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**Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.** Articles, if on disk, need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: [samlouis@bigpond.net.au](mailto:samlouis@bigpond.net.au)

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

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

#### OUTINGS

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

#### EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

#### EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

#### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are as follows.

Ordinary members \$35 Associate Members \$26 Spouse members \$9.00

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. Please note, pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

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## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS FOR 2006

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>17</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
21	John Toohey Society Meeting	Phil Murray	3841 0254	
23	Mt Warning	James Parra	3711 4490	D/W
26	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
30	Stag's Head	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	D/W
<b>August</b>				
Fri 4-Sun 6	Richmond Gap to Collins Gap	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	T/W
6	Bridge to Brisbane Funwalk	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	C/W
Sat 12	Karragarra/Macleay/Perulpa Islands	Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	D/W
Wed 16	Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
Fri 18	John Toohey Society Meeting	Phil Murray	3841 0254	
Fri 18 -20	Federation Pilgrimage at Landsborough-Rocky Creek Scout Camp	Hosted by Glasshouse Mountains Bushwalkers & Sunshine Coast bushwalkers		
19 - 20	Qld Bush Poets Championship	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	Social
<b>21</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
26	Mt May to Mt Maroon	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
30	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
<b>September</b>				
Sat 2	Fr Ed Memorial Walk Toohey Forest Park	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
Sat 2	Riverfire Social	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social
10	Ravensbourne- Great Australian Bushwalk	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
Fri 15	John Toohey Society Meeting	Phil Murray	3841 0254	
17	Coolangatta to Palm Beach	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
<b>18</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
24	Hamilton Heritage Walk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
Wed 27	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
<b>October</b>				
1	Mt Beerwah	Richard Johns	3353 2822	D/W
Fri 6 - Sun 8	Cooloola	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	T/W
Sat 14	Progressive Dinner by Ferry	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
14	FMR - Rescue Leader Activities	TBA		FMR
<b>16</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
22	Obi Obi to Baroon Lookout	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
29	Muscat & Baily Creeks	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	Social
<b>November</b>				
5	Evans Heads Basecamp	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	B/C
11	<i>Powerhouse Markets</i>	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
12	Canungra Creek to Road Junction	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
19				
<b>20</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
26	Coomera Circuit	Michelle Johns	3353 2822	D/W
Wed 29	<i>Coffee Night</i>	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
<b>December</b>				
Sat 2- Sun 3	Christmas Party - (Week-end at Coolum)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
10	Dianna's Bath	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	½ DW
17	Toolona Falls Circuit	Marie Ricketts	3265 1794	D/W

<b>18</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
Sun 24				
Mon 26	Boxing Day Walk	Liz Little	3356 4874	

Details in *Italics* indicate the event details have been adjusted or added since last month

#### KEY – Walk Types

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

#### KEY – Walk Gradings

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

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

<b>Club Web Address:</b> <a href="http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/">www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/</a> <b>email:</b> <a href="mailto:briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au">briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au</a>
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The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)

**Monthly Meeting  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August  
St Brigid's Hall  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill**

**Contact:** Phil Murray (3841 0254)  
Club President

**Location:** St Brigid's Parish Hall,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
(In the building at the back  
of the carpark).

St Brigid's is the big red brick church  
right on the top of the hill.

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Grade:** M 2 7

**Cost:** Nil

**Emerg Off:** Phil Murray (3841 0254)  
but not after 7pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ABOUT MEMBERS

### Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

After completing a couple of walks with us we welcome Brigid Baker and Paul Purcell as new members to our club this month. We have had many inquiries during July with some being so enthusiastic as to already be on track with us. Make all our visitors welcome & look out for the following people:- Helen Hogan, Lacey Brown, Patricia Martyn, Vanessa Wang, Lynette Schofield, Maree Hardiker, Max & Daphne Daley, Father Bernie Thomas, Oswald Vivanti, Anna Frank, & Antoniette Brustolin.

Many of our new members come to us from listening to each of us talking about what we do and see when we are on track. Keep telling them all about the places we visit

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer).

## Members

Belated July birthday greetings to Catherine Simpson. Margaret Cooper, Liz Little, Peta Matthewman, Maree Rickets and Iain Renton are having a birthday in August. Margaret Cooper can not settle down. She is currently in Canada for seven weeks prior to returning to Australia to do some more touring in her Motor Home.

## TREASURERS REPORT



<i>Balance 19/06/06</i>	\$2512.15
<u><i>Plus Receipts</i></u>	<u>\$ 930.06</u>
	\$3442.21
<u><i>Less Payments</i></u>	<u>\$ 717.70</u>
<u><i>Balance 16/07/06</i></u>	<u>\$2724.51</u>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	\$1900.22

*Terry.*

Because I ran out of time at the July meeting the raffle will now be drawn at our August meeting. So those of you who have kindly bought tickets are still in the running to win a water bottle and/or cutlery set.

**NEWSFLASH!!** We only have four club t-shirts left:- 2 Small, 1 Medium and 1 Large. I am sure that they will go quickly, so, first in first served. Once again they proved to be a great hit on the Shepherd's walk. Every member should own at least one. After these are sold I am not sure when our next order will be placed.

## COMING WALKS

### MT MAY TO MT MAROON Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2006 Daywalk

**Leader:** Pat Lawton (3366 1956)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:00am  
**Grade:** L 7 7  
**Cost:** \$30:00  
**Emerg Off** Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

If you are feeling really energetic and can handle 2 mountains in the one day, then this is the walk for you.

The walk will commence at Mt. May campsite and will finish at Mt. Maroon car park.

We will ascent the normal very eroded track to Mt. May. From there we will pick up a ridge leading eastwards towards the western slopes of Mt. Maroon. En route we will cross a section of Paddy's Plain and eventually will pick up a ridge that will bring us to our lunch spot on the volcanic rim of Mt. Maroon. From there we will scramble along the rocky ridge to the Maroon saddle. Unless time and energy permits we will not ascent the main peak. The descent of Mt. Maroon will be via the normal route.

**This walk is all off track and is not really suitable for beginners,** however it is within the capabilities of any fit person and it is your chance to do something a little more challenging. The views along the way are first class.

It is a long and energetic walk, but I'm sure at the end of it you will say "that was great" and hopefully you will recover sufficiently to enjoy a cuppa at Boonah.

2 litres of water is recommended. If you are unsure as to whether you can do this walk talk to me.

Pat.

### Fr Ed Memorial Walk Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Daywalk

**Leader:** Maxine Brophy  
(3203 4699)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 8:00am  
**Grade:** S 2 2  
**Cost:** \$3:00  
**Emerg Off:** Michael Brophy  
(0401 024 867)

Perhaps the John Toohey Society members might like to join us for a visit to another family member – James Toohey!

Toohey Forest was named after James Toohey who purchased this land in 1872. He was a wealthy Irishman made so by the Californian Gold Rush. This land was held by his family until purchased by Brisbane City Council in 1945 and held for the enjoyment of the people of Brisbane to this day.

This forest is nestled in the heart of suburbia, 10kms from the city, and offers spectacular views over Brisbane and from southern suburbs and Islands around to the airport and Moreton Bay. There are many walking tracks through open eucalypt forest and heath areas. Vegetation is typical of forests covering Brisbane in early years.

