

Members from the First
10 Years at the
50th Anniversary



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| Date | Event | Leader | Contact | Type | Grade |
|------------------|--|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mar 21/24 | Sundown National Park (Easter) | Michael | | BC | |
| 24 | Flinder's Peak | Pat | | DW | |
| 26 | Coffee Night – The Grove | Greg | | Soc | |
| 27 | BWQ Meeting | Michael | | Meet | |
| 28 | JTS – The Victory | Phil | | Soc | |
| 30 | 50 th Anniv Mass & Lunch | Phil | | Soc | |
| Apr 5 | Blackbutt to Linville | Michael | | DW | |
| 8 | Movie Night | Michael | | Soc | |
| 12 | Mt Borumba | Rick | | DW | |
| 18 | JTS – The Criterion | Phil | 5522 9702 | Soc | |
| 19 | Beerburrum/Dularcha Tunnel | Graham | 3371 9623 | SW | S33 |
| 21 | Monthly Meeting | Philip | 3870 3710 | Meet | |
| 24 | BWQ Meeting | Michael | 3351 3810 | Meet | |
| 25 | Anzac Dawn Service & Breakfast | Terry | 3355 9765 | SOC | |
| 25 | Card Night | Maxine | 3203 4699 | SOC | |
| 25/27 | Swan Creek/Huntley/Sentinel Pt | Joe | 3848 4642 | TW | XL77 |
| 30 | Coffee Night – Belesis | Greg | 3351 4092 | Soc | |
| May 3,4,5 | Goomburra Day Walk | Michele | 3353 2822 | DW | M35 |
| 3/5 | Goomburra | Michele | 3353 2822 | BC | M35 |
| 3/5 | Undercliffe to Boonoo Boonoo Falls | Matthew | 3876 8125 | TW | XL85 |
| 6 | Movie Night at Stafford | Michael | 3351 3810 | Soc | |
| 9/10 | Mini Ballows Circuit | Justin | 3366 3193 | ON | L56 |
| 16 | JTS – Mick O'Malley's | Phil | 5522 9702 | Soc | |
| 17 | Mt Coot-tha Walk | Philip | 3870 3710 | SW | S34 |
| 18 | Summer Creek | Anthony | 3342 0386 | DW | L55 |
| 19 | Monthly Meeting | Philip | 3870 3710 | Meet | |
| 24 | Mass & Dinner (50th Anniv) | Philip | 3870 3710 | Soc | |
| 28 | Coffee Night – Mt Coot-tha | Maxine | 3203 4699 | Soc | |
| Jun 1 | Mt Samson | Pat | 3366 1956 | DW | |
| 3 | Movie Night | Michael | 3351 3810 | Soc | |
| 7/9 | Emu Creek | Iain | 3371 4672 | BC | |
| 7/9 | Cunningham's Gap to Emu Creek | Philip | 3870 3710 | TW | |
| 14 | Ipswich Heritage Walk | Liz | 3356 4874 | SW | |
| 15 | Stony Creek | Philip | 3870 3710 | DW | |
| 16 | Monthly Meeting | Philip | 3870 3710 | Meet | |
| 20 | JTS – Theodore's Club | Phil | 5522 9702 | Soc | |
| 22 | Wilson's Peak via Kinnanes Falls | Matthew | 3876 8125 | DW | |
| 25 | Coffee Night - Bean Scene Café | Maxine | 3203 4699 | Soc | |
| 28 | Mt Tanna & Mt Glennie | John | 5514 0285 | DW | |
| Jul 1 | Movie Night | Michael | 3351 3810 | Soc | |
| 6 | Mt Maroon | Phil | 5522 9702 | DW | |
| 12 | Medieval Fair | Desley | 3369 5530 | Soc | |
| 13 | Ngungun Train Walk | Justin | 3366 3193 | DW | |
| 18 | JTS – Irish Club | Phil | 5522 9702 | Soc | |
| 19 | Shepherd's Walk | Terry | 3355 9765 | DW | |
| 20 | Nerang State Forest | Graham | 3371 9623 | SW | |
| 20 | Page's Pinnacle | Philip | 3870 3710 | DW | |
| 26 | Kin Kin | Jean | 3256 6140 | DW | |
| 26 | Savages Ridge | Iain | 3371 4672 | DW | |
| 30 | Coffee Night - Vagelis | Maxine | 3203 4699 | Soc | |

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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.

KEY – Walk Types

| | | | |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| D/W | Day Walk | ½ D/W | Half Day Walk |
| O/N | Over Nighter | B/C | Base Camp |
| T/W | Through Walk | C/W | City Walk |
| TRN | Training | S&T | Safety & Training |
| FMR | Federation Mountain Rescue | SOC/SW | Social/Social Walk |

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

EDITOR'S REPORT

ARTICLES: Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by the 1st of the month. Articles should be e-mailed to me at endhouse@bigpond.net.au. I prefer not to get a hard copy. Please follow the "Jilalan Style Guide". If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092.

As Editor, I reserve the right to alter, amend, move, shorten or not print articles.

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<http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/JilalanStyleGuide.html>

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Loving God in the course of my days,
Help me to pause amidst the hustle and bustle of life:

To observe the changing seasons
And the beauty of my natural surrounds;
To enjoy the fragrance of the flowers;
To smell the early morning dew;
To experience the warmth of the sun;
To rejoice in the budding of new life
That surrounds me;
To find beauty in a blade of grass;
To feel the very breath of life
Pulsating through my body;
To take comfort in the smile,
Or touch, of another person.

(AHS Staff Prayer Dec 2007)

REFLECTION

Last year I reflected on the goodness of creation. This year I reflect on what mankind has done to this good creation.

All of creation was grand. The soil, the plants, the animals, - and man, too was good. Though everything else remains good, the human race is now schizophrenic - good and bad. The party was finished when God walked in the cool of the garden one day and found Adam and Eve hiding because they were naked. Their sinless innocence was gone. The closeness between the human race and God was finished.

No longer would people accept responsibility for their actions. Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent. So it is in the world. Others have ruined the world. We are guiltless.

That was a sad day for this good creation because God said to Adam "Accursed be the soil because of you". Creation would now suffer because of man's sin - and did and it still does and it will in the future.

The suffering our world endures because of us is unjust. Now the human race is in conflict with the world. The land is raped, the trees mutilated, the creatures murdered, the water pollute, the atmosphere fouled.

What was the sin? To eat a piece of fruit. Ah, no! It was far worse than that. Man ate that fruit because he believed the fruit and the world were his.

He would no longer admit that the world was still God's greatest creation on earth. Man was made in God's image.

But man is an image, not an equal. Since the fall, man acts as if he is more than just God's greatest creation. Man thinks he's the owner.

In Ecclesiastes we read "The work of the Lord is full of His glory". Slowly at first then, ever more rapidly, mankind looks around and sees not the work of the Lord but the work of man.

The wonder of the fact that no two leaves are the same, that every snowflake has a different design: the diversity of plants, fish and animals; the magnificence of the human reproduction system - these things no longer reflect the glory of the Lord. The great things now are the fact that we obtain photos from beyond Neptune and that people can land on the moon.

We marvel at the enormous dams and towering buildings with never a thought for the magnificence of God's drowned river or buried block of land.

We improve God's land with fertiliser's and destroy it. Sean McDonagh says "Our scientific, humanist and religious traditions have shown a considerable antagonism to the natural world and have attempted to create this illusion that, at last, the shackles have been severed and that humans have been liberated That is sin.

The fall has meant that the less dependent people are on the natural world, and the more they are surrounded by technology, the more progress they consider they are making. Man wants to use his own "creation" not God's gifts. That is sin.

Man is afraid of nature. Leave a person alone in the bush or in the dark. See the result. The fall leads us to think nature is bad. We must improve it. Hence all the wonderful things which are ruining our atmosphere, polluting our waters and despoiling our lands.

Adam and Eve said they hid from God because they were naked. That was a lie. It was because man no longer wanted his God, he was withdrawing from God.

More and more with passing years have man withdrawn from God. Man had hidden in his philosophy, his art, his science, his astronomy, his plastics, fluorocarbons, tins and bottles and in his noise.

