

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
March				
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
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
Sat 22-Tues 25	A Sydney Soujourn	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W & B/C
Sun 23	Stockyard Creek South Navigation Training Morning	Phil Murray	3841 0254	½ D/W
Tues 25	ANZAC - Dawn Service in City	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social
Fri28- Mon1	Lost World	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
30	New Farm to Southbank	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	C/W
May				
13-14	Killarney to Cullendore	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W
15	Meeting			
20	Boonah Show & Dinner at Dugandan Pub - Camp at Mt French	Justin Tobin & Maxine Brophy	3366 3193 3203 4699	
Sat 20-21	FMR - Injury & Recovery Training			FMR
21	Mt Toowoona	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
24	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
27	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
28	Bridges of Brisbane	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	C/W
June				
3	Bardon to Toowong Cemetery	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	C/W
4	Northbrook Gorge	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
10 - 11	Rogaining	Phil Murray	3841 0254	
10-12	Barney Basecamp - Long weekend	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
17	FMR Equipment Day			FMR
18	Hamilton Heritage Walk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
19	Meeting			
24-25	Glen Rock	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	B/C
25	Glen Rock	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
28	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
July				
1	Christmas in July	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	Social
2	Shorncliffe to Sandgate	Rosemary Stafford	3855 1652	C/W
Fri 7- Sun 9	Panorama Point	Iain Renton	3371 4672	T/W
15	Colonial Ball			Social
16	Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
17	Meeting			
23	Mt Warning	James Parra	3711 4490	D/W
26	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
30	Stag's Head	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W

August				
5	Qld Bush Poets Championship	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	Social
Fri 4-Sun 6	Richmond Gap to Collins Gap	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	T/W
6	Bridge to Brisbane Funwalk	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	C/W
13	Island Hop – Bay Island	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
Wed 16	Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
Fri 18 -20	Federation Pilgrimage at Landsborough-Rocky Creek Scout Camp	Hosted by Glasshouse Mountains Bushwalkers & Sunshine Coast bushwalkers		
21	Meeting			
27	Mt May to Mt Maroon	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
30	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
September				
Sat 2	Fr Ed Memorial Walk – Nudgee	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
Sat 2	Riverfire Social	TBA		Social
10	Basket Swamp	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
10	Pat's Bluff Great Australian Bushwalk	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
17	Cobaki & Piggabeen Wetlands	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
18	Meeting			
24	Rochedale to Burbank	Mary Naughton	3423 0756	D/W
Wed 27	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
October				
1	Mt Beerwah	Richard Johns	3353 2822	D/W
Fri 6 – Sun 8	Cooloola	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	T/W
Sat 14	Progressive Dinner by Ferry	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
14	FMR – Rescue Leader Activities			FMR
16	Meeting			
22	Obi Obi to Kondalilla Falls	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
29	Muscat & Baily Creeks	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	
November				
5	Evans Heads Basecamp	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	B/C
12	Canungra Creek to Road Junction	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
19				
20	Meeting			
26	Coomera Circuit	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
Wed 29	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
December				
Sat 2- Sun 3	Christmas Party – (Week-end at Coolum)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
10	Dianna's Bath	TBA		½ DW
17	Toolona Falls Circuit	Marie Ricketts	3265 1794	D/W
18	Meeting			
Sun 24				
Mon 26	Boxing Day Walk	Liz Little	3356 4874	

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
C/W	City Walk		

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		2. Terrain	3. Fitness
Short	Under 10km per day	1-3 <u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub	1-3 <u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15km 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	Over 20 km per day	8-10 scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 <u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.
Long			

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

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10th April

*****NOTE: This is a week earlier than usual, because of Easter*****

Time: 7.30 PM ***NOTE: This Meeting is a week early*******

**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: Phil the Elder Ph: 3841 0254

Cost: FREE

Business now starts at 7.30pm. Be there or be late.

VISITORS are welcome and encouraged to come and meet us face to face. (The phone & e-mail is so informal & you cannot see what we are like.)

Come and listen to our leaders talk about their Outings and Socials. Learn what you need to bring on an outing, what you need to wear, what food to bring, listen to a description of the route. Ask questions that will clear up the mystery of what "a walk" is about.

Members: Bring along your photos of recent trips.

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

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

See you there.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

We include in our prayers the Endicott Family as Greg's mother passed away, age 91, late last month. May we offer our support to his Birthday wishes this month to Therese Abernethy and Ross Jones.

Also, Graham Glasse has just returned from a brief trip to South Australia.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer).

