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# THE M<sup>t</sup> BARNEY MASS 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On Exhibition Wednesday we celebrated 50 years of Mt Barney Masses. One hundred and fifty past and present members gathered at the base of the mountain for Mass and a picnic lunch. Archbishop Bathersby presided over the Mass and nine people from the first Mass in 1960 attended. They were Brian Willson, Sr Rita Clancy, Jim Collins, Mervyn Galvin, Mary Ferro (nee Hutchins), Jim Farrell, Margaret Moss (nee Wheeler), Byron Moss, Marian Peters (nee McVeigh).

The Mass began with the presentation of the five candles which represent the five decades of the Club. The candles were carried by Pat Hayes (Willie's brother), Leo Power (John's brother. John served at the first Barney Mass) and three foundation members who were at the first Barney Mass: Merv Galvin, Margaret Moss and Mary MacDermott (nee Costigan).

Past member, Maggie Marsh (nee Boyle) did the first reading and Antonia Simpson read the Psalm. Archbishop Bathersby delivered the homily. Past member, Mary Nolan led the Prayers of the Faithful and allowed us to remember absent friends when she read, with fondness and reverence, the list of 37 deceased members.

Mary Tobin explained the offertory gifts which were presented by Don Keating (pack), Roby Pugh (hat), Elizabeth Richards (boots), Paddy Taylor (nee Conway) (billy), Desley Pedrazzini (club staff) and John Carter (bread and wine). Pat Lawton, Marnie Niland (nee Conway), Majella Ryan (nee Winter) and (Chima) John Bosco (a seminarian from Beaudesert) distributed communion. The inspiring music was organized by Peggy Roe (nee Rutter). Her guitar playing was accompanied by Thea Kearney's (nee Sanders) accordion playing. It was a magnificent combination. Peggy Roe and Liz Little gave up their school holidays to prepare the Mass which was a very moving celebration of all that is wonderful about a Catholic bushwalking club – the spiritual connection between people and the glory of God in creation.

Mass was followed by a companionable picnic lunch during which many former friends were reunited. Maxine Brophy and her helpers kept the tea and coffee flowing.

Following the picnic lunch Pat Lawton entertained us with stories from some of the 48 times she has been part of the Mt Barney climb and Mass. Pat joined the Club in 1961 and has had continuous membership since then. One of the original climbers, Brian Willson, shared his memories of the first climb and a second one, a few months later, when he assisted in the laying of a plaque, a club badge and the altar stone.

Another original climber, Mary Ferro, was joined by the other eight from the first Mass, for the cutting of the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake, organized by Maxine Brophy.

Phil Murray read a message from Willie Hayes, who said the first Barney Mass on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1960. Willie referred to *the Mt Sinai sacredness of the mountain in the morning light* on that first event 50 years ago. He had gained permission from Archbishop Duhig to hold the Mass *in that most unusual location*. In his message, Willie described the *privilege of carrying up the vestments and other requirements for the Mass but added that he felt that those who shared the carrying of the altar stone in their rucksacks hardly regarded it as a privilege. It was about a foot square, and must have weighed a good few kilos. At that time Mass was always celebrated on an altar stone embedded in the altar or simply laid on it. All altar stones contained a relic of some saint and were specially consecrated. Willie poignantly recalled the experience of the first Mt Barney Mass as one of the highlights not only of my time in Australia, but of my entire life.* 

Liz Little read the list of apologies. Contacts had been received from many parts of Australia and also from Scotland, where past member, Christine Harrison (Nee Walker), offered to climb Ben Nevis in honour of the occasion.

Desley Pedrazzini had begun the day with her President's Welcome and concluded it with her Thank You speech.

Many thanks must go to all who made it such a wonderful occasion by planning, attending and contributing. A special thank you to Maxine Brophy, Elizabeth Richards and others who helped with the clean up at the end of the day. Congratulations to the Committee whose vision and early planning got the event underway. Thanks to Club secretary, Jan Nelson (nee Raymer), who initiated important contacts and bookings before leaving for her travels; and to Liz Little who put the day's programme together.

Thanks must also go to Greg Endicott for all his efforts to track down past members and send out invitations, to Marian Arthur (nee McVeigh) who dealt with all the bus bookings and payments, and to Terry Silk who oversaw the finances and brilliantly got the books to balance for the event.

Congratulations BCBC on a great celebration!

Liz

Date	Event	Leader	Contact	Туре	Grade
20	WWWD – The Hilton	Phil	5522 9702		
20/22	The Pilgrimage	Justin	3366 3193	BC	Varies
27/29	The Marathon	Phil	5522 9702	тw	XL47
28	Mt Tibrogargan & Trachyte Circuit	Richard	3353 2822	DW	S55
29	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	S11
Sep 4	Bramble Bay to Cabbage Tree Ck	Maxine	3490 4001	DW	L12
5	Mt Mathieson	Greg	3351 4092	DW	S33
11	Shipstern	Peggy	5498 7112	DW	
17	Working Week Wine Down – The Casino	Phil	5522 9702		
18/19	Wallangarra to South Bald Rock	Pat	3366 1956	TW	M44
18/19	State Rogaining Championships	Paul	0405 673 986	DW	Varies
19	Talk Like a Pirate Day	Jack	25225 93275	Ev	Varies
19	Coolangatta to Currumbin Creek	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S22
20	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
21	FMR Meeting	Ted	3286 2817	FMR	
	BWQ Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	BWQ	
25	Wynnum to Thornside	Graham	3371 9623	DW	M33
Oct 2	Breakfast Creek Hotel	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
3	West Canungra Creek	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
5	Gaythorne RSL for Dinner	Antonia	3857 1387		
9	Running Creek Falls	John	5514 0285	ON	
13	Ride to Work Day			SOC	
15	Work Week Wine Down – German Club	Phil	5522 9702		
18	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
23	Booloumba Gorge	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
30	Woody Point to Scarborough	Wendy		DW	
31/2	Victorian Alps	Phil	5522 9702	TW	
Nov 5/7	Northern NSW	Paul	0412 339 311	BC	
6/7	Navigation Training		fmrqld@gmail.com	FMR	
14	Purlingbrook Falls to Appletree Park	Kerrianne	5597 6160	DW	
15	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
19	WWWD – Coffee Club on Riverside	Phil	5522 9702		
20	Stairway Falls via Bull Ant Spur	Paul	0412 339 311	DW	
28	Burleigh to Fleay's Sanctuary	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
Dec 13	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
17	Work Week Wine Down – The Sofitel	Phil	5522 9702		
18	Christmas Party	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
27	Gold Coast Hinterland	Liz	3356 4874	DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types
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D/W	Day Walk	1∕₂ <b>D/W</b>	Half Day Walk
O/N	Over Nighter	B/C	Base Camp
T/W	Through Walk	C/W	City Walk
TRN	Training	S&T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk

### **KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

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

# **PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

**Employed by God** 

Use our feet, Lord, Let us dance for you. Use our voices, Lord, Let us sing for you. Use our hands, Lord, Let us work for you. Let our minds be alive With dreams and visions. Let our hands be creative For peace and hope. Let our voces be heard Singing of love and joy. Let our feet keep on moving To encounter and discover. So bless our minds And all our thinking. Bless our hands And all we touch. Bless our voices And all our words. Bless our feet And each step we take. Let us encourage and empower With the blessing of Creator, Redeemer and Sustainers As we work for God's reign To come to earth as in heaven Richard Becher, England

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Emotional, moving, spiritual - just some of the feedback from the Barney Mass!!