Pope John Paul I said "The frantic race for creature comforts, the exaggerated, mad use of unnecessary things has compromised the indispensable things: pure air and pure water, silence, inner peace, rest".

This planet has been wounded by our sin. Let us pray to God the wound is not mortal. Let us pray with the psalmist "Lord send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth". We must remember it is not just the sins of mankind which have wounded the planet but our own personal sins.

Our wanton waste and extravagance and our forgetfulness of God.

Frank Bendeich

of the Catholic Bushwalking Club (Sydney), Spiritual Directors report in the 1991 Annual Report

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Easter has come and gone; the 50th anniversary Mass and Dinner have come and gone. What have we got now: the best time of the year to go bushwalking! There are about 3 great through walks for those interested in through-walking. There is a basecamp at Goomburra just behind Cunningham's Gap: lots of scope for both easy and hard walks at this camp. On the social side we have the Coffee and film nights, and on a respectful note the ANZAC Dawn Service, which we always attend. There is also a social walk up Mt Coot-tha. All in all I believe there is something for everyone in the calendar over the next month or two.

This year has been a fantastic year for our Club. We also have one of our major events in May: our annual Mass and Dinner. This will be held at the Convent of St Francis (the convent attached to the Nun's Retirement Complex) at Kedron, followed by a meal at The Stafford Tavern.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped prepare for our 50th Anniversary celebrations. I will not name anyone in this because space is too short. You know who you are and how you helped, be it physical, financial, moral or spiritual. We were privileged to have His Grace and Fr Finian say Mass for us. It was a special bonus to have "our own" Deacon, the Reverend Russ Nelson participating in the Liturgy. It has been a privilege to lead the Club during this period and I know the rest of this year will be fantastic.

Happy walking everyone. Remember (as always) to see Christ in others and walk humbly with our God.
Philip.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS COORDINATOR

This month I want to promote my Wilson's Promontory walk from 2nd Jan to 6th Jan 2009. Included in this month's Jilalan is an outline of the walk. It is a relatively easy walk and visits the most southerly point on the Australian mainland. I intend to travel down on the first flight from Brisbane on the 2nd and return on the last flight from Melbourne on the 6th. I will be hiring a car to travel to/from the campground at Wilson's.

http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0857.pdf

I am writing this just after I have returned from the Easter base camp at Sundown. We certainly put a few of our walkers out of their comfort zone when we walked up Blue Gorge and eventually had to climb out of the gorge. But they all came through with flying colours and I'm sure they will look back at the walk with pride when they realise what they have achieved and remember the amazing views of the park from the top of the gorge. This is one of the reasons why I lead walks. To take people into areas they would never dream to go themselves.

Good walking and I hope to see in the bush.

Michael (3351 3810, 0409 620714 or michaelesimpson@optushome.com.au)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance 18/2/08 | \$3414.93 |
| Plus Receipts | \$ 636.00 |
| | <u>\$4050.93</u> |
| Less Payments | \$1488.94 |
| Balance 17/3/08 | <u>\$2561.99</u> |
| Term Deposit | \$2059.19 |

Unfortunately, I ran out of time at our March meeting to draw our first raffle for the year, but the good news is that because I have managed to sell some more tickets in the meantime, I have decided to include a bonus second prize of a set of walking poles to go with our advertised prize of a hamper. The raffle will now definitely be drawn at our April meeting.

Now, a plea for your help. We have a supply of 50th Anniversary T-shirts for sale at \$20 each which we desperately need to sell in order to rebuild our bank balance which took a severe hit when we bought them. They are an attractive two tone blue light weight polyester which would be

quite suitable for walking. So why not buy two, one for walking and one to keep in mint condition.

Now, for some bad news, I sold out of club badges at our 50th Anniversary lunch. Also, I recently sold the last of our club T-shirts. Terry.

SOCIAL'S REPORT

SOCIALS FOR 2008:

April: Card Night
 May: Annual Mass and Dinner
 June : Train Trip To Rosewood
 July: O'Riellys
 August: Chinese Dinner
 September: Progressive Dinner by Train
 October: New Farm Heritage Walk
 November: Bridges of Brisbane
 December: Christmas Party

ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Abernethy and Nicola Pritchard are having a birthday in April.

Congratulations also to Nicola, Michelle Anderson, Karen Fredericks, Chris McCaffrey, Antonia Simpson & Ted Richardson for becoming our latest new members.

Pat Lawton has just returned from another successful walking trip in the South Island of New Zealand. Robin Thorn has also just returned from spending some time in New Zealand visiting her family. Jeffrey Foreman recently spent some time in Adelaide checking out their horrendously hot temperatures.

Belated condolences to Jenny Dance whose younger sister passed away in late January after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Michelle Anderson joined her friend Nicola Pritchard as visitors on Philip's Mt Walker walk and came back for the To Linville From Blackbutt walk along with Nicola's father Peter). Maxine Weeks clocked up her second walk as a visitor on Michael's Sundown NP base camp. Karen Burns, Karen Frederiks, Peter and Jackie O'Donnell and Kerry & Judy Walker were welcome visitors on Pat's Flinders Peak walk along with eighteen of our friends from BOSQ. In the last month we have had enquiries from Jennifer Bell and Lyn Poile, Mary Smith, Julia Cowan & Cathy Daff.

PARISHES

A big Thank You to all the parishes who published in their Sunday Bulletins details of our 50th Anniversary celebrations. They were seen and former members did phone us after seeing it. We would not have had such a successful function without all of you helping us.

MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

We need 13 members now for a quorum – twice the number on Committee, plus one. With out “new look” committee of 6, it adds an extra need to have members at out meetings. This will be hard to get, so we need YOU. If we do not get the numbers, it will be a social meeting only – no motions or voting can be done.

COMING EVENTS

All Outings still leave from St Brigid's carpark at Musgrave Rd, Red Hill – unless the Jilalan Article states otherwise.

18th APRIL, FRIDAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING THE CRITERION TAVERN CNR ADELAIDE ST & GEORGE ST

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0413 307 580
Where: Cnr Adelaide & George St.
 Downstairs Bar
Time: From 4pm onwards till 8ish or until the last person leaves.
What For: To gather in a congenial atmosphere and socialise in a relaxing atmosphere.
Drinks: Whatever you want – beer, wine, water, soft drink, coffee, champagne

Web: <http://directory.ourbrisbane.com/directory/listings/8532.html>

Emerg Off: Phil on 0413 307 580.

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink on a Friday once a month. So for those working in the city pop in and say hello. If you don't, still come in. It's not far or too long.

All members are welcome to come along and enjoy a social chit chat and discuss the big issues of bushwalking; like the next extended trip planned by Michael Simpson to Wilson's Prom in January 2009. But we do not only talk about walks – you decide on the topics.

Criterion Tavern is located in the heart of Brisbane City on the corner of Adelaide and George Streets. And is a downstairs bar. We will try to be near the Adelaide Street Entrance up towards City Hall. Bus Stop 47 is right at the entrance.

The true believers of the Society of holding firm to the quest of finding the best beer in Brisbane are becoming a dwindling minority. We need an event to galvanise the true believers and bring the waverers back to the cause. Such an event was earmarked with a backyard BBQ and beer tasting competition to be held at Liz Little's place on the only Friday 29th February for the next 28 years. However, our day in the sun has been shamelessly robbed by the "splitters" who called the event the Inaugural "James Boag Society" meeting. The true believers will have their day in the sun with a special BBQ and beer tasting championship. Stay tuned for details of the special event to be held later this year.

Phil the Elder

**19th APRIL, SATURDAY
BEERBURRUM/DULARCHA TUNNEL
TRAIN WALK
SOCIAL WALK**

Leader: Graham Glasse Ph: 3371 9623
Meet at: Central Station
Time: Train departs 8.15am
Grade: S33
Cost: \$15.30
Web:

<http://www.railtrails.org.au/states/trails.php3?action=train&trail=129>

Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland
Emerg Off: Catherine S Ph: 3351 3810
The Times have changed since the article in the last Jilalan due to new train timetables.

