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**JILALAN ARTICLES:** Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Articles should be e-mailed to me at [endhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:endhouse@bigpond.net.au). I prefer not to get a hard copy. Please follow the “Jilalan Style Guide”.

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## HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

**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, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill. (The huge red brick church on the hill; the hall is at the back of the very large carpark.)

**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, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
- (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 purposes.

**EMERGENCY OFFICER:** If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (Or "EO" or "Emerg Off") for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it.

**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. Phone Gabe on 3856 3842

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:** The Club 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.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$35; Associate Members: \$26; Spouse Members: \$9.00; Country: \$26.00.

Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer. Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

**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

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT	TYPE	GRADE
25	Mt Langley	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	DW	S45
28	Coffee Night – Merthyr Bowls Club	Greg Endicott	3351 4092		
<b>April</b>					
1	Mt Coot-tha to Gap Creek Picnic Ground	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	SOC	
6/9	The Warrumbungles	Paul Evans	3357 5254	BC	
9	Mt Lindsay	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	DW	M66
15	City/Toowong to UQ and Return	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	CW	M22
16	Meeting	Philip Kearns	3870 3710		
19	Federation Meeting	Paul Evans	3357 5254		
20	John Toohey @ Mick O'Malley's	Michael Simpson	3351 3810		
22	Pilgrimage Preoutings	Philip Kearns	3870 3710		
25	Anzac Day Dawn Service	Terry Silk	3355 9765	SOC	
25	Breakfast @ 'Roo Point Cliffs	Terry Silk	3355 9765	SOC	
25	Bike Ride Anzac Day	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	SOC	
25	Coffee Night – Vagelis	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	SOC	
29	Neglected Mountain	James Parra	3711 4490	DW	M45
<b>May</b>					
5/7	Wondabyne to Patonga	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	TW	L57
6	Flinders Peak	James Parra	3711 4490	DW	M44
8	Movie Night	Michael Simpson	3351 3810		
12	North Ridge	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	DW	L77
13	Woody Point – Scarborough	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC	
17	Federation Meeting	Philip Kearns	3870 3710		
18	John Toohey @ The Brewhouse	Michael Simpson	3351 3810		
20	Wanungara Falls	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	DW	L44
21	Meeting	Philip Kearns	3870 3710		
26	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	5522 9702	SOC	
27	Araucaria Lookout	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	DW	L33
30	Coffee Night – Belesis	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	SOC	
<b>June</b>					
3	Edwards Gap to Beau Brummel	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	DW	M45
9/11	Fraser Island	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	TW	
11	Mt Mathieson Circuit	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	DW	S33
12	Movie Night	Michael Simpson	3351 3810		
16	Camp Mountain to Chermside	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	CW	L33
18	Meeting				
24	Edinburgh Castle-South Obelisk	Phil Murray	5522 9702	DW	M44
27	Coffee Night – Avanti	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	SOC	
29	Blue Moon At The Full Moon	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	SOC	
30/1	Mt Walsh	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	TW	L66

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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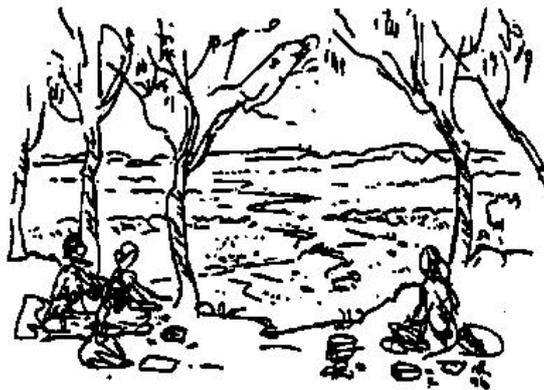
**KEY – Walk Types**

<b>D/W</b>	Day Walk	<b>½ D/W</b>	Half Day Walk
<b>O/N</b>	Over Nighter	<b>B/C</b>	Base Camp
<b>T/W</b>	Through Walk	<b>C/W</b>	City Walk
<b>TRN</b>	Training	<b>S&amp;T</b>	Safety & Training
<b>FMR</b>	Federation Mountain Rescue	<b>SOC</b>	Social

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
<b>Short</b> Under 10km per day	<b>1</b> - Smooth reasonably flat path	<b>1</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	<b>2</b> - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	<b>2</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
<b>Medium</b> 10-15km per day	<b>3</b> - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>3</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	<b>4</b> - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>4</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
<b>Long</b> 15-20 km per day	<b>5</b> - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>5</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	<b>6</b> - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>6</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
<b>Extra Long</b> Over 20 km per day	<b>7</b> - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	<b>7</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>8</b> - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	<b>8</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>9</b> - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	<b>9</b> - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

**Example: M48** is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.



## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By the time everyone receives their Jilalan, Easter will have come and gone. But given the chocolate egg and hot cross bun feasts we will have in the near future, our waist lines will be here to stay. I hope everyone had a very Happy Easter and that our experiences of the Easter Triduum continue to enrich our lives. Holy Week and Easter takes me on an emotional roller coaster ride: (1) there is the joy and triumphalism of Palm Sunday, but this is countered by the knowledge that in a few short days we will see that joy turn into a somewhat darker emotion; (2) Holy Thursday sees the intimacy of a meal with very close friends and allows each of us a chance to be with the God who loves and nurtures each and every one of us; (3) Good Friday brings a day of serious contemplation and we have the stark reminder of the price of our salvation; and finally (4) the joy of Easter and our awakening from a stale life to something wonderful and new.

This year the Club offered two wonderful walks over the Easter weekend: either the Warrumbungles or Mt Lindesay. Whichever walk you chose to do (or if you chose to do nothing at all) I hope you enjoyed your Easter weekend and may Our Lady of the Way continue to look after us on our journeys, and may she help us to see the good in all people we encounter during our daily lives.

During my reports, I will speak about issues that we all need to continue to educate ourselves about. This month I will speak on the Emergency Officer (EO) system. Each walk we go on has to have an Emergency Officer. The leader will choose someone to be their EO and the leader provides the EO with the list of names and next of kin contact numbers for those going on the walk. Full details of the responsibilities of the EO can be found on the Club's website, but the salient points we need to know are that: 1. the EOs should not be on the walk and they should be available for contact at any time the walk is in the field; 2. the EO must contact next of kin if there is an emergency; 3. the EO manages the emergency, contacts the President and Executive of the Club as the first step and FMR (if necessary), but does not contact the police and ambulance, etc, - FMR will do that; 4. if there is an emergency, the EO must stay by the phone until the emergency has passed. Could all leaders please re-familiarize themselves with the EO system and could all EO's be aware of their responsibilities.

