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TAMBORINE DAYWALK SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

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OCTOBER						
11	Wed	River #18 Sugar Wharf to Hemmant	Greg		Stroll	
14	Sat	Little Mermaid Lookout	Khaleel		DW	
18	Wed	White's Hill Cct	Greg		Stroll	
19	Thu	Mt Coochin by Train	Michele J		DW	
20	Fri	Drinks & Dinner @ The Normanby Hotel	Jan		Soc	
21	Sat	Retreat	Antonia		SP	
25	Wed	The Gap – Enoggera Res to Bellbird Gr/Ross	Greg		Stroll	
28	Sat	Running Creek Falls	John C		DW	
NOVEMBER						
01	Wed	Coffee Night – Cafe 63 Ashgrove	Russ		Soc	
02	Thu	Mt Glorious	Jan		DW	
08	Wed	Daisy Hill – Buhot Ck	Greg		Stroll	
08-16	Thu-Fri	Great Ocean Road Walk Vic – 8-day walk	Russ		AT	
11	Sat	Bike Ride West End, CBD, Toowong	Phil		Soc	
15	Wed	Mt Coot-tha – Thea St to top to Kenmore Tavern	Greg		Stroll	
18	Sat	Araucaria Circuit	Phil;		DW	
22	Wed	Rail #19 – Roma St to Coorparoo Cleveled Ln	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
24	Fri	Drinks & Dinner	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
24	Fri	Murder Mystery – The Play	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
25	Sat	Amity to Point Lookout – Stradbroke Is	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M23
29	Wed	Kenmore to The Gap - Fleming Rd, Mt Coot-	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S32
DECEMBER						
02	Sat	Tamborine Mountain – 5 or 6 Tracks	Greg	3351 4092	DW	S22
02	Sat	Tamborine Mountain – 3 or 4 Tracks	Michele E	0418 708 638	DW	S22
04	Mon	“November” Meeting & Photo Comp	Michele E	3351 4092	Meet	
04	Mon	Annual Photo Comp	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
06	Wed	Norman Park Stn to Bulimba Ferry	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S22
09	Sat	Christmas Party	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
11	Mon	Broadwater & Southport Spit	Phil	0416 650 160	DW ^T	M22
13	Wed	Western Ck #3	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M22
20	Wed	Sandy Ck, Springfield	Paula	3355 4310	Stroll	M11
26	Tue	Mt Mitchell Evening Walk	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	M22
27	Wed	River #19 Hemmant to Lytton	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
JANUARY 2024						
03	Wed	BBQ at Gap Creek Reserve, Kenmore	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
04	Thu	Blue Pool	Phil	0416 650 160	DW ^T	M34
06	Sat	Lower Bellbird & Caves Circuit	Needed		DW	
10	Wed	Rail #20 – Coorparoo to Murarrie	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
13–21	9 days	Tassie Trip	Phil	0416 650 160	AT/BC	
17	Wed	Rail #27 – New Farm Branch line	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
24	Wed	Vinnies Fund Raising @ Gaythorne RSL	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26	Fri	Balancing Rock Lukes Bluff Circuit			DW	
28	Sun	To be advised - Australia Day Weekend			DW	
31	Wed	River #20 –Whyte Is - A Long but Easy Stroll	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
FEBRUARY						
03	Sat	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	
07	Wed	Stroll Redlands Track Park, Cleveland	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
10	Sat	Redcliffe to Sandgate			DW	
13	Tue	Pancake Tuesday			Soc	
14	Wed	Everton Park, Sparks Hill, Stafford	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
17	Sat	Warrie Circuit	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	
19	Mon	AGM Annual General Meeting	Michele	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Rail #21 – Murarrie to Wynnum North	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
24	Sat	Annual Mass & Lunch	Antonia		Soc	
28	Wed	River #21 – Port of Brisbane	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
29	Thu	“Leap” Year Extra Day - To be advised			DW ^T	
MARCH						
02	Sat	Mt Coolum Mt Ninderry & Mt Peregian			DW	
06	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
07	Thu	Love Creek Circuit Mt Glorious			DW ^T	
13	Wed	Brisbane Square Mile – the whole 4 miles	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
15	Fri	Drinks & Dinner - The Courtyard Gathering	Liz		Soc	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice.

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk

KEY – Walk/Event Types

DW	Day Walk	BC	Base Camp
ON	Over Nighter	CW	City Walk
TW	Through Walk	SOC	Social
TRN	Training	SP	Spiritual Event
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	S&T	Safety & Training
Stroll	Stroll	AT	Accommodated Trip

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km / day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking Or Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking Or Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km / day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking And/Or minor hills
	4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. And/Or up to 300m gain/loss
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 And/Or up to 450m gain/loss. Agility required
	6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 600m gain/loss. 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 And/Or up to 750m gain/loss. 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 And/Or up to 1000m gain/loss. 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 And/Or over 1000m gain/loss. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

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

Postponement of Quarterly Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances tonight's November Quarterly meeting has been postponed.

There are two reasons for this:

- 1. A large number of regular meeting attendees have Covid or have been exposed to people with Covid (12 out of 19 GOW walkers have tested positive so far!) and so cannot attend.*
- 2. There are currently no Photo Comp entries in the email box of the Photo Comp Coordinator, so it looks like we couldn't even proceed with that part at the meeting.*

The meeting will be held on Monday 4th December at the Little King's Meeting Room at Buranda. So then, that gives you a fortnight to organise your photos to support the competition. I'm sure you have plenty of photos of all the great walks this year to share with fellow members.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Sue Tobin, Secretary

PRAYER

God, you who are Sacred Wisdom itself,
open us to You in the wonder of Your creation - the landscape we walk, the power of the ocean, the vastness of the sky, the plants and animals we encounter;
open us to You in the companionship of one another;
open us to You in the silent depths of our inner worlds.
We ask this as the Body of Christ who acknowledge Jesus as the truth and the way now and forever. Amen

Little L & Warnick, M.- Opening Prayer for the 'Sacred Wisdom' Sunday Liturgy of BCBC Great Ocean Walk 8-16 Nov '23

ANNUAL PHOTO COMPETITION

NOW MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

At The November Meeting

At Little Kings Rooms, Buranda

This is the 19th modern photo competition.

One of our major goals as a club is to encourage the love of the bush and bushwalking. I trust the photographs will display the spirit of the Club and the beauty of nature and why we go bushwalking. The best overall photograph will go on the front cover of the Annual Report.

1. Landscape - this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains
2. Moods of nature - sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or misty days
3. Nature Close up - plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc.
4. People and faces - portraiture & club character
5. Miscellaneous - any photos that do not fit into any other category
6. Best overall - awarded to the photo deemed to be best overall by the invited judge
7. People's choice - the best photo selected by the members.

The Competition Rules

- entry is open to Club members only,
- the photographs must be submitted in two formats,
 - printed on paper and displayed at the "November" meeting on 4th December, AND
 - delivered electronically to bcbcjilalan@gmail.com by sunrise on 4th December, In the "Subject Line" show "Photo Comp" and your name - do not forget to make your photos a *jpeg* attachment with the category, title, Club event and date.
- size - photograph must be able to fit on the front cover of the Annual Report (paper size A5). It may be submitted in a size up to A4, so long as the photograph can be reduced to a size suitable for publication,
- each person may enter 4 photographs per category,
- each photograph must be titled, location, name of trip & date taken on the Front and have the owner's name on the BACK,
- the photographs must be from a BCBC event (*Name of trip and date* to be supplied), An *Event* is any activity that is official Club business.
 - A *Club Event* does not include your personal holidays, etc.
- photographs can be entered on the night, but no later than 7.30pm,
- there is no entry fee,
- there will be an overall winning photograph,
- the winning photograph will go on the front cover of the next Annual Report, and the Peoples' Choice will go on the back of the Annual Report.
- the ownership of each photograph will remain that of the photographer but BCBC has permission to publish the photograph in any of its publications, print, electronic or on the web.

ABOUT WALKS

Trips leave from St Brigid's Car Park at 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill, unless otherwise advised.

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. <https://bcbc.online/assets/Nomination.pdf>

Leaders Notes are at <https://bcbc.bwq.org.au/assets/leading.pdf>

Pre-Outings: Leaders are to ring Phil, Ph: 0416 650 160, to advise him details of it.

If **changes** are made to walks (date, location, cancelation etc.) leaders are asked to advise Phil Murray on Ph: 5522 9702.

Our Leaders: Our walk leaders only lead walks that are within their ability and experience but are not formally trained or qualified in bushcraft.

Visitors are required to do at least two walks, complete the Application Form and pay the relevant subs before the Committee considers their application for Club membership.

Nominations for walks are needed at least 3 days in advance to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements such as carpooling.

LEADERS WITH VISITORS

When you get an enquiry about your walk, social or any other Club event from a non-member, please obtain the full name, address, phone numbers and especially the e-mail address. Then, please pass these on to both the Membership Officer, Jon Peake joncath@tpg.com.au, and the Editor, Greg Endicott, bcbcjilalan@gmail.com so we can include these new Visitors in our records.

We like all enquirers/Visitors to receive a response from Jon and a *Jilalan* or two from me; we cannot do this if you don't tell us their e-mail address. Thanks. Ed.

COMING EVENTS

**MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER
CLUB GENERAL MEETING**

Postponed Till Monday 4th December

**MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER
PHOTO COMPETITION**

Postponed Till Monday 4th December

**WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
ROMA STREET Stn to COORPAROO Stn
RAIL #19
STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Roma Street Railway Station Forecourt outside the ticket gates
Time: 3:00pm
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Distance: 10.7km @ 3hr
Height: Max 40m; Min: 4; Total Height: Gain: 73m Loss: 90m
Location: CBD, South Brisbane, Mater Hill, Dutton Park, Buranda, Coorparoo
End: Coorparoo Railway Station – Trains to Buranda, Park Road & City
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4811/153.0189>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You**

Now we start on the Cleveland Line in a bright sunny afternoon in November. You will follow the line as close as possible without being to OCD. There will not be much bush on this one, a gradual hill or two, a possibility of an easement being closed and causing a long detour, and a bridge or tow.

Be in on this one from the start and follow this Line from start to finish. Complete the lot.

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER

DRINKS AND DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Where: Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm (cnr Kent St)
Time: 4.30pm onwards
Cost: Meals from \$23 (Seniors \$16)
Web: <https://www.thebrunswickhotel.com.au/>

Why not combine a visit to The Brunswick Hotel for an early dinner with the Theatre Night at the New Farm Nash Theatre? (See article below). As an added bonus, those with a theatre ticket for the same night can get a 20% discount off the cost of their meal.