Our day will begin at Central Station where we shall catch the 8.15am Nambour train. It is best to buy an off-peak daily to Mooloolah (\$15.30); this will cover all of your train travel for the day. We shall be sitting in the first carriage, to avoid problems getting off the train at Mooloolah. You are welcome to join us along the way, but this train stops at very few stations prior to Caboolture. We expect to detrain at Mooloolah at 9.38am, and shall then take a short walk through the streets to the northern entrance to Dularcha National Park.

Dularcha National Park is 200 metres wide and 3.5 km long. It was gazetted in 1921

(Queensland's 7th national park) and is one of the North Coast Rail group of national parks, which were intended to be accessible to rail travellers in the early days. The track is wide enough to take vehicles, and is basically flat. For much of the way, it follows the present railway line through eucalypt forest. The old tunnel is only 200 metres from the northern boundary of the park.

On the day of the pre-outing in February, the track was wet and muddy in places, with one shallow creek crossing. If we continue to get rain, I would definitely recommend walking boots if you have them. The total distance is about 5 km, including 1.5 km through the streets of Landsborough to the station. The party will have time for lunch before catching the train at 12.20pm, arriving at Beerburum at 12.36pm. We then have a walk of about 1km to the start of the walking trail.

Mt Beerburum is part of the Glasshouse Mountains National Park. There is a paved track to the top, 1.4km return, but it is quite steep. However, there are several stone seats along the way, where you can rest. There is a viewing platform at the top, with wonderful 360 degree views. The vegetation includes rainforest, open eucalypt forest, and heath with grass trees at the top. The complete return walk from the station can be done in 1.5 hours, but some people may need additional time on the up section.

We shall catch our train to Brisbane at 3.20pm, arriving at Central at 5.03pm. It is important that we are on this one, as the next train is at 6.38pm. We can have refreshments at Central Station on our return, if people wish. Don't miss this opportunity to join me on what should be a day walk with a difference. Graham

**21st APRIL, MONDAY
GENERAL MEETING**

Contact: Philip the Younger, President
Ph: 3870 3710
Time: Doors open 7.30pm
Venue: St Michael's Parish Hall,
250 Banks St, Ashgrove (the old Dorrington). The hall & carpark are on the lower terrace, down below the church.

Web: <http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/page4.html>

Come along to the Meeting to hear what the Club is going to do over the following month.

- Hear what you will be doing over the coming month
- Hear what we did over the previous month.
- Ask Leaders questions that will solve your queries about coming events – this Jilalan can not say everything about what we do, where we go and how we do it.
- Hear about the 50th Anniv Celebrations preparation.
- Stay and talk with your friends

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23RD APRIL, WEDNESDAY MARY VALLEY RATTLER SOCIAL

(Organised by some of our Foundation Members)

Leader: Marian (McShane) and Vince Arthur Ph: 38551363
Time: Leave Bris 7.00 am approx
Meet at; Gympie Railway Stn no later than 9.30am Suggest car pool.
Cost: 28.00 for the Rattler and pay for own meals. There is a pub at Imbil where we stop for 1-1/2 Hrs.
RSVP: No later than the 20th April
Web: <http://www.thevalleyrattler.com/>

This is a quick note to all the early members of the Club of the days outing on the Mary Valley Rattler. It should be a fun day.

Heritage Steam Train Tours – from their web page

The Rattler's spectacular journey begins at historic Gympie Railway Station. Built in 1913, the station building is a living tribute to Gympie and Cooloola's golden rail heritage which began in the 1870's and is a link to the region's "Golden" past.



Passing through Gympie City, its southern suburbs and the station at Monkland, The Rattler crosses the Mary River. The journey continues into the scenic Mary Valley where the railway line

negotiates the steep slopes of the Mary River, offering spectacular views. Throughout the Rattler's journey, the traveller can experience rural life and view commercial dairies, livestock enterprises and the farms of the steep slopes of the Mary Valley which produce pineapples, macadamias and other crops.

The Mary Valley line has an abundance of curves, gradients and bridges. These are evidence of the hard work that was needed to build the railway line before and during the First World War. The Mary Valley line includes stations at the villages of Dagon, Amamoor, Kandanga and Imbil. The Rattler stops at these fully restored, landscaped and original stations where good, old fashioned country hospitality can be enjoyed.

Come along for a great time.

25TH APRIL, FRIDAY ANZAC DAWN SERVICE IN THE CITY And BREAKFAST

Leader: Terry 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
Web: <http://www.anzacday.org.au/education/tff/dawn.html>

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.

Anyone feeling energetic can walk to Southbank and back.
Terry.

APRIL 25TH FRIDAY CARD NIGHT SOCIAL

Contact: Maxine Ph: 3203 4699
Time: 7.30pm
Place: 9 Elizabeth Street, Everton Hills, the John's House
Cost: A plate to share
Emerg Off: Michelle Johns Ph: 3353 2822

If you enjoy cards and good company come along for some fun. New to cards or an old hand, all will be welcome. You do not even need to know any card games – just come along for the company and enjoyable chatting.

There will be stories to tell and good conversation along with your favourite card games.

We will share supper and a cuppa during the evening. Please contact Maxine if a lift is required.

25TH, 26TH, 27TH APRIL, FRIDAY TO SUNDAY ANZAC WEEKEND DOUBLE TOP, HUNTLEY, ASPLENium, SENTINEL POINT MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK THROUGH WALK

Leader Joe Finn Ph: 3848 4642
Meet at To be discussed
Time 8am
Grading XL77
Cost \$30 including permits
Location South of Cunningham's Gap & north of the border

Web:
<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=94>

Emerg Off Catherine Simpson Ph 3351 3810

Dust off your pack, fill it up with heavy things, and come walking up and down the hills and ridges of all the above-mentioned topographical features of the Main Range and more...

This walk does not start with a sleep-in - it starts with time enough to go to the Anzac Day dawn service. But the next two mornings will seem like sleep-in after peaceful night in the bush.

It will be a nice walk. Park at Swan Creek, up the west/southwest ridge to Double Top then follow the escarpment south over Swan Knoll, Huntley Knoll, and around and up the cliff line (the easier

bit) to Huntley for the first night. A nice camp with lots of water down near the rare and delicate plants in Fern Tree Gully.

Next day – off to Asplenium and then down the western ridge towards Mt Guymer to 1096. It is a kilometre each way to Guymer and depending how time is going we may do the sidetrack. However from 1096 our track is north and downhill to the North Branch of Emu Creek (it may actually be Barney Creek at this bit, but not that one Justin). From here it is up the creek then on to the ridge to the Huntley/Sentinel Saddle for the second night. It is only a short distance on a map.

Day Three. Explore around and on the top of Sentinel Point and maybe across to Pinnacle Rock. Back to saddle, tents and packs, from here it is a short walk out via a road reserve back to the cars.

This is the plan.

30TH April, WEDNESDAY COFFEE NIGHT BELESIS AT COORPAROO

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Location: Belesis Café Restaurant, 198 Old Cleveland Rd (Cnr Fifth Ave), Coorparoo
Time: 7.30pm for Coffee & Cakes, earlier for dinner if you want – bring a friend.
Cuisine: Mediterranean. Average price mains \$18.00, Fully Licensed, BYO wine only

Why not try out Belesis, a café we have not been to before. It is close to town, on a main road with parking on the premises. If you want a meal, you can indulge in your Mediterranean desires. Bring a friend and come early. If it is just coffee, or coffee & cakes, well, you have come to the right place with the right people.

Talk to your friend about recent outings, holidays, movies or whatever. Talk about future overseas trips, outings, socials, parties, and everything else.

Visitors are especially welcome.

3/5th MAY, SAT/SUN/MON GOOMBURRA NATIONAL PARK DAYWALK

Leader: Michele Johns Ph: 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542
Meet at: Brisbane
Time: 6.30am
Cost: \$3 each nominal cost.
Grading: M 3 5 (well within all members capabilities)
Location: In the Main Range, southwest of Brisbane, via the Cunningham Highway

Web:www.gldsoutherndowns.org.au/things_to_see/index.cfm?action=detail&productid=9003766

Emerg Off: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765

This might look like the following Basecamp, but it is not. It is a daywalk associated with the basecamp.

Anyone can come up the Goomburra on any of the 3 days and do a daywalk with the basecampers. Michele has described them in her article below.

