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Moran's Falls: Daywalk on Australia Day, 26th January

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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
Dec 27	Boxing Day – Gold Coast Hinterland	Greg		DW	
5	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael		Soc	
9	Murarie to Bulimba	Desley		DW	
Jan 15	John Toohey Society – Story Bridge	Phil	5522 9702		
17	Coomera Circuit	Greg	3351 4092	DW	L35
18	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
19	FMR Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
26	Moran's Falls & Balancing Rock	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
27	Coffee Night – St Vinnies – Kangaroo Pt Rotunda	Needed			
28	FMR – Police Operations Centre visit	Desley	3369 5530		
30	Blue Moon – Fish & Chips on Shorncliffe Pier	Justin	3366 3193		
Feb 7	West Canungra Creek Circuit	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
12	John Toohey Society – The Victory	Phil	5522 9702		
12	FMR – “Do you know Tasmania” Talk	Desley	3369 5530		
14	Illinbah Circuit	Greg	3351 4092	DW	L36
15	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
17	Ash Wed – Cathedral Mass 5.10pm & Coffee	Desley	3369 5530	Rit	
19/21	Border Ranges NP – Wiangaree	Needed		BC	M33
20	FMR – Condamine Gorge	Desley	3369 5530	DW	M55
27	Obi Obi Gorge Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M77
Mar 6	Fairfield to City	Graham	3371 9623	DW	M23
13/21	Great Ocean Road (Vic)	Desley	3369 5530	TW	XL35
14	Macleay Island	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	S11
15	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
19	John Toohey Society – Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702		
19/21	FMR – Basic/Intermediate Training W'end	Desley	3369 5530	Trn	
20	Tallebudgera Creek	Needed		DW	M56
27	Lower Portals to Upper Portals	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
27/28	Club Hut Feast	Jan	3374 3534	ON	S32
28	Club Hut Day Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S32
Apr 2/5	New England NP – Easter	Needed		BC	M33
5	Paddy's Peak – Easter Monday	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M44
10	Rochedale to Burbank	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S22
10	FMR – Tibrogargan (Caves Route)	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
17/18	Lincoln Wreck – Lizard Point National Camp Out	Michael	3351 3810	TW	M56
17/18	Lincoln Wreck	Needed		BC	S55
24	Mt O'Reilly – Samford Valley	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S45
25	Anzac Dawn Service + B'fast	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
May 1/3	Sunshine Coast Great Walk	Needed		TW	L33
8	Bare Rock Evening Stroll	Needed		DW	S24
15/16	Savages Ridge	Justin	3366 3193	BC	M57
16	Yellowpinch Circuit	Needed		DW	
22	Annual Mass and Dinner	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
23	Albion to Ferny Grove	Paul	0412 339311	SW	
29	Boondall Wetlands	Cheryl	3263 8393	SW	
30	Minnages	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M55
5	Caloundra Beaches	Graham	3371 9623	DW	M23
12/14	Emu Creek Circuit TW & BC	Needed		TW&BC	L56
13	Knapps Peak	Needed		DW	M54
20	Mt Fraser	Needed		DW	S44
25/27	Girraween NP	Needed		BC	S55
Jul 3	Mt Alexander	Paul	0412 339311	DW	
10	Bullocky Rest	Cheryl	3263 8393	SW	

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

In order to be truthful
 We must do more than speak the truth.
 We must also hear truth.
 We must also receive truth.
 We must also act upon truth.
 We must also search for truth.
 The difficult truth - Within us and around us.
 We must devote ourselves to truth.
 Otherwise we are dishonest
 And our lives are mistaken.
 God grant us the strength and the courage
 To be truthful. Amen (Leunig 1990)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are two issues I would like to comment about this month.

The coming AGM and the Elections. In 2009 we had only 5 members on Committee. All had been on Committee in the past, Jan in the long way past. The Club was administered well, but it just rolled on. The same would have happened without a committee. We were lucky there were no issues to resolve or big decisions to make.

However, this is not good enough. Just because there were no big issues does not mean we do not need new blood, fresh ideas, or alternate opinions. Topics are discussed at Committee that do not come from big issues. All sorts of things get an airing without it going public. A few new people would put in different viewpoints.

There are nine Committee Positions. Only five were filled in 2009, and only four of us attended committee and monthly meetings regularly. A fuller committee would be more active, have

different views discussed, have more topics discussed and have more regular contact with the general Club population.

Positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Outings Secretary, Membership Officer, Social Secretary, Editor, and Training Officer. Most of these names explain the duties of the role.

The President co-ordinates the roles of the other positions and is the chair of meetings;

Vice President has responsibility for the spiritual and moral welfare of the Club, and of the Annual Report;

Secretary is the "Legal Officer" of BCBC, takes and maintains the minutes of meetings, keeps the Constitution up to date, ensures we run the Club according to the Constitution and the law, completes the statutory paperwork, answers correspondence, sends our letters, keeps the Club running between meetings, and maintains our registers.

Outings calls the Outings Committee together who plan the outings calendar, looks after the Calendar and keeps it up to date, looks for Leaders, liaise with Leaders, and is responsible for the good running of trips and their standard, looks after the statistics of outings, keeps a watching brief on new areas to visit;

Membership looks after our visitors, contacts them, does our publicity, maintains the Membership List, checks up how visitor went on their first few trips, follows up on visitors who have not been around a while, follows up on unfinancial members;

Socials convenes a Socials Sub-Committee to think up interesting events, arranges the social events, gets members to lead the social, checks up on the panning of the socials, looks around for unusual or big events to run as a social. Socials include the one "big" monthly social, the Coffee Nights, Movie Nights, and specials such as Farewells. You do not have to attend every social event, but just to make sure they go ahead and work.

Editor put together Jilalan, by planning what is to go into the next newsletter, telling your contributors that their article is due, editing each article as it arrives in your e-mail In Box, put articles into the Jilalan Style, chase up recalcitrant contributors, write articles, look for articles of general interest, format the magazine for the printer,

And if you are also the Publicity Officer: make shorter copies for the newspapers, the

Archdioceses, radio stations, e-mail copies to visitors & enquirers & members & other clubs, And if you are also the webmaster: alter Jilalan for uploading to the web, uploading the new calendar and coming events, adds new things to the web of interest to Members and Visitors, keeps the web up to date;

Training updates our manuals, runs training days for Leaders and Members, searches out new Leaders, looks after the safety of trips, keeps an ear to the ground to keep abreast of happenings safety and training wise on trips, is our FMR Delegate;

Of course all attend Committee Meeting and Monthly Meetings.

AND

Leaders be aware that your trip may appear in a newspaper or be mentioned on the radio. This will generate a few queries from the public asking about your trip and wanting to go on it. Do not panic with all this interest.

Take down details of ALL callers: full name, phone number, e-mail address, postal address, and details of their past walking experience, fitness, and let them know what your trip is about – difficulties, creek crossings, steepness, endurance required, rocks, cliffs, as well as the good things to expect.

Take details of all callers, not just those who nominate. There is more than enough space on the Nomination Sheet for all these details,

Give names and contact details to Terry and Greg so that Jilalans can be posted out to them for the next few months.

This has happened on a recent trip and it will happen again.

We do appreciate when the media mention our coming events and thank them. It keeps the name of the Club before the public, brings in fresh blood to the Club that we otherwise would not get; and for the media, they provide useful information to their readers/listeners.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at 16/11/09	\$2432.14
Plus Receipts	\$ 619.00
	\$3051.14
Less Payments	\$ 841.95
Balance at 21/12/09	\$2209.19
Term Deposit	\$2267.69

Congratulations to Michele Johns and Joe Finn who won first and second prizes respectively in our Christmas Raffle.