Emergency Officers: <http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/EmergOffSyst.html>

Leaders look at:

<http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

It is with great sadness that we note the recent passing of Kevin Pearle. Kevin has walked with our Club many times, was well known in the mountain climbing community and was a regular on our Mt Barney Masses. I remember two years ago he took a ghetto blaster up to the Mass Site so that we could have a music liturgy during our Mass: it was appreciated by everyone. The Club offers its sincerest sympathies to all of Kevin's family and we are secure in the knowledge that he is enjoying eternal life. I know that his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he loved and it will be in the mountains he loved as well.

May we all continue to enjoy each other's company on the walks our Club hosts and remember as St Augustine once said: it is solved by walking.

Philip Kearns.

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS COORDINATOR

The recent difficulties being experienced by the Federation Mountain Rescue (FMR) has highlighted an area that may be a problem for us in the future. This is Leader Training and, in the absence of a Training & Safety Officer, I am proposing that we schedule a few training days during the year for leaders. This training might have an emphasis on new and future leaders but not necessarily. There is an incredible amount of knowledge and experience in the Club which can be lost quickly if not managed effectively. I will be talking to a few of these experienced people in the near future to organise some events. This training should also alleviate the impression that all off track walks are hard. There are very few walks this year that are not within the abilities of most members of the Club. These walks also visit some of the most beautiful parts of SE Qld and it is a shame that all our members are not taking the opportunity to see some of them. Michael

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 19/2/07	\$3644.26
Plus Receipts	\$1270.00
	\$4914.26
Less Payments	\$1236.71
Balance 19/3/07	\$3677.55
Term Deposit	\$1951.39

Start saving your money as our club raffles will be returning next month with no change to the ticket price. Now, that is good news!  
Terry.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Ivan Mort has been declared a member. Congratulations Ivan.

Rosemary Stafford has just returned from 2 weeks in W.A., travelling from Sydney to Perth on the Indian Pacific. Two days were spent at New Norcia - Australia's only monastic town founded in 1846 by Spanish Benedictine monks. (Did you see the European Space Agency Satellite Tracking Station?)

Therese Abernethy is having a birthday in April, and belated birthday greetings to Michael Simpson who had another birthday in February.

Raylene and Sarah Smith joined Michele on her Gap Creek Falls walk. We hope that you had a good time and we look forward to seeing you on another walk soon. Karen Rolff made it along to our March meeting. Visitors are always most welcome at any of our activities.

Ask our Secretary how much she is handed when street-walking.

If you did not get this Jilalan, it means that you did not pay your subs and have been cut off the mailing list.

## SOCIALS REPORT

There are a number of Socials coming up over the following eight months. As we do not have a Social Secretary at present, I need several members to take in the job of organiser. As you can see from the list below, there are enough for each of you. All you have to do is to organise the troops to prepare and run the social. We need you to be a co-ordinator, but it would be better if you did some of the work as well.

Do not be afraid, there is no danger of you being coerced into going onto Committee. We just want people to arrange the fun part of the Club.

<b>Apr</b>			<b>Sep</b>		
25	Bike Ride	Desley	1	Riverfire	Terry
<b>May</b>			<b>Oct</b>		
25	Mass & Dinner	Phil	13	Progressive Dinner by Ferry	????
<b>Jun</b>			<b>Nov</b>		
29	Blue Moon Social	Justin	??	Your Suggestion	
<b>Jul</b>			<b>Dec</b>		
??	Your Suggestion		9	Christmas Party	????
21	Russ Nelson's	????	19	Christmas Get-	????

	Ordination as Deacon			Together	
<b>Aug</b>			31	New Years Eve	????
<b>??</b>	Your Suggestion				

So, once you look at the list, ring President Philip as to which Social you want to run.

The Question Marks mean we have not thought of a Social for that month – we need ideas and someone willing to run it. You do not have to be special; you just have to be you.

## FEDERATION & FMR REPORTS

The Federation Mountain Rescue (FMR) has recently been experiencing problems. These problems are very similar to those being experienced by all bushwalking clubs. The failure to attract young people into clubs has led to problems with filling executive positions. Therefore, they recently voted to suspend training days and concentrate on their core business of rescues. They have formed an interim committee until the next AGM due in July when it is hoped a full committee can be formed.

The main topic of conversation at the recent Federation meeting was incorporation of Federation. The documents pertaining to this were still with their solicitors and will be discussed at the next meeting. Campsite monitoring processes have been formalised under the MOU, and connected with this, is a trip on the Middle Traverse Route to investigate new campsites on the 16/17 April. Anybody interested in this walk should contact Ron Farmer for more information. In addition, there were two interesting documents particularly relevant to us. One is 'Active Trails' which can be found at [http://www.oum.qld.gov.au/docs/pdf/Active\\_Trails.pdf](http://www.oum.qld.gov.au/docs/pdf/Active_Trails.pdf) which proposes a series of walking tracks along old railway lines etc.

The second is a change to the regulations under the Recreation Areas Management Act which controls camp fees and fines etc. This can be found at <http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/publications/p02073aa.pdf> /Proposed regulations under the iRecreation Areas Management Act 2006/i Consultation document.pdf.

I would like to thank Maxine who filled in for me in February and Paul who is attending the April meeting in my place.

Michael

## MONTHLY MEETING

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2007**

**ST BRIGID'S HALL**

**78 MUSGRAVE RD, RED HILL**

**Contact:** Philip Kearns, Club President  
**Location:** St Brigid's Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Location:** St Brigid's is the big red brick church right on the top of the hill.

Come along to hear what we will be doing over the coming month, and what we have done over the past month. Jilalan can tell you the "nuts & bolts", but not all the facts. Seeing your leader and listening to the description of the Club event will tell you more. You can ask questions to fine tune your understanding of the event, you can listen to the answers of the questions others ask, and you might even see a map of the area you are going to.

There is more to a Meeting than nominating for an event. Come along and talk to your mates. Come and hear how the Club is being run and hear about Our plans. Stay for supper. See you there.