As long as you leave Brisbane at 6.30am, you will arrive at Goomburra by 8.30am, in time for the day's walking. You will be providing your own transport. Bring along a carload – ring around to find others who want a daywalk. Ring Michele, she might already have named others who want to do the daywalk.

Do all the normal things for a daywalk – bring lunch, morning & arvo tea, water, hat, sunscreen, etc.

Ring Michele to let her know to expect you.

3/5th MAY, SAT to MON GOOMBURRA NATIONAL PARK BASE CAMP MAY LONG WEEKEND PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Leader: Michele Johns Ph: 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542
Meet At: St. Brigid's Carpark, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6.30am
Cost: \$30
Grading: M3 5 (well within all members capabilities)

Location: In the Main Range, southwest of Brisbane, via the Cunningham Highway

Web:www.gldsoutherndowns.org.au/things_to_see/index.cfm?action=detail&productid=9003766

Emerg Off: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765

Didn't go away for Easter because of the crowds? Now you can escape the crowds over the Labour Day long weekend.

Come and spend a relaxing weekend at Goomburra which is in the Main Range National Park, 175km southwest of Brisbane. This World Heritage Area provides superb views over Laidley Valley, the rugged Border Ranges to the south and Mount Castle in the north. The dry open forest contains New England blackbutt and manna gums.

From two adjacent camping areas, there are several walks ranging from short to more demanding. There are several options available; the first is on Saturday once campers have set up camp to go on the Cascades and Ridge walk. The grading for this walk is easy to moderate and passes several cascades and rock pools along an old logging trail. The distance is about 8 km. Sundays walk will be the Goomburra Grand Circuit. We will drive to the start; from here we will follow the Araucaria walk to three waterfalls, then onto Sylvesters Lookout. On Monday the Winder Track passes through rainforest along the crest of the Mistake Range. It gets its name from a 'winder', a piece of relic machinery from the early days of timber logging. This walk is about 12km return. The camp ground is beside a creek, so with the recent rain there should be plenty of water. Swimming is an option! It has been known to get up to 30 degrees in May.

There aren't showers but there are toilets at the camping area and plenty of open grassy areas with the possibility of seeing the occasional echidna or koala, also satin bower birds, variegated fairy-wrens or the yellow tailed black cockatoo.

On the Saturday or Sunday night, depending on the interest of campers, we will drive to either Allora or Maryvale for tea. Both are within about 30 minutes of the camping area.

Nominate early, as I need to know numbers for booking.

Michele Johns

3/5 MAY SAT TO MON BOOKOOKOORARA CK/BOONOO BOONOO RIVER THROUGHWALK

Leader: Matt Palmer Ph: 3876 8125
Meet at: St Brigid's Red Hill at 5.30am
Cost: \$40.00
Grading: XL85
Location: Along the border between Tenterfield & Woodenbong, in NSW

Web: <http://www2.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/parks.nsf/ParkContentByDistance/N0056?OpenDocument&ParkKey=N0056&Type=I>

Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan Ph: 3876 8125

This is a lovely three day walk through the granite country just to the east of Girraween National Park.

The entire walk will be following the creek and the river between Undercliffe Falls and Boonoo Boonoo Falls. The walk does not have a lot of up hill and down hill but will be uneven in many places and require scrambling around a bit depending on water levels.

As we have had such a good wet season water should not be an issue but some form of filtration for the water may be desirable. The walk is along one of the remotest rivers in the region and the river should hold surprises for us around every corner. Be prepared for the temperature dropping to zero or below.

Matt Palmer

6th MAY, TUESDAY MOVIE NIGHT STAFFORD CITY

Contact: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810 or 0409 620 714
Where: Stafford 10 Cinemas – Stafford City Shopping Centre,
Meet at: Fasta Pasta – Shop E13 (first shop at rear entrance)
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$12.00 (movie only)
Web: <http://www.a-m-c.com.au/>
Location: Stafford Rd between Webster Rd & Windorah St

Don't forget we are now meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

We will be going to the Stafford 10 Cinemas at Stafford City. It is on Stafford Road about halfway

between Webster Road and Shand Street. We will meet at or near Fasta Pasta, a café sited just inside the entrance near the cinema. The link below contains a map of the centre.

<http://www.thefirstgroup.com.au/images/centreProfiles/StaffordProfile.pdf>

The costs at Stafford City are similar if not cheaper as you can get a movie meal deal for around \$18. Next month we will be back at Southbank for possibly the last time. So come along.

9/10 MAY, FRI & SAT UPPER PORTALS OVERNIGHTER

Leader: Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 5:00pm
Cost: \$25.00
Grading: L 5 6
Location: In the Rathdowney/Mt Lindesay area, near the NSW border

Web: http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/media/parks_and_forests/parks/maps/map_mount_barney.pdf

Emerg Off: Susan Tobin Ph 3366 3193

The Ballow massif is a rugged area just west of Mt Barney, the mecca of bushwalking in SE Queensland. The Mt Ballow Massif is usually regarded as including Mt Ballow itself (Junction Peak), the peaks of the Ballow Range (Double Peak, Durramlee Peak and Mowburra Peak), and the various other peaks nearby - Montserrat Lookout, Focal Peak, Mt Philip, Big Lonely, Minnages Mountain and Nothofagus Mountain. We would love to do the lot but unfortunately our time is limited.

After a great dinner at Dugandan Hotel we will head in the wilderness. We'll camp beside the cars at the Graces Hut Rd., a great little camp site it is too. Saturdays walk is the mini Ballows circuit. We will climb Montserrat for those great views of Barney, onto Focal Peak for no views but great rainforest. Then across to Cedar Pass and up to Durramlee and Mowburra Peaks on the Ballow Range before heading back to the cars. The day will be long and hard but the views and experience will be worth it.

Join me for an interesting walk in the shadow of Mount Barney.

**16th MAY, FRIDAY
JOHN TOOHEY GATHERING
MICK O'MALLEY'S (An Irish Pub)**

Contact: Phil the Elder Ph: 5522 9702
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.mickomalleys.com.au/>

For May, 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.

Come along to meet your friends in a congenial non-strenuous atmosphere. Have a wine, a beer, a coffee and maybe dinner. We talk about anything & everything – and not just bushwalking. . You will surely know something about one of these topics, so can put in your 2-cents worth. Or, just prop yourself in a corner and listen.

A visitor will recognise us as we are the quite ones.

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 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.

Phil the Elder

**17th MAY 08, SATURDAY
MT COOT-THA
SOCIAL WALK**

Leader: Philip Kearns Ph: 0411 01 68 64
Meet at: Mt Coot-tha Lookout
Time: 2 pm
Grade: S 3 4
Cost: \$ 5.00
Location: Mt Coot-tha, in the western
 suburbs

Web:

<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/heritage/index.cgi?place=601564&back=1>

This walk will be graded no higher than a 3-4, so you have no excuses!!!

This will be a lovely walk on a Saturday Arvo. The plan is to meet at the Summit and make our way down the Honey Eater Trail. This trail will lead us downhill to the streets of Chapel Hill. We will then look at the real estate market of Chapel Hill as we make our way to either the Chapel Hill OR Lookout Trail and make our way back to the Summit. I am anticipating that the walk will take no more than 2 hours and we can have a nice cup of coffee at the café with City and Moreton Bay Views. There will be a bit of up and a bit of down and a little bit of "along the flat ground" in this walk. It'll be a great afternoon. Why am I doing the uphill last you ask? It's so we enjoy the coffee even more at walks-end!!

As usual you will need to bring some water, a couple of snacks to enjoy during the walk, sunscreen and a hat (you may need a rain coat if it's a bit rainy of course).

Phil.

**18TH MAY, SUNDAY
SUMMER CREEK
DAYWALK**

Leader: Justin Tobin Ph:
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$20.00
Grading: L 5 5
Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
Web:

<http://www.exploreconondales.com/albums/album-the-area/area-index.htm>

Emerg Off: Susan Tobin Ph: 3366 3193

Summer Creek in Autumn. Water, water and more water.

Summer Creek is a fantastic gorge area in the Conondales. We'll check out the falls, hopefully they are still flowing. It's an incredible piece of rock anyway. Swim through the gorge (bring a bag to keep your pack dry).