This venue proved to be very popular with members when we last visited. The renovated Bistro has a variety of choices on the menu and at very reasonable prices. It is not a noisy venue so allows for easy conversation. Either the 196 or 199 bus will get you within a short walk (71m) of the Hotel. Alternatively, the Fortitude Valley train station is 1km away. There is also parking available behind the hotel.

Come along to catch up with friends or meet new ones. Visitors are always welcome.

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER THEATRE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137 or jannelson703@gmail.com
Meet at: New Farm Nash Theatre, The Brunswick Room
Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd New Farm
Time: 7.15pm
Cost: Tickets \$25 adult, \$20 concession
Web: <https://nashtheatre.com/>

Our November social is a theatre night put on by the New Farm Nash Theatre, a community theatre group, who are presenting a classic “whodunnit” written by Agatha Christie – “A Murder is Announced”.



The residents of Chipping Cleghorn are astonished to read that a murder is announced in their local morning paper. Naturally, they are all curious and invite themselves to the “party”.

Tickets can be purchased via the website link above. I suggest you purchase tickets early to avoid missing out. There is plenty of street parking available or the venue is easily accessible by bus (Bus 196 or 199).

If you would like to join us for a meal before the show, the Brunswick Hotel [569 Brunswick St, cnr Kent St, New Farm] offers a 20% discount on meals if you have a ticket for the Nash Theatre for the same night.

When you have purchased tickets, please send me an email or text to let me know that you have bought tickets and whether or not you wish to join us at the Brunswick Hotel for a meal prior to the show, so that I can make a booking. We will be at the Brunswick Hotel from 4.30pm.

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

AMITY POINT to POINT LOOKOUT
(North Straddie)
DAYWALK



Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: Sealink Water Taxi Jetty, Toondah Harbour
12 Emmett Street Cleveland
Time: 8.20am (could be problems with finding parking)
Please allow time for peak hour traffic
Water Taxi: Catch the 8.55am Sealink Water Taxi
Cost: Taxi - \$20 return or \$10 concession
Bus fares - to be advised – approx. \$10 return
Distance: 14km
Grade: M23
Location: North Stradbroke Island
Web: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4164999,153.4854267,7201m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en&entry=ttu>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 0420 510 214

The very tip of North Stradbroke Island is gorgeous with fantastic views. We will catch the ferry over to Dunwich, then get the bus out to Amity Point and walk around a few streets to get access to the beach.

It is then a long beach walk along the northern edge of North Stradbroke Island. First along Flinders Beach, then Cylinder Beach, Deadman's Beach around the point to Frenchman's Beach and up the stairs to Point Lookout. Our party will do the Gorge Walk. We will then catch the bus back to Dunwich at about 4:20pm.

You need to bring your own morning tea and lunch. It is expected to be warm and sunny, so bring all your usual daywalk stuff, plus raincoats. Please wear hats, long sleeves and long pants to minimise the chance of sunburn.

The water level will still be high when we start at Amity so we will have a longish morning tea there at 10am. The tide should be going out by the time we start walking and will be rising at the end of the walk.

Other Info

We are catching the Sealink Water Taxi

- Water Taxi to Straddie - Departs Cleveland 8:55am – arrives Dunwich about 9.20am
- Bus to Amity - Departs Dunwich at 9.25am – arrives Amity Point about 9.45am
- Bus to Dunwich -Departs Point Lookout at 4.20pm - arrives Dunwich about 4.50pm
- Water Taxi back to Mainland - Departs Dunwich at 4:55pm – arrives Cleveland 5:20pm

Tides

High Tide	6.36am	1.64m
Low tide	12.57pm	0.28m
High tide	6:47pm	1.35m

Phil

TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

MASS & REFRESHMENTS + *Laudate Deum* DISCUSSION

Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638 or michele.endicott@gmail.com
Meet at: St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth St, City
Time: 12:30pm for Mass; 1:15pm for Refreshments and Discussion – till 3pm
Focus: Laudate Deum (Pope Francis's new letter to humanity) / COP28
Web: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwe_bd0TUjk
<https://cipcbrisbane.com/coming-events/>
Cost: Free
RSVP: Emma Beach Justice Ecology & Peace Project Officer
beache@bne.catholic.net.au

Here is Emma's invitation to this free Archdiocesan event:

As we approach COP28 the need to pray together as a faith community calls.
I invite you all to join us at Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral on Nov 28th at 12:30pm.

Mass will be followed by a group discussion about Laudate Deum/COP28 in the Hanly Room with light refreshments, from 1:15pm – 3pm..(Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St, City – right beside the Cathedral)

It is a friendly gathering of the environmentally aware, wishing to gain soulful solidarity, wisdom and motivation when together.

Please feel free to share with your communities and RSVP to me directly by email:

RSVP: beache@bne.catholic.net.au

Emma Beach (She/Her)
Justice, Ecology & Peace Project Officer – Inclusion
Executive Officer for the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission

WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER KENMORE TO THE GAP STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Queen Street Busway Station PI 2C; 2:17pm Bus 425 Kenmore Woods
OR, 2.50pm Fleming Rd at Chapel Woods, Stop ID: 010662; near cnr Birchley Rd
Time: 2.17pm By Bus OR 2.50pm at the Bus Stop in Fleming Rd
Cost: Free
Grade: S32
Distance: 9.9km @ 3 hours
Heights: Max Height: 184m; Min: 51m; Total Gain: 382m; Loss: 360m
Location: Chapel Hill, Mt Coot-tha foothills, Gold Ck Resv, Enoggera Dam Reserve, The Gap
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.4645/152.9842>
End: The Gap Park 'n' Ride Stop ID: 009990 at the Enoggera Reservoir
There is no easy way back to Chapel Hill – except Uber
Buses: 385 towards the City, Roma Street and the Cultural Centre
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring This Mobile Number*

This Stroll links our previous Strolls along Ithaca, Whitton and Cubberla Creeks to Enoggera Creek. This Stroll goes around the back to Mt Coot-tha to link our earlier Strolls and is part of the Closing The Circle series. The gaps are closing.

You will start by going into the Mt Coot-tha Reserve, up towards the big water tank on the side of the hill, then follow the lowland track to the Gap Creek Picnic Area, cross Gap Creek Rd, and follow tracks through Gold Creek Reserve

All the tracks should be formed, though eroded by rain. Once we are in the Gold Creek Reserve, the tracks become steeper from 51m to 100m, and onto 175m to the highest at 184m – going up in steps over a distance of 5km. A bit of a climb, but over a good distance.

Most of this Stroll is out in the bush over made tracks (not necessarily your usual graded tracks), There are some creek crossings. It could be loose under foot. There may be some storm damage. Or it could be all ok.

Come back to the original Strolling where we hit the suburban reserves.

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN 2 x DAYWALKS



Leader: Greg Endicott Ph 3351 4092 The Full Walk
AND Michele Ph: 0418 708 638 The Short Walk

Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill

Time: 7am

Alternate Meet at: Cedar Creek National Park @ 8am – Cedar Creek Falls Rd, in the carpark

Cost: \$25

Grade: S22 for each separate track

Location: Tamborine National Park, Gold Coast Hinterland

Web: <https://visittamborinemountain.com.au/explore-national-park-walks-gardens-nurseries-botanic-gardens/>
https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0021/164442/tamborine-walking-track-map.pdf

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph 0418 122 995

The National Park consists of 6 separate tracks. We will be doing all of these. The total of all tracks is 17km.

OR, you can go with Michele and do only some of them.

The Tracks are:

Track	Dist	Max/Min Ht	Time	Ttl Ups/Dns	
Curtis Falls	3.4km	517/454	60min	75/75	
The Knoll	2.6km	537/434	45min	97/106	
Cedar Ck Falls/Joalah	1.3km	227/184	45min	53/52	
MacDonald Cct	1.9km	511/470	30min	72/73	And Lunch
Witches Falls	2.9km	562/456	60min	122/112	
Jeynes/Palm Grove	4.2km	510/351	90min	168/166	
Driving	30.5km		30min		

These tracks are spread out over the plateau, so there will be a bit of driving and one car shuffle involved.

There is only one track with any real ups & downs – the Jeynes / Palm Grove Circuit. The track descends the ridge, going down, off the plateau before it climbs back up again. What you lose, you gain.

This walk goes through lovely green natural rainforest – tall, buttressed trees, palms, ferns, vines, and all that grows in rainforest. It is a beautiful track, well-made though; as with all tracks that go down, could collect some running water during storms that could erode parts of the track – nothing unusual for us bushwalkers.

Another with some height variations is The Knoll which is a walk starting in rainforest but then goes out to the escarpment and there into eucalypt country and down to the falls. However, a few good views because of this. There is a little bit of up & down.

The rest are all reasonably flat (though there is no such thing as a totally flat bushwalking track) and going through rainforest. Most of the creeks have cute little bridges across them, some have rapids, a gorge or small waterfalls; one requires a car shuffle. There could be some puddles, depending on the amount of rain in the week before, tree roots or exposed rocks on the track.

All tracks in National Parks are well made, maintained, and repaired/cleared after storms. There may be some obstacles, but these will be minor.

Tamborine certainly is worth doing and walking all 6 tracks is a good challenge for most members to take on. If, however, you find on the day that 4 or 5 are enough for you, you can do just 4 or 5. Remember, there is also the Short Walk group being led by Michele. They will do at least 3 of the tracks, possibly 4. Both groups will start out together on the Cedar Creek Falls track, then we'll separate for a while and join up again for the pre-lunch walk, MacDonald Circuit, and have lunch all together. After lunch, we'll all set out together on the Witches Falls track, but my group will go faster, in order to fit in a walk along one more track. Michele's group will probably take it easy on the Witches Falls track, walking at a leisurely pace, observing all the flora and fauna on the way, and then retire to a local café to wait for the other walkers to return.

NEW DATE
MONDAY 4th DECEMBER
CLUB GENERAL MEETING
AND Giveaway/Sale Of Bushwalking Gear
And PHOTO COMPETITION

Contact: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Little Kings Movement HQ, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda
Parking: Turn off O'Keefe St into 8 Carl St, and through the open gates – then walk straight into our meeting room.
Web: <https://thelittlekingsmovement.org.au/index.php/contact-us/>

Our meetings are friendly and relaxed gatherings where members and visitors can hear about recent and upcoming club events and ask questions about walks that interest you.

Nominations for walks are taken after the formalities and people catch up over a friendly cuppa. Ask leaders about their trips and talk with our members about their experiences. All are welcome.

