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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
Nov 16	BCBC Meeting & Photo Comp	Desley		Meet	
20	John Toohey Society – The Boardwalk	Phil			
21	Gheerulla Circuit Track				
29	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's	Graham		DW	
Dec 1	Movie Night – Stafford	Greg		DW	
1	FMR – Christmas Social River Walk	Michael		Soc	
11/15	Nadgee Nature Reserve	Desley		Soc	
12	Christmas Party	Michael		TW	
13	The Bridges of the Inner City	Jan&Russ		Soc	
Dec 18	John Toohey Soc (JTS) Cancelled	Barbara		SW	
18	Christmas Lights & Coffee Night				
20	Qld Museum & Chez Laila	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
21	BCBC Meeting	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
27	Post Boxing Day - Springbrook	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
Jan 2, 2010	Northbrook Gorge	Michele E	3351 4092	DW	S32
5	Movie Night – Stafford	Michele J	3353 2822	DW	M65
9	Murrarie to Bulimba	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
15	John Toohey Society – Story Bridge	Desley	3369 5530	DW	M23
16	Clem7 Tunnel Tour	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Coomera Circuit	Desley	3369 5530	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	DW	XL35
19	FMR Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
22/26	Northern NSW	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
23/24	Ravensbourne NP & Diamonds	Justin	3366 3193	BC	L44
26	Moran's Falls & Balancing Rock	Needed		BC	M44
27	Coffee Night – St Vinnies – Kangaroo Pt	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
28	FMR – Police Operations Centre visit	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
29	FMR – "Do you know Tasmania" Talk	Desley	3369 5530	FMR	
Feb 2	Movie Night – Stafford	Desley	3369 5530	TRN	
7	Greene's Falls to Love Creek Falls	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
14	Illinbah Circuit	Needed		DW	S55
15	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Greg	3351 4092	DW	M33
17	Ash Wed – Cathedral 5.10pm & Coffee	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
19	John Toohey Society – The Victory	Desley	3369 5530	Rit	
20	FMR – Condamine Gorge	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19/21	Border Ranges NP – Wiangaree	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
27	Obi Obi Gorge Lilo Trip	Needed		BC	S44
Mar 6	Fairfield to City	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
13/21	Great Ocean Road (Vic)	Beginner		DW	M23
14	Macleay Island	Desley	3369 5530	TW	XL35
20	Tallebudgera Creek	Maxine		DW	S11
27	Lower Portals to Upper Portals	Needed		DW	M56
27/28	Club Hut Feast & Club Hut Day Walk	Needed		DW	
Apr 2/5	New England NP – Easter	Jan	3374 3534	ON	S32
5	Paddy's Peak – Easter Monday	Needed		BC	M33
10	Rochedale to Burbank	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M44
10	FMR – Tibrogargan (Caves Route)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S22
17/18	National Camp Out Weekend, Lincoln Wreck BC & Lizard Point TW	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
24	Mt O'Reilly – Samford Valley	Michael	3351 3810	BC	S55
May 1/3	Sunshine Coast Great Walk	Michele	3353 2822	TW	M56
8	Bare Rock Evening Stroll	Needed		DW	S45
15/16	Savages Ridge	Needed		TW	L33
16	Yellowpinch Circuit	Justin	3366 3193	DW	S24
22	Annual Mass and Dinner	Needed		BC	M57
				DW	
				Soc	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

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

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

God,
Grant that peace may be established throughout the world
And that conflicts may be justly resolved.
May all settlements be realistic
And such, that future wars do not spring from them.
Help us to see that peace is a matter for all
Including us.
Amen

(Johnson 1986:104)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, here we are at the end of another year. It is the time to look back at 2009 to see what we did, what we did great, and what needs improvement. And to thank those who helped us along the way.

The one item on the agenda that everyone looks at is "health". How did your health and wellbeing go during the year? What did we do to our bodies – was it advantageous. Did we put on those few extra kilos? And to look forward to 2010. Now is the time for the New Year Resolutions. What can we do to improve our situation? How can we help others? How can we make the world a better place by us being here?

The same goes with our being part of a great little club like BCBC. What did I do for it in 2009? What can I do for it in 2010? How can I make BCBC a better place by my being here?

This year has ended with a whimper and not a bang. The last 12 months went smoothly without too many hiccoughs. It was all rather pleasant and quite.

2010 thus should be exciting, thrilling and rocking & rolling. BCBC has some pretty wild walks in the calendar – we let our hair down when planning. However, we need HELP. Look at the calendar – go on LOOK AT IT. See what I mean. Pure adrenaline. Also note that we are missing Leaders, a lot of Leaders. If the word “Needed” or “Beginner” is in the “Leader” column, we need YOU. Too bad for you that the hairy chested trips are already taken. That leaves the nice gentle strolls for the late comers. Too bad, but not too late. Talk to, ring, write to, or e-mail Michael to volunteer to lead. You will get support, help, mentoring and a book on Leading. Resolve to go on an extra two or three walks in 2010. Not many at all – but everyone counts. Surprise of surprised, try our Committee – you may surprise yourself. And a Happy and Holy Christmas season to all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at 19/10/09	\$1908.04
Plus Receipts	\$ 633.90
	\$2541.94
Less Payments	\$ 109.80
Balance at 19/10/09	\$2432.14
Term Deposit	\$2267.69

Congratulations to Paul Evans and Lorraine Chester who won first and second prizes respectively in our last raffle. Our final raffle for the year is a Christmas Raffle with the first prize being a 1.5kg Lions Traditional Christmas cake and the second a 400g Molloy's Plum Pudding. Both of these prizes were generously donated by Marian and Vince Arthur. Once again tickets are only a dollar each and you need to see me urgently to buy a ticket to be in the running to win one of these great prizes for Christmas.

Now, for some more good news: we have managed to get some more metal club badges and, even better news is that we will be selling them at \$5 each. Now's your chance to get one if you missed out on our first order. You may even like to buy yourself a spare.

Also, a reminder that we have some club T-shirts for sale at \$20 each.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all members and visitors. Terry

ABOUT PEOPLE

Jonas Bernatos, Roger Ford, Anne Iron, Laurie Kearney, Sofia Ramsay, Robyn Ross, Antonia Simpson, Barry Taylor and Martin Van Egmond are having birthdays in December – on different days this month.

The Club is thinking of Sue Murray, recovering from a recent operation.

Barry & Paddy Taylor have just returned from a ten day coach tour in beautiful Tasmania. Graham Glasse has just returned from a walking tour in New Zealand.

Peter Constable clocked up his third walk with us a visitor on Maria's Mt Mitchell walk. James & Mary Baxter clocked up their second recent walk as visitors on Graham's Gheerulla Circuit walk. James did Mount Barney with us a couple of years ago. Their daughter Jane also joined them on Graham's walk.

Congratulations to our latest new members, Wendy Nielsen, Helen Mees and Robyn Ross (who is a person in her own right & not “just” a “mother of”).

Simone & Sergio have had their 12 months in the Land of Oz, so their Study Visa will have expired. It is back to Brazil for them - Sorry to see you go. (Brazil – Terry Gilliam & Michael Palin – an odd movie!!!). At least we now have an address in South America (any mountains near home?)

Pam & Martin van Egmond have recently returned to Canada, from whence they came. There are elderly parents there to be considered. Hope both Martin & Pam can pick up soon. Both Simone & Sergio and Pam & Martin were at the JTS at The Story Bridge last January.

Recently the club has had enquiries from Gabriella Scacheri, Audrey Sexton, Kathleen Gurr, Jill Rogers and Caroline Berry.

ANNUAL REPORT

Michael S is putting together the Annual Report. He needs your articles. You have the e-mail already. All articles must be in to Michael by 31/12/2009.

If you have led a BCBC event – walk, social, anything else, and not done a report for Jilalan, you need to write a report for Michael – no Jilalan report and Michael can't pinch it. And you did not get an e-mail asking for an article for the AP.

e-mail your articles to him at michaelsimpson@optusnet.com.au

ELECTIONS ARE ON THE WAY

Start to think about what you will do for the Club in 2010.

You have ideas and opinions.

Be a mover & shaker, not a backroom whinger.

Only by being on Committee can you have an avenue to make changes – otherwise you have to go through someone else.
Let us have a change in 2010.

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>

EMERGENCY OFFICERS

There is always a discussion amongst newer Leaders as how to, and who to ask as Emergency Office on their outings.

The EO has to be an experienced BCBC Member.

The EO is the member who takes the names of persons on a Club trip going out that day. It is a safety initiative, so that someone other than the Leader knows who is on the outing and the contact details of each person and of their next of kin. The EO's role is very important.

Should the trip be delayed, lost or suffer an accident, the EO remains the contact person, but is not necessarily the person organising the rescue or help to the party. Someone else can do this type of leg work for the EO.

Remember Leaders, phone your list of names and contact numbers with rego numbers, as well as brief route details through to the EO. This is better done the day prior to the walk, with amendments phoned through on the day of the walk after you gather at Red Hill. Greg E

18th DECEMBER, FRIDAY THE BELMONT TAVERN JOHN TOOHEE SOCIETY

Event Cancelled

Just too many social events on in December!

18th DECEMBER, FRIDAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SOCIAL

Contact: Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193

Meet at: 1. Car Pooling Red Hill at 5:30pm
2. Belmont Tavern, 185 Belmont Rd Belmont/Tingalpa, It is in the shopping centre.

Time: 5.30pm at Red Hill if wanting a lift
6:00pm for dinner at the Tavern.
7:00pm for the lights.

RSVP: For Tea - Tuesday 15 December

Web: <http://www.4kqchristmaslights.com.au/>

Yes, we're off to the Southside this year to discover their lights. Don't panic Northsiders - we're only visiting.

After tea at the Belmont Tavern we'll head off to the bright lights and coffee. Who knows where; we're going somewhere

Come and join us.

20th DECEMBER, SUNDAY QLD MUSEUM & CHEZ LAILA SOCIAL

Contact: Liz Little Ph: 3356 4874

Meet: Queensland Museum at Southbank, cnr Melbourne and Grey Streets

Time: 4pm (Earlier if you want more than one hour here)

Cost: \$2 Club fee plus own meal. Museum entry is free

Web: <http://www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au/>

Emerg Off: Liz Little Ph: 0414 252 003

For a relaxing Sunday late afternoon and evening, why not join us for a fascinating browse through the Queensland Museum and then for an inexpensive meal by the river?