Because the Club has started a new year, your membership fees are now due. You need to complete and sign the enclosed membership renewal form when paying your subs. The good news is that they have not increased. Ordinary Membership is \$35.00, Associate Membership is \$26.00 and the Spouse rate is \$9.00. I urge you to renew your membership as soon as possible so that you do not miss any magazines. It is important to sign the renewal form as it is a requirement of our insurance company.

A reminder that once again we have a supply of metal club badges on sale for \$5.00 each. We also still have some club t-shirts on sale for \$20.00 each.

Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Michelle Anderson, Brigid Baker, Michael Brophy, Michael Dowd, Marion Gibbons, Maria Galvin, Glenys Heavon-Jones, Cheryl Layzelle, Geoffrey Lomas, Ray Rowe, Peggy Roe and Mary van Velthuizen are all having birthdays in January.

Peter Constable and Murray Slater were return visitors on Greg's Binna Burra to O'Reilly's traverse and Dominique Watson along with Peggy Roe's daughter, Keelin and Greg and Michele's daughter, Lucy were also return visitors on Michele's wet Springbrook walk.

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 Monday 18th January – no exceptions. Do your articles over the weekend.

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 this article for the AP, but you did constantly for Jilalan.

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.bcabc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

??th JANUARY, SATURDAY TOUR OF THE CLEM7 TUNNEL SOCIAL

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530
Meet at: King George Sq Busway Station
Time: 2pm
Web: www.clem7.com.au

Here is a unique opportunity to beat 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 troll.

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 to the trolls, this may be your only trip though the Clem7.

The proposed tours got fully booked as soon as they were announced. So we missed out on the first round of offers. However, they will be announcing more dates. It is up to you to be on the lookout for these new dates, and tell Desley. Secondly, Desley is certainly taking Expressions of Interest so that when the new dates are announced, we are the first in with numbers. Ring Desley now with your Expression on Interest.

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

Leader: Phil the Elder Ph: 0413 307 580
Where: The Story Bridge Hotel, Main & Baidon Sts, 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 Philip K's going away celebration (Greg, wrong choice of words), you will remember how good it was.

Transport is by ferry to Thornton 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 Gocard.

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 Post Meridian and still enjoy each other's company.

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

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: L35

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 2010. 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.

18th JANUARY, 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.)

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.

Nominate to lead a 2010 outing.

Hand in your 2010 Committee Nomination Form.

Stay for supper. Bring those holiday snaps.

26th JANUARY, TUES (OZ DAY) MORAN'S FALLS & CASTLE CRAG DAY DAYWALK

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

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

Time: 7.30am (OR 9am at O'R if coming from the Gold Coast)

Grade: M33

Cost: \$15:00,

\$7 for GC people if car pooling

Distance Approx 11kms the full trip

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 a graded track walk at O'Reilly's to celebrate Australia Day.

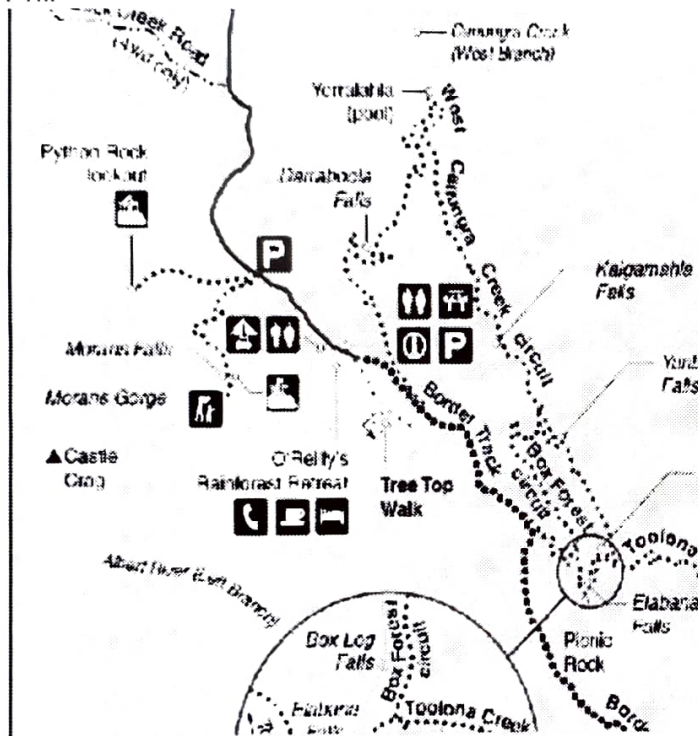
I want to be able to stay on graded tracks for most of the day and do a circuit of the cliff lines around Moran's Greek gorge. So we will have a quick trip down to Python Rock for morning tea. Then back to the road, and down to Moran's Falls for an early lunch. Make sure you bring your mug for billy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

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 Headquarters, 200 Roma St,

Time: 8pm

Cost: Nil

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

AND: <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.

All participants must be over 18 years of age.

For group bookings, full names, addresses and phone numbers must be supplied.

No bags, coats or cameras can be taken on the tour. Secure lockers are available for the storage of such items.

Sighting identification (preferably with photo) may be requested prior to tour.

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**

Leader: Justin Ph 3366 3193

Meet at: 4.30pm, Red Hill for Car Pooling
OR 5.00pm Cnr of Jetty & Allpass Sts,
Shorncliffe UBD Map 111 F8

Cost: Price of your fish and chips.

Bring: Chair and Cup

People in the know (I think they are called Astronomers) are getting excited with what is happening in the sky on January 30. Not only is it the first of two Blue Moons for the year, a rare happening indeed, this full moon will also be the closest to Earth, making it appear the largest for 2010. And there is more. Mars reaches its opposition on the same night. Well, there can be only one more thing exciting than that. The Club's Blue Moon social.



Sit on the Shorncliffe Pier and watch the Blue Moon rising over the water and check out Mars sitting up there as well. Enjoy fish and chips and share your "Urban Myths" and "Once in a Blue Moon Stories".

Howl at the moon if you wish. Bring chair, cup for tea or coffee and join us on the pier.

Trivia: The Full Moon occurs when the apparent longitudes of the moon and sun differ by 180°. At this time 100% of the moon's visible surface is illuminated. This is determined for the earth, not just the eastern seaboard of Australia, so that is why the full moon times can be listed during the day when the moon is not visible in Australia.

**7th FEBRUARY, SUNDAY
WEST CANUNGRA CREEK CIRCUIT
DAYWALK**

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

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

Time: 7.30am (OR 9am at O'R for Gold Coast people)

Grade: M33

Distance: 13.9km

Cost: \$15.00

Location: O'Reilly's end of Lamington National Park

Map: See map with Moran's Falls article, 26th January above

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

Emerg Off: Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

This track has been re-opened after the damage caused by the floods of January 2008.

The walk starts at O'Reilly's, and we follow the Box Forest Circuit, walk past Elabana Falls and then we follow the re-opened track along the Canungra Creek. We stop at Blue Pool (Yerralahla) for lunch and then it is back to O'Reilly's up the Blue Pool Track.