Head down the creek with its swimming holes, rock pools and cascades. There is a lot of exploring to be done so join me for an interesting day in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

19th MAY, MONDAY GENERAL MEETING

Contact: Philip the Younger, President
Ph: 3870 3710
Time: Doors open 7.30pm
Venue: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Ashgrove. The hall & carpark are on the lower terrace, down below the church.

Come along to the Meeting to hear what the Club is going to do over the following month.

- Hear what you will be doing over the coming month
- Hear what we did over the previous month.
- Ask Leaders questions that will solve your queries about coming events – this Jilalan can not say everything about what we do, where we go and how we do it.
- Hear about the 50th Anniv Celebrations preparation.
- Stay and talk with your friends

We need 13 members now for a quorum – twice the number on Committee, plus one. This will be hard to get, so we need YOU. If we do not get the numbers, it will be a social meeting only – no motions or voting can be done.

24th MAY, SATURDAY ANNUAL MASS & DINNER TRADITION

Leader: Philip Kearns Ph: 3870 3710
Meet at: The Convent Chapel of the Sisters of St Francis
Address Mass: 115 Turner Rd, Kedron – Over the road from The Little Flower parish church & Padua College.
Dinner: The Stafford Tavern, 51 Webster Rd, Stafford (Cnr Billabong St)
<http://www.thestafford.com.au/>
Time: Mass: 5.00pm
Dinner: 6.30pm

This day is the feast of Our Help of Christians and of Our Lady of the Way.

The Mass tis year is in the same chapel as last year – though in 2007 it was the emergency location.

The chapel is an intimate and prayerful environment for our Mass. Fr Finian Perkins will again say the Mass for us.

The Stafford Tavern is just 5 minutes down the road. We will again be outside in the balmy cool

of the evening. The area is covered, but away from the crowds and noise. You go up to the counter to order & pay for your meal, and buy drinks from the bar. There is more than enough parking around the building – enter from either Stafford Rd or Billabong St. there is a play area for young children.

More in the next Jilalan

WILSON'S PROMONTORY – SOUTHERN CIRCUIT FRIDAY 2ND TO TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2009 THROUGH WALK

This is a great through walk in Victoria. Full details of the walk are outlined elsewhere in this issue of the Jilalan. Airlines have a habit of filling quickly particularly around Christmas. Therefore I will be booking my ticket in the near future. I intend to arrive in Melbourne around 9am, pick up a hire car and set off for Wilson's Promontory. I plan to arrive at Wilson's Promontory around 1pm which will give us plenty of time to reach our first campsite. At the end of the walk I plan to leave Wilson's Promontory around lunch and catch the last flight out of Melbourne.

There has been a lot of interest in this walk and I would like to get a better idea of the numbers as we may need to walk in two groups and rejoin each night at the campsites. Therefore could you let me know if you are definitely coming, maybe coming or yet to make up your mind as soon as you can so I can make further plans.
Michael.

MT SUPERBUS

I always believed that Mt Superbus, which is the highest mountain in southern Queensland, was named Superbus in recognition of its height or the views. But I have read that it was actually named after the last king of Rome. According to Wikipedia "Lucius Tarquinius Superbus" is the seventh and last king of Rome. His reign is dated from 534 to 509 BC. The seven kings, excluding Romulus who was king because he was the city's founder, were all elected by the people of Rome to serve for life, with none of the kings relying on military force to gain the throne.

THANKS FOR THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Some words taken from e-mails received from past members concerning their enjoyment of the 50th Anniversary Mass & Lunch:

Thank you and all the Committee members for the very special occasion last Sunday for the 50th Anniversary of our bushwalking club. It was very special to celebrate Mass with the Archbishop and then to meet old friends at lunch. There were many special moments. All your hard work was very much appreciated.

Regards, Julie Philippi (Darragh)

On behalf of Margaret and me, I would like to thank you and the other members of the organising committee who obviously worked so hard to make the 50th anniversary function the success that it was. We enjoyed ourselves immensely. Paul Skehan

Just wanted to let you know how much Don and I enjoyed the 50th celebrations of the Catholic bush walking club. We wanted to congratulate all of those who were involved in arranging both the mass and the lunch after it. Please would you pass on our thanks to all who were involved in it ...congratulated on the very meaningful liturgy Robyn and Don

I wanted to tell you that John and I really enjoyed Sunday's celebrations and were delighted to have had the opportunity to attend. Congratulations to all involved in the preparations. The Mass was joyous and reflected the deep spirituality of bushwalkers generally, and especially those in the BCBC. The whole event was a wonderful chance to catch up with old friends and to make new ones.

Kath Holtzapffel

Can I just add a big note of thanks to those who helped on the 50th Anniversary. To Susan Tobin and co who helped set up the tables with the lovely decorations and provided the lovely cake; to Michele Endicott & Liz Little for organising the liturgy for the Mass; to Liz, Michele & Greg Endicott for organising the power point display; to Maxine Brophy for helping; to Patricia Funnell for organising the name tags; to my wife Susan & son Michael for help at the Church & Bronco's; and to the many people who helped with jobs large and small on the day from giving out Mass Booklets and organising lunch vouchers. And a special thanks to the Archbishop for celebrating the Mass for us and his wonderful Homily on the day.

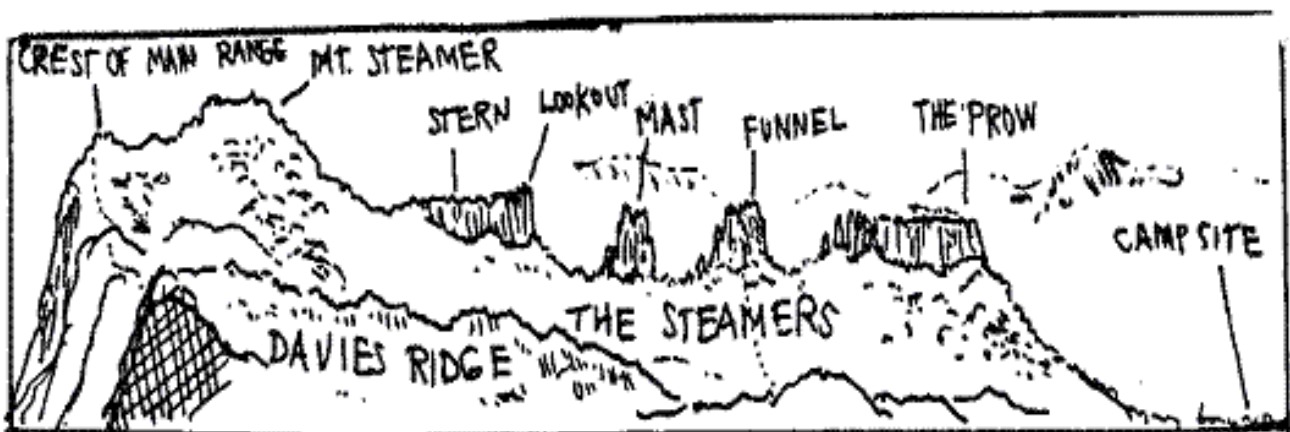
Phil Murray.

THEOLOGY CORNER

Reflection on the Gospel of the Day of the Monthly Meeting John 14.21-26

St Patrick had a vision of what seemed like a man inside of him praying. The crudeness of the visions might bring out more reality of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, than more sophisticated attempts to understand the mystery. The Spirit is a person, not a thing, still less a quality. We have within us, a person, a divine person who constantly invites the Father and the Son to perfect unity, an invitation to which they constantly respond. He reminds us of the words of Jesus, not in the sense that we would remind someone who has a poor memory, but by making those words real.

Euan Marley OP in The Pastoral Review March / April 2008



THE "FUZZY WUZZY" ANGELS

Many a mother in Australia
When the busy day is done
Sends a Prayer to the Almighty
For the keeping of her Son.

Asking that an Angel guide him
And bring him safely back
Now we see those prayers are
Answered on the Owen Stanley track.

Tho' they haven't any halos
Only holes slashed through the ear
Their faces marked with tattoos
And scratch pins in their hair.

