

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.**  
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**Please have all Jilalan articles to Desley Pedrazzini by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

<b>Club Web Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/">www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/</a>
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### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2004

DATE 2004	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<b>August</b>				
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Somerset Trail	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	D/W
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Coffee Night	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Fri & Sat	Mt Ballow Circuit	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	O/N
28 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Blue Moon Social – Shorncliffe	Cheryl Lazelle	3263 8393	social
<b>September</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Fr Ed Memorial Walk – Boondall Wetlands	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
12 <sup>th</sup> 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
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>September Meeting</b>			
24-26	Swan Creek-Sentinel Point (western ridge)-Bluff Rock	Iain Renton (& Ed Thistlewaite)	3371 4672	B/C
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Swan Creek	Terry Silk	33559765	DW
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Coffee Night –Coffee Club Toowong	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	
<b>October</b>				
2-3 Sat Sun	Moreton Island Basecamp	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	BC
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Westray's Grave	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Easy DW
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Point Lookout and Stinson Wreck	Phillip Kearns	3870 1129	DW
16-17 Sat-Sun	FMR Training Camp at Mt Clunie	To be advised		FMR
18 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>October Meeting</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Noosa Heads Circuit	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	DW
27 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Coffee Night	Barbara		
30 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Mt Coot-tha Nightwalk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	NW
<b>November</b>				
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Bike Ride -	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	Social
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Dave's Creek	Jean Gowans	32566140	DW
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Northbrook Mountain	Bill Butler	32986556	DW
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>November Meeting</b>			
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Byron Bay	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	BC
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Coffee Night	Maxine		
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Lightning Falls Circuit	Paul Evans	3357 5254	DW
<b>December</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Christmas Party	To be advised		Social
12 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Club Hut - Barney Gorge	Iain Renton	33714672	BC
19 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Coomera Creek Circuit	Phil Murray	3841 0254	DW
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>December Meeting</b>			
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Lights, Sherwood	Barbara		

#### 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 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.

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

## **PRESIDENTS POSITION**

Seated,  
And at the computer.

Did you know that September is "Talk to a Friend About the Club" month.

This means that when you return to work on Monday all scratched & stiff, instead of telling the workmates you spent the weekend pruning the rose bushes, tell the truth and say you went Bushwalking with BCBC.

Be proud of your pastime, and wear those scratched legs & arms as a Badge of Courage.

The best publicity is "Word of Mouth". They will know you are a Bushwalker by your attitude,  
They will know you are a Bushwalker by your spirit.

So in September, yell the Club name from the mountain tops at work, at family gatherings, in your social group, to your neighbours, at the petrol station, at school, and everywhere. Greg

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Balance 19.7.04</b>	\$	1346.82
<b><u>Plus Receipts</u></b>	\$	364.80
	\$	1711.62
<b><u>Less Payments</u></b>	\$	78.90
<b>Balance 16.8.04</b>		1632.72
<b>Term Deposit</b>	\$	1718.01

It's raffle time once again, and the tickets are still one dollar each! There are three prizes consisting of torches, one of which is a headlamp. All come with batteries and are ideal for bushwalking and camping.

Remember, it does no harm to have a spare torch. Please see me if you want to be in it to win.

The current Club finances look deceptively healthy. This is because we are collecting money for our second T-shirt order.

Terry

## **The State of the Finances.**

For the last seven months the committee has been looking at the state of the Club finances. We have been eating into our reserves for the last 4 years at last – straight losses - \$683, \$226, \$688, \$345. We are now 6 months through the current Club year, and we appear to be breaking even. The losses over those 4 years equal what we currently have in our Investment Term Deposit.

We have commenced to crawl our way back, by increasing income on Club events. This "hits" the active people over & over again. The next proposal is to "spread the hurt" by increasing subs for next year. However, no one can determine an amount yet as there is still 4 months left to run.

