Pacific Campaigns.

The Challenge will provide funds to send young Australians to experience the Kokoda Trek through the Kokoda Youth Leadership Programme.

The program is structured so that our youth can experience the real spirit and soul of our amazing country and her forefathers.

We believe our youth hold the answer to our future success as a nation and like our forefathers they will rise to the challenge.

The Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge in partnership with the Returned Services League, Service Clubs and local Secondary Schools will identify students that are determined as suitable candidates for the challenge of the Kokoda Track.

Young Australians identified, male & female, will generally be young potential leaders with the desire to move in a positive direction in their community, however, this should not exclude our young achievers.

And finally to support the Kokoda Track Foundation in their endeavours to promote the education, health and general wellbeing of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels and their descendants.

The Spirit of Kokoda has been dormant for far too long.

**Endurance**
**Sacrifice**
**Courage**
**Mate ship**



*COFFEE NIGHT*

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April*

*At*

*The Jazzy Cat*