Bringing back the badly wounded
Just as steady as a hearse
Using leaves to keep the rain off
And as gentle as a Nurse.

Slow and careful in bad places
On that awful mountain track
And the look upon their faces
Made us think that Christ was black.

Not a move to hurt the carried
As they treat him like a Saint
It's a picture worth recording
That an Artist's yet to paint.

Many a lad will see his mother
and the husbands, weans and wives
Just because the Fuzzy Wuzzies
Carried them to save their lives.

From Mortar or Machine gun fire
Or a chance surprise attack
To safety and the care of Doctors
At the bottom of the track.

May the Mothers of Australia
When they offer up a prayer
Mention these impromptu Angels
With the "Fuzzy Wuzzy " hair.

by NX6925 Sapper H "Bert" Beros of
the 7th
Division, 2nd AIF; it was actually
written on the Kokoda Track/Trail in
1942

A MOTHER' S REPLY

We, the Mother's of Australia
As we kneel each night in prayer
Will be sure to ask God's blessings
On the men with fuzzy hair.

And may the Great Creator
Who made us both black and white
Help us to remember how they
Helped us to win the fight.

For surely He, has used these
Men with fuzzy wuzzy hair
To guard and watch our wounded
With tender and loving care.

And perhaps when they are tired
With blistered and aching back
He'll take the Yoke On himself
And help them down the track.

And God will be the Artist
And this picture He will paint
Of a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel
With the Halo of a Saint.

And His presence shall go with them
In tropic heat and rain
And he'll help them to tend our wounded
In sickness and in pain.

So we thank you Fuzzy Wuzzies
For all that you have done
Not only for Australians
But for Every Mother's Son.

And we are glad to call you friends
Though your faces may be black
For we know that Christ walked
With you - on the Owen Stanley track.

From the Australian War Memorial

PAST EVENTS

ISOLATED PEAK SUNDAY 16TH MARCH DAYWALK

Four of us met bright and early at 5.30 at Red Hill. We were meeting with Rick at the Lower Portals car park. Ivan was meeting us on the track after overnighting at the hut having walked in the previous day for the club hut feast. The hut's spirit of contentment wove its magic on Ivan and he slept in. After a bit of a delay at our meeting spot not far after Rocky Ck., he joined us and we set off along a ridge to the base of Tom's Tum.

The map showed a 4WD track along the ridge but it soon became obvious that the track at this junction was not going that way and that the track on the map no longer existed. So we headed off cross-country. The ridge was gently sloping and the country quite open so the going was easy enough. From a knoll, as we neared the peaks, Tom's Tum loomed above us and Isolated Peak looked much higher and more daunting. Things then got progressively steeper. As we began to work our way around the base of the ridge up Tom's Tum we encountered some steep slabs. Rick and Ivan did quite a bit of route finding as we negotiated the slabs.

Some experienced a bit of difficulty with the scrambling and exposure so we worked our way across to an adjoining gully. Ivan's tape proved useful here and at the top of the gully where we had to chimney up between boulders to gain the crest. As we went I took some impressive photos of people scrambling only to discover I had no film in the camera. On the way up it became obvious that we probably wouldn't have time to get up Isolated as well.

Once we had rested on Tom's Tum (on the peak next to the saddle with Isolated) and enjoyed the views we walked two knolls along Tom's Tum to reach a very prominent ridge running down to Barney Ck. This was a very dramatic and rocky place and we had the pleasure of walking rarely travelled country with no footpads or traces of previous walkers. The ridge was like a steep staircase with cliffs dropping off on either side. The views were terrific and many of us were snapping away with cameras (my camera was

now loaded with film). Three quarters of the way down we tossed up about having lunch as tummies were rumbling, but it was decided to wait till we reached Barney Ck. On the way we passed the top of the falls but did not go over to them.

It was wonderful to reach the swimming hole at Barney Beautiful. Most of us went in for a cooling and refreshing dip and then all had lunch. As we were about head off a group from the Gold Coast Bushies passed us. They'd been up to the Upper Portals and Ivan had passed them in the morning as he had walked out to meet us. We continued down Barney Ck to the hut where we stopped for a nice long cuppa and enjoyed a feast of all the goodies left behind for us by Maxine's group the day before. As we walked out to the car park there were a couple of brief light showers that were beautifully cooling but didn't really get us wet. Thanks to all who joined me for a thoroughly enjoyable walk exploring less travelled corners of Mt. Barney and thank you to Phil for driving. On the walk were Ivan, Phil the younger, Rick, Mike, Terry and myself.

Cheers Iain.

CLUB HUT FEAST SAT MARCH 15th

It was voting day in Brisbane as we left the city for a day in paradise. Postal and absentee votes complete, with the classic voting story from Justin along with the "Budgie Joke". A brief stop at Beaudesert, then onto Barney Beautiful under clear skies for our walk into our hut. There were full views of Mts Maroon, Lindsay, Earnest, and the Barney Massif as we drove over the hill and onto the Lower Portals carpark. The Grass Trees looked healthy and thick after recent summer rain, and Rocky Creek flowing well as we crossed.

Ivan was loaded up for a relaxing evening at the hut to join Iain's Isolated Peak walk Sunday. Spirits high amongst the troops as we enjoyed the great feeling of being on the track again.

There is new fencing around private land, and the old landmark cattle gate now removed to be just a memory for us all. Glimpses of Leanings and Tom's Thumb, appeared through the forest as we passed the halfway "ant hill". A short drink stop here before continuing on to the hut.

Yalburru is always the most welcoming sight as we came through the trees to find it sitting peacefully beside a fast flowing Barney Creek. Morning tea was enjoyed as we relaxed outside the hut and surveyed the great mountain top in front of us.

We were all eager to swim - a crossing over the rocks beside the hut and then a short walk to the Portals. A clamber through the boulders to our favourite swimming spot with the water so cold, but beautifully refreshing. Time to relax on the warm rocks in the sun before heading back for lunch and a cuppa at the hut. There were signs along the creek of the force of the water coming down Barney Creek during the heavy rains in February. Branches and debris seen washed up into trees along the creek, reaching metres above the track.

Food was shared to celebrate our Club Hut's birthday. Therese had made a delicious carrot cake along with green decorations to mark the birthday of Yalburru. Ivan kept the billy boiling and, many cuppas later, time to pack up for our walk back. We were all reluctant to leave this magical place drawing us to its tranquillity and peace. Farewells to Ivan as we climbed the hill to our track out, reaching the cars by 4.30pm.

Coffees enjoyed by all at Beaudesert before the drive home. Many thanks to Therese and Richard for driving, and Justin, Mary, Michele, Graham, Sophie and Ivan for making the day so enjoyable.

Cheers, Maxine

**SUNDOWN NATIONAL PARK
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH TO SUNDAY 23RD
MARCH
BASE CAMP**

Sundown National Park lies around the Severn River on the Queensland/New South Wales Border and is 33km from Stanthorpe via Ballandean. The park combined with the Sundown Resources Reserve is about 16000ha in area and is known locally as 'traprock' country (traprock is a hard, dense rock). It was once part of Glenlyon, Nundubbermere and Ballandean Stations. Mining of tin, copper and arsenic occurred sporadically from the 1870s. There are actually two entrances to the park. One is in the south and is accessible by conventional vehicles.

The other is in the north east and is only accessible by 4WDs and they aren't kidding.

The original plan to enter the park from the south was changed late in the week and we were now heading to the north of the park to allow easy access to the Blue Gorge. Three vehicles left Brisbane around 6am Friday morning and met up again at Maccas at Warwick. Maccas was crowded and we ran into June Greenaway here on her way to Girraween with QBW. After a brief stop we headed to the Park and were greeted by Ranger Peter, who was busy checking permits. After talking to Peter we decided to leave Joe's car here and only use the 4wds to go on.

The road to The Hell Hole is 20km long and is definitely 4wd only. As we neared the end we had a little car trouble and decided to leave the 2 vehicles about 2km from the Hell Hole when the road really deteriorated. Unfortunately at this point we split into two groups. One group with lightweight gear headed down to the river to camp whilst the other group camped with the cars. We had set up camp by about 3pm and a few of us did a little exploring before an early dinner and bed. A number of local fauna visited our campsite including Grey Kangaroos and what I thought might be a Pretty-Face Wallaby but what others thought might have been a Red-Neck Swamp Wallaby or a Wallaroo.