TREASURERS REPORT

<i>Balance 20/02/06</i>	<i>\$2917.81</i>
<i><u>Plus Receipts</u></i>	<i><u>\$1295.50</u></i>
	<i>\$4213.31</i>
<i><u>Less Payments</u></i>	<i><u>\$1306.70</u></i>
<i><u>Balance 20/03/06</u></i>	<i><u>\$2906.61</u></i>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	<i>\$1850.40</i>

Terry.

When I saw how many people Maxine had on her club hut feast walk, I feared I was about to experience another "missed opportunity". Fortunately, this was not to be thanks to the generosity of the Keens, Ronnie, Bill and Nick, who upon arrival at the Lower Portals car park in preparation to do Maxine's walk produced a beautifully prepared Grocery Hamper which they donated as a raffle prize.

My initial dismay of not having any raffle tickets on me was allayed when Ronnie thoughtfully produced a book of some. Thus, I was able to sell tickets to most of the thirty-eight people who assembled to celebrate the club hut's thirty-ninth birthday. Thanks to your good response, I have decided to have a bonus prize of a small document pouch which was donated by James Parra. Tickets are still only a dollar each and I will continue to sell them until the April meeting when it will be drawn.

Now our first raffle for the year is under way a little sooner than I had planned. Coincidentally, The Keens donated the prize for our first raffle last year.

Unfortunately, there are about thirty members who have not yet renewed their membership. Unfinancial members do not receive the "Jilalan".

Terry.

COMING WALKS**Minnages Mountain
Easter Monday 17th April
Daywalk**

Leader: Pat Lawton (3366 1956)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Grade: M 5 5
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

If you are not going away over Easter but would like to get out and do a day walk, come and join me on Minnages Mountain.

Minnages is off the beaten track so there will not be hoards of people around and the Easter Monday homeward bound traffic should not be a problem.

Minnages Mountain is the prominent peak on the western ridge of Mt Ballow and is the ridge taken when approaching Mt Ballow from the west – mainly taken by through-walkers on route to Mt Ballow. If you are not into through-walking then this is your chance to see some of the more inaccessible parts of Ballow massif.

We will take the western ridge which is fairly long but relatively easy. It is through open forest; however the last section is through thick rainforest. Good views on the way up and once on top there will be good views of Mt. Ballow itself.

Descent will be via a different but steep ridge. Water will need to be carried. This walk is within the capabilities of most fit people, although it is all off track and the descent ridge is steep. Talk to me if you are unsure of your ability to do the walk.

As has been the case over the past years, this Easter Monday walk is a combined walk with B.O.S.Q & B.C.B.C.
Pat Lawton

**STOCKYARD CREEK SOUTH
NAVIGATION TRAINING****MORNING
Sun 23rd April 2006
½ Daywalk**

Leader: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at: Eight Mile Plains Bus
Station
Time: 8:30am at Bus Station
Grade: S 3 3
Cost: \$5:00 fee to the Q.O.A
Emerg Off: Sue Murray (3841 0254)

This is an event organized by the Queensland Orienteering Association and our Club is going along as visitors to their event.

Orienteering is a great way to learn and develop your navigation skills. You are given a map and are required to find the six or more control points on the course. These orienteering days are the easiest ways to learn how to navigate.

The course we are doing is at Burbank on the south side of Brisbane. The course is through the Brisbane Koala Bushland area and is reasonably close to Brisbane. Hopefully we should spot a few Koalas. The countryside is open eucalyptus forest with numerous she-oaks.

These orienteering days are excellent ways to improve your navigational skills and all members should do 2 or 3 of these orienteering days to get their navigation skills up to a good standard. Bring a compass if you have one. Please note, navigation is usually done by map reading and the compass is usually only used to make sure the map is pointing north and only occasionally do you use the compass to follow a bearing. Usually you do the course by yourself but you can team up with someone to learn how to do it.

The exact location of the starting point is as follows - Take Leacroft Road off Alpton

Road, Burbank and after 2km turn into Longton Court. (UBD map 223 H1)

Phil Murray

A Sydney Sojourn
Sat 22nd April -Tues 25th April 2006
2 Day Throughwalk & Basecamp

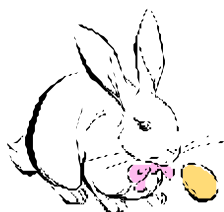
Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Cost: \$500:00 (Approx)
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

Take the Monday off and turn your week-end into four days exploring Sydney's Harbour, beaches and Royal National Park. We will be staying Saturday night at YHA central. Saturdays walk will be from Waverly Cemetery (where Henry Lawson is laid to rest.) to Bondi and onto Watson's Bay.

Sunday we'll catch the early train to Otford and the start of the Royal National Park Coast walk, our two day through walk, spending Sunday night at Garie Beach, will then continue onto Bundeena and Cronulla.

Monday night we will be back at YHA central and Tuesday we'll do the Manly to Spit walk through Sydney Harbour National Park before catching the plane home on Tuesday night.

