

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
PO BOX 31, RED HILL Q 4059**

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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article. Visitors – for general enquiries contact Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Please have all Jilalan articles to Desley Pedrazzini by the 1st of the month, otherwise they cannot be included. Articles (if not using Microsoft Word), if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **DPedrazzin@aol.com**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is **St Brigid's Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL**. The huge red brick Church on the hill.

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

WARNING All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake 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.

Club Web Address:	www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/
email:	briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2004

DATE 2004	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
June				
21 st Mon	June Meeting			
27 th Sun	Pat's Bluff and Luke's Bluff	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	D/W
30 th Wed	Coffee Night - Cafe Majella	Rosemary Stafford	3855 2652.	social
July				
3 rd Sat	Christmas in July at Robyn's Place	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	Social
4 th Sun	Oxley Creek – July Boxing Day walk	Don Keating	3878 7296	DW
11 th Sun	Mt Ernest	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
13 th Tues	Turkish Restaurant - Caravansarai	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
15 th Thurs	FMR Film Night	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
17 th Sat	Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
19 th Mon	July Meeting			
24 th Sat	Downfall Creek to Nudgee Beach	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
28 th Wed	Coffee Night –Three Monkeys	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
31 st Sat	Abbey Museum	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
31/Aug 1	Lizard Point	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	T/W
August				
1 st Sun	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	D/W
8 th Sun	Trachyte Track & Mt Tibrogargan	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	D/W
11 th Wed	Mt Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
13,14 &15th	Federation Pilgrimage at Girraween (hosted by Toowoomba Bushwalking Club)	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
14 th Sat	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
15 th Sun	Burbank Wildflowers	Phil Murray	3841 0254	½ D/W
16 th Mon	August Meeting			
22 nd Sun	Mt Byron	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	D/W
25 th Wed	Coffee Night – Mai Lan Vietnamese Restaurant at RedHill	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	
27 th -28 th Fri & Sat	Mt Ballow Circuit	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	O/N
28th Sat #	Blue Moon Social – Shorncliffe	Cheryl Lazelle	3263 8393	social
September				
4 th Sat	Fr Ed Memorial Walk – Boondall Wetlands	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
12 th Sun	a) Binna Burra to O'Reilly's – via Border Track b) O'Reilly's to Binna Burra – via Border Track	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	DW
12 th Sun	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's – via Fountain Falls and Middle Ridge	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	Hard DW
18 th Sat	Progressive Dinner	Barbara Eastoe	3555 3639	Social
20 th Mon	September Meeting			
24 & 25	Swan Creek-Sentinel Point (western ridge)-Bluff Rock-Emu Creek	Iain Renton (& Ed Thistlewaite)	3371 4672	O/N

29 th Wed	Coffee Night –Coffee Club Toowong	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	
October				
2-3 Sat Sun	Moreton Island Basecamp	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	BC
10 th Sun	Westray's Grave	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Easy DW
10 th Sun	Point Lookout and Stinson Wreck	Phillip Kearns	3870 1129	DW
16 or 17 th	Barefoot Bowls	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
16-17 Sat-Sun	FMR Training Camp at Mt Clunie	To be advised		FMR
18 th Mon	October Meeting			
23 rd Sat *	Noosa Heads Circuit	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	DW
27 th Wed	Coffee Night	To be advised		
30 th Sat	Mt Coot-tha Nightwalk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	NW
November				
6 th Sat	Outings Planning Meeting	Iain Renton	3371 4672	
7 th Sun	Bike Ride -	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	Social
13 th Sat	Dave's Creek	To be advised		DW
14 th Sun	Mt D'Aguilar	Greg Miller	3203 5784	DW
15 th Mon	November Meeting			
21 st Sun	Byron Bay	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	BC
24 th Wed	Coffee Night	To be advised		
28 th Sun	Lightning Falls Circuit	Paul Evans	3357 5254	DW
December				
4 th Sat	Xmas Party	To be advised		Social
12 th Sun	Club Hut - Barney Gorge	To be advised		BC
19 th Sun	Coomera Creek Circuit	Phil Murray	3841 0254	DW
20 th Mon	December Meeting			
26 th Sun	Boxing Day Mt Tamborine	To be advised		DW

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gratings

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

1. Distance

Short	Under 10km per day
Medium	10-15 km per day
Long	15-20 km per day
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3	<u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub
4-7	<u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling
8-10	<u>Bush.</u> As Above+ thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
4-7	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.
8-10	<u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.

Presidents Postulations

Well folks, it is that time of year again – Winter. And Winter means the best walking time of the year. With the coolness during the day, you can feel more comfortable out in the wilds. Even though our mornings have been brisk, the days have been lovely – out in the Sun it has been warm, warm, warm.

SO, this is your INVITATION, go out and walk – you will enjoy it.

Try some peak which does not have the graded track. With the coolness of the day, you can go a lot further than at any other time of the year. And you need less water – means a lighter pack (more food to share around).

I shall see you on a Walk
soon.....

Greg

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance	\$	1750.75
16.5.04		
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	\$	1170.00
	\$	2920.75
<u>Less Payments</u>	\$	1677.83
Balance	\$	1242.92
19.6.04		
Term Deposit	\$	1718.01

Some Enquiries To The Club:

Good to hear from Jeff Powis, Daniela Ramsey, Lisette Hoareau, Angela

Harris, Arthur Schofield, Kathleen Watson and Megan Phillips.

Thanks for the query. Hope to see you on an outing or at a social.

About Members

My club records show that Mark Deegan, Patricia Funnell and Carol Kelly are having a birthday in July.

Congratulations to Michele Johns who has the honour of being the first member to wear their new club "T" shirt on a walk.

Congratulations to our latest new members:- Kathleen Smith and Catherine Patterson. Kathleen is continuing to be a regular on our walks whilst Catherine, along with several of our new members has managed to do more walks than most of our other members. Keep up the good work ladies, it is good to see our new members enjoying themselves on our walks.

About Visitors

Grant Smith was a first time visitor at our well attended June meeting along with Marilyn Graham and Diane Gallagher who were attending their third consecutive meeting as most welcome visitors. Marilyn and Diane have done a couple of walks with us and have already signed up to do their third whilst Grant has just done his first with us by joining twenty-two other walkers on a trip to O'Reilly's.

May Thao-Wilson, Justin Wilson and Saras Narsey were first time walkers on Kerry's popular walk recently.

Please keep Mrs. Romaguera (Gabe's mum) in your prayers during her current illness and wish for her speedy recovery.

We had an enquiry from a lady who wants to walk with new mothers. She has just had her baby, and wants to go walking. Any takers? Contact her on lchannell@optusnet.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your Name, Address & Phone Number

The Club is revamping the Web page on the Net.

Part of the usual detail is the Calendar for the coming months, And, the "Comings" Reports for the Outings & Socials happening in the following month.

The easiest way to get these details onto the Net is to do a "Copy & Paste" from the electronic Jilalan – makes it simple for the web master – no fancy technical knowledge is required.

However, what do we want on the public record on the Web for all to see.

We will not be showing surnames, mobile phone numbers or e-mail addresses – occasionally if the proof reading is not too good, one might slip through.

Option 1. Christian Names & contact phone numbers for leaders, organisers, co-ordinators, emergency officers & etc. will appear.

This means anyone who reads the article in the "Comings" part of our Web Site can read the article & phone the leader for more info & to nominate.

With this option, a reader should not be able to find out an address as the phone or electronic White Pages do

not give out addresses from a name/number.

Option 2. Christian Names of the above but no phone numbers.

This means the public will not be able to ring the leader direct, but will have to phone the general Enquiries Phone Number on the "Home Page" to ask that person about the Event and to pass that enquirer onto the Event Leader.

Option 3. Show no name and no number, and again, let the enquirer phone the Enquiry Phone Number for all info.

Currently, our Web Home Page shows the Tobin's as the Enquiry Phone Number.

We need you to think about what is the option we want to adopt.

To save confusion, it will have to be a "one size fits all" decision – it is too complicated to remember which person wants what with their own outings/social/event.

What do you think about the mobile and/or e-mail address of anyone on the Web?

And for that matter, Surnames?

Have a think about it & discuss it at the next meeting.

If you cannot make it to the meeting, write a letter or ring Greg E on 3351 4092.

Thanks,
Greg E.