It is a vital habitat to many species of native plants and wildlife. Grass trees, Banksias, Acacias, she oaks and many grasses are thriving here despite the drought. During our walk to the summit we hope to find a

number of wildflowers and many species of wildlife.

This is a one yearly outing to remember Fr Ed Nally and previous Chaplains who have guided our club in years past. Come along for a relaxing day getting to know another haven on our doorstep whilst getting to meet the exclusive John Toohey members.

Cheers, Maxine

**Ravensbourne – Great Australian Bushwalk  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
Daywalk**

**Leader:** Robyn Jones (3267 7377)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:15am – leaving at 7:30am  
**Grade:** S 2 2  
**Cost:** \$15:00  
**Emerg Off:** Pat Mackie (3398 7041)

This is a graded track in Ravensbourne National Park between Esk and Hampton west of Brisbane beyond North Gorge and Mt Glorious. It is an area we haven't walked for quite a while. A walk with a bit of everything - panoramic views, rain forest, open eucalyptus, palm gorges, caves but no waterfalls.

On the pre-outing in the black bean rainforest section we saw a mated pair of yellow tailed cockatoos who shrieked at us for invading their territory. We heard bellbirds and whip birds and saw a large goanna.

The walk is about 9kms and we should have time to stop for coffee with a wonderful view before we head back to Esk on our way home. This walk is part of the Great Australian Bush Walk so people can become familiar with our National Parks.

Come along and join me on this walk, put your name down at the next meeting, or

ring and leave a message with your name if I am not there so I can get back to you.

Robyn Jones

**COOLANGATTA TO NORTH  
PALM BEACH  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
Daywalk**

**Leader:** Phil Murray (3841 0254 or 0413307580)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Grade:** L 2 2  
**Cost:** \$20:00 + bus fare of \$3:00  
**Emerg Off:** Phil (0413 307580)

It should be a nice warm sunny spring day with a light offshore breeze. A perfect day to stroll along the beach from Point Danger.

The views along this part of the coast are lovely and it is amazing how many nice homes are on this part of the Gold Coast. I am surprised how few people are on this part of the coast. But there are crowds around Coolangatta and Currumbin points. For much of the walk from Kirra to Tugun and again along Palm Beach we will basically have the beach to ourselves.

The plan is to drive down from Red Hill. Leave the cars at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Palm Beach and catch the 8:53am Surfside 765 bus down to Coolangatta. Then walk up the hill to the Captain Cook memorial. Enjoy the views of the mountains and the sea, then read the brass plaques and the controversy as to what headland is actually Point Danger. We will have a quick morning tea and walk from the Captain Cook memorial down the hill to Snapper Rocks then all the way back to North Palm Beach along the beach.

We will have quick lunch around the Currumbin Creek area. Just where depends on the wind and tides and size of the surf.

It is low tide at about 10:00am so it should be easy walking on the hard sand.

Bring your hat, sunscreen, your swimmers, lunch, morning tea and clothes that provide protection from the sun as we will be out in the sun for 4 to 5 hours. I suggest you have shoes that can get wet. Also include a raincoat and jumper in case the weather is a bit rainy. I suggest you bring at least 2 litres of water for the walk.

The walk will finish with an afternoon tea at Sue's unit at Palm Beach. So bring some treats for afternoon tea. They can be left at the unit in the morning.

I haven't done a pre-outing to check the time for the walk but I expect it to be about 4 to 5 hours of walking. There are 2 creek crossings to deal with. You can either swim across or walk a bit further and take the bridge. The major unknown is how long we stop for a morning tea and lunch and whether we have a swim at Currumbin Creek or at Bilinga Beach.

The walk could be a bit harder then it appears as the trip is fairly long (about 18 kilometres) and we will be in the sun all the way, plus the hard sand can jar your feet and legs when you walk a long distance.

I will have to set a limit on the numbers as the unit will burst if we have too many people. If I get flooded with nominations I will do the trip again before Christmas.

Phil

P.S For those more interested in walking rather than eating I was interested in doing another walk in the afternoon and walk from Palm Beach over the Tallebudgera Creek bridge and through the Burleigh Heads National Park and then catch a bus back to the unit.

pps - Tide Predictions for Gold Coast Seaway on Sunday 17-9-06

High tide	5.00 am	0.83 metres
Low tide	10.21am	0.34 metres
High tide	5.16 pm	1.36 metres

ppps: - For those interested in history Coolangatta is named after the schooner *Coolangatta* which was wrecked on the beach to the north of the Tweed River in 1846. The schooner was waiting to collect a cargo of cedar and the ship dragged its anchors and washed ashore. A wreck, which was believed to be the *Coolangatta* was uncovered by wave action in 1974.

The name Coolangatta comes from the mountain and small village near Nowra on the south coast of New South Wales. The mountain is a striking dome shape. The area was settled in about 1822 and has since been recognized as the first European settlement on the South Coast of NSW. Alexander Berry wrote:

*"For my headquarters I fixed on the north side of the river at the foot of a hill called by the natives 'Collungatta'.*

'Collungatta' was the Aboriginal word for *fine view*.

## COMING SOCIALS

### John Toohey Society The Itinerary for the upcoming John Toohey Society's Monthly Meetings

Month	Date	Location
<b>August</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	The Exchange
<b>September</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	Belgian Beer Café
<b>October</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	The Victory
<b>November</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Port Office
<b>December</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Pig n' Whistle Riverside
<b>January 07</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Storey Bridge
<b>February</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	Fihelly's
<b>March</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	Brisbane Underground
<b>April</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mick O'Malleys



**John Toohey Society Meeting  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Belgian Beer Cafe  
Corner Edward and Mary Streets  
Brisbane.**

Contact: Phil Murray 3841 0254  
Time: From 4pm onwards till 6pm or 7pm or later.  
What For: For a chat and sample some exotic beers  
Drinks: boys – Belgian Beers  
Girls – wine or the red cherry beer  
Food The Café serves traditional Belgian meals  
Emerg Off: Phil on 0413 307580.

The Club is interested in more than just walking. There is also the regular gatherings for a social drink. So come along and join Greg and Phil and find out more about the John Toohey Society. By now it shouldn't be a surprise that the John Toohey Society is actually a beer appreciation society so it is time we boldly proclaimed our objective. The John Toohey Society has the aim of finding the best beer in Brisbane. Our favourite beer is definitely Tooheys Old - the dark and creamy beer. But we are willing to test the other beers around town. The Belgian Beer Café has a fine assortment of beers to taste. The décor of the place is just lovely with a real old world feel to the place with wood panelling and lovely photos and maps of Belgium around the room. The beer tasting agenda for the afternoon is as follows.

- Round 1 Stella Artois
- Round 2 Leffe Bruin
- Round 3 Leffe Blonde
- Round 4 Bellevue Kriek

(in case you didn't notice that is in reverse alphabetical order.)

Stella Artois is Belgium's favourite. Leffe Blonde is Belgium's original abbey beer, tracing its roots back to the abbey of Leffe, founded in 1152. There will be a prize for the person who can correctly pronounce **Leffe**. Apparently the beer was hand crafted according to the monks specific rules. So obviously it is a holy beer. The Bruin beer is almost black in colour and has an after taste of coffee. Both are served in a chalice type glass thus continuing the traditions

of the abbey monks. They have a bit of a kick with an alcohol content of 6.6%. The price also has a kick at \$7 per glass. The Bellevue Kriek is named after cherries, kriek is the Flemish word for cherries. It is also known as the red cherry beer. The beer is served in a balloon shaped glass that allows a full expression of aroma and flavours. They also serve another beer called a Delerium Tremens and another called La Guillotine. I think I will leave those for another day. In Belgium every type of beer, particularly a *special ale*, is served in its own type of branded glass. Apparently, this makes it easier to identify what you are drinking.