Come and discover Sydney and some new walks with me. Justin



ANZAC Dawn Service in City
Tuesday 25th April

Leader: Terry Silk (3355 9765)
Meet at: Ann St War Memorial
Time: 4:15am

Club members for sometime now have been attending the ANZAC Dawn Service. It is a moving experience for many.

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

Hopefully, if we have enough people to make it worthwhile, we will then continue to Kangaroo Point for a BBQ/picnic breakfast down beside the river sometime after 5:15am. Drive to the end of the road at the base of the cliffs.

Regards, Terry Silk

Lost World – Kerry Valley
Sun 28th April – 1st May 2006
Basecamp

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00pm
Cost: Hostel - \$60:00
Petrol - \$15:00
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(32871372)

Nominations as soon as possible please.

Discover the Kerry valley from the Lost World Hostel at the Foot of Lost World. Settle into the hostel with all the comforts of home on Friday night.

Saturday, get ready for some great walking. Widgee, Lost World, The Stockyard Creek Track and Mt Alexander. They are here waiting for you.

Sunday night we'll have a B.Y.O.E BBQ. Bring a dessert to share. So pack your sleeping bag, food for three days, day walk pack and come walking with me.

Justin Tobin

**New Farm to Southbank
Sun 30th April 2006
City Walk**

Leader: Barbara Eastoe
(3355 3639 or 0431 921641)
Meet at: Sydney St City Cat
Terminal (Cnr Sydney St &
Oxlade Drive NEW FARM
Time: 5:30PM
Grade: S 2 2
Cost: \$3:00
Emerg Off No need, bring your mobile
phone.

Join me on the third year of this popular and social walk. This time we will walk along the floating walkway, over the Story Bridge and along the Kangaroo Point cliffs to Southbank. Dinner, as usual, will be at the takeaway section near Kapsalis (where we went for Phillip's birthday). Make your own way home by ferry. Alternatively, if I can get some people to accompany me, we can walk back to the cars and enjoy the city lights. Also, as it is the May Day weekend, you don't have to get up early the next morning. No need to ring but if you let me know we'll try and wait for you if you're a little late.

Barbara



**Killarney to Cullendore
Border Gate
Sat 13th – Sun 14th May 2006
Throughwalk**

Leader: Pat Lawton
(3366 1956)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: TBA : If a car shuffle is
necessary we may leave Brisbane on
Friday night – more details later.
Grade: L 4 4
Cost: \$20:00
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372)

If you have not done a throughwalk before, or if you think you can't do one, this is a relatively easy one to try. It is not a hard walk, however Saturday's walk does climb over 2 steep hills (Mt. Leslie and One Tree Hill). Sunday's walk is flat all the Way.

We will start the walk at the Border fence about 4 klms from Killarney. From there we will walk 16 klms to Barlow's Gate where we will set up camp for the night. Sunday's walk is 14 klms, but as I said it is almost flat. The walk will finish at Cullendore Gate.

If you have done lots of throughwalking and want to complete another section of the Border fence come along on this trip. The purpose of the trip is to encourage members to try throughwalking – we will take our time and enjoy the trip.

If you do not have a pack/tent but would like to come along, I'm sure you will be able to borrow the gear from another member.

Transport arrangements and leaving time will be finalised a little closer to the trip. Hopefully we might be able to arrange something about water for Saturday night.

If you need more details regarding the trip or wonder if you are fit enough to do it, talk

to me and if you have already done lots of day walks, I'll convince you that you can do it.

Pat Lawton

COMING SOCIALS

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE NIGHT IN APRIL AS IT IS THE DAY AFTER ANZAC DAY. MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE DAWN SERVICE (contact Terry Silk on 3355 9765) OR TO COME ON THE NEW FARM TO SOUTHBANK WALK FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT SOUTHBANK (contact Barbara Eastoe on 3355 3639) INSTEAD

PAST SOCIALS

February Coffee Night & Walk Merthyr Bowls Club, NEW FARM

What can I say about the inaugural Walk and Coffee Night? "The best laid plans of mice and men..." springs to mind. The clouds were dark and threatening when the first walkers arrived. By the time the last ones had arrived it had just started to rain and by the time we got inside and found a table it was pouring. So much for an evening stroll! We were cramped on a narrow veranda instead of on the riverfront but the food and company was good and there are worse ways to spend a Wednesday night. Thanks to those who came along, Liz, Jean, Maxine, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Marie, Graham, Phillip, Michael, Terry and our visitor, Barbara Devine (who must be enthusiastic as she has been on two walks and my birthday social since this night)

Barbara Eastoe

Thai Rosdee Restaurant Everton Park

Barbara Eastoe's 60th was celebrated at a favourite of Barbara's - the Thai Rosdee Restaurant Everton Park. Excellent food and a large crowd in a small restaurant made a fun night to honour Barbara and help celebrate an important Birthday.