Some of the exhibitions at The Queensland Museum include information about Queensland's Vanishing Wildlife and a Spider Chart which provides a list of Queensland's more common species. We can learn about identifying snakes, what they eat, how they breed, their bites and venom. Queensland's Age of Dinosaurs includes some of the world's oldest evidence. We can also find out about Pandora's final voyage, and the remarkable history that surrounds it, the many styles of the famous 'Queenslander' and the work of Mrs Janet Walker, Brisbane's leading costumiers during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. For the history minded there is a display about the Mephisto, the last surviving German A7V Sturmpanzerwagen tank from the World War I (1914–1918).

When the museum closes at 5pm we will stroll along the river to Chez Laila, a favourite Lebanese restaurant. The meals are quite reasonably priced. When you add in the fabulous location, beside the river with a fabulous view of the city lights, the cost seems even more reasonable.

**21st DECEMBER, MONDAY
MONTHLY MEETING**

Contact: Desley Ph: 3369 5530
Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after
Where: St Michael's Parish, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)
Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

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. Come pay your 2010 subs. See your friends for the last time before Christmas. Wear something Red & White for the occasion.

Nominate to lead a 2010 outing.
Stay for supper.

**27th DECEMBER, SUNDAY
SPRINGBROOK
DAYWALK**

Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill @ 7.30am
Gwongorella Picnic Area @8.45am
for Gold Coast residents
Time: 7.30am
Cost: \$15 from Bne
\$3 from GC
Grade: S32
Location: Gold Coast Hinterland
Web: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/springbrook/index.html>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

This is about the first time this century that the Purlingbrook Falls Circuit Track has been open all the way. So you will have to come along. Anyway, you will escape the heat of summer in the cool deep green rainforest of the heights. This is the outer northern rim of the now extinct Mt Warning volcano. The sea breezes have eroded the solid basalt to make the deep gorges now filled with rushing water for us to view and appreciate. The constant erosion has created the rich red soil that rainforest thrives on. Come study the weather side, the lee side, the lowlands, what grows on the rock, what on the montane heath.

You all would have been driven by dad up to Springbrook when you were kids holidaying on the undeveloped Gold Coast. Remember the car journey in the old Vanguard or Morris, waiting while the motor cooled down, stopping for the picnic mum had prepared early that morning while

you kids were still asleep. And those "good old days" when Main Roads had the big boilers beside the road at popular spots so the picnickers and drivers could have a hot cuppa.

The Purlingbrook Falls Circuit Track (4km @ 2 ½ hrs) was blocked by a landslide some years ago after a cyclone. It remained a non-circuit until last month when the geotechnical survey was done and the hill above the track was stabilised. You will start at the top and work your way down to the falls. On the way, you will see the falls from afar. Soon after, you will be able to walk under the falls themselves, feeling the crystal clear water sliding off your hot sweaty limbs. Very refreshing. Then it is along the repaired track back to the top.

And there is more – we will not rest on our laurels. This is not the only track up there. We will drive to the other tracks to complete our day trip to this wonderland. Twin Falls is another 4km track, and there is even the partially open Warrie Circuit (Conditions Apply).

Come along on this post Boxing Day daywalk. Before the next cyclone wipes out the Circuit again.

**2nd JANUARY 2010, SATURDAY
NORTHBROOK GORGE
DAYWALK**

Leader: Michele Johns Ph: 3353 2822
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 7.00 am
Cost: \$12
Grading: M65
Location: Northbrook Gorge on Mt Glorious
Web: <http://www.swiss.org.au/event.php?ID=890>
Emerg Off: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765

The walk commences at Lawton Road off Mt Glorious Road, where we will walk for about 2km. From Lawton Rd we will turn onto a rough walking track following a ridge. This will lead us down onto a scenic rocky outcrop, Eagles Nest, where we will have a short morning tea break and take in the views. The party will then descend very steeply down a loose gravelly track dropping down into The Gorge.

Northbrook Gorge is quite lush & green, and depending on how much rain we have had leading up to this walk, there maybe very little or lots of water in the gorges. As we descend along the creek, we will encounter some compulsory swimming and there will be some easy scrambling required to get through. We plan to have lunch near the last swimming hole where we will be able to dry off a little before we reach the cars. The walk out after completing the swimming is an easy

scramble through to waiting cars at the other side of Mt Glorious.

This walk does require some scrambling, is off-track, but not too difficult. My co-leader for the walk is a very experienced bushwalker who has done this walk many times. Essential for the walk will be shoes which when wet don't act like 'anchors' and a heavy duty garbage bag or similar to waterproof gear in your daypack and of course being able to swim.

This is an excellent way to beat the Brisbane heat and enjoy some of South East Queensland's natural beauty but only about 25km from the city.

A car shuffle is required where we will drive the cars to the finish of the walk.

After the walk we will have ample time to stop for coffee on the way home at Mt Glorious.

(Ed note: The non-swimmers among us can be catered for by bringing inflatable lilos to inflate and float through the long ponds.) Michele Johns

5th JANUARY, TUESDAY MOVIE NIGHT STAFFORD CINEMAS

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Where: Stafford 10 Cinemas – Stafford City Shopping Centre,

Meet at: The Food Court, just outside the Cinema entrance

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$12.00 (movie only)

Web: <http://www.a-m-c.com.au/>

Location: Stafford Rd between Webster Rd & Windorah St

Visitors & New Members please ring first to find out how to recognise us when you arrive at the cinema. If you are new, ask people milling around the Food Court if they are with BCBC. We look no different to normal humans. Some will even be in Fasta Pasta having a pseudo Italian meal.

This is a very informal event where nomination is not necessary. Simply turn up if you want, have dinner if you want, see whatever movie you want. Have coffee afterwards if you want. As a result, we do not know who is coming & how many, or at what time!!!

The link below contains a map of the centre.

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

The costs at Stafford City are similar if not cheaper as you can get a movie meal deal for around \$20. So come along.

9th JANUARY, SATURDAY MURRARIE TO HAWTHORNE DAYWALK

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530

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

Time: 8am

Cost: \$3 plus fares (Translink fares are increasing on 4 Jan 2010 – please. check with me closer to the walk for the correct prices, Murrarie is in Zone 3)

Grade: M23

Location: The open wetlands of Southern Moreton Bay to the leafy older Brisbane suburbs

Web: <http://www.ourbrisbane.com/suburbs/local-guide-23>

Emerg Off: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638

This is a combination of two walks in the recently released "Brisbane's Best Bush, Bay & City Walks" book and is approx 12 k in length.

The plan is to meet at Red Hill and walk to Roma Street Railway Station and catch the train to Murrarie. From there we walk to the wetland boardwalk and viewing platform near the Gateway Bridge for good views of the river and hopefully many different species of birds and even some turtles.

Then on through the suburbs of Balmoral, Bulimba and Hawthorne past many old homes and both river and city views. We will catch the ferry back to the city and if we are still feeling energetic, walk back to Red Hill – or catch the bus to round off the day by using all the available means of transport, foot, train, ferry and bus.

Lunch will be in a park, but you will be able to buy food as we pass through Bulimba. If you wish to join us along the way, please let me know.

Please join me for an interesting day. Desley

15th JANUARY, FRIDAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY The STORY BRIDGE HOTEL

Leader: Phil the Elder Ph: 0413 307 580

Where: The Story Bridge Hotel, Main St, Kangaroo Pt. (Right under the Bridge itself.)

Time: Anytime from 4pm till 8pm.

What for: A relaxing chat, a drink or two, a meal & to enjoy good company in nice surroundings.

Web: <http://www.storybridgehotel.com.au/>

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Once a month, we meet informally for a drink and dinner. The venue changes each month, but is always an inner city watering hole. Some are crowded, some are noisy, some are full of yuppies, but The Story Bridge is just perfect. There is a nice atmosphere, nice surroundings, good mixed patrons around us, good fast service, reasonably priced drinks, and you are directly under The Bridge. Look up, and there is the roadway. But no noise from it.

We gather in the Outback bar, which strangely, is out at the back. There are the rustic looking tables and chairs – with the occasional beet barrel acting as a table. If you were there last year at the same time for Phil K's going away celebration (Greg, wrong choice of words), you will remember how good it was.

Transport is by ferry to Holman St from Riverside, or parking in the nearby streets, though driving is not recommended. There is the rare bus that stops nearby but it's very unreliable, get the train & ferry combo – cheap on a go-card.

Bring along recent photos, stories, holiday plans, holiday photos, a friend, a camera, one of Tiger's special friends – anything to create a discussion.

It is not a swill, a pissup, or debauchery – it is just friends meeting in a relaxing atmosphere for a few hours and mixing ideas. If you work in the 'burbs, still come along – it is possible to arrive after six past mired rum and still enjoy each other's company.

Try it, you will enjoy it and maybe even come again.

16th JANUARY, SATURDAY TOUR OF THE CLEM7 TUNNEL SOCIAL

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530
RSVP: by Monday 4th Jan & is essential
Meet at: King George Sq Busway Station
Time: 2pm
Cost: Unknown at time of printing
Location: Under Brisbane
Web: www.clem7.com.au
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Here is a unique opportunity to beet your mates at something finally – one upmanship at its best. Come along on this magical mystery tour of Brisbane's latest child - and not to pay a dreaded toll.

The tour will take over an hour, will go through the tunnel, will go under the River, and you will get to see history in the making. Work underground has not finished and this is still a workplace, so you will

get to see some pretty gig machines, though the tunnel boring machines have gone home to sleep after all their hard work.

You will have to wear closed in shoes, not have a fear of enclosed places, and be able to carry a 5kg respirator if necessary. No hands outside of the bus please.

Because of the price of the trolls, this may be your only trip though the Clem7.

As this tour will be very popular, I would like to get in early & book our date & time. Buses will be limited, so we must get in early. Bookings at the time of reading have been open for 2 weeks, so I need numbers. Once I have the basic numbers, I can try to add more later, so do not be disappointed if you make your decision after 4th Jan – give me a call any time up to 13th Jan. If you book & then cannot come, let me know as soon as possible since I will have a waiting list so can give your seat to someone else.