We set off for the Blue Gorge around 8am after a short time we were at the Hell Hole, a beautiful waterhole where we collected water and hoped to return after the day's walking. The Blue Gorge was only a short walk from the waterhole and we were soon at the entrance to the gorge. The gorge is rocky and only had small isolated pools of stagnant water throughout so I was glad we stopped at the Hell Hole for water. After an hour or so Joe and Maxine farewelled us and returned to the River and the remaining seven continued on. Not long later we ran into a waterfall which nearly stopped us but we managed to climb up it and carry on. The walls of the gorge were now steepening and the reason behind the name was obvious as the gorge consisted mainly of blue rock. After morning tea at the top of the waterfall we kept on climbing the gorge until we came to an impassable waterfall. We were now about three-quarters of the way up the gorge and there seemed no way around the waterfall.

So we decided to climb out of the gorge to the north. The gorge was steep and rocky but was

quite straight forward with little exposure and we managed to get everyone up safely after an hour or so. The views from the top were amazing. We had an almost 360 degree panorama and were astounded by what we had achieved to this point. But weren't back at the river yet. We needed to find a particular ridge to descend and this meant heading northeast for a kilometre or so to find the ridge. The scunge in this area was terrible which meant I had to take out my compass and map. After what seemed an eternity in the scunge we finally reached the ridge and headed down and at 4.30pm we reached the waterhole at the Hell Hole and we all went for a well deserved swim.

Then it was back to camp via the Rat's Castle which appeared to be a formation of crumbling sandstone but we would discover later that it was something altogether different. We were greeted at camp by Joe and Maxine with a bevy of delightful Hors D'oeuvres, tacos and wine. What a great way to end the day. We all retired a little later that night with the days walk still fresh in our minds. During the day we espied several different species of fauna, goats, pigs, cats and deer and occasionally kangaroos and wallabies.

As Richard and Michele were leaving on Sunday we made the decision to leave with them as we did not want to take Rick's car out without support. After a light breakfast, Joe, Paul, Marie and I set off for the top of Rat's Castle. We followed the old fence line along the top of a ridge all the way to Rat's Castle and were there in no time. The fence divided the old Glenlyon and Ballandean stations and we were amazed at how they managed to put up a fence in this unbelievably rocky terrain.

When we got to Rat's Castle we were surprised to see it was not sandstone but a jumble of granite blocks. Joe was first to be king of the castle and from his vantage point we could see the previous days walk as well as the several waterholes along the Severn. We headed back to camp and headed up to the cars. After lunch we set off back to the park entrance.

Joe and Maxine transferred to their car after brief stops at the Ballandean Winery and the truck stop at Warwick we arrived back in Brisbane around 7pm after a great weekend. Thanks to the eight hardy souls who joined me and I'll see you next Easter on the Overland Track.

Michael.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2008

Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations were a marvellous occasion for the club – both past and present members, who turned out in great numbers (250+) to mark the Golden Jubilee milestone of BCBC that began officially in 1958.

Some of the highlights of the Mass at St Brigid's at Red Hill were:

- Archbishop Bathersby said he would like to get people in the archdiocese to join the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club so that they could go out and find God in the bush.
- Our own Deacon Russ Nelson, life member, assisted. After communion he reflected that it was in the Club's "environment of togetherness" that he found his "spiritual connection to God," and that "having experienced a deep relationship with God in the bush" he can then "replicate that experience in day-to-day life."
- Beautiful music was provided by the St Brigid's Youth Choir, accompanied by Roland Bartkowiak and Anthony Young on the magnificent pipe organ.
- The altar was decorated with backpacks, hats, water bottles, camping food, billy, tin cups, club magazines, song books and bush, as well as the five decade candles, to capture the atmosphere of the club's culture and



activities.

- The first president of the Club, Willie Hayes, travelled from Ireland to join his co-founder, Raoul Mellish at the celebrations.
- The candle lighting ceremony involved the two co-founders and one person from each decade of the club's existence – Pat Fitzpatrick (Goodwin) (1958+), Laurie Kearney (1968 +), Mike Wood (1978+), Maxine Brophy (1988+), Paul Evans (1998+). Five candles were lit, each from the previous one, representing the five decades of the club.
- Life members, Pat Lawton, John Carter, Greg Endicott and Justin Tobin (with Thomas Carter and Mary Tobin, representing the various generations of the club) presented a variety of symbols of bushwalking, along with the bread and wine, at the offertory.
- At the conclusion of the Mass, Raoul Mellish presented the Archbishop with his painting of Mt Barney.



Some features of the lunch at the Bronco's Leagues Club were:

- The tables were decorated beautifully with blue and gold balloons, white chocolates embossed with the club badge and holy pictures of Our Lady of the Way.
- A PowerPoint presentation showed photos and documents of the club's history.
- A memorabilia table displayed other photos and documents.
- Souvenir shirts and booklets were available for purchase.
- Long-standing Life Member Pat Lawton was honoured for her continuous active involvement in the Club for 49 of its 50 years.
- Willie Hayes presented Club President Phillip Kearns with a ceremonial walking staff and an old school bell from Ireland.



attendance list and nametags; Susan for creating and arranging the table decorations (with help from Maxine, Justin & Mary) and organising the anniversary cake(s); Michele, Greg and Liz for preparing the PowerPoint presentation; Greg for organizing the shirts; Phil for preparing the souvenir booklets; and Stephen, Lucy and Desley for the photography - and to all who stepped in and helped out on the day itself.

BLACKBUTT TO LINVILLE SATURDAY 5TH APRIL DAY WALK

This was a new walk for the club and a relatively new walk for SE Queensland. Ninety five years ago the Ipswich to Yarraman train line was complete and operated regularly for 56 years and intermittently for 76 years before closing in 1989. An opportunity to utilise the vacant land for recreational use was not lost and the Blackbutt Range Rail Trail was the result. It was opened officially on 1 June 2006 for walking, bike riding and horse riding.

Blackbutt lies on the D'Aguilar Highway around 2 hours from St Brigid's. Linville lies 7km north of Moore which also lies on the D'Aguilar Highway 22km east of Blackbutt. After a brief car shuffle we collected our permit at the Information Centre in Blackbutt and headed off.

The walk was 22.6km long but all downhill with the only up bits where the bridges had been removed over the creeks. Consequently we were walking at a brisk pace and were soon at Benarkin, 4.6km from Blackbutt. The walk was through relatively light forest with occasional cover so we were glad the weather was cool. After a brief stop for morning tea just after Benarkin we were on the move again. We were told in Blackbutt to keep a lookout for a large drainage tunnel which was of historical importance around the 10km mark. Greg took on the task of hunting down the tunnel and sure enough there it was. It was about a metre high and looked like a miniature railway tunnel.

After rejoining the track we found it was near 12.30pm and time for lunch. After lunch we crossed the D'Aguilar Highway and headed down the Blackbutt Range. The track became rocky as we walked through numerous cuttings. We reached Linville around 4pm and after returning to Blackbutt to collect our cars we were ready to leave Linville around 4.45pm. Some of

Thanks to all those who attended and assisted, particularly: Michele E. and Liz L. for preparing the Mass; Phil M and Patricia for producing the

the crew were talking to the locals, some were investigating the old station and wagons whilst others were convening an emergency meeting of the JT Society.

All in all we had a great day and I thank the 17 walkers who joined me, Terry, Greg, Desley, Graham, Roger, Cheryl, Sofia, Michele, Richard, Rosie, Brigid, Elizabeth, Pat, Maxine, Michele, Nicola and John. Thanks also to the drivers, Graham, Richard, Michele and Elizabeth. We now wait for the next section to be opened. Michael.