It is a lovely rainforest walk along graded tracks with an optional swim at the Blue Pool. There are numerous creek crossings – taken as read as this is a rainforest walk along a creek in Lamington. Come along for a lovely easy daywalk. There is an uphill walk at the end of the day. With all our walks at O'Reilly's recently, we have hardly covered the same territory twice. Again we follow a different path, this time down one of the major creeks to lovely pools and cascades. Search for the rare Lamington Blue Crayfish along the track, maybe even a Land Mullet – recognisable by its hair cut. Phil

**12th FEBRUARY, FRIDAY
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY
THE VICTORY BEER GARDEN**

The February meeting is on the second Friday as the third Friday is during Lent

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307 580

Address: Cnr Charlotte and Edward Sts (The entrance to the Beer Garden is in Charlotte St)

Time: From 4pm till 9ish.

What For: For a wee chat, a drink and a meal

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Come along and enjoy a gathering at The Vic. Since our last meeting here in 2008 the Victory had a severe fire and was closed for over a year. The hotel re-opened last year. So come along and see if The Vic has been restored to its former glory.

The JTS meeting is a great chance to catch up with friends and watch the passing parade of people and discuss past & future trips. For the JT purists there is a fine selection of beers, wines & food available. As an aside, the layout of the hotel has hardly changed - apparently it is alleged the owners would not have received the insurance payout if the hotel was re-modelled to any extent. Phil

**12th FEBRUARY, FRIDAY
DO YOU KNOW TASMANIA
PUBLIC LECTURE**

Contact: Ted Wassenberg Ph: 3286 2817, 0422 114 451
ted.wassenberg@csiro.au

Time: 7:30 PM

Where: Des O'Callaghan Auditorium, Mater Hospital Campus, Cnr Stanley St & Annerley Road, Mater Hill

SiteMap: <http://www.library.uq.edu.au/hsl/mater/map.html>

Cost: \$15.00; \$10.00 students, pensioners

An Evening Presentation by Ian Ross, a bushwalker in the Brisbane area from ages ago – remembered by Greg E when he was but a young fella.

Hear all about the bushwalking areas of The Apple Isle, see the photos, and start to plan your next walking experience. Talk with the others in the audience to find out what they have done down there; maybe even plan a joint trip with like minded people.

HOW to get there: Use the Allen or Water Street carparks. From the carpark, the easiest access is from the ground level in Stanley St, walk up Raymond Tce, and turn left at the main gate. Do NOT take the overhead bridge from the carpark.

All welcome.

**14th FEBRUARY, SUNDAY
ILLINBAH CIRCUIT
DAYWALK**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill

Time: 7am (8am Canungra for Gold Coast people)

Cost: \$20, \$15 for those who did Coomera Cct with me (\$6 for GC people)

Grade: L46

Location: Below Binna Burra, on Coomera Ck, but going in from Canungra end.

Web: <http://lamington.nrsn.uq.edu.au/Documents/Scene/III.htm>

And <http://www.binnaburrallodge.com.au/exploring/index.php?action=viewWalk&id=7>

Emerg Off: Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Well, do I remember the last time I lead this trip. What an experience.

This time we will do it better. Last time there was a flood the week before that washed away a campsite, but for us it gouged out the creek and took away all signs of the track on the flood plain. Not very funny looking for track across the creek at a crossing point.

Better armed and forewarned, and with two years to recover, the way should be easier. We park in a farmyard, then follow an old road to the National Park boundary. Climb through the fence and off into the rainforest. The track is undulating until we reach Illinbah Clearing. Now for the fun – the first of our 18 creek crossings (you have already crossed it three times before reaching the Park boundary.)

The ground along the creek is totally rainforest. You will be walking along the creek's flood plain among the river rocks, and a bit higher up on the side of the ridge going up and down inclines as the creek winds along the valley floor. This is what remains of The Old Cedar Track, along which they brought out the timber they cut in days past. Then at the end, climb up the ridge and go to the Swimming Pool, a deep pond in the creek as it falls from the Plateau near Binna Burra.

Up 500 of the 1000 steps to the Information Centre on the Binna Burra road – but we turnoff half way up. The Illinbah Track branches off. This is an old, but recently repaired, National Park track that winds its way down along the side of the ridge, in and out of the gullies until it ends at the Illinbah Clearing. Then back to the farm and the cars.

This should be a very full day – be prepared for 8 hours of walking, not including breaks.

There are probably 22 crossings of the creek – too many to be taking boots off each time. If there is rain, the crossings may be up. Most are not crossable by rock-hopping. However, I can promise a very rewarding day – you feel great when you see those cars again in the distance. Greg.

**NOTICE OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15th FEBRUARY, MONDAY
St MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL
250 BANKS ST, DORRINGTON**

Contact: Desley Pedrazzini, Ph: 3369 5530

Location: St Michael's Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington. The Hall is on the lower car park behind the Church.

Time: 7:30pm

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. It would be embarrassing for the AGM to be postponed, thus no election and the old Committee forced to stay in office for another month. A quorum is 11 members.

The business conducted will include:
Receive the Committee's Report,

and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2009;
Receive the Auditor's Report;
Election of Committee for 2010;
The appointment of the 2010 Auditor;
Voting of Honorary Members; and other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting 2 meetings for the price of one.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2009, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.

See you all there.

Jan Nelson, Club Secretary

17th FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AND COFFEE

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530

Meet at: St Stephen's Cathedral,
249 Elizabeth St, City

Time: 5pm for 5.10 Mass

Location: Over the road from the back of GPO

Web: <http://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass.htm>

Gather inside the Cathedral, just behind the entrance door before 5pm. There may be a crowd so please be on time. We will sit together somewhere towards the front on the left side of the main isle, crowds permitting. The Mass should not last an hour. The Cathedral is the best Gothic church in Brisbane.

Afterwards walk down to the Hilton for coffee and a snack at Aroma's Coffee Lounge.

<http://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/art.htm> -

On entering the cathedral, the eye is drawn up at once to appreciate the full height and width of the cathedral. The quality of light in the cathedral is especially significant as it picks up gothic forms in its contemporary design, sets the arches and vaulting in relief.

The sanctuary in the midst of the assembly is designed to give the sense of people gathered

around the altar in a corporate act of worship. The key elements in the sanctuary are the bishop's chair (cathedra), ambo and altar. The bishop's chair echoes the simple form of ancient bishops' seats from the early middle ages. It is surmounted by a frame which refers to the bishop's mitre and which evokes the presence of the bishop as chief pastor in his cathedral church.

The altar changed in shape in the middle ages when the priest began to celebrate the Eucharist with his back to the people. Today it is again free-standing, where the sacrifice of the cross is made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord. The people of God is called together to share in this table.

These outstanding examples of the art of stained glass come from France, Germany, Ireland, England and Australia and make up one of finest collections of 19th century stained glass in Australia.

- scenes from Jesus' birth and infancy - concentrated in the right (south) aisle and transept.
- the story of Jesus' suffering and death - are concentrated in the left (north) aisle and transept.
- Jesus' ministry is represented only by the Sermon on the Mount and the raising of Lazarus.
- there is a group of saints who figure in the windows, mainly in the west window and the north transept (Stephen, Peter, Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Theresa of Lisieux, and Margaret Mary).
- the East window is one of the finest examples of stained glass in Australia. The work of Harry Clarke of the Dublin - the window shows Christ standing on the clouds ascending into heaven over a wonderful sunset.
- located about the north transept door, the window is the work of Harry Clarke of Dublin - depicts St Thérèse of Lisieux, the 'little flower'. She died at the age of 24

Suspended over the sanctuary, the bronze crucifix is the work of John Elliott. It captures Jesus' pain, suffering and death but also his strength, triumph and resurrection. In this way the crucifix seeks to express the whole of the Easter mystery.

