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BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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Monthly General Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St. entrance). The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 18th. at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

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97 6303

EDITORIAL. by Larry Corkran.

Several late "re-entries" of Club trips in the last few months have caused Committee some concern. Leaders should realise that the late return of a trip may upset only some of the members but would worry nearly all parents. There are more details elsewhere in this circular on Committee moves to prevent such happenings in the future and on the functioning of the Emergency Officer system.

Some Committee ideas on Club trips may not appeal to our best walkers. Remember however that there is the alternative of private trips for those who want to visit unusual areas, do harder walks, or make greater use of Sundays for walking.

Private trips have tended to fade out of late, but why? More Club members now have cars. This should make transport easier to arrange and should enable more distant places to be visited.

The Club needs people who will increase Club knowledge of new areas. Therefore give private trips more consideration but don't forget to tell the Club about them. Bring slides to meetings or write a brief report for the Club files - or both.

The Club also needs people who are prepared to lead Club walks now and then. Club walks were where you learned the trade; now there are new faces who want you to teach them. That is the role of the Club.

The best two things you can do for your Club are (1) organize private trips that enhance the Club's walking reputation and (2) encourage the "juniors" by leading a Club trip.

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NOTICES

Members proposing purchase of Paddy Pallin equipment are asked to contact Paul Wijngaarden - 31.0231 (work) or 7.3655 (home). Such equipment can be purchased through the Club and prompt delivery is assured.

You will be helping the Club by purchasing such equipment in this way.

NEW MEMBERS - VISITORS:

Did you know that the Club has for hire tents and packs? Don't be reluctant to try the camping trips merely because you do not have these items. Rather contact Larry Corkran - 36.4326 and arrange hire of the equipment with him at the time you nominate.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

If you read your circular last month you can skip this notice and go on reading the social news. If you didn't read the July circular this notice is FOR YOU.

The departure point for all future trips, both day-walks and weekend camps has been changed.

Unless otherwise stated, transport will now leave from the River side of North Quay, immediately behind Trittons.

PINK ELEPHANT: Beast of bourbon!

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P L E A S E   N O T E :

EMERGENCY OFFICER SYSTEM:

The Club's Emergency Officers are:-

Michael Laherty- 97 6303  
Kevin Herlihy- 39 2309.

The twofold purpose of the Emergency Officer system is:-

(1) to provide the link between members on walks, and other members, for the purposes of any emergency search and/or rescue operation, whether it be a Club or Federation call out.

(2) to provide the link between members on walks, and parents on occasions where trips are late in returning, i.e. after 8.30p.m. on the relevant day.

Effective operation of the system when a trip is late in returning involves the following:-

(a) Where transport is by bus the leader will contact the Emergency Officer no later than 8.30p.m. informing of the situation and the estimated time of arrival back in Brisbane. He again contacts the Emergency Officer to advise him the trip has returned.

(b) Where transport is by cars, and the trip is likely to return late, the leader notifies the Emergency Officer of the situation; the estimated time of return to Brisbane; the names of the car drivers and their passengers. Individual drivers will notify the Emergency Officer giving similar information where unexpected delays may have occurred and a later return than previously envisaged, results.

Parents may reassure themselves when their sons/daughters have not returned, by contacting the Emergency Officer, but not before 9.00p.m. It may reassure them to know that while the aim is generally

to be back in Brisbane by 8.30p.m. it is not unusual for a trip to return at a later hour. Emergency Officers should be contacted in the order listed for the particular outing.

As a matter of Club policy, the leader of each outing carries with him a list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each person on the outing, whether a member or a visitor, so that direct contact with parents could be made if the need should ever arise.

#### COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

##### WEDNESDAY 13TH. AUGUST - BARNEY MASS:

<u>Leader-</u>	Paul Skehan	<u>Time-</u>	7.00p.m. Tuesday
<u>Fare-</u>	£3.00	<u>Departs-</u>	North Quay.
<u>Nominations-</u>	Monday 11th. Aug.	<u>Emergency Officers-</u>	
		No. 1 Mike Laherty-	976303
		No. 2 Kevin Herlihy-	392309

The Barney Mass on Exhibition Wednesday is a well-known tradition of the Club. Although Mass in the bush is not so rare these days, this Annual Mass nonetheless has a spirit all its own. So each year we go back to the same spot in the saddle between the East and West Peaks of the mountain.

The main party will climb South Ridge, while Brian Hanvin will lead the "adventurers" up Mezzanine Ridge. If an early start can be made, it should be possible to include East Peak.

Overnight campsite will be near creek crossing just before Yellow Pinch. Climb will commence at approx. 8.0a.m.

Road directions for those not travelling by bus:-  
Mt. Lindsay Highway past Rathdowney. Turnoff right to Barney View approx. 1 mile past Lindsay Diner. Follow bitumen road. Keep left at turnoff to Barney View, then left at 'T' junction at end of bitumen. Follow gravel road over narrow bridge to creek crossing and campsite.

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SATURDAY 16TH. AUGUST - SOCIAL - ROLLER SKATING:

Venue- Skate Arena, 14 Enoggera Tce. Red Hill.  
Admission- \$1.10 Time- 7.30p.m.  
Nominations close with Social Secretary, Monday  
11th. August.

Admission will include supper afterwards at the  
O'Mahoney residence, 40 Dudley Street, Rainworth.

Those without their own transport who wish to  
attend, should meet outside Roma Street Railway Station  
not later than 7.00p.m.

Come and join in the fun! Nearly everybody will be  
learning, so don't worry if you're not an expert.

MONDAY 18TH. AUGUST - MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:

August General Meeting will be held on Monday 18th.  
August in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel.  
TIME OF MEETING:- 7.30p.m. E.A.S.T. - not B.S.T.  
Feature for the evening will be:-

C A N D I D C A M E R A

Have you given your candid's in to Bernice Caffery  
yet? If not, do so as early as possible. Your  
contribution to the evening's entertainment will be  
much appreciated.

B.S.T? - Bushwalker's Standard Time.

WEEKEND 22/24TH. AUGUST - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK BORDER  
LOOP - GIPPS - RUNNING CREEK:

Leaders- Peter McMahon (T.W.) - Monica Fienberg (B.C.)  
Fare- \$3.60 Time- 7.0p.m.  
Nominations- Monday 18th. Aug. Departs- North Quay.  
Emergency Officers- No. 1 - Mike Laherty (97.6303).  
No. 2 - Kevin Herlihy (39.2309).



The Throughwalkers will depart from South Brisbane Station at about 7.00p.m. (time will not be final until that day) on the Friday night. After being unloaded at the Border Loop Station the party will, next morning, make an early start on one of several walks under consideration.

1. Two day walk in Wiangaree State Forest.
2. Scenic Rim segment walk to the Tweed Trig, then down the South Branch of Running Creek.

The base-campers meanwhile, will camp on Running Creek and visit the main Falls on one day, and do the Mount Gipps, Black Snake Ridge circuit on the other.

MONDAY 7TH. SEPTEMBER - DAY WALK - MOUNT BEERWAH:

<u>Leader-</u>	Greg Gilby	<u>Time-</u>	9.0a.m.
<u>Fare-</u>	\$2.00	<u>Departs-</u>	North Quay.
<u>Nominations-</u>	Monday 12th. Sept.		
<u>Emergency Officers-</u>	No. 1 - Mike Laherty (97.6303).		
	No. 2 - Kevin Herlihy (39.2309).		

Mount Beerwah is the highest of the Glasshouse Mountains and quite an easy one to climb in weather, which at this time of the year should be ideal. The view over the pine forests and the other mountains of the group makes the climb well worth while. An added attraction will be a visit to a cave at the base of the mountain.