MOVIE NIGHT APRIL

Catherine, Liz and I made it to the Movie Night at Southbank this month. We enjoyed a light meal before taking in the movie, Horton Hears a Who. Next month we will return to Stafford City and don't forget we are now meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. The costs at Stafford City are similar if not cheaper as you can get a movie meal deal for around \$18. Next month we will be back at Southbank for possibly the last time. So come along. Michael

BUSHWALKERS HELP FIGHT TREE DIEBACK

Cathie Duffy Masters

Driving past paddocks about twenty years ago in Western Australia I was dismayed to see dozens of silver dead gum trees, and was told about the terrible tree disease, *phytophthora*, and told to pronounce it *fye-toff-the-rah*. Today the disease is found in all states, including parts of coastal Queensland.

Phytophthora cinnamomi is a fungus that attacks the roots of some plants, causing root rot, which prevents the plant from absorbing water and nutrients. It was probably introduced with European settlement and is silently spreading through native plants. It is an opportunistic traveller, which survives in small clods of soil on vehicle tyres, animal hooves, and on bushwalkers' boots and joggers.

Bushwalkers have taken an active role in helping to stop the spread by ensuring their boot soles are thoroughly cleaned after every walk. A good habit is a routine cleaning before storing the

boots. The dried mud is knocked off the uppers, rim and sole of the boot, a wire brush is used to work off any excess soil and the boot is washed down. Grey water from the laundry is sufficient. This ensures the root rot is not carried to the next adventure destination!

Methylated Spirits or household bleach will kill the spore even more effectively. A painter's tray or disused kitty litter tray is a good vessel for a centimetre depth of metho or bleach, and a thorough drenching of the boot sole.

Walkers in WA on the National Parks Association Queensland tour to South West National Parks last year were diligent in using the brush down station on track in the Porongorups. A couple of years before on an extended walk on the South Coast track in Tasmania, two days from anywhere, we were surprised to encounter a ranger patrolling the wash down facility, and were pleased that we had done the right thing.

On a recent field trip to Barrington Tops National Park, chief ranger Terry Fields revealed approximately fifteen square kilometres of the central plateau of this World Heritage Area have been affected, and the Watergauge Trail between Beean Beean and Black Swamp has been quarantined. Absolutely no visitor access is allowed. Vehicles, mountain bikes and walkers' shoes were thought to be contributing factors. A vehicle washdown facility has been built for essential services' vehicles such as fire trucks and ranger machinery.

Boot wash down facilities are planned for some of Queensland's precious national parks. Bushwalkers understand the responsibility they have not to harm the lovely areas they walk in, and are taking the challenge to ensure they do their bit in preventing the spread of the insidious *phytophthora*. More information is available from a fact sheet on the Commonwealth Government's Department of Environment and Water web page; www.dew.gov.au.

HISTORY CORNER

Myles Dunphy – one of the pioneers of Australia's bushwalking movement and the history of the term Bushwalking.

Most members would be aware that the word bushwalker is not used in New Zealand or in

North America but may be surprised to hear how the word was first derived and how it came to mean a tough walk. The history of the word can be adduced from the quote from the book Myles Dunphy - Selected Writings by Patrick Thompson on Sydney 1986. Page 15. By

THE TERM 'BUSHWALKER'

Concerning the term 'bushwalker' and the recreation of 'bushwalking', the origin and intention of these should be recorded. The term bushwalker was unknown until put together by Maurice L. Berry and Herbert R. Gallop, both foundation members of The Sydney Bush Walkers, a new exploring walking club formed in Sydney towards the end of 1927, assisted by eleven members of Mountain Trails Club. There were three foundation meetings: at meeting No.2 M. L. Berry suggested 'The Bush Walkers'; it was approved; at meeting No.3 H. R. Gallop suggested that the word Sydney be added as the forepart of the title. This was approved by all present, hence The Sydney Bush Walkers.

A few weeks later a walking or hiking club issued a printed leaflet of club news entitled 'Bushwalking News' or something of the kind. The present writer, M.J. Dunphy, of Mountain Trails Club and Sydney Bush Walkers, fearing that the name of the new exploring walking camping club would be taken over by a body of hikers who had no proper claim to it, brought the matter up for discussion at a meeting of the Sydney Bush Walkers. He said it was the prerogative of the S.B.W. to protect its right to the name of the club and the name of the recreation members practised, and to state or define the meaning of bushwalkmg.

A good deal of discussion ensued. Finally members said they did not wish to stop the use of the term 'bushwalking' by other walkers, but as the club had the right to say how it should be used, since it applied to and indicated something more than recreational walking, the club would say it.

The club defined a 'bushwalker' as a walker, man or woman, who seeks social recreation and education in roadless wilderness or primitive areas or rugged country, and carries his or her own personal gear, food rations, and share of camp gear; who uses a tent for accommodation in order to stay in the bushland environment for as long as possible, and who practises bushcraft. A bushwalker is an exploring, camping

walker who never ceases to learn something of the outdoors environment.

I have often heard how such and such a walk is not a real walk. For me a walk can be a nice graded track at O'Reilly's or a long Main Range walk so I was often puzzled by the notion of what was a real walk and I often wondered where this mindset came from. So I had one of those eureka moments when I stumbled over this quote in a book about Myles Dunphy. I should point out that Myles is held in high regard as can be seen by the comment by Paddy Pallin "That extraordinary man who did more for bushwalking and the cause of conservation than any other individual in Australia". The statement by Myles is an example of where the attitude may have had its genesis.

However, before Myles' definition is seen as the be all and end all about the use of the term bushwalker, it should be seen in context of the time. Bushwalking was still trying to gain recognition that it was a worthy recreation in itself and bushwalkers were trying to create an identity for themselves. To do this they had to differentiate themselves from the genteel walks of the English gentleman rambles and from the mass marked hiking provided by the railways where hundreds did a day long march along forestry trails in the bush. Some would suggest that the term bushwalking is now an umbrella term that would include the genteel rambles and long distance hiking. Also, it should be noted that Myles' statement was made at a time where it was acceptable to take to the bush with a Winchester and shoot rabbits, possums, wombats and Black Cockatoos to go into the billy for a stew that Myles called "hoosh" and any snakes or goannas were killed on sight.

POLO SHIRTS FOR SALE

- We have commemorative 50th Anniversary Polo Shirts on
- Shirts will be a light blue with a darker blue under the arms,
- There are Ladies & Men's types.
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- They are not the old fashioned polyester, but a newer material
- They cost \$20.

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For more information, please contact Aileen 3351 5833, Kay 3351 7686 or Martin 3351 6152

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower 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. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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.

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

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 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.

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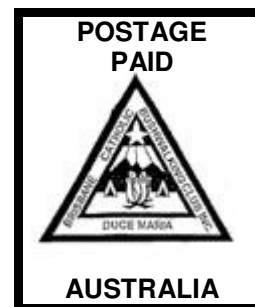
For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

CELESTIAL CORNER

The Full Moons for 2008

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MT MAROON – SUNDAY 6TH JULY A WILDFLOWER WALK IN THE WINTER

This is a medium to hard walk but the views are spectacular and Mt Maroon has an excellent range of wildflowers.

The reason for going in early July is to catch the very beautiful red pea flower in full bloom. The scientific name for the plant is *Bossiaea rupicola* – (pronounced boss-eye-AY ru-pie-kol-ah). The flower is sometimes known as the scarlet pea. The plant only grows on the rocky mountain peaks in the region from Rathdowney to Woodenbong. The species name of rupicola means rock lover. The plant grows on the rocky lower slopes of the mountain and the plant occurs in profusion so hopefully the hillside will be riot of colour. When the plant is in flower it is very deep red colour like a glass of red wine. It has a common name of the Scarlet Pea.

After the lovely summer rains there should be plenty of other wildflowers to see on the day. More details in the coming months. The views from the top are sensational as we get a grandstand view of the Mt Barney to the south and the Main Range stretching away in the distance. I should note that although it is a wildflower walk it is very steep and strenuous in places. The first walking club in Australia used to have wildflower walk in spring to 'welcome the wattle' and to follow their lead we will be going to Maroon to 'salute the scarlet pea'.

BARNEY MASS 13th August

The Barney Mass is held on Exhibition Wednesday each year and is one of the great traditions of the Club.

Last year Archbishop John Bathersby celebrated Mass for us. This year Fr Gerard McMorro of the West Chermshire parish has very kindly accepted a request from our Club to celebrate the Mass at the usual site on top of the mountain.

All current and former members are invited to attend.