Committee has decided that by the November committee meeting we will have better figures to work on. This means we all can discuss it at the December monthly meeting – committee will put a proposal to the membership.

The increase will not be a huge amount. We have not been indexing our fees with inflation. The Club has absorbed increases in cost of insurance, printing, postage, petrol & etc. for the last 4 years or more.

This is a little note to let people be aware of discussion about an increase at the December meeting – no need to worry till then as there will be no cold hard facts to base a discussion on.

## **About Members**

My Club records show that Majella Deegan and Michael Long are having birthdays in September.

Iain is currently enjoying a well earned break on Magnetic Island. It seems that turning fifty really does take a toll on some people especially when the celebrations include a through walk whilst you are recovering from the flu.

Congratulations to Kathleen who has just completed ten consecutive walks, one of which was a through walk. Co-incidentally, we have not sighted her since this walk. Anyway, this has been a record effort for a new member.

## **About Visitors**

The following people were interested visitors at our August meeting:- Gloria Honor, Sofia and Daniela Ramsay. A past member, Ed Thistlewaite, was also present to talk about a great walk which he is co-leading with Iain in late September. Because most of this walk is on private property, it is not done by clubs.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Swan Creek Basecamp** **24-26 September**

**LEADER:** Iain Renton Ph: 3371 4672  
**MEET:** St. Brigid's Car Park Red Hill  
**TIME:** 7PM  
**COST:** \$30  
**GRADING:** S44  
**EO:** Matthew Palmer & Kerry Mulligan (3876 8125)

Join me on a spectacular walk along the ridges and peaks west of Sentinel Point.

We'll camp at Eric's place next to Swan Creek on Friday night. On Saturday morning we'll walk across the road and up long grassy slopes to a high cleared ridge with spectacular views. Then we'll visit nearby Sentinel Point (from the opposite side to earlier this year, with no rock scrambling this time). Then we'll take

ridges west to the Pinnacle with great views of an impressive natural amphitheatre. We'll then walk around the edge of the amphitheatre, having a look at Gap Creek Falls (probably dry). We'll follow some more ridges to Bluff Rock for more fantastic views, then take a 4WD track down to a road where the cars will take us back to camp.

Lots of views, up the Emu Creek and Swan Creek valleys, and west out over the Darling Downs. Ed Thistlewaite will be navigating on the walk and because he knows some of the local land owners we'll be walking in some areas where access is otherwise impossible to obtain. The walk will be on 4WD tracks, paddocks and open eucalypt country on the ridge-tops. We'll be taking it at a fairly easy pace and stopping to look at views. So it is a walk that most would have no trouble doing.

On Sunday we'll be walking over the ridge near our camp into Hell-Hole Gorge. This is an interesting, attractive and not overly difficult walk.

For those wanting to do Saturday's walk as a day walk - Contact Terry Silk (33559765) who will be at St. Brigid's Car Park at 5.15AM. The walk itself will be leaving the campsite at 8AM.

Iain

### **Coffee Night** **at The Coffee Club, Toowong** **Wednesday 29 September**

**Meet at:** The Coffee Club, Toowong  
Cnr Sherwood & Jephson Rds.  
**Time:** 7.30 pm  
**Contact:** Carolyn Ivanac Ph: 3379 9486

By my calculations, I should be in the middle of my four day trek in the Himalayas while the rest of you are having your coffee. Needless to say, you will not have the pleasure of my company at this coffee night. Thanks to Carolyn who has kindly offered to host this night. Our coffee nights have good coffee, good food and (especially) good company. Knowing this, how can you not come?

## **Moreton Island Basecamp.**

**1-3 October.**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** Combie Trader Terminal,  
Thurecht Pde, Scarborough.  
**Cost:** \$60.00 (Barge \$30.00  
Camping \$8.00 Taxi \$22.00)  
**Time:** 6.30pm.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin. Ph: 3366 3193  
**Grade:** Sat:L 6 6, Sunday: S 4 4.