At this meeting, we will canvas opinions on club trip costs and membership fees. There will also be a chance to inspect the bushwalking-camping items recently donated to the Club. These items are available at no cost – or you may choose to make a cash donation to the Club. After the meeting, we will have our Annual Photo Comp – always impressive! (Details below). See you all there!

NEW DATE
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PHOTO COMPETITION
At The “November” Meeting
At Little Kings Meeting Room, Buranda

I have not received any electronic copies of your photos yet in the Editor's E-Mail Box. Remember, you have to get the paper copies to the meeting yourself.

This is the 19th modern photo competition of our Club.

The categories of the competition are –

Landscape	this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains
Moods of nature	sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or misty days
Nature Close up	plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc.
People and faces	portraiture & club character
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AND, there are:

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WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER NORMAN PARK TO BULIMBA STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Norman Park Rail Station outbound platform, 3 Corrie St
Time: 3:21pm
Cost: Free
Grade: S22
Distance: 7¾km @ 2½hr
Height: Max: 38m Min: 0m Max Ups: 56m Max Downs: 46m
Location: Norman Park, Hawthorne, Bulimba
Web: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4659451,153.0513911,15z?hl=en&entry=ttu>
Home: Ferry to Newstead; CityCat to the City, Bus to the Valley, the City & Cultural Centre
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

This is a Stroll joining several already completed over the 7 years of Strolling. .

You shall leave the Station and go through the parks beside Norman Creek. These go up to the Bowls Club (and you cross the Creek on a new bridge) before going to Wynnum Rd. From here, the route goes out to the Brisbane River, up the Road to take detours back to the River in 2 places.

The second part goes past Lourdes Hill College, then down behind it so you can inspect the ritzy houses around The Hill. Finally, it is off along the River to end at the Bulimba Ferry Terminal.

All very civilised and mainly on paths. A good one for you to begin Strolling with us.



**SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SOCIAL**

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph 0401 030 137 or jannelson703@gmail.com
Where: St Anne's Parish Hall, 127 Nelson St Kalinga
(Woolloowin according to Google Maps)
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$30 to be paid to BCBC bank account (details below)
Web: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4095966,153.0429669,19z?hl=en&entry=ttu>
RSVP by: Monday 4th December

The end of another successful year for the Club is rapidly approaching and what better way to celebrate than by joining with our friends at the BCBC Christmas Party. This year the event will be held in the hall behind the St Anne's Parish Church in Kalinga. There is off-street parking available in the church grounds.

There will be nibbles, a two-course dinner, tea and coffee and, of course, the traditional trivia. Please BYO drinks and drinking vessel.

For catering purposes, early nominations would be appreciated. Please nominate via phone or email and deposit \$30 into the Club's RACQ Bank Account:

BSB: 514179

Account No: 1567184

Reference: XMAS Surname

Contact me by phone or email if you have any queries. Assistance on the night would be greatly appreciated with setting up, clearing dishes or cleaning up at the end of the night. Russ will lead a washing up team. If you are able to devote a few minutes to helping out with any tasks, it will be an enjoyable night for all.

Come along for this end of year celebration, at which we will also acknowledge (with a cake and candles) the 65th Birthday of our Club!

**MONDAY 11th DECEMBER
BROADWATER & SOUTHPORT SPIT
DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: Roma Street Station for the 8:02am Gold Coast train
Time: 7:50am - Meet in the first carriage
Cost: fares
Grade: M22
Distance: 14km
Location: The Broadwater, Surfers Paradise, The Spit
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.9935/153.4139>
Emerg Off Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

This walk is rescheduled to Monday 11th Dec as the tides were too wonky on the Wednesday to make it doable plus there was a competing stroll on the same day. So, I changed the date to a better day. (Why a Monday: because many people have other commitments on weekends leading up to Christmas and this was the only day, I could squeeze the trip in on). Also, I wanted to do the HOPO Ferry ride. Why? - it was still in action as I suspect the service may be cancelled due to cost considerations.

It is the first week of summer and a chance to see a bit of the lovely Gold Coast. This is a transport lovers delight with a full complement of travel options; a train trip, a tram trip and a ferry trip. Plus, a delightful walk around Surfers and a lovely beach walk to the Spit.

The walk is: Catch the train from Brisbane (8:02am) down to Helensvale (arrive 9:07am), catch the 9:14am tram from Helensvale to Southport, arrive Southport 9:34am, walk 400m to the jetty at the end of Nerang St, have a quick morning tea break / banana break, catch the 10:05am ferry from Broadwater Parklands to the Gold Coast Art Gallery called HOTA. A quick look at the Arts Centre; then have a second morning tea in the lovely gardens.

From HOTA, we head north to cross over the new Green Bridge over the Nerang River [Bridge No 1] on to Chevron Island. Now turn right and amble along Thomas St to the bridge [Bridge No 2]. Our group will cross over to the back of Surfers Paradise. Turn left into Renfrew St. Then we come to the parklands at Budd's Beach. The party will skirt along the boardwalk beside the Marriott Hotel, skip over the bridge [Bridge No 3] and cross the Highway. Now we cross over to the MacIntosh Island Park, then cross the delightful bridge [Bridge No 4] to Narrowneck.

We then walk north along the beach towards the Spit to the end of the breakwater. (Low tide 1:03pm – height 0.42m). The walkers return along the beach to Seaworld; catch the ferry at 3:55pm back to Southport and then get the tram and train back to Brisbane at 5:57pm.

To get to Southport mid-week, it is much easier to catch the train and tram as there is limited parking at Southport during the week. But if you wish, you can drive to Southport and try to find a carpark and walk the 800m or so to the Broadwater Parkland and meet the group near the jetty.

Fares:

GoCard for 5 zones is \$11.46 full fare or \$5.73 for concession each way

The ferry is not part of GoCard system so separate fares apply - to HOTA is \$20 concession, (the price has gone up since last time). Pay on board with debit/credit card, no cash. Phil

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

WESTERN CREEK #3

Brisbane's Forgotten Creek

STROLL



Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Milton Railway Station Platform 1
Time: 3:15pm
Cost: Free
Grade: M22
Distance: 13km @ 3¼hr

Height: Max: 40m Min: 4m Max Ups: 116m Max Downs: 116m
Location: Milton, Rosalie, Auchenflower
Web: <http://www.oncewasacreek.org/>
<http://www.oncewasacreek.org/wp-content/media/catchment-map.jpg>
Home: CityCat, or Bus from Corro Drive, or train to the City or elsewhere
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

This is the third of our exploration of Western Creek: #1 in June & #2 Nov 2021. We are overdue to do #3.

Western Creek is a small creek draining a small area from the Taylor Range at Stuartholme Rd, along Simpson Rd, Latrobe Tce, Given Tce and Moore St, through the Anglican Archbishops house, Park Rd, and finally down to the River at Corro Drive. The only problem is that the whole creek has been covered over by streets and even houses – the only part that can be actual seen is a straight version as a drain between Milton Rd and the River. A lot of imagination is required on this Stroll.

As there are 6 little tributaries to find & follow, this shall be a rambling Stroll, going all over the place, retracing our steps in places – also going uphill and down dale. You may feel some of the route is useless, repetitive, useless, however, that is where the creek still flows though under the ground.

Though the distance is 12.9km actually, the route is only 10.5km – the balance is the walk back to Milton Station from Oxley's Wharf Restaurant.

Come along with us to find the last remnants of a creek that exists but is not seen.

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER GEMINIDS METEOR SHOWER ASTRONOMY

<https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/geminids.html>



<https://www.space.com/39469-best-meteor-showers.html>

The Interactive Meteor Shower Sky Map shows the position of the radiant (the circle) in the night sky above Brisbane. Note that meteors can appear in any part of the sky, not just near the radiant. Select dates above the sky map.

[List of meteor showers](#)

In 2023, the Geminids will peak on the night between 14–15 December

December Meteor Shower

The Geminids are considered to be one of the most spectacular [meteor showers](#) of the year, with the possibility of sighting around 120 meteors per hour at its peak, which is on December 13th or 14th depending on your time zone.

The shower owes its name to the constellation Gemini because the meteors seem to emerge from this constellation in the sky.

An Asteroid Meteor Shower

Unlike most other meteor showers, the Geminids are not associated with a [comet](#) but with an [asteroid](#): the 3200 Phaethon. The asteroid takes about 1.4 years to orbit the Sun.

[Astronomical terms and definitions](#)

What Time Does the Meteor Shower Peak?

The table is updated daily and shows the position of the Geminids radiant in the sky for the upcoming night. Use the date drop down above the Interactive Meteor Shower

How to See the Geminids

You don't need any special equipment or a lot of skills to view a meteor shower. Even though all you really need is a clear sky, lots of patience, and our handy Interactive Meteor Shower Sky Map to see a meteor shower, the following tips can help maximize your shooting star viewing experience.

- Find a secluded viewing spot, away from the city lights. Once at the venue, your eyes may take 15 to 20 minutes to get used to the dark.
- Dress for the [weather](#), and make sure you are comfortable, especially if you plan to stay out long. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair with you—meteor watching can be a waiting game.
- Once you have found your viewing spot, lie down on the ground and look at the sky. You can use our Interactive Meteor Shower Sky Map or the table to find the direction of the radiant; the higher the radiant is above the horizon, the more meteors you are likely to see.
- Meteor showers appear to originate from the radiant, but meteors can appear in any part of the sky.

Web: https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20241214_10_100

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER SANDY CREEK, CAMIRA STROLL

Leader: Paula Hill Ph: 3355 4310
Meet at: 2:15pm @ Roma Street Stn, PI 8, "Springfield" train
Arr: 2:51pm @ Springfield Stn, NOT the Terminus. Walk 170m
Bus at 3:01pm Route 527 Orion to "Goodna"
Arr: 3:03pm @ Topaz Rd at Springfield Fair, cnr Topaz Rd and Springfield Parkway. Stop ID: 311049
OR, Stroll from Springfield Station to the Bus Stop – 1.5km @ 15min
Time: 2.15pm at Roma Street Station
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Start at: Topaz Rd at Springfield Fair, Springfield @ 3pm
Distance: 12km @ 3hr
Height: Max: 66m Min: 13m Max Ups: 24m Max Downs: 72m
Location: Springfield, Camira, Carole Park, Gailes, Wacol
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=17/-27.65721/152.92165>
End: Wacol Rail Station – trains to either Ipswich or Roma St Stn and beyond to Petrie
Emerg Off: Paula Ph: 0435 171 366

This is another (New) creek out Springfield way. There is one more Opossum Creek Stroll to do, but that is later.

Sandy Creek starts in the middle of suburbia Springfield where we have met it before on our circumnavigation of Springfield. Then, it was pools, lakes, boardwalks, ducks and more. We have seen it way downstream at Wacol and Pooh Corner. Today, we shall find the middle - in parks, amongst trees, behind houses and all that.

This is a reasonably flat and steady Stroll in civilised country. Longish, perhaps in heat, but simple. Good for beginner Strollers.

TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER M^t MITCHELL SUNSET WALK

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph 0427 743 534
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 2.30pm
Cost: \$20
Grade: M22 + an evening descent (bring a torch)
Location: West of Brisbane, near Aratula

Distance: 5.34km one way
Sunset: 6:48pm **End of Twilight:** 7:14pm
Web: <http://sirlingchampionmunch.blogspot.com/2016/04/mount-mitchell-sunset.html>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Mount Mitchell is a twin-peaked volcanic peak at 1175m and is located in the Main Range. It is 116km west of Brisbane and immediately south of Cunninghams Gap.

This is a good balanced walk - rainforest and dry sclerophyll forest alternating. It is a graded track, not very steep, but still a good gentle workout. The track is easy to follow and not very rocky. Steps towards the top could be slippery in wet weather. Great expansive views at the top from the East Peak are a real treat with views around all compass points. This is also a watershed with water falling east going to the Pacific Ocean and water falling west going to the Southern Ocean via the Murray – Darling Rivers.

The key feature of this walk is its timing. It is expected that we will be on the summit at sunset and will see some fantastic views. We then descend the mountain immediately after sunset and so you will need a torch with fresh batteries. The descent will take us about 90 minutes. Glow worms can usually be seen towards the bottom of the mountain. Our drive home to Brisbane will be well after sunset and take us another 90 minutes with an arrival in the centre of Brisbane before 10.00pm.

Bring some Christmas goodies to share on Mt Mitchell as we watch the sun go down.

WEDNESDAY 27th DECEMBER RIVER # 19 – LINDUM TO LYTTON STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: 2:20pm Roma Street Stn PI 5 -Cleveland Train
Begin: 2:51pm Lindum Station – outbound platform
Time: 2:20pm at Roma Street Station
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Distance: 11km @ 3hr
Height: Max: 31m Min: 2m Max Ups: 29m Max Downs: 16m
Location: Lindum,
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4342/153.1445>
End: Wynnum North Rail Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

The end is nigh. After this Stroll, only 2 more.

I'm sure you have not been to any of these places you will be going to today. Come along for a new experience.

The hilliest part of this Stroll will be walking over the Port Freeway on the road bridge. Everything else is along the river flats beside our mighty river. This area is changing by the day with the Port developing all that old swamp and mangrove land into industrial land. This part of our city is changing (and booming). Warehouses going up everywhere – a Bunnings warehouse for instance.

There is history as well – this was a prime site to protect our growing and important town from the USA fleet, which was waiting to sail up the River to bombard Government House – our seat of power. At another time, Czarist Russia was a possible invader. And, in WWII, the Japanese – for them, our surprise was a radar station.

RAAF Radar Station No. 23 At Lytton Hill
<https://www.ozatwar.com/raaf/23radar.htm>

RAAF Radar Station No. 23 was formed at Lytton Hill near Fort Lytton near the mouth of the Brisbane River in Brisbane on 12th June 1942. During WWII the Margaret Marr Memorial Home for Boys was used as barracks for the staff

On 13th May 1943, No. 23 Radar Station plotted a surface vessel which was located about 40 miles off the coast of Moreton Island. The blip was characteristic of a surfaced submarine - the plots were

reported to the Fighter Sector Control in Brisbane. The hospital ship "Centaur" was torpedoed off Moreton Island by the Japanese submarine I-177 at 4.10am on the following day,

There was a railway line serving the site, but it was a long walk from the site to the station. A few of the World War II structures remain at Signal Hill which is located within the Caltex Refinery site.

Come along with us as we head towards the mouth of our glorious River.

WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY BBQ GAP CREEK RESERVE SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet: Gap Creek Reserve, Gap Creek Rd, Mt Coot-tha
Time: 5.00pm
Web: <https://mapcarta.com/W23746860>

To welcome in the new year, instead of a Coffee Night in January we are having a BBQ at Gap Creek Reserve, Kenmore Hills, a beautiful area of parkland at the base of Mt Coot-tha. The park is easily accessible along Gap Creek Rd from either The Gap or Kenmore.

There are large shelter sheds covering the tables and BBQs, so even in the event of showers, the event can still proceed. It is recommended that you bring a torch for returning to your car or for using the toilet facilities after dark.

Please bring your own food and drinks, plus you may wish to bring something to share for either nibbles or dessert.

This was a popular event last year, so I hope you can join us.

Please give me a call if you have any queries or to nominate.

THURSDAY 4th JANUARY BLUE POOL (West Canungra Creek Circuit) DAYWALK

Leader Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at St Brigid's Red Hill
Time 7.00am
Cost \$25
Grade M34
Distance 14km
Height gain 400m ascent from Blue Pool
Location: O'Reilly's section of Lamington National Park
Web: <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/journeys/west-canungra-creek-circuit>

Emerg Off:

Come on a lovely graded track walk at O'Reilly's. It is a medium 14km trip through lush green rainforest. The walk is also known as the West Canungra Creek Circuit and by whatever name it is a great walk. We will do the circuit in a clockwise direction. So down to Blue Pool first and then up the track beside West Canungra Creek to Elabana Falls and then back to O'Reilly's along the Border Track. For the very keen swimmers in the club, they can have a quick swim at Blue Pool.

There are a few creek crossings but nothing too deep as most crossings should be no more than a few centimetres deep. Please bring walking poles to assist at the crossings. Bring the usual daywalk stuff and a change of clothes for the end of the walk.

Book Reference –

John & Lynn Daly, *Take a Walk in South East Queensland* see page 223 for the Blue Pool walk. Phil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Club life is going well and I'm pleased to note really good participation rates for most of our walks, socials and the Club Retreat. We've also had another successful (18 members involved) week-long accommodated walk – the Great Ocean Walk in Victoria – this month, which Russ will no doubt report on in next month's magazine. It was most enjoyable and definitely to be recommended to all.

Next week, on Tuesday 28 Nov (See details in Coming Events.) there is a free event on in the Cathedral Precinct which I think all concerned Christians - especially members of a Catholic Bushwalking Club – should consider attending. It's in response to the recent release of Pope Francis' Exhortation to Humanity re: doing more to hear the cry of the Earth and respond actively, prayerfully, thoughtfully. It follows on nicely from our Retreat. Greg & I will be there; please consider joining us. It'd be great to see a contingent from BCBC showing their support for Care of our Common Home.

The main news from Committee this month is that we have been obliged to consider the downturn in our finances and possible responses to those changes, to keep the Club in good shape. Firstly, our printing costs have recently doubled, due to the loss of our good, reliable and cheap printer. Secondly, more and more losses have been made on trips in recent months, largely due to fuel price increases, but also because fewer people are using the shared transport. So, we must consider a minimal increase in two fees currently paid by members: (i) general membership fees for the coming year, in line with current inflation and, in particular, the fee for those wanting a printed magazine; and (ii) the fee for going 'Private' on Club trips. It's proposed that the latter be increased from \$2 to \$5 per person. The proposed new membership fees will be discussed by the Management Committee at our Zoom meeting now re-scheduled for Monday 27th November. Then we will bring the proposed fee structure to the Quarterly General Meeting, now re-scheduled for Monday 4th December. We will also discuss the possibility of a small fundraising venture next year – e.g. a Bunnings BBQ. Please come along to join in the discussion and have your say. We're listening!

There are, of course, two other good reasons to come to the last General Meeting of the year: (i) our famous Photo Comp and (ii) lots of camping/bushwalking gear to give away. You can have it free or make a small donation to the Club if you like. It should be a good night. See you there!.....Michele

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 30/09/2023	\$2146.56
Plus, Receipts	\$ 417.00
Sub Total	\$2563.56
Less Payments	\$ 135.00
Balance 30/10/2023	\$2428.56
Term Deposit	\$5000.00

It is not too late to buy tickets in our raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Party.

Warning, you should buy your club T-shirt and/or small metal badge before they are all sold, as it is uncertain when or if we will order more stock.

Terry.

OUTINGS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Past Walks – Quick Overview For October

October						
30-2	Sat-M	Green Gully (NSW)	TW	Matt	6	Sunny
1	Sun	Wanungura Falls	DW	Greg	8	Sunny
1	Sun	Bithongabel	DW	Michele	9	Sunny
7	Sat	Somerset Trail	DW	Liz	8	Sunny
14	Sat	Little Mermaid Lookout	DW	Khaleel	7	Sunny
19	Thu	Mt Coochin by Train	DW ^T	Michele J	8	Sunny
28	Sat	Running Creek Falls	DW	John C	6	Sunny
November						
2	Thu	Mt Glorious	DW ^T	Jan	5	Sunny
5	Sun	Albert River Circuit	DW	Cancelled	0	rain

9-16 Week Great Ocean Walk AT Russ 19 Fine but cool

In October there were the following:

- There were 7 walks in October including one throughwalk
- The weather for walks this year has been wonderful with most walks having fine sunny days (the downside to this is that the mini drought is continuing and there could be fire danger later in the year - the media has started to report doom and gloom stories). The YTD rainfall is only 496mm compared to the YTD average of 898mm.
- the Albert River Circuit walk on 5th November was sort of an orphan walk as no one volunteered to lead it. I was going to step in at the last few days but the weather report was for rain and they did get rain, so we were lucky we didn't try to do it.
- There was 1 throughwalk for October –Green Gully and they stayed in huts – so they didn't actually stay in tents
- The average number on walks bounced back for the average of 6.5 for September and 8 for October and a YTD average of 9.2 per walk.

Other Issues Of Note

- The 2024 Draft Outings Plan was adopted at the last committee meeting – after a short discussion the draft plan (the 6th draft) was adopted/endorsed for publication in the next magazine. But of course, it is what they call a living document as already one change has been made, the Vic Alps walk for 2024 is now planned to go to Macalister's Springs (Mt Howitt & the Crosscut Saw). In retrospect it may be easier to do the planning in 3 month blocks rather than in a yearly block.
- Please feel free to nominate to lead a trip in 2024.
- Vic Alps trip - The Vic Alps trip for 2023 in early November was cancelled due to other commitments of the leader. Our sister Club in Victoria (The Catholic Walking Club of Victoria) also cancelled their trip to Macalister's Springs so we will plan to do the Macalister's Springs trip next year as a joint trip by both Clubs. It is one of the best bushwalks in Victoria.
- A point to note or to be aware of is that so far this year we have only done 2 throughwalks for the year - Fraser Island and Green Gully. The others have been rejigged or cancelled. - Moreton Island – cancelled, Emu Creek & Panorama Point became a basecamp. Mt Ballow became a basecamp and Vic Alps and Blue Mountains trips were cancelled.
- The camping trips for 2023 have been noticeably lacking. I think there was only 3 trips this year where members actually camped in tents. Many of the proposed camping trips became "motel trips". Next year's program has attempted to offer many more opportunities for camping.
- Water levels are very low at the moment – Obi Obi Creek at Baroon Pocket Dam on 10th November was minus 7.38m so we need lots of rain this summer for the lilo trip on Saturday 3rd February. The back up plan is to do the Mary River around Kenilworth.

Walks Changes / Leaders Appointed

1. 2nd December - Tamborine Mountain- Greg and Michele Endicott
2. 26th December – Boxing Day walk - Mt Mitchell as a twilight walk by Russ.

Walks Needed For December

Below is the list of spare weekends later in the year. At present we have no walks scheduled for the following 2 dates. I have proposed a few possible walks but I am very happy to list other walks. Please advise if you have any suggestions.

16th Dec- Sat –walk needed – possible trip - Kondalilla Falls ??

30th Dec Sat - walk needed - possible trip - New Farm to West End.

Walks & Leaders Needed For Early 2024

In January and February there are a few dates that need walks. We deliberately left a few dates on the program as spare dates or vacant so members have these free dates or spare dates to put forward other suggestions. I was interested in leading the Cape Byron walk on Sunday 25th Feb as the tides are good, but it is 2hr 15min drive each way so there may be other options that are closer to Brisbane.

20 th	Jan	Sat	walk needed	DW	walk & leader needed
26 th 28 th	Jan	Fri-Sun	Australia Day Weekend	BC	walk & leader needed

1 st	Feb	Thurs	walk needed	DW	walk & leader needed
25 th	Feb	Sun	spare? maybe Cape Byron	DW	walk & leader needed
29 th	Feb	Thurs	"Leap" Day – walk needed	DW	walk & leader needed
9 th	Mar	Sat	to be advised	DW	walk & leader needed

Leaders Needed For Early 2024

The 2024 program has been endorsed, so the next issue is to get leaders appointed for the walks. Please feel free to lead one of the proposed walks listed below.

6 th	Jan	Sat	Lower Bellbird & Caves Circuit	DW	leader needed
10 th	Feb	Sat	Redcliffe to Sandgate	DW	leader Needed
2 nd	Mar	Sat	Mt Coolum Ninderry Mt Peregian	DW	leader needed
7 th	Mar	Thu	Love Creek Circuit Mt Glorious	DW	leader needed
16 th -17 th	Mar	Sun	Club Hut Feast	DW	leader needed
4 th	Apr	Thu	Cedar Creek Falls (Mt Glorious)	DW	leader needed

Coming Walks

November						Cost
6	25	Sat	Straddie – Amity to Pt Lookout	DW	Phil	fares
December						
1	2	Sat	Tamborine Mountains	DW	Greg & Michele	\$20
2	11	Mon	Broadwater Loop	DW ^T	Phil	\$15
	16	Sat	Needed	DW	needed	
	23	Sat	Nothing			
	26	Tue	Mt Mitchell twilight walk	DW	Russ N	\$25
	30	Sat	Needed	DW	Needed	
January						
1	4	Thu	Blue Pool	DW ^T	Phil	\$25
2	6	Sat	Lower Bellbird & Caves Circuit	DW	needed	\$25
3	13 – 21	9 days	Tassie Trip ??	AT	To be confirmed	tba
4	20	Sat	Spare – walk needed		Needed	\$25
5	26	Fri	Balancing Rock & Lukes Bluff	DW	Phil	\$25
6	26 to 28	Fri-Sun	Spare- Australia Day Weekend	BC	Needed	tba
February						
1	1	Thu	Spare – walk needed	DW ^T	Needed	tba
2	3	Sat	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Lilo	Phil	\$25
3	10	Sat	Redcliffe to Sandgate	DW	Needed	Fares
4	17	Sat	Warrie Circuit	DW	Phil	\$25
	24	Sat	<i>Annual Mass & Lunch</i>	<i>Social</i>		
5	25	Sun	Spare maybe Cape Byron ?	DW	Needed	tba
6	29	Thu	Spare - Leap Day – walk needed	DW ^T	Needed	tba

Overseas Walks

A few other clubs in the south east Queensland area are doing very interesting overseas trips. The Logan & Albert Bushwalkers are doing a 2-week walking holiday in **Switzerland** in August 2024 and then some of them are doing a 9-day walk in Germany to visit the **Rhine Castles**.

Below is a link to the Rhine castles walk - <https://www.macsadventure.com/holiday-1997/castles-of-the-romantic-rhine/>

Plus, the Gold Coast Bushies are doing a 32-day trip to do a series of **walks in Wales**. (it is booked out). The walk commences at the Menai Bridge in North Wales, where they start the Anglesey Coastal Walk with a Puffin Island diversion and a Mt Snowdon ascent. They then follow the Wales Coastal Path around Llwyn Peninsular linking up with the Glyndwr's Way at Machynlleth, walking across mid-Wales to Welshpool, linking up with the Offa's Dyke Path to Prestatyn. This is a day-pack-only walk, with luggage transfers, accommodation & breakfast pre-arranged. Start date: 29th May 9:00 am, End Date 4th July 10:00 am. Duration 32 days and limited to 11 people. Numbers currently filled.

I sometimes hear about these trips very early on and if you interested in them, I will pass on the emails about these trips -I will forward the information to you.

Trips Overseas – Mt Fuji

I recently did a tourist trip to Japan. It was wonderful. Amongst many places we visited was Mt Fuji. The day we were there the weather was just perfect with not a cloud in the sky and no wind. We visited the tourist spot half way up the mountain called the 5th Station on the Subaru Line. I was so inspired to come back and climb to the summit. It is apparently a very easy walk for bushwalkers to do. It is just up, up, up and more up and more importantly there are no technical rock-climbing skills needed. But it does get very cold at the summit and there could be issues with altitude sickness as it is 3,776m high. It got me thinking I could come back and climb it. But more importantly has anyone in the Club actually climbed it.

<https://www.klook.com/blog/tips-for-climbing-mount-fuji/>

Even a very old guy climbed Mt Fuji - There is a signboard with information about an old man who climbed Mt Fuji about a dozen times in his nineties. His name is Igarashi Teiichi and he actually climbed the mountain when he was 105 years old. So obviously we can plan to climb it in the next few years.

<https://www.upi.com/Archives/1994/08/11/Japans-Mt-Fuji/8767758076530/>

Quote Of The Month

It would be a mistake if living in the city, you decided that the only way to enjoy a good walk would be to flee the urban environment to find a quiet lane in the countryside. Walking through a crowded city has its own special delights and offers rich opportunities for practising mindfulness. The city doesn't have to be second best to the rural scene.

Adam Ford – *Mindful Thoughts for Walkers* page 125

Phil Murray – BCBC - Outings Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Final BCBC membership for the year is 111 members.

The club's membership has remained quite stable over the past three years as there were 110 members for each of the 2021 and 2022 years.

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

FMR

<https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>

Programme For 2024

FMR offers regular training activities, at near-cost, to adult financial members of BWQ-affiliated clubs. These are marked "Member: BWQ Club" in the descriptions below. Please add these to your club's program. Bookings essential.

For more information, email Secretary at fmrqld@gmail.com

Training and Experience Events:

Date	Activity	Member	Limit	Cost	Contact
TBC 2024	Digital Navigation - GPS devices	BWQ Club	15	free	Doug McDonald
TBC 2024	Classic Navigation - map and compass	BWQ Club	15	free	Peter Rollings

ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Nally is having a birthday in November.

Kerry Necker and Michael Dwyer from BOSQ were welcome visitors on John Carter's Running Creek Falls walk. Visitors are most welcome on any of our activities.

Graeme Aldom recently returned from an overseas holiday.

Karen Franklin has just returned from walking in Europe with Michael Simpson, and also caught up with some of her family.

Khaleel Petrus recently did a walk in New Zealand.

A number of Committee members and others represented the Club at the Requiem Mass on 17th October and the funeral service on 13th November to farewell our recently deceased Club member (current and past), Peter Nally. May he rest in peace. Our sincere condolences and continued prayers for Therese and family.

Brian Egan, an early member, passed away on the 11th October. (husband of Maureen Egan who passed away 10th August this year); brother-in-law of Marian Arthur.

An e-mail from Marian Arthur: "It is with sadness that we hear Pat Fitzpatrick (nee Goodwin) has passed away, aged 91 years. Pat's funeral Mass was on Tuesday 7th November at the Star of the Sea, Cleveland.

Pat was the first lady to ring Fr Willie Hayes when the Club was first proposed, wanting to join the BCBC, and I was told that Willie was taken aback to hear of a lady wanting to bushwalk!! Pat also gave the names of other girls who worked with her who also wanted to go bushwalking.

Willie Hayes, our Club Co-founder, thanked me for the memory above and went on to say that there were more girls than boys in the Club – interesting.

I have been told that Pat may have been the Club's first Secretary.

May she rest in Peace Marian"

PAST EVENTS

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 100 YEARS OF THE ARCHIES SOCIAL



It was a lovely day at the Gold Coast Art Gallery, now called Home of the Arts (HOTA).

The Archies is a collection of most of the previous winners of the Archibald Prize, which is Australia's premier art award. (The display didn't include all the winners, as some have been lost and some damaged).

It was a pleasure to view these great works of art and get to be inspired by the skill and talent of the great artists. There was a lovely variety of artworks. I liked the paintings of John Howard and the "Lady with Yellow Gloves" but my favourite was Molly Meldrum. Below is a cut down version of the painting.