About 140 past and present members gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Club saying Mass at Barney on Ekka Wednesday with Archbishop Bathersby kindly agreeing to join us. After the heavy rain of the night before, the day was perfect and I'm sure that just about everyone sitting in the sun was listening to the Mass but looking over the head of the Archbishop at Mt. Barney in all its glory.

It is wonderful that the Club was still able to carry on this unbroken tradition and it will hopefully continue on for many years.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a special day for the Club. Desley

# **OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT**

The 2011 Outings Calendar is soon to be put together. Justin wants your ideas of trips. What is your favourite? What walk do want to go on? What one do you want to lead? What types of walks do you want? What type of areas do you want to walk through? What happy trip so you want to walk again? You do not have to lead your suggestions. Just say what you want on the calendar. The calendar needs your input. Justin would like some new leaders as well, but that is a different story.

Anyone who wants Social and/or City Walks will have to phone in suggestions as "the team" do not know of any. You might also have to volunteer to lead them.

Ring Justin on Ph: 3366 3193.

# SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We didn't manage to form a group for a Club booking for the Twelfth Night Theatre presentation of "At the Centre of Light – The Mary MacKillop Story" which ran from the 18<sup>th</sup> August; however, the Mt Barney 50th Anniversary Mass was a much more important event for the Club and a wonderful occasion members.

This month we'll return to doing the rounds of Brisbane's clubs. See the events for October. Don't forget to contact the Social Secretary if you have a favourite club you think we should include. Members should also be sending in ideas for our Christmas event. Antonia

Balance 19/07/10	\$3628.52
Plus Receipts	\$2293.25
	\$5921.77
Less Payments	\$1401.60
Balance 16/08/10	\$4520.17

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Term Deposit \$2310.66

Unfortunately, I was unable to draw our raffle in August, but I hope to do it at our September meeting. In the meantime, I have decided to start selling tickets in our next raffle with the first prize being a set of Adventure Ridge Trekking Poles and the second prize being an Adventure Ridge 1 Litre Stainless Steel Drink Bottle and Microfiber 40x50 cm Towel Set. The good news is that tickets are still only a dollar each.

After our successful Mt. Anniversary Barney Mass I still have some club t-shirts and metal badges for sale at \$20.00 and \$5.00 respectively. I seriously recommend that you do not delay buying these. Terry

# **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Karen Hasin-Bromley was an interested visitor at our August meeting. Michelle Hebbard has been a welcome visitor on Phil's Toohey Forest walk, Terry's Noosa Trails and Richard's Mt. Tibrogargan. Elise McLachlan and Martin Green were also visitors on Terry's Noosa Trails & Mt Mathieson. It was Elise's third walk with us. Katie O'Brien, Jolanta Wojcieszuk and Dan Keough (Brenda's husband) were also visitors on Richard's Mt. Tibro walk. Dan reappeared on Shipstern. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

Denice Campbell, Jenny Dancer, Gillian Kelly, Wendy Nielsen, Rosemary Stafford and Patricia Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in September.

Recently, we have had enquiries from Ian Debert, Richard Hill, Brenda Birchley, Enza Trifaro, Phil Edwards, Matthew Murphy, Ken Evans, Carolyn Bowtell and Andrea Denholm.

Robin Thorn has recently returned from doing some walking in Europe, whilst Paul Evans, Pat Lawton and Jonas Bernotas have just returned from walking in the Northern Territory.

Words from Barcaldine: Hello BCBC, I am sorry I haven't got any bushwalking done this year, but between the rain and a sore knee, I have not been able to get down

However, I am going to France on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will be doing some "bushwalking" (la randonnee) there so. Would you believe the forecast is for rain as I am trying to leave for France!! I will have to watch the weather or I'll be doing the old "Orange Downs walk" again. Megan was out a couple of weeks ago for her grandmother's funeral and I spent 3 days in town putting her on the plane! The weather has been incredible this year. Fantastic for feed for sheep and cattle of course – not good for coming and going. Hope all goes well for you. My regards to the crew. I still hope to get a walk in before Christmas. Best wishes, Denice Campbell

Thanks to the Catholic Leader for having articles on the Coming and then the Past M<sup>t</sup> Barney Mass 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

# **COMING EVENTS**

**TRIPS** still leave from St Brigid's car park at Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The "Leaders Guide" is on the web at: http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html

### 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY WORKING WEEK WINE DOWN SUPPER

Contact:Phil the Only Ph: 5522 9702Time:Any time after 4.30pmWhere:Treasury Casino – Premier's BarEmerg Off:Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

What do we do at a WWWD?

Well, we catch up with the happenings of each other, we talk, we joke, we tell stories, and we plan. After a month of working weeks, it is time to relax, meet with friends, have a few drinks, some hot chips, maybe dinner, and relax for a while. That is what we do at a WWWD.

And there is no need to be a worker – you can be between jobs, retired, never worked, a student, and there is no need to be a BCBC member either. It's for anyone and everyone.

They do not like packs (too lower class), so leave it in their lockers, or bring a briefcase instead.

# 17/18/19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, FRR to SUN WALLANGARRA TO SOUTH BALD ROCK THROUGH WALK

Leader: Pat Lawton Ph: 3366 1956

Meet at:St. Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill.Time:To be arranged (Hopefully 5.30/6.00pm Friday night)Cost:\$25.00 (Plus hotel accommodation Friday night \$25.00)Grading:M44Location:Granite Belt – Wallangarra area.Web:http://www.helenthura.com/blog/2008/12/29/south-bald-rock-and-more

We will leave Brisbane Friday night and drive to Wallangarra where we still stay the night at the Wallangarra Hotel. Depending on our arrival time we could have dinner at the Hotel. Next morning, before we set off on the walk, you should have time to say hello to the two macaws, plus other animals in residence at the Hotel.

We will follow the Qld/NSW border eastwards and will camp Sat night at the base of South Bald Rock. Enroute we will climb West Bald Rock. If we have time we could explore Middle Bald Rock (a bit too difficult to climb), however if time is a factor we could do that on our return trip.

Girraween and Bald Rock National Parks protect some of the best examples of granite geology in Qld. There are numerous monoliths and balancing rocks. We will explore West Bald Rock, Middle Bald Rock and South Bald Rock. The domed summits of these rocks are flanked by sweeping slabs. The massive domes are fairly easy to climb and the views from the tops are excellent.

Camp for Sat will be at the base of South Bald Rock, where water should be available (however carry a little extra just in case). South Bald Rock will be climbed early on Sunday. This is an exciting and interesting climb – great views from the top.

We will retrace our steps and return to Wallangarra via the same route.

This is a great part of the country so come along and we will explore these rock formations. Pat.

### 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> SEPT, SAT/SUN STATE ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS Up Hill And Down Daele Passchendaele

Contact:Paul Guard Ph: 0405 673 986 or email paulguard@gmail.comMeet at:Passchendaele near Kingaroy (3.5 hours NW of Brisbane)Time:Map Handout 10am; all events start 12 noonTransport:Drive yourself – organize 2 others and shareCost:\$45Web: http://www.qldrogaine.asn.au/graonline/

The Queensland Rogaine Association presents the "Up Hill and Down Daele" Queensland 24hr Championships, the premier event on the Queensland rogaining calendar, to be held at Passchendaele in the beautiful South Burnett. Passchendaele is 3½ hours drive North-West of Brisbane. You can drive here via Kingaroy or Dalby.

The Championship event will be held in conjunction with an 8 hour event on the Saturday and a roving 15 hour option. The roving 15 hour event allows entrants to be out on the course for any 15 hours in the 24 hour period, so you can enjoy a few red wines around the fire and get a good night's rest before going out again the next morning - a very civilised approach!