Moreton Island with its lakes, creeks, beaches and sand hills is our Spring Trip this year; with the help of the taxi we'll cover some of the major features of the Northern Section.

Friday night – The Blue Lagoon Camp. Meeting at Scarborough for the two hour crossing of Moreton Bay. We'll catch the taxi from Bulwer to Blue Lagoon. Set up camp, boil the billy and settle in for the night.

Saturday: The journey to Jabiru. Saturday we'll visit Lake Jabiru via Smith Peak and down Spitfire Creek. Lake Jabiru is one of the less visited lakes on Moreton.

Sunday: The Western Beach Wander. We'll pack up and the taxi will pick us up and drop us up to the lighthouse, we'll visit the Information Centre, Honeymoon Bay and down the Western Beach to Bulwer and the afternoon barge home.

Please treat it as a walk-in Base Camp and limit your gear to one pack. Space in the taxi is limited. The taxi takes seven. Bring your Urban Myth and we'll read them after tea on Saturday night.

Moreton Island is a special island close to Brisbane - 98% National Park.

**Come and join me** and discover the Northern section of Moreton.

## **The Stinson Wreck and Point**

### **Lookout.**

**10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Leader:** Phillip Kearns Ph: 3870 1129  
**Meet:** St. Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd., Red Hill  
**Time:** 6AM  
**Cost:** \$18  
**Grading:** M67  
**Emerg. Off:** Majella Deegan Ph: 3300 0229

On the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1937 a Stinson airliner with 7 people on board left Archerfield airport. The weather at the time was atrocious, but the pilot believed it was safe enough to proceed with the usual flight plan and the aircraft headed towards Lismore. The aircraft never made it and the official search for the aircraft any survivors was centred to the north of Sydney due to false reports from "eye witnesses". About a week later Bernard O'Reilly heard about the crash and (armed with local knowledge) set out to find the aircraft. Ten days later he found the survivors and he set off to alert the rest of the world and assist in organising a rescue party.

On October the 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 you have an opportunity to visit all that remains of the Stinson airliner and see some of the most beautiful country in SE Queensland (Lamington National Park). It is possible to consider the journey in 3 parts. The first part is along Christmas creek to the grave of Jim Westray (a survivor that set off to get help but perished during the process). This part of the journey will be rather quick as it is along relatively flat ground. There are several pretty little waterfalls and you will hear catbirds, whipbirds and probably a few cockatoos. The second part of the walk is the ascent from Westray's grave to a cliff line. It is on a rather steep, eroded track in places and some scrambling is required. Once at the cliff line we walk along a pathway to find the best access point to the rest of the mountain. Once above the cliff line we continue our ascent (the final third) to the wreckage. This part of the walk is uphill and along a defined trail; it is not as difficult as our departure from the creek. The aircraft is about 5 minutes off the track and although there isn't much of it left these days you will

have an opportunity to see the common grave of those that perished in the crash and marvel at the courage of the survivors, Bernard O'Reilly and the entire rescue party.

If people desire we will then proceed onto Point Lookout for lunch and some of the most spectacular views you will ever see. There are Albert's lyrebirds in this area and you will hear them calling quite frequently. The return from Point Lookout to our vehicles is simply a matter of retracing our steps; it can be steep in places. You will need to bring a torch, first-aid kit and insect repellent. This is a rather tough walk, but anyone who has scaled Mt Barney, Mt Earnest or even the Kokoda Track is more than capable of getting there and back again. Although we will not travel along a graded track the trail is well defined. If people would prefer to do the walk on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October I am willing to reschedule the walk (you have a day to recover that way), but you will have to cast a postal vote.

I look forward to your company on a real cracker of a walk to one of the most famous crashes in Queensland.

Philip Kearns.