## COMING OUTINGS

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007**

**WILLIAM JOLLY / ELEANOR  
SCHONELL RIVER WALK  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Graham Glasse Ph: 3371 9623  
**Meet at:** EITHER - 8.30 am St Brigid's Car Park  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**OR** - 9 am West End City Cat  
Terminal Cnr Hoogley and Orleigh Sts,  
West End  
**Grade:** M 1 2  
**Cost:** \$3 + City Cat Fare  
**Emerg Off:** Sam Leonardi Ph: 32871372  
or 0419794251

This activity will begin with a walk along the river from West End to South Brisbane, a section of river frontage that is currently undergoing a gradual transformation from industrial to residential. We shall have morning tea in the vicinity of the Cultural Centre and shall take a walk around the exterior of the new Gallery of Modern Art and the refurbished State Library of Queensland.

We shall then cross the river via the William Jolly Bridge, and take the bikeway to the Regatta. A possible lunch spot would be the covered picnic area at the Regatta Finish Line, not far from the Regatta City Cat terminal.

After lunch, we shall make our way through St Lucia to the university, keeping as near to the river as possible, with close-up views of the high rise apartments that we saw from the distance in the morning. A detour to Wordsmith's Writers Café may be possible (closes at 3pm on Sundays); otherwise we could have coffee at West End after the walk.

We can spend some time walking across the Eleanor Schonell Bridge, listening to the sounds of cables 4 and 8, and viewing information about construction of the bridge. The outing will finish with a trip on the City Cat from the University back to West End. The total length of the walk, if we go to Wordsmith's, will be about 13 km. This should be an interesting and relaxing day; don't miss it!

Graham

## **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL PILGRIMAGE PREOUTINGS DAYWALK**

**Contact:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7.00 am  
**Grade:** Various, but M54 is a good guide  
**Cost:** \$17.00  
**Location:** On the road to Aratula, just below  
Cunningham's Gap  
**Emerg Off:** Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Our Club is one of those organising this years Federation Pilgrimage in the Kalbar area. We have said we would lead at least 3 of the walks. For this, we require 4 Club members who know the mountains we have chosen - a leader and backup, and a tail-end-Charlie and backup. The leaders are already chosen, so we are after 3 others per trip. The leader has all the responsibility and the others have all the fun.

All the walks are off track, up some sort of hill, with rocky knolls and certainly long grass all over them. All have amazing views of the surrounding mountains, and especially of the Main Range to the west.

Mt Alford is a nice stroll, not too high, and the least "hard". It can be a bit steep, but no more so than the average off-track hill.

Mt Moon is in the general direction of Moogerah Dam. It is the one with the rock sticking out of it. It is a bit more rocky, but not impossibly so. No technical skills are required. Still a good day out.

Mt Greville is the big one near the Dam, and is the one seen from the highway. The way up is on the other side to the highway, near the back of the Dam. It is a National Park, with an official entrance and all that – shows how popular it is. It is a steady walk up with not too many flat resting spots, so you just stop where you want. The interesting bit of this mountain are the 2 cool mossy palm filled gorges on it – you expect to see a dinosaurs coming around the next bend. It is the highest of the 3 peaks, so provides the best all round views.

We need as many people as possible to come this day so that our Pilgrimage planning is the best possible.

### **SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007 NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN DAYWALK**

**Leader:** James Parra Ph: 3711 4490  
or 0414 813 875  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:30 am  
**Grade:** M54  
**Cost:** \$17.00  
**Location:** Lamington National Park, beside  
Christmas Creek, near the old  
National Fitness Camp.  
**Emerg Off.** Vennie Parra Ph: 37114490

Neglected Mountain is situated on the north western fringes of the Lamington Plateau. We'll be travelling from Red Hill and regrouping at Beaudesert's Jubilee Park on the Rathdowney Rd, before turning left onto Christmas Creek Rd and regrouping once more at the Stinson Memorial Park camping ground. Then, from here we take the dirt road (Gap Creek Rd) and drive for approx 1.5 km before parking our cars near the farm house where we commence our walk.

For the first hour or so, we will be ascending to the plateau via a long steep grassy ridge, proving to be the most strenuous part of this walk. From here, we'll follow the escarpment eastwards, passing open forest and negotiating a narrow rocky ridge which offers impressive views; the Buchanan's Fort cliff line, Mt Widgee and even further afield, to other prominent peaks in the McPherson Range - such as the Barney Complex. Our lunch spot will be decided on the day as Neglected Mountain is appropriately named, it doesn't offer any.

Come along to appreciate this lovely walk, bring your mug too as I will be boiling the billy.

James Parra.

### **SAT 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY – MON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY THE SYDNEY SOJOURN MAY DAY LONG WEEKEND THROUGHWALK**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin. Ph: 3366 3193.  
**Meet at:** 110 Stewart Road, Ashgrove.  
**Time:** 5:30am.  
**Location:** Sydney Surrounds.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin. Ph: 3366 3193.  
**Plane Flights** QF 505 655 5<sup>th</sup> May, And Return  
QF 548 1915 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We're taking the May Day Long week-end and heading to Sydney to walk one of their National Parks, somewhere on the Great North Walk but who knows where. I'm planning it over the next few weeks. So book your plane ticket, pack your pack and join me in Sydney for another Southern Adventure.

### **SUNDAY 6 MAY 2007 FLINDERS PEAK DAYWALK**

**Leader:** James Parra Ph: 3711 4490  
or 0414 813 875  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m.  
**Grade:** M54  
**Cost:** \$15-00  
**Location:** Approx. 20km south of Yamanto, on  
the eastern side of the Ipswich-Boonah  
Rd.  
**Emerg Off.** Vennie Parra Ph: 3711 4490

Flinders Peak is about an hour out of Brisbane, between Ipswich & Boonah. It's 679m high and was named after the first European to spot it, Matthew Flinders. The walk to the top of the peak, (6km return), starts at the Flinders Plum picnic area, which provides barbeques and toilet facilities, as well as two easier walks to try out. This is nestled on Sandy Creek between the peaks of Flinders and Mt Blaine.

Flinders Peak is not a difficult/long uphill climb and anyone with reasonable fitness and endurance should come along and join me reach the summit, our lunch

spot, where 360 degree views will make it all worth while.

Subject to the duration of our coffee stop at Yamanto Macca's, we should all be back at St Brigid's carpark by five-ish.

### **SATURDAY 12 MAY MT. BARNEY NORTH RIDGE DAYWALK.**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** St. Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:00am  
**Grade:** L 7 7  
**Cost:** \$18.00  
**Location:** Just north of the Border, beyond Rathdowney and short of the Mt Lindesay Border Gate. It is near Yellowpinch, Barney Lodge and our own Hut.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin Ph: 3366 3193

Mt Barney, that awe inspiring massif with its many peaks and ridges, is calling again. If you close your eyes you can hear it in the wind. The North Ridge ascent is a scrubby ridge - lower down it has some rocky knolls, and has great views higher up. Nothing technically difficult but it is up all the way to North Peak, where you can sit and gaze at East and West Peak and all that is Barney, and ponder whether to wander over to East.