The terrain at Passchendaele is ideally suited to rogaining, with plenty of open country and some elevated state forest. <u>Click here</u> to see some photos from the area.

All meals from Saturday night dinner through to lunch on Sunday are included in the entry fee. Camping will also be available on Friday night for you to come and enjoy the campfire atmosphere.

Events: 8 hr foot Rogaine \$45. 15 hr roving foot Rogaine \$45.00 Qld 24hr Championships \$45.00 Entries after the closing date will incur a \$10.00 late fee per team member. Closing Date for Nominations: 13-09-2010 Enter Online

### 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY EVENT



Leader:Capt Jack Sparrow Ph: 2522 593 275Meet at:Port of BrisbaneTime:6amGrade:EL99Cost:A King's RansomLocation:All over the oceansWeb:http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.htmlEmerg Off:Will Turner Ph: 9455 887637

We will start the day with an "arrrrrr" and it only gets better from there. Then we turn to "Ahoy me Harties" and head towards "Ahoy". The bilge rats move on to "aye aye", turn left at "Avast". The lubbers now go downhill smartly to the bilge to fill the bung hole. It's nearly all over except for blowing the hornpipe.

# 19<sup>th</sup> SEPT, SUNDAY COOLANGATTA TO CURRUMBIN CREEK DAYWALK

Leader:	Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580, <u>bigrivers@optusnet.com.au</u>
Meet at:	St Brigid's Carpark Red Hill
Time:	8.00 am
Cost:	\$15.00 Plus about \$3.00 for the bus fare
Grade:	\$22
Location:	On the Gold Coast
Distance:	about 10 km
Web:	http://www.gold-coast.net/goldcoast/beachguide.html
Emerg Off:	Phil Ph: 0413 307 580

This year the trip is on again but it is only a short at 10km to make it easy for people to do. We leave Brisbane from Red Hill, park the cars at Currumbin Creek Carpark (north side) then catch the bus to Coolangatta.

We then follow the concrete path around to Snapper Rocks and then there is a small hill to ascend (there is a compulsory high to qualify as a walk). The party will then have walk to the lookout above Duranbah, where we will have morning tea. Last year we saw whales breaching just offshore and we saw a wedding or two. Then it is a walk along the beach back to Currumbin.

We will have a longish break at Elephant Rock & Currumbin Beach to admire the sculpture festival called "Swell". Then we cross over the bridge and have a picnic lunch at Currumbin Creek and have some time to have a swim.

Come along it should be a great day. This will be the last time for several years that I will do this trip as it is time to do other trips. Next year I was hoping to do the beach from the Tweed River breakwater south to Fingal Point for lunch and then push on to Kingscliff.

There will be a Full Moon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The tide times for Sunday are as follows:-

Description	Time	Ht
High tide	05.44 am	0.99m
Low tide	11.24 am	0.27m
High tide	06.03 pm	1.37m

Come along on a lovely easy trip with magnificent views, a spot of art and culture, a leisurely lunch and swim

And, watch out for Capt Jack Sparrow of the Black Pearl – it is Talk Like a Pirate Day. Phil

# 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, MONDAY MONTHLY MEETING

#### Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after

# Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

Come along to hear reports of recent outings & socials, as well as our coming events. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether come on the walk. Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing.

Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

### 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY WYNNUM TO THORNESIDE DAYWALK

Leader: Graham Glasse Ph: 3371 9623

Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill

Time: 8am

Grade: M11

Cost: \$4 + train fare: Paper ticket: \$3.90 Or Go Card: \$2.43

Location: Bayside South

Web:<u>http://www.wynnummanly.com.au/modules.php?name=Sections&op=viewar</u> ticle&artid=31

Emerg Off: Graham Glasse Ph: 0428 737 551

The club last did this walk in 2005 as Wynnum to Ransome; this year we are going a little further to Thorneside.

The day begins with a circuit walk around the Wynnum Mangrove Boardwalk. We shall then walk from Wynnum to Lota along the pathway on the esplanade, passing Norfolk Point and the Manly Boat Harbour on the way. We then link up with a bikeway that takes us to the start of another mangrove boardwalk which crosses Lota Creek.

The next section of the walk is through the Brisbane City Council Ransome bushland (2 km); at times we are right next to Tingalpa Creek. It is then just a short walk to Thorneside station, where we catch a train back to Wynnum. The final stage is to walk from Wynnum station to the cars, perhaps with coffee on the way.

This walk is approximately 12km in length, and is mostly flat, on sealed pathways. It provides an interesting mix of coastal walking, mangroves, and native bushland. As the walk is only offered occasionally by the club, don't miss this opportunity. Graham

### 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, SATURDAY BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Get ready for Brisbane's 'Open House' Brisbane's most architecturally intriguing and historic buildings will be open to the public.

Open House will provide the public with a free-of-charge and rare opportunity to discover the hidden wealth of architecture, engineering and historic buildings nestled around our city. The initiative aims to enrich our residents and visitors' experience with the city by encouraging them to explore, re-examine and engage with Brisbane's built environment – opening eyes and minds to intriguing design and curious spaces. It is the first time many of our iconic buildings have been showcased in such a way. visit www.brisbaneopenhouse.com.au.

From the Commissariat Stores built with convict labour in the 1800s, to modern buildings with stunning views like Santos Place that include environmentally sustainable initiatives and 6 star ratings. If you are interested in Brisbane's unique architecture and design, keep Saturday 2 October free and join the thousands of visitors to the open buildings.

Some of the buildings that will reveal their secrets on the day are:

- Brisbane Magistrates Court
- Brisbane Square Level 16
- Brisbane Square Library
- Christian Science Church
- <u>Commissariat Store Museum</u>
- Customs House
- <u>GoMA</u>\*
- Kurilpa Bridge
- Masonic Memorial Temple
- National Australia Bank
- Old Government House
- QPAC
- Queensland Art Gallery
- Riparian Plaza\*
- Santos Place
- St Andrew's Uniting Church
- St John's Cathedral Precinct
- State Library of Queensland
- Tattersalls Club\*
- Treasury Hotel

Watch this space! More information is coming soon.

\*Online bookings will be required for these properties due to limited numbers. This will be available from 20 September.

There will also be a full program, suggested routes and maps.

Then join us at the Brekkie Creek for lunch.

### SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER LUNCH AT THE BREAKFAST CREEK HOTEL

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Breakfast Creek Hotel, 2 Kingsford-Smith Dr, Albion

Time: 12 noon

Cost: Food & Drinks

Location: Between Amy & Higgs Sts.

Web: http://www.breakfastcreekhotel.com/dining.html

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Once in a while, we like to do things in style, and the Kate Quinlan lunch is it. We have a steak (or seafood, or schnitzel) at The Creel. No better place for it in Spring.

I have booked spaces out back in the beer garden. Come along for lunch, a snack or just a drink and meet with us and talk. Look around to recognise someone – it all depends on where they place us. I would prefer out between the Spanish Garden and the bar.

Have a leisurely afternoon in our Spring sunshine, imbibe in a few ales, have a hearty meal and go home refreshed. There is plenty of parking out back.

Kate is the Irish Catholic widow who lived on the hill behind the Brekkie and started XXXX.