### **Westray's Grave** **Sunday 10.10.04**

Leader: Carolyn Ivanac Ph:33799486  
Meet: St. Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
Time: 7.30AM  
Cost: \$15  
Grading: Easy but need to be fit  
Emerg Off: Majella Deegan Ph: 3300 0229

For those not wanting to do Philip's longer walk in this same area, please join me for a pleasant day strolling through rainforest to Westray's Grave. We will be going in from the Christmas Creek side and having morning tea before we start the walk. It's approximately 2 hours to his grave site and then we will come back a bit to a nice picnic spot for lunch and maybe a swim. Good company and a good walk - what more could you ask for?

Carolyn

### **Noosa Heads National Park** **Saturday 23.10.04**

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph:3369 5530  
(after 8.10.04)  
Meet: St. Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
Time: 7AM  
Cost: \$18  
Grading: Easy  
Emerg Off: Majella Deegan Ph: 3300 0229

I have a street map of the area and will be open to all suggestions on the day as to where we go and how easy/difficult this walk will be. Just remember, you have to walk a reasonable distance before we go to a coffee shop!! And before certain people (without naming names) get too excited, **I** will decide what is reasonable!!!!!!  
If some people want to meet at Burpengary, please let me know so I can organise car pooling.  
I am on holidays (again) until 8.10.04 so can you please ring after that date, or leave a message on the answering machine.  
Desley

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to everybody who made my fiftieth birthday such a memorable occasion. It was wonderful to get together with so many of my magnificent BCBC mates to celebrate the half century. I was rather overwhelmed and a bit embarrassed at being singled out for such generosity and attention. I had "Happy Birthday" sung to me so many times I was getting a bit blasé about it in the end. It is a birthday I'll long remember. My beauty pack is already being put to good use and the gift voucher went towards buying a flash down sleeping bag (on special at half-price), that I wouldn't have imagined owning. A very special thanks to Justin and Sue who did stacks of work organizing the surprise party.

Iain

### **Some Extra Coming Events**

October 16/17: FMR Rescue Leaders training.  
In the Mt Clunie area, AND

Climbing at Minto  
Craigs – for Rescue  
Leaders.  
(FMR accreditation  
work.)

October 19: Monthly FMR Meeting.

November 5: “Indoor Climbing”  
Social.

Sept 2005: Federation Pilgrimage,  
arranged by Redland  
Bushwalkers.

## **PAST WALKS**

### **Barrabool Peak (Mt. Barney) Throughwalk 14-16 May.**

I was running late, so ended up finishing packing in the carpark at the Duggandan Pub. We’d stopped there for a hearty meal in warm and convivial surroundings. There was even an entertainer playing the piano and singing old-time songs. Later we day-dreamed our way past the turn-off and discovered that the gravel section of the Boonah-Rathdowney Road had finally been sealed. After that short detour, we left the car at the top of the ridge above the Mt. May Reserve and started walking at 10 p.m. We pitched camp an hour later and turned in for the night.

Next morning we continued along the ridge, stopping for magnificent views of Mt. Barney and getting a good look at the peaks and ridges we’d be traversing. After a quick sticky beak at the Upper Portals, we continued down Barney Creek. Like always; bonza, you-beaut walking with plenty of rock-pools, cascades and small waterfalls. Late in the morning, we turned up Barrabool creek, rock-hopping till we reached the base of Short Barrabool Ridge. The walk now began in earnest. We were immediately tackling very steep slopes with loose rocks and fallen branches in the long grass, having to work our way around rocky outcrops and fallen trees. About three quarters of the way up we encountered a series of steep rock slabs. We skirted around some and crossed others. Joe Finn did a great job as scrambling route-finder, though at one spot, he headed straight up a slab. Soon

he was above us, working the footholds and handholds with a succession of grunts and heaves. It all looked just a bit too hairy for the rest of us, so we made our way up around the edge of the slab with much less effort.