19-21st FEBRUARY, FRI TO SAT BORDER RANGES NATIONAL PARK BASECAMP

Leader: Needed **Phone** Michael S on
3351 3810 to become Leader

Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: \$30 + \$14 for 2 night's camping

Grading: M33 to S63 in places

Location: Northern NSW on the other side of Lamington

Web: <http://www.colongwilderness.org.au/RedIndex/NSW/lost99.htm>

And <http://www.eoearth.org/article/Central-Eastern-Rainforest-Reserves-Australia>

And <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkWalking.aspx?id=N0050>

There are four walks in this area – the Tweed Pinnacle walk to the lookout and beyond to the top of the Pinnacle, the Brindle Creek trail following the creek from the bridge to the escarpment and Antarctic Beech (look for signs of the Viet Cong), the walk along the overgrown track to Grady's Creek Falls and the Tweed Trig on the Qld/NSW border, and lastly from the Forest Tops camping ground to the Sheep Station Creek camping ground in the valley below.

The walk out to The Pinnacle will be optional and is the S63. It is a bit airy, very rocky and is a narrow razorback.

The Brindle Creek walk is a basic track walk through rainforest. The Army used this area as a pre Vietnam training ground for the battalions prior to deployment to Vietnam. On my last visit to Wiangarie there were still spent blanks, rusty tins and aluminium ration packs lying around. On my first visit, there were even a few Viet Cong with their pith helmets standing amongst the bushes

The Grady's Creek track does not appear on the web map, so now might be a little overgrown – but still worth a visit. The Falls are one of the best in the area, and everyone should get to the Border Trail at least once.

The track Booyong Track down to Sheep Station is well maintained, though eucalypt and is undulating in a downward way.

A very good area to be walking in.

20th FEBRUARY, SATURDAY CONDAMINE GORGE AREA FMR TRAINING DAY WALK

Leader: Ted Wassenberg, Ph: 3286 2817 or 0422 114 451 ted.wassenberg@csiro.au

Meet at: To be advised

Time: 8am

Grade: M55

Cost: \$20

Location: South west of Boonah, on the road to Queen Mary's Falls

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

And <http://www.rockclimbing.com/routes/Australia/Australia/Queensland/South%20East%20Queensland/Condamine%20Gorge/>
Emerg Off: Ted Wassenberg, Ph: 0422 114 451

This is an exploratory walk, honing your rock skills.

Skills required: Experienced bushwalking skills, fitness, rock hopping, and scrambling.

Come along to learn new skills, improve those you already have, and meet like minded bushwalkers from other clubs.

27th FEBRUARY, SUNDAY OBI OBI LILO TRIP DAY FLOAT

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

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

Time: 6.00am

Grade: M77

Cost: \$20.00

Location: In behind Montville

Web: <http://www.adventurepro.com.au/paddleaustralia/pa.cgi?action=details&id=obiobicreek1>
Emerg Off: Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

The Obi Obi lilo trip is a classic trip to do. It is just a buzz. The trip is about 11km long and we spend about 10km in the water. It takes about 7 hours to do it.

Bring a lilo, wear thermals for sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. Bring 3 garbage bags to use as water proof bags to go inside your day pack. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop volleys as footwear and garden gloves for your hands.

We need at least 150ml of rain at Maleny to ensure the trip goes out. The alternative plan is the Brisbane River from Fernvale.

Bring a sense of responsibility and water smarts as the trip has an element of risk and you need to be aware of the danger. Phil

GREAT OCEAN THROUGH WALK SAT 13th TO SUN 21st MARCH

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530 (desley.pedrazzini@gmail.com)

Cost: TBA (airfares, camp fees and transport to and from walk)

Grading: 91km track includes rugged coastal scenery and quiet beaches

I have wanted to do this walk for a few years so have finally decided it will be in March so hope some of you can join me. I have booked flights for myself at a cost of \$250 as shown below and will

need to know numbers before I can book campsites and transport.

Day 1 - Sat 13/03/10 Virgin Flight # DJ304 6am – arriving Melbourne 9.25am

Travel from Melbourne to Apollo Bay – there are buses and trains available then walk from Apollo Bay to Elliot Ridge Campsite 10.3km (3hr 30 min) Medium

Day 2 – Sun - Blanket Bay Campsite 13.3km (4hr 30min) Easy

Day 3 – Mon- Cape Otway Campsite 11.4km (3hr 45min) Easy/Medium

Day 4 – Tues - Aire River Campsite 9.8km (3hr 15min) Medium

Day 5 – Wed - Johanna Beach Campsite 15.3km (5hrs 15min) Medium

Day 6 – Thurs - Ryans Den Campsite 14.8km (5 hr) Medium/Hard

Day 7 – Fri - Devils Kitchen Campsite 15.3km (5hr 15min) Medium/Hard

Day 8 – Sat - Information Bay adjacent to Glenample Homestead 14.1km (4hr 45min) Easy/Medium

(Based on walking pace of around 3km an hour)

Sunday 21/03/10 - Make our way back to Melbourne to catch QANTAS Flight # QF624 3.05pm – arriving Brisbane 4.15pm

You will need to carry everything for the eight days of walking and seven nights camping. The purpose built campsites have toilets, showers and untreated water tanks so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. Desley

When the CLEM7's done...
be ready to run

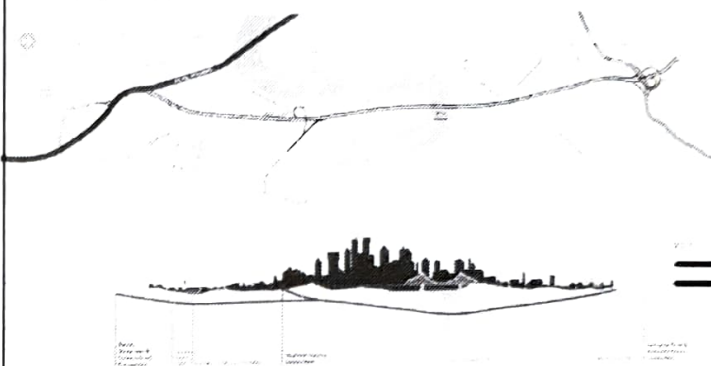
Want To Form A Team?

The 10km CLEM7 Tunnel Run is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to run, jog or speed-walk the entire length of the Clem Jones Tunnel in a competitive event, and is limited to 5000 participants only.

The event is set for early 2010, and will be held from 6.30am to 9.00am on a Sunday prior to the tunnel's official opening to traffic. The date will be announced just weeks before the event, so lace up your shoes and get training now!

The Tunnel Run will happen on the morning of the planned CLEM7 Open Day. Even if you can't take part in the Tunnel Run, there will be an amazing opportunity to walk through the tunnel at your own leisure later in the day, and more information is coming soon.

Everyone taking part in the historic CLEM7 Tunnel Run will help raise funds to support the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation in working wonders for sick kids.



The run will be electronically timed, and will start and finish at the Bowen Hills tunnel portal.

Runners will travel south through the CLEM7, under the Brisbane River, past the Shafston Avenue exit and through to the Woolloongabba portal, before turning around and travelling back to Bowen Hills.

Registration fees are \$30 per participant and all participants will receive a special CLEM7 Tunnel Run race pack, including race guide, timing antennae and 19ts of other goodies!

If we enter a team, we will have to be fast – there will be only 5000 entrants, so places will fill fast. **Who** wants to organise it for us – take the expressions of interest and book as soon as the date is announced? Let Greg E know so I can put details in the next Jilalan.