17th JANUARY, SUNDAY COOMERA CIRCUIT DAYWALK

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill
Time: 7am from Brisbane, 8.45am at BB for Gold Coast residents
Grade: EX35
Cost: \$20, but if doing both this one and Illinbah Cct next month, a discount combined price of \$35 instead of \$40

Location: Binna Burra

Web: <http://epa.qld.gov.au/register/p02949aa.pdf>

Emerg Off: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638

This is the top half of my Illinbah Circuit that I am leading on Sunday 14th February, ~~1966~~ 2007. Illinbah is on the Coomera Creek below Binna Burra, and Coomera Circuit is along the creek above Binna Burra – the Book Ends walks, with Coomera Gorge being held up in the middle.

Coomera Cct is the ideal hot humid summer walk as it is totally in rainforest, and the first half is beside a babbling rolling bubbly creek – just the coolness and sight you want to see in our long hot summer. There are waterfalls and cascades at every turn – it is not unreasonable to say there is one always in view. There are so many, water just falls over rainforest banks into the creek. Be prepares for about 18 crossings of the creek though, and depending how much water there is in the creek at the time, you might get your boots wet. (No taking shoes off as it wastes too much time with so many crossings)

This one is even better than the Waterfall Circuit at O'Reilly's. If it is wet on the day, all the falls will be far better, though the creek crossings will be more difficult. Come along for a great day's walking.

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MONTHLY MEETING**

Contact: Desley Ph: 3369 5530

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

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

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Stay for supper. Bring those holiday snaps.

**23/24th JANUARY, SAT/SUNDAY
RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK &
The VALLEY of the DIAMONDS
BASECAMP**

Leader: Needed

Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill

Time: 7am

Cost: \$20 + Camp Fees

Grading: M44

Location: North of Toowoomba, between Crow's Nest and Esk,

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

AND: http://epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/parks/ravenbourne_national_park.html

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

This is an area where we have not been to for years. It is a different sort of country, with little creeks, mini gorges, rock slabs and boulders all in open eucalypt country, with some unusual vegetation thrown in to boot. It is too far to go for a day walk, so we have programmed it as a basecamp.

There is a handful of graded tracks to keep us entertained and on course, with the amazing lack of rain of recent times, I suspect there will not be much opportunity for swimming.

Come along for this rare opportunity to visit this out of the way location. More in the next Jilalan

26th JANUARY, TUESDAY

OZ DAY

**MORAN'S FALLS and CASTLE CRAIG
DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580,
bigrivers@optusnet.com.au

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

Time: 6:00am, Meeting place & time to be determined for Gold Coast people

Grade: M 33

Distance: approx 11kms the full trip, Moran's Falls trip about 8kms

Cost: \$15.00, \$7 for Gold Coast people

Location: O'Reilly's end of Lamington

Web: <http://epa.qld.gov.au/register/p02948aa.pdf>

Emerg Off: Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

Join me on an easy graded track walk at O'Reilly's to celebrate Australia Day. I want to be able to stay on graded tracks for most of the day and I want to do a circuit of the cliff lines around Moran's Greek gorge. So we will have a quick trip down to Python Rock for morning tea. Then back to the road, then down to Moran's Falls for an early lunch. Make sure you bring your mug for billy tea and lamingtons.

After lunch we will wander out to Balancing Rock and for those who have a head for heights and are good on rock we will traipse out to Castle Crag. We will then return to O'Reilly's.

There are 2 reasons for this trip.

an easy summer trip in the shade.

a reminder of the Club's history - the Club's

first official trip was a trip to O'Reilly's on the Australia Day weekend in 1958.

Phil

27th JANUARY, WEDNESDAY

COFFEE NIGHT

**St Vincent de Paul Donation
SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: The Rotunda, Kangaroo Pt, River Tce, near the junction with Leopold

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$5

Web: <http://www.vinnies.org.au/services-national?link=164>

Emerg Off: Greg E Ph: 0418 122 995

This is our once a year fundraising social for a good cause – St Vinnies. The tradition commenced years ago in the dim past of the Club. All takings from this event are donated to the local St Michael's St Vinnies Chapter. All food and drink is donated by the Club or members, thus all the

income goes directly to the charity. All the more reason to come along.

BCBC will provide the coffee, tea, hot water and milk, everyone who comes along will provide the goodies – biscuits, cakes, buns, chocolate, and more. (But no steak knives.)

The Rotunda is the round covered thingee on the bend of the River at Woolloongabba – just where the Units disappear and the cliffs start. There is shelter from rain – if it is ever going to rain again.

Come along to enjoy the excellent company of your friends in jovial company at one of the best settings in Brisbane – on the River overlooking the lights of the City.

JANUARY 28th, THURSDAY VISIT POLICE OPS CENTRE FMR TRAINING

Leader: FMR

Meet at: Police Headqtrs, 200 Roma St, City

Time: 8pm

Cost: Nil

Web: <http://www.fmrqld.bwq.org.au/train.html>

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/Resources/Internet/aboutUs/documents/tourBrochure.pdf>

This is a beginners FMR training evening. You will be escorted through the HQ building to the Communications Centre. This is where the Triple Zero calls are taken by the police. You will get to see the Centre in operation as it is "live" 24 hours a day. It will be explained to you what the process is when they receive a call about someone lost while out walking in the bush. You will be able to follow the police procedure from the time the call is taken in the Centre till an Officer drives out bush to start looking for you. Find out what questions they ask the caller – what info they really want.

Come along for an interesting evening. Will be the only occasion you will ever get to be in there. It is open to anyone to attend this evening.

30th JANUARY, SATURDAY BLUE MOON SOCIAL

The Blue Moon is real – not an old wives tail. It exists, look up the US Navy Astronomical site! A "Blue Moon" is when a full moon occurs twice in the same month. The moon operates on a 28 day cycle, so if a full moon is at the start of a month there will be one at the end also.

January is one of only two for 2010 – the other is March.

<http://www.ga.gov.au/geodesy/astro/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_moon

How about we let our hair down on the 30th, howl with delight that some kind Member has organised a party on this date.

JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

REVISED 2010 ITINERARY

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tooheys_Brewery

Jan 15 th	Storey Bridge Hotel
Feb 12 th	The Victory
March 19 th	None - fasting due to Lent
April 16 th	Irish Club – Tara Room
May 21 st	The Fox South Brisbane
June 18 th	The Tank
July 16 th	Theodore Club
Aug 20 th	The Hilton
Sept 17 th	Premier's Bar Treasury Casino
Oct 15 th	The German Club
Nov 19 th	The Coffee Club at Riverside
Dec 17 th	The Sofitel

FROM: WILLIE HAYES

Sent: Thu, 26 November, 2009

Subject: Greetings from a flood Emerald Isle

Warmest greetings to Secretary Jan, Greg, Phil Murray, and all the club members from an almost submerged Emerald Isle, enduring the heaviest floods in living memory.

Great hardship and near catastrophe, hitting towns along the great Shannon River system and some city ports, such as Cork. Very little flood damage here in Roscrea in the south midlands, where there are no major rivers.

I'm keeping very well, thank God, but will have to wait until some drier weather comes to venture forth for hill walks.

I was very interested to read about the St William's Shopping Social in Keperra. I used to know that parish well in the early 60s, when my brother Pat and family lived there. That was in the time that St William's Parish was starting up, and Fr Brian Daley was parish priest. I knew him well. I suppose the Daley Centre is named after him. We had a few club bushwalking events out in that area in those times.

Were there many takers for the Christmas Island experience? Also the Cooloola Wilderness Trail must have been a really hefty one, and great experience. I would love to have experienced the Sausage Sizzle on the Brisbane Valley Railway Trail morning.

A happy, blessed and greatly enjoyable Christmas to all members,

Willie Hayes

<http://www.heritagetowns.com/roscrea.shtml>

PAST EVENTS

HISTORICAL SOCIAL EVENT AT THE IRISH CLUB

Our club was asked to join the Historical Society monthly social talk held at the Irish Club in Elizabeth Street. With typical generous help from many of our members, we were able to present many treasured items of interest to cover the past 50 years.

There was a good attendance of around 30 historical society and BCBC members. We gave a brief story of our early days in forming our bushwalking club. From its first walk at the Glasshouse Mts to the forming of the first Committee and the many walks and social events that were to follow.

Some of our foundation members were present including Marian & Vince Arthur, Maria & Merv Galvin, Pat Lawton who shared their experiences of the early walks and adventures in the club. Pat's albums spanning over 50 years of walking were of great interest along with early Jilalans, Baranis. Desley showed a video of some adventures and walks in the 70's and 80's, with a few familiar faces in the video.

Thanks to all who contributed to the evening and to the Historical Society and Sister Geniveve for inviting us.

The M^t BARNEY MASS

Once again the club celebrated our priceless heritage of an outdoor Mass on the top of Mt Barney. The mass is held every Exhibition Wednesday. This year was the 49th Barney Mass. This year there were 28 people in attendance.

It was a lovely day. Rather than do our traditional greeting with everyone at the start of the walk I was keen to get people moving as soon as possible – so as soon as people were ready to go they were ushered on their way as it is a long day. The keen and eager did South East Ridge and the late comers did Bushwalkers Ridge (aka Peasants Ridge). I took on the role of tail end charlie and accompanied Russ & Jan Nelson and Fr Francis on the way up,

I had a lovely conversation with FR Francis about his number one love, soccer. Every time we caught the groups just in front of us they quickly pushed on. Anyhow we got to the saddle by about noon. The people doing South East got to the Mass site about one pm. We quickly did the "circle" where we introduced ourselves. Fr Francis of Kenmore Parish celebrated Mass for us. He

gave a lovely homily – it was along the lines of God gives us so many gifts to enjoy in life but sometimes he places them on top of mountains which means a bit of pain and suffering to get them. The question is why does God sometimes make things hard for us and he left it up to us to provide our own individual answers.

It was a very special day just brilliant sunny weather until the storm started to come in from the west. I thought we'd all get back down to the cars before we got any rain but we only just managed to get past the rock slabs when it started. Thankfully it only rained hard for about 3 minutes then it merely drizzled for another 30 minutes or so. It has hardly rained since. Brisbane has been going through a shocker of a drought.