There were only 3 Club members who made the effort to come along to enjoy the day - Michele, Greg and Phil. We had lunch in the Café on the top floor and enjoyed wonderful views across the Gold Coast

Attached is a link to the relevant website.

https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/collection/works/?exhibition_id=8380



SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER LITTLE MERMAID LOOKOUT DAYWALK

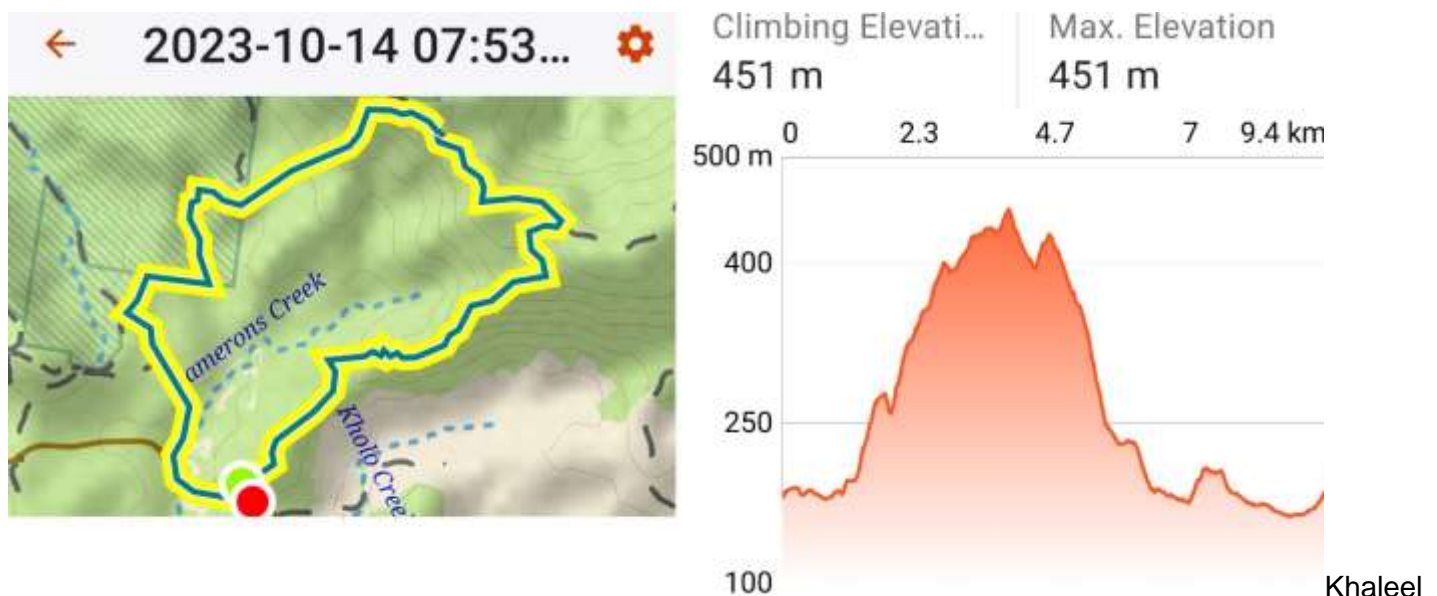


We started our walk at 8:00am. The weather was just beautiful with a very gentle breeze. The party took its time on the uphill battle and had a few short breather stops which included a couple of water stops. At about 10:00am, we were at the beautiful Little Mermaid Lookout and enjoyed a magnificent view (despite a significant haze) westwards to Lake Manchester, Ipswich City and hills surrounding the Lake and the Scenic Rim. We took our morning tea break at the top where we were joined by a group of ladies who also enjoyed their morning tea.

We then climbed down from the Lookout and headed towards Mermaid Mountain, where we encountered a short ascent. At about 1.5km, from the mountain, we turned left to a very steep descent followed by a gentle descent towards the creek, where we encountered a big goanna. Then a slight uphill followed by a left turn along private property, entering via a standard gate, and then a long slog toward our cars arriving at 12 Noon.

It took us the same time for the downwards journey as the upward; we had to be very careful on the dry slippery gravel/soil. We clocked a total of 9.4km. Then it was time to get ready and drive about 10 minutes to our lunch spot at "The Reserve on Anstead".

Thank you to Paddy, Will, Annette, Rusty, Maria and Jan for joining me on this enjoyable walk.



THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER
M^t COOCHIN by TRAIN
DAYWALK

A perfect spring day saw 6 keen walkers alight the train at Beerwah Station and meet up with Michele & Richard who had driven from Caloundra. Soon after 8.30am, we set off on the 2km walk through Beerwah walking towards Mt. Coochin and the eastern boundary of the national park on Carnarvon Drive.

Once the national park was reached, our party travelled about 50m along a forestry road before turning off onto a rough track to start the moderately steep climb to the east peak. It was starting to warm up so we took it slowly and arrived at east peak around 10.15am. Some shade was found and we enjoyed a rather long morning tea whilst taking in the views and cooling off in the breeze. The view from here was panoramic and included the Caloundra skyline, Moreton Island and the other Glasshouse Mountains.

Once rested we commenced the short scramble down into the saddle and up the other side to west peak, which is the higher of the two. The vegetation here is very thin providing virtually no shade. As it was getting hotter, we had a quick look at the views and after a drink commenced the climb down the west peak back to the forestry road.

It was a short walk back to Carnarvon Drive then back to Beerwah for lunch arriving around 1.20pm. Some had brought lunch and others visited the local establishments to purchase theirs. We sat around a table near the station and enjoyed our meals before the train travellers caught the 2.11pm train to Brisbane.

Thank you to all participants: Mark Deagon, Jan & Russ Nelson, Paddy Taylor, Sue Walsh, Mary Kelly and Richard Johns.
Michele Johns



FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER
DRINKS & DINNER

THE NORMANBY HOTEL SOCIAL

The Normanby Hotel is one of my favourite hotels in Brisbane. Having undergone refurbishment a few years ago, the hotel has kept its charm. Surrounded by the beautiful brickwork, we were seated in a lovely quiet area in the hotel, away from the music, where you could hear the conversation without straining. The food was very tasty and the service was good, as was the company.

Thank you to those who joined me: Michele & Greg Endicott, Liz Little, Majella & Mark Deegan, Sue Tobin and Russ Nelson.
Jan Nelson



SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER CLUB RETREAT

On a fine Saturday morning in October, eleven members gathered at St Anne's, Kalinga, a small Spanish-Mission-style Catholic Church (and an official Local Heritage Place) in the North-East of Brisbane, to take time out for 'spiritual spring-cleaning'.



We met at 8.30am inside the historic church for an opening prayer, the Canticle of Creation, which we read in two parts, according to the ancient monastic prayer- tradition. Then we walked to the nearest section of Kalinga Park, where we gathered around the Meeting Tree, an ancient and ongoing gathering place for Indigenous people – and now a meeting place for weekly Park-Run participants, too! Antonia read out the beautiful poem 'God's Grandeur' by priest-poet Gerard Manley Hopkins and we reflected on that while taking in the age and beauty of the very large old trees in that place. I love trees, so couldn't help myself – I just had to do some tree-hugging!



When we returned from our walk, we had a lovely morning tea of savoury and sweet treats - and hot and cold drinks - in the parish hall. Then we stayed in the hall for our time of further listening, meditation and prayer, reflecting on the carefully-chosen texts that Antonia had prepared for us to consider. The focus was on our relationship with God as lived out in our relationships with God's Creation and God's creatures (especially fellow-humans). As Antonia had pre-viewed in the Coming Event article, "Love and mercy are at the basis of God's relationship with us. Just as we feel great peace when we are reconciled with God, our hearts are filled with peace through reconciling with each other and with all of God's creation." There was a lot of food for thought.

Then, filled with peace, we went in search of food for the body. Six of us stayed on for the optional lunch together afterwards at the Kedron Park Hotel, where we had the bistro largely to ourselves and the staff looked after us very well. The meals were delicious, especially the desserts. It was a very pleasant end to our half-day of prayer and reflection.

Many thanks to our Club Vice-President, Antonia, for organising the venue (and the pub lunch), providing the morning tea and leading the whole Retreat. This involved a big effort on her part, so we are really grateful to her for being willing to put herself 'out there' in this role. We all enjoyed the day. Thank you again, Antonia!

Michele

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER RUNNING CREEK FALLS DAYWALK

This was an enjoyable walk with a small group of six, on a mainly fine cool day, on the southern end of the Lamington Plateau, adjacent to the McPherson Range. Unfortunately, though we have been experiencing El Nino weather conditions this year, the valley had had 35mm of rain, in the previous two days, which did impact walking conditions and slowed our progress.

Walkers met at 7.00am at Beaudesert and were at the Drynan Farm before 8am in overcast conditions and light rain. After greeting the local cattle and dogs, we commenced walking through the muddy paddocks at a quick pace. The paddocks had been recently burnt making for easier going. There were crimson and eastern rosellas, wrens, fire tail finches and many red neck wallabies. We passed Black Snake Ridge (a recent addition of 160ha to the national park) turn-off.

The weather improved, though humid. After about 6km, we entered the forest proper. The trail was well marked, and after a kilometre, it crossed Running Creek, where we transitioned into rainforest, with tall hoop pine trees reaching skywards and other large, buttressed trees festooned with epiphytes such as elkhorns and with plenty of vines, emergent flooded gums and brush box. There was of

course, lawyer vine and stinging trees. At our smoko location, we could see the rocky pinnacle, Panic Button Point, which lies between the two branches of the Creek.

The trail continued for about 3km to England Creek reaching it, at 12.20pm. Here we split into two, with one group waiting and having lunch and the others pushing on the last 700m to Running Creek Falls. Rock hopping in the creek was treacherous so an alternate route up through the forest was the only option. The 100m Falls were flowing well with a magnificent single drop. A few minutes to admire the view and we turned around to go back and rejoin the others by 1.30pm.

The return walk we retraced our steps. It was quite pleasant in the late afternoon sun. The clouds had lifted and we could see the adjoining ranges including Mt Gipps. We reached the cars by 6pm and were greeted by farmer Jan and her dogs. A check for ticks (yes, but no leeches) and headed home.

Thanks to Terry, Louise, Rusty, Kerry and Michael for accompanying me. Pleased to have Kerry and Michael from BOSC come along. It is BOSC's turn to lead the next walk here.

It was great to do a seldom visited area for a long off-track walk. John





**WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER
CAFÉ 63, ASHGROVE
COFFEE NIGHT**

This Café 63 has only been opened 3 months so we thought it was worth visiting. What was remarkable was that there were more club members there than at a quarterly General Meeting. They had a classic Café 63 menu which was enormous. We coped with making dinner choices and we all paid when we ordered in order to avoid confusion at the end of the night. All in all, a good night.

Thank you to all those who joined me: Sue T, Liz L, Karen F, Michael S, Pat L, Jonas B, Michele & Greg E, Janet G, Joe T, Prasada V. Paulette & Alan S, Chris C, Barbara E, Majella & Mark D, Terry S and Jan N. Russ



**THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
MOUNT GLORIOUS**

DAYWALK

It was perfect weather conditions for our walks at Mt Glorious – partly cloudy and not too hot. After a short car shuffle and a look at the very smoky view from Jolly's Lookout caused by the bushfires, we set off on the Thylogale Track through rainforest and sclerophyll forest. A pademelon was spotted just off the track. Our party stopped at Boombana for morning tea. We were surprised to see that the picnic shelter had been removed, but there were still rock slabs to sit on.