MBS: Did he really believe his wife when she rang to say that she would be home late as she had just been abducted from a bus by the BCBC Secretary and “forced to attend a certain event”?

PAST EVENTS

BURLEIGH HEADS TO SOUTHPORT SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER DAYWALK

This walk is a continuation of the club's effort to walk the Gold Coast from Tweed Heads as far north as we can get. Obviously this has to be done in stages...we all know we're all great walkers but we're not that great! The walk was scheduled for the weekend before but circumstances caused the date to be changed. It turned out it was lucky we did.

It was a lovely sunny day when we met at St Bridgid's I preparation for heading down the coast. We divided ourselves between two cars and

headed off to Burleigh Heads where we assembled at the Nation Park centre ready for the walk.

The first section was through the National Park at Burleigh Headland. It was beautiful walking beside Tallebudgera Creek then up to the beautiful views from the headland along Burleigh Beach. We reminisced on times we had done this walk as children and the changes that had happened. Given the age of a few of us this took us back many years and the differences were considerable. After a short stop at Burleigh we headed along the foreshore to North Burleigh where we met Ann, who had set out later than us from Brisbane.

Moving along, we climbed up the headland at South Nobby then down to Miami Beach where we continued along the foreshore until the path stopped. At that point, we abandoned the foreshore for the beach. Well, all except one of us. Terry had expressed consternation when he found out that beach walking made up part of this walk. So as the rest of us made our way down to the firm sand at the water's edge, Terry headed off to follow the streets close to the shore. As we enjoyed our walk by the edge of the ocean, we periodically looked towards the land and saw Terry standing at the edge of the beach, watching us. He was periodically ducking down a beach access road to keep an eye on where we were.

At lunch time we reunited and settled down to eat (either the healthy stuff we brought ourselves or Maccas for the less healthy among us) in front of the Kurawa Surf Life Saving Club. We still had a way to go so after a short lunch break, we were off again along the path. It was not long before we again had the choice of going inland or heading for the beach. This time we broke into two groups (no prizes for guessing which group Terry was in). We made our parallel ways past Broadbeach to Surfers Paradise where it became immediately apparent why it had been a good idea not to have done this walk the weekend before. Workers were busy demolishing the infrastructure from Grand Prix car racing the weekend before!

It had been a long hot walk and a few of the group decided to call it a day (this is one definite advantage of urban bushwalks). Ann, Gordana, Dominique and Marian headed off to catch the bus back to Burleigh and head home. The rest of us carried on along Main Beach, around the Broadwater and across the bridge to end up at Australia Fair. Greg suggested (one can only assume jokingly) that we should go up to the Southport Spit and back but this was quickly vetoed by everyone else. I'm not surprised if their

feet were aching as much as mine were at that stage. There are certain advantages of bush tracks over concrete.

At Australia Fair, we found a coffee shop and enjoyed the chance to sit down in air conditioned comfort and have a coffee before catching the bus back to our cars. This should have been the end of the walking but it wasn't. Despite getting on a bus which had the correct number and a sign saying it was going to Tweed Heads, when we got to Burleigh Heads we were turfed out to wait for another bus. We then decided that we would walk back to Tallebudgera Creek where the cars were parked so we set off through the National Park. We were tired but the walk was really pleasant. It's amazing how different things look at different times of the day. It was then back to Brisbane for a well deserved rest.

Thanks to all these who came along and made it such a great day: Terry Silk, Bernard Ivers, Graham Glass, Gordana Stanojevic, Mary Van, Sophie Ramsay, Patti Taylor, Marion Arthur, Dominique Watson, Greg Endicott and Anne Iron. Barbara

BRIDGES OF BRISBANE SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER SOCIAL WALK

Fifteen of us met at 3pm at the Goodwill Bridge with an aim to walk over five of the bridges across the Brisbane River (culminating in the new Kurilpa Bridge), to socialise and to enjoy a coffee and food (or beer...it was a hot, muggy day after all). We succeeded in two of the three and part of the other.

We started out walking along the Kangaroo Point Cliffs. You have to love a city where you can look in one direction across the river to see the high rises of the CBD and then look in the other direction to see climbers scaling the cliffs. It was very overcast and storms were predicted so we proceeded at a quick pace (but not so quickly that we didn't have a chance to chat and catch up). It was then across the Story Bridge, along in front of Admiralty Towers and through the Botanic Gardens to the Goodwill Bridge which we crossed back to where we started.

I had intended to stop for coffee at the end of the walk but a vote was taken and we decided to go to Chez Laila for refreshments and a chance to recover. We spent a pleasant half hour on the Boardwalk before a smaller group headed off to the Kurilpa Bridge (six of us deciding to bail out for various reasons). We had decided to abandon the idea of doing the five bridges and just restricting

ourselves to three so the Kurilpa Bridge was to be our last. This new walkway across the river has received mixed reviews. If you've only seen it from the freeway driving past I would suggest you need to walk over it before you make a final decision. Walking up the curved access from Kurilpa Point the bridge looks stunning and when looking up at all those wires holding it up from below they cease to look like a mess and start to remind you of the rigging of a sailing ship. I think I was the only one who had walked over it before and everyone was impressed. It was a fitting end to a great afternoon.

Thanks to all those who came along, Greg and Michelle Endicott, Liz Little, Marian Arthur, Peggy Roe (who brought along her daughters Eily and Keelin), Greg Endicott, Robyn Thorne, Terry Silk and Jan and Russ Nelson. We also welcomed visitors Bill Perry and Peter Ballbrick as well as former member Peta Matthewman (who took the opportunity to rejoin for next year). It was a lovely group and a lovely day. Only to be expected in any BCBC activity. Barbara Eastoe

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER SOCIAL

**And a light appeared in the East.
Fifteen bushwalkers followed the light.
And were amazed what lay before them.**

We ventured over to the Belmont Tavern where Geoffrey was seeking friends from afar but they were further North. Roger, Juliet, Kerry, Jean, Tracey, Joe, Terry, Susan, Mary and Gabby joined me for tea. Quiet and a varied menu but I should have followed Terry's advice and had the pie. Thanks Roger for the discount shop-a-dockets. When Michele, Sherryn, Richard and Robin turned up at 7:00pm after having tea else where, it was off to find those lights.

Could a Northsider know where he was going on the South side I could but try. First organise the cars. Sue in the front, Roger and Richard in the middle and Joe at the tail with Terry. You can't have a tail without Terry. We were off. Check out the walkie talkies. "Green Subaru to Terry. Come in please, can you hear me?" "Roger, Mary." Just up the road was our first house. A short stop and our first "Isn't that nice." Then down to the Brandella Bulblowers. People and lights everywhere.

From here it was through the stop sign to the Lights in The Abbey, another street getting involved as a community. Up and down the street and back to the cars where two cars Roger and

Richards were heading home, as Terry said "They missed the best lights." The winner of the East side. "What a house!" "You just had to see its sets of lights and decorated windows.

One more stop with three houses side by side, they looked pretty good. Mary, Susan and Justin liked the teddy bears on the ferris wheel. Dad was disappointed there wasn't one in his Christmas stocking. It was now close to ten o'clock and it was off to coffee to finish an enjoyable and enlightening night. Thanks to those who joined me in the East, for a tour of the Christmas lights.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM AND CHEZ LAILA 20th DECEMBER

A small group of us occupied a rainy Sunday afternoon by the river before Christmas. We gathered at the Queensland Museum at South Bank to explore the exhibits. Greg felt the need to arrive significantly early to indulge his habit of reading every word at every display. Grahame, Jeffery and Liz took their chances and allowed only one hour of browsing. That turned out to be a mistake for some who didn't get to see everything they wanted to. A huge cane toad caught Grahame's attention and he was surprised at the smallness of the northern spotted quoll. We also viewed an informative display on life for aboriginal Australians for the 100 years in which they lived under the Act.