Please note, the Belgian Beer Café is very popular on a Friday afternoon so get there early so you can find us easily. Remember to drink in moderation and don't do a Mel Gibson.

As a point of interest the meaning of Stella Artois is as follows - stella – is from the latin word stella for the stars in the night sky Ar-tois (är-twä) is a historical region and former province of northern France near the English Channel between Picardy and Flanders. So basically it means the "star beer" of Artois.

Phil

## Coffee Night

### SEE TABLE

**When:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
**Where:** Newmarket Hotel  
Cnr Enoggera & Newmarket  
Rds NEWMARKET  
**Time:** From 7pm  
**Contact:** Barbara Eastoe, 3355 3639  
OR Liz Little 3356 4874

## **RIVERFIRE SOCIAL** **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Contact: Terry Silk (3355 9765) for further details.**

## **PAST SOCIALS**

### **Past Coffee Nights**

#### **July Coffee Night** **Gerbino's at New Farm**

This was a new coffee shop for us and about 14 people turned out to sample genuine Italian fare. Six of us walked up an appetite by walking from the New Farm ferry terminal, along the floating walkway into the Valley and down Brunswick to Gerbino's. This is a tiny place with a very limited range of main meals (mostly pizza type dishes) but this was not the main reason for going there. Gerbinos' is renowned for its sweets...Italian cakes of every description. The only difficulty is deciding which ones to pick (although we all managed). The coffee was great too. It was the normal good night, a nice mid-week break with good friends. Why don't you try it? Come along to the next Coffee Night at the new Newmarket Hotel, hosted by Liz Little.

Barbara Eastoe

## **MAXINE'S MERRY MINGLES** **CALENDAR OF SOCIAL** **EVENTS FOR 2006**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>August</b>	Sat 19	QLD Bush Poets Championships
	Sun 20	
<b>September</b>	Sat 2	Riverfire Social
	Sun 24	Hamilton Heritage Walks
<b>October</b>	Sat 14	Progressive Dinner by Ferry
<b>November</b>	Sun 19	Powerhouse Markets & Breakfast
<b>December</b>	Sat 2-	Xmas Party
	Sun 3	(weekend at Coolum)

## **PAST OUTINGS**

### **Sydney / Royal National Park –** **Anzac Weekend 2006**

No matter how much I like where I live whenever returning home from Sydney, for a few days Brisbane's river looks like a muddy ditch compared with the harbour. The public transport is outstanding and only offset by the manners of some of the bus drivers. Justin: "I want to get to Waverly Cemetery." Driver: "Ring the bell and hop off." Justin: "I don't actually know where it is." Driver: "You'll see it." True if you know exactly which side street to look up and that the tiny glimpse is actually the cemetery. Thank goodness for some of the foreign-accented locals on the bus. After paying homage at Henry Lawson's grave we walked north around the headlands and beaches to Bondi. Lunch, another bus (including indecipherable timetables, more obvious but useless advice from other drivers) walks along the cliffs, the Gap, to Camp Cove and the track around South Head. A walk back past Doyle's Fish

Restaurant then ferry to the YHA via Circular Quay, magnificent views, late afternoon light, wind in the hair...

Up early the next day for the hour train ride to the start of the walk at Otford. A 10 minute up hill walk from the train to the coastal road: we would have continued but a Pie and Coffee Shop blocked our way. Will power overcame the situation after the apple and blueberry with ice cream and Cappuccino. Next time it will be the breakfast stop with more time in bed at the YHA.

We walked from South to North – views started immediately from the headlands and trail running along the heights parallel to the coast. A numbers of bays could be seen and accessed via descending side tracks but we stayed on the main track walking through the forest of large eucalypt and other large timber species. One section, lower down, was aptly called Palm Jungle – it took 5 to 10 minutes to walk through it and we were dwarfed by the size. The ground underneath these seemed to be drier than it usually would be – all the generations of dead fronds hanging down it just spoke of a moister environment.

A number of settlements are scattered along the coast of the National Park – a newer part of the park – and these huts (think of the fisherman's squats at Cape Moreton but with a lease) have been there since the 1930's – no electricity, phone nor roads in. If someone wants a new sink/bed/roof/food then it all has to be carried in – all a part of the history of the area and full of character. Nor can they be bought and sold - these are not real estate – they can only stay in one family and yet NSW parks want to see them gone – not without court battle as a local tell you – and so they should - maintain the rage guys – conservation with thought, not just out of a book!

Onwards onwards onwards – but not that far – and we made it to Garrie Beach Hostel – a hut really. A bunk room at either end, a

kitchen in the middle, tank at the end, fire place to sit around out side, gas cooking inside, solar lights, sharing with others and all convivial. The hut is about 10 minutes back from the beach and is hard to stumble across without directions so nicely private – bookings have to be made as it is so close to Sydney and popular for those who know. One group left at 7:30am the next morning to walk to their car and then be at work that day – it is close to Sydney but at the same time removed.

The walk for Day 2 entered Sydney sandstone area – coastal heath rolling hills ending in sheer drops to the sea. A bit longer today, 15 klms instead of the 10 for yesterday.

The hills blocked out the view of the city and suburbs however the position of Botany Bay could be ascertained by the planes taking off and landing.

We met people who had started walking to Otford at 8:30am and now 5:30pm the same day were on the ferry from Bundeena to Cronulla with us having finished in 9 hours what took us a bit longer. We had the leisurely approach looking around at the scenery whilst our companions had done the walk a number of times and were in it for the fresh air and exercise fitting in with a tight schedule. A five minute walk from the ferry into a waiting train straight to the city YHA. Real Chinese food, a busy city then next day a walk around North Head via a friendly bus driver – quelle horror! Fish and chips, a swim and chatting with an ex British Paratrooper on his way home from Anzac Commemorations. My thanks to my companions Justin and Mary Tobin – her first through walk and not a word of complaint nor tiredness at any time – same applies to her Dad. Two out of three ain't bad.

Joe Finn

## **Getting LOST in another WORLD Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April– MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

The Mayday weekend saw the Bushwalking season started with a bang. Four intrepid explorers made their way from Brisbane through Beaudesert into the Kerry Valley only to discover that this was not the way to New South Wales. We followed the yellow brick road and came to rest at the Lost World Hostel. After a good night's sleep we woke up to a beautiful morning: clear blue skies and the sound of the Albert River bubbling through the valley. If only we woke up to those sounds every day the world would be a better place.

After a good breakfast we headed back down the Kerry Valley Road to the start of the walk. We headed up to the ridge that would lead us to the Western Razorback and turned to admire the views of the Scenic Rim. The fence marking the Boundary of the National Park runs along the ridge eventually becomes the razorback. We picked our way up the razorback to the top. It is rather sobering when you make the ascent of the lost world from the west: there is a marker to commemorate the life of a young bush walker that perished coming off the Lost World: it also makes you a bit more careful as you begin the descent.