Our appreciation to her never tiring contributions to our Club was certainly shown by the numbers attending. We can't report dancing on the tables but a great time was had by all. Many thanks to all who came along.

Regards, Maxine.

MAXINE'S MERRY MINGLES CALENDAR OF SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2006

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
April	Sat 8	Mt Coot-tha
	Tues 25	ANZAC - Dawn Service
May	Sat 20	Boonah Show & dinner at Dugandan Pub - Camp at Mt French
	Sat 27	Annual Mass & Dinner
June	Sun 18	Hamilton Heritage Walk
July	Sat 1	Christmas in July
	Sat 15	Colonial Ball
August	Sat 5	Qld Bush Poets Championship
	Sun 13	Island Hop - Bay Islands
September	Sat 2	Riverfire Social
October	Sat 14	Progressive Dinner by Ferry
November	Sun 19	Powerhouse Markets & Breakfast
December	Sat 2-Sun 3	Xmas Party (weekend at Coolum)

PAST OUTINGS

Running Creek Falls Sun 12th March 2006 Daywalk

This was a tough walk that went for hours. We started walking at 8:30am and didn't finish until 7:30pm at night but it was worth it. The Falls were excellent. They looked like a mini Niagara Falls with the amount of water coming over the falls.

We left town early and had set off from the cars by 8:30am and I thought with some luck it would be a quick trip as we had a strong athletic group of people for the day. We thought we were making good time across the farm land but we slowed down as we followed the old and very indistinct track through the rainforest. Paul Evans took on the role of track finder and set the pace for the group. We reached the junction of England Creek and Running Creek north branch by 12:30pm.

At this point Michael Simpson and I discussed the problem. Basically we still had about an hour's walk in front of us to get to the Falls and then we had to walk back. If we kept going we would run out of day light on the walk out. So we knew we were faced with the prospect of walking out in the dark. But after spending 4 hours getting here there was little point in turning around without getting to the falls. So we kept going and followed Paul up and down the hillside and came in close contact with numerous patches of the lawyer vine (wait a while) – I curse myself for not bringing garden gloves and secateurs. Usually you can rock-hop up the creek but today the creek was flowing very fast and getting across the creek was a challenge. It was a big effort to make sure one didn't get washed away.

Finally we got to the falls and they were magnificent after the cyclonic rain the week before. The falls had formed a mini wind

tunnel through the valley and we were buffeted by strong wind and mist from the falls. Michael, Paul and Peter braved the water and swam across to the curtain of water coming down but the flow was so strong that it pushed them back. There were even waves coming across the pool. The waves were formed by the falls hitting the pool of water. It was so different to the calm millpond that I saw on my previous trip.

Time was slipping by so after 15 minutes at the falls we had to head back. We stopped in a little clearing beside the creek for 10 minutes for a quick lunch break and then it was a race against time to get back as far as we could before night fall.

We each had a turn of track finding on the way back. We passed the final creek crossing by 5:30pm and it was only 2 hours back to the cars but less than an hour of daylight. It was almost a full moon so we able to walk back by moonlight. However, the track went missing in the dark so we had a minor detour at the end as we struggled to find the car in the dark. Gabriel found an electric fence and was suitably impressed. We finally got back to the cars by 7:30 pm and were extremely relieved the walk was over. The friendly cattle dogs came and said hello. Then we drove home and discovered the cows in the area were very reluctant to move off the road. It appeared they like sleeping on the rarely used back road at night. They weren't used to sharing their road with cars. Paul had to get out and shoo them out of the way. We finally got to a high point where we got mobile phone reception and rang through to the emergency officer by 8:00pm to advise Sue we were out and we were all OK and to pass the word on that we would be a bit late getting home. Sue rang everyone to pass on the good news.

It was a long trip as we must have walked for at least 10 hours for the day as our total lunch and rest breaks for the day were only about an hour. But it was a memorable trip

that had me on a high for about a week after the trip.

Thanks to those who came on the trip – Paul Evans, Michael Simpson, Gabriel Romaguera and Peter Blumke (his first trip with the Club). And thanks to Michael for driving.

Phil Murray

P.S Pat Lawton advised at the February meeting that Larapinta Falls are better than Running Creek Falls. So next year we will check them out. Larapinta Falls are in near the Westrays Grave site.