Liz particularly enjoyed a moving exhibition which highlighted the exploits of three Victoria Cross Awardees. Greg was disappointed that he discovered the Australian Train Journey's display too late. (This was despite his early arrival!!) Apparently, the display was very impressive, especially those trips which have been experienced firsthand. At the sight of an old Lloyd ??? car, our thoughts turned to Terry's blue Datsun and what a good home the museum would be for it.

When the museum closed at 5pm we farewelled Jeffery and walked along the river promenade to Chez Laila. Why did Greg feel the need to avoid all the puddles, no matter how small? Michele and Lucy joined us at Chez Laila where we enjoyed fetta and lamb lady fingers, crepes, burgers and pizza. We lingered after the meal, enjoying a couple of hot chocolates and savouring the ambience by the river and our final visit to Chez Laila. The restaurant will close on 31st December to make way for a residential block. This part of South Bank is the only remaining structure from Expo so there was a tinge of sadness attached to our gathering.

As we lingered we were entertained by a colourful flotilla of boats displaying their Christmas lights and we had some of the best seats for the spectacular fireworks display that lit up the river.

Overall it was a wonderful outing – relaxing, educational and inspiring. Liz

SPRINGBROOK DAYWALK PURLINGBROOK FALLS POST BOXING DAY

Thirteen hardy souls set out on this lovely misty walk in the Gold Coast Hinterland on a particularly wet Sunday just after Christmas. Twelve of us set out from Brisbane in light rain and Phil M joined us on the Springbrook plateau at Appletree Picnic Area, where we had a cuppa and some Christmas goodies while waiting for the (by then quite heavy) rain to pass – but it didn't!

The Coming Outings article in *Jilalan* had promised we'd "escape the heat of summer in the cool deep green rainforest of the heights". Well, we certainly felt no heat that day! It was a genuine RAIN-forest walk through terrain that everyone agreed was all the more picturesque for being shrouded in mist and rain. The foliage along the 4kms Gwongarella Circuit was absolutely lush green and dripping. So when we had to 'get wet' walking behind the curtain of water at the magnificent Purlingbrook Falls, it was no problem at all. In fact, it was very refreshing – and we ended up no wetter than when we began!

We lingered awhile at the falls, taking in the splendour of such a huge volume of water, the likes of which we haven't seen in dry old South-East Queensland for quite a few years now. Then it was back up along the newly-repaired track to the Gwongarella Picnic Area, where we shared a large shelter shed with a few other wet and bedraggled-looking tourists, including a German family on their first-ever visit to our famous Sunshine State!

During lunch, we decided to skip the Twin Falls walk and just content ourselves with taking a look at that double-waterfall and several others from Canyon Lookout. After we had all taken in the lovely (albeit slightly misty) view from here, Phil left us, to drive back home to the Gold Coast.

The rest of the party drove on a little further in the other direction, following a sign to a promised Terrace Cafe, which turned out to be at a posh boutique hotel in magnificent grounds with a golf course, a maze, Shetland ponies and peacocks. We felt a bit underdressed in our wet muddy bushwalking clothes and sodden shoes/socks with leeches hanging off them, but decided to go in

anyway, as the promise of hot drinks around a fireplace in their olde English tavern really appealed. It was, in fact, very pleasant; we enjoyed having a relaxed chat and looking at their interesting collection of historical items and memorabilia on the walls and mantelpiece while waiting for our coffee and cake. A very civilised way to finish off a lovely rainy rainforest walk in the misty mountains so close to Brisbane!

Thanks to Peggy and Keelin, Graham, Terry, Dominique, Paddy, Russ and Jan, Maria, Greg, Lucy and Phil for joining me on this damp but nevertheless most enjoyable Post-Boxing Day walk. Michele E.

MOVIE NIGHT JANUARY

Some of us had a light meal at Stafford City Eatery before meeting up with the other moviegoers to discuss the viewing possibilities. In the end, two quite different choices were made, along gender lines, with the 'girls' going to see the chick-flick *Bright Star* (all about the poet Keats and his very unsatisfying love-life) while the 'boys' went to see a more macho movie, *Sherlock Holmes*, apparently in a modern setting.

When the movies were discussed afterwards over coffee and ice-creams at Maccas, the general consensus was that both movies were 'quite good' – but there were no rave reports. Still, we were glad we saw these films and there's always the possibility that next month's movies might be amongst those we judge to be 'brilliant'. Why not join us at Stafford on the first Tuesday in February and find out? See you there then. Michele E.

CANNON HILL TO HAWTHORNE SAT 09/01/10

With the weather the way it has been lately, I decided that this walk was either going to have nobody nominate or a "cast of thousands" – and it turned out that 17 people nominated – and 20 turned up on the day!!! Nine of us started off at Red Hill and walked to Roma Street Station where seven more were waiting to catch the train to Cannon Hill and four more joined us there.

Julie led us through Stockyard Park and the new housing estate where the Cannon Hill Abattoirs used to be and on to the track leading down to the river and views of the Gateway Bridge. We stopped at the viewing platform for a morning tea of chocolate slices and Chris' mud cake which was enjoyed by everyone, including the man who had just come to enjoy the river views and ended

up being offered cake. We then walked a bit further on for good views of the new duplicate bridge being constructed and listened to one of our group offering constructive instructions to the worker hammering on the bridge – but I don't think he heard.

I then led them (deliberately) up what I knew was a dead end track and was accused (nicely) of leading them up the garden path, but told them it was to enjoy all the greenery. We also stopped to watch all the different birds on the lagoons there. We then walked back down Lytton Road and checked out Colmslie Beach Reserve before heading off to Colmslie Recreation Reserve for lunch.

Then it was back down Lytton Road and through Balmoral where we stood on the Apollo Road ferry dock to catch a cool breeze and admire the Pacific Dawn cruise ship moored on the other side of the river. As we walked through Bulimba and Hawthorne we admired the older houses and compared them to the houses of the morning.

Everyone was very glad to see the Hawthorne Ferry Terminal appear and we were soon back at Riverside. Some people continued the ferry ride home and some walked to Adelaide Street and caught the bus back to Red Hill and their cars.

According to my pedometer, we walked around 19km and considering the heat – congratulations to everyone, including our three visitors and Keelin. Those that joined me were our visitors, Andrea, Chris & Andre, and members Marion, Ray, Paddy & Barry, Greg & Michele, Terry, Mary, Sofie, Julie, Maxine, Graham, Christopher, Peggy & Keelin, and Elizabeth. Desley

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

On 21/12/2009

PRESENT: 13 members as per attendance book.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

- Magazines – Brisbane Bushwalkers; Gold Coast Bushwalkers; The Catholic Walker; Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers; NPA News; Bushwalkers of Southern Qld
 - CSIRO Publishing – (gift ideas & Walks of Victoria)
 - Coominya Heritage brochures
 - BWQ – Proposed national walking trail classification
- Outwards:**
- Ltr to Archbishop re Barney Mass

- Christmas Cards to Archbishop John Bathersby, Kath Drynan, Printabout, Joe Tottenham, Willie Hayes, Franciscan Sisters at Kedron, The Rangers Mt Barney NP

BWQ:

- BWQ are looking for volunteers for track maintenance.
- Those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award activities need bushwalking experience and members to sign off that they have undertaken walks and this may be an opportunity to attract young people into bushwalking clubs.
- West Canungra Creek track is now open.
- There is a proposal to have a national grading system in National Parks.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A number of throughwalks on the calendar are in need of leaders.
- As Michael will be leaving Brisbane around Easter, an Outings Secretary for 2010 is essential.
- Lack of leaders and drivers are ongoing issues.
- Subs are due in January 2010.
- Australian Catholic University is starting up a bushwalking club and would like to link in with BCBC initially so that their members get experience.
- Need nominations for Committee for next year.