The analysis of walkers as regards members versus visitors was mainly members. Members, members kids, former member & priest – 23 compared to visitors – 5 : Total = 28

Terry Silk had a deflating experience at the end of the walk with 2 flat tyres. He had a bit of mucking around on the Monday to get it sorted out. A special thank you goes to Joe Tottenham who was able to assist Terry on the Monday.

Next year is the 50th Anniversary of the Barney Mass and the plans are well advanced to have a special celebration but not on top of the mountain. Rather we plan to have the Mass at Larkin's campsite at the base of the mountain and therefore enable many former members to participate in this special celebration of the club's history. I believe plans are in place for Archbishop Bathersby to celebrate this special Mass for us.

The walkers on the trip were

Mezzanine Ridge 1 walker - Malcolm Hill.

Bushwalkers Ridge (to give it its former and proper name) 17 walkers - Phil Murray, Greg & Lucy Endicott, Liz Little, Russ & Jan Nelson, Fr Francis Onwunali, Lyn Lucas, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos, Marie Gregory, Lawrie & Thea & Esther Kearney, Joe Tottenham, Di Thornthwaite & Nicole Dodson.

South East Ridge (also known as Cunningham's Ridge) – 10 walkers - Kerriane Pearce, John Bigg, Terry Silk, John Blumke, Justin Tobin, Mary Tobin, Christine Harrison, Karen Fredericks, Ivan Mort & John Carter. Phil

PEASANTS RIDGE

Most of us drove down on the morning of Exhibition Wednesday and met at the Yellowpinch picnic area. We sorted ourselves out and left in small groups. Fifteen did Peasant's (South) Ridge, nine did South-East and one did Mezzanine. As a

first timer, Fr Francis Onawali of Kenmore Parish went up Peasant's. The day started out fine, though a bit cool. Water was over the crossing at Cronin's. The walk in on the flat was uneventful. We had the usual good views of the southern ridges of Barney, including the 3 ridges being climbed. A good photo spot.

As we started the climb up Peasant's, the terrain sorted the men/women out from the boys/girls. We split up into numerous little groupings. The younger ones raced to the front while the Life Members brought up the rear. We used Mt Lindsay as our measuring stick – the higher we got the more we could see of it above Ernest. Fr Francis was used to flatter terrain so was finding it a bit hard – having a football injured knee did not help him.

Views were clear and as good as usual, with many little lookouts along the way. There appeared to be less use of the ridge now as the side paths had all but disappeared and the main track was a bit overgrown in places. The two novices at the front had some decisions to make as to the way forward. As one group caught up to the one in front, the lead party would move on! We encountered a few groups descending.

Eventually, we reached the old Uni Hut site, and ate our lunches. The (younger) fitter members shot on to the top of East Peak – just for the fun of it. The remainder made our way across to the Mass Site on the side of East Peak. It was found without too much difficulty. Where was the other half of our party – those who went to the top? Soon, we were seeing the South-East party making their way down, now combined with the rest of our group. Father set the altar up, Jan handed out the hymn sheets, and we all sat on our little piece of rock in preparation for the start of Mass. Fr Francis gave a lovely homily for someone new to Australia, had never met BCBC and never climbed a mountain before.

After Mass, we made our way down the creek to the hut site, then up through Rum Jungle to the saddle, and all made their way down Peasant's, soon splitting up again into little groups. As the last of us approached the bottom, thunder could be heard rolling in from the west, lightening flashed and we were in for it. However, the storm passed the other side of Barney – we had the light show and not much rain.

Thanks to Fr Francis for coming along, the members and visitors for attending, the good conversation and humour on the day, and for the majestic surrounding for such a Mass.

Those attending the Peasant's walk: Phil Murray, Greg & Lucy Endicott, Liz Little, John Blumke, J. & Russ Nelson, Fr Francis, Pat Lawton, John Bernatos, Marie Gregory, and Lawrie & Thea Ester Kearney. Malcolm Hill did Mezzanine.



SOUTH-EAST RIDGE

Months after the event, I have been persuaded to write an article for the magazine. Unfortunately my memory is not what it used to be and so, the following is the best that I can recall.

On the whole the track seems to be more defined than it used to be - possibly due to our prolonged dry spell and the number of people using the route. It was good to see some colourful wildflowers on the climb. As usual the views were quite spectacular. There was a little bit of smoke from some controlled fires which the rangers were conducting.

We made quite good time on the climb with a few rest breaks along the way. Surprisingly, we managed to stay pretty much together considering my past experiences on South East with J. C. (Surely he is not slowing down in his "old age"!) Young Mary was doing South East for the first time and proved that she is indeed from good stock by comfortably taking it in her small stride. Karen was another South East first timer who was naturally quite pleased with herself when she made it to the top of East Peak. Even though Kerriane was not feeling one hundred percent

she gamely soldiered on to the Mass site where a rest and some food helped her recover.

Not long after our arrival on the top we were joined by a few people who had come up the South Ridge, and so we knew not to delay our scramble down to the Mass site where Father Francis celebrated a rather moving mass. After Mass it was the usual stampede down Peasants (South Ridge) back to the cars with most of us arriving while it was still daylight.

Thanks to those who joined me on the ascent of South-East:- John Bigg, John Carter, Karen Frederiks, Christine Harrison, Lynn Lucas, Kerianne Pearce and Justin & Mary Tobin. Christine is a past member and it was a pleasure walking with her again and observing that she is still a good walker. Regards, Terry Silk.

**MOUNT MOON
VIA THE GORGE
SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST
PILGRIMAGE DAYWALK**

We set off from the pilgrimage camp site with two cars (4 in each) for the half hour drive to the start. A beautiful day ahead apart from the forecast of 30 degrees.

The walk across the farmland was straight forward and then it was follow the ridge on the left to a rocky outcrop offering good views of the gorge. Down the other side, through some lantana at the bottom and then up into the gorge.

Three nice things about the gorge: 1: there was plenty of shade for the day was starting to warm up; 2: as cool air sinks all the cool air from higher up was gathering in the gorge and slowly making its way down – natural air con and; 3: it was much easier going up the gorge than during the pre-outing a month before when the track through the lantana was made – a time consuming and blood-letting task.

Including morning tea it took about an hour and a half to get up to the top of the gorge. Veer left at the cliff line and follow the slope up to the saddle between the south (727) and north (784) summit. Nice views, a bit of a rest and a breeze. Lil (BOSQ) had a backwards fall on the way up and landed heavily on her hip. We had a rest a suggested leaving the packs at the saddle so she could either rest there or leave her pack there and come with us to the top. She chose neither and carried her pack all the way. The north peak offered interesting views of the lesser seen side of Mt. Greville – the long sloping southern face deeply cut with the two major gorges.

Lunch back at the saddle, then the easier walk to the south peak and from there down the western ridge back to the cars. Sounds easy when written like that but it is a long ridge with lots of loose rocks and almost scree. there are a couple of ridges to choose to the left takes one further away from the cars and to the right has a few too many outcrops to navigate and perhaps backtrack from. A tumble on the way down and a bit of skin dislodged and bit of patching up to do on Muriel (QBW) but the long slog continued. It seemed shorter on the way up – even the grassy plain that we crossed on the way there seemed to take only a few minutes but dragged and dragged on the way back. Strange!

It was a good day with fine company so many thanks to Ralph (BBW), Gill and Muriel (QBW), Lil (BOSQ), Bill (GCBW), Robin (LBBW) and Ian (TBW). Also many thanks to Mr Tobin and Allan Cox (BOSC) for their assistance on the pre-outing and you all for awaiting patiently for this report. Joe

BOTANIC GARDENS

Once everyone had arrived at the Herbarium to see the Fr Scaloppini plant display at the Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha, we moved off into the actual Gardens. The group followed the circular drive in a clockwise direction.

The display of horticulture is in zones, with arid, temperate and tropical split across the park. Special features are the arid zone display of cacti, and the misty tropical dome. Both are separate to the main gardens and explain what makes the variety.

Moving along the road, you come into other side tracks, one of which is a sort of competition of "find the plant" – most interesting. At this point we came across a happy couple having their wedding. At the next grassy areas, we bumped into Vic & Cheryl - Viv was in a performing band for the International Peace Day celebrations. Later on we came across the Japanese Tea Ceremony. Then off into the temperate forest. This lead us upwards, forever upwards to the lookout pavilion. From here, one could look out to the inner city and points all around. All very nice, especially as there was shade and a water fountain.

Around the corner was the old quarry now turned into the Australian plant showcase. Every climate type and almost every variety of Australian plant was on display here. We walked right up to the very top of the track system, then down again to the pond where the swampy types were planted. All of this was very edifying and well presented. To

a bushwalker, it explained a lot about what we mainly walk through without a second glance.

Then we took the express track back to the entrance to go through the lively, if a bit dry, rainforest at the park's entrance. A stop at the cafeteria for a final cuppa was called for before we went to find our cars lost in the wilderness of the Bardon suburban streets. A truly great day where our bushwalking was enlightened by this wonderful display of our native vegetation. We will have to do a Planetarium visit soon to have the night sky explained to us. Greg E

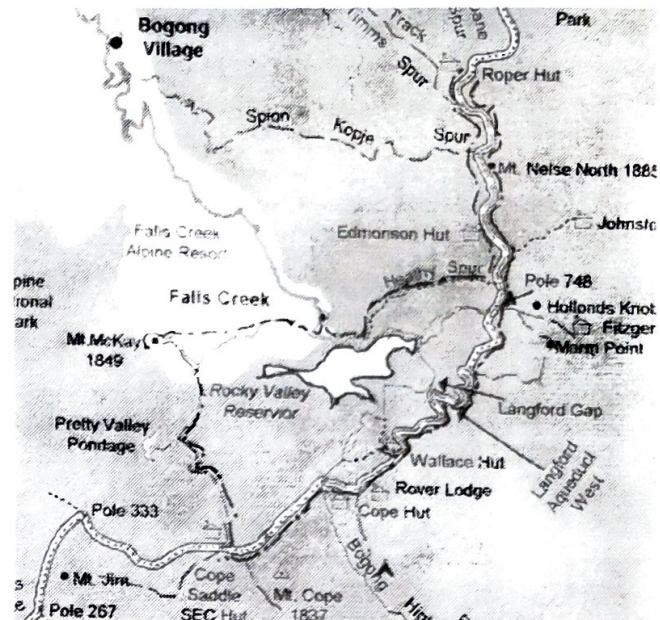
DRIFTING ON THE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS THE CUP WEEKEND WALK IN THE VICTORIA ALPS

This was a walk with our sister Club from Melbourne - the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria. As our southern friends get the Tuesday off for a silly race it seems too good an opportunity to take a 4 day break and head for the hills - and we headed to the Bogong High Plains. When Tom told me the trip this year was on the Bogong High Plains I was rapt as I thought I would get to visit Mt Bogong the highest mountain in Victoria. but alas, for some geographical anomaly, Mt Bogong is not part of the Bogong High Plains. it lies about 10 kilometres to the north. The trip we did was probably better with more views and more huts and less steep bits.