WEEKEND 12/14TH. SEPTEMBER - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK  
BARNEY HUT - EAGLES RIDGE:

<u>Leaders-</u>	Paul Wijngaarden (T.W.) - Pat Ebert (B.C.)		
<u>Fare-</u>	\$3.00	<u>Time-</u>	7.0p.m.
<u>Nominations-</u>	Monday 8th. Sept.	<u>Departs-</u>	North Quay.
<u>Emergency Officers-</u>	No. 1 - Mike Laherty (97.6303)		
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This is the week-end of the Barney Pilgrimage and our Club's trips should be as good as any.

The throughwalkers will go up Eagles Ridge, the king of the Barney Ridges, and return over West Peak and Midget Peak. If you want to see Barney.....

The Base camp will be at the Club Hut on Barney Creek and from here any number of attractions are within reach - the lower parts of Eagles Ridge, Barney Gorge and Waterfall, Logan's Gorge and so on. And could you wish for a better camp spot?

ANNUAL RETREAT:

The Annual Club Retreat is to be held at Ave Maria Retreat House on 18/19th. October. Nominations have to be known no later than the night of the September meeting. Kath Vingoe will be taking nominations, so please let her know you are coming to this most important weekend. Retreat commences on Friday night and finishes at 4.0p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Further details in the September circular.

FROM FEDERATION:

Mal Graydon and his B.B.W. band of workers have started the improvements to the Barney Saddle Hut. The Hut now has an effective flue, so is already much more comfortable.

It is proposed to hold a Federation Track-clearing weekend on 30/31st. August. The work involved will be in restoring the graded track below Blue Pool as a start to rebuilding the track to Fountain Falls.

The Club has no trips that weekend so here is a way to still have an enjoyable bushwalking weekend. Your help in this project will be greatly appreciated. Those interested in going should contact Larry Corkran for further information.

The result of the call for volunteers for Federation S. & R. Team was disappointing. Give some more serious thought to the matter.

I PREACH TO THE LEPERS:

by Fr. M. Keohane, O.M.I.

William Dampier certainly did not like the looks of this country. The bold marauder was probably the first white man to set foot on the rocky, inhospitable shore near Broome, Australia. It was not, of course, called Broome then. William took one good, brief look around and later described the place as the most undesirable he had ever seen, "peopled by dirty, fly-blown creatures."

Broome, Australia, is in a territory popularly known today as "The Kimberleys." It is a vast territory in the North West of this island continent and into its barren wastes could be tucked, with room to spare, Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, France and a few other European states.

Some two hundred years after William the buccaneer had shaken the sands of the Kimberleys from his shoes, a small party of Trappist monks waded ashore from a lugger. They proceeded to establish a mission for the purpose of evangelizing the descendants of Dampier's "fly blown creatures." Clearing the dense brush and working under the rigors of a tropical climate, they built huts of timber and paper-like bark. Water was obtained by boring for it and utilized to grow vegetables which formed the staple diet of the monks.

These Trappists toiled, prayed and fasted for ten years. Then, as Thomas Merton in his book, "Waters of Siloe," says, they were forced by circumstances and rule to abandon the work begun in sweat and tears.

Yet, their labors were not in vain. Their going left a void which was filled some fifty years ago by the Pallottine Fathers and the Sisters of St. John of God.

Meanwhile Broome had been founded and was living its own peculiar history. Remote and isolated from ordinary Australian commercial life, once considered the greatest pearling town in the world, Broome today glories only in its past. It was near the present township that, in 1874, the famous Southern Cross Pearl was found. It was picked up on a reef by a native who sold it to a white man for a bottle of gin. It passed through many hands and ultimately reached the legitimate gem markets of the world where it was sold for £27,000!

Since the discovery of the Southern Cross the number of lives lost in the local quest for pearls may be roughly estimated from the town cemetery. There are at least 500 Japanese buried there in what is probably the largest Japanese graveyard outside Japan. The graves of hundreds of others, Chinese, Malay and Indonesian, tell of those who failed and paid dearly with their lives for failure. Natives will tell you that for every one buried in the graveyards of Broome, there is at least another whose bones lie fathoms deep in the treacherous pearl-bearing waters.