Once we made it off the razorback we headed over to the western side and picked our way to the cliffs edge for even more spectacular views. We saw the headwaters of the Albert River, Mt Barney and all of the other peaks we love to climb during the year. On the pre-outing we did the traverse of the lost world, made our way down the Eastern Razorback into the Worendo saddle down into the river and rock hopped our way out. This walk would have been way too long for a 3 day base camp which would see us doing some of the biggest walks in the Lamington region so we decided to just proceed to the campsite, have lunch and then make our way down the way we came. The light cloud cover that afternoon ensured that the valley was

cast in the most wonderful soft light and Iain had the opportunity to take some undoubtedly good photos. On the way down we saw Susan and Mary arriving to share the weekend with us and once back at the Hostel we met up with John and Thomas. We relaxed into the evening ready for the next exciting installment that the weekend had to offer.

Those who joined me on the day were Justin, Iain and Paul. I would also like to thank Mike (Wood) and Justin for joining me on the pre-outing: one incredible walk in itself.

Philip Kearns.

## **Shorncliffe to Woody Point Over the Hornibrook Bridge SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

On a glorious winter's morning 20 members and 7 visitors met at Moora Park at Shorncliffe to walk to Woody Point. Thank you to those members who helped with the car shuffle to Woody Point before we commenced the walk.

We proceeded along the esplanade and had our first break for morning tea at Arthur Davis Park – a lovely spot just opposite a fish 'n chip shop where some of us enjoyed a cappuccino. This was a good opportunity to catch up with friends and to get to know the visitors whom we hope will join us on more walks in the near future.

The next stop was at the entrance to the Hornibrook Bridge. The bridge was a height of activity with other walkers, cyclists and fishermen enjoying the beautiful weather.

Once over the bridge we took a leisurely stroll to Woody Point where we enjoyed

fish 'n chips for lunch. Thank you to Maxine who called in to see us while we were having lunch.

Those on the walk were Phil Murray, Michelle Johns, Graham Glasse, Julie Cullen, Therese Abernethy, Louise Rooney, Liz Little, Karen Bright, Mike & Catherine Simpson, Robyn Jones, Terry Silk, Jean Gowans, Robyn Thorne, Mary Kelly, Phil Kearns, Pat Mackie, Maree Ricketts & Paul Evans.

Our visitors were Os Vivanti, Brigitte Baker, Daph & Max Daly, Lynette Schofield, Dianne Barrett & Adam Kurtil.

It was a great walk and suggestions were made to our President Phil to include more of these city walks in next years' calendar.

Rosemary

### **Historic Shepherd's Walk SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY Daywalk**

Well, once again the Beaudesert Historical Society is to be congratulated on successfully staging yet another Shepherd's Walk even though the weather did its best to dampen almost everyone's enthusiasm. This is the sixth consecutive year that we have participated in this walk/event. This year, for the first time, the number doing the walk was just under one hundred. For the second consecutive year the walk started and finished at the lunch spot.

After meeting at Red Hill on time we made an uneventful dash down to Beaudesert where we met up with the rest of our party of twenty-one. Just before 8:30am the two buses departed the Historical Society Museum for the monument in the Christmas Creek Valley where a brief talk was given on the background to the walk by

Joy Drescher, Mayor of Beaudesert. This year the talk included information which I could not recall hearing before. After this we reboarded our buses to journey, rather spectacularly over the range to the Kerry Valley where we soon arrived at our lunch spot.

Without too much delay we headed off across the Albert River once again via the conveniently placed concrete blocks. The persistent low cloud shrouded the surrounding ranges, thus reducing the usual spectacular views. Some rain early in the year had produced long grass which was now dead as a result of our prolonged dry spell. This dead long grass on the upper section of our climb hindered our progress a little and at times made the track hard to follow. In record time the saddle on the Gin Broken Range was reached just as a light shower of rain hit. There was also a cool wind whistling up through the saddle. Because it was not a hot day only a couple of rest/water stops were made on the climb. Needless to say, morning tea in the saddle was very brief this year and it was not long before there was a mad dash back to our lunch spot.

As I crossed the river with the tail, a long way behind the lead group, I could smell the sausages. After ascertaining that all of our group had checked in safely I made a bee line for the food marquee. Some of our group commented that they could plainly see the anxiety etched on my face. Being so far behind those who were back first, I was afraid that most of the food would be gone. I first confirmed that there was still a good supply of cakes and biscuits left before moving on to my first helping of toast and sausages. I only managed one more helping before they were all gone. Normally, they have plenty left over.

Whilst I was eating a rather heavy shower of rain came over. I paid little heed to this as I moved on to sample all the cakes and biscuits. This year for the first time there were bought products amongst the home

baked goodies. Fortunately, this year I did not miss out on sampling them all at least once. I also managed to sample two of the three varieties of damper which were also on offer. As usual there was syrup for the damper, sauce and home-made relish for the sausages along with tea, coffee and cordial to wash it all down.

Unfortunately, all too soon I found myself too full to continue eating even though there was still some cake and damper left along with some cordial. During lunch we were fortunate to have a local poet, Peter Tyler, entertain us by reading some of his works. I have now done this walk six times and each one has been a different experience which I and others who have been with me has enjoyed. The good news is that it should be on again next year and I will definitely be back for more country hospitality, good food and good company as well as a pleasant walk in some rather beautiful country. The day, like the climb was over quicker than usual, unfortunately.

Thank you to those who joined me, Graham, Patricia M., Michele J., Julie, Elizabeth R., Philip K., Paul P, Margaret, Catherine and Michael Simpson, Trevor, Therese, Mary, Ronnie and Bill, Ray Rowe, Brigid along with three visitors, Pauline Cormack, Clare Batch and Kay McLennan. Surprisingly, there are still some members who have not done this walk and so I hope that you can join me on Saturday the 21st July next year along with any members who are hooked on this walk like I am.

Regards, Terry.

**Mount Warning Summit  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2006  
Daywalk**

A total of ten members and two visitors joined me in this activity. We pooled in 3 vehicles at St Brigid's carpark before departing at 7:10am. Later, we regrouped at

the Robert Neumann Park situated on Currumbin Creek Rd and then convoyed south towards the Mt Warning National Park, reaching the Breakfast Creek carpark at the base of the mountain at approx 9:30am.

It was comforting to see the sun had broken through the overcast skies as we reached our destination. The track was heavily used by other walkers and slippery due to some rain earlier. We started the walk at 9:40am and by 12:40 everyone had summited. There were some long delays ascending/descending the final rock scramble to the summit due to the traffic and the slippery surface (thanks to the chain provided).

We sat at one of the viewing platforms for lunch since the views were sadly obscured by the passing clouds and afterwards treated ourselves to a lovely piece (or 2 or 3) of Louise's chocolate cake.... there was no coffee/tea because "someone" forgot to bring the gas burner. A kind by-stander took a group photo of us to seal the moment.

By 1545hrs we were back at the cars and afterwards we concluded our outing by stopping at Murwillumbah for a coffee break. There I was commended for a job well done as a novice leader and reciprocated, thanking everyone for attending and making it a successful day.

Those who participated were: Graham Glasse, Rosemary O'Brien, Michelle Johns, Jenny Dancer, Gordana Stanojevic, Michael Simpson, Terry Silk, Barbara Eastoe, Louise Leonardi, Dave Hill and our guest Antoniette and her partner Marcus.