Rocky Creek is our way down. A little bit challenging in places but nothing we can't handle if it's dry.

Come and join me on another of Barney's many ridges and creeks. If were running late off Barney we'll have tea at the Dugandan.

Justin.

### **SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 WANUNGARA FALLS DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Anthony Dolan Ph: 3342 0386  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:45am  
**Grade:** L 4 4  
**Cost:** \$15.00  
**Location:** Lamington National Park, via O'Reilly's  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092 or 0418 122 995

About half way between O'Reilly's and Binna Burra is the frequently visited Wanungara Lookout and Mt Wanungara. A little further along the Border Track is the less visited Wanungara Falls. To get to the falls, we drop off the main track (a decent of about 100 metres) to the falls which are at the top of the Canungra Creek catchment.

The day will have much to offer, particularly for those of us who are overdue for a visit to Lamington National Park. Come and see what's new at O'Reilly's, enjoy the first steps into the rainforest, leave the dilettante's behind as we strike deeper into the forest, marvel at the views from the escarpment, check out Wanungara Falls and spend time with old friends and new.

We'll be walking at least 20kms so we'll try to get a nice early start and keep chugging along the track. Bring your torch and raincoat and be prepared for a good day's walk.

Anthony

### **MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2007 MONTHLY MEETING S<sup>T</sup> BRIGID'S HALL 78 MUSGRAVE RD, RED HILL**

**Contact:** Philip Kearns, Club President  
**Location:** St Brigid's Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Location:** St Brigid's is the big red brick church right on the top of the hill.

Come along to hear what we will be doing over the coming month, and what we have done over the past month. Jilalan can tell you the "nuts & bolts", but not all the facts. Seeing your leader and listening to the description of the Club event will tell you more. You can ask questions to fine tune your understanding of the event, you can listen to the answers of the questions others ask, and you might even see a map of the area you are going to.

There is more to a Meeting than nominating for an event. Come along and talk to your mates. Come and hear how the Club is being run and hear about Our plans. Stay for supper. See you there.



## ADVANCE NOTICE

### CAMINO DE SANTIAGO WALK OR - A SPRING STROLL THROUGH SPAIN

#### Companions Wanted

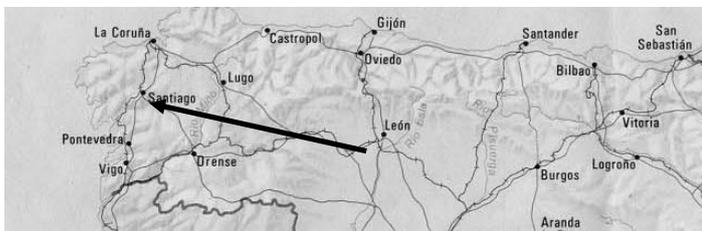


From web site:

<http://www.caminhodesantiago.com/index3.htm>

I am planning to walk some (150 - 250k) of the Camino de Santiago (The way of Saint James) Pilgrim route for about 2 to 3 weeks, starting around the 15 September, 2007. Planning is still in the early stages, but if anyone is interested, could you please contact me on Ph: 3369 5530 or [DPedrazzin@aol.com](mailto:DPedrazzin@aol.com).

You won't be alone, since there are already 4 people interested. One has even bought the plane ticket.



From website:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html> (Save this one, as it is an excellent maps site.)

Desley Pedrazzini

## COMING SOCIALS

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

JOHN TOOHEY GATHERING  
MICK O'MALLEY'S (An Irish Pub)

**Contact:** Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810  
**Location:** Mick O'Malley's Irish Pub,  
Wintergarden Basement, Queen St  
Mall  
**Time:** From 4pm till 8ish, or .....  
**What For:** For a chat, a drink and a meal  
**Grade:** From S 1 1 to EX 9 9, depending on  
your ability

**Cost:** Anything from \$5 to your week's pay –  
the choice is yours.

**Web:** <http://www.omalleysirishpub.com.au/brisbane/index.htm>

**Emerg Off:** Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620714.

For April, we are meeting at Mick O'Malley's. It is directly below Cibo Espresso and is a downstairs bar near Hoffstays the jewellers. The place has a nice Irish feel to it. In fact it reminds me of a little pub in the Irish town of Westport which is the nearest town to Croagh Patrick in Ireland.

O'Malley's has a selection of Irish beers. And it also has a wall map of Ireland and we can check out the town of Fethard which was the home town of Fr Willie Hayes, who was one of the founders of your Club. The map also has the Irish mountains, like Galtemore and the Comeraghs, marked on it. So come along and have a chat, a drink, a meal and start dreaming and planning your next overseas trip.

I have made a booking for 12 people in the little room called "The Parlour."

Phil the Elder

### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007 ANZAC DAWN SERVICE IN THE CITY

**Leader:** Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765  
**Meet At:** Ann Street War Memorial, at the alcove  
on the western walkway beside and  
above Anzac Square  
**Time:** 4.00 AM

The gathering of Club members at the ANZAC Dawn Service has become another Club tradition. It is a moving experience and is our way of remembering those brave men and women who gave their lives in service of our country. Each year the crowd seems to be bigger than the previous year.

We will meet at the alcove on the western walkway beside and above Anzac Square (The side with the shops).

At the conclusion of the service we will make our way to the base of the Kangaroo Point Cliffs for a BBQ/picnic breakfast by the river where we will watch the sun rise whilst discussing life in general. Hopefully there will be enough room to park at the end of the road below the cliffs. Breakfast for those attending the Dawn Service will be from about 5am, but others can turn up later. The bike ride starts at 8.00am.

Anyone feeling energetic can walk to Southbank and back.

Terry.

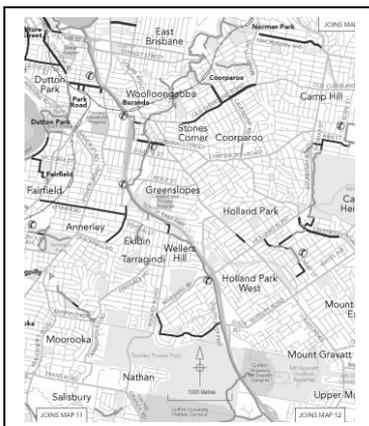
## WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST AT THE CLIFFS

**Leader:** Terry Silk  
**Meet At:** Kangaroo Point Cliffs Picnic Area, below River Tce. It could be a bit crowded, so look carefully at all the picnickers. Don't start talking to strangers  
**Time:** 6.00am till approx 8.00am  
**Cost:** Bring your own breakfast  
**Grade:** Absolutely flat.