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/>

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT JANUARY 2010

‘Challenges and Opportunities’

Welcome back everyone to another year of great bushwalking. Bushwalking clubs should be aware of an emerging issue that could be of relevance to all of us in the coming year. The first wave of baby boomers will be retiring en masse! This is likely to raise some challenges as well as some unique opportunities regarding recruitment. Many of these retirees will be looking for “low cost” recreational activities, the sort of activity that bushwalking clubs can certainly provide. In addition, BWQ is currently exploring ways to engage young people with the club network through liaison with youth organisations.

Are the clubs ready for this potential influx? Do the clubs have the resources to run an imaginative program of walks that people will want to do and at a standard of expertise that newcomers will expect? What value added features can the clubs offer that cannot otherwise be experienced by walking privately?

Clubs need to promote these member benefits, such as:

- harnessing of members' collective knowledge
- offering an inspiring program of walks
- enhancing bushcraft skills
- learning about the environment
- promoting a culture of safety
- instilling a bushwalking ethos

There are pressures within some clubs to run more socials or “latté walks”. While social events

have value, clubs should continue to focus on the core business of bush walking.

Federation Mountain Rescue (FMR), is the specialist training and bush rescue body within our federation. By combining the high end training provided by FMR with in-house training of leaders by the clubs, we can be ready for any potential influx. Regional clubs are also invited to partake of this training, we can arrange visits to your clubs by FMR reps. Refer to the FMR website for the training program and contact details: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au> or contact the BWQ secretary:

secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Collaborative Management Group (CMG) is the liaison group between BWQ and QPWS where matters of mutual interest are discussed. BWQ reps have recently provided input to the draft Lamington NP Management Plan, and the proposed long distance trail in D'Aguilar NP. Consultation regarding a bushwalker volunteer group to assist with graded track maintenance is continuing. Our reps are also active in various other nature based recreation sector focus groups. More BWQ reps are needed for this important work - please contact the BWQ secretary if you are interested.

The Campsite Monitors group is continuing under a new coordinator Robyn Cox, with the annual get-together with QPWS representatives planned for 6th February at Daisy Hill. Campsite Monitors carry out important survey tasks on various bush campsites in the South-East to monitor the extent of impact. We need more monitors, if any bushwalker would like to become involved in this interesting volunteer field work please contact the secretary also.

All clubs - please note in your planners the Pilgrimage dates, being organised this year by Toowoomba Bushwalkers, in the Crows Nest area. This is a chance for some great walking, fun and games, and networking with your fellow bushwalkers. Dates: 27- 29 August 2010

For all updates on Bushwalking Queensland Inc. activity, please refer to our website: www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au or the short version: www.bwq.org.au

Bushwalking is serious fun – let's all take it seriously in 2010

John Marshall, Pres. BWQ

JIMNA FIRE TOWER

NEW WEB SITE BRINGS FRESH HOPE

Jimna Fire Tower Action Group
(JFTAG)

c/- Secretary Dave Wright,
email: info@jimnafiretower.com,
web: www.jimnafiretower.com

There is a new Jimna Fire Tower web site, please change the old email and web address to the new addresses above. The new web site focuses directly on the plight of the Tower, and the campaign to encourage current supporters to consolidate their commitment by becoming financial members.

The Jimna Fire Tower Action Group JFTAG has resolved that the four year campaign to preserve the Tower "*must be brought to finality*", with the intention of negotiating a positive outcome during the current "*Queensland Government Forestry Asset Sale*" process. JFTAG can only ask Jimna Fire Tower supporters to read the short message on the web front page, familiarise themselves with the security and allocation of funds raised on the "Become a Supporter" page, and then hopefully download, complete and return the membership form. A spontaneous and robust response is critical to the Towers survival.

The theory is, that if say 50,000 people across Australia contribute \$10 each, half a million dollars will give government and private enterprise the confidence to invest, and the Tower will be given a great chance of being assessed as a "*self funding tourist attraction/destination*".

Time is of the essence. This is the last roll of the dice. Download or request a membership form. Rhonda Affoo. Chairperson JFTAG.

Contact Us: - Ph/Fax 5497 3174. Postal Address
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Email info@jimnafiretower.com Web
www.jimnafiretower.com

Next JFTAG meeting Friday 29/01/10
2pm at Exchange Hotel William St. Kilcoy. All
Welcome. Dave Wright Sec. JFTAG.

The Great Aussie Campout

April 17, 2010

is the big night!

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



The Great Aussie Camp Out (GACO) will bring together thousands of Australians for one big night where they will share the experience of camping

out under the stars in their back yards, on a river bank, in a camp, a National Park, a caravan park - in fact, anywhere they might feel like!

With the long term goal of promoting healthy active lifestyles by encouraging individuals, families, friends and clubs to enjoy the great outdoors, GACO will coordinate a one night 'camp-out' across the country with the aim of introducing people to the fun and adventure of camping out.

People will be encouraged to stay at a residential camp or caravan park, pitch a tent, sleep under the stars, grab a Barbie, organise some games and get away from their normal weekend routine.

It is anticipated that a range of come'n'try activities will also be offered on the day of the GACO by community groups such as scouts/guides, bushwalking clubs, canoeing clubs. Residential camps will also be able to offer activities such as high ropes, flying fox, atlatl and archery. National Parks could arrange to have Park Rangers on duty to conduct interpretation activities for the night.

In this way participants will be able to sample adventure activities and experiences in the outdoors in a controlled and supported environment.

There will be plenty more information coming soon about the Great Aussie Campout so stay tuned to the QORF website as well as the official GACO website at: **The Great Aussie Campout**

DO YOU HAVE A GREAT CAMPSITE?

Click to download a printable **GACO Factsheet** Factsheet for Activity Groups, Clubs and Associations

There will be more information coming soon about the Great Aussie Campout on the QORF website, www.qorf.org.au

Clubs, Groups & Associations

The Great Aussie Camp Out (GACO) is an ideal opportunity to:

- 1. Connect with the local community
- Raise the profile of your organisation to families and the local community
- Support and participate in an inaugural outdoor event in Australia
- 1. Provide a way for people to:
- Experience camping and have fun
- Connect with the nature and the outdoors

What options are there?

1. Host one of your usual outings or activities, camp out that night and register at the GACO website

2. Plan a special event or activity outing clearly identifying it as part of GACO and register as above.

What has to be done?

Register your campers / campsite at the GACO website

Make sure you select a suitable area for participants to camp – consider numbers, noise, environmental damage, water supply, toilet and rubbish

Consider appropriate risk management strategies - security, emergency plans, access, first aid, bad weather (see GACO website for more info)

Need further information?

The official GACO website (<http://www.greataussiecampout.org.au>) and the QORF website (www.qorf.org.au) have a range of **Info Fact Sheets** and links to other useful sites. For example:

- How to organise a group camping site
- Risk management
- Recipes
- Games and activities
- Nature and wildlife interpretation
- Minimum impact camping strategies
- General camping tips

LEADERS NEEDED

Apply within.