Further up, we’d crossed the last slab and were feeling pleased with ourselves. Phil was about to clamber up over a ledge at the top of the slab, to join us in the bushland above. He grabbed a boulder on the ledge. The boulder moved, it leaned its bulk onto his arm and shoulder. Phil was now up close and personal with a boulder ready to roll (not a good place to be, propping up a lump of rock about to convert potential energy into kinetic energy). He let out a muffled exclamation and appealed for help. Justin told him not to move and grabbed the boulder from above. I’d been looking at a map and was on the verge of asking a question about navigation. I hadn’t grasped the gravity of the situation. Justin yelled to me for help. Soon, I too was holding onto the boulder. Meanwhile Phil had gingerly edged sideways and out of the way. Justin made himself more secure, then we gently released the rock. It bounded down the slab and launched itself into space. I was impressed with the way Phil and Justin had handled a tricky situation. The rest of the ascent was uneventful. Near the summit we took in sweeping views across the Ballaw Ranges. On the peak, we dropped our packs and stood on a cliff-top, feeling like eagles above the dizzy abyss. All the rugged peaks of Mt. Barney glowed red in the sun’s final rays. It was hard to imagine a better place to be.

As dusk closed in we moved on to set up camp. It was a great campsite, flat, grassy, spacious and sheltered by low ridges of rock. We soon had tents up and meals on the go. Justin was into his large, heavy pack producing all manner of wonderful things for everybody to eat. This gained him the title “ship of the desserts”. Next morning we found some small pools of clear water at a soak nearby {but not flowing}. It would have been great for a cuppa and cooking the previous night. We carried all our water up and would now have to conserve it till we reached Barney Creek again. There was more steep climbing up West Peak, but it was a beautiful day and a great place to be.

There was a bit of scrambling to add interest as we neared the crest of Midget's Ridge. From there it was a short walk to the top of West Peak for a nibble and "top of the world" views. Then we descended Midget's Ridge, able to get a really good close look at the rocky turrets and spires of Leanings and North Peak on the other side of Barney Gorge. We crossed Bippoh Peak on the way. It was later in the day than we'd planned, so we took the shorter, steeper ridge down to the Barney/Barrabool Creek junction instead of following the main ridge down to the Gorge junction. Most of us were down to our last mouthful of water and getting thirsty. It was an interesting and attractive ridge with several small cliff-breaks to work around. Phil then made himself some cobbles for life, he produced a litre of water he'd saved and shared it around. We continued our descent, the ridges around us ever higher, with the afternoon sun slanting down. Later we could hear water falling in Barney Creek far below, a wonderful sound, drawing us on. Eventually we arrived. The cool, clear water was wonderful. We'd spent much of the day looking forward to brewing a cuppa beside a pool on Barney Creek (and Justin was hanging out for a swim). Unfortunately, daylight was running out and we still had to make our way up the creek to the Upper Portals. So we just kept walking. After the Portals we walked along the Yamahara Ck. Track in the twilight till our eyes started playing tricks, then turned on the torches. We got back to the car just before seven. Both Barrabool and Midget's Ridge have a reputation for lots of very heavy undergrowth but bushfires last year meant we had relatively open walking most of the way. Thanks to Justin for navigating and to Joe for his scrambling and ridge-finding skills. Phil Kearns chose this rather demanding walk as his first throughwalk. He did very well and even signed up for another throughwalk later in the year. It was a walk I've wanted to do for a long time. Thank you to my fellow walkers who made such a great weekend possible.

Iain

## **Mt Barney Mass – Logan's Ridge 11.8.2004**

We were keen to get going at 8am as we had a solid walk ahead. So 19 tramped up the open lower slopes of Logan's on that beautiful morning. We set a steady pace while the going was easy. Before long we reached the NP boundary gate, where the firebreak had been recently slashed in readiness for the fire season.

It was quite warm so all of us enjoyed a break at a rocky outcrop, which provided views of the valley. The ridge became rockier and steeper and several members needed a helping hand in places – we had several lengths of ropes for this purpose. As we climbed the ridge narrowed, so there was less choice of routes to follow. Finally we reached a high gully and small saddle which is well known and can be seen from the ground. From here we could see the summit and what lay ahead. Also great views of north & isolated peaks.