At the end of the day it was only an easy to medium throughwalk not a hard trip like that Tom initially planned (thank goodness) as we didn't do the long slog up the Spion Kopje fire trail on the first morning. (the equivalent of climbing South East Ridge on Mt Barney.) I was very pleased that he took the easier option. He had received a few requests to moderate the walk.

The weather was excellent for the first 3 days. We got a spot of rain on the last day. It made the other days that more memorable because of the good luck with the weather for the first 3 days.

The party had eight eager walkers including the Club's President Rob Giebels and Vice President Bernie O'Shea; both of whom originally came from Brisbane and both are old boys of St Laurence's. We left Melbourne about 1pm on Friday afternoon and got to Mt Beauty about 6pm and spent the first night in a caravan park at Tawonga. Saturday was a bright and clear day and we zipped up the long and winding drive up the mountain to Falls Creek.



Australian Alps Walking Track - Map Guide - Map 6

Australian Alps Liaison Committee, 2009

<http://www.australionalps.environment.gov.au/walkingtrack/map-guide.html>

Day 1 - was Windy Corner (at the Falls Creek resort) to Roper's Hut via the Heathy Spur track and then along the Alpine Walking Track (AWT) to Roper's Hut. Lots of water streams on the Heathy Spur track. We had a quick detour to Mt Nelse (Central) to enjoy the views. There was a huge thunderstorm just to the east of us but thankfully it skirted around us. Lots of snow drifts on Spion Kopje Spur and Mt Bogong. Mt Bogong looked tremendous covered in snow drifts - perhaps 50% snow coverage. Days Distance 17 km?? Walking time from 10.25 to 4pm. Harry also was keen to keep walking and took a quick trip down the Duane Spur to have a wash. Only took 4 hours. But he got back just before dark. Roper's Hut was very nifty. It was burnt down in the 2003 fires and was re-built just this year. Tom wanted to visit this rebuilt hut and this was the prime reason for doing the trip this year. It was a lovely little hut with nice benches to sit or sleep on. Harry slept in the Hut the rest of us slept in tents.

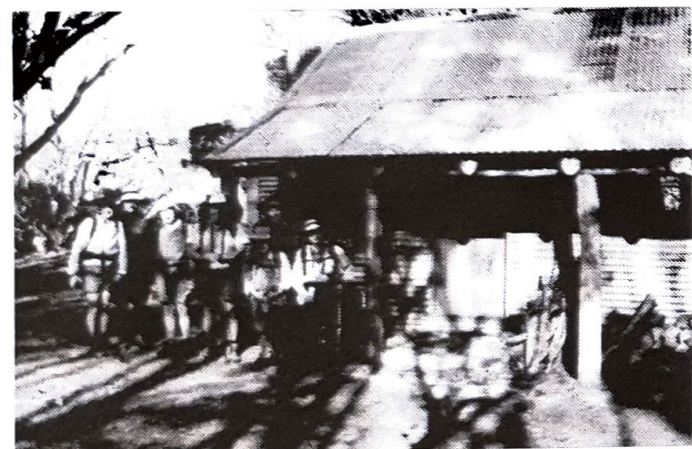
Day 2 - was Roper's Hut to Wallace's hut via the AWT and the Langford Aqueduct track. We initially backtracked our walk from the day before. We had a quick detour to Mt Nelse North, which is the third highest mountain in Victoria. Good views of The Pilot and the Cobberas in the distance - brought back fond memories of last year's trip. You could clearly make out the snow drifts on Kosciusko in the distance.

We had a quick detour to see Edmondson's Hut. A lovely little hut amongst the snow gums. Then back to the AWT and crested a little hill and then had superb views looking back over Rocky Creek.

Dam to Mt Feathertop in the distance. There were so many little peaks in the distance and all with flecks of white snow to highlight them in the morning sun.

We then reached the Langford Aqueduct. I had heard a little bit about it but it was still a bit odd to find a lovely man made creek on top of the mountain. the creek was about 6 feet wide and 3 feet deep with beautiful crystal clear water gently flowing along. There was a fire trail beside the aqueduct and it made for very easy walking. The aqueducts are actually part of a mini snowy mountains scheme – it is part of hydro electricity scheme where the water is channelled from the southern side of the mountain to the northern side to make electricity for the Victorian electricity authority.

Wallace's Hut is a very picturesque hut built in 1908; it is now heritage listed but I wouldn't want to stay it. Another highlight of the day was when we got to Wallace's hut there was a group of people there on a picnic walk - turned out they were the Swiss Club of Victoria's "Yodel Choir". And one of our group asked them to sing for us as we were in the mountains. Well they did and it was just fantastic. We were then invaded by a group of Monash University students who were doing a six day walk as part of one of their assignments. A similar program to the people we met at Blair Hut 3 years ago. Days Distance approx 15km. Walking times from 8.30 to 3.00.



Day 3 - was Wallace's Hut to Pretty Valley Hut via Cope Saddle Hut. This was a special day. Not a cloud in the sky and hardly any wind. First stop was the Rover's Hut then Cope Hut. A great place to stay sometime. Then across the Bogong High Plains. A very special place - hardly any trees and views for miles to snow spotted hills in the distance. We stopped beside a little stream about 10am to soak up the magic of the place. then Janet noticed an echidna walking about 10m from us. We got some quick photos. It was time to move on. Harry and Allan did a quick detour to Mt

Cope (they said the views were great). We then made it across the plains to the Cope Saddle Hut. We started morning tea then Rob wanted to visit the Ryder's Yards Hut. And the group of 5 went for a quick 40 minute walk for a quick visit - they took 1 hour 30 minutes for the quick walk. I stayed with the packs as I had very sore feet. The group came back and Harry and Allan caught up after their detour. Very austere across Pretty Valley. I just loved it – it was like walking across a small section of windswept Tundra but it was in Australia complete with a wild brumby in the distance. Then on to the hut near Pretty Valley Pondage and camped the night. A short day probably about 14kms – walking from 8.25 to 2.45. We had an early dinner then did a quick walk down to the dam. That night the wind was blowing a gale, it just howled all night.

Day 4 - Pretty Valley to Windy Corner. The weather had turned and was looking very ominous with howling winds. Did a quick trip up to Mt Mackay and enjoyed views of Feathertop, Fainters Buffalo etc. Brought back memories of the Fainters trip in 2006. The wind was howling the sky was a bluey black and it was race to see how far back to Windy Corner we could get before the rain came. Well we got back at least half way and the rain was a light drizzle but at least the rain came from behind us. Back to the cars by 10.45. Distance approx 9kms walking times from 8.05 to 10.45. Then down to Mt Beauty for a relaxing lunch. Back in Melbourne by about 6pm.



Crossing the snow drift on the bogong high plains

It was a very easy trip, with views for miles as we above the tree line for most of the trip. The area lends itself to doing a basecamp and doing lots of daywalks as many of the places we visited were only a kilometre or so from the roads. Also, the guys kept talking about their winter trips here when they do cross country skiing – a sport I would highly recommend.

The guys in my car weren't all interested in stopping for the Melbourne Cup so I didn't find out who won the Cup until I got the paper the next day at the airport. Regards Phil

WHITE ROCK & SPRING MOUNTAIN DAYWALK

What an interesting day – seven good bushwalkers out on the track where they should be. White Rock/Spring Mountain is Brisbane's best kept secret. Just 45 minutes from Red Hill, and hardly anyone goes there. It is really Redbank Plains. And so close.

On the new Centenary Highway extension, as you leave Springfield heading towards Yamanto, there it is on the right. At the power lines. You just can't get to it, but have to drive via Goodna. And it is called Paperbark Flats. The graded track system is a 6km circuit. We could whiz around this in less than 2 hours. We opted for Plan B!

My little party of 7 commenced the circuit via the creek. There was a little detour up a rocky pinnacle to catch a view over the park and towards Spring Mtn. About half way, when the track turned off to go up to White Rock, we branched off into the unknown – actually towards Spring Mtn.

The track, actually a fire road, went across Woogarook Ck to slowly climb the hill on the other side. We stayed on the tracks, forever going up. As long it was up, we were happy. Eventually, we started getting some views, and were especially grateful for the breezes – it was an extremely hot day. There was this one particular hill that dominated our interest, and it did turn out to be Spring Mtn. We dropped packs on the road, and climber to the top. We were rewarded with 360 degree views – from the Bay Islands, the inner city, the western suburbs, Ipswich centre and suburbs and more. As well, there was a trig point on top as well as an old defunct weather station.

After a quick lunch, we retraced our steps to the White Rock turnoff. We ascended the steep ridge to the top and went along the track at the top. This brought us to the official White Rock, as stated by the only sign there. After a suitable time admiring this site, we moved off the ridge back to a road, unfortunately, not the one we wanted. We came out to a road in a clearing with high tension power lines overhead. We wanted the power lines since the cars were parked under them. But that was all that was familiar. The decision was made to follow the maintenance road down and then up again, remaining near the power lines that will take us back to the cars.

After a while, we recognised some road markers, so followed a major dirt road down off the ridge. Soon the party came to the entrance of the White Rock track that we should have exited on. Now

know it for the future. We were back to the cars in a hop, skip and a jump.