James P.

## **Stag's Head Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July Daywalk**

Eight walkers gathered at St Brigid's at 6:30am on a beautiful Sunday morning to tackle a couple of mountains along the border fence near the Boonah Gate. Probably the most significant mountain in this area is Stag's Head. Or maybe it's the least significant as this is one of the few mountains Pat Lawton hasn't climbed. Yes I know it's hard to believe but Pat assures me she hasn't been there. So, the eight of us set off to find out why.

The views along the Fassifern Valley Highway are amongst the best in SE Qld. Views from Beau Brummel in the West to Mt Barney in the SE are superb. We started walking from a cattle grid about 1km past the White Swamp Gate at 9:15am. After 10 minutes or so we climbed the border fence and dropped off the ridge towards Watson Creek. After half an hour of scrub bashing we reached Watson Creek and surprise, surprise there was water flowing. We reached the creek a few hundred metres south of the falls and it was another 30 mins before we reached them. Before the trip I was told we would be lucky if they had water on them. Although small in width they drop a fair distance into a beautiful gorge. With hindsight these falls were the highlight of the walk.

After a 5 min break we set off for our morning tea stop, an 884m metre knoll a 334 m climb over about 1.4kms. What a setting. On a log surrounded by a forest of ferns, James had the billy boiling by the time we all arrived and we tucked into a variety of biscuits and lollies and a hot cuppa.

Midday we set off for Stag's Head. By this time we were in rainforest and the views had disappeared. But walking through rainforest has its own beauty and tranquillity. Around 1:30 we reached the summit of Stag's Head and the views have

to be seen to be believed. We were about to stop for a late lunch but a small brown snake crawled slowly across our lunch spot. Just shows how warm the winter is when snakes are active in the middle of winter.

After a short lunch (25 mins) we started the climb up Mt Clunie and after 2 hours we reached the summit – 1155m. None of us were looking forward to the descent off Clunie as we have been informed that it is the steepest ascent/descent on the border fence. They weren't wrong. Rick was leading and kept disappearing even though he was only about 40-50m in front of us. But we made it. We were all down by 5:45pm and all that was left was a 2.5km walk back to the cars in darkness.

Unfortunately this left no time for coffee at Boonah so we headed straight back to St Brigid's, both of us arriving at the same time. My thanks to the eight walkers who joined me – James, Phil the Elder, Terry, Richard, Therese, Desley Pedrazzini and a visitor Rick Brake – who I hope enjoyed the day as much as I did.

Michael.

**P.S.** I haven't told the full truth here. There are no views from Stag's Head (although Terry told me if you stood on tip toes there was something he could see) and for that matter there are no views from Mt Clunie either. Although James and I did find a couple of spots on the descent to sneak in a photo or two. But the scenery around us on the walk was spectacular if you had the energy left to take it in.

### Other Items of Interest

## **WALK TO WORK DAY 2006 FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



**Walk to Work Day** is an annual national event in its eighth year that aims to promote a healthier and more environmentally friendly lifestyle for all Australians.

People all over Australia are encouraged to walk, or walk and catch public transport to work on **October 7 2006**.

In simple terms, **Walk to Work Day** promotes better health – cleaner air – less traffic – improved transport.

- The National Physical Activity Guidelines for Australians recommend at least 30 minutes of physical activity at moderate intensity level, on most, preferably all, days of the week, to obtain a health benefit. Walking to work is a perfect way to make sure your body gets the exercise it needs.
- The Heart Foundation pedometer is the perfect way to keep track of your physical activity by measuring each step you take.

Why not get together with some friends and colleagues and plan to walk to work on **October 7**. You'll find you arrive at work more relaxed, invigorated and ready to start the day.

Phil

### **SAFETY & TRAINING**

#### FEDERATION UPDATES

Dear Delegates

In June, the Federation held the first part of its Annual General Meeting. I said first part since not all positions on the committee have been filled. The Federation is still seeking a Treasurer, assistant secretary (to manage the website), & insurance officer.

For this organization to flourish it needs people willing to take on these committee roles for a year or two to give others a rest. The work involved is interesting but not arduous. Under the present constitution a person does not have to be a delegate to take on a position on the committee. If you know a member of your club who would be able to fill one of these positions on the federation please forward this email on to them.

If you need further information please contact me on 07 3351 3107. The continued AGM is to be held on Thursday 27th July 2006 at approximately 8pm after the completion of the council meeting at the Little Kings Hall, 33 O'Keefe St Buranda.

Regards  
Catherine Scheikowski  
(minutes secretary)

### **Mountain Fest**

Planning has started for the annual Springtime on the Mountain Festival to be held on Tamborine in September. The highlight is a flower and garden trail that will lead to a variety of art and floral displays, and offering tempting stops at various cafés and markets.

I have attended this event many times with friends of my parish. I suggest you do so too. For further details Phone 5545 3334.

God Bless  
Louise Leonardi



## VILLAGE FAIR

*The 2006 Beenleigh Historical Village Fair will be held on August 26.*

*From what I recall last year, more than 500 people turned up to enjoy military and historical displays as actors brought the ways of yesteryear to life.*

*For further details contact Wendy at the Beenleigh Historical Society Village on 3382 0608.*

*Regards, Louise Leonardi  
(07) 3287 1372*

## REFLECTIONS

The Club's old magazines and reports have a wonderful legacy of articles on reflections on the bushwalking experience. I would share them with the current members. Hopefully these reflections will provide some words of wisdom. Phil

### **REFLECTION BY Con Vink Vice President's Report 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT 1996**

"I have enjoyed being vice-president this past year... Having been a member of the Club back in 1979-1980, I like to compare the Club as it is now against the way it was then. Members had a much younger average age then, but one feature has remained constant both then and now: what I call a Sense of Wonder.

This is the "Wow" feeling you hear expressed by club members as they breast the ridge on Montserrat Lookout and there is Mount Barney all laid out in front of you in all its splendour; or as you approach the vast bulk of the second pyramid at Girraween and wonder how the heck you could ever get to the top !

This is part of the essence of being a bushwalker. It isn't just the happy companionship (which this club offers in

spades) because then it would be just a social club. It isn't just the physical thrill of achieving a goal, whether it be your first abseil or your first ascent of a mountain or your first throughwalk.

These are great moments, but if you are just after purely physical thrills join a sports club.

Being a bushwalker means much more and being a member of a Catholic bushwalking club adds an additional joyful perspective.

Jesus once said that if you wanted to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, you must be as little children. That Sense of Wonder is one of the striking characteristics of childhood.

Our Sense of Wonder at the beauty of creation surrounding us as we walk through the countryside is heightened by our faith in God as the creator. Father Ed in his foreword spoke of minimal impact bushwalking.

Our belief that God created this beautiful and complex world adds that extra perspective to the bushwalking ethic - we are also the stewards of God's creation.

Another child-like quality that we would do well to emulate is the acceptance of each other as we are. Kids offer trust and love as part of their nature. It is only as they grow older that they learn to be wary of hurt and limit their affection. Our Christian heritage is encapsulated by the description of the early Christians - "See how they love one another".