It was great to see everyone's spirits were high and helping each other over obstacles. The views were superb of the adjoining ridges with wedge tailed eagles soaring overhead.

Well Logan's ridge lived up to expectations. An enjoyable and challenging climb requiring some interesting manoeuvres just below East Peak.

After a short break on the summit we descended to the mass site and joined the other members. Mass is special up here on Barney.

Thanks for those who climbed Logan's Russ, Jan, Mike, Pat, Jonas, Lawrie, Daniel, Therese, Terry, Justin, Nick, Mike, Phil, Dave, Lincoln, Kevin, Robyn & Fred. The group included a number of past members and a couple of visitors on their first climb of Logan's.

Well done to all.

John



## **Somerset Trail – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Voted the best 'Wildflower' Walk yet this year !

(We sadly missed our resident Club Botanists!)

Some Statistics : 15 people walked 13.17km.

We traveled at an average rate of 4.2km/hr.

We walked for 3hr 7m 27s.

We stopped for 1hr 49m 41s.

We were out on the track for 4hr 57m 8s.

The day began with a 'Country Breakfast' in Dayboro. 13 club members and visitors enjoyed the sumptuous breakfast.

Unfortunately Maxine wasn't able to walk with us but we were joined by 3 more walkers for the circuit. Our visitors were David Auer and Karen Skelton who proved to be great company and the source of our statistics.

We began our walk at 9.30am and passed through eucalypt forest and pine groves where we stopped for morning tea. We continued our walk through a sea of yellow flowers (and they weren't wattle!) until we arrived at Mt Byron where we experienced great views to the West of Somerset and Wivenhoe Dams which were only filled to half capacity. We stopped here for a leisurely lunch and spoke to a few people from a large group of Noosa National Park walkers who passed on their best wishes to our club members.

We continued walking through eucalypt forest and passed some wonderful displays of different wildflowers. The circuit concluded with a small amount of dry rainforest and we were back at the car park before 3pm for a chat. On the way home, some of us detoured via Ocean View Rd for some stunning views of Moreton Island and we were back at base before 5pm. Thanks to everyone for your enjoyable company.

Patricia funnell

## **PREVIOUS SOCIALS**

### **Coffee Night**

#### **Coffee Night at Tilly's Bakehouse**

This was a new coffee shop for us but it was a good one. Tilly's serves wood-fired pizzas with piles of topping, hamburgers and yummy cakes and pastries. As usual, a few of us arrived early for dinner. Others came later and sampled the coffee and sweeter offerings. As usual we all had a good night. Thanks to Ben, Bernard, Kathleen, Terry, Greg, Carolyn, Phil, Cheryl, Viv, Barbara and our visitor, Jeffrey. It's always the people which make these nights such a success.

### **THE BLUE MOON EXPERIENCE**

What a perfect evening for a stroll along the Sandgate foreshore! We gathered at the Flinders Café and set off at a leisurely pace towards the Shorncliffe Jetty where we were delighted to see three separate wedding parties having sunset photos taken. At this point, two more of our clan joined us, having taken the scenic route via Bribie, Kallangur, Scarborough but eventually arriving at Sandgate – no names shall be mentioned.

It was enthusiastically decided that a refreshment stop at the Full Moon Hotel was in order so that we could watch sunset. After re-hydrating ourselves, it was time to head back to the café for our fish and chips and a chance to see the blue moon, which was now hanging low in the eastern sky.

A really big thank you to all twenty three who helped make the evening so enjoyable. (Michelle & Richard, Robyn & Ross, Robyn Thorne & her friends – Michelle & Maureen, Marilyn & Deanne, June, Gloria, Carolyn, Kathleen, Rosemary, Ben, Jean & her young visitors – Thomas & Georgia, Terry, Trevor and Barbara). We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

Viv & Cheryl

## **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.

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