Thanks to my trusty followers on this half pre-outing: Terry, Michael S, Robin T, Barbara, Graham G, and Mary V. Greg E

St WILLIAM'S MARKETS

It was a fine hot day at St Williams and a festive atmosphere prevailed, as it was not only the lead-up to Christmas but also the Second Birthday Bash of the Markets, so there was more entertainment than usual. Group and individual musicians, poets and storytellers all entertained us during the morning, as we strolled around the stalls taking in the wonderfully varied sights and smells of the many enticing displays. I was tempted by so many delightful goodies that I had to buy a (locally handmade) bag to carry everything home in!

BCBC was well represented at the Markets, with stall-holders and helpers including past members Madonna Botting (Power), Mary Nolan and Tony Romano, along with current walker James Baxter and the Club's Auditor, Joe Tottenham & Lorraine. At 10 o'clock, a group of us - current members and visitors, including Joe, Marian, Lucy, Greg and I - met in the main hall for a home-style morning tea. After enjoying our cuppa with yummy homemade cakes, we took the attached photo, which unfortunately does not include Antonia, who had just left. Thanks to those who made the effort to come along and support this new event on the Club's Social Calendar. I hope the word will spread and even more members might join us for another market outing next year, as it really is a pleasant experience to share with Club friends. Michele E.



THE BOARDWALK AT RIVERSIDE JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY 20th NOVEMBER

We gathered beside the water for our November meeting. The Boardwalk is a spacious bar and restaurant beside the Brisbane River in the Riverside Centre. Desley shared her photos of the St James' Way walk in Spain and Phil displayed photos of his son, Michael and his new fiancé. Most of us shared the hot chips!

Some members enjoyed the river breeze for a while when the inside of the bar got a bit hot. Those who enjoyed the gathering were Elizabeth, Greg, Michele, Liz, Tracey, Michael, Catherine, Graham, Jan, Russ, Desley and Phil. Liz

MOUNT MITCHELL TWILIGHT WALK 14th NOVEMBER

Nine startled bushwalkers gathered at St Brigid's at 2pm to find a bus disgorging people into a very full car park. For one wild moment they thought all were going on the Mount Mitchell walk but the appearance of a radiant bride made it clear they were wedding guests.

We piled into two cars (Thanks Maxine and Barbara both of whom were able to drive at very short notice) and drove through the new section of road through Springfield to Cunningham's Gap. The smoke haze from bushfires prompted one member to remark that he had no luck with night walks having previously experienced rain, fog and now was faced with smoke.

The leaders set a cracking pace – Jan, Peter and Graham aimed to reach the top before sunset with time to spare. Michael arrived soon after, determined to overtake everyone, but the leaders held their ground. They were on to their second cuppa by the time the last of us reached the top. Thanks Terry for taking on the task of Tail-End Charlie and getting the last few of us up to top ten minutes before sunset.

What a sight! The bushfires turned the sun blood red. It was a true "maccas" sunset with cloud above and a mountain range below. So, so worth it! A photographer's dream. And that was not all. The food was to die for. So many goodies to be shared and sampled. Thanks to everyone for your contributions to the feast.

Unfortunately at this time people also began to realise that the tick population had found some unwilling carriers among us. It was time to return and negotiate the steps and paths in the dark. With all the torches and head lamps it was almost a light as day. The grass trees glittered in the

torchlight and the distant lights and fires made for a magical scene. Some torches failed but others caught up, shared and helped out. Some of us were so engrossed that we didn't realise that we had walked over a snake on the path until a startled Terry called out to us. We certainly increased our pace then.

When all were safely down we made our way to Aratula for coffee and milkshakes. Unfortunately Maxine did some calculations and realised that she would have to leave straight away to catch the ferry home, so she unloaded her passengers, Therese, Greg and Terry into Michael's car. She texted us that she had made it just as we arrived back at St Brigid's at 11pm. Yes Greg, you were right! In hindsight, a 9pm finish was optimistic.

Thank you to Jan Nelson, Michael Simpson, Terry Silk, Graham Walters, Therese Abernethy, Peter Constable, Greg Endicott, Maxine Brophy and Barbara Eastoe for a magic night and for your support on my first walk as leader. Maria Kerruish

ANNUAL PHOTO COMP 2009

Again the Competition was held during the November monthly meeting. Our resident judge was again the capable Joe Tottenham. There was the normal good selection of photos submitted by members in the Annual BCBC Photographic Competition.

The number of entrants this year was below past years, as was the number of photos. However, the quality was just as good as previously.

The Judge, Joe Tottenham, commented that the range was less on bush scenes, mountains etc than in previous comps.

Winners were:

Landscape: Jonas Benotas – Twin Gums.

With a Special Mention to Pat Lawton for Early Morning.

Moods of Nature: Pat Lawton – Reflections on the Lake.

Nature Close Up: Pat Lawton – Fungi.

People and Faces: Pat Lawton – Allan & Justin.

Miscellaneous: Pat Lawton – Moonrise on Hinchinbrook.

International Walking: Michele Johns – Nelson Lakes – Blue Lake

Overall Winner: Paddy Taylor – Glasshouse Mountains.

People's Choice: Pat Lawton – Early Morning

Congratulations to the winners.

Thanks to Joe for again being our Judge.

Thanks to all who submitted photos. Greg Endicott

GHEERULLA CIRCUIT SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER DAYWALK

Thirteen members and three visitors took part in this activity under difficult weather conditions. The weather was fine but it was hot and humid; several members of the group ran out of water before the end of the walk, even though they had taken plentiful supplies with them. Despite heavy rain earlier in the year, this area is now very dry, and the amount of water in the creek and waterholes was significantly less than for our visit in 2007.

Morning tea was taken at one of several lookouts along the way. The group also stopped at Thilba Thalba Walkers Camp where toilets and water are available. Reasonable views of the Mary River Valley were possible from the top of Gheerulla Bluff, even though it was a little hazy. The group stopped for lunch near Gheerulla Creek, following the descent from the bluff via the many stone steps. A couple of trail bikes could be heard in the distance, near the Gheerulla Recreation Area on the other side of the creek. Members of the group saw several goannas during the day. Everyone was glad to finish the day with a cold drink in Mapleton.

The support for this walk from members was excellent, considering that it was 21k long and undulating. Thanks to our visitors James, Mary, and their daughter Jane for participating, and also to members Sophia, Paddy, Terry, Michele J, Therese, Greg, Roger, Mary V, Dennis, Angie, Malcolm, and James P, on his first walk with the club after a long absence. Graham

O'REILLY'S TO BINNA BURRA OR BINNA BURRA TO O'REILLY'S DAYWALK

This is walk that we do only every few years, since there are normally transport problems at the finish. However, this year I got the required number of cars and drivers. We left Red Hill and regrouped at Canungra. Here the drivers swapped vehicles to drive to opposite ends of Lamington. We had four in each party – one party from O'Reilly's and the other from Binna Burra. The car keys were again swapped in the middle.

As I started for O'R, I shall talk about that direction. My party left O'R just after 9am. We went out along the Border Track to the junction with the Echo Pt track – really the Albert River Cct. The weather was fine and humid. From this turnoff to the Tooloona t'off, Parks are doing a lot of track maintenance – many bags of rocks and stones are on the track, as well as motorised wheel barrows,

wacker packers and a miniature backhoe. You can see where they have diverted the track in places and done numerous drainage diversions.

We were going at a comfortable pace, not breakneck. We arrived at the escarpment and started to get the good views south over the Tweed catchment. Mt Warning was there, but not prominent. My party continued to make its way along the track, going down only to a few of the side tracks to the lookouts.

We met Michael's party on our side of half way. Michael wanted to locate an overgrown track to a waterfall, following written directions and a GPS. He failed since he still had people in his party not as interested, so had to cut short his search. The turnoff is there but the track is overgrown with scunge. We all had lunch together.

My group now had to speed up as the others were approx one hour ahead of us. From here on, our part of the Border Track was better so we could go faster. Seems to be better country on the Binna Burra end of it – less erosion and creeks as the track seemed now to follow the top of the ridge and not go on the side of it.

We almost got rained on by a passing storm, but it went in another direction at the last moment. We went into express mode as we approached the end, reaching BB about 5pm.

The teams were: Michael Simpson, Paddy Taylor, Sophie Ramsey and Peter Constable and in the other direction: Marian Arthur, Julie Phillippi, Murray S and myself. Greg E

CHRISTMAS PARTY 12th DECEMBER

Twenty-two people came to this event at Jan and Russ Nelson's home at Brookfield. One of the features of the night was that to be eligible to enjoy dessert all had to participate in a Christmas trivia quiz of thirty questions. This was a case of experience shining through as the youngest members found themselves in the dark. However they did score sufficiently well to be eligible to participate in dessert. On the other side of the ledger, some of the more experienced participants put their nationality in doubt when they incorrectly answered a question about a great sporting event that occurs on Boxing Day.

At the end of the quiz there were three teams tied for first place – Jan & Michele E; Jonas, Pat & Susan; and Bob & Michele J. After a tie breaker question about Santa's reindeer Bob and Michele J were the clear winners. So we proceeded to enjoy chocolate rum trifle, ice cream cassata and mixed berry pavlova.

Those who enjoyed the night were Michele & Richard Johns, Maria Kerruish, Therese & Catherine Abernathy, Eliz Richards, Greg, Michele & Lucy Endicott, Terry Silk, Liz Little, Sophie & Leigh Ramsay, Ann & Bob Iron, Justin, Sue & Mary Tobin, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas and Jan & Russ Nelson. Russ

BRIDGES OF BRISBANE DAYWALK

Barbara had 15 of us on her walk today. We met at the southern end of the Goodwill Bridge, and then made our way along the walking path beside the southern bank on our lovely river. The track goes beside the Maritime Museum, under the Kangaroo Pt cliffs with the climbers, and out to Holman St. By this time, there was thunder rumbling in the background that started to have us worried. So we went up on the Story Bridge immediately and crossed the river. We had a good look at the steel girders and bolts holding it all together.

Now we followed the path over the water past the old Custom's House to the inner city walkway. Some took a slight detour here to walk through a little used gorge right beside and below Queen St. A toilet break was called for. Soon we were continuing on our way along the riverbank track through the old Botanic Gardens. Some even took the mangroves option.