Get your pencil out now and put this in your diary.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER, SUNDAY WEST CANUNGRA CREEK CIRCUIT DAYWALK

Leader:Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580, <a href="mailto:bigrivers@optusnet.com.au">bigrivers@optusnet.com.au</a>Meet at:St Brigid's Carpark, red HillTime:7.30amCost:\$20Grading:L34Web:<a href="http://www.gueenslandholidays.com.au/destinations/brisbane/things-to-see-">http://www.gueenslandholidays.com.au/destinations/brisbane/things-to-see-</a>

and-do/west-canungra-creek-circuit/index.cfm

#### Emerg Off: Susan Ph: 5522 9702

The walk starts at O'Reilly's: we follow the Box Forest Circuit, walk past Elabana Falls, then walk the re-opened track along the Canungra Creek down to Blue Pool (Yerralahla) for lunch. The graded track goes through pretty deep green and cool rainforest, from the top of the plateau down Canungra Creek - from its headwaters in the gullies to the first big pool at Blue Pool. There will be several creek crossings along the way, as well as numerous side gullies and tributaries crossing the path as rocky sections. It is a nice, though long, gradual down.

And then it is back to O'Reilly's up the Blue Pool Track. This is a more direct way, thus a bit steeper. Again it passes through rainforest. We move away and above the creek.

It is a lovely rainforest walk along graded tracks with an optional swim at the Blue Pool. But there is an uphill walk at the end of the day. It is a 15km circuit with over 5hrs walking – not counting the stops & lunch.

Come along for a lovely easy daywalk. Phil

### 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, TUESDAY GAYTHORNE RSL CLUB SOCIAL

Leader:Antonia Simpson Ph: 3857 1387 or 0400 571 387Meet at:Foyer of Gaythorne RSLMeet Time: 6.30 pmEmerg Simple Simple

Tuesday is skewer night at Gaythorne! However, if that sounds too painful, there is always a \$10.00 roast available. Locals assure me that we should get a decent meal there and it is not too far north or west for many members to be able to reach by 6.30 pm.

In order to secure our booking, please contact me by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** by phone or email.

# 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, SATURDAY RUNNING CREEK FALLS DAYWALK

Leader:John Carter Ph: 5514 0285 or 0433 779 771Meet at:St Brigid's, Musgrave Rd, Red HillMeet Time:6.15 amGrading:L57Cost:\$20Location:South of Beaudesert, In the southern Lamington National Park, nearthe borderFeader State Sta

Web: http://qld.gsa.org.au/oreillys.pdf

Running Creek Falls is at the head of the Running Creek Valley in Lamington National Park. A spectacular single drop waterfall is the feature of this walk.

This is a long day – a big drive and a long walk. The falls come off the Lamington Plateau, and are the highest single drop falls in the park. They come over the cliff and drop into a narrow circular amphitheatre, landing in a pool below. The surrounding cliffs are so high that not much of the daylight sun gets to the valley floor. The pool is always bone chilling cool. It is set in deep rainforest.

The walk starts in open farmland, having been cleared for dairying years ago. The first part is over a 4WD farm road for a long way up the valley. We pass the turn off to Black Snake ridge. When we reach the NP boundary we follow a track through forest to the creek. After about 90 minutes of this, you hit the National Park boundary, just where the creek crosses the track. From now on, you are in the virgin rainforest, either in the old creek bed or higher up with solid dirt under foot. There is an old overgrown track to follow here.

The track weaves its way in and out of the side gullies and along the creek valley. There are some pretty palm forests to walk through. After about 2 hours, you reach the junction with England Creek, where a really old track goes up England Ck to the Stretcher Track. However, we stay with Running Creek and just about now jump in the creek and follow it the further 30min to the falls. Here the creek is made up of bigger boulders which we have to make our way through.

Whatever you have put up with till now is worth it when you see the Falls. Really spectacular, and makes you wonder what they would be like when flood rains pour over the top.

The walk back is the reverse of getting there. Often we get back to the cars on dark.

There is a significant amount of rock hopping which can be challenging if wet. Lunch is at the base of the falls. There may be some scunge to negotiate. The usual walking gear is required including 2 litres of water and a good torch.

# 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY RIDE TO WORK DAY

Cycling is the new driving. It contributes to liveable communities. It's cheap, sustainable, good for your health and sometimes quicker (especially in peak hour). So, join the commuter revolution and ride to work.

It's National Ride to Work Day on Wednesday 13 October. It is a great opportunity to begin riding to work. Bike buddies are available to ride with you and can be found by contacting Bicycle Queensland on 3844 1144.

Register to win! There are lots of prizes up for grabs and local breakfasts are being held including in the Brisbane CBD & Redcliffe. Visit the **<u>Ride to Work website</u>** 

For more information on National Ride to Work Day, contact Department of Transport and Main Roads on Ph: 3146 1773. <u>http://www.bq.org.au/</u>

# 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, FRIDAY WORKING WEEK WINE DOWN THE GERMAN CLUB

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580

Where: 416 Vulture St, East Brisbane (Opposite Gabba Towers & the Cricket Ground)

Time: Anytime after 4.30pm till any time before 10ish.

- What For: Great conversation, meet great people, air your views
- Cost: They may ask you to become a member if you are not a member of another club

#### Web: www.brisbanegermanclub.com

#### Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

For October, the WWWD is meeting at the German Club to join in the festivities and to try out the German beverages. This is German Club - German bands, the Alpenrosen Dance Group & much more. Enjoy traditional German food, beers and wine. The actual name of the Club is "Brisbane Deutscher Turnverein".

The interior is like a German hunting lodge. There are tables inside to the right, though the entertainment is on the left – You should find us sitting on the right (its closer to the kitchen).

Don't worry about lack of Public Transport, as the Gabba Busway Station is a 5 minute walk away, just over a well-lit and always busy Main St. When you want to leave, someone else will want to also, so we can travel in groups. Buses take you to the City or Southbank & South Brisbane Rail Stations, or the Mater Busway Station, or even Roma St Station. Check Transinfo for connections:

#### http://www.transinfo.qld.gov.au/

But remember, "Do not mention zee var"

# 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, MONDAY MONTHLY MEETING

#### Contact: Desley Ph: 3369 5530

#### Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after

# Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

Come along to hear reports of recent outings & socials, as well as our coming events. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether come on the walk. Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing.

Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER, SATURDAY BOOLOUMBA GORGE DAYWALK

#### Leader: Justin Ph: 3366 3193

Location: Conondale Ranges, west of Maleny Web: http://econews.org.au/booloumba-creek-walk/

Justin has not yet made up his mind yet how to get to the Gorge, but go through the Gorge he will.

This is not the way Justin is tackling it, but is a good description of the area. Booloumba Creek is one of the main waterways running through the Conondale Ranges. It starts out as a minor creek up in the hills and access is via the scenic road. A track follows the creek – really pretty at this stage as the rainforest comes right down to the water's edge. At one point, there is a sandy lagoon. After about an hour, The Breadknife is reached – this is a narrow finger of rock protruding out of the creek junction of 2 creeks, and yes, it does look like a bread knife pointing up to the sky. The creek here is a series of rock slabs, pools and cascades.

Below this junction is The Gorge – where the creek flows over a fall and into twisting bed of boulders in a narrow gorge. There is a track through this somehow, and Justin knows it. The creek is now broader and deep down below the ridge tops. Now comes the real Booloumba Falls – a nice drop into the valley beyond. Probably the best falls in the park. Much rock hopping and you reach the track to the old gold mine and a quicker trip back to the cars.

Justin will have more accurate details in the next Jilalan.

### 29<sup>th</sup> OCT to 3<sup>nd</sup> NOV, Fri to Wed THE VICTORIAN ALPS THROUGHWALK

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702

Meet at: Brisbane Airport Friday

Meet time: Depends on the flights

Cost: \$250 approx airfares, \$100 incidentals.