After the Dawn Service, those attending are partaking of breakfast at the 'Roo Point Cliffs Picnic Area, which is the southern extension of Southbank, just beyond the Captain Cook Bridge. There are BBQ facilities, tables and chairs (and a lot of grass) & taps as well as toilets. If you cannot make the Dawn Service, why not come along for the breakfast. It is all BYO. Find our group and stay. Come anytime you like – there is no official starting time. The finish time depends on when you leave. And, you do not even have to do the bike ride.

## WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL ANZAC DAY BIKE RIDING

**Leader:** Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530  
**Meet At:** Kangaroo Point Cliffs Picnic Area, below River Tce, under the Captain Cook Bridge.  
**Time:** 8.00am  
**Cost:** \$2.00  
**Grade:** For a Bike – M 2 2  
**Location:** Along the bike track from Southbank towards Griffith Uni at Mt Gravatt



Once the ANZAC Dawn Service is over, those attending will be going to the park under the Kangaroo Point cliffs to have a breakfast. The bike ride will commence from here – well actually under the Captain Cook

Bridge. The car parking in the picnic area will be pretty limited by this time of the morning, so come with the thought that you may have to park and wheel the bike to the Bridge. You do not have to do breakfast to do the ride.

The ride will be along the dedicated bikeway from under the Bridge southwards. It is a nice picturesque one. It initially follows the SE Freeway to O'Keeffe St. you will get a different appreciation of the freeway. The party will also get up close and personal to the construction of the East-West Tunnel at Ipswich Rd. However, underground powerline construction & the East-West Tunnel construction are causing deviations!!!

At Buranda, you say "Goodbye" to the freeway and say "Hello" to Norman Creek at Thompson's Estate. You will ride beside the creek till Greenslopes, and get back to the freeway and head towards Weller's Hill. Have a look at the Bowls Club. Then continue to Holland Park. This should just about do us, as the "tail" will be sore by now. So, it is back over the same route to the River. Estimate is about 2 hours, but this depends on how the body holds out and how much bike riding you have done recently.

Desley

## WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL COFFEE NIGHT VAGELIS RESTAURANT

**Contact:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** 30 Racecourse Rd (Cnr Rossiter Pde), Hamilton (Ascot)  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Emerg Off:** Greg E Mob: 0418 122 995  
**Web:** <http://www.vagelis.com.au/>

This time we are heading to Ascot, for a Mediterranean meal. It is a lovely semi-outdoor location, with tables and chairs out on the deck under the awning. You can't miss the place; it's right on the corner with a big entrance statement.

Come for a meal, a snack, dessert only, or just a coffee. Breads are approx \$5 & Breads & Dip \$9. Mains are approx: Salads \$15, Pasta \$19, Meat \$24. Deserts are as per the menu. We have been here a few times already, so can recommend it.

As their website says: Enjoy our delicious food, wine & coffee while you sit in a relaxing alfresco atmosphere and enjoy the bay breezes. Fashion TV on the flat screens will keep you entertained. We serve Di Bella Coffee and the blend is Modena, all coffees are made by

a fully trained Barista. With easy access from the City Cat or Bus Route you will enjoy the short walk to our popular Cafe.



As this is ANZAC Day, there could be a slight complication with their trading hours, so keep my mobile number handy and give me a call if you cannot find us.

Greg.

## TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY MOVIE NIGHT

**Where:** Southbank Cinemas – corner Ernest & Grey Sts, Southbank

**Meet at:** Toscani's Café and Restaurant – opposite the cinema

**Time:** 6pm

**Cost:** \$6.00 (movie only)

**Contact:** Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810

**Web, to see what movies are on:**

[http://www.cineplex.com.au/now\\_screening\\_southbank.php](http://www.cineplex.com.au/now_screening_southbank.php)

We all meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Southbank, at the cinema (the old IMAX Theatre), for dinner/light snack/coffee at 6:00pm. Toscani's café is opposite the cinema. We then watch a movie of our choice (not necessarily the same movie) and meet back at a café for a coffee and to compare notes.

Why Tuesday? Well Tuesdays are cheap movie nights. If you are interested, let me know.

It is close to rail, bus & ferry. I believe cinema patrons get a free carpark on presentation of proof of seeing a movie.

Michael S

## SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY WOODY POINT TO SCARBOROUGH SOCIAL WALK

**Leader:** Maxine Brophy Ph: 3203 4699

**Time:** 8.00am

**Meet:** Opposite the Belvedere Hotel, Oxley Ave, Woody Point

**Grade:** S 2 1

**Cost:** \$6.00

**Emerg Off:** Mike Brophy Ph: 32034699

Last year we covered Sandgate to Woody Point, now it's time to cover a further section of the Peninsula. We will look at the history and places of interest at Woody Point, before taking the path along the shoreline to walk around the rocks to Scott's Point. We can explore the rock pools and life along the sea edge. We will have a morning tea stop at Sutton's Beach and a swim if weather permits.

See the changes to Redcliffe Peninsula as modern infrastructure comes ashore. Redcliffe's main parade is now home to new café's and restaurants along with a refurbished jetty. Our lunch stop will be at Scarborough in the park overlooking the Glass House Mountains. Local fish & chips can be purchased for your enjoyment.

Hope you can enjoy me.

Cheers, Maxine

## FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING THE BREWHOUSE

**Contact:** Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0413 307580

**Time:** From 4pm onwards till 8ish or much later.

**Where:** Level 1, 142 Albert St, Brisbane

**What For:** For a chat and a drink

**Web:**

<http://www.thebrewhouse.com.au/content.asp?page=home>

**Emerg Off:** Michael Simpson - 0409 620714

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on the third Friday of the month. The aim of the Society is to find the best beer on tap and in May we have hit the jackpot as we are meeting at one of Brisbane's premier boutique brewery houses - the Brewhouse.

The Brewhouse's offers a selection of beers brewed on the premises. The beers available are (i) Star Lager, (ii)

Moonlight Porter, (iii) Sunshine Wheat, (iv) Cloudy Ale, (v) Sparkling Ale and (vi) Midnight Stout. For the Society purist, it will be a long night to sample all the beers to determine the best on tap. For the more social minded majority, the Brewhouse is a lovely place to have a gathering with a drink and dinner. There is also a fine selection of food available including, steaks, seafood and pizzas.