Now it was back across the Goodwill Bridge at Gardens Point. We stopped at a cafe for coffee before some left us. The remainder walked through Southbank to the new Kurilpa Pedestrian Bridge. We read the story of the dilly bag woman along the way. We took our time crossing this one as it was the first time most had been on it.

A few more of us left here to get trains home, and those remaining walked along North Quay to recross the river via the Victoria Bridge. Some drizzle, but no heavy rain to annoy us.

Let's see if I can remember all of us: Greg & Michele E, Terry, Marian A, Peggy & Keelan & Eylie, Bill and John our visitors, Peta M, Liz L, Russ & Jan, Robin T, and our leader Barbara. Greg

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Hi Everyone,
It has almost been a year since I left Brisbane and I've settled very nicely into the North Queensland Lifestyle. AIMS is about 50 km to the south of Townsville and it is fringed by national parks: mountainous headlands to one side, the ocean on

the other. Who could possibly ask for more? My life outside of work involves Latin dancing and of course bushwalking.

I have probably done about 9 – 10 walks with the Townsville Bushwalking Club. Every club walk is centred on water, i.e. we rock hop up mountain creeks and swim when we get too hot, swim when we aren't that hot and then go for either an ice cream or coffee afterwards. My new club walks every second Sunday. The people that go are in many ways like my old BCBC mates: the salt of the earth. The walks themselves are not graded, it's just acknowledged that you will walk for several hours up a creek, there may be a road bash for 30 – 40 minutes before climbing into the creek. We enjoy our lunch stop (with swim of course), then descend back to our cars. We often climb 4 – 500 metres above sea level on our walks: rock-hopping all the way! I guess if we were to use the BCBC system the walks would generally be classified as being S 5-5 minimum. Those 5 or 6 km we do each day are hell, but I still love it.

http://www.townsvillebushwalkingclub.com/walks_description.html

A lot of the walks are along the creeks that are fed from the Paluma Range, for instance Ethel, Cloudy, Crystal Waterview (Jourama Falls). I did a brilliant through walk along Puzzle Creek and Running River back in August and it was without doubt a revelation to me as to how beautiful the north can be. That system is to the West of Paluma. The creek itself was always cool to walk beside, but once above it the temperature rose considerably and was very unpleasant. The creeks we traverse to the South of Townsville are usually fed from Mount Elliot. These include North (aka Sandy), Cockatoo and Palm Creeks. The Club often does a through-walk along Cape Cleveland to the lighthouse. Unfortunately I missed that walk this year, but will hope to do it next year. We did a great walk up Bishop's Peak (which is just to the South of Cardwell) back in August as well and we were rewarded with fantastic views of Hinchinbrook Island. No Michael and Paul, I haven't forgotten that the 3 musketeers will do Hinchinbrook in the very near future.

The creeks were very swollen and flowed very quickly earlier in the year due to the fantastic wet that we experienced. We are starting to get a bit more rain these days and the humidity is starting to be a bit more pronounced. The temperatures are probably only 2 – 3 degrees greater than back in September/October, but boy is it noticeable. The rocks are largely granite boulders, smoothed

nically by the running water and we often travel around interesting little waterfalls by making our way onto the steep banks of the creek. If it rains before walks they usually get cancelled as the rocks will be rendered too slippery and the danger associated with the walk would be too great. Sometimes I long for a nice "easy" track walk or a good off track ascent of a mountain somewhere, but unfortunately the hills and mountains where we walk are shrouded with thick impenetrable scrub. As the dry season set in the quantity of water flowing through the creeks diminished and what had been quite difficult walks became markedly easier because the "track" became wider. Never fear though we always find a nice little waterhole to cool off in.

The walks will generally attract 8 – 15 people: the August through-walk had 13 – 14 people and the ratio of the sexes was almost 1:1. My travelling companions are (as I said before) the salt of the earth. When someone twisted an ankle on the walk several people took the pack of the injured person and distributed the contents amongst themselves, allowing the patient to walk without the burden of a pack.

I often look at my old Club's website and dream of joining you again on some of the great walks of the South East. I could hear Barney calling my name back in August. I was a very jealous person on the day of the Barney Mass. If you're up this way you're more than welcome to join with us on a walk too (or catch up with me for dinner). As 2009 draws to a close I would like to wish all my old club mates a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2010. Keep walking, sharing and laughing together and being the club that I loved so much.

Phil the Younger.

NEW ROAD RULES

Do you own a car?

Is it a newish car?

Does it look sporty?

Anyway, have a look at the front bumper bar.

Are there little lights at either end at the bottom of the bumper bar – not the headlights?

If you do have those little lights, you have Fog Lights.

It is illegal now to have them on when there is no fog. Seems they default to "on" in most cars. There is a switch on the dashboard – somewhere – that turns them off. I recommend you check out the manual found in the glove box. \$40 and one point for having them on.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

On 16/11/2009

Barbara Eastoe raised a concern at the changing of the dates of events in the calendar. Michael Simpson reported that this is often due to a lack of leaders and the need to rearrange dates to fit in with a leader's availability. Discussion followed on the need for more leaders, leadership training and mentoring of new leaders and also the need for more people willing to be drivers on trips.

Ltr from the Archbishop accepting the invitation to say the 50th Barney Mass in 2010

Dept of Environment & Resource Management – Draft Lamington NP Management Plan

Receipt from Barney Lodge for hire of facilities for 2010 Barney Mass

Michael Simpson advised that he needs items for the Annual Report by the 31/12/09. He also asked that leaders submit their trip reports to the Jilalan so these articles are then available for inclusion in the Annual Report.

There are a few coming walks that are still in need of leaders.

There will be a St Vinnies Coffee Night at the Kangaroo Point cliffs rotunda on 27/1/10 - \$5 donation for St Vinnies plus food to share; Club to provide tea/coffee.

Membership list was included in the Jilalan – any changes should be emailed to Michael Simpson.

FMR TRAINING CALENDAR

Federation Mountain Rescue

The FMR Training Schedule:

<http://www.fmrqld.bwq.org.au/train.html>

Thursday January 28 Visit Police Ops Centre,
Meet outside at 8pm

BUSHWALKING QUEENSLAND

<http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/>

TRACK REPAIRS AND CLOSURES IN GREEN MOUNTAINS SECTION, LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

As you are aware Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) Rangers are currently undertaking extensive re-construction efforts on many of the walking tracks throughout Lamington National Park in response to the storm damage that was incurred in January 2008. Restoration

works at Green Mountains have been directed at the West Canungra Creek circuit, Border track and Box Forest circuit.

Current track status and closures

Of the walking tracks within Green Mountains, the West Canungra Creek circuit was the most severely impacted upon. The circuit suffered extensive storm damage including severe erosion to the walking track surface and creek crossings, landslips and numerous tree falls. To assist with re-construction efforts QPWS employed additional staff and engaged a specialist walking track contractor, Track and Trail Management Services. The results of this collaborative effort has exceeded all expectations and I am pleased to inform you that the West Canungra Creek circuit will reopen on Tuesday the 2nd of December. Please note that while the major repair works have been completed, routine maintenance on the circuit will be ongoing.

I would encourage you to revisit this circuit and the unique experience that is Lamington National Park.

Scott Antcliff, Operations Manager, South East Region
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Division

VOLUNTEERS FOR GRADED TRACK MAINTENANCE

Bushwalking Queensland Inc. is negotiating with QPWS to enable members of bushwalking clubs to be involved with maintenance of graded tracks, initially in national parks in the South-East region.

It is intended to commence this initiative in 2010. Volunteers will be required to attend an induction course beforehand.

The extent of work contemplated will most likely be on-going basic maintenance of the track network.

QPWS is currently undertaking major reconstruction of many tracks damaged in severe storms recently in the South-East region. Professional contractors are being employed in this work.

Members who would like to register their interest for the on-going volunteer maintenance program are invited to reply by email:

secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

John Marshall, President, BWQ

BWQ DRAFT SUBMISSION TO LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Dept. of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is inviting public comment on draft management plans for Lamington, Blackwood, Dalrymple, Moorrinya and Porcupine Gorge N.P.s. The DERM closing date for submissions is **14 December 2009**.

BWQ has formulated a draft response for the Lamington plan - please see attached.

Clubs or individual members of clubs are invited to comment on the BWQ draft response, before forwarding to DERM.

Reply by email to **secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au** before **14 December 2009**.

Club or individual input to this and other management plans may also be made directly to DERM.

The 4 plans may be accessed via this link:

http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/managing_parks_and_forests/management_plans_and_strategies/index.html

JM (for) Gavin Dale, Secretary Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

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BUNYA MOUNTAINS CAMPSITE BOOKINGS

Self-registration has now been removed. Campers can only book on-line.

South East Region update

Report on recent track work (Lamington & Springbrook)

Purlington Brook Falls track reopened.

Welcome news that the **West Canungra Circuit** is on track for completion possibly this year or early next year.

Caves Circuit will commence this month and **Ship Stern** circuit and the **Border Track** to follow next year with completion scheduled for late 2010.

Update on D'Aguilar NP, Diana's Bath, "The Gantry"

D'Aguilar NP mgt plan process will be commencing soon – may take 2 yrs.

Diana's Bath car park upgraded, positive feedback.

Rangers are servicing **Mt Mee** from Samford, no plans to reinstate ranger "on park" at this stage

Campsites in **old BFP** suggested for the possible track system expansion

Remote camping within **D'Aguilar National Park** is available in the South D'Aguilar section at: Scrub Road, Light Line Road, Dundas, England Creek, Northbrook Mountain, Muddle Kobble.

All sites have minimal facilities and are described as back country/bush camping sites.

Details of each camp site are available on line at www.qld.gov.au/camping, booking can be done via this site.

You are also able to book by calling 13 13 04 and talk to a person 24 hours per day. You must have a credit card.

All sites are closed from Sept 1 to 30 November for regeneration and high fire danger.

Update on proposed track upgrade/construction around **Enoggera Reservoir, Mt Nebo or Mt Glorious** townships

GREAT WALKS

Carnarvon Great Walk – The 86km Great Walk was opened by Climate Change and Sustainability Minister, Kate Jones on 28th July 2009. Feedback has been positive & some minor improvements are being made to the project as a result of this feedback. There have been over 100 campers on this great walk in the 13 weeks since opening.