(Late mail – The matter was discussed for several minutes and the consensus decision was for Option 1 - Phil M)

General Notices

We have received news that Balancing Rock on Castle Craig at O'Reilly's is not closed. You can visit the rock, you can go around it to the end of Castle Craig, but you can only squeeze around the rock on the Northern Side. But, Do Not climb the rock.

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

Mon. 21/6/04 7.55pm

Present :

As per attendance book.

Apologies :

Michelle Endicott., Iain Renton, John Carter & Anthony Dolan.

Previous Minutes : Moved by Patricia Funnell, seconded by Phil Murray.

Correspondence :

Inwards :

Bushwhacking Club Newsletters from -
 - Maryborough Bushwalkers Club inc.,
 - Bushwalkers of Southern Qld. Inc.,
 - Brisbane Bushwalkers,
 - Canberra Bushwalkers,
 - Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club Inc.,
 - Canberra Bushwhacking Club and
 - The Catholic Walking Club of Victoria
 - Qld Teachers' Credit Union Acct,
 - SVDP Request for Donation, -
 Returned enquiry letters sent out from
 Greg from Judy McDonnell, P. Waltz,
 B. Primrose and A. Fridkin,
 - Thank you letter from Marnie Niland

Outwards :

- 3 Sympathy cards to Nilands, Ed Thistlewaite and John Carter,
 - 89 Magazines

Treasurer's Report :

Bal. : 16/5/04	\$1750.75
Receipts :	\$1170.00
Payments :	\$1677.83
Bal. : 19/6/04	\$1242.92
Term Dep. :	\$1718.01

Outings Report**Past Outings**

1. **Daisy Hill – Venman's** by Greg Endicott for John Carter's walk

The group started out at 9am at the Koala Reserve. The area comprises land from 2 shires, the National Park and State Forest. The land was previously farmland. John led the walk as he knows the area very well. They went to the top of Daisy Hill, through the eucalypt forest, to the quarry and down to the creek. Lunch was at 1pm at Venman's Reserve. (This was unsuccessful farmland which was later willed to National Parks.) The group followed the creek up to Shailer Park and suburbia. They had good views and were back at their cars at 4pm. No koalas were seen in the wild and only 'Storm' was seen at the koala centre.

2 : **Mt Coot-tha.** Report by Rosemary Stafford for Justin Tobin's walk

The group walked to the summit, back through the quarry and had afternoon tea at the Botanical Gardens. Life was very civilized with a cup of tea boiled from Justin's electric jug. From this shelter shed the group had a view of the city and they listened to a brass band!

3. **Kin Kin** . by Robyn Jones for Jean Gowan's walk.

The group met at a service station in Burpengary and drove to Kin Kin. They walked over 2 steep hills, saw a bush lemon tree and lots of cattle. They also passed an 'amphetamine' shed, which was reported on the next day. Desley was kicked by a horse & chased by a cattle dog. They had a birthday cake for Elizabeth Richards . The whole trip was picturesque, green countryside. They walked approx. 15km. At lunchtime, a few walked to a lookout, which had lovely views.

4. **Sentinel Point.** By Phil:Murray

The group left at 6.45am and drove to Cunningham's Gap, Aratula, Gladfield (Driver Revive) and Swan Creek. They walked along the ridge, followed the cliff line, which was a bit challenging and had lunch at the top. They cooked sausages for lunch. (These need to be precooked in future in order to save time!) There were great views to the north and many good jokes were enjoyed. The group went back down via an alternative route, however there were no pathways. They managed to catch up with Pat and they returned to their cars at 4.55pm. From Swan Creek to Swanfel they were nearly taken out by 2 kangaroos jumping across the road.

5. **Swan Creek Basecampers** by Iain Renton

The basecampers did the Sentinel Point with the daywalkers on Saturday. They met Cathy & Ed Thistlewaite reported on how cold it had been (ice on the tent). They reached Double Top on Sunday after a late start at 11am. Jo enjoyed the rock scrambling. All were tired after a long day. As they were camped in a paddock, they were annoyed by the horses and cats. There was only a bit of water in Hell Hole Creek and the group did no walking on Monday.

They spent some time on the farm, feeding the animals and helping the farmer. They left before lunch to drive home.

Coming Outings:

1. **Pat & Luke's Bluff** – Kerry Mulligan

The walk will be along an escarpment. Kerry's 5-yr. old son did the pre-outing with her so most people could do the 8 km. It is a scenic walk, going through a variety of terrains.

2. **Oxley Creek: "Boxing Day Walk"** – Don Keating

Don mentioned the walk to be an easy going walk with and a start at about 1pm 'blunt' and it is a walkette in view of the distance of 5km of flat country walking. The assembling area is opposite the Rocklea Markets on Sherwood Rd, just behind the DPI A few birds of interest have been spotted on the pre walk!

3 **Mt Ernest** – Phil Murray gave talk for Anthony Dolan

This will be a hard walk. A real walk! It's 3hrs up & 3hrs down. You'll need garters & gloves! It is on the border near Rathdowney. You drive through a farmer's property, walk up along a spur to the top. Views to Mt Lindsay & Mt Barney can be seen. It has the best wildflowers in SE Qld (one being the red flowering pea).

4. **Shepherd's Walk** – Terry Silk

This is an annual walk organized by the Beaudesert Historical Society. It is for half a day & they look after you very well. Approximately 100 people go on the walk and they go at varying speeds. You climb to the top of the ridge for morning tea, stroll to the creek and then you are tractored across. Lunch is supplied and a guest speaker has been arranged. It is a very scenic walk with mountain ranges on either side of Christmas Creek.

Previews

1. **Mountains to Mangroves walk** – Maxine

This walk is just after the next meeting. It is from Raven Street Reserve (on the Chermside side), down along Downfall Creek and through to Nudgee Beach. Historical records of the area are displayed.

2. **Bridge to Brisbane** – August 1st-6am start. There is parking on either side of the bridge in the industrial areas and you catch a bus to the starting point. If the group meets on Lytton Rd, then they can merge down

for the start. There are 3 water points along the way as well as a sprinkling of porta loos! You need to bring your own pack & a munchie. Finish time is approx. 9.30am. Buy a T-shirt & give it to Greg to print a logo.

FMR Report

FMR Training night on Thursday 15th July @ 7.30pm – “ Safety in the Bush” at Newmarket.

Social Secretary’s report

Coffee Night

The Coffee night at the Gap was on State of Origin night but there were still 12 attendees who held great conversations.

The Annual Mass & Dinner was well attended with 40 people. Fr Finnian Perkins came back to Stafford Tavern for dinner. There were 2 big tables of people & everyone had an enjoyable night.

Greg Endicott commented that - John Carter and Majella were at the annual mass & dinner. It was a privilege to have had Majella with us so close to the time that she passed away 10 days later. - -

Next Coffee night will be hosted by Rosemary at **Café Majella**, Kedron

- **Turkish Restaurant** July 13th .at Caravansarai for 6.30pm. 2 for the price of 1 i.e. \$15 each. BYO wine. Corkage is \$2. The restaurant is on Dornoch Tce at West End and is situated at the T-Intersection of Hargreaves Rd. It is not suitable for children and bookings need to be made by 6th July.

Abbey Museum July 31st.Antiquities collection moved from England to

Australia. Cost is \$6 entry. Then the group will go to Bribie Is. for picnic lunch or fish 'n' chips.

- **Christmas in July** – 3rd July at Robyn’s place. 6.30pm start. BYO chair and be well rugged up as the group will be sitting outside and can come in when the meal is finished. Cost \$15.

Membership Officer’s Report

We had a new visitor – Grant Smith and our new members are David Simpson and Kathleen Smith.

General Business

1 Phil reported on the book, ‘ Wild Plants of Greater Brisbane’, available from Angus & Robertson for \$32 or for \$10 if you are lucky enough to get it on special.

2. Phil mentioned the Pocket Neighbourhood Maps, which are available, free from B.C.C. Libraries or your Ward Office.

3. Bob expressed his appreciation of the club’s well wishes for his 50th Wedding Anniversary.

4. Ken Niemeyer went on a few walks with his son Drew. He passed away a few years ago in his forties. Pat Lawton mentioned that Ken’s wife and Lyn passed away yesterday. Their son Drew was studying to be a priest. Lyn’s sister is Therese Little a former member of the club so Pat requested that a card be sent to her.