I stopped off at Broome to preach a brief mission there and had the most, polygot, heterogeneous congregation of whites, blacks, halfcasts, Koepangs and Malays I have ever seen. Broome certainly showed off the universality of the Church in miniature. Unlike St. Francis Xavier, however, my hands were wearied neither by Baptisms nor by absolutions. I only hope that the Recording Angel while having little in the way of successes to register, will at least mark down my efforts.

From Broome, I continued on north towards the tropics and the town of Derby, a place so drab, dusty and parched it looks as if it were dehydrated. It was soon obliterated behind us in a cloud of dust rising like a smoke screen from the wheels of the truck as we cut across miles of mudflats towards the leprosarium.

Leprosy, scourge of mankind since the dawn of history, was dreaded in ancient Egypt, Medieval Europe, in China, India and Africa where it is prevalent today. The scourge raised its head in the tropical north of Australia towards the end of the last century when Orientals were introduced to work, especially in the pearl fishing industry.

The aboriginal way of life prevailing here, the lack of hygiene, and customs such as passing chewed tobacco from mouth to mouth, were added impetus to the spread of the disease. Federal and State governments sought to check its spread by establishing leprosaria at various centers.

At the request of the government, the Sisters of St. John took over the nursing at the leprosarium outside Derby. As the number of patients increased, the original institution gradually developed into a unique colony, with quarters for the officials, a convent for the nuns, comfortable huts for the patients, flower gardens, green lawns and a generating plant to supply electricity.

The place became a sort of utopian oasis in the bush with everything provided for the patients except a place in which to worship God. Most of the work is done by the patients who are well cared for and receive a regular issue of tobacco and clothing and a free day each week to go off on picnics. The horrible sights of running sores and living corpses which I had visualized on my long trip up here were few and far between.

Most of the patients live an almost normal life, for the leprosy germ works very slowly, albeit persistently. It seldom kills the patient directly but opens the way for other diseases such as tuberculosis or Bright's Disease.

(to be continued next month).

NEWS AND VIEWS:

It was resolved at the last Committee meeting that the Club should, as a matter of policy, clean up untidy campsites that we come across. Rubbish can be buried or carried out. This will be a positive move towards cleaning up the bush which is being spoilt by thoughtless people. As regards our own rubbish, burn what you can and if possible carry out the rest. Some popular areas have already had as much rubbish buried as the ground can take.

In future, more effort will be made to have trips arrive back in Brisbane at a reasonable hour - in time for the 7.30p.m. Mass at the Cathedral or by 8.30p.m. if Mass has been attended elsewhere. It is the responsibility of leaders to leave the camp area in time to be back by these times. If necessary "goodies stops" can be missed. To this end also, was the resolution that if an area is unfamiliar to the leader, throughwalks be cancelled if no pre-outing can be done. If for some reason the trip is not back by the times stated, the leader must notify the Emergency Officer.

Would Club members support another extended outing next New Year? Areas suggested so far are (1) the Warrumbungles and (2) the Many Peaks Range near Gladstone.

A further reminder regarding the Club "POPULAR APPEAL" PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION to be held at the November General Meeting.

1. Entries must take the form of a series of slides which may be on any subject of your choosing. The series may be of 3, 4 or 5 slides.
2. Entry fee - 20 cents per series. Each series must have a title.
3. Entries close Monday 3rd. November with Bernice Caffery, 76 Rode Road, Wavell Heights.
4. There is only one section and first prize will be £3.00; second prize £2.00 and third prize £1.00.
5. Judging of the competition will be by a vote of all the people present at the meeting.

Song Books (third edition) are available at 40 cents each. The Third edition differs from the others by the addition of an extra 12 pages of songs and a new index. Extra pages are also available to those who have purchased the earlier editions but there will be a charge of five cents. Bring your books and they will be stapled for you.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Capt. Denis J. Laherty, 820 Dental Unit, Moem Barracks, Wewak, T.P.N.G.