It is an upstairs bar with a very steep flight of stairs at the entrance. The bar is unusual in that it is a huge hall that has been converted into a bar so it still has the feeling of a huge beer hall with several large tables for groups to sit at. The history of the building is that it was built in 1907 as a factory for Queensland Machinery Co. It is still easy to work out the original design of the building where overhead cranes moved the goods around the factory. The building still has its original facade and internal framework and now it is has been revitalized as a popular meeting spot in town. For such a good venue it is surprising that it is not very well known.

For the booklovers in the Club, the bar is just down from the Borders bookshop on the corner of Albert and Elizabeth Streets.

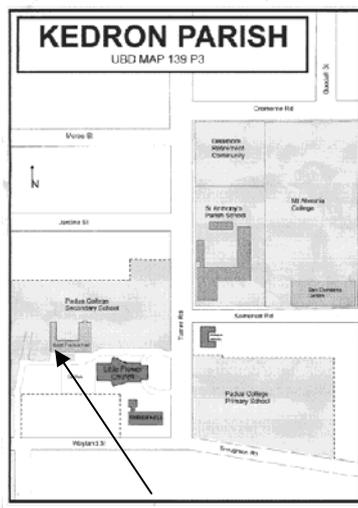
## **SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY MASS & DINNER**

**Contact:** Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702  
or 0413 307580

**Time:** 5.00pm

**Meet at:** Mass – Padua College Chapel (Not the church “The Little Flower” at the front) Wayland St, Kedron.

**Parking:** Lennon St goes straight into the School grounds, and the chapel is just inside.



Fr Finian Perkins has once again agreed to be celebrant for the Club. This will be his fifth year in succession he has celebrated the Annual Mass for our Club.

The Mass is in honour of Our Lady of the Way and the readings

and order of the mass will be focused on Our Lady and will not be a vigil mass for Pentecost Sunday.

The Dinner will be held at Stafford Tavern again. Last year Stafford Tavern was undergoing repairs. “Why back to Stafford” you might ask? Because it is very close to Padua College, and every year it has been nice there.

Map From:

<http://www.padua.ourschoolzone.net/home/index.php>

Phil.

## **DATE CLAIMER**

For Friday 29 June  
Blue Moon At The Full Moon  
Social.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **COOLOOLA WILDERNESS CAPERS. THE NOOSA RIVER CANOE THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> - SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY.**

Thursday night heading up the highway to Elanda Point, another walk underway, the rain at Elanda Point made us thankful for a dry cabin for the night. Saturday dawned fine and clear. After packing the canoe barrels, sorting the gear and wondering do we need all this stuff? 8:30 had us on the bus, the canoes in the trailer behind and along the Cooloola Way to Teewah Creek. 11:15 the canoes were in the water. Trevor and John in the supply ship, “Sirus” loaded to the gunwales. Paul and Michael in the cruise ship, “Fairstar” with all the comforts of home, that bad back can be a killer. Mus and Peter in the Indonesian junket “Perhau.” and Justin and Joe bringing up the tail in the “Investigator.” A fine flotilla, indeed, Australia Day 2007, in the wilderness again.

We were off down Teewah. A beautiful waterway and twenty years trying to get here. Over the logs, under the logs, in the canoe, out of the canoe, five hours later we were in the Noosa River and at Camp Site 15. Plenty of daylight, to boil the billy, set up camp and have a swim before tea. Stories were told, past Noosa trips remembered and feeling good after finally canoeing Teewah Creek, a satisfied group indeed. Saturday was an easy canoe down this beautiful Noosa River to Campsite 3.

All the campsites were booked on the way down and we waved and talked to other adventurers out for the weekend. Campsite 3 and a short walk to a dried up watercourse, back to camp for a swim before tea. More stories, cards and jokes (No new ones.) before a night swim so John could check out the stars from the middle of the river before bed.

Sunday we were heading out, Smoko at Harry's Hut, through the everglades, past Fig Tree Point to Kinaba Island for lunch and a look at the National Park Interp display. A wind surfer had broken his board in half and other canoeists were waiting for a pick up but we just headed into the wind to canoe across the lake to finish our journey where our three day adventure began, at Elanda Point.

Thanks to Mus and Peter from BOSQ. Paul, Michael, John, Trevor and Joe for sharing it with me. We've canoed Teewah Creek at last. Justin.

**PURLING BROOK FALLS AND TWIN  
FALLS CIRCUIT  
SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
DAYWALK**

Twenty-three members/spouses/children plus one visitor took part in this activity on a cloudy but fine day. We commenced the Purling Brook Falls walk about 9.15 am, slightly later than anticipated because a few participants were delayed in arriving at Springbrook, one due to a flat tyre on the South East Freeway. As planned, we stopped for morning tea at Warringa Pool, and four adults and three children went swimming. After morning tea, we completed the circuit in good time. The uphill walk was a little tiring, as conditions were quite humid but not hot. A covered area in the picnic ground provided an ideal spot for lunch, as there were sufficient tables under cover to accommodate the whole group.

After lunch, we drove to the Tallanbana picnic area, where we commenced the Twin Falls walk. (Unfortunately, Justin also had a puncture at this point and was delayed at Purling Brook). As with the previous walk, there were good views to the Gold Coast, and plenty of water in the waterfalls. Some members were fortunate enough to see some blue crayfish. When we arrived at Canyon Lookout, some of the group went directly to the café, while the remainder walked back to the cars and then drove to the café. This assisted café staff in managing the large group. The Canyon Lookout Café proved to be a very suitable venue for coffee.

All in all, this was an excellent day enjoyed by everyone. Those who hadn't done the walks before were most

impressed with the beauty of the area. Thanks to our visitor Judith for participating, and also to the following members: Louise Leonardi, Louise Rooney, Therese, David, Gordana, Rosie, Robyn Jones, Sophia, Roger, Viv and Cheryl, Marilyn, Terry, Jean, Liz Little, John Margaret Melissa and Claire, Justin Susan and Mary.

Graham

**MOVIE NIGHT  
13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

When Catherine and I arrived at the café where we meet we were surprised to find it had closed. Where to go now? The only premise open which allowed a view of the theatre was a bar directly across the road. After a while Rick and Julie arrived closely followed by Theresa. We then adjourned to Toscani's which, while a little expensive, provided a lovely meal. Then off to the theatre to watch Wild Hogs. Next month I think we will meet at Toscani's at 6pm.