**Meeting Concluded approx.
9.45pm** with a prayer: ‘Our Father...’

Outings Co-Ordinator Walks Waffle

It's been wonderful to see most of our walks well attended lately and really encouraging to see quite a few keen and brand new members regularly turning up for walks.

This really is the peak bush walking time of the year (pun unintended but the peaks are great places to be in this weather). The nights and early mornings might be a bit chilly but the days are generally superb; fine, sunny, cloudless, it doesn't get much better for walking! There are plenty of good walks coming up so come and join us.

Also a belated apology for the cancellation of the Fraser Island walk, to those looking forward to it. An apology did go into an earlier magazine but the paragraph got somehow geographically embarrassed on its trip from the editor to the printer (through no fault of either). Another reminder about the Annual Barney Mass and also the Federation Pilgrimage – both in August.

On the Swan Creek base camp, a past member was keen to organise a walk along the spectacular western ridges near Sentinel Point in September. He has contacts with landowners where access is very difficult to obtain, so it is a chance not to be missed. I haven't been able to contact him so I'll tentatively put it on the calendar on the weekend of 25 – 26 September this year.

Finally don't forget that a walks planning meeting is coming up in early November, so start thinking about what walks you'd like to see on next

years calendar (especially those you'd like to lead).

Iain.

COMING WALKS

Mountains to Mangroves Corridor Chermside -Boondall Wetlands

Date : Saturday 24 July, 2004
 Leaders: Maxine Brophy
 3203 4699
 &
 Robyn Jones
 3267 7377
 Time: 7.30am for 8am start at
 Raven Street Reserve,
 Rode Road, Chermside
 Grade: M33
 Cost: \$10
 E. O. : Mike Brophy
 3203 4699

For those who completed the first half of this great walk (Camp Mountain to Chermside Hills), you have earned this last half. It is certainly the easier half with the only hill up to Nudgee College.

Come along and explore the green spaces behind many back fences while discovering the stories of days gone by in our own suburbs. From piggeries, dairy farms, poultry, slaughterhouses, tannery, Army camps. Missionary station - to the story of how Downfall Creek was named and "Salties" was the Nudgee College swimming venue for nearly 30 years.

We will gather excellent information at the Raven Street Reserve, with a large ceramic artwork of our journey along this ecological corridor. 115 bird species have been recorded in the

Raven Street Bushland area while the Boondall Wetlands are an internationally listed migratory bird sanctuary. There will be ice cream and coffee stops to help you along some fairly long stretches on this walk. Suburban walks are a great day out. We will look forward to your company on this walk. Please nominate to Robyn or Maxine

Maxine and Robyn

P.S. Hopefully we will not have to walk as far as this report travelled. Maxine wrote and posted it in Sydney where it went via Toowoomba before ending up in the editor's letterbox a week later.

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Lizard Point

Saturday July 31st to August 1st

Through Walk

Iain Renton's 50th Birthday Bash

Leader: Matt Palmer
(3876 8125)
Meet at: Red Hill at 7.00a.m.
Cost: \$15.00
Grading: M55
E. O. : Valerie Palmer
(3355 1581)

Come and help Iain clock up his first half century as he celebrates his last two days of being in his forties. Lizard Point high up on the main range in the middle of winter under a full moon, there is no finer place to be.

For those of you unfamiliar with Lizard Point it is a rocky outcrop affording extensive views of SouthEast Queensland.

We will depart from Teviot Gap and pass Teviot Falls before ascending the middle ridge and climbing Mt Roberts.

We will camp at Lizard South, which is about 5 minutes from Lizard Point.

It will be a good idea to bring your water requirements for the week end at last time I was there the spring was dry and we had to drop down a long way before picking up water.

On the return journey we will descend by the old rabbit fence which gives anyone wishing to climb southern Queensland highest point Mt Superbus the opportunity to do so. The permit for Lizard Point South is for a maximum of eight and I ready have six so the early bird gets the worm.

Matt Palmer

Bridge To Brisbane

Fun Run/Jog/Walk

Sunday August 1st

Leader : Greg ENDICOTT
(Ph: 3351 4092)
Meet At : The Traffic Island, Lytton Rd, Murarrie at the end of the southbound exit ramp, just above the Toll Booths.
Meet Time : 6.30am
Cost : 19 and over \$20, 18 & under \$15 for 12km, \$15 for all on 4.25km course.
If you choose our Team T-shirt it will be extra, and will cost you one white T-shirt. Join us for Breakfast afterwards at Oxford St, Bulimba if you so choose, an extra cost of course.
Grade : Easy – except for going up the Gateway Bridge, it

is all downhill or flat – you walk beside the river most of the way, either on the road or the grassy footpath.

Emerg : Stephen Endicott
Officer (0403 805 958)
and he will be on the walk. If you can't find us at the start in Lytton Rd, or after the race in New Farm Park, give us a call.

You do NOT have to run; in fact most of us (and most entrants) walk.

The organisers do such a good job with the B2B that nothing is left to chance. The 12km run starts at 6.45am, the joggers at 6.50am and walkers at 6.55 am. This way, the keen ones do not have to push their way through us slowies.

All parking is on the southside of the river, in the industrial estates at Murarrie and Cannon Hill. From these, there are free buses that take all entrants to the start of the event. Once you get close to the Murarrie area, it may take you 30mins to park your car due to the dense traffic – so be early please. All traffic is under the control of marshals who point you to a parking spot.

Once you finish at New Farm Park, a free City Cat takes you to Hawthorne and a free bus takes you back to Murarrie. Then you look for your car. Car pooling is great.

Since I leave Ferny Hills at 5.15am, I do not bother with breakfast – a muesli bar or two and OJ keeps me happy.

What to bring – a pack containing water and a little food, a camera, and space for the jacket/extra shirt/track suit you start out wearing, but discard after 15mins. Wear a hat. Take rain protection with you in your pack, if when you leave home the weather is doubtful. You may want fresh clothes in your car to wear home afterwards.

Our group usually meets on the traffic island in Lytton Rd, at the top of the south bound exit ramp of the Gateway Bridge. As the start time approaches, we move on down into the gathered walkers. Then off up the Bridge at our category start time.

Your personal times are triggered by an electronic tag you must wear tied to your shoe lace, and are recorded by the race computer. The results are published in the following day's Courier Mail, and are on the web later in the week. Commercial photos are taken throughout the race, and also appear on the web.

There are water points at the start & finish, and at 3 places along the way – at the end of the Gateway Bridge, at Racecourse Rd, Hamilton and in Longland St. They even put the water in cups for you. Porta Potties are along the way at the water points, but they become very busy – best to hang on if you can. St Johns Ambulance is there also. Race marshals keep you on track. There is no traffic blocking your way – all roads are closed with police manning the roadblocks.

It is amazing what and how far you can see from the top of the Gateway Bridge. Then down the other side. The route takes Kingsford-Smith Dr to the Breakfast Creek Bridge, then Breakfast Creek Rd to Newstead, and along

Longland, Skyring, Vernon, Macquarie, Grey and Lamington to New Farm Park. For a fast walk, it is under 2hrs, for a comfortable one it is 2¼ to 2½ hours – 5kph would be a good fast walk.

The shorter event leaves the Breakfast Creek Bridge at 8.45am and is 4.25km. The rest is the same – route, water, toilets and finish. This time is less than an hour.

This year, after we finish, we will meet away from the crowds in the Park down by the Band Stand Rotunda near the river, head for the ferry and get back to the cars. Then it will be off to Oxford St, Bulimba to have a real breakfast at a not-too-crowded café (the old mixed grill sounds good to me).

I was thinking of doing T-shirts for those who wanted them. From my point of view, if you gave me a white T-shirt, I could do an iron-on transfer to commemorate the event. It is up to you. Some teams go in fancy dress – it is amusing to pass them along the way – some real characters enter (there is a fancy dress prize at the end).

Please consider entering. It is a good morning. You can go at your own pace. Say with someone, or race off ahead.

I need 10 people to form a Team. All forms must go in at the same time to be in the team. Any more than 10 and we form a second team.

See me at the June meeting with your entry form & money, or any time up to Saturday July 3rd. I can still accept

team entries after this date, but the more by 5th July the better for me.

Thanks,
Greg E.