A third aspect of childhood is the acceptance of what each day brings to us. Children don't have to make plans to enjoy life. I learnt a lot from the Kaputar Plateau trip - one of the highlights of my bushwalking year. At the time of the trip, I was cranky at my plans being disrupted by the fickle weather, and this reduced my enjoyment of one of the loveliest areas of western New South Wales. I learnt from the others on the trip, who did not let the conditions dampen their high spirits, to enjoy the experience for what it was, rather than for what I had assumed it should be.

Let's keep that Sense of Wonder alive,  
and let's recognise the gifts and talents  
of each and every member of the club,  
not just on walks but at meetings; and  
let's continue to realise how lucky we are  
to be able to enjoy this wonderful  
country as Catholic bushwalkers.

Con Vink

### POETRY CORNER



MATTHEW AND HEIDI PALMER  
ON THE SUMMIT OF MT NINDERRY  
SUNSHINE COAST 18 APRIL 2006

#### Bush Baby

Bushland baby small and shy,  
apple of her mother's eye.  
Riding high upon dad's back,  
in the little papoose pack.

Arrowroot she likes to chew,  
teeth are slowly coming through.  
Climbing mountains with her dad,  
a splendid time she's surely had.

Ranges ring with loud exclaim,  
puts the cockatoo to shame.  
Lunch time comes to hunger still,  
baby food to stomach fill.

Kinfolk love her all the same,  
a blessing to the family name.  
Sleeping now in pack papoose  
Mouth agape and body loose.

By -Jim Teys.

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

**Remember;** please forward your magazine  
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**"My potential is God's gift to me.  
What I do with my potential is my gift  
to him."**

God Bless  
Louise (Editor)

*May I wish all the Dad's out there a very  
Happy father's Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> September.  
Especially to those who are fathers' for the  
first time and to the many families who will be  
spending their first Father's day without Dad*

*My prayers and blessing to all  
Louise Leonardi*



**(Back L-R)** Graham Glasse, Rosemary O'Brien, Gordana Stanojevic, Barbara Eastoe, Louise Leonardi with Chocolate Fruit Cake, our guest Antoniette and her partner Marcus, Dave Hill, Michael Simpson, James Parra and Terry Silk  
**(Front)** Michelle Johns and Jenny Dancer

**Photo contributed by James Parra**

## FUTURE COFFEE NIGHTS

I have finally got my head around organising the Coffee Nights up until February next year. Thanks to those who have volunteered to host a night when I will probably be unable to attend. It's so nice to ask a small group of people if they can help and to have people willingly volunteer to help without any need to twist their arms. Brief details of the nights are given below. More detailed information will be found in that month's Jilalan. Please contact the person responsible for the evening if you have any questions.

Barbara Eastoe

DATE	CAFE	TIME	PLACE	OTHER	CONTACT
30/8/2006	Newmarket Hotel	7pm	Cnr Enoggera & Newmarket Rds NEWMARKET		Liz Little 3356 4874
27/9/2006	New Farm Bowls Club	7pm	Oxlade Drive, NEW FARM	Walk 6 pm, meet outside Bowls Club	Barbara Eastoe 3355 3639
25/10/2006	TBA Southside	7pm	TBA		Pat Mackie 3398 7401
29/11/2006	Coffee Club	7pm	Cnr Jephson & Sherwood Rds, TOOWONG		Philip Kearns 3870 3710
13/12/2006	Stafford Heights Baptist Church	7pm	Cnr Appelby & Rode Rds, STAFFORD HTS	View Christmas lights beforehand	Mike Simpson 3351 3810
TBA	St Vinnies fundraising	TBA	TBA	Bring food to share plus donation	Maxine Brophy 3203 4699
28/2/2007	Café Zanetti	7pm	Blackwood Rd MITCHELTON		Terry Silk 3355 9765

### Suggested Walks for the 2007 Outings Calendar

<b>January:</b>	7	Piper Commanche Wreck/Mt D'Aguiar (DW)	– Pat Lawton
	14	Morans Falls (DW)	– Russ Nelson
	21	Mt Hobwee Circuit (DW)	– Michelle Johns
	26/28	Booloumba Creek Base Camp (BC)	– Justin Tobin
<b>February:</b>	4	The Western Lookouts at O'Reillys (DW)	– Philip Kearns
	10	Blue Lake National Park (DW)	– Michael Simpson
	11	Little Kings Collection	– Gabriel Romaguera
	18	Middle Kobbie Creek (DW)	– John Carter
	24	Obi Obi Gorge Lilo Trip (DW)	– Phil Murray
	25	Purlingbrook Falls & Twin Falls Circuits (DW)	– Barbara Eastoe
<b>March:</b>	4	Mt Walker (DW)	– Michael Simpson
	11	The Gap to Gap Creek Falls (CW)	– Richard Johns
	17/18	Club Hut Feast (Maybe Isolated Peak) (DW)	– Ian & Maxine
	25	Flinders Peak (DW)	– James Parra
	31	Mt Barney North Ridge (DW)	– Philip Kearns

<b>April:</b>	6/9	Warrumbungle National Park B/C (BC)	– Paul Evans
	9	Combined BOSQ Walk (DW)	– Pat Lawton
	15	City/Toowong to UQ and Return (CW)	– Graham Glasse
	21	Mts Cooroora & Eerwah (DW)	– Phil Murray
	25	Anzac Day March (CW)	– Terry Silk
	29	Neglected Mountain (DW)	– James Parra
<b>May:</b>	5/7	Black Canyon/Lost World T/W (TW)	– Justin Tobin
	7	Wanunga Falls (DW)	– Phil Murray
	12	Mt Langley (DW)	– Anthony Dolan
	13	Shorncliffe to Nudgee (CW)	– Pat Mackie
	20	Coomera Gorge (DW)	– Michael Simpson
	26	Annual Mass and Dinner	
<b>June:</b>	27	Toohey Forest (SW)	– Rosemary Stafford
	3	Edwards Gap to Beau Brummel (DW)	– Geoff Eggert
	9/11	Fraser Island B/C (BC)	– Ian Renton
	11	Camp Hill to Chermerside Walk (CW)	– Therese Abernethy
	17	Mt Gillies (DW)	– Justin Tobin
	24	Mt Bangalore (DW)	– John Carter
<b>July:</b>	30/1	Mt Walsh T/W (TW)	– Michael Simpson
	7	Mt Philp/Red Rock (DW)	– Philip Kearns
	15	Paddy's Peak & Paddy's Plain (DW)	– Pat Lawton
	21	Shepherd's Walk (DW)	– Terry Silk
	22	Wilson's Peak via Kinnane's Falls (DW)	– Justin Tobin
	28/29	Boonah Gate to Killarney Border Gate (TW)	– Pat Lawton
<b>August:</b>	4	Woody Point to Scarborough Walk (SW)	– Robyn Thorn
	5	Bridge to Brisbane (DW)	– Greg Endicott
	8	Barney Mass (DW)	– Phil Murray
	12	Mt Greville (DW)	– Paul Evans
	18/19	Pilgrimage (BC)	
	19	Mt Mathieson Circuit (DW)	– Richard Johns
<b>September:</b>	25	Mt Ballow Circuit (Montserrat, Focal, Durramlee, Mowburra) (DW)	Justin
	26	Rochedale to Capalaba (CW)	– Graham Glasse
	2	Westray's Grave/Larapinta Falls (DW)	– Phil Murray
	8	Somerset Trail and Mt Byron (DW)	– Patricia Funnell
	9	Mt Misery (DW)	– Michael Simpson
	15/16	Cunningham's Gap to Sylvester's Lookout (ON)	– Matthew Palmer
<b>October:</b>	22	Fr Ed Memorial Walk (Moreton Is North) (CW)	– Maxine Brophy
	30	Teviot Falls and Mt Bell (DW)	– Philip Kearns
	7	Numinbah Border Gate to Wagawn and Return (DW)	– Greg Endicott
	14	Fort Lytton (SW)	– Elizabeth Richards
	20/21	Kondalilla Falls – Mapleton Falls (TW)	– Michael Simpson
	28	Nixon Creek to Egg/Turtle Rocks up Ship Stern (DW)	– James Parra
<b>November:</b>	3/4	NSW Coastal Base Camp (BC)	– Paul Evans
	11	Araucaria Lookout (DW)	– Marie Ricketts
	18	Venman Bushland (CW)	– Graham Glasse
	24	The Twins (East & West Tunbubudla) (DW)	– Paul Evans
	1	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Walk – Mt Tibrogargan & Trachyte Circuit	– President
	9	West Canungra Creek Circuit (DW)	– Barbara Eastoe
<b>December:</b>	15/16	Christmas Party/Mt Tamborine Tracks (DW)	– Liz Little
	26	Boxing Day Walk – Club Hut (Barney Waterfall) (DW)	– Iain Renton