Grading: Medium to Hard

Location: North East of Melbourne, near the NSW border, just up the road from Falls Creek

Web: http://www.visitvictoria.com/displayobject.cfm/objectid.00004802-A5F2-1A6B-B64F80C476A901F2/

The walking is from Friday to Tuesday (Melbourne Cup Tuesday), but you need to be there early Sat to get the ride to the mountain, and it could be a bit chancy to get to Tullamarine by Tues night for a flight.

The aim of the weekend is Mt Bogong, the highest peak in Victoria at 1986m. Barney is 1300m approx, so you don't go too much higher! The trip starts out at Mountain Creek and goes up The Staircase Ridge – approx 1400m over 8km. Stay the night on top. There are various routes to take from here, but there will be a night in Cleve Cole Hut.

There may be patches of snow about; considering the good late falls they have had recently. If you come back by the Bogong High Plains there will be a 1000m drop into the valley and back out again up the other side. Fun.

Phil raves over the walks down here. It is easier through walking in the temperate zones than in our sub-tropical one – less mugginess and oppressive heat & sweat.

Ring Phil for more details. The Victorian Catholic Club is putting on this walk, they do a different one each year at this time (a long weekend in Vic) and thus Mt Bogong will not be coming around again for years – your one and perhaps only chance of climbing it.

# 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, SATURDAY WOODY POINT TO SCARBOROUGH DAYWALK

Leader:Wendy Nielsen Ph: 3289 5450Meet at:St Brigid's Carpark, Red HillMeet Time:7.30amCost:\$10Grading:M22Location:Along the foreshore at RedcliffeWeb:http://www.australianexplorer.com/maps/redcliffe.htm

This is just a preview of the walk, as Wendy has not yet put pen to paper.

Woody Point is at the southern tip of the Redcliffe Peninsula on Oxley Avenue – at the big new jetty. The walk will try to follow the beachfront along footpaths, bike tracks and the sandy beaches. There is the odd rocky headland to dodge around and the occasional beach wedding to witness. Could even be a parachutist landing for our entertainment. There are still the remains of a few old shipwrecks to see – like the Gayundah.

Then the party passes Scotts Beach, Suttons Beach, Redcliffe with its "Southbank", Scarborough, the tip, and finally the Marina with Morgan's Seafood Cafe.

### 6/7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, SAT & SUN NAVIGATION TRAINING WEEKEND FMR

Venue: Mt. Barney Lodge, via Rathdowney Please mark your calendars. Enquiries & Registration by Email: fmrgld@gmail.com

# 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, SAT & SUN RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND

Where: RNA Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

Why: The opportunity to Celebrate those who have survived

Time: 3pm Sat and finishes at 9am Sun morning

Web: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGRqw7c8WFg

Every 15 minutes, another Queenslander is told they have cancer. Who will you Relay for? There are over 160,000 Queenslanders living with cancer. In a total 18 hours (the length of a Relay For Life event) 18 Queenslanders will die from cancer. Something has to be done!

Register your team of 10 to 15 people on the website <u>www.relayforlife.org.au</u>... Registration is usually \$15 for adults and \$11 for children under the age of 18. Encourage each of your team members to raise \$100 each and you will be well on your way to a weekend of fun and entertainment. This 18hr campout event gives you the opportunity for meeting other people in the community tied by a common bond of cancer.

All cancer survivors are welcome to participate in the Survivor's Lap and your members who have lost someone to cancer can also place a candle tribute in memory of their loved one during the candlelight ceremony.

Relay for Life also gives your organisation the opportunity to promote your services to the local community. Get a team together and join us at the Brisbane Relay For Life.

Stephanie Stewart, Cancer Council Queensland T: (07) 3634 5292 M: 0430 121 421 553 Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 www.cancerqld.org.au

# FROM THE TRAVELLING NELSONS

Hello, Just a note to let you know we are still alive. So far we have "done": Undara Lava Tubes, Lawn Hill Gorge, Gulf (Bourketown, Normanton, Karumba), across the Savannah Way to Roper Bar, Katherine, Katherine Gorge, Elsey/Mataranka, Darwin, Litchfield National Park, Kakadu, west to WA, Keep River National Park, Lake Argyle, Kununurra, Bungle Bungles, Gibb River Road including El Questro and Mitchell Falls, Derby, Broome and all the bits in between.

We are at Cape Leveque at present, on the Dampier Peninsula north of Broome. It is absolutely beautiful. The western beach with red cliffs and spectacular sunsets and the eastern beach facing King Sound with swimming /snorkelling beaches, clear blue water and white sand. Only a 5min walking track over the ridge between the two. This is one of my favourite places so far.

We are getting very used to sunset drinks watching the sun setting over the ocean.

I hear the weather in Brisbane is not the best at present. We had a morning of strong winds a few days ago when we were camped at a beach south of here, but apart from that it has been beautiful - great for swimming and snorkelling. Cath and Mike Follow the journey on: http://www.auinfo.com/Broome-western-Australia-Map.html

Hi all, Currently in Derby WA having a bullbar reattached - the corrugations have taken their toll on bolts etc. Trip has been going really well. Especially enjoyed Keep River National Park and Bungle Bungle National Park.

Took a plane flight from Drysdale River Station over the Buccaneer Archipelago and Mitchell Falls.

Have swum in numerous gorges and at the bottom of waterfalls. The barramundi are proving elusive though! A peacock in Mt Elizabeth Station along Gibb River Rd fell in love with the blue colour of our vehicle and kept jumping on the vehicle and displaying its tail feathers.

Off to Tunnel Creek and Fitzroy Crossing after bullbar repairs completed. Cheers for now, Russ and Jan

They are now at Port Headland, experiencing the second of only 2 rainy days and moved off the same day to Dampier and Rio Tinto country.

# **PAST EVENTS**

### GIRRAWEEN NATIONAL PARK 25<sup>th</sup> TO 27 JUNE BASE CAMP

The "Ice" walk! Up before the sun and walking through the fields with first rays refracting and reflecting ... not with an overnight minimum of 8 degrees – it was just cold enough to sleep-in with a late start. Monday morning at on the other hand was below zero and the next day at Walcha (just near Armidale at minus 11) was minus 15 and snowing. At 1pm the day before at Apsley Gorge (just past Walcha) the water in the public toilet was frozen for the top 25mm. A farmer in Walcha named Charlie might want a wife but she had better bring her thermals. But I digress.

The second part of the day's activities started at 9am with a long walk to M<sup>t</sup> Norman and then off track towards Mallee Ridge – there was mixed terrain of bush and rock and ups and downs and thick undergrowth and views of rock formations we skirted around. It was an interesting area and certainly worth more time to explore. We made it to the top of the ridge that runs south to north but time was running out to make it over to the next ridge and the Turtle Rock/Sphinx track. Instead we headed north and descended along

this ridge – it was still off track but was heading in the right direction as it would bring us back to the track heading back to camp.

With the light fading and rain clouds that had been hanging around all day get lower and closer and eventually drizzling, it was good when the track was finally found. I knew it would be and that we had not passed it but self doubt was trying to sneak in. Camp was reached not long before last light and much to the relief of those at camp who believed me when I said we would be back about an hour and a half earlier.

Showers for all and Ballandean pub for dinner. Cold outside but a fire within.

Next day and constant light rain led to another sleep-in and a lazy breakfast while two of the company went off for a stroll with an umbrella to the base of the Pyramid and back.