Mt Tibrogargan & Trachyte Circuit

Daywalk

Sunday 8 August

Leader: Gabriel Romaguera
Tel: 3856 3842
Meeting: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7 am
Cost: \$10
Grading: Tibro S53
Trachyte S 22
Emergency
Officer: Louise Leonardi
Tel: 3856 3842

Come along and join me in conquering one of the more interesting peaks of the Glasshouse Mountains – Mt Tibrogargan (364m).

The Glasshouse Mts are the collection of mountains jutting up from the flat countryside to your left as you motor up the Bruce Highway to the Sunshine Coast, and Tibro looks like a hunched over gorilla from certain angles. As a child I lived in awe of it!!!

I will be doing the pre-outing this weekend. I have only climbed Tibro once before (many years ago), but can assure you the views from the top make the climb worthwhile. There is about 6 hours walking, and naturally a good chunk of that is upwards. They are of "intermediate bushwalking difficulty". I am told you need a good level of fitness for the walk. The first 20m of cliffs on the Tibro walk is awkward and can be difficult for some people.

Some scrambling experience is recommended. Apart from that there is a track to follow that is fairly degraded. At all times, extreme caution is required to avoid dislodging loose rocks, as any rockfall is funnelled down the track. If it is raining on the day, these walks are not recommended. In this case we will have a Plan B available.

It should be a great day – good exercise, clear winter skies, and views forever of the beautiful countryside in the area. Think of this trip as your warm-up for Mt Barney in 3 days time.

A lot of rockclimbing is involved so you must be confident with heights & steep climbs.

Cheers

Gabriel Romaguera

BARNEY MASS

Wednesday 11th August

Overnighter

Co-ordinator Phil Murray

Ph no 3841 0254

Mobile 0413 307580

Grading: M 77

E. O. Susan Murray

Ph No. 3841 0254

Overnighters

Date Tuesday 10th August

Time: 7.30 pm

Meet St. Brigid's, Red Hill

Cost \$18.00 transport

\$8 camping fee

Camping Barney Lodge

Exhibition Wednesday, is a Special Day in the Club – we hold our **Annual Pilgrimage to Mt Barney** to celebrate our Club's continued existence. All members of the Club are

welcome, particularly the non-Catholic members of the Club. This year Father Ashley Warbrooke from Rochedale parish has kindly accepted the invitation to celebrate Mass for the club.

It is normally a glorious day. The walk is long and hard. When the days is over you will be tired and sore. But you will feel great. The walk is a bit of a challenge but that is what makes it worth doing and remembering. The views are tremendous and more importantly there is a great spirit in the club with a real sense of companionship.

This year the plans is to do 3 ridges on Mt Barney.

Ridge	Leader	Grade
Logan's	John Carter	Hardest
South East	Iain Renton	Hard
Peasants	Greg Endicott	Medium

The setoff time from Yellowpinch is 7-35 am. The Logan's and South East party's will meet on the summit of East Peak at 12ish and have a quick lunch and cup of tea. Then head down to the Mass site and meet the party coming up Peasant's at 1ish for the Mass. The advantage of doing the walk up Peasant's is that you can walk at a leisurely pace and take plenty of rest breaks as they will have timer to spare. Plus, there are the wildflowers to admire and enjoy. Please note that even Peasant's is a bit steep and rocky in places.

The plan is to camp at the Mt Barney Lodge the night before. Greg Endicott is the tour captain for coordinating the travel on Tuesday night. I will drive down on Wednesday morning with Fr

Ashleigh. You can come down on Wednesday morning but you may have to organise your own transport – the Club may be able to assist to arrange the necessary pick-ups and transport.

Everyone in the Club owes it to themselves to do the Barney Mass Pilgrimage at least once. Some would say that you only really become a member of the Club when you have done the Barney Mass.

Phil Murray
3841 0254

Burbank Wildflowers

At the JC Trotter Park, Burbank

Sunday 15th August

Half day walk

Leader:	Phil Murray
Ph no	3841 0254
Mobile	0413 307580
Grading:	S 11
E. O.	Susan Murray
Ph No.	3841 0254
Time:	1.15 pm
Meet	Cherbon St, Burbank (1km from Mt Cotton Rd) .UBD Ref Map 203 at K8
Cost	\$3.00

This is a nice little 3 hour walk in bushland close to Brisbane. It is only a 30 minute drive from town. The name of the bushland is JC Trotter Park and it is part of the Brisbane Koala Bushland Conservation area.

Access to the Park is off Cherbon St. To get there just come along Mt Cotton Road. If you need a lift to the walk I may be able to help organise someone to pick you up.

The Park is mostly dry sclerophyll forest with some patches of heathland. The idea of the walk is for a quick little trip in the bush to get to know some of the more common wildflowers. Also it avails us an opportunity to utilize the wildflower book – Wild Plants of Greater Brisbane. The Park supports a modest selection of wildflowers including - the yellow pea flowers, the yellow guinea flowers, the golden wattles, the white platysace, the white riceflower and hopefully there will be some native irises and pink boronias still in bloom. There are a couple of interesting eucalypt species. Also, with luck we may spot some of the many Koalas that inhabit the bushland in this areas.

Even though we are close to town it is surprising how remote it feels. The highlight of the walk is the beautiful tranquil shoreline of Leslie Harrison Dam. We will have a long leisurely afternoon tea so make sure you bring a cup and some goodies to share. I will bring a 'trangia' to boil a pot of tea.

The walk will be just a slow little stroll along old fire trails. Please note the whole trip will be well over 3 kilometres in length and a vertical height gain in excess of 10 metres. There is no rock climbing or scrambling so it is a bit disappointing in that regard. Allowing for a longish afternoon tea on the banks of the lake we will probably finish the walk around four-ish.

For those who want to check their maps we will start at grid reference 174522 on the Capalaba 1:25000 topographic map ref 9542-41.

Please nominate so I have an idea how many are coming on the trip. I was contemplating limiting the numbers on the trip to 8 but I always find it hard to knock people back so I will probably take all nominations.

Phil Murray

ps I mentioned at the June meeting I was thinking of changing the day for the trip to the Saturday but I decided to keep it as the Sunday.

FEDERATION PILGRIMAGE

**Friday to Sunday 13th to 15th
August**

	Basecamp
Co-ordinator:	Iain Renton
Ph no	3371 4672
Grading:	Various
E. O.	Phil Murray
Ph No.	3841 0254
Date	Friday 13 th August
Time:	7.00 pm
Meet	St. Brigid's, Red Hill
Cost	\$18.00 transport \$24 fee by Federation



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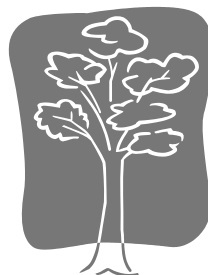
**2004 ANNUAL
PILGRIMAGE**

**At Girraween National Park
Friday 13th – Sunday 15th August
2004**

Friday: Book in from 2 pm on 13/08/04 at the Castle Rock Camping Ground.

Friday Night

Evening Slide Presentation about Girraween National Park (numbers limited to 60), Sign up for walks and supper is provided.



Saturday: Great walks on offer (various host members are vying for the title of the "best walk")

Saturday Night - Bushdance to the tunes of the Band-O-Coots.

Supper provided.



Sunday: Sausage Sizzle, handing on of the "boot", Bush Olympics, second hand camping/walking gear (buy and sell), winery tours.



Beautiful Girraween National Park is 26 kilometres south of Stanthorpe off the New England Highway (if you get to the NSW border you have gone too far!!)

Cost: \$24 for adults, \$8 for kids, under 5s are free.

Hot showers (at no cost) and water are available.

There are barbeques though wood is not provided by National Parks. Bring lots of warm gear and plans for a great week end.

Toowoomba Contacts: Loretta 4634 8417 or rett@flow.com.au
Ian Savage 46 309 089

Please contact Iain Renton to nominate for this trip.

Advance Notice**Binna Burra to O'Reilly's
Barbara Eastoe 3355 3639**

This is one of the classic walks of Southeast Queensland but it's one that's impossible to walk (I do have a friend who ran there and back in a day but she's mad) unless you can organise a bus or car swap. It's long (about 22Km) but fairly flat and along tracks so it's suitable for most people. We'll leave fairly early and take it slowly. I've bullied Ian into letting me have it at this time as the white orchids on the Antarctic Beeches should be out and we will spend some time just looking at them.