	DW	TW	ON	BC	CW	SW	Total
2006	28	4	1	4	6	2	42
2007	45	4	1	5	8	3	66
13 Saturday Walks (11DW 1CW 1SW)							

## TO JUSTIN AND HIS BELOVED MT BARNEY

*Barney is waiting, answer the call,  
No need for invitations, the choice is for all,  
Where eagles soar high, and your spirits as well,  
The mountain is beckoning, with its rough rugged shell.*

*With inspiration and awe, and clouds drifting past,  
Adrenalin pumping and you heart beating fast.  
Nothing's too difficult where beauty abounds,  
A soft running creek and its beautiful sounds.*

*Climbing Mt Barney, there are challenges galore,  
There's Eagles and Leanings etched into folklore,  
Isolated Peak and Short Barrabool,  
Barney Beautiful, nature's own pool.*

*There's North Ridge and Logan's and East Peak and West  
Climbing Mezzanine is the ultimate conquest.  
There's scunge and there's scrub and a battle awaits  
When you conquer Mt Barney, you're up with the greats.*

*There's mud and there's dirt, and burrs in your socks,  
Scratches and scrapes, opportunity knocks.  
The beautiful birdlife, the songs that they sing,  
The scent of the blossoms, especially in Spring.*

*The spectacular views on ascent of a peak,  
And the reflections created on Barney Creek.  
The sounds and the sights of the wildlife around,  
In God's own paradise in nature's surround.*

*There are geckos and lizards, in crevasses and cracks,  
And sometimes a snake, on the bush tracks.  
The wondrous dragonfly, with colours so bright,  
The splendor of butterflies, meandering in flight.*

*The shrikes and the whistlers, they burst into song,  
Honeyeaters and robins, they join in the throng.  
The magpie and butcher bird, in an orchestral flute,  
And the crickets chime in with a raucous salute.*

*So here's to you Justin for a job that's well done  
Your jokes and your stories are a bundle of fun.*

Trevor Kelly

## **President's Notes August 2006**

### **Walking and GPS systems**

In the last month I have done 2 fantastic trips. The Shornecliff to Woody Point trip was a nice easy flat trip. Great views and great company and Rosemary did a great job leading a trip for her first time. The hardest part of leading trips like this is the crowd control and the logistics with the cars and she handled both aspects in a lovely understated fashion.

I also did the Stag's Head trip with Michael and what a great trip. I finally got to Mt Clunie and experienced the incredibly steep slopes of Mt Clunie. Coming down the fenceline was just amazing. It was just so steep. Michael should be complemented at how well he led this trip without doing a pre-outing and it was great fun navigating through trackless rainforest. A trip to live long in the memory.

Also of note was the GPS system we used on the day. A friend of Michael's came along. His friend Rick had a GPS system with him. (He was a top bloke and fitted in very well.) Of note the GPS system could plot exactly where we were on the day. I particularly liked that it gave height readings. It even worked when we were under the rainforest canopy. It was very impressive. I suspect it was a very expensive system. It was a Magellan Explorist model. Rick even had software to download the maps. So we were able to look at a coloured map, with contours and it plotted where we were and showed a line where we had been. Just awesome! I was so tempted to buy one.

I should add that although the GPS was a very handy tool it had a severe practical limitation. They can't show you where to go. So you still need your old fashioned navigational and map reading skills in the field to find your way and Michael did a superb job on the day. In defence of the GPS is that it can show exactly where you are and that is often very important as it reassures that you know where you are, particularly as you are pushing your way up a rainforest covered ridgeline.

Previously I was of the opinion that the Club should think about purchasing a GPS for Club trips but after using one in the field I don't think we could justify the cost as you still need to be able to do the old fashioned map reading skills to find your way in the bush. What I am looking for is an inexpensive altimeter as you usually know what ridge you are on, the problem is how far along it you are. With an altimeter it is very easy to plot your position by taking a height reading. So I am in the market for one of those wrist watches with an altimeter on it.

I always find it interesting as to what is a hard trip. After the Stag's Head trip I was a bit weary at the end of the day as we didn't get back to the cars until nearly 7:00 pm. But the next day I was fine, in fact I was bursting with energy. After the Shornecliff trip I was fine immediately after the trip. It was an "easy walk" but the next day my feet and ankles were "sore as" from the constant pounding from walking on a hard concrete walkway. So sometimes the easy trips are actually the harder trips. (Especially for the leaders.) So I ask members to think about trying some of the so called harder off track walks which may be actually easier on the body.

**Meetings:** Last month's meeting was a quick meeting and I hope to continue the trend with an early start and finish.

**Quorum:** There was a technical problem with the July meeting in that we didn't quite meet the requirement of having a quorum. To have a quorum we needed 15 members in attendance but we only had 14 members there and one of those only turned up at 9:00 pm. So the meeting was actually a Clayton's meeting as we couldn't formally accept the minutes and treasurer's

report. The size of the quorum is one the administrative issues that will be changed under the constitutional review.

The **Christmas in July** was very well attended with at least 25 members there. A special thanks goes to Robyn Jones and all those who helped with the food for an excellent night.

Just a reminder for any **changes or additions to the Club Calendar** please advise me and I will incorporate the changes for the next magazine.

### **Committee Meetings**

Just a reminder about the dates for the Management Committee meetings. The dates are as follows -

#### **Management Committee:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
at Robyn's home at Banyo and

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November  
at Pat's place at Coorparoo

#### **Rules & By-laws Meeting**

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August  
at Pat's place at Coorparoo

#### **2007 Outings Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September  
at Michael Simpson's place.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning:**

May I suggest  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
at Greg Endicott's place.

By having the 50<sup>th</sup> planning meeting in late October it will give us time to issue our first "press release" by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 which is exactly one year before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

### **Constitutional Review**

As previously advised a sub-committee has been formed to look at **reviewing the Constitution**.