Michael

**THE VESTIBULE  
DIES IOVIS XV<sup>TH</sup> MARTIUS, XLIV BC  
DAYWALK**

The party gathered in the Senate as normal. Julius Caesar was late as usual, wanting to make a "star" entry. On Julius' arrival, the Senate co-leader, Brutus, led the party away from the Chamber and out along the corridor towards the Forum. Most headed out front fast, though Cassius & Brutus held to the back. Servilius Casca, the Tail-end-Carolus, kept at the end. There was a rest-break on the way.

When the party reached The Vestibule, there was a hold-up. Brutus, Cassius and friends caught up with Julius. There seem to have been words as shouting was heard, and Julius fell down. He seems to have been injured. Don't know by what. But there was some blood. Not too serious I hope.

Dr Antistius came over from the XXIV-Hour Leaching Centre to have a look at Julius. He did this examination right in the heart of the Forum – you could say that this was the first forensic examination.

The planned extension to Lupanareto was called off. Later some of the participants could not be found – Brutus and Cassius went to Greece, Casca to Gaul and, after collecting all the ears, Mark Anthony went to Egypt.

## **JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The numbers continue to increase each month. From a respectable 10 members at our first meeting of the year to 15 at this month's meeting at The Zen Bar in Adelaide Street - the event is proving very popular. We welcomed 3 new members this month, Robyn, Joyce & Terry. Joyce and Terry made the journey all the way from England after word had spread via Marie. All three and Robyn had ducked in for a quick hello before they went to see the football. Desley passed around her photos from her Kokoda trip and further ideas were floated for the Tassie trip. Nominations for future walks were flowing in and discussions about a possible alternate base camp/day walk etc were discussed for those unable to attend Justin's Sydney Sojourn. People began leaving around 8pm after a most excellent night.

Those who attended were Phil M, James P, Greg E, Russ & Jan N, Michael & Catherine S, Desley P, Liz L, Geoff F, Graham G, Marie R, Terry and Joyce from the UK and Robin T.

## **CLUB HUT 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY. 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

It was like Christmas morning at Red Hill, as we greeted old friends and new, to celebrate our Club Hut 40th Anniversary. We almost filled Eric's bus for a relaxing journey down to the Lower Portal's carpark. Another dozen to meet us there, for a walk into the hut. Many original members with Bernadette claiming the earliest entry of 1959.

A hot dry walk, with no water in Rocky Creek, a sign of our drought conditions. Already a crowd at the hut, families had stayed over night, with Iain, and our visiting priest Fr John Butler ready to start Mass. A beautiful setting as we gathered under the trees beside the creek, in front of our hut, to celebrate this day and our association of many years of caring and sharing lives and friendships.

Lunch and billy's boiling as we all had a chance to catch up with visitors & friends. Susan had travelled in with a very special cake intact, with a classic picture of the club hut on top of the cake. Tables filled with sweets, slices & biscuits along with the delicious cake. Some members of the Drynan family joined us for the day to share memories.

A large number crossed the creek to enjoy a cool swim at the Portal's, extremely low water levels, but still a perfect swimming pool. More goodies to top us up, before a tidy up. Vehicles packed to drive out over

Drynan's Farm while the walk back to the bus always seems quicker than journey in. Our trip back to Brisbane with much chatter & fun after a perfect day of celebration.

Sincere thanks to the Tobin Family for all their work and organizing such a perfect day, special mention of the beautiful handmade invitations sent to members. Thanks as well goes to Iain and others who gave up a day to clean the hut and to all who joined us for the weekend.

Regards, Maxine

## **MT LANGLEY ONE FOR THE PEAK BAGGERS! CONONDALE NATIONAL PARK 25 MARCH 2007**

We had the most beautiful day for the most comical of walks. The sun was shining brightly and the air was at just the right temperature. Eight of us did the walk, some of us met at the church and others were collected along the way, but we all grouped together at Carseldine. The drive to the head of the walk took us up the motorway to Kenilworth and along Sundays Road through the Charlie Moorland Park, to the Conondale National Park. The country side is looking beautiful to our near north and we passed through lush pastures, dry forests and wet rain-forests.

The walk itself took us along a fire management road for about 5-7 km. There was a lot of disturbed earth along the road and during the pre-outing (the day before the walk) Michael and I thought this may have been due to feral pigs. On the day of the walk itself the cause of the digging was revealed: deer. Believe it or not, there were wild deer in the national park, well spotted Matthew. There was an incredible amount of birdlife in the rainforests in this area: there were whipbirds, catbirds, robins, various wrens and Matthew and I even saw a rifle bird flying between the trees. At one stage on the walk we turned a corner and saw a stand of magnificent eucalypts with straight trunks that were almost silver-white in colour. They were a genuine contrast against their green leafed surroundings.

The walk to the top of Mt Langley from the road was quite easy and only took about 15 minutes. On the pre-outing I thought there had to be more to it, but there wasn't. I am sorry if my description of the walk discouraged people from nominating. I had based my pre-trip report on the description provided in the Sunshine Coast peak baggers book. When I read their description of the walk to everyone we laughed so much we rolled down the hill and some people nearly

lost their trousers in the process. At least we weren't like Jack and Jill, breaking crowns, etc, but Therese took the elevator to the basement and played peek-a-boo with us at the bottom.

We returned to the cars by 2 pm, drove to Jimna for lunch at Peach Trees campsite, but got rained out: see I told you the weather was perfect (this area forms part of the Brisbane River Catchment). We also discovered that Terry will not be watching the World Rally Championships from the Jimna Fire tower.

I would like to thank Michael Simpson for being my EO and for doing the pre-outing with me, Matthew Palmer and Paul Evans for being my drivers, and Justin Tobin, Terry Silk, Louise Leonardi and Therese Abernethy for joining me on what was a delightful day in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Philip Kearns.  
(aka Phil the Younger)

**COFFEE NIGHT**  
**Merthyr Bowls Club**  
**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

As usual, this was a good night – where else can you sit beside the River for dinner so cheaply. The weather was balmy, so we sat outdoors overlooking the River. Some came for dinner – the fish & chips were popular. Other just had coffee, and only a few actually had dessert. The conversation was the usual lively discussion about holidays, trips past, events coming and all that.

Thanks to Louise, Maxine, Elizabeth, Jean, Michael & Catherine, Terry, Gordana, Graham and myself.

Greg E

**MT COOT-THA**  
**SOCIAL WALK**  
**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

We met at 2pm at the Range View Picnic Area for a leisurely afternoon stroll on the western slopes of Mt Coot-tha.