To do this trip we need a minimum of eight people (of course we can cater for more). We will split into two groups and drive to Binna Burra or O'Reilly's to start. We'll meet up in the middle and swap car keys to later regroup a coffee shop at Canungra.

I'll need to have an idea of who's coming earlier than for many walks as I need to organise the cars. I'm also planning to coordinate with Matthew Palmer so he can do the walk via Fountain Falls (for the fit and energetic among us) so this will make it more difficult.

So mark it in your diary and come along. You can ring to find out more about the walk or to put your name down early (I'll check with you closer to the final date). Last time I did this walk was about two weeks before I went to Thailand. This time it's two weeks before I go to Nepal. I'm not sure when I'll be able to afford another overseas trip so you'd better do the walk this time. *Barbara Eastoe*

COMING SOCIALS**Abbey Museum and Bribie Island**

When: Saturday 31 July

Where: Abbey Museum
Off Toorbul Rd
4Km along
Bribie Island Rd, on left

Meet at: 10.30am at Museum
(I'll arrange car pooling
from Brisbane if required)

Cost: Entry to Museum is
Adult \$6,
Children, Concession \$4.50

Contact: Barbara Eastoe
3355 3639
0431 921 641

How did Bribie Island (not known as one of the cultural hubs of Queensland let alone Australia) end up with a museum more at home in England or Europe? Come along and find out. This is a small but very comprehensive museum which has displays from prehistoric to industrial times with everything in between. It's a gem and so close to Brisbane.

We'll spend time looking at the Museum and then head over to the passage side of Bribie Island for some fish and chips or BYO picnic lunch. There will then be a chance to visit Bribie's art gallery where there should be some interesting displays.

Organise your own transport or contact me and I'll organise car pooling. I will have four spaces in my car if people want to go with me. Since we are trying to make a small profit on activities, I will be asking for a gold coin donation (optional) to boost the club's coffers.

Coffee Night **Wednesday 28 July**

Meet At: **Three Monkeys**
58 Mollison St,
West End
(cnr Boundary Rd)
Time: 7pm
Contact: Barbara Eastoe
(3355 3639)

The Three Monkeys is a Brisbane institution. It's downstairs in an old Queenslander and the whole of the downstairs section and the back yard have been developed into a number of small areas to sit, drink coffee and sample their cakes (which must be among the best in Brisbane). It has a slightly Middle Eastern look and is definitely a one off. Come along and enjoy some good, coffee, food and conversation in the middle of the week.

ANNUAL COLONIAL BALL 2004

Morningside School of Arts, cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds, Morningside

To be held on 14 August 2004

Recreate a bygone era, dress in Colonial Costume, dance the night away and enjoy the music of the Champion Moreton Bay Band.

Arrive at 7pm, swap your ticket for your engagement card, book your partners for the dances, have your photo taken and be ready for the Grand March at 7:30pm. Enjoy dances from our early days of settlement that came from our Anglo-Celtic-European heritage to those that are uniquely Australian and to those

that have evolved during the changing years and population.

Experience the music of waltzes, varsovianas, schottisches, polkas, mazurkas, jigs and reels. Learn about quadrilles, longways sets, progressive dances, circle dances and couples dances.

PRACTICES (\$2 per night) (7.30-9.30pm)

Tuesdays 27 July; 3 and 10 August
at Morningside School of Arts

Thursdays 29 July; 5 and 12 August
at Jubilee Hall, Annerley

TICKETS \$30
(\$20 if purchased before 27 July)

BCBC Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Ball Dance Programme 2004

Dancers will receive a booklet of dance instructions with their ticket.

Swedish Progressive Waltz
Brisbane Quadrilles (5 Figures)
Maxina
Adelaide Race Day
Alberts Quadrille (4 Figures)
Evening Three Step
Polka Cotillon
Sarabande Waltz Cotillon
Prince of Wales Schottische

Belgian Waltz
Ballroom Lancers (1884 Version)
Varsovienne (3 part)
Dennis's Delight
Nariel Wedding
Danish Skate Dance
Black Nag
Parma Waltz
Heartbeat Contra
Pride of Erin (Old Version)

PREVIEW FOR SOCIAL**The Blue Moon Experience**

Saturday 28 August

Meet at: Flinders Cafe,
196 Flinders Parade,
Sandgate
Time: 4pm
Contact: Viv or Cheryl Layzelle
(3263 8393)

We're celebrating the "Blue Moon" with a walk along the Sandgate foreshore. We'll meet at Flinders Cafe and then head off towards the Shorncliffe Jetty with perhaps a refreshment stop at the Full Moon Hotel to watch the sunset.

Then it's back to Flinders Cafe for fish and chips and a chance to watch the "blue moon". Looking forward to seeing you there!"

PAST WALKS**Kin Kin Countryside Trail**

Saturday, 5 June 2004

Thanks to Terry, Maxine, Rosemary, Robyn, Graham, Desley, Phillip, Kathleen, Marilyn, Deanne, Cheryl, Viv, Carolyn and Elizabeth who joined me on this inaugural walk.

It made it easy that everyone was on time, both at Red Hill and then at Burpengary, which was our second meeting point. We ventured into Trail 1 – The Kin Kin Countryside Trail which is part of the Noosa Trail Network. Wildlife abounded – brahmans, jerseys and at least two other types of cattle, horses, and Shetland ponies, a plethora of birds,

including ducks and kingfishers, and even snakes and toads (fortunately the latter two types were dead!). I am also told we saw yellow jezebels and blue tiger butterflies – but that needed better expert identification than I have. A white horse got quite upset when Desley tried to leave and a Shetland pony was a very big hit with most of the walkers. We walked past lily ponds, over rolling hills with fluffy clouds and blue skies overhead, a permission tree showing the beauty of the autumn colours.

The beauty of the scenery was enough for us all to enjoy without anything else, but we also had great company plus a gourmet feast including a birthday cake, baked by Maxine, for Elizabeth, topping off a walk filled with gourmet delights. A superb morning tea spread at Grady's Park with sweet and savoury muffins, chocolate chip biscuits and lamingtons. Thanks especially to Rosemary, Desley, Kathleen and Phillip for the treats as well as others who shared their food.

After lunch Terry, Phillip, Desley and Kathleen (our newest member) did an energetic sprint up to the Cootharaba Views Lookout (accompanied by a new friend), whilst the rest of us whiled away the time at Shepperson's Park very pleasantly with chat, planning a new walk and some even had some naps

A hint if you are having problems with your letterbox – try an oven or a cream can or a cement barrel – all things we saw on our walk. We had an extra walker for nearly all of the last quarter – a very friendly dog decided he had to make sure we were safe and it took a lot to discourage

him from coming all the way back with us.

Thanks to Terry for being the Tail End Charlie and then the leader to the lookout. Was lovely to have guests Marilyn and Diane join us and look forward to welcoming them back. Also thanks to Majella for being the Emergency Officer.

Jean

Past Outing - Sentinel Point

12th June

This was a very well attended off track daywalk. Sentinel Point is a crag just to the west of the Main Range. It lies due west of Mt Huntley.

The Club hadn't done the trip for a while as it is long drive from town for a daywalk. But it was well worth the effort.

The hardest part about the trip is making sure you start from the right spot. Thankfully I had Iain Renton and Pat Lawton to lend their navigational expertise. We just followed the road from Swanfels and eventually came to 'the spot'. Then it was a reasonably easy trip to navigate. It was a fairly simple plan - a total distance of about 8 kilometres and a vertical gain of exactly '525' metres. Too easy. All the walkers very given their own copy of the map with the route marked in pink highlighter so they couldn't get lost.

We left the cars at about 10-25 am and quickly zipped up the old forestry road to the main ridge line from Mt Huntley to Sentinel Point. Then it was easy walking along the level ridgeline. I just love walking along ridgelines

with the surrounding countryside well below you on both sides, just magic.

We caught glimpses of the impressive cliffhines of the Steamers to the south. But we never got an uninterrupted view of the Steamers all day. There were glimpses of Mt Mitchell, Spicer's Peak, Double Top, and Mt Huntley. Most surprisingly you could see across as far as Mt Barney.