Michael S Ph: 3351 3810

Look at the Calendar on the inside of the front cover to see where you are needed.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 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.htm>

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.

FMR TRAINING CALENDAR 2010

The Federation Mountain Rescue
The Bushwalkers Own Training & Rescue Arm



DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	CONTACT	COST
Jan 28	8pm	Police Operations Centre visit	Beginner	.	.
Jan 29	7.30pm	"Do you know Tasmania?", Mater Children's Auditorium, Cnr Stanley St & Annerley Rd, Gregory's MAP 153 J7	Beginner	See Below	\$15.00 \$10.00 for Students, etc.
Feb 20	8am	Exploratory walk / abseil	Intermediate	<u>Ted</u>	\$
Mar 19-21	8pm Fr or 7am Sat	Training Weekend ***	Beginner/Intermediate	<u>more</u>	\$
Apr 10	8am	Caves Route Tibrogargan	Advanced	<u>Phil</u>	\$
17	8am	Equipment / Research day	Beginner	.	.
May 22-23	8am	Wilderness First Aid course	Beginner	.	\$\$
June 19	8am	Rock climbing/scrambling adventure	Intermediate	<u>tb</u>	\$
Aug 7-8	6am	A grand traverse of Mt. Warning	Intermed./Ad	<u>Phil</u>	\$
20-22	7pm	Pilgrimage Display/Presentation	Beginner	<u>more</u>	\$

GENERAL: Contact the leaders at least 14 days prior to the event.

Supply your own bushwalking equipment, food etc.

Organise your own transport unless otherwise advised.

A cost-recovery fee may apply.

DETAILS OF TRAINING EXERCISES:

THURSDAY JANUARY 28
VISIT POLICE OPS CENTRE

Meet outside at 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, AT: 7:30pm
Evening Presentation
"Do you know Tasmania" by Ian Ross

Des O'Callaghan Auditorium, Mater Hospital campus, Cnr Stanley St & Annerley Rd. Site Map: <http://www.library.uq.edu.au/hsl/mater/map.html>

Use the Allen or Water Street carpark. From the carpark, easiest access will be from the ground level in Stanley Street, walk up Raymond Terrace, and turn left at the main gate. Do NOT take the overhead bridge from the carpark.

All welcome. Donation \$15.00; \$10.00 for students, pensioners

Ph: 3286 2817, 0422 114 451, ted.wassenberg@csiro.au

FEB 20

EXPLORATORY

Condamine Gorge Area

Ted Wassenberg, Ph: 3286 2817 0422 114 451 ted.wassenberg@csiro.au

Skills required: Experienced bushwalking skills, fitness, rock hopping, scrambling

MARCH 19-21

FMR TRAINING WEEKEND BASE CAMP

Presentations and exercises.

Incident response, coordination with emergency services, search base planning and execution, operating a radio net, records, simulated rescues, wilderness first aid etc.

JUNE 19

ROCK CLIMBING AND SCRAMBLING ADVENTURE

Mezzanine Ridge and Gorge descent

Skills required: Average bushwalking skills, fitness, basic rock climbing

Ph: **0422 804 768**, Barbara on bmakepeace@me.com

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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned.

For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

Cover: The View From Python Rock – Moran's Falls, Photo By Ray Rowe

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 15th February 2010

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Mon. 15th February at 7.30pm, at the St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is in the lower carpark, behind the church.

The business conducted will include:

Receive the Committee's Report for 2009,

and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2009;

Receive the Auditor's Report;

Election of Committee for 2010;

The appointment of the 2010 Auditor;

Voting of Honorary Members; and other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

Jan Nelson, Secretary

NOTICE ELECTION 2010

Call for Nominations for All Committee Positions.

1. Elections will be held on Monday 15th Feb at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held prior to the Feb Monthly Meeting – from 7:30pm, and
2. The normal February Monthly Meeting will start straight after.
3. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant and all are up for election.
4. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.
5. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, Training Officer, and Membership Officer.
6. If you cannot make it to the AGM, you can vote by Proxy – the form is available from the website, in the next Jilalan or from the Secretary – fully complete the form and have it in the hands of the Secretary by the start of the AGM.
7. Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.
8. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on any matter before any meeting of the Club, i.e. vote at the election of members to Committee.
9. Nominations must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Secunder & the Candidate.
10. Any 2 members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position.
11. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Secunder, or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing for.
12. The Nomination Form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM – This is Sunday 24th January. The January Monthly Meeting is on Mon. 18th Jan, so this is the best practicable time. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 24th Jan.
13. The list of all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Secunders will be published in the February Jilalan.
14. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position until elected, or remain unelected at the end of the night.
15. If only one person stands for a position, that person is automatically elected to that position.
16. In the event of more than one person being nominated for a Position, there shall be an election by secret ballot.
17. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.
18. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.
19. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position unofficially means the person is not actually in the position, thus cannot vote at committee when a vote is necessary.

Jan Nelson, Secretary

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Nomination Form for Management Committee 2010

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers Club Inc
PO Box 31, Red Hill. Qld. 4059.



Position	Nominee Name	Nominee Signature	Nominator Name	Nominator Signature	Seconder Name	Seconder Signature

Committee positions are available to Ordinary Members only.

This form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary – Jan Nelson, by Sunday 24th January.

Post it to the Club PO Box, or hand it to her at the Monthly Meeting on the 18th Jan.

You (the Nominee) can ask a member to nominate you and another member to second the nomination.

You can nominate for more than one position. Note that all three must sign the form.

Nominations in any other form cannot be accepted; ie, e-mail, by word, on paper without Nominee's signature or "Seconder", - using just 3 examples.

A SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

If undeliverable return to
Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Inc
PO Box 31
RED HILL QLD 4059
JILALAN
Print Post Approved
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THEOLOGY CORNER

The first reading for our monthly meeting in January comes from 1 Samuel 15.16-23. It tells the beginning of the demise of Saul, the first King of Israel. He was the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin. He became king at about the time that Samuel had retired as the last Judge of Israel. Although the land of Israel had been ruled by judges (we would call them prophets), the people were clamoring to have a king, like other nations. Samuel asked the Lord for advice. God directed Samuel to Saul and to anoint him as the first king. The story of Saul is found in 1 Samuel, chapters 9-31.

Saul's army defeated the Philistines in their first battle and then defeated Moab, Ammon, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Amalekites. However Saul did not obey the Lord, and kept some of the loot after defeating the Amalekites. For this, God rejected Saul as king of Israel. Saul was, guilty of rebellion and disobedience in sparing Agag the king of Amalekites, and in conniving with his soldiers' to spare the best of the sheep and cattle.

The crucial decision of Saul to spare the lives of Amalekites is not based on mercy but a desire for booty. Willingness to spare the lives of prisoners of war is comparatively new. The guiding principle was generally what was most beneficial to the successful army. The mystery is why God would order the killing of the prisoners when today our Catholic faith tells us the execution of prisoners can occur only in the most extreme circumstances. In the current situation in Australia, we are a long way from these extreme circumstances. Since the time of Christ, God's people has ceased to be a political entity but a Church which is not identified with any nation. So let's pause for a moment to think how prisoners should be treated. One type of prisoner that has gained prominence in this century compared to the twentieth century is members of liberation groups or terrorist groups. What label you assign depends on your perspective. However, it does not change the challenge that faces us, Christians of how do we treat prisoners in the twenty-first century.

Rev Russ Nelson, Deacon