The walk was in an area little visited by the club and commenced near the entrance to Channel 9. There are 2 tracks here, the Kokoda & Jacksonia Tracks. The former is a multi-use track whilst the latter is a walker's only track, and so we chose this one. It is also the less steep of the two as it meanders its way down the slope for 2520m to the Gap Creek Reserve Picnic Area. This was to be our comfort stop. However, much to our

dismay, the toilet block had been demolished and there is no indication that it is being replaced. After a brief stop we started up the Quail Track and then onto the Highwood Road Trail, climbing all the time. We arrived back at the cars at 4pm and set off for the Lookout for a welcome cup of coffee. The effects of the drought is really obvious here with the Mt Coot-tha Forest unbelievably dry and I don't even think there is enough fuel left here to feed a decent fire. The only fauna I really noticed were the bellbirds which were common around the Gap Creek Reserve.

This walk has wet my appetite to explore other areas of the forest and I hope to lead another social walk here later in the year. My thanks to the 10 walkers who joined me – Terry, Graham, Rick & Julie, Liz, Gordana, Julie C, Sofia, Brigid and Louise.

Michael.

**THE FRANCIS ERIC ROBERTS**  
**SOCIETY**

**For those who do Private Trips between**  
**Point Danger & the Dumaresq River**

All those who went on the Mt Lindesay Daywalk are eligible for entry to this Society.

**PAST “NON-CLUB” TRIPS**

**CASTLE CRAG/BLACK**  
**CANYON/LOST WORLD TRAVERSE**  
**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AND**  
**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> TO SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**DAYWALK/THROUGHWALK**  
**PART 1**

Recently it was suggested I plan a walk into Black Canyon. One way was to follow the Border Track, drop down to the Worendo/Lost World Saddle, continue down to the North Albert River and up to Black Canyon. We would then exit by traversing Lost World but then where to? So a second walk was planned to test the viability of exiting via Castle Crag. Three of us set off down the familiar Kerry Track and then down the unfamiliar Commando Track to the junction of Moran's Creek and the National Park. Then up onto the ridge that took us straight up to the cliffs below Castle Crag. And I mean up. We then traversed around the northern side before Paul found a break that led to the track. We ruled this route out as our exit. Why? There is no easy route up onto the ridge from the Lost

World side. The climb is very steep to the cliffs and the traverse is also steep and would not be much fun with a through pack on. From the track it was an easy walk back to Moran's Creek and welcome relief for our feet in the cool water. Thanks to Paul and Phillip for another successful walk.

Michael.

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **KEVIN PEARL ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE - 21/03/2007 AGED 51 YEARS.**

Kevin was not a member of this Club, however over the past 4 years he joined us on our Annual Exhibition Wednesday Barney Mass. So impressed was he with his first Barney Mass that he returned each year with his children. It was only last year that Kevin was delighted to have his 7 year old son Alex climb the mountain with him. The previous year Kevin carried a portable C.D. player up the mountain to help with the singing during Mass.

Kevin was one of Australia's top rock climbers and spent his early years climbing with Fred From (who was killed on Mt. Everest). Some members may recall a few years back F.M.R. putting on a special night at Newmarket. One of the main features of that night was the showing of a film of Fred and Kevin climbing the prominent crack on Crookneck.

For over 30 years Kevin constantly climbed on Rock Climbing grades 20 and over, an achievement not too many people can equal. Safety was the main issue in Kevin's climbing. He used to say, "There are old climbers and there are bold climbers, but there are no old bold climbers".

Not only was Kevin a great rock climber, he was also a great family man, a dedicated nurse in a difficult area, and an avid bushwalker. He delighted in taking his family into the bush and sharing his love of nature with them. As Kevin used to say "Every day is a gift from God".

Kevin's brother and sister-in-law (Brian and Jean) were very active members of the Ipswich Catholic Bushwalking Club.

Kevin passed away on 21/3/07 only 4 months after being diagnosed with cancer. Kevin was aged 51.

He was a gentle and kind man – May God give him eternal rest.

Pat Lawton.

## KATE QUINLAN

It was on the Hamilton walk, while looking at one of the historical houses, we discovered Kate Quinlan, co-founder of that great brew Fourex (XXXX). Mutterings were heard that if she's a Fourex lady, why is our monthly Friday after-work socials named after a Southerner? This question has been asked in the past apparently. The John Toohey Society was obviously named by someone who spent their youth surfing off the beaches of the Sutherland Shire outside Sydney and, when the day was over, "I feel like a Toohey's or two." You can take the boy out of N.S.W., but it seems you can't take N.S.W. out of the boy. In Queensland it always been

"I can feel a Fourex coming on,  
I can feel a Fourex coming on,  
I've got the taste for it,  
Just can't wait for it,  
I can feel a Fourex coming on."

And who gave us that beer but Kate – A Queenslander. So phooey, phooey to John Toohey, It's not too late to say, "We want Kate, we want Kate."

So I ask the committee, the John Toohey Society and fellow members to change the John Toohey Society to the Kate Quinlan Society.

We are Queenslanders after all.

A Brief History: Michael Quinlan and Mr Donnelly were successful brewers in Brisbane. Or, would have been, had it not been for the unfortunate death of Quinlan. **Quinlan's wife, Kate**, no doubt revelling in the relatively pro-female sentiment of the time (Australian women were the first to be given the right to vote in 1896), decided to carry on and live out her dead husband's dream.

1877: The Fitzgerald brothers formed a partnership with Kate Quinlan, George Gray and Robert Prendergast to establish Fitzgerald Quinlan & Company with the intent to build a brewery in Brisbane. They purchased the failing Milton Distillery in September. The next year, Castlemaine XXX Sparkling Ale is sold to public acclaim. The X's date back to medieval times when brewing was confined mainly to monasteries. The monks used X (the sign of the cross) as a standard symbol of quality for alcoholic beverages. The number of X's represented the strength and quality of the brew.

1880: Queensland's first telephone is installed linking the Castlemaine Brewery with its head office in the City, some 5km away.

1887: The Castlemaine Brewery formed a limited company, "Castlemaine Brewery and Quinlan Gray and Company Brisbane". Shares were over-subscribed by sixty percent.

1894: The famous "XXXX" trademark was applied for. The Trade Mark showed an eagle carrying a barrel with XXXX written on it.

In 1889 it stunned Australia by becoming the first Queensland brewery to produce the new fangled beer known as *lager*. Leaving the opposition in its tracks, it swallowed down a competitor Perkins & Co, 1928.

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