After morning tea, the group continued on through the rainforest to the 'Cafe in the Mountains' where we had left a car. Next stop was the Maila Picnic Grounds from where we walked the Western Window Track, stopping to admire the smoky view at the 'Window'. The walkers joined onto the Westside Track, walking through beautiful rainforest and palm groves to the junction with Joyners Ridge Road. We retraced our steps and then enjoyed a well-earned lunch break.

After lunch we walked to Greenes Falls via the Cypress Circuit. A few trees had come down across the track, so there must have been some wild weather in the area. There was only some stagnant water in pools at the Falls unfortunately. We headed back to Maila, completing the anti-clockwise circuit.

It was a very enjoyable walk with delightful company. Thanks for those who joined me: Mark Deegan, Liz Little, Khaleel Petrus and Paddy Taylor. Jan



SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER
BIKE RIDE
SOCIAL

A lovely bike ride from West End to Kangaroo Point. It was a great morning. There were only 3 of us of the ride. Louise & Rusty Jones and me. Started at 8.45am and finished by 11.15am. We did 20km exactly. The views along the way were fantastic. It was actually better than lovely and I am very, very keen to go for another bike ride soon. Hopefully we can have 3 or 4 rides next year. Phil

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER
ARAUCARIA LOOKOUT
Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section

I started driving at 7:20am from my place with Elizabeth and Eva, while Benno drove with Sue from his home and Pat & Jonas drove privately. We met around 8:35am at the teahouse at Binna Burra, were greeted by Neil, who was camping there, and Phil, who drove privately from the Gold Coast.

At 8:50am, we all started the walk and had a short break on the seat at a junction of the Border Track, followed by another longer break at Joalah Lookout with nice views of Springbrook and Araucaria Lookout. There was good interest from participants to have a look at the small memorial plaque of the two young angels taken by lightning strike in 1992. The view was dotted with nice full-bloomed flame trees and we could see three of them just next to the Araucaria Lookout.

Pat, Jonas and Elizabeth stayed behind while the rest of the group continued and had a belated morning tea at about 11:00am at the nice seating area at Orchid Bower Lookout, where we had a beautiful view of northern NSW dominated by the majestic Mt Warning. Then we continued to the lookout and all managed to get to the top and enjoy the panoramic view of Numinbah Valley, Springbrook, all the way to the ocean and northern NSW including Mt Warning. Once all the vibe had soaked in, we headed back to our nice seating area at Orchid Bower and enjoyed our lunch at 1:15pm for a short 20 minutes. Then it was a long slog back to the teahouse for a well-earned coffee break.

I have to mention that we enjoyed a clear day of perfect beautiful weather conditions just right for our Summer walk. It was mostly overcast with short spells of sunshine and some nice occasional cool breezes. The track was very pleasant underfoot. There were some small obstacles of fallen branches encountered along the track, thankfully cleared by Phil (at the head of our pack) when possible. Getting closer to Orchid Bower and beyond, we encountered some moderate rocky patches. Scrambling to the top of Araucaria Lookout was a bit tricky and needed extra care, as there wasn't much of a safe area to get to the right spot to enjoy a beautiful panoramic view.

We met many solo walkers, couples & small parties of young people and encountered two young Binna Burra volunteer fellows with their two-wheeler transport vehicle coming back from a delivery of plastic water pipes for tracks maintenance.

Thank you to Pat, Jonas, Elizabeth, Neil, Eva, Benno, Sue and Phil for participating in this pleasant walk.

Khaleel





CRY OF THE EARTH/CRY OF THE POOR **(A prayer relating to *Laudate Deum* & 28th Nov Coming Event)**

Lord, when we listen with Your ears we hear:
the bush grown more silent, the birdsong less vibrant,
the stream's sluggish ripple.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with Your eyes we see:
the soil depleted, the sky smudged,
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with our eyes we see:
the workers who struggle to get by, the women subjected to violence,
the people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with Your ears we hear:
the sound of hungry children, the distress of the mentally ill,
the silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send Your Spirit upon us Lord
to renew our sight, to restore our hearing,
and to reclaim Your reign of justice for all people
and peace for creation.

Amen

St Ignatius Toowong Parish Newsletter 29th August 2021

WEBSITE NEWS LOOKING FOR PAST JILALANS

Members may have noticed that we are storing digital copies of past Jilalans on our website. This is an attempt to keep a central record of them that is accessible to all members. So far, we have posted about half our total collection, thanks to members who have previously scanned some of them. It would be good to track down the ones we are missing.

At this point, we are looking for **past copies that have already been scanned**. If you have any, the club would very much like to hear from you. (bcbcjilalan@gmail.com)

These are the ones we are missing:

- January 2004, April 2004
- All of 1971 - 2003
- September 1970, October 1970, November 1970, December 1970
- April 1965
- All of 1963 and 1964
- January - September 1960
- February 1959, March 1959, September 1959, October 1959, November 1959, December 1959

Many thanks for any assistance you can give.

Liz and Khaleel, Website Managers

WANT SOME 'FREE' BUSHWALKING GEAR?

The Club received a phone call from a chap (not associated with our Club) who is giving up bushwalking due to his age. He is giving away his gear.

He has: a Gore-tex jacket, 2 down sleeping bags, 1 lightweight sleeping bag, a silk sleeping bag liner, a large pack, several small camping stoves – gas, metho, shellite – and some other small items for bushwalking or camping, like wool socks and water bottles in canvas cases. See photos below.

The items have been collected from him and are at our house waiting for new owners. If they are not claimed beforehand, we will bring them to the Quarterly Meeting in November and will happily hand them over to people who can give them a good home. The items are theoretically 'free', *but if the recipients feel inclined to make a donation to the Club, to show their appreciation, that would be great*, especially as we have made a loss on most walks recently. This could be done by bringing cash on the night or asking Terry for the Club bank account details for making a direct deposit.

See the photos at the end of this Jilalan.

Greg & Michele.

BOOK REVIEW



Books On Walking

I was reading a book I got from the library called *Mindful Thoughts for Walkers* by Adam Ford and came across an interesting reference to a guy called Patrick Leigh Fermor who did a walk across Europe from Holland to Constantinople in 1933 and he wrote 3 books about the walk called respectively *Time of Gifts* and *Between the Woods and the Water* and *The Broken Road*, The last book needed to be completed by 2 editors after the death of the author. I have never heard of this author before but in view of the splendid reviews it may be worth a look at his trilogy of books. The second book won the Thomas Cook Travel Book Award in 1986.

To gain an idea about the quality of these books I refer to the very very gushy reviews for the last book which were as follows:-

William Dalrymple, Guardian

This is a major work. It confirms that Leigh Fermor was, along with Robert Byron, the greatest travel writer of his generation, and this final volume assures the place of the trilogy as one of the masterpieces of the genre, indeed one of the masterworks of post-war English non-fiction.

Justin Marozzi, Spectator

Colin Thubron and Artemis Cooper have put this book to bed with skill and sensitivity . . . Friends and fans, acolytes, devotees and disciples can all rest easy. It was worth the wait.

Robert MacFarlane, The Times

It is magnificent. Cooper and Thubron have done an immense service in bringing the book to publication, for it unmistakably stands comparison with its remarkable siblings. The prose has the glorious turbulence and boil of the first two books, and the youthful magic of his "dream-odyssey" is still potent.

Has anyone in the Club ever heard about this author **Leigh Fermor** before??

CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF CARITAS

Pilgrimage On The Iconic Larapinta Trail

<https://inspiredadventures.com.au/event/caritas-larapinta-2024/>

From: Laura Womersley laura.womersley@caritas.org.au

Subject: Celebrate 60 years of Caritas Australia - Pilgrimage on the iconic Larapinta trail

I'm reaching out because I know you guys love a walking adventure (+ a fun challenge) as much as we do. We have an exciting adventure coming up in 2024 and I wanted to share an invitation with you!

To celebrate Caritas Australia's 60th birthday next year, we're organising a 5-day trekking Pilgrimage on the iconic Larapinta Trail in Australia's red centre. The trek is happening in August, organised through Inspired Adventures.

We're hoping to onboard 60 like-minded walkers to take on the challenge, and along the way raise \$200,000 to celebrate 6 decades of Caritas Australia working tirelessly for justice, dignity, and a future where everyone can thrive.

I wondered if Club might be looking for a worthwhile challenge to tackle next year? It's going to be such a wonderful 5 days – we would be so privileged to have you join us on the Larapinta Trail!

Details about the trek are on our website– we would be so thrilled if you could please share amongst your networks or maybe in your newsletter?

More info around cost/fundraising involved + itinerary can be found on the link below:

<https://inspiredadventures.com.au/event/caritas-larapinta-2024/>

Scroll down the page to find the walk and then on Day £1, Day £2 etc to view it all.

Appreciate your time, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, or if you'd like more information!

Thanks again, hope to have you join us.

Laura Womersley, Community Fundraising Coordinator

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NORTHERN TERRITORY PARKS & WILDLIFE

Campground Host Programme

<https://territorywildlifepark.com.au/get-involved/campground-host-program>

From: Bronwyn Hall bronwyn.hall@nt.gov.au

Subject: NT Campground Host program - lots of walking opportunities!

<https://nt.gov.au/parks/learn-and-be-involved/volunteers-in-parks>

I'm writing to let you know that the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT have recently commenced a Campground Host program. We wanted to share the opportunity with bushwalking groups around the country as it's a great way for keen walkers to check out the trails in our unique and incredible parks.

Our campground host program is similar to those run in other states. Being a host is a great opportunity to have a more in-depth experience in our parks, get to know the rangers and become part of the team who manage these incredible landscapes. In exchange for free camping, hosts spend a few hours each day completing tasks such as:

- greeting guests and helping them find their campsite
- providing information about the park and the local area
- doing routine maintenance and making sure campsite is clean and tidy
- liaising with park rangers regard-ing site con-di-tions, facil-i-ties and any issues

Outside of that, there's plenty of time to explore the park and get out on the walking tracks! Depending on where you may choose to host, you could be close by to the world-famous Larapinta Trail, the beautiful Tabletop Track in Litchfield, amongst many others.

There are campground host sites located in 7 of our national parks:

- Trephina Gorge Nature Park
- Finke Gorge National Park
- Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles Conservation
- Elsey National Park
- Litchfield National Park (3 sites)
- Judburra/Gregory National Park
- Keep River National Park

Many thanks and happy walking!