The troops were getting noisy and hungry so we had a very late, morning tea on the knoll before Sentinel Point. We then made the frontal assault on the rocky foothills of Sentinel but it soon became apparent that we would have to do some scrambling up through the cliffhines. There were a few anxious looks but with some guidance and gentle coaxing we were able to get all our newer walkers up the cliff line. However, Pat was concerned about putting too much pressure on her injured knee when she would be pushing herself up the rock face. (Pat was doing about another 2 walks that week and didn't want to stuff her knee up.) And advised that she would stay below and have lunch here and wait for us to return. I reluctantly agreed and suggested we meet here back in the saddle. If it had been a lesser walker I would have changed plans and stayed with the person who couldn't go on. We followed the ridge for another 100 metres and then came to another cliffhine. By the time I got there Iain had already found a way up through a small chimney.

The chimney was only about 12 feet high but the ledges and handholds were just a bit daunting for people unfamiliar with rocks and for those who are not 6 feet tall. Carolyn,

Kathleen, Desley and Ruth were a bit anxious but remained positive.

With some helpful hands to guide their feet to the little foot ledges and also accepting the advice that when you are climbing you always put your weight on your feet and only use your hands for holding on. They soon mastered the technique of climbing by pushing up with your legs, rather than trying to pull yourself up with your arms.

Finally, we got to the top and Carolyn once again cheekily reminded us we had achieved our vertical climb of 525 metres. But there was a problem there was too much vegetation and the views were non-existent. I was very disappointed as I expected to be rewarded with a view of the Steamers. But not to worry as there were more important things to worry about. It was time for food. We eventually found a spot on northern escarpment and enjoyed a 'bar-be-que' lunch of sausages. There was lively discussion at lunch about climbing techniques and the about the \$3,000 baby bonus and whether it was worth it.

It was getting late and I was getting worried about Pat. It was time to decide which way do we go back but before I could even ask the question as to which way we go back the decision of the group was that we would go down 'the other way', whatever it was. So we headed off to the gently sloping western ridge. After 15 minutes we did a left turn and started to contour around the southern side of the mountain

After 45 minutes of contouring around the base of the Crag we eventually got back to the main ridge line. But no Pat. Decision time again. The

consensus was that Pat would have got tired of waiting and would have started walking back to the cars.

After 40 minutes we still hadn't found Pat. I was getting a bit anxious and had visions of the repercussions of what might happen to me – I reckon Greg (the President) would have had me excommunicated from the Club because I lost Pat, the Club's al Living National Treasure. But 5 minutes later I was relieved as we had found a sign. Pat had left a note on a piece of paper that was carefully attached to the top of a pyramid of sticks. The message said she would meet us at the top of the spur and she noted the time as 3.30pm. Basically she was only 10 minutes in front of us. We eventually met her at the turnoff from the ridge back to the cars at 4.00 pm.

We regrouped again and everyone was in high spirits and Carolyn told us a few classic blonde jokes. We headed down the spur and tried to feed the nice horses but they didn't want our apples. We got back to the cars by 5 to 5.

On the drive out we met Joanne McLaren the President of the BOSQ Club. Joanne was camping on Swan Creek for the weekend. As I was driving out I had a narrow miss with 2 kangaroos jumping onto the road just in front of me.

All in all it was a lovely day. Just a perfect sunny winter's day without any wind. Thanks to those who came on the trip. Pat Lawton, Terry Silk, Carolyn Ivanac, Desley Pedrazzini, Kathleen Smith, Ruth Kallman, her son Joseph aged 10, Iain Renton. Special thanks to Iain for his assistance in the navigating. Kathleen

on her first off track walk did very well. Thanks to Carolyn for driving.

It was a lovely day with great company .

Phil Murray

Ps at the next monthly meeting Pat Lawton said she had been speaking to Joanne MacLaren who did the same trip the day after and Joanne asked Pat about the dead horse. It appears the horse we tried to feed died on the Saturday night.

Ps. On the way back we stopped at the Gladfield Driver Reviver. We were having a cup of tea and got talking to some fellow traveller's. They asked where we had been and Carolyn proudly announced that we had been to 'Sentimental Point'. I wasn't sure if she was being serious or having a dig. at me. Anyhow it was a great day.

Swan Creek Basecamp

12-14 May 2004

We left Brisbane at 6:30 am to head west for the Darling Downs. The base campers accompanied six day walkers up Sentinel Point on the Saturday (Phil will be writing an article about that). The day walkers returned to Brisbane and we headed for our campsite.

It was getting dark when we arrived at our camping spot on river flats near the junction of Hell-Hole Creek and Swan Creek. Swan Creek was dry but Hell-Hole Creek was flowing so we could go to bed with the faintest trickling of water in the background. We found a campfire burning and Ed and Cathy Thistlewaite's tent set up. They are good friends with the owners Eric and Helen Hall.

We said giddyay, yacked a bit and put up our tents. We then did a bit of a detour to Warwick to make sure a pet cat was back in the Kallman's house (and not locked out in the cold) and then had tea at a chinese restaurant (just the thing after a busy day). Back at the tents we headed for bed as quickly as possible. Didn't rush to get up next morning, everything was quite white with a heavy frost – the morning camp fire for breakfast was most welcome. Cathy then took us up to yak with Helen and Eric and look at all the farm animals (three Shetland ponies had already visited us at our tents) there were turkeys (truly weird birds), geese, chooks, cats and more horses. We were instructed to arm ourselves with a stick to discourage the geese and turkeys from getting aggressive ideas.

Somewhere along the way I was gently reminded that I had a walk to lead that day, OOPS! Eventually Ruth, Joe and I started walking at 11:00 am (just a bit later that I had intended). We left the car at Lemon Tree and headed up the ridge to Swan Knoll on the Great Dividing Range. Beautiful day, warm, sunny, cloudless and still. We walked through open eucalypt, sometimes on gentle slopes but also a couple of steeper bits with long grass and rough under foot.

After a quick short lunch at the top of Swan Knoll we headed north along the Great Divide to Double-Top along a connecting ridge between the two peaks (a "bridge ridge" Joe called it). Some of it was rain forest and some open forest. The question ever since we got to Swan Knoll was "would we get to Double – Top?". It got dark soon after five so we'd have to turn

around at about 2:00. It looked like we might just make it, but Joe's energy was really starting to flag, the prospect of some rock scrambling near the top was incentive to keep going. We reached the top at 2:05 had a bit of a rest and enjoyed the magnificent views. Then we headed for home, we got back to the car just before five.

Back at camp Ed and Cathy had left for Brisbane. Helen came down to cut up some firewood for us and get a fire going while we unpacked and got changed. Then we cooked tea around the camp fire with some farm cats hanging about for a nibble. Then as the night got colder and colder, we made a bee-line for nice warm sleeping bags, though I had to shoo away a couple of cats that had decided to take up leaping onto my tent and rolling around between the tent and the fly.

There was another heavy frost the next morning. Joe enjoyed helping Helen feed the animals, we yakked some more and headed for home at about 11am. Joe, Ruth's ten year old son did a magnificent job doing the walks on both days particularly the walk up Swan Knoll and Double – Top. Well done, a great achievement.

It was good to camp again with Ed and Cathy after quite a few years. Thanks to Joe and Ruth for joining me on some great walking and to Ruth for driving. The hospitality of the Halls was terrific, it was a beautiful spot to stay (and away from the crowd of people camped at Lemon Tree).

Cheers,
Iain.

Oxley Creek – 4th July 2004

Twenty Three people participated in this arduous 6 Km walk amidst the wild birds of Oxley Creek. Sheep and cattle were seen grazing in the fields as we gathered at the environmental centre on a warm (27 degree) Sunday afternoon.

Roger Shaw (friend of Don and Robyn from yonks) who is an expert in soil physics and the condition of costal streams gave us a brief informative talk on the history of the environmental features of Oxley Creek. Robyn Jones remembered the days when the bacon factory released blood and offal into the creek every afternoon and it was a fresh water creek where fishermen caught huge catches of fish. In later years the creek was cleared out with chlorine and now the creek is salty with mangroves and very turbid with high Nitrogen content.

Robyn handed out lists of birds to be spotted in the area. We then all set off to examine the creek at the pontoon before continuing on the walk beside the creek. Robyn Jones was the first to spot the male mistletoe bird and earned herself the major prize of a bushwalking magazine with a most revealing centrefold. We arrived at pelican island which abounded with a variety of water birds. Greg Endicott was the first to see a White Faced Heron earning the minor prize of a mars bar. Mary Tobin also spotted a White Faced Heron on page 55 of Robyn's bird book and claimed another prize.