As the rain was settling for the day in we decided to go our separate ways. Michelle and Richard off to Sydney, Robin back to the Gold Coast and Maxine and me to Port Macquarie via the New England Highway. Thanks pleasant company but one more point of interest - on the same weekend as Tamworth Music Festival, Guyra has a Lamb and Potato Festival – sounds tasty doesn't it. Joe

### NOOSA TRAILS 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST-DAY WALK

It seems that the future of our annual pilgrimage to the Kin Kin/Pomona area to walk the Noosa Trail Network is assured after another successful walk. This is a very picturesque part of South East Queensland with the perfect weather on the day allowing us to fully enjoy it. It was fortunate that the trail was a lot dryer than on the pre-outing.

Fortunately, everyone arrived on time and we drove up the highway to a regroup in Pomona, collecting another car load at the Hypermarket along the way. We then drove in convoy the short distance to the start of the walk. After the car shuffle we started the walk at about 9.30 with a one hundred meter climb to Middle Lookout where we had a brief rest whilst enjoying the views. We then dropped fifty metres to Twin Hill Views Lookout for morning tea and more magical views whilst enjoying Brenda's delicious Mars Bar Slice.

When we resumed our walk we continued heading east towards the coast before turning north. At about eleven o'clock we encountered a group of about seventy horse riders who were doing a circuit out of Kin Kin from which they had left at 8.00am. Naturally, this many horses succeeded in chopping up the trail in places. Next we encountered a farmer who was feeding his goats. This provided us some entertainment. It was interesting to hear that goats are good at weed control and clearing lantana. Whilst walking parallel to the coast we had some good views of Lake Cootharaba and sand hills to the north.

After several ups and downs we commenced our steepest climb of the day to the highest point of the walk. A net gain of 110 metres. We then dropped eighty metres to Cootharaba Views Lookout for lunch. Here we had a relaxing lunch enjoying the panoramic views and the sun. After lunch we headed in a north westerly direction as we continued our descent to our destination in Kin Kin where all our cars except mine were waiting. To reach Kin Kin we crossed a couple of deserted cattle paddocks. The walk finished just after 3.30 and whilst Graham took me to collect my car the troops enjoyed their well earned coffee, tea, cake and ice cream.

A grateful thank you to my drivers:- Graham, Peter B., and Marion and a special thanks to Graham for doing a good job as Tail End Charlie. I was pleased to have the company of ten members and three visitors on the walk. They were Graham Glasse, Paddy Taylor, Nampech Wuthapanich, Brenda Keough, Marion Arthur, Julia Cowan, Sofia Ramsay, Peter Bambrick, Barry Crawford and Peter Constable along with our visitors, Michelle Hebbard, Alise McLachlan and Martin Green. I look forward to your company and that of many others next year when we explore another new Noosa Trail. Once again the leader had a camera malfunction. I am beginning to fear that fate is forcing

me into the twenty-first century where digital is king in the photography world. Regards, Terry.

### Mt BARNEY MASS 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

See the inside of the front cover

### COLLINS GAP TO NOTHOFAGUS MOUNTAIN (NEARLY) AND BACK AGAIN – 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Terry, Michael and myself from BCBC, Neville and Bernie from GCBWC and visitors John and Reg turned up to follow one of the least traversed parts of the QLD NSW border. The plan was to see how far towards Nothofagus Mountain we could get in a day travelling from Collins Gap. This trip has the reputation of being very scungy and very difficult to navigate.

The day was almost perfect without a cloud in the sky but a bit smoky from burning off somewhere (this is the correct spelling of the word smoky, it just doesn't look right, smokey looks so much better). To get the troops going we left a perfectly good bitumen road, climbed up a very steep hill, climbed down a very steep hill and rejoined the same flat bitumen road half a kilometre away. Us fence purist won't compromise our standards and take short cuts. Some more fence following had us gain a few hundred metres in altitude until the QLD ridge left the rabbit fence which takes the lazy way across to Mt Clunie.

At this point I had assumed we would hit a wall of scunge so I was pleasantly surprised to find a maintained firebreak and fence going the way we were going. This ended just below the summit of knoll 868 which is the turn off to Mt Ernest. We entered the rainforest at this point; according to my map which was from data of 1977 the rainforest was 300m further to the west and north. Either the rainforest has colonised 300 metres over the past 33 years or my map is wrong. In this part of the rainforest there are quite a few ancient gum trees.

At knoll 868 we had our first smoko after two hours walking. Following smoko we would spend the rest of the day in the rainforest; the undergrowth prevented a constant pace but was nowhere near as bad as I expected it to be. The main obstacle was walking stick palms which often formed a wall we had to push through, in places parts of trees had come down bringing a lot of vines with it and this required us to detour around. We picked up an old marker system of orange aluminium squares which were nailed to the trees but there were so many missing that they only provided minimal navigational aide.

We dropped off 868 to the North-West to a saddle and climbed a long ridge. At 925m The Barney Spur joined us from the North East but it was not easily definable at this point. At midday we reached our next high point of 1038 which had numerous ridges running in multiple directions. I took a compass bearing of 260<sup>0</sup> which should have followed the border. We started dropping very rapidly and it appeared that we were dropping into Lindesay Creek so we contoured to our North where we picked up a ridge.

We soon found some orange markers so we assumed we were back on the right path. At 940 we were suppose to hit a saddle but at that height it was a very steep down. To our South was a ridge that we could see before so we contoured until we were in a creek. The creek meant we could not be on the border, so we followed the creek upstream until we found an orange marker. This would show that the markers did not follow the border. The creek did not lead to a saddle as it wound around up a gully back to 1038 but we were able to climb a small slope to our right which took us to the 940 saddle. I found an orange marker indicating water which helped to solve the mystery of why the markers left the border. I explored the border heading back to 1038 some way and understand why the path deviated as it was extremely steep and overgrown.

We had lunch in the creek until 1.00pm at which point we turned around. I was very pleased with how far we made which was a bit over half way to Nothofagus. Our return trip helped to solve the mysteries of the markers and some critical missing ones could lead you astray. Our trip back required us to be even more vigilant in Navigation, this is probably one of the only times I have not just followed the return path. As most of the return was down hill, dropping down the correct bearing when everything looks the same was imperative. We constantly changed direction to ensure we were on the correct ridge.

At 2.50pm we returned to knoll 868 and only had to follow our 160° bearing to find the fence. We passed some recognisable land marks but it was the tops of the eucalypt forest that led us out. We now had a gentle downhill stroll which wasn't so gentle on knees before finding our vehicles intact at the border gate around 4.40pm.

Overall I was very impressed with this walk. It offered no views but provided us with an excellent navigation opportunity and took us to one of the remotest parts of South East Queensland. From what we saw I would be very surprised if more than one or two groups ever passed this way a year. I have the stirrings to return and hope to tackle the Barney Spur in the not too distant future. Matt Palmer

#### WORKING WEEK WINE DOWN HILTON HOTEL – 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

In August we gathered one Friday afternoon in the elegant surroundings of the Hilton Hotel Piano Bar.

A live pianist helped to create a relaxed atmosphere where conversation was easy.

The seating was very comfortable and a variety of drinks was enjoyed – wine, cocktails, rum and coke and beer. Toohey's Extra Dry was considered the best beer.

The mixed nuts were tasty; however, when the hunger pains really set in, the group moved across the mall for kebabs.

We welcomed a visitor, Shaun Clayton, and received apologies from Phil and Desley.

Others present were Grahame, Tracey, Greg, Michele, Liz, Elizabeth and Suzanne. Liz

### THE FEDERAL ELECTION 2010 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

It dawned a bit hazy and cloudy in the morning as we gathered for this outing. The conditions remained a smidgen unclear all day, but we all persevered. The troops however were a bit unsettled all the way through.

We started off down the track; however there were a lot of twists and turns and no straight clear path. It was a bit muddy and everybody was splashed – no one finished the day clean; all were tarnished.

The party got slightly geographically embarrassed along the way – just wong moves, you couldn't win. Four even did the independent thing and went their own way – lots of trouble calling them back to the straight and narrow. However, they liked the country they were in and did not come back to the party too easily.

The scenery was awfully boring – everything was more of the same old thing. You turn the corner and what you saw was a bit worse then what went before. The co-leaders tried to gloss over the picture, but no one was convinced. The only exciting part was the paddock full of bull - we took a long detour around this patch and headed back into the old growth forest. No rock stars among us.

After lunch, nothing improved. We moved to the left – no result, only sharp pains in the back of the party; then to the right – still no result, only bishops, pines and things turning into bull; finally another turn to the left and finally we saw the end of the trials, tribulations and the cars. Tony and Julia.

### BRIDGE TO BRISBANE 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The day dawned cool and a bit cloudy – just what you want when walking. We all met up at the bus at Bowen Hills and were taken to the start at Murarrie. Here we had time to see other participants who we knew.

Our group started off in the middle of the Grey Walkers this year, instead of waiting till the end – feels a lot better not being at the back. The start seemed better organised than before and less crowded. The walk up the new Gateway Bridge was effortless. Five of the six of us took a steady pace and stayed together – only one younger member of the party shot ahead. We enjoyed looking at the other walkers who were in costume, searched for the official cameras to get our best profile, and had a good time.

The track was flat, the conditions good, the company great and the walking fine. The crowds did not bother us because when you are among them it appears not crowded.

We reached the Ekka Grounds in 2 bunches – toilet stops you know, and smiled at the finishing camera. A very good morning for us all, and a great time. We went our different ways home and back for breakfast by 10am. We all did it in about 1hr50m or 1hr58m.

http://results.au.eventdirector.net/Search.asp?EventID=4225&srchGroupname=T HE+ALSO+RANS http://www.supersportimages.com/products/showbib.php?xs=709&s1=27080

Thanks to Rosemary Stafford, Peggy Roe, Stephen & Lucy Endicott and Liz Little. Greg E

# M<sup>t</sup> MATHIESON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

The day prior did not look good – rain and cloud. The morning looked better – cloud and rays of sun. There were no cancellations amongst my 12 walkers.

We headed off in three cars, regrouping at Aratula. The kiddies had their Spotto sheets to keep them entertained on the long drive to stop them from getting bored, whinging and fighting. Then up the muddy road (sorry drivers) to the Pioneer Graves carpark. Then out and onto the track.

The sky was overcast, the vegetation a bit damp, and the scenery atmospheric. We saw the valleys coming off The Ramparts rolling in cloud, the top of Castle missing and patches of that white fluffy stuff all over the plain at our feet. All were too awestruck to complain about the dampness.

Even though we stopped at strategic places for photos, we were still making good time. It was only 2 hours after the start that we reached The Platform overlooking the road up The Gap. No one baulked at the undulating track that goes above the steep slope and up through the little cliff to The Rock.

Then up the ridge to join the Main Range between Mt Mitchell and Spicer's. On through the delightful little bit of rainforest, through the grassy plain and onto the Timber Jinker – for the obligatory group photo. Now to follow the old timber track to the old Spicer's Gap Road.

From here it was a matter of following the historic road while reading the signs that explain the history. Good views of Spicer's. Then lunch at Governor's Chair – must be the best view spot in SE Q'ld. All our favourite day walks are at your feet. Too bad that the cloud obscured some of it – just added to the sense of wonder. Anyone can see it in fine sunny weather.

A short walk down the road to The Well and The Pioneer Graves, then we bade a fond farewell to Mt Mathieson and off to Aratula for smoko.

Thanks to the stalwarts who still came despite the weather: Liz Little, Greg Rogers, Peter Bambrick, Brenda Keough, Brigid Baker, Robin Thorne, Gabe Romageura, Barry Crawford, Peggy Roe, Elise McLaughlin and Martin Green. Greg E

### SHIP'S STERN CIRCUIT SATURDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> SEPT

The Ship's Stern Circuit put on a wonderful display for nine lucky walkers from BCBC on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September.

First of all the weather was perfect - cool and sunny. Ballunjui Falls were in full flow thanks to the rain the previous day. The views were amazing; plentiful and varied and perfectly clear thanks to Friday's rain.

The most wonderful of the displays, however, was the wildflowers. We had our own *Carnival of Flowers* a week early! They were abundant and varied in colour – purple, white, yellow, green and red. Some of the most beautiful and plentiful were the orchids. Little purple Rock Orchids and cascades of King Orchids clung to rocks around some of the beautiful lookouts. The walkers were getting RSI from photographing wildflowers so frequently.

To top off the day we found a koala balancing in a gum tree in branches that were level with our view from the track. He watched us intently until we grew bored of photographing him and moved on.

The walk began at a good pace but our side trips to both Upper and Lower Ballunjui falls meant that we were too late for coffee at the end of the walk. The walk ended up taking seven hours but included morning tea and lunch and many stops to admire the views and the flowers.

Thank you to the energetic walkers who came along and experienced this beautiful day: Brenda & Dan Keough, Sofia Ramsay, Patty Taylor, Maria Keurich, Peter Constable, Phil Murray, Greg Rogers, Kerrianne Pearce and Robyn. Peggy Roe

# FOUND AFTER THE BARNEY MASS

A black Mountain Design jacket

and a black cap with a BP symbol

were found after the Barney Mass.

If these are yours, or you know who they belong to, please contact Desley on Ph: 33695530.

# **GREAT HIMALAYA TRAIL**

Very rarely do we get the chance to be a part of history in the making. But one such opportunity has come up for all keen bushwalkers and trekkers around the world. World Expeditions has organized the world's first commercial walk along the Nepal section of the Great Himalaya Trail departing in February 2011.

The Great Himalaya (GHT) is the longest and highest alpine walking track in the world winding 4500kms through the tallest mountain ranges and most isolated communities from Tibet to Pakistan. But it is the Nepal section (1700kms) that has now been mapped and we offer the first-ever range of commercial treks that will commence in February 2011.

The trail, which can be undertaken in one continuous trek of 151 days, will traverse the country from east to west. As most of us don't have this sort of time for our adventures, we've also crafted seven treks that will interlink to make up the full traverse. The beauty of each is that they all offer something completely different. Join one of the GHT treks (or the whole thing if you so desire).

Some of the world's top adventurers will be joining us along sections of the trail including Greg Mortimer, Stephen Venables and Great Himalaya Trail pioneer Robin Boustead.

We'll employ porters and support staff from the various regions, purchase our food goods from these villages. This is sustainable tourism in practice as it addresses wealth disparity and helps to reduce poverty. This is an opportunity to experience some of the least visited, most exciting hidden corners of Nepal where you will be struck with an authentic and awe inspiring experience as you enjoy the grandeur of the hidden corners of the Himalaya.

To find further information regarding this opportunity call your local World Expeditions office in Brisbane on 07 3003 0954 or email <u>valerie@worldexpeditions.com.au</u> and we will send you out a brochure.

We are also hosting a free information night September 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding this and other treks around the world - register on <u>www.worldexpeditions.com.au</u> if attending.

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# **BUSHWALKING Q'LD**

#### **BWQ President's Report - September 2010**

**1. AGM:** The Committee members were re-elected to their previous positions: President – John Marshall (BOSQ), Vice President – Desley Pedrazzini (BCBC), Secretary – Gavin Dale (GBC), Treasurer – Andrew Ryan (GBC), Assistant Sec. – Tom Hulse (BBW), Assistant Sec. – Robyn Cox (GCBC), and Webmaster – Rodney Bradey (TBC).

**2. Collaborative Management Group meeting:** BWQ met with Qld Parks & Wildlife on 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss issues of interest relating to bushwalking clubs. QPWS indicated that policy regarding abseiling and climbing activities in National Parks, bush camping party sizes and Group Activity Permits were all being reviewed. Also some information about the reopening of Mt. Beerwah, Stradbroke Island submissions, and a review of our Memorandum of Understanding with QPWS. Details are contained in the CMG minutes, accessible via the BWQ website.

**3. Pilgrimage 2010:** A very successful Pilgrimage was held at Crow's Nest Showground on 20/22<sup>nd</sup> August. Organised by Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club, the event enabled 127 members from 14 clubs to once again meet up to renew friendships and enjoy some great walking in the district. Clubs ranging from the Gold Coast to Bundaberg and Gladstone were there. A really great bush dance and sumptuous supper was held in the local RSL Hall, with music provided by the Band O' Coots.

A presidents meeting was held on the Sunday with 13 club presidents or representatives along with a large number of interested club members. The open discussion on a number of topics was beneficial in raising awareness of some of the issues facing clubs. The notes from the presidents meeting are available on the BWQ website.

Jason Stone from Toowoomba Bushwalkers has posted all the Pilgrimage walks on: <u>http://www.spirituality.net.au/bushwalk/pilgrimage/</u> Walk 8 – Lake Cressbrook and Walk 10 - Perseverance to Crows Nest Falls require Toowoomba Regional Council permission due to a local baiting program and possible Police weapons training on their land. These and other walks are also described in the guidebook "Bushwalks in the Toowoomba Region" by Neil McKilligan and Ian Savage. Contact the Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club: <u>secretary@toowoomba.bwq.org.au</u>

**4. Pilgrimage 2011:** Discussions are continuing with The Festival of the Walks committee in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. We are proposing to link up with this weeklong event next year to explore potential benefits for both parties. We could lead

some of their walks during the week and gain some publicity to boost club recruitment. The bushwalkers Pilgrimage would still be held for the clubs at the end of the week for club members only, with perhaps the bush dance being a public event.

**5. Track Maintenance Volunteers:** A first aid course was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> September for some of the volunteers who have registered for the track maintenance program with QPWS. It is a requirement that the work teams include people with current first aid certificates. Track

Any club members who are interested in participating in this program please contact the secretary and we can arrange a second induction. Initially, the BWQ volunteers will be doing routine maintenance on some of the more heavily used graded tracks in Lamington, such as clearing drains, track benching and painting of signs.

There may also be opportunities to link up with members of the Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club who are currently doing maintenance work on the Conondale Great Walk on a fortnightly basis.

**6.** Accidents: Anecdotal reports suggest the incidence of bushwalking accidents such as slips and falls is on the increase, due no doubt to changing conditions underfoot. The drought is over in most walking areas and mosses and soaks are re-appearing on the rocks and tracks. Please take care while bushwalking, use walking poles where necessary and perhaps consider upgrading your footwear.

7. Great Aussie Camp Out – 2011: Clubs are invited to participate in next year's nationwide GACO to be held on Saturday 15th October 2011. Clubs could take advantage of the publicity and organise a base camp as a recruitment exercise. Simply register your event on the QORF website: <u>http://www.qorf.org.au/</u>

**8.** Australian Walking Track Grading System: The national walking track grading system has been released for use by land managers, tour operators and user groups conducting organised walks. Over time, this could be beneficial to clubs by providing a public interface which aligns with their own grading system. For example, clubs could include the national walking track grading symbols (Grades 1 - 5) as part of their own club systems to enable new members to choose activities based on their previous experience.

The Discussion Paper and Users Guide can be downloaded from:

http://www.land.vic.gov.au/DSE/nrenrt.nsf/LinkView/D3EB770FE7869AD3CA25722 E0000208EE251BEF72F258AB04A2567BD00271F6B

Any enquiries or suggestions on any matter pertaining to BWQ or club activity, please contact BWQ by email: <u>secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au</u>

Website: www.bwq.org.au

John Marshall, President, Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

# THE FUTURE OF NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

Q'Id Parks & Wildlife has advised that public submissions on the future of (North) Stradbroke Island are now open. Sand mining will be phased out, and 80% of the island will become national park by 2027.

Apart from important nature conservation and recovery considerations, a wide range of recreational, cultural, tourist and nature based employment opportunities will also become available.

"Straddie" has been a favourite destination for bushwalkers for many years, and this will be a unique opportunity to suggest new walking tracks and bush campsites to complement and enhance the limited opportunities available to us on Stradbroke at present.

If the bushwalkers say nothing, the other recreational modes will get all the benefit!!

Bushwalkers are invited to participate, either individually or through the clubs, via this website link (which includes a map of the proposed tenure)

http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/stradbroke/index.html or by emailing BWQ at this address. secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au or by Mail to Bushwalking Qld. Inc. Stradbroke Submission GPO Box 1573 Brisbane Qld. 4001 BWQ will compile a submission on behalf of clubs.

John Marshall, Pres. BWQ

# **FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

fmrqld@gmail.com http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/

# **QUESTIONS RAISED ON A RECENT WALK**

a) Did the leader really look that dodgy that the Police stopped him as he got out of his car to start the walk - or where they looking for directions as the leader said

b) Who screwed the petrol cap on to the aforementioned police car?

c) Who wanted to know how many cc's the motorbike was

d) How may BCBC members have motorbike licences?

e) How many BCBC members can ride a motorbike?

f) Why do the grandchildren of one of our slightly more mature members think she used to ride a dinosaur to school?

g) Which two BCBC members, after starting to talk about Mt. Walker, realised they are probably related?

See the things you miss out on if you don't go walking!!!!!!!

# **EDITOR'S REPORT**

**ARTICLES:** Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Articles should be e-mailed to me at <u>endhouse@bigpond.net.au</u>. Please follow the "Jilalan Style Guide", which is on the Club web site <u>http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/JilalanStyleGuide.html</u>. If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092.

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

**#** The views expressed in Jilalan are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Management Committee of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.

**#** If you "borrow" any words or image from another source, please acknowledge that source – author, publication, issue, date, publisher.

# I need your articles on time – it makes it hard to still get articles when I should be formatting.

# Articles from this publication may be reproduced provided the source is acknowledged.

**#** Look at last month's Jilalan and copy that format – especially the "headings" in Comings

**#** Type your article as a Word document, then attach it to the e-mail. A4 please, not in Columns.

# Type Face is "Arial", Font Size is "12", though Date, Name of Event & Type are "14"

# HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower carpark. **VISITORS** are always welcome.

#### OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled if they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.
- (h) All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

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

http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html

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

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

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

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

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

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# THEOLOGY CORNER

#### Club Annual Mass and Dinner 2010 – Luke 2:16-19

There is very little said about Mary in the Gospels, but I suggest that after the Annunciation she would have been a bit cautious about what she had been told. You can imagine that in the weeks following Gabriel's visit Mary and Joseph would have become scripture scholars looking at the text about the Messiah. Perhaps they were unable to read and may have made discreet enquiries with the local Rabbi. These enquiries would have needed to be discreet, because the local community could have thought Mary was unstable.

Into her pregnancy Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who is close to giving birth to John The Baptist. It is at this point Mary says that great prayer - the Magnificat. I suggest that this prayer is the summation of months of Mary's thoughts and prayers through the early stage of her pregnancy. She would have noted how the physical evidence of her pregnancy confirmed what Gabriel had said and her life ahead would not be routine as God had introduced this extraordinary change to her life ... her Way. Deacon Russ