Bellbird Lookout, Caves Circuit & Tulawallal Daywalk Sunday 26 March 2006

Thirteen adults and two children met at Binna Burra on a lovely March day, ready to undertake an interesting but not too challenging walk. We headed down the road and turned onto the Shipstern track. Soon we turned left and headed down towards Bellbird Lookout. From here there were clear views across to Egg and Turtle rocks, Shipstern and the prison farm. We then continued along the cliff top walk, which is on Binna Burra land. We took a side track to Bellbird Falls and crossed a small creek to get a better view of the falls.

We then retraced our steps and continued along the track until we reached...you guessed it...the same creek crossing we had been at 20 minutes before. In my own defence, I had done a preouting but had missed this turnoff so did not know that we would be going around in a circle. On our way along the track we got a good look at a large Land Mullet on the track.

We finished the first part of our walk at the road which we then walked down until we reached the visitor's centre. We sat on the

seats to have morning tea (this was a first class bushwalk!). As usual, there was plenty of food to share. Louise excelled herself by producing a whole home baked lemon coconut pie from her backpack. Then it was off to the Caves Circuit. This walk continues along the edge of the cliff which passes below two magnificent rock overhangs. I had done my homework and could tell the assembled group that the black glassy rock was perlite and the brown things hanging from the roof were wasp nests. After the caves, we climbed up a steady but fairly gentle slope until the path ended just outside the entrance to the Lodge.

Lunch was at two picnic tables. Some of us went to buy coffee and one member (who shall remain nameless) bought lunch because she had forgotten to bring it. It really was a luxury bushwalk! Robyn and Catherine decided to stay behind while the rest of us completed the day by doing the Tulawallal Circuit. This was another short but lovely walk. We saw paddymelons and several birds. The Antarctic Beech trees at Tulawallal are in a perfect setting, moss covered trees surrounding a pile of moss covered rocks. These walks show that walks don't have to be long and difficult to be interesting and beautiful.

We ended the day with a very welcome cup of coffee at Canungra and more of Louise's cooking, an apricot and almond loaf. Thanks to all who joined me. I think they all had a great time (at least, no one complained!). They were Michael and his wife Catherine, Catherine, Robyn, Louise, Therese, Terry, Jean, Phillip, John and his son Thomas and young friend Taylor as well as our visitors, Barbara (who is soon to become a member) and Paul who was on his first walk with us.

Barbara Eastoe

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN **RESCUE**

Other Items of Interest

**"Opera: Romantic Jewels & Classic
Gems"**

Is anyone interested in joining me?

When: Saturday 22nd April

Time: 5.00pm

Contact: Pat Mackie 3398 7041

Cost: \$50:00

Format is a Basket Tea (provided by us)

Venue: "Goldicott"

Goldicott is a gracious colonial residence that crowns Toowong's highest hill. It is in a cul-de-sac at the top of Grove Crescent, Toowong. Off street parking will be available in the grounds. Proceeds to St Ignatius P & F

Musical Programme:

Performers will be from Opera Queensland's Young Artist Program. Excerpts from Carmen, Romeo & Juliet, La Traviata, La Boheme. Marriage of Figaro, Barber of Seville, Pearl Fishers and Rigoletto. King & I, My Fair Lady, Oklahoma, West Side Story, Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera. Are you interested ?

**Dress: Gems and Jewels, lounge
suit and Black Tie**

Are you interested??????

A note from the Editor.....

Remember, please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the Month**. You may forward your articles to either:

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Beenleigh Qld 4207

or

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

Christ himself, innocent he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death and in the spirit he was raised to life.

Peter 3:18-20

Happy Easter All

**God Bless
Louise (Editor)**



Discussion Topic for the April Monthly Meeting

A list of “Classic Walks” for Bushwalking in south east Queensland region to go in the New members Booklet

The Club caters for the differing levels of bushwalking abilities and interests of members and schedules many easy walks and flat walk around the city and easy track walks.

Offering easy trips is fine up to a point as long as we don't lose sight of the fact that we are still primarily a bushwalking club.

The Club needs to highlight the goal or challenge for Club members to do the main bushwalks in south east Queensland.

As part of the New Members Booklet I am planning to set out a short list of “Classic Walks” for the south east Queensland region. The list should provide a convenient guide so they will get a clear idea of the main bushwalking trips to do.

Also it should not be a list of easy trips. It should provide a bushwalking goal that they should be able to aspire to do. It should be a bit of a challenge but not so difficult that it requires rock climbing skills or require incredible fitness to achieve.

The list is designed to include the quality walks from the various bushwalking areas close to Brisbane that display some of the following features - very prominent peaks, superb summit view or marvellous wilderness areas.

Some peaks were not selected because of the poor views from the summit eg: **1.** Mt Greville and Mt Huntley, they are somewhat indistinct **2.** Mt Superbus, where there are access problems like Flinders Peak or **3.** The mountain requires rockclimbing skills like Crookneck and Mt Lindesay.

The list should also be a challenge to existing members. It should provide a means to encourage and foster the Bushwalking spirit of the Club. So all self respecting "real bushwalkers" should aspire to complete the list of Classic Walks. The list also includes some easy graded track walks to get people started on doing the list and some like Mt Mitchell are very easy but it provides a grandstand panorama of the main walking areas.

I thought the list of Classic Walks should be limited at around 20 to 25 and it should be able to be completed in about 3 years.

I have put together a proposed list with the assistance of John Carter and Matthew Palmer. I plan to trim the list down to 20 or 24 walks, so I need some assistance in making the tough choice on which walks to cut. I will ask for a ballot of members at the April monthly meeting of what walks that should be cut from the list. I am still open to adding walks to the list that are notable and should go on the list – a case could be made for Mt Superbus as it is the highest peak in south east Queensland.

Also, the Club at present does not overtly recognise the achievements of people who have done the harder trips. At the February monthly meeting we inaugurated the tradition of awarding a certificate for those who did their first throughwalk. I would like to extend that idea so that when members complete the list of Classic Walks, the Club recognizes their achievement by

awarding them a certificate or award. Perhaps we should call it a “Bachelor of Bushwalking” as for most people will take at least 3 to 4 years to complete the list and by way of comparison it usually takes at least 3 years to complete a university undergraduate degree. Another issue for the award is; do we count prior Club walks or does everyone start from scratch.

Phil Murray

The proposed list of Must Do Walks is as follows.

1	Mt Mitchell (Cunningham's Gap)	easy
2	Shipstern Circuit	easy
3	Coomera Creek Circuit	easy
4	Lightning Falls Circuit	easy
5	Warrie Circuit and the Pinnacle	easy
6	Mt Norman (Girraween)	easy
7	Moreton Island - Northern Circuit	easy
8	Fraser Island – Central lakes	easy
9	Mt Moon	medium
10	Mt Ernest	hard
11	Mt Maroon	hard
12	Mt Barney (East Peak)	hard
13	Mt Sampson	medium
14	Point Pure*	medium
15	Mt Castle (via Sylvester's lookout)	medium
16	Lizard Point*	hard
17	Panorama Point*	hard
18	Mt Beerwah	medium
19	Mt Tibrogargan	medium
20	Mt Cougal	medium
21	Mt Warning #	easy
22	Panorama Point*	hard
23	Stairway Falls	medium
24	Booloumba Creek Falls	medium
25	Love Creek Falls	medium
26	Running Creek Falls	hard
27	Northbrook Gorge	medium
28	Barney Creek & Club Hut	easy

* these trips can be done as a hard daywalk or as part of a throughwalk.

Mt Warning (which is in NSW) is the exception to the rule of listing the Must Do Walks in south east Queensland.

Please note, I still have to do about 6 of the walks on the above list – the standout omission for me is Lizard Point. One day I will get there.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Firstly I would like to thank this year's Committee members for taking on the job this year. Many committee members are in their second or third years and Terry has been Treasurer for ages. In fact it would be nearly impossible for the Club to operate without their efforts.

I have heard from numerous members that the **Club Hut Feast** was a huge success with 38 people in attendance. Apparently, the walk to the Barney Waterfall was postponed to another day as the swimming at the Lower Portals and the Feast were the priorities for the day. Several people stayed in the Hut on the Saturday night. Next year is the 40th Anniversary of the construction of the Hut and several members are already "talking up" the idea of have a special Dinner at the Hut next year - ask Justin or Maxine for further details.

Over the next month there are numerous trips and socials coming up to

By now everyone should have had an opportunity to read and reread the **2005 Annual Report**. At the AGM 2 minor errors were noted. If you have noted any other errors please forward details to me so they could be included as a list of **corrections** in next year's annual report. Can you email the details to me at my home email address of philriver@optusnet.com.au

At the April Meeting we will present the **certificates for the following first time throughwalkers** – Paul Evans, Barbara Eastoe and Marie Ricketts. (Apologies to Marie Ricketts whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of first time throughwalkers last month.)

At the January Committee meeting the Committee made a plan to have the committee meeting once every 2 months to reduce the time demands of the job. At the March committee meeting we worked out the dates:

Dates for Committee Meetings

Wednesday 3rd May

Monday 3rd July

Monday 4th September

Monday 6th November

For any **changes or additions to the Club Calendar** please advise me and I will incorporate the changes for the next magazine. The reason I have taken this role on is that Louise is unable to attend all the monthly meetings and committee meetings and the changes should go through a central person who knows about all the discussions at the meetings.