The main issue the sub-committee is looking at is the issue of voting rights and eligibility for non-Catholics to be on Committee. (basically we need as many people as possible to be able to go on committee). One issue we discussed was to announce the proposed changes in the magazine before we formally put the motion in the magazine. This will allow people more of an opportunity to have an input into moulding the wording for the proposed changes.

Also, there are several administrative issues that also need to be fine tuned, eg: the number for a quorum, the nomination procedure for committee positions, all voting for committee positions. Even where there is only one nomination is supposed to be by secret ballot but we always do it on the voices so that needs to be fine tuned, etc.

If you have any thoughts or concerns about the issue please contact any of the following to provide your feedback.

Pat Mackie,  
Robyn Jones,  
Patricia Funnell,  
Terry Silk or  
Phil Murray.

### **Proposed Timetable for the Constitutional Change**

In order to give members a chance to understand what is happening and what is involved I will set out very briefly the time line for the many stages we have to go through in this process.



In particular we are tabling the first draft of the wording for the proposed changes. Please note this stage is not required under the rules but we believe it is important to go through this stage so members have a chance to provide input into the formulation of the wording for the changes.

Please note there will be short turn around time for each stage but if we don't provide a timeline the process could drag on for years and eventually fade away due to lack of energy.

The proposed timetable is as follows -

1. Table first draft of the changes at the September meeting.
2. Request feedback by October meeting.
3. Table formal motion at the November meeting.
4. Notification of special meeting "to discuss and vote" on the changes to go in the December 2006 magazine.
5. Copy of formal motion to go in the December 2006 magazine
6. Publish alternate views in the January 2007 magazine
7. Hold the special meeting to discuss and vote on the changes on the night of the January 2007 monthly meeting.

I will have a more detailed timeline available at the August meeting. The timeline also include the references to the various requirements from the constitution and the Act.

### **Copy of Constitution**

I announced last month that we will provide members with a free copy of the Constitution. So far I have only been asked by one person to be provided a copy of the Constitution. So please advise me if you want a free copy as soon as possible.

### **Postal Voting.**

My preliminary reading has indicated a potential problem with our past voting procedures. Robyn Jones gave me an information sheet from the Office of Fair Trading that indicated that postal votes are not allowed.

In the past constitutional change elections we let people lodge proxy votes.

However, it appears that may not be legal under the Associations Incorporations Act.

In simple terms under the Act you can only change the constitution through a special resolution. A special resolution requires a majority of 75% for it to be passed. To lodge a vote for a special resolution you must be present at the meeting. This is where the problem arises.

Our Club's constitution allows for proxy votes for normal elections. Our constitution allows for an amendment of the constitution in accordance with the Act. So presumably we have to follow the law in respect of a special resolution. So it raises the question does the rule in respect of proxy votes in our constitution override the requirements for a special resolution under the Act. I suspect it doesn't and we will have to follow the law in respect of special resolutions. So we may not be able to let people lodge proxy votes for the constitutional vote. **I will have a 2 page paper available at the next meeting to go through the legal niceties of this issue.**

My concern with the issue is that I don't want to go through the process of having the vote and then find out the result of the vote was invalid because we didn't follow the law. I am about to go through the process of getting confirmation as to what is the correct interpretation of the voting requirements for a special resolution. Any suggestions how the Club does this will be appreciated. Eg just confirm it with the Office of Fair Trading or do we get a legal opinion from a Queen's Counsel or other barrister.

However, if the consensus is that the law is so clear that posting voting and proxy votes are not allowed then there is no necessity to get the law confirmed.

## **The Hard Drive**

We made a decision for the Club to purchase its own **portable hard drive**. Michael Simpson is on the verge of buying the hard drive. The hard drive is a memory device to use to store all the Club's electronic documents. It is basically at the stage where Michael will just bite the bullet and buy the best option. And get reimbursed the \$200 or so from the Club.

## **2007 Outings Planning**

Michael Simpson has provided an updated proposed calendar for next year.

He has also included suggestions (nominations) for walk leaders besides each walk. In particular he has included names like Russ Nelson, Anthony Dolan and Geoff Egert as leaders and hopefully we might see these very experienced members on the track and leading the Club walks in their own inimitable fashion in 2007. He has also included some the names of new leaders like Robyn Thorn and Therese Abernethy.

Hopefully all of the nominated leaders will be able to accept the nomination to lead these trips. Equally if you were interested in leading a trip but you weren't nominated please have a word to Michael or myself or to Justin, Greg and Pat. They have been invited to the Outings planning meeting at Michael's place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

The proposed Outings program for next year may look complete but we still need to have the Outings planning meeting to flush out issues that Michael and I may have overlooked and to help fine tune the program.

There may be trips that people are very eager to have included that Michael or I didn't even know about or consider so please don't be shy in putting forward your suggestions But equally understand that we can't fit everything in, as a trip I was keen to lead, namely Edinburgh Castle, missed out yet again. (I will try to put it on the Calendar for 2008.)

So we are still open to suggestions for other walks from all members and for all levels of difficulty to be included in next year's program.

## **Barrani Magazine**

I hope to have the Barrani journal published before Christmas. If anyone has ideas for articles to be included please contact me or Justin. For those who are not aware the Club used to print a yearly journal with a range of articles on bushwalking issues. The journal was often over 50 pages long. The last journal was issued in 1967.

Recently I have had several articles that were too long to go in the Jilalan and hence the need to recommence the publication of the Barrani journal. As an example of articles to be included Justin has suggested that we publish all the limericks that were penned for Philip Kearns birthday earlier this year. By the way did anyone get a photo of Philip with the bellydancer ?? I have heard of several people doing very interesting bushwalks or treks around Australia and overseas and the Barrani journal is an ideal way to give a brief overview of these trips, particularly trips to the Kokoda track. According to Desley she found the Kokoda track very easy compared to doing trips like Mt Ernest.

## **Pat's List of Walks**

At the April meeting we discussed the proposed Classic Walks list. There was some discussion and a suggestion that came out of the meeting was for Pat Lawton to endorse a list of the walks to do in south east Queensland. Pat has given me a draft list and I plan to have a copy available for distribution at the August meeting and space permitting we will publish it in the September magazine.

## **Throughwalks**

At the August monthly Meeting we will present the **certificate** for a **first time throughwalk** to Ethan Palmer. He did his first throughwalk with Pat Lawton on the Killarney to Cullendore

throughwalk. Ethan is only 8 years old but we need to groom the future leaders of the Club now and give them a feel for the vibe and traditions of bushwalking with our Club.

### **Why do we go bushwalking**

I had a special moment at the last committee meeting when Maxine made an off the cuff comment that encapsulates why we go bushwalking.

At the last committee meeting I suggested that perhaps the Club should try and schedule more half day walks as people are so short of time these days that people might like a walk in the bush in the morning and get back to their busy lives in the afternoon. Maxine quickly commented that a one day bushwalk takes up a lot of time but the tradeoff was that you are on high for a week after the bushwalk.

So thanks to Maxine for putting in to words one of main reasons we go bushwalking. Maxine' comment reminded me of the little saying I read once why people go to bushwalking. "A trip to the mountains and wilderness is not an escape from reality but an escape to reality."

I hope you find time in your busy lives to find time to do what is really important. There are several activities planned for this month so I hope you find one or more activities that you can attend.

Happy Walking, Phil the elder

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