We reconvened at the tidal flow gauge for a group photo of the 7 persons wearing their new club t shirts. We

meandered on to the secret forest and saw the grove of pine trees. On the way out we fell into conversation with a gentleman who was the grandson of David Lahey. David planted the grove in 1930, the year that this man was born. Lahey's timber mill was located at Sherwood on the other side of the creek.

We straggled back along the side of the creek opposite where the Funnells used to live and back to the environmental centre where people received their just (and unjust) rewards. We finished off the delightful afternoon at the coffee club at Sherwood. Thanks to all who attended = Endicotts, Tobins, Funnells, Shaws, Jean, Caroline and Mac (who felt as though he had done an L 10 10 and was exhausted) Phillip, Katherine, Grant, Terry, Desley, Graham, Robyn J, Antonia, June.

Don & Robyn

ANNUAL:MASS &DINNER Saturday 30th May 2004

It was a very well attended Mass and Dinner this year. Father Finian Perkins of the Franciscan Order said Mass for us and gave a homily on the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There was a very nice feel or ambience to the Mass. The singing and music by the Dore family was excellent. A thank you to those who assisted with the Mass, the readers and especially to wife Susan who printed off the Mass Booklets.

It was a happy and sad time as it was the last time many of us saw Majella Carter who died about a week after the Mass.

The Dinner was held at the Stafford Tavern and was equally well attended. A few people who weren't able to get to the mass joined us for Dinner. The food overall was very good but I advised to miss the pizza next year. The consensus was that it was an ideal place for the event.

Thanks to all those who came. From my faltering memory those who attended were as follows:-

Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, David Hill, Jill Hill, Rosemary Stafford, Susan Murray, Phil Murray, Justin Tobin, Paul Evans, Phillip Kearns, Iain Renton, Terry Silk, Majella Deegan, Mark Deegan, Peter Dore, Cathy Dore, Zeta Dore, Mary Tobin, Thomas Carter, Nicholas Dolan, Joshua Dolan, Patricia Funnell, Geoff Funnell, Emma Funnell, Joshua Funnell, Pat Lawton, Anthony Dolan, Bernadette Dolan, Carolyn Ivanac, Maxine Brophy, Viv Lazelle, Cheryl Lazelle, Barbara Eastoe, Peta Matthewman, John Carter, Majella Carte, Liz Richards, Jean Gowans, Robyn Jones, Louise Leonardi, and Desley Pedrazzini

I apologise if I omitted any names as I made the list from memory 2 days after the event..

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

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

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

History of “the Barney Mass” in the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.

THE FIRST BARNEY MASS

(From the Third Annual Report of the Club, March 1961)

The first celebration of the Mass on Mount Barney

For the first time in the history of the Club, Holy Mass was celebrated outdoors by the Club Chaplain Father W. Hays..

The site selected for this wonderful event was Mt Barney and a party of 58 club members and visitors participated in the trip which was held on Exhibition Wednesday, 17th August 1960.

Setting out from a campsite a short distance from the Bushwalkers Ridge (now known as Peasants Ridge), on a bright sunny morning, the main party of 40 reached the saddle between East and West Peaks at 11.30 am, selected a site and set up a satisfactory altar of flat rocks a short distance up East Peak. There the necessary equipment, vestments etc. (which for carrying purposes had been divided among the various members of the party in order that everyone might participate more fully in the event) were made ready. The location was one of beauty and inspiration to the participants in the Mass which commenced at noon following the arrival of the second party numbering 18, which had ascended by way of North Ridge. Peter Lillis and John Power served at the mass.

During Mass Father Hayes spoke briefly of the important events through the ages which had taken place on mountains and of the significance of the present Mass.

Afterwards a cairn of stones was built to mark the spot on which Mass had been celebrated and permission has been obtained from the relevant authorities for a plaque commemorating the occasion to be affixed to this cairn.

Byron Moss

SETTING THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN PLACE

By Raoul Mellish

(from the 25th Anniversary booklet)

On the Saturday afternoon of May 13, 1961, a brass plaque commemorating the Mass said by Fr Hayes on Mt Barney on Exhibition Wednesday of the previous year, was set in the rock used as an altar. This rock has now come to be known as the “mass Rock”.

The inscription on the plaque reads as follows

**“HOLY MASS WAS SAID HERE
ON 17-8-60 BY REV. FR. W. HAYES
FIRST PRESIDENT CHAPLAIN
OF THE BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING
CLUB”**

As Mt Barney is a National Park, special permission for this was obtained from the Minister for Forestry and Agriculture.

The work of setting the plaque took most of the afternoon, as the rock had to be cut back to a level recess and drilled to take the holding screws, and it was not until the last ray of day was shafting golden on high battlements of the mountain, that the job was completed.

Also set in the rock just below the plaque was a metal Club badge left at the site last Easter by Father Hayes who was paying his last visit there before going to Ireland.

A log book in a muntz metal container was left at the site and its opening entry reads :-

“ A record for all those who pass by this place on the magnificent mountain. Commenced Saturday May 13th 1961 ”

The party spent the Saturday night in the old University Hut with a roaring log fire to take the chill out of the early winter air.

At dawn on the Saturday morning, on leaving the hut, John Power and I were struck with the sight of the Morning Star shining large and bright in the grey sky just above the crest of East Peak

somewhat towards the North Peak. It was a strange coincidence for us to see the “Star” in this position from behind the East and North Peaks, the reverse of the way we had visualized it for the Club badge.

As we stated to climb the dark slope of the East Peak to gain the summit for sunrise, the West Peak was just beginning to turn golden under the first light of the day, while overhead two great eagles were planning in the updraft of the fresh cold air blowing up the slopes of the mountain.

This was the inspiration of the poem which John Power wrote in Ireland, just before commencing his studies for the priesthood at the Abbey at Loughrea, County Clare.

DUCE MARIA

*See! She softly sheds her light,
Hung in the filmy veil of night;
And smiles with sweet serenity,
To guide us into the portals of eternity.*

*She, the evening star, our Queen,
Before all ages, promised she had been;
And ever, more shalt never cease to be,
Through her, may yet we know, the Infinite Majesty.*

By Fr. John Power.

Why Climb a Mountain for a Mass ?

The exact reason for Club's tradition of a pilgrimage to a mountain top for the Annual Mass seems to have been misplaced in the mists of time. It certainly seems like a good idea but I thought there may be some special reason. I did some research in the old Club records that I could locate. I found the records of when the first mass was held but it didn't explicitly state the rationale behind the idea of a Mass on Mt Barney.

Perhaps the Club was simply adopting the seemingly common practice of making a pilgrimage to a mountain. Throughout the world in many cultures mountains are

viewed as links between humans and the spiritual world.

To the people of many faiths, the act of travelling to a sacred site for the purpose of religious observance is itself a spiritual experience. For many religious pilgrims, the arrival at a sacred site is the goal of the pilgrimage. But for others, the act of travelling to a sacred site for the purpose of religious observance is itself a spiritual experience, the journey itself constitutes a personal spiritual experience.

A Pilgrimage is always a search for God and God's goodness. True pilgrimage has to do with a change of heart. The outward journey serves to frame an inner journey: a journey of repentance and rebirth; a journey which seeks a deeper faith, greater holiness; a journey in search of God.

The Club's first Chaplain was a Father William Hayes who was from Ireland and perhaps he was following the tradition in Ireland where there are several well known pilgrimages of climbing a Mountain and celebrating Mass on top. The most famous pilgrimage in Ireland is at Croagh Patrick where there is a yearly pilgrimage in commemoration of St Patrick. Reportedly Saint Patrick spent 40 days of lent on top of the mountain as a means of converting Ireland to Christianity. (see article about Croagh Patrick)

For the early Christian monks, the concept of pilgrimage was closely tied with the Christian notion of penance. Monks would often embark on pilgrimages as a way of seeking out a place which would reveal God to them. In Ireland men and women soon took up the practice of pilgrimage as a means of discovering their own path to God. Along their way, pilgrims would leave tangible signs of their journey such as pilgrims' stones, which are rudely fashioned crosses, or small mounds of stones called cairns. The stones represented either a prayer or the completion of the pilgrimage.

The Celtic pilgrims were searching for a deeper faith and an inner peace with God. One of the other major themes of Celtic spirituality: is the immanent presence of God, which means that God is everywhere. For Celtic Christians, God was a key part of all things natural and beautiful. Celtic Christians praised God's design and creation of all things natural. The hills, the sky, the sea, the forests were not God, but their spiritual qualities revealed God and were connected to God. Places where people feel most strongly connected with God's presence are referred to as "thin places."