At the January Committee meeting Robyn Jones suggested that the Club should have its own dedicated computer recording system. She suggested that the **Club purchases its own portable hard drive** and record all the electronic information on it. Initially I was very sceptical. The Club's recording system for keeping electronic copies of Jilalan magazines, copies of Annual Reports, the Club Constitution, records of minutes, member details and financial records is currently very haphazard. At present there are various documents held by numerous committee members on their own computers. The problem is many records are often deleted due to lack of storage space on member's computers. Hence Robyn's suggestion that the Club should have the records located on a central system and the Club should purchase a portable hard drive. I have gone from a sceptic to an enthusiast as so many records of the last few years have just disappeared - the standout example was the Club Constitution. The

electronic version went missing and I had to spend about 20 hours scanning it and correcting errors to get an electronic version which we can print. Robyn will be investigating the cost of the system. I did a quick look at the systems at Harvey Norman and the retail price was about \$280 for a 160 gig hard drive. I am sure there are a few people in the Club who can assist in getting the best deal. So speak to either Robyn or myself.

I have a very sad tale to relate with you. Last year the **Chaplain of the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club** stepped down as Chaplain of the Club and very quietly made himself unavailable. I made a few enquiries and it appears he has made the very tough decision to leave the priesthood. (I hasten to add there was no hint of scandals or impropriety). It came as a big surprise to me. He was in his late forties and had been a priest for just over 20 years. He came from a very religious family. His brother is a priest. I believe he has 2 sisters who are nuns. I was advised by a relative who knew him very well and was upset by him leaving. In her words which she struggled to say – “he left because he had lost his faith”. I can only presume it was an extremely difficult time for him and a difficult decision to make. So after 20 years he has left the church and he has not only lost his job, he has lost his career, his home, his faith he has distanced himself from his many friends in the Sydney club. I can only send a few kind thoughts his way and hope he finds what he is looking for and hope he finds his way in the world.

The Club has numerous other jobs that need to be filled. Over the next few months we need to fill them or determine if various people are already doing them and are happy to continue doing them. Some jobs have been done for so long by certain people that we either overlook them or forget to recognise their efforts – a good example is that Justin and Sue Tobin have their home number listed in the White Pages phone directory as the contact number for the Club and Gabriel is the Equipment hire person. Some of the other roles are as follows :-



Sketch by Iain Renton

OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS

Abseiling Gear Steward	John Carter
Artist-in-Residence	Iain Renton
Chaplain	vacant
Club Hut Curator	Iain Renton
Club Hut Photo Album Curator	Maxine Brophy
Equipment Hire	Gabriel Romaguera
Federation Delegate	vacant
FMR Delegate	vacant
Librarian	vacant
Map Curator	Matthew Palmer
Old Annual Reports Curator	Justin Tobin
Jilalan Magazine Archive Curator	Justin Tobin
Phone Contact Officers	Justin and Sue Tobin
Photo Competition Curator	Phil Murray
Walks Recorder	Matthew Palmer
Web-master	Greg Endicott

If you know of any other roles that are performed please advise me. Also, if any of the details above need to be updated please advise me. In future we should include the above positions as one of the issues the AGM addresses and appoints the relevant people to the positions.

I have previously suggested that a sub-committee should be formed to look at **reviewing the Constitution**. The classic oversight is that the constitution has no mention of the Chaplains position. Also we need to address the problem of provisional members. I would like to suggest that a sub-committee be set up and a meeting be held on Monday 7th August to review the issues and determine the relevant solutions. I would like this meeting to address the administrative issues rather than the associates' issues which can and should be looked at separately.

The meeting for the 50th Anniversary held on Monday 27-3-06 made a few changes to the dates. The date for the main anniversary function was brought forward so it doesn't clash with the school holidays. And the weekend at O'Reilly's was put back a week so it lined up with the celebration for Our Lady of the Way.

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

Event	Date
1. Mt Tibrogargan bushwalk	Saturday 1st December 2007
2. Mass & Anniversary Function. - Mass at St Brigid's Church Red Hill at 11.00 am - Lunch in the Red Hill Parish hall	Sun 30 th March 2008
3. Weekend at O'Reilly's	Sat 24 th - Sun 25 th May 2008
4. Barney Mass	Wed 13th August 2008

AROUND THE RIDGES

Just an update on various other events and happenings on the bushwalking scene

Mt Coot-tha Lookout – I was up at Mt Coot-tha on the 26th February and was enjoying the view from the Lookout. I was checking the names for the peaks around Flinders Peak (Goolman, Blaine, Perry etc) and looked at the information board that had a painting of the mountains and had the names attached for the mountains. I was amazed to see that Flinders Peak was labelled as Mt Maroon. In fact I was more then amazed I was outraged. I was about to lodge a complaint – but who do you complain to? Anyhow, before I lodge a complaint can someone else check the information board?