Bronwyn Hall, Volunteer Program Manager, Parks and Wildlife Division
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RANGER SPOTLIGHT – ROLAND DOWLING

Protected Magazine of NPAQ

Posted on 03/11/2023



Author: Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS)

Editor's Note: Roland, in his younger days, worked with a very young John Carter and, I think, they went to UQ Gatton together, and shared a house at Forest Hill. A young Editor might even have gone to a Christmas Party at Hawthorne with them. Roland may have even done walks with us over the years.

Roland Dowling is Ranger in Charge on Fort Lytton and St Helena Island National Parks. He has always been a very keen camper and bushwalker and had a heightened interest in the conservation movement during the late 1970s and early 80s. Having also developed a strong interest in land management, becoming a Ranger seemed to be a natural fit.

How long have you worked in national parks?

I first started work as a Ranger in 1984 at Main Range National Park. I was lucky to pick up a job the year after I completed the Gatton Wilderness, Reserves & Wildlife course – which was specifically designed at the time for training people in national park management.

Which parks have you worked in?

Over the forty years or so, I've been based at Main Range National Park, the Toowoomba Regional Office, The Hermitage in the Southern Downs Region, Carnarvon National Park, Fort Lytton, St Helena Island and Peel Island National Parks. For a short time in the 1980s whilst travelling overseas, I also worked at Royal Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

Where do you work now and what is special about your current park?

Fort Lytton and St Helena Island National Parks are very different due to their strong emphasis on cultural site management. They are both unique and special places due to the combination of the remnants of colonial architecture, scenic beauty and important stories that reflect the broader cultural history of Queensland. We also run a great night tour at Fort Lytton. This is a piece of promenade theatre that tells the real story of Ray Stanley, who was an Army engineer at the fort prior to the First World War. Ray enlisted at the outbreak of war and went on to campaigns such as Gallipoli, Fromelles, and Villiers Bretonneux. Daley Donnelly, our interpretive Ranger also delivers exceptional educational and holiday programs, so we are very fortunate to have his unique talents available.

Can you describe your favourite national parks experience?

I have always found the Central Highlands to be very special with its diversity of sandstone landscapes and ancient cultural sites. The granite country of Girraween National Park is also a favourite – the broken rocky landscapes, wildflowers in spring and the dark starry skies at night are all wonderful experiences.

What is the best part about working in a National Park?

All jobs have their challenges and advantages. I've always been attracted by the concept of stewardship over country and trying to achieve some progressive management to the conservation values of a site, whether they be the natural or cultural elements. *I've also been very fortunate over the years to have known and worked with colleagues who are highly committed and talented people. It's not uncommon that they are undertaking difficult roles or tasks, but they persevere in often challenging circumstances, so that always deserves a high level of respect.*

MAGAZINES FROM OTHER CLUBS

Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club

<https://scbwc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Trudge-2023-November.pdf>

BOSQ

Outdoors Qld;

<https://outdoorsqueensland.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=f457c545a9ded88f18ecce47145a72c0.80&s=b559ae68894e3650eb573a1f69c557dd>

Gold Coast Bushwalking Club

Toowoomba Bushwalkers

NPAQ

https://mailchi.mp/787edd0cf882/protected_autumn_2021-16904374?e=b1f1a1218e

Toowoomba BWC

Field Notes from the Walker's Journal – a commercial quarterly publication

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the *Jilalan* article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from St Brigid's Red Hill carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check *Jilalan* to determine the meet-up 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 – e.g., 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.

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

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

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of February, May, August & November, at 7:30pm. The location is Little Kings, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda (Woolloongabba)
Parking: Turn off O'Keefe St into 8 Carl St, and through the open gates – then walk straight into our meeting room.

VISITORS are always welcome.

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. <https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/bushwalkers-overdue/>

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: The Club requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment.

This should comprise the following: Emergency Contact & Medical Information form, a first-aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 50+ 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:

There are different amounts for those who want only an electronic *Jilalan* and for those who want a printed version as well.

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BUSHWALKING EQUIPMENT “SALE”



All the Equipment, minus the Sleeping Bags

**Some of these articles are very expensive in the shops when new.
We would prefer a fair and reasonable amount when you purchase any item.**



Weekend / Throughwalking Pack – Lowe Brand



Waterproof Matches



Refillable Tubes



Groundsheets



Socks



Silk Sleeping Bag Inner Sheet



Water Bottles



Collapsible Water Bag



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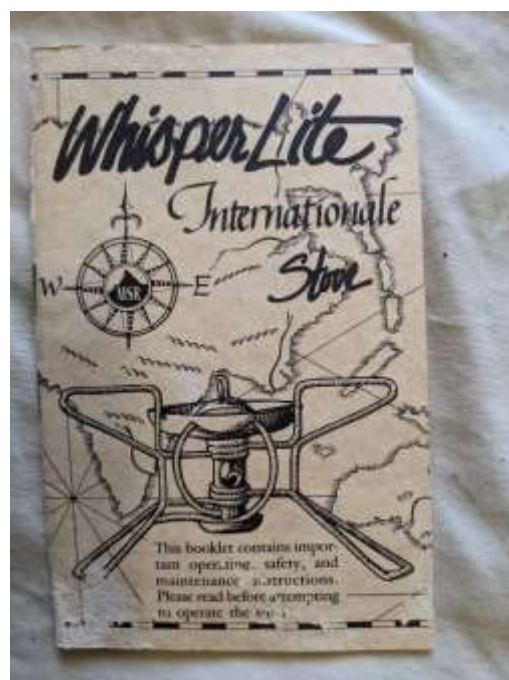
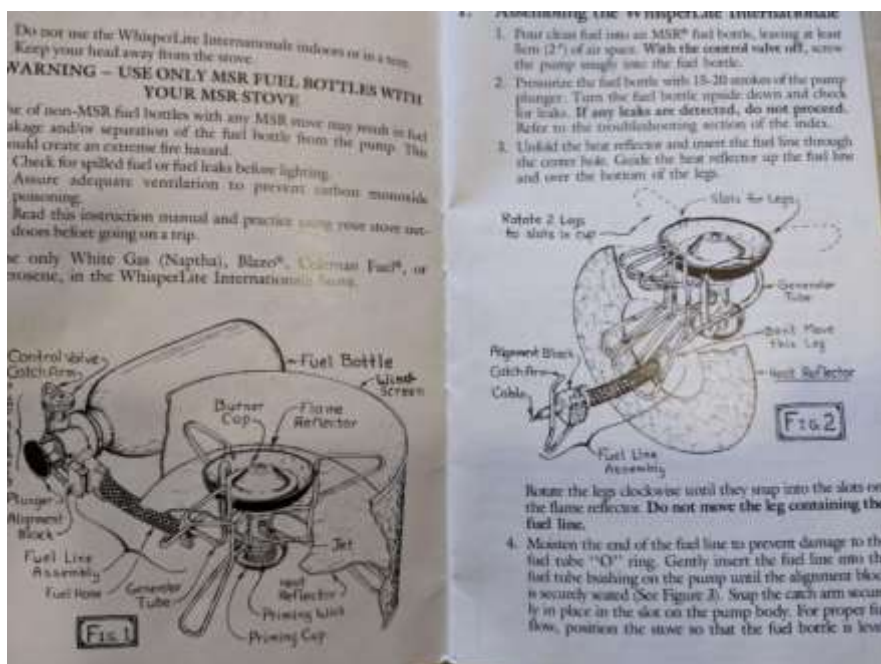
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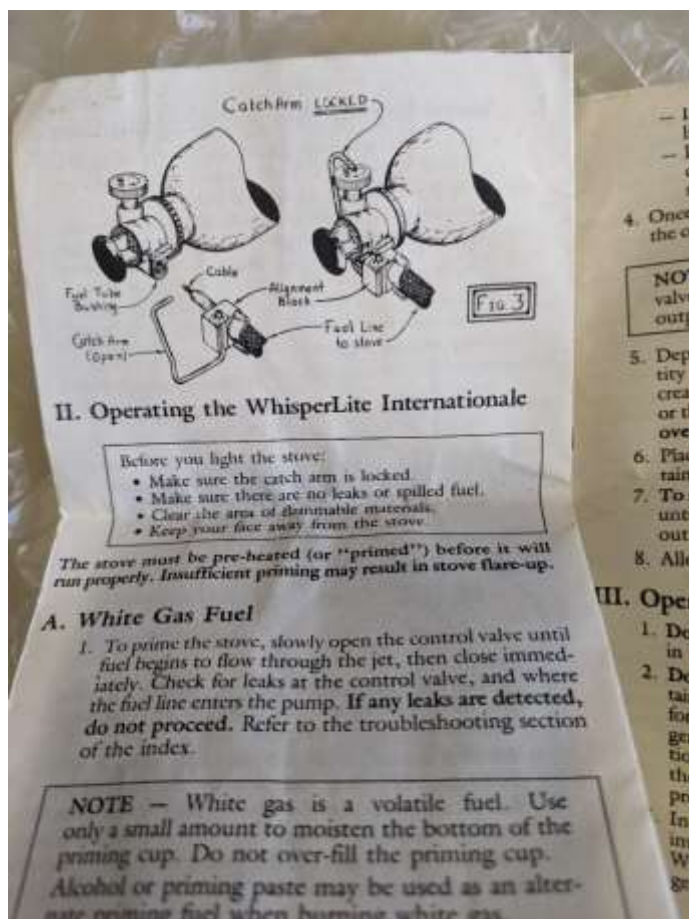


Gas Stove



Liquid Fuel Stove - Collapsible





The Collapsible Gas Stove with Instruction Book



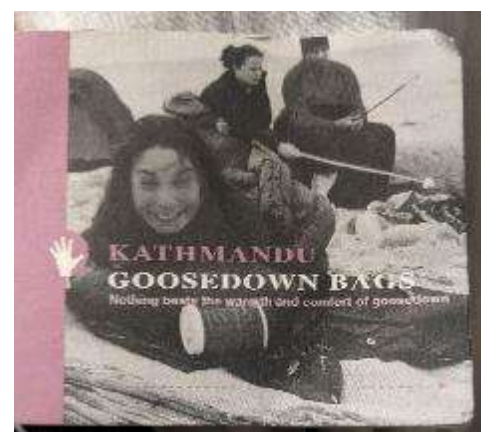
Pressure Pump for a Liquid Fuel Stove



The Stoves



2 Billies with a Stove Inside



Goose Down Sleeping Bag with storage bag and carry (Stuff) bag when walking



A Lighter Sleeping Bag For Summer Use



A Thire Sleeping Bag - For Summer Use



Puttee Sock Protectors



Wind & Water Proof Gore-Tex Jacket – Size XL