It is in these thin places, like Mountain tops, where the seen and unseen worlds are most closely connected and inhabitants of both worlds can momentarily touch the other. In Celtic spirituality these thin places are places where it is possible to touch and be touched by God, as well as the angels, saints and those who have died.

I can readily understand that Mount Barney with its own unique atmosphere could be regarded as having the feel of a 'thin place'

Phil Murray

Pilgrimages in Ireland - Croagh Patrick

Renowned as Ireland's holy mountain Croagh Patrick, or the Reek as it is known by locals, dominates the skyline on Mayo's west coast and from the summit the unobstructed view of Mayo's beautiful landscape attracts pilgrims and hill-climbers from near and far.

The mountain is 765 m high. Croagh Patrick is on the west coast of Ireland and is situated near the town of Westport in County Mayo, Ireland. It is approximately 92 km north of Galway and 230 km west of Dublin. The main

pilgrimage route originates in the village of Murrisk, 8km outside Westport.

In the Irish Christian tradition the ascent is undertaken as an act of penance for wrongdoing, and many of the pilgrims climb barefooted or even on their knees

For the Celtic peoples of Ireland it was the dwelling place of the deity Crom Dubh and the principal site of the harvest festival of Lughnasa, traditionally held around August.

The ancient practice at Mt. Croagh Patrick had nothing to do with matters of penance and supposed wrongdoing. The mountain was a sanctuary for the giving of thanks and the celebration of life's abundance. In particular the dome shaped mountain was a natural representation of a pregnant woman's abdomen.

Croagh Patrick holds a unique place in Irish Catholic history thanks to St Patrick. Legend has it that as he laboured up the mountain the demon Corra descended upon him. St. Patrick fought the demon with his staff and finally banished the beast by throwing his silver bell at her. She blackened the bell, turning it to iron and then fled screeching to Lough Derg. Upon reaching the summit, St. Patrick drew himself up and offered blessings to the land of Eire and her people. Holding aloft his bell, he rang and called aloud to banish the snakes of the land to the great green sea of gloom. From the rocks and the land the serpents of the island fled in fear, never to return.

For 40 nights St. Patrick held vigil on the great mountain, praying and fasting to save the island people from

their heathen ways. His pilgrimage to the mountain gained the converted the promise that those who perform penance shall surely not go to hell. The belief that penance, especially in the form of physical denial or suffering, brings Gods forgiveness is ingrained in the Irish character and helps explains why pilgrimages are popular.

There are those who suggest that the banishing of the snakes is a metaphor for the banishing of the heathen priests from Ireland.

It is estimated that nearly one million pilgrims climb to the summit each year, as many as forty thousand climb the mountain on the last Sunday in July.

the Lincoln Wreck

**On the Side of Mt Superbus, south of
Cunningham's Gap and east of
Warwick.**

This is in the area of the recent Swan Creek/Sentinel Point & the up coming Lizard Point walks.

This article is from the web site:
<http://home.st.net.au/~dunn/ozcrashes/superbus.htm>, or
<http://home.st.net.au>

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

10 Squadron RAAF had received a telephone call late on Good Friday night from the Townsville hospital seeking an emergency evacuation to Brisbane of a critically jaundiced 2 day old baby, Robyn Huxley.

As most of the Squadron's air crew were on leave or stand-down over Easter, the Commanding Officer of 10 Squadron, Wing Commander John Costello decided to pilot the Squadron's only serviceable aircraft, A73-64, for the evacuation flight.

The crew consisted of the new Commanding Officer Wing Commander Costello who had flown Sunderlands during the war against the German U Boats in the Atlantic, the Senior Navigation Officer, Squadron Leader Finlay, who was a wartime Pathfinder navigator, the squadron Chief Signaller, Flight Lieutenant Cater, and the squadron Senior Engineering Officer, Squadron Leader Mason.

The baby girl and nurse Mafalda Gray were positioned in the long-nosed section of the Lincoln bomber. The aircraft took off from Garbutt airfield at 00.30 am on Saturday 9 April 1955. The aircraft encountered some cloud and rain as it approached southern Queensland. The aircraft had to fly at a relatively low altitude to ensure the baby had a comfortable flight.

At 4.05 am the aircraft contacted Brisbane Air Traffic Control to advise that they were flying in cloud at 6,000 feet. They advised that they would arrive in Brisbane in about 10 minutes time and sought a clearance to reduce altitude to 5,000 feet. Brisbane Air Traffic Control advised that they were cleared to drop to 5,000 feet and if they wished they could drop to 4,000

feet for the approach to Eagle Farm airfield.

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

Some time later, reports came in that an aircraft, later confirmed as a Lincoln, was heard to circle over the town of Bell at about 3.30 am. Bell is located about 18 miles north east of Dalby. Clearly A73-64 was well off course. The weather south of Bell was overcast with scattered rain.

At 4.14 am some members of the Brisbane Bushwalking Club heard a large aircraft fly overhead followed by the noise of an impact and some large explosions. By their estimation it had slammed into a nearby mountain in the Main Range region of the Border Ranges near Emu Vale. This was later confirmed to be Mount Superbus, the highest mountain (1,375 metres) in southern Queensland.

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

Ground rescue crews were dispatched to the site. They quickly confirmed that there were no survivors.

Those killed in this tragic accident were:-

Wing Commander John Peter Costello
MID (pilot)
Squadron Leader Charles Surtees
Mason MBE (co-pilot)
Squadron Leader John Watson Finlay
(navigator)
Flight Lieutenant William George
Stanley Cater (signaller)
Baby Robyn Huxley
Sister Mafalda Gray

Sisters Mafalda Gray, aged 26 years of Melton Hill, Townsville had resigned on the Friday to take up a nursing position in New South Wales. She volunteered to travel on the emergency flight when she heard the plight of the sick baby.

The four RAAF service personnel killed in this tragic crash were buried in the Services' section of the Lutwyche Cemetery in Brisbane with full Service honours. 60 RAAF officers and more than 200 other ranks attended the moving service. 26 of the dead airmen's friends formed part of a 50-man guard of honour outside of Holy Trinity Church of England and St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Fortitude Valley.

After the separate services at the two churches the corteges linked up outside the Holy Trinity Church. Four caskets draped in the Union Jack were placed on the rear of an RAAF truck. A glittering sword, Airman's Cap and their medals were placed on top of each casket. The funeral cortege moved away to the "Dead March" played by the Amberley RAAF Band. More than 500 people attended the service at the cemetery where the graves were side by side. A squad of RAAF personnel fired three volleys into the air.

The accident investigation team were able to determine that the aircraft had been on a heading of 135°T at the time of impact and that immediately before the impact it had tried to gain altitude (presumably to avoid the top of the mountain). The nose and cockpit of the aircraft were totally destroyed but accident investigators were able to determine that the 4 throttles were on maximum power, the propeller pitch controls were set in the cruise position and the fuel cocks were all open. It appeared that the rudder trim control and the trim tabs on the elevators were all in the neutral position.

One suggested, but not confirmed theory for the crash, was the fact that an oxygen bottle and trolley taken on the flight for the baby, may have affected the accuracy of the P-type compass on board the Lincoln bomber. The Lincoln bomber had two compasses installed. One was the G3 master compass in the navigator's compartment and the other was the P-type compass which was located to the left of the pilot's seat. It was considered that the unserviceability of the G3 compass may have contributed to the navigational error.

It is also possible that the crew did not check the Drift Meter located in the bomb aimer's compartment due to the baby and nurse being located in the nose of the aircraft.

Another factor may have been that Brisbane radio station 4BC lost signal strength at around that time on Saturday morning. Sydney radio station 2UW was only 10KHz away from 4BC, so it was considered possible that the navigator may have accidentally locked on to 2UW thinking

it was 4BC. This was another scenario that may explain the incorrect path taken by the Lincoln bomber.

They may have also mistaken the town of Bell for another town north of Brisbane.

This Club makes the occasional trip to the Wreck, since it is made of aluminium the parts do not rust – there is still a lot of it there.

I have found the graves of the airmen in the Lutwyche Cemetery; when I was looking for my grandfather's I stumbled across them.

Greg Endicott

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