I keep hearing snippets of people doing walks in far away places and of private trips. I would like to suggest we encourage people to share this information by putting snippets of information in the magazine. One member recently went to Nepal and it would be lovely to have just a quick note in the Jilalan where they went so that in five years time it would be handy to check what places are must see and what places to skip. Other trips I have heard of are people doing trips to Kokoda and it would be great to hear more details about the trips. One of the main reasons I would like to get members to share this information is so that when people go overseas or interstate it is handy to know what places we should make an effort to see. I was recently in Ireland and it is only when I got back that I found out about places like Galteemore and Knockanaffrin. I drove past both places and they were excellent half day walks to wonderful places. I just wish I knew about them before so I could have included them on my itinerary.

The **O'Reilly's Guesthouse** is having its **80th anniversary** this year. It was Easter 1926 when the Guesthouse opened and welcomed its first guests. They have a number of events organised in celebration - if you want more details see the O'Reilly's website for their magazine Bowerbird - http://www.oreillys.com.au/content/v2_standard.asp?name=BowerbirdNewsletter.

The Chapel at O'Reilly's, called St Joseph's, had its 50th Anniversary since its relocation to O'Reilly's. The anniversary was on the 27th November last year. The chapel originally was situated at the small hamlet of Tullamore which is just north of Beaudesert. By coincidence the founder of the Club Fr Willie Hayes was a curate at Beaudesert parish when the chapel was moved to O'Reilly's. In next month's magazine I will include a short article by Willie Hayes about the early days of this time in Australia and some of the events and places that helped sow the seed for the formation of the Club

The Brisbane Bushwalking club is doing a trip up a Girraween called the **Tunnel of Doom**. I wonder if this is just another name for the valley of the winds. The walk is described as follows :- The Tunnel of Doom is a passage between two huge granite outcrops, around 4m wide, 50m deep and 200m long. It is covered with large chunks of granite, which we will scramble over, around and under. We expect to find enclosed spaces, darkness, dirt and water. (It's the kind of place your mum wouldn't let you go.)

The Brisbane Bushwalking have regular guest speakers at their meetings. On the 10th May the speakers will be **John & Lyne Daly**. They wrote the excellent guide book "*Take a Walk in Queensland's National Parks-Southern Zone*". Their talk will be on Pacific North West America. The meeting is at Newmarket Memorial Hall, cnr Enoggera Road and Ashgrove Ave Newmarket. The meeting starts around 7:30 pm. If anyone is doubting my loyalty to the Club, I am not trying to get people to join the other Clubs rather I am merely letting our members know what is happening around the ridges and if that sparks their interest that is good news as our aim should be to help members enjoy bushwalking and associated activities.

The current issues of the commercial magazines **Wild** and **Outdoor** were issued last week. The Outdoor magazine had excellent articles on walking in places like Mt Kinabalu. In Wild they had a little booklet – Classic Walks in Southern Queensland. The walks were

1. Girraween(includes Mt Norman)
2. Mt Superbus and the Steamers
3. Spicer's Gap to Teviot Gap
4. Mt Barney. (up South East down Peasants)
5. Green Mountains to Christmas Creek
6. Middle Ridge Traverse
7. Cooloola Wilderness Trail
8. Fraser island Great Walk

Both magazines are excellent reading.

Queensland **Federation** of Bushwalking Clubs – the major issue at the moment is the continuing incorporation process. Our club has been asked for comments on the proposed constitution. A major feature is that under the new constitution the name will change to "**Bushwalking Queensland Inc.**" Another feature that should appeal to Terry is that members who are members of 2 Clubs will only be charged once for the fees. See clause 6-(7).



Sketch by Iain Renton

Madness

Young John is acting different,
he won't come for a beer.
He's given up the football,
and become a mountaineer.

He's traded in his Datsun,
and bought a four wheel drive.
He has a tent and sleeping bag,
the maddest bloke alive.

Friday night would see him,
jacked up like a mule.
Off he'd go to the mountains,
that poor crazy fool.

Sunday night he'd stagger in,
his boots clogged up with mud.
With hair unkempt and face unwashed
and scratches oozing blood.

He met a lass, a walker too,
a pleasant little filly.
She'd cook a damper on the fire
and boil up the billy.

He asked me to go walking,
Along the mountain track,
He made it an adventure
And I keep on coming back.

The canyons know my footsteps,
the heathland knows my shape.
As I cross the many rivers,
and scout the mountain scape.

Now my legs are scratched to pieces,
my walk is limp and slow.
The lure of open spaces,
is calling me to go.

I won't go to the football,
or join its wild cheer.
I've traded in my Holden,
and become a mountaineer.

Jim Teys

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**Sketch of Rock Orchids
by Iain Renton**