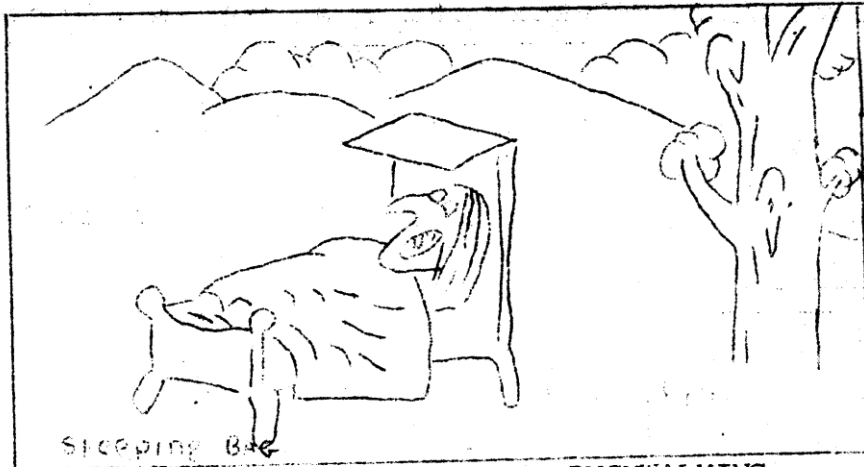
Mike Laherty is organizing a trip to Texas Caves for 30/31st. August. This area is already well known to many Club members. If you are interested in caving Mike will be pleased to hear from you.

#### OUTINGS REPORT OF LAST MONTH'S TRIPS:

Last month's trips provided plenty of good walking in generally ideal weather.

The Mount David day-walk was attended by twenty-seven people and thirty-five went to O'Reilly's the following weekend. Sixteen of these completed the throughwalk from Binna Burra via Pyramid Rock, which provided an interesting Saturday night campsite.

Fourteen attended the Main Range trip which featured early starts. All reached Panorama Point by midday Saturday. The Base campers continued to Asplenium before returning to camp, while the seven throughwalkers camped on the second peak of Mount Steamer at dusk. A campsite with a view! The main range at sunset - in the light of a full moon - and the sunrise!

BUSHWALKERS CASEBOOK:BUSHWALKING  
DEFINITIONS

Ranks of throughwalkers being depleted in September by group going tourist - to Perth. Will they take Adelaide by storm?

Is Terry Sheehan finding the Sudan a bit warm? He's moving to Hong Kong in the near future.

Gerda Ammer seen as model in latest "Courier Mail Annual Magazine." Gerda was modelling clothes in the magnificent setting of Wyberba.

Therese Moynihan working at a rubbish dump - answering telephones.

On recent Main Range trip, Ivan found some of his followers deserting to the ranks of the basecampers. Rumour hath it that it was for health reasons.

Judging from the Outings Report on page 14, "Early Starts" featured on the Main Range trip, must have been a good movie to make Ivan wax poetical.



Wild Cattle on Wild Cattle Cattle Creek??? Just ask Laurie K, Garth C or Greg G.

Many balloons successfully launched from Scenic Rim. Better than 75% success achieved.

Believe it or not:

Clare Maguire heard to state that she went to Gympie to attend a funeral and came back with a car.

Nice to see Leon Buchanan around and about after short spell in gaol recently. - Clare Maguire was not responsible.

The Vice President has really gone too far this time in his "clean up the campsite" campaign. Whilst cleaning up his own campsite at Albion Heights, baby Samuel Grigg was carelessly and wantonly dumped on the front lawn and subsequently kidnapped. Mr. Grigg's thought provoking comment:- "Marharishi say that people who don't understand flowers may as well be ducks!"

Kath Vingoe said to be giving dancing lessons - there should be a rush of willing pupils.

Welcome back to Imelda and Paula Endicott. Imelda and Paula after a strenuous world trip have now gone to Melbourne for a short holiday.

SEQUINS: A mermaid's five children!