Cooloola Great Walk – This 88km walk from Noosa North Shore to Rainbow Beach is also due to be finished at the end of this year. An extra section to the Great Walk track is earmarked to be constructed after the completion of the main project. This extra section will add 28.5km to the 88km and take the walker via the Double Island Point lighthouse to Carlo Sandblow.

Conondale Great Walk – The second of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walks is on track to be completed by mid 2010. The 60km circuit track has a number of shorter walks to appeal to day walkers as well as the four day Great Walk. Stage one – Mount Allan Fire tower track section was opened late last year and allows great walkers near the end of the journey to visually retrace their route.

Glasshouse Mountains NP

Progress report on planned re-opening of temporarily closed **Glasshouse Mountains NP** (Beerwah). Is this still on track for a March re-opening

CLUB VISITOR-DAYS IN NATIONAL PARKS

QPWS are compiling on-going National Park visitor statistics and would like to include data from bushwalking clubs.

If clubs would like to assist, could they keep a record of the number of members that visit national parks on club walks.

The data should be expressed in 'visitor-days', so a weekend walk would be the number of participants multiplied by 2.

Base data:

Date:

Park Name:

Club Visitor-days:

Additional demographic data would also be useful, under these categories:

Gender: Male, female

Age: under 18, 18-24, 25-39, 40-59, 60 and over

Education levels: Primary, Secondary, Technical, Tertiary/University

(Results from a survey conducted at Lamington N.P.in October 2008 showed that 9% of respondents were walking with a club or organisation).

BWQ will collect this data and forward it on to QPWS each quarter.

Data collection to be commenced from 1st January 2010

Submit by email to secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

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industry@qorf.org.au

<http://www.qorf.org.au/>

GREAT AUSSIE CAMP OUT APRIL 17, 2010

<http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/Queenslanders> can now go to **GACO (Outdoors Queensland)** and www.greataussiecampout.org.au/.



There is increasing awareness of the **Great Aussie Camp Out** to be held for the first time on April 17, 2010. We encourage all of you to work with your organisations to determine how you can be part of this event. Learn more about the experience of camping with a group of like-minded people. If you are an activity organisation, what event can you put on that encourages people into the outdoors and camping overnight? We are a

grassroots organisation so we need your help to raise the profile and make the Great Aussie Camp Out a success in 2010!

Gympie Regional Council and Mary Valley Inc are planning a huge campsite at the Borumba Deer Park. Camping fact sheets are being developed and being added to the website. Guides Queensland are producing a special GACO badge for their campers.

For those wishing to know more about the event please go to **GACO (Outdoors Queensland)** and the official GACO site www.greataussiecampout.org.au/ (please note this site is being updated and will contain information on registration, official campsites, recipes, camping tips, games and activities, safety and many other things).

MORE TRACKS & TRAILS

Another section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail was opened on November 28, and now 64km of the planned 148km are open for use. The Noosa Trail Network opened a further series of trails in November including a new trailhead at Cooroy. That outdoor recreation based trails are being seen as an important part of Queensland's lifestyle is wonderful, and we will continue to argue the benefits that trails, open space and waterways offer for the environment, community and individual health, and for the economic wellbeing of a region.

2010 IT'S BETTER OUTDOORS PHOTO COMP



Nikon Australia is back on board for the 2010 competition and generously

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ADVENTURE ACTIVITY STANDARDS



UPDATE - Queensland Adventure Activity Standards

are currently with the State Government undergoing a final review, design and ratification process.

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<http://www.binnaburralodge.com.au/>

THE BIBBULMUN TRACK

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The Bibbulmun Track Foundation has released dates for its 2010 'Best of the Bibbulmun' all-inclusive guided tours. Tour 1, Bibbulmun & Beyond runs from 10th – 17th May and ventures beyond the Bibbulmun Track, exploring Bluff Knoll in the Stirling Range National Park near Albany. Tour 2, the popular 8-day Highlights of the Bibbulmun Track, departs 6th September 2010, in the midst of the spectacular wildflower season. Led by experienced guides from the Bibbulmun Track Foundation, both tours take in some spectacular scenery along the Track.

Both itineraries have been carefully compiled to combine a variety of day-walks with off-track accommodation. The specially selected full and half-day walks cover varied landscapes of the Track from the rolling hills and jarrah forests in the northern section, through the magnificent karri and tingle forest to the spectacular ocean views and coastal heathlands in the far south.

Each evening the group returns to comfortable accommodation in the rural towns and villages along the Track. The group is limited to 16 and the cost is \$2,400 twin share (single supplements available). Participants need carry only a small daypack, and the flexible itinerary caters for all levels of experience.

For more information call (08) 9481 0551, send an email to events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au or go to www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au

Jean Byrne, Marketing Manager, Bibbulmun Track Foundation

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A HANDY HINT RE MOBILE PHONES

How to disable a stolen mobile phone:

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Take care, Marian

MEMBERSHIP LIST CORRECTIONS

Last month we included the Membership List in Jilalan.

If we got it wrong – incorrect selling, wrong street number, phone number, not on the list, or anything else give Terry a call on Ph:3355 9765

EDITOR'S REPORT

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

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

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HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

(g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.

(h) All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

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

<http://www.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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For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

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HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BRISBANE

From: <http://www.150th.com.au/history.php> and

<http://bne.catholic.net.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=11445&cid=7195&id=1708>

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Highlights From More Recent History

- 2005: Commencement of Faith & Life Vicariate; Archbishop renews the prayer campaign for the Archdiocese under the name Come Holy Spirit ☞; *World Youth Day Cologne*; Let Your Light Shine Review 2004-2005 ☞.
- 2006: Bishop Tom Wright seminars (Archbishop's second invited international speaker); Brisbane World Youth Day Secretariat established, Archdiocesan launch of WYD preparation; Archbishop Bathersby announces a three year strategic focus on ministry with young people; Stewardship introduced to the Archdiocese.
- 2007: Journey of the Cross and Icon; Archdiocesan WYD training days; Professor Larry Hurtado (Archbishop's third invited international speaker).
- 2008: Opening of the Holy Spirit Seminary by Cardinal William Levada; Development of Santa Teresa - the Archdiocesan Spirituality Centre; World Youth Day 2008: Days in the Diocese and Pilgrimage to Sydney.

Vision and Priorities

Between 2001 and 2003 Archbishop John Bathersby presided over the preparation and holding of an Archdiocesan Synod ☞. In the Synod Promulgation ☞, the Archbishop presented the Jesus Communion Mission vision and identified Nine Priorities for action in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Bathersby is committed to communicating this Jesus Communion Mission understanding of the essentials of Christian life throughout the Archdiocese. The Jesus Communion Mission vision logo occupies the centre of the homepage of this website, and is an entrance point to explanations of and resources for communicating the vision.

THEOLOGY CORNER

A key event in our Advent season is the Visitation, the story of Mary, in early pregnancy, visiting Elizabeth who is six months pregnant. This story from Luke's Gospel attracts much attention but we are told few details. Did Mary bring some baby clothes for Elizabeth for example? We just do not know. We are told she brought just one thing: herself. She gave Elizabeth the gift of her very presence. And, this is the best and the hardest gift of all.

It is easy to send flowers, it is easy to send a parcel, but to give the gift of ourselves, to make out the time to be with somebody, that is the gift that many people long for but do not receive at Christmas. Following Mary's example in today's Gospel story, we must, in addition to the flowers and parcels, give of ourselves, our presence, our time. We must find the time to visit and be with people. The significance of this gift cannot be measured in terms of money. It is a gift from something you can only access – your time.

Another point we can make out of Mary's gift to Elizabeth is that one should give not according to one's convenience, but according to the needs of the receiver. It was not convenient for Mary to travel the lonely, dangerous road from Galilee to the hills of Judea. But Elizabeth needed a helping hand. She was six months pregnant and would no longer be able to go and draw water from the village well, to look after the crops in her garden and the animals on her farm. She would no longer be able to go to the market to do her shopping. So Mary, as soon as she learned that Elizabeth was six months pregnant went with haste and stayed with her for about three months, meaning, until she gave birth. Mary gave to Elizabeth what she needed when she needed it.

That is the perfect gift.

Do you know one thing everybody needs today? Everybody needs encouragement. Everybody needs the interior peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. This is what Mary's visit did for Elizabeth. Mary's visit was an inspiration to Elizabeth.

When we interact with people, be they family, work colleagues, friends or strangers, this Christmas, let us try to bring some inspiration into their lives, let us seek to bring them closer to God, and let us try to share with them the Spirit of God in us, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did.

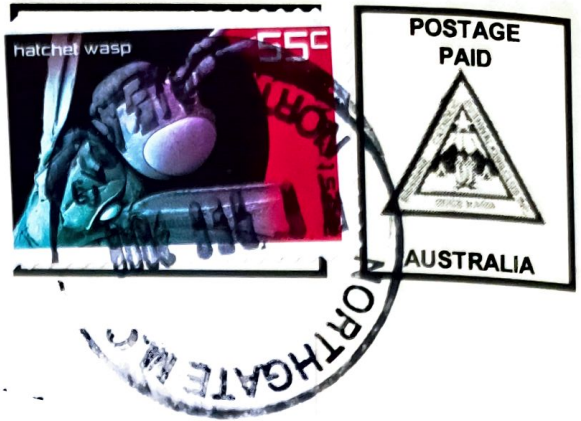
Deacon Russ

*The Committee wishes all Members and
Visitors
a Happy Christmas
And a Holy New Year.*

*May you all have a safe 2010 in your
walking, driving and work.*

*May your wishes and desires come to
fruition during the year.*

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2010 MOON PHASES

Full Moons 2010

01 Jan	5.13 am(a blue moon)
30 Jan	4.18 pm
Feb	none
01 Mar	2.38 am
30 Mar	12.25 pm (a blue moon)
28 Apr	10.18 pm
28 May	9.07 am
26 Jun	9.30 pm
26 Jul	11.37 am
25 Aug	3.05 am
23 Sept	7.17 pm
23 Oct	11.36 am
22 Nov	3.27 am
21 Dec	6.13 pm

details from Paul Floyd's Astronomy and Space website and Geoscience Australia
<http://www.ga.gov.au/geodesy/astro/moonphases/phase2009.jsp>