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# JANUARY 2024

DECEMBER						
11	Mon	Broadwater Loop	Phil		DW <sup>T</sup>	
13	Wed	Western Ck #3	Greg		Stroll	
20	Wed	Sandy Ck, Springfield	Greg		Stroll	
26	Tue	Mt Mitchell Evening Walk	Russ		DW	
27	Wed	River #19 Hemmant to Lytton	Greg		Stroll	
JANUARY 2024						
03	Wed	BBQ at Gap Creek Reserve, Kenmore	Jan		Soc	
04	Thu	Blue Pool	Phil		DW <sup>T</sup>	
10	Wed	Rail #20 – Coorparoo to Murarrie	Greg		Stroll	
13–21	9 days	Tassie Trip	Phil		AT/BC	
17	Wed	Rail #27 – New Farm Branch Line	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
24	Wed	Vinnies Fund Raising @ Gaythorne RSL	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
27	Sat	Balancing Rock Lukes Bluff Circuit	Phil	0416 650 160	DW <sup>T</sup>	M35
31	Wed	River #20 –Whyte Is - A Long but Easy Stroll	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
FEBRUARY						
01	Thu	Coomera Circuit	Phil	0416 650 160	DW <sup>T</sup>	L35
03	Sat	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M45
07	Wed	Redlands Track Park, Cleveland	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M32
10	Sat	Redcliffe to Sandgate	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M23
13	Tue	Pancake Tuesday			Soc	
14	Wed	Everton Park, Sparks Hill, Stafford	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
17	Sat	Warrie Circuit	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	L35
19	Mon	AGM Annual General Meeting	Michele	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Rail #21 – Murarrie to Wynnum North	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M21
24	Sat	Annual Mass & Lunch	Antonia	0400 571 387	Soc	
25	Sun	Amity Point to Point Lookout	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M23
28	Wed	River #21 – Port of Brisbane	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
29	Thu	Cornubia Forest “Leap Day”	Sue W	0403 487 737	DW <sup>T</sup>	M33
MARCH						
02	Sat	Mt Coolum Mt Ninderry & Mt Peregian			DW	
06	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
07	Thu	Love Creek Circuit Mt Glorious			DW <sup>T</sup>	
09	Sat	Mt Wagawn	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	
13	Wed	Brisbane Square Mile – the whole 4 miles	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
15	Fri	Drinks & Dinner – Red Brick Hotel	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
17	Sat	Club Hut Daywalk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
20	Wed	History #1– Salisbury War Industries	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
23	Sat	Noosa River to Burgess Ck			DW	
27	Wed	River #01c – Myrtletown to Northshore	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
27-01	Wed-Mon	Warrumbungles ( NSW) Easter basecamp -	Khaleel	0413 314 443	BC	Var
APRIL						
01	Mon	Pat’s Easter Monday Walk-	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
03	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
04	Thu	Cedar Creek Falls (Mt Glorious)			DWT	
06	Sat	Ravensbourne Pole Farm	Matt	0438 720 235	DW	
10	Wed	Ferny Grove to Jinker Track & Back	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
14	Sun	Country Lunch The Queensport Tavern	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
17	Wed	Mimosa Creek – Griffith Uni to Garden City			Stroll	
20	Sat	Upper Enoggera Creek	Jan	0401 030 137	DW	
24	Wed	Holland Park Hills			Stroll	
25-28	Thu-Sun	Border Ranges (NSW)	Khaleel	0413 314 443	BC	
27	Sat	Lake Manchester	Paulette	0414 805 512	DW	
MAY						
01	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
01	Wed	Mt May (on May Day)			DWT	
04-06	WE	Bunya Mountains Sat-Mon - Long W’end			BC	
05	Sun	Gheerula Circuit	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	
08	Wed	Doomben Stn to Murarrie Stn (The Gateway)			Stroll	
11	Sat	Miketeebumulgrai, Elimbah & Beerburrum			DW	
15	Wed	Belmont Bushland Reserve			Stroll	
17	Fri	Drinks & Dinner			Soc	
18	Sat	Mt Tabletop	Michele J	0414 635 542	DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice.

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

**KEY – Walk/Event Types**

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

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

**PRAYER**

God of hope, God of fresh starts and new beginnings, please remind us of your presence every day of this new Club year. Remind us, through your Holy Spirit – within us and within Nature – of your call to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you, day by day, through prayer and trusting.

**DEATH OF OUR CO-FOUNDER**

It is with deep sadness that I let you know that one of our Foundation and current Life Members, Co-Founder of BCBC, Willie Hayes, passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> December in Roscrea, Tipperary, Ireland, surrounded by his loving family. It was Willie's – along with Roaul Mellish's - vision to form the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club. After sixty-five years, we are still enjoying that vision.

Please keep Willie's wife, Máirín Kennedy, son Brendan & his wife Kristy, grandchildren Cillian & Iarla, his brother Denis (in Melbourne.) and extended Hayes family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please read the tribute by Pat Lawton at the end of this *Jilalan*.

Sue Tobin, Secretary, BCBC.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, everyone! May it be another good year of walking for us all – AND for our friends and family; let's include them in our BCBC walking/socialising in 2024!

It's the 66<sup>th</sup> year of our Club, which was co-founded in January 1958 by (Fr) Willie Hayes and Raoul Mellish. In 2023, we acknowledged the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our foundation at the beginning of the year with an Anniversary Walk at O'Reillys and at the end of the year with an acknowledgement of 65 years at our Club Christmas Party on 9 December, the very date on which our Co-founder Willie Hayes passed away peacefully in Ireland. (See the Secretary's email message to members re: his death and Life Member Pat Lawton's personal Tribute to Willie later in this *Jilalan*.)

**Awards and Recognition 2023:** Three awards for members were endorsed by Committee at our January meeting. The three recipients will be announced in the Annual Report, which will be sent out with the February *Jilalan*, so you can read it before the AGM. Award certificates will be presented at the Annual Mass and Lunch.

**Maintaining and strengthening the Club in 2024:** To make sure it's a good year for the Club, there are a few important things that you as a member can do in January:

1. Renew your BCBC Membership, using the attached form. Subs are due now.
2. Invite someone you know to join BCBC in 2024. Our membership base is strong and stable at 111, but new faces are always welcome! Who would you think of inviting on your next walk? A friend? Neighbour? Colleague? Family member?
3. Ask yourself if there's a new or bigger contribution to the Club that you could make in 2024, to 'give back' a little (more).  
(i) The first and most important way to do this is by getting involved in the Committee Nomination and Election processes that begin in January and culminate in the Election of a new Management Committee at the AGM in February. Nominations for Committee Positions close on 9<sup>th</sup> February, so it's time to think about it now!

Ask: Is it my time to step up and nominate for a position on Committee this coming year? All positions are declared vacant every January and new Nominations are called for. Not all the Committee Positions will have the incumbent definitely seeking re-election in '24. I know Phil is standing down as Outings Secretary, needing a break after several years in the role, so this is one position that is definitely up for grabs – and absolutely must be filled. The Outings Secretary deals with core business of our Club: overseeing the Program of Walks for the year. Is this the challenge for you in 2024? Please consider! (Ask me if you'd like to see the Position Description we've drafted – or, better still, speak to Phil or others who've served in that role before - like Russ, Greg, Iain.)

(ii) Could I perhaps take on one of the Non-Committee Positions (Volunteers) – e.g. Safety & Training Officer, Coordinator of one of the regular Socials - e.g. Drinks & Dinner, etc.? (See list of volunteer roles at back of every *Jilalan*.)

(iii) Is 2024 the year I'm going to offer to lead a Walk for the first time – or to lead one more than usual? Could I also help persuade a capable friend to be a Walk Leader? A bushwalking club cannot thrive without a good supply of Leaders. We need everyone to do their bit. Support will happily be provided. Please consider!

4. Plan to be at our important Club events in February, the AGM and Annual Mass and Lunch, to provide support – and a quorum! Let's come together to vote in a new Committee and then to pray and socialise and congratulate those who've won awards in 2023 and/or been elected to service on Committee for 2024. Attendance at our other Quarterly Meetings will be much appreciated, too; please put the dates in your calendar now!

Thanks, everyone, for resolving now to do your bit towards maintaining and strengthening the Club in 2024. See you soon, at our Vinnies Fundraiser on the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Michele Endicott., President

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE 2024 ELECTIONS OF BCBC

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Inc will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 19 February 2024 in the Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School) at 347 Given Terrace, Paddington ('Rosalie').

All members are invited to attend – and to participate in any voting that may occur. A quorum of 19 members is required for the AGM to proceed.

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM and the 2023 Annual Report will both be sent out to members in early February. If you have any business arising from either of these documents, please e-mail the Club Secretary, Susan Tobin, at the Club e-mail address – [briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au) so that Committee can become aware of your concerns and present them to the AGM. The actual AGM is not the place to raise new business. There is no "General Business" at an AGM.

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

All members are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election of the Committee for 2024. Nomination Forms are attached herewith and should be returned to the Club email address (above) no later than ten days prior to the AGM. You can also vote by Proxy if you are unable to attend in person. Proxy Forms are attached to this *Jilalan*. Your completed Proxy Form needs to be in the hands of the Secretary before the start of the AGM.

### BCBC Elections

1. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is normally held prior to the February General Meeting – from 7:30pm
2. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant and all are up for election.
3. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.
4. Nominations for the BCBC Management Committee are now called for. These must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Secunder & the Candidate. Nominations can also be in the format of an e-mail from all three – the Nominator, the Secunder and the Nominee, sent to the Club e-mail address. Note that all 3 e-mails must be sent 10 days prior to the AGM.
5. Any two (2) members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position. (Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.)
6. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Secunder or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing for.
7. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position until elected or remain unelected at the end of the night.
8. All Nomination Forms must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 10 days prior to the AGM. In 2024, this deadline is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 9<sup>th</sup> February. They can be scanned and e-mailed to the Secretary - only at the Club's e-mail address.
9. If only one person stands for a position, by having a valid Nomination in the hands of The Secretary by the required date, that person is automatically elected to that position.
10. Where there are two or more Nominations for a Committee position, a secret ballot will be conducted at the AGM. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, General Committee and Membership Officer.
11. The list of all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Seconders will be emailed to all members by 12<sup>th</sup> February – 7 days prior to the AGM.
12. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.
13. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no-one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position 'unofficially' means the person can participate in all Committee meetings and fulfil the functions of the role but cannot vote at Committee when a vote is necessary.

14. If a member is unable to attend the AGM, a Proxy Form may be used for absentee voting. The form is available on the BCBC website, is attached to this *Jilalan* or obtainable from the Secretary. Absentees must complete and sign the Proxy Form and have it in the hands of the Secretary before the AGM begins.

Susan Tobin, Secretary

## 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.

## Going Privately on Club Trips.

As from 01/01/2024, the cost of going privately on a trip will be \$5 for each walker.

This is due to an increase in the administrative expenses of the running of the Club. It is good value for money with a high-quality magazine produced and a very good range of walks and other events offered to members each year. Check out the 2024 Calendar!

## COMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY RAIL #27 – NEW FARM BRANCH RAILWAY STROLL

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

**Meet at:** Bowen Hills Station

**Time:** 3.30pm **New Time**

**Cost:** Free

**Grade:** M11

**Distance:** 10.5km @ 2½hr

**Height:** Max: 39m Min: 1m Max Ups: 0m Max Downs: 0m

**Location:** Bowen Hills, Newstead, Teneriffe, New Farm, Fortitude Valley

**The Sun:** Sunset 6:47pm Twilight Ends 7:12pm

**Web:** <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=4716682891776108&set=a.197217900389319>

**End:** Fortitude Valley Station

**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulimba\\_Branch\\_railway\\_line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulimba_Branch_railway_line)

The **Bulimba Branch** railway line was a branch line off the North Coast railway line in the inner northern suburbs of Brisbane. It opened on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1897 to serve the wharves and industries along the western bank of the Bulimba Reach of the Brisbane River at Newstead and Bulimba (which at the time straddled both sides of the Brisbane River). Even after the parts of Bulimba on the northern side of the river became the suburbs of Teneriffe and New Farm, it continued to be known as the Bulimba Branch until closure in 1990.

## Route

The branch ran from a junction at Brunswick Street station and ran parallel to the North Coast line to near the original site of Bowen Hills railway station. A junction known as Bulimba Junction at the south end of Bowen Hills was added in 1914. It ran 3.8km to the Brisbane City Council Power House Siding, serving 23 industries and wharves along the way (increasing to 24 in 1913 and 27 in 1950).

## Closure

Newstead Wharves were closed in 1977 and the sidings removed. The Brown & Broad Siding was removed in 1980. The line was closed south of Commercial Rd on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1989 and the remainder back to Bulimba Junction closed on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1990.

You shall follow the iron rails along the roads to the CSR Sugar Refinery, to New Farm Park and back to Fortitude Valley station (Brunswick Street Station) via the back streets of New Farm & Teneriffe.

This one is reasonable flat – you are Strolling along the River Bank after all.

Come to see the history of a city now gone.

## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY GAYTHORNE RSL DINNER SOCIAL

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Gaythorne RSL, 534 Samford Rd, Mitchelton  
**Entrance:** 19 Tel El Kebir St at the back of the building, through the carpark to the entrance steps. Near the corner with Heliopolis Pde  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Cost:** \$14 to \$32  
**Reason:** Fund raising for St Vinnies  
**Location:** Mitchelton – opposite the Council library  
**Web:** <https://gaythornersl.com.au/home/>  
[https://gaythornersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/4307\\_001-2.pdf](https://gaythornersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/4307_001-2.pdf)  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995  
**RSVP:** 10am Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – But earlier is better

This is our traditional January Coffee Night. – an added bonus is our collection for St Vincent de Paul by a paper note donation to Terry.

The “G”, as it is known, is our favourite RSL Club in that it is not too noisy, not too full, has good bistro meals, drinks on tap, quick service, only a singer and no band, is in a convenient location, has plenty of parking, a lot of us are members (\$1 for lifetime membership – bring along an ID photo such as a drivers licence), discounts to members, and we can stay and chat.

This is an ideal night to chat with friends and acquaintances to catch up on all the happenings over the Christmas break. Find out what we did, tell us what you did, ask about future holiday plans, or just catch up on family happenings.

Here is the opportunity for our newer and not-so-often seen members to come along and tell us your latest news. This is not just for the regulars – everyone is welcome. Bring the spouse, bring the kids, bring your friends, bring the neighbour. Bring anyone and everyone with you. We will be scrubbed and well dressed – not in our grubby sweaty bushwalking clothes. And if you forgot to ring me to nominate, still come along. This has always been a great night to catch-up.

Don't forget to bring a note or two for your donation to Vinnies. With all the support they give to the disadvantaged in the lead up to Christmas, their coffers are depleted. Every bit helps.

See you there on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>.

## FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY Australia Day HAVE M<sup>t</sup> WARNING RE-OPENED PUBLIC MEETING

**Co-Ordinator:** The *Right to Climb* Group  
**Where:** Gerald Parker Park, Kyogle Road, Uki, Northern Rivers  
**Time:** 1:30pm Daylight saving time. 12.30pm Qld time  
**Web:** <https://righttoclimb.blogspot.com/2021/01/mount-warning-aboriginal-claims-about.html>

You are invited by the Ngarakwal people of Northern NSW to join in and support the reopening of Mt Warning. <https://righttoclimb.blogspot.com/>

History & Ngarakwal have always said this mountain is sacred & that it is a woman's and men's place. As custodian, Marlene Boyd once said "how can the public experience the spiritual significance of this land if they do not climb to the summit and witness creation?"

<https://righttoclimb.blogspot.com/2021/01/mount-warning-aboriginal-claims-about.html>

Guest Speakers:

- Sturt Davis (Boyd) Ngarakwal Spokesperson,
- Marc Hendrickx- Geologist & Author of "A Guide to Climbing Mt Warning"
- Craig Evans- Save our Summits
- Andrew Flanagan- Mtn Biker & Adventurer

See the Article at the bottom of this *Jilalan*.

## **SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY LUKE'S BLUFF DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill  
**Time:** 6.30am  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Distance:** 16km  
**Grade:** M35  
**Location:** O'Reilly's in Lamington NP  
**Web:** <https://oreillys.com.au/walking-tracks-at-lamington-national-park/>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

This walk is up at O'Reilly's, so there will be lots of nice views. The walk is about 15 to 16km and is mainly along graded track with only a bit of "off track" walking.

The walk is basically a circuit starting and finishing at O'Reilly's. Initially, we will walk past the units at O'Reilly's. We then descend to Moran's Creek via the Wishing Tree Track. Now up to Balancing Rock and back to Moran's Falls. Following this, up to the O'Reilly's Road and out to Python Rock, then a quick out and back to Pat's Bluff. The party now goes down to the Creek near Bridal Veil Falls, up to Luke's Bluff, and back to O'Reilly's.

The walk traverses several types of forest from rainforest to dry woodland & montane heath and even across a few cow paddocks - we get great views of the Scenic Rim from the cow paddocks.

<https://oreillys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Track-Map.pdf>

Bring the usual daywalk stuff. Ensure you bring rain gear. Also apply Rid or other insect repellent. Have a change of clothes and shoes for the trip back home in someone else's car.

This walk was last done 3 years ago in January 2021. I try to lead a walk up at O'Reilly's on Australia Day to commemorate the Club's first actual walk back in 1958 on that very day. Phil

## **WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY RIVER #20 – WHYTE ISLAND STROLL**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Wynnum North Railway Station (be careful, there are 3 Wynnum Stations);



**108 Cameron Pde**  
**Time:** 3:34pm at Wynnum North Station, in the carpark in Cameron St  
**Train:** 3.00pm Cleveland Train from Roma Street Stn Pl 5, last carriage  
**Car Shuffle:** There will be a Car Shuffle from the Station to Fort Lytton, 14km @ 20min – I require 1 more car  
**Cost:** Free  
**Grade:** S11  
**Distance:** 9.9km @ 2½hr Car Shuffle extra  
**Height:** Max: 6m Min: 0m Max Ups: 3m Max Downs: 3m  
**Location:** Lytton & Whyte Island  
**The Sun:** Sunset 6:42pm Twilight Ends 7:07pm  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4142/153.1651>  
**End:** Wynnum North Stn (or try to get a lift back to the CBD)  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Why is it called Whyte Island if it not an island? Come and find out.

Come to the second last *River Series* Strolls – we only have to do Fisherman Island now to complete the series – and that one will be an island just.

There is no public transport within cooeee of the Island or the roads to it. Thus, the start at Wynnum North and a car shuffle to where the Strolling begins – beside the road in an industrial estate. You will Stroll up to the entrance to Fort Lytton – and maybe sneak in since it is only open on Sundays. Then you shall circle around the edges of the Ampol petrol refinery to the warehouses and businesses in the Whyte Is complex.

See such things as the Combined Emergency Services Academy, the Moreton Venture dock, the Water Police HQ, the boat ramp, examine the Boat Passage, see St Helena Is in the mid-distance. What more excitement can you have in the one afternoon.

Because it is summer, because of the need for a car shuffle, and because I am kind, it is a bit of a late start for such an ambitious Stroll, it may finish after 6:30pm – by the time we organise ourselves, do the 20min car shuffle, Stroll the 2½hr, do the final car shuffle at the end, I foresee the total time taken as about 3hr minimum. At the end, I am sure you could get a lift back to the CBD in one of the cars – otherwise a lift to Wynnum North for a train.

Give yourself over to absolute pleasure (in the words of Dr Frank-N-Furter) and try out this Stroll.

## **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY COOMERA FALLS WALK DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7.00am  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Distance:** 18km  
**Grade:** L35  
**Location:** Binna Burra  
**Web:** <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/gld/se-qld/lamington-np/coomera-circuit>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray Ph: 0421 520 214

The Coomera Creek Circuit is a classic walk. It is a nice easy graded track walk up at Binna Burra. We will do the full Coomera Creek Circuit past Coomera Falls to Bahnamboola Falls, up to the Border Track, and finally to the border lookouts. The highlight of the day is Coomera Falls which are just awesome. You might be lucky to spot a blue crayfish.

The walk is mainly through rainforest; but also through a few areas that are dry eucalyptus forest with an understorey of wildflowers. Bring the usual daywalk equipment; plus at least 2 litres of water. Apply Rid or other insect repellent as there could be leeches. Please ensure you have a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip, since you will be travelling home in someone else's car. Phil

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**OBI OBI CREEK**  
**A LILO DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's carpark Red Hill  
**Time:** 6.30am  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Distance:** 10 to 12km.  
**Location:** Sunshine Coast Hinterland.  
**Grade:** M45  
**Location:** Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Maleny/Montville area  
**Web:** <https://sites.google.com/site/acaciacanoes/trip-preparation/white-water-trips/white-water-trip-details-2-5>  
**Obi Obi Creek (Baroon Pocket Dam to Kenilworth Road)**  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702

The Obi Obi lilo trip is a classic. It is usually done in flowing water but, due to the drought in 2023, the water level is well below the dam wall so no flowing water is expected, but I remain ever hopeful. Even without flowing water, we will still do the trip as a floating-on-lilos trip. It's great fun paddling down through the Narrows gorge. We will only float down the creek about 3km then get out and walk back along the Sunshine Coast Great Walk. It is about 4km walk back to the cars.



*Benno And Me Before We Got In The Water In 2019 .*

Bring a lilo, use sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. Bring either a dry bag (cost about \$40) or 3 garbage bags to use as waterproof bags to go inside your pack. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop volleys as footwear and garden gloves for your hands as they get very soft after a few hours in the water.  
Phil

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**SCRIBBLY GUM CONSERVATION AREA**  
**REDLANDS TRACK PARK**  
**STROLL**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Cleveland Rail Station  
**Time:** 2:20pm @ Cleveland Stn  
**Train:** 1:20pm Roma Street Station PI 5  
**Cost:** Free  
**Grade:** M32  
**Park is at:** 100 Wellington St (a continuation of Long St), near Mergowie Drive Park  
**Distance:** 13.6km @ 4hr  
**Height:** Max: 62m Min: 5m Max Ups: 124m Max Downs: 132m  
**The Sun:** Set: 6:38pm Twilight Ends: 7:02pm  
**Location:** Cleveland  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.5352/153.2472>

**End:** Ormiston Rail Station  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

This Stroll is a reasonable distance from the CBD, thus the early beginning at Roma Street. The train takes about an hour to get there. Then there is the walk to the park entrance. At the finish, the same story – a long walk back to Ormiston. The Stroll in the Park is about 9km – hopefully, we can go fast when in the suburban streets. .

I have not been in or seen this park so ,as usual, it will be a surprise for us all. It looks like pretty covered bush with the winding Hilliards Creek running through it. It is along tracks that twist and turn between the trees. The Park was once intended for subdivision and the map shows a few named streets, I have devised an anti-clockwise track through the forest.

With the early start, you should be getting a train home about 6.26pm, otherwise 6.41pm A late finish, but is worth it.

## **SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY REDCLIFFE to SHORNCLIFFE DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160  
**Meet at:** Roma Street Station  
**Time:** 7:10 am  
**Cost:** Fares  
**Distance:** 15km  
**Grade:** M23  
**Location:** Brisbane's Northern Bayside Suburbs  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=13/-27.2867/153.0653>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

Join me on a bayside walk from Redcliffe to Shorncliffe - an easy though long flat walk. We will be walking beside the beach most of the way. Plus, I intend to walk to the end of all the jetties, eg. the Redcliffe Jetty, the Woody Point Jetty and the Shorncliffe Pier. There are nice views and usually a cooling breeze. Bring the usual day walk stuff and sunscreen – perhaps also bring an umbrella for sun protection.

The idea is to get to the start of the walk at Redcliffe by catching the train to Kippa-Ring and then the bus to Redcliffe, and to return from Shorncliffe to Brisbane by suburban train. According to Google Maps the distance is 14.6km and takes 3 hours 18 minutes but I will budget 5 to 6 hours for the walk to allow time for breaks and looking at all the piers and jetties.

Travel Details :- catch the 7.18am train from Roma Street Station, arrive at Kippa-Ring Station at 8.20am. Travel time 62 minutes. We will probably catch the 660 Bus from Kippa-Ring to Redcliffe. The bus is due at 8.30am arrives 8.47am. (Cost – GoCard \$6.32 concession \$3.32). The plan is to catch the 2.39pm train from Shorncliffe which gets back to Roma Street at 3.22pm. (the train leave every 30 minutes). (Cost – GoCard \$4.32 concession \$2.17). But we need to be flexible as sometimes Queensland Rail do track works and we will need to rejig our travel plans.

**TIDES** (The highest tide for the year is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10.45am height 2.77m)

Low tide 03.32am 0.26m

High tide 10.00am 2.76m

Low tide 14.46pm 0.40m

## **TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PANCAKE TUESDAY SOCIAL**

**Meet at:** Miss Claude's Crepes, Village Shopping Centre,  
400 Newmarket Rd, Newmarket - Cnr Enoggera Rd –  
Under the Reading Cinemas, ground level, Enoggera Rd side of complex  
**Time:** 6.00pm

**Menu:** <https://www.missclaudes.com.au/newmarket>

**Food:** Dinner and Dessert Crepes – A huge range – one for everyone

Miss Claudes Crepes have redefined an age-old French classic and have created a mouth-watering modern menu of authentic Sweet, Savoury & Breakfast Crepes, derived from an age-old family recipe that has been handed down through generations and brought to Australia by Miss Claude. To perfectly compliment their crepe menu, Miss Claudes also serves up award-winning Bellissimo Coffee, T2 Tea, Creamy Milkshakes, Fresh Juices, Frappes and is fully licensed. There is also a huge variety of Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Vegan options available. So, who needs Paris, when Miss Claudes is open 7 days for breakfast, lunch, dinner & dessert.

Who is Miss Claude? “I grew up in the beautiful region of Normandy, famous for its apples and Calvados. Our love of the sun and beaches made for more adventures and after a few years we headed to beautiful Queensland where I have now lived for over forty years. My Mother's special recipe, which she used to make crepes when I was a little girl, was in my head. I have always made crepes for my children and grandchildren. They are what connects me to France, and now my family is making them to share with those I think of as My Very Big Australian Family. “

Light, soft and wafer-thin, our crepes deliver the delectable heritage of traditional French crepes in every bite. Miss Claudes Crepes follows a secret fourth-generation family recipe that French-born chef-owner Naima Knudson brought to Australia. Named for Naima's mother (the eponymous Miss Claude), the family-run creperie offers Normandy-style crepes in an array of sweet, savoury and breakfast options, including gluten-free and vegan.

Miss Claudes is more than a dessert destination. The secret batter, fresh seasonal ingredients and inspired toppings all make for consistently great sweet and savoury crepes that attract diners from far and wide. The beauty of a crepe is that it is perfect at any time of the day - for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert or just as a snack - in both sweet and savoury varieties - so there's something for everyone!

This is an opportunity to prepare for the beginning of Lent, which is a time of preparation for Easter, the key moment in the Christian Calendar. All welcome!

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**SPARKES HILL**  
**Everton Park to Stafford**  
*Valentine's Day Special*  
*AND Ash Wednesday*  
**STROLL**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

**Meet at:** South Pine Rd at South Pine North, Cnr Newhaven St, Bus Stop 36;  
 Stop ID: 002082

**Time:** 3:37pm

**Bus:** Route 360 Everton Park

3.00pm @ Queen St Stop 58 tween Isles & Gresham Lns; Stop Id 000058

3.05pm @ Brunswick St Stop 212, Cnr Alfred St; Stop ID: 000212 (near Fortitude Valley Rail Station)

**Cost:** Free

**Grade:** S11

**Distance:** 8.3km @ 2½hr Height – Min: 16m Max: 94m

**Location:** Everton Park, Grange, Gordon Park, Stafford

**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4139/153.0053>

**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

We have Strolled in this area before, with Sparkes Hill looming large over us. Now we shall conquer it. This Stroll begins on South Pine Rd and goes to Kedron Brook in front of Harvey Norman. We follow the Brook for a short while before branching off to South Pine Rd at the High School, to find the road up THE Hill. On top of it, there are several water reservoirs showing the development in styles – no climbing of it, though.



Now to go down the other side, back to The Brook, again for only a short distance. The Strollers will branch off into Grange Forest Park to explore this forgotten bit of native bush. Once thoroughly explored, it is off through suburbia towards Gordon Park, strolling through Hickey Park and onto the Downs Syndrome HQ.

Returning home: the 369 Bus runs between Mitchelton Stn & Brookside, down Stafford Rd to the Kedron Brook Busway Stn at Kedron Park and on to Eagle Junction Stn and finally to Toombul Station. (This bus route covers everyone.) The 369 bus stops near the start of this Stroll at Griffith St at Everton Park, Stop 4/18, Stop ID: 002113 near the corner with South Pine Rd.

Other buses from the End at *Stafford Rd at Webster Rd, Stop 30, Stop ID: 011036* take you to various destinations – City, RBWH, Chermside, Bardon & more.

See you in July on this Stroll over the highest hill in the area.

## **SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY WARRIE CIRCUIT DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160  
**Meet at #1:** City - St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill  
**Time #1:** 7:00am  
**Meet at #2:** Hungry Jacks Mudgeeraba, Exit 79 on M1  
**Time #2:** 8:00am  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Distance:** 17km  
**Grade:** L35  
**Location:** Springbrook, Gold Coast Hinterland  
**Web:** <https://thelongwaysbetter.blogspot.com/2018/04/warrie-circuit-springbrook-national-park.html>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 0420 510 214

This is a wonderful long walk up at Springbrook. It is mainly on graded track. In places, the track goes behind a waterfall just after the start of the walk so bring a fold-up umbrella just in case there is a huge flow of water over the falls. We mainly go through rainforest. There are patches of brush box forest, eucalypt woodland and montane heath.

There are several lookout spots with lovely views. Plus, there are plenty of waterfalls and rainforest creeks.

Bring the usual daywalk stuff and a change of clothes for the end of the walk. I hope to finish walking by 4.00 pm. Of note is that Springbrook Road has re-opened. Phil

## **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by the QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

**Contact:** Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092 or 0418 708 638  
**Time:** 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.  
**Where:** Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School,  
347 Given Terrace, Paddington (Rosalie). On GPS try 339 Given Tce.  
<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu>  
**Parking:** In Given Tce  
OR in the carpark off Central Ave  
**Web:** <https://bcbc.online/>

We welcome all members - and any interested visitors - to attend and be involved in this important meeting for the success of the Club in 2024. A quorum of 19 members is needed for the AGM to be held.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report on the 2023 year (ie the Annual Report)
- Receive the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2023
- Receive the Auditor's Report
- Elect the Management Committee for 2024
- Appoint the 2024 Auditor
- Vote-in any Honorary Members.

All persons are welcome to attend, members and visitors alike. Do not be put off because there are two meetings.

The AGM is usually fast. Members should attend this important meeting to enact their right/responsibility to vote in the new Committee – that is, to endorse and congratulate those who are elected unopposed and to vote for one person to fill a role where there are multiple nominations. Those present will also have the opportunity to nominate and second someone 'from the floor' if there are no nominations received in advance for any position. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present – not just a quorum, but even more. If unable to attend, please fill out a Proxy Form and send it to the Secretary, Sue, or give it to someone attending the meeting who can pass it to Sue before the AGM begins. Visitors may not find the AGM so interesting but will at least see the Club in operation.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Quarterly General Meeting will commence, under the authority of the new Committee. At this meeting, the matter of ongoing Quarterly (vs Monthly) Meetings will be discussed and voted on. Then some key information on Club matters and Club events for the coming quarter – both Walks and Socials – will be highlighted. Nomination forms for the coming trips, in February-March at least, will be available and Visitors – members, too, of course – can ask leaders about their coming trips over Supper at the end (about 9pm).

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**MURARRIE to WYNNUM NORTH STN**  
**Rail #21**  
**STROLL**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Murarrie Rail Station  
**Time:** 3:15pm @ Murarrie Stn  
**Train:** 2:50pm Roma Street Station PI 5 Cleveland Train  
**Cost:** Free  
**Grade:** M21  
**Distance:** 10.9km @ 3hr  
**Height:** Max: 28m Min: 2m Max Ups: 41m Max Downs: 32m  
**The Sun:** Set: 6:27pm Twilight Ends: 6:51pm  
**Location:** Murarrie, Hemant, Lindum, Wynnum Nth  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4496/153.1379>  
**End:** Wynnum North Rail Station  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

The problem today is that there are too many swamps – mainly along Bulimba Creek. This presents a problem in that we have to deviate enormously to get from one Station to the next. In fact, apart from at the Stations, you do not see the train line at all. So much for following the trains.

Some of this route we had done on various Strolls already, however, today will be different in that it will be at a different time of day – the shadows will be shorter.

The route is mainly along streets though there are a few paths through parks. You certainly would not have been into some of the areas covered today. See something completely new. See a Big school. Go past land once occupied by WWII radio masts. Walk alongside the Sand Camp Road Wetland Park.

See you at Murarrie.

## SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY ANNUAL MASS & LUNCH



- Leader:** Antonia Simpson Ph: 0400 571 387  
**Meet at:** St Cecilia's Church, Mother of Mary Parish **To Be Confirmed**  
**Address:** 30 College St, Hamilton (Cnr Hants St)  
**Time:** 10:45am for 11am Mass  
**Cost:** Mass Free.  
**Web:** <https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/mass-times--prayer-opportunities.html>  
**Bus:** Kingsford Smith Dr at College Street, Stop 31; Stop ID: 002883  
Route 301 Toombul  
**Parking:** Best parking for entry via ramp: College St for older persons or the disabled.  
Further street parking on Hants St and a small carpark off Hants St.
- Lunch:** Hamilton Hotel  
**Address:** 442 Kingsford Smith Dr, Hamilton (Cnr Racecourse Rd)  
**Time:** 12.15pm  
**Restaurant:** Steakhouse (Graziers) Bistro  
**Cost:** Mains \$18 to \$32; Steaks: \$36 + – Pay as you order  
**Web:** [https://alh-res.cloudinary.com/image/upload/v1666915758/venues/QHA%20-%20Hamilton%20Hotel/menus/Hamilton\\_Hotel\\_Main\\_Menu.pdf](https://alh-res.cloudinary.com/image/upload/v1666915758/venues/QHA%20-%20Hamilton%20Hotel/menus/Hamilton_Hotel_Main_Menu.pdf)  
**Bus:** Frequent buses & CityCat nearby  
**Parking:** Hotel carpark at rear, off Racecourse Rd or Riverview Tce

**RSVP for one/both events is by text message or call me on the number above.**

**RSVP date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

The Annual Mass & Lunch, one of the major events of the Club year, is just a few weeks away. I hope that the 24<sup>th</sup> February is already in your calendar and that you plan to be there. It is now time to nominate.

Please let me know if you are coming and if you are willing to take a role in the liturgy.

Fr Michael Grace will be our celebrant. He is the new Parish Priest of Mother of Mercy Parish, and we know him from previous Club Masses and events and are pleased that he has agreed to be with us again. After Mass, he will join us for lunch at the Hamilton Hotel.

St Cecilia's Hamilton is just the right size for BCBC and is accessible by a ramp from the footpath (College St) to the door. Those who are not so mobile can park nearby in College St. there is also a carpark beside the church, accessed from a driveway off Hants St - or in Hants St itself. Then it is just a short walk round to the College Street ramp entrance, which is now the main entry.

After Mass, those who want to walk the 1.3km (16min) to the lunch venue, may leave their cars parked where they are or you can drive the 1.4km (3min) up to the Hamilton Hotel on the corner of Racecourse Rd and Kingsford Smith Drive, and leave your car in the free carpark at the rear, accessible from Racecourse Road - or from the back street, Riverview Terrace (or from Kingsford-Smith Drive, if approaching from the city).

Those who attended lunch at Graziers last year found the service fast and friendly, and a menu which offered a good range of main courses and desserts. This year, we'll be seated in a quieter area.

Please invite visitors who may be interested in joining our club because they will be able to get a feel for BCBC with its longstanding tradition of spiritual and social events for those who love bushwalking.

When you nominate, by sending me a text or voice-message, I will assume you are coming to both events unless you specify just one. Please start those nominations rolling in now.

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**AMITY POINT to POINT LOOKOUT**  
**DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650160  
**Meet at:** Sealink - Water Taxi Jetty, Toondah Harbour, 12 Emmett St, Cleveland  
**Time:** 8.50am (could be problems with finding a carpark)  
**Water Taxi - Catch the 9.25am water taxi**  
**Cost:** Taxi - \$20 return or \$10.00 concession  
Bus fares - to be advised – approx. \$10 return  
**Distance:** 14km approximately  
**Grade:** M23  
**Location:** Stradbroke Island, east of Brisbane  
**Web:** <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4164999,153.4854267,7201m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en&entry=ttu>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray Ph: 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. The party will 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. We will do the walk around the Gorge Walk. Our group will then catch the bus back to Dunwich at about 4:20pm.

Each needs 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 highish when we start at Amity so we will have a longish morning tea at Amity around 10ish, so the tide should be going out by the time we start walking and it will be very low at the end of the walk.

We are catching the water taxis with Sealink Water Taxi

- Water Taxi to Straddie - Departs Cleveland 9:25am – arrives Dunwich about 9.50am
- Bus to Amity - Departs Dunwich at 9.57am – arrives Amity Point about 10.50am
- 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 8.19am 1.77m

Low tide 2.43pm 0.42m

High tide 8:35pm 1.42m

Phil

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**THE PORT OF BRISBANE**

**River #21**

**STROLL**

***Our last southern shore River Stroll***

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Wynnum North Rail Station  
**Time:** 2:54pm @ Wynnum North Stn  
**Train:** 2:20pm Roma Street Station PI 5 Cleveland Train  
**On Island:** 3:20pm at the carpark of the Shorebird Roost on the east (right) side of the Island  
**Cost:** Free



**Grade:** M11  
**Distance:** 16.9km @ 4hr + 15min car ride to the start  
**Height:** Max: 9m Min: 0m Max Ups: 9m Max Downs: 8m  
**The Sun:** Set: 6:20pm Twilight Ends: 6:44pm  
**Location:** Fisherman Island  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.3768/153.1869>  
**End:** Wynnum North Rail Station  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

You probably have driven around the Port, been to the Information Centre, probably walked the lagoon, but never had the close-up & personal view that only Strolling can provide.

We will need to do a car-shuffle to get to the start of the actual Stroll. It is a 15min drive from the Station to the Shorebird Roost carpark. Strolling should commence before 3:20pm. Thus, I need a car or two.

One problem at the Port is that the trainline goes right down the middle of the Island and there is no pedestrian way over it - there is a traffic bridge which does not have a footpath. Thus, we have to Stroll down the Island and go back up again, cross over to the other shore when allowed, and go down & up again – covering the same ground twice. Annoying, but the only way to cover the Island.

Most of the Island is a container park, ship loading cranes, warehouses, repair facilities and that train line. The ground is completely flat, with grass footpaths. We should be able to go with speed.

Why are there 3 three-car electric train units at the Port where there are no overhead electric wires for them to run on?

If you are nice, you might even get a lift to the CBD once this Stroll is over.

Come with us on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

## **THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY CORNUBIA FOREST DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Sue Walsh Ph: 0403 487 737  
**Meet at:** 100 Parkview Cres, Cornubia – Shailer Park/Loganholme  
Ring Sue if you need transport to the Start  
**Time:** 9am  
**Cost:** \$2  
**Grade:** M33  
**Location:** Shailer Park, Cornubia  
**Distance:** 13km  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.6496/153.2006>  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

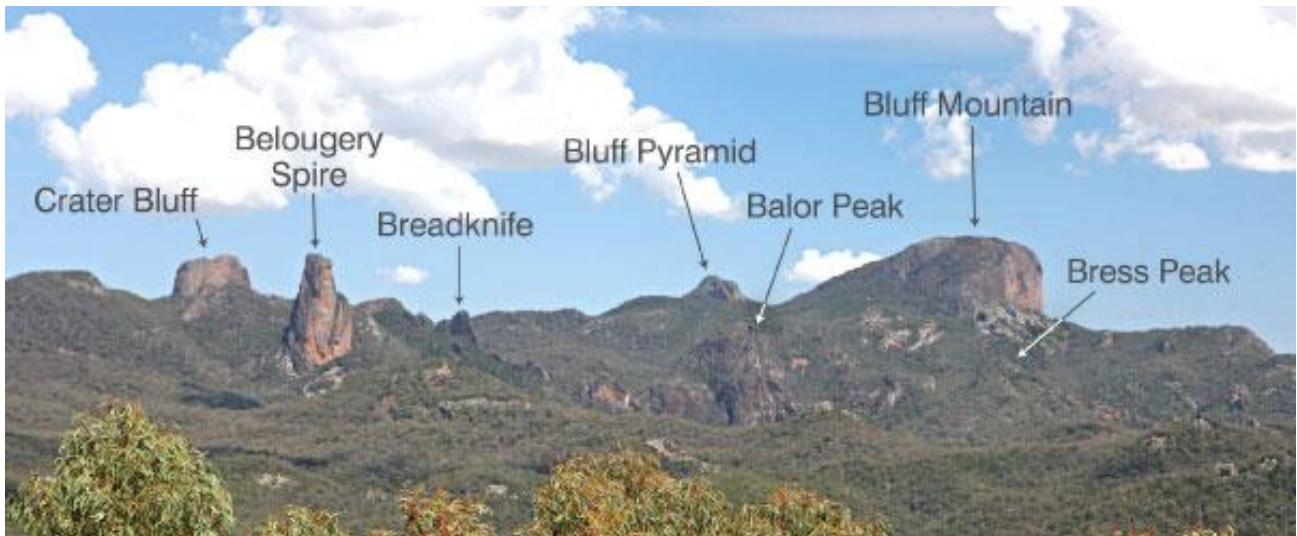
Cornubia Forest Circuit gives you a comprehensive tour of Cornubia Forest, crossing multiple streams along the way. It takes you through refreshing woodlands that provide habitat for a lot of animals such as water dragons, bandicoots, greater gliders and many of species of birds. Keep an eye out for wildlife along the way and enjoy the serene natural environment.

<https://www.bushwalk.com/j/L5PIYS>

We will do some of the other trails in Cornubia Nature Refuge depending on time, like Birdwing Circuit. These are shared trails and we must watch out for mountain bike riders. I thought it would be best to do this walk mid-week and outside school holidays so that we would not come across many mountain bike riders.

Come and escape the city with me on this walk in Cornubia Forest.

## **PREVIEW**



<http://www.geomaps.com.au/scripts/warrumbungle.php>

**WED 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH – MON 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**  
**THE WARRUMBUNGLES**  
**EASTER BASECAMP**

**Leader:** Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443  
**Meet at:** St. Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:30am  
**Cost estimate:** \$132.5 PP Motel Accommodation (given 6 people nominate)  
+ Travel cost \$200~\$300 PP (depending on nominations & car occupancy)  
+ \$8 per car per day  
**Grade:** Various stated according to NSW National Parks grading  
**Location:** In central NSW, south of Moree, west of Tamworth and north of Dubbo  
<https://www.openstreetmap.org/relation/5836978#map=8/-30.501/149.832>  
**Web:** <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/warrumbungle-national-park>  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 0418122995  
**Cap:** 6 Members - please nominate ASAP

Tentative program:\*

**Day 1 (Wed)** Travel to Wagon Wheel Motel (Booked), Coonabarabran 755km.

**Day 2 (Thu)** *Fans Horizon* - moderate to steep 3.6km + *Goulds Cct* - moderate to steep 6.3km.

**Day 3 (Good Fri)** *Split Rock Cct* 4.6km - steep to very steep + *Burbie Canyon* - easy 2km + *Tara Cave* 3.4km – moderate.

**Day 4 (Sat)** *The Breadknife and Grand High Tops Cct* - steep 14.5km + Easter Mass

**Day 5 (Easter Sun)** *Mt Exmouth* (via Burbie Fire Trail) 17.3km - moderate to steep

**Day 6 (Easter Mon)** Travel back to Brisbane 755km

People who are less fit could choose to do parts of a walk - especially the very steep one.

There is a 35km / 40min drive one way each day from the motel to the National Park up and over the range; and back again.

Photos: <http://www.geomaps.com.au/scripts/warrumbungle.php>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrumbungles>

As the range is between the moist eastern coastal zone and the dryer plains to the west, it has provided protection for flora and fauna suited to both habitats. There are over 120 bird species identified on the range, including lorries and lorikeets, rosellas and parrots. The centre of the range has served as an area of protection for a healthy and content colony of grey kangaroos. These animals have become fairly tame due to constant visitor attention and are easily approached.

The [Siding Spring Observatory](#) is located on Mount Woorut, an eastern peak. The area has little to no light pollution to disturb astronomical viewing.

## Geology

The base of the region was formed 180 million years ago. At that time a lake was formed that allowed sediment to slowly compress into sandstone. The Warrumbungles are the remnants of a large heavily eroded shield volcano which was active from 13 to 17 million years ago. The volcano is estimated to have been 1,000m high and 50km wide. It formed as volcanic explosions occurred over millions of years. The remaining complex rocky formations are what is left after millions of years of erosion.

## Physiography

This area is also known as the Warrumbungle-Liverpool Basalt Ranges, which is a distinct physiographic section of the larger Hunter-Hawkesbury Sunkland province, which in turn is part of the larger East Australian Cordillera physiographic division.

## Formations

The Warrumbungles - panorama

The main features of the Warrumbungle mountains are a series of huge jagged outcrops in a roughly circular pattern, surrounded by hilly bush and woodland forest. Dykes, plugs and domes are common and mostly made from trachyte.

The Grand High Tops is a section of the range where volcanic remnants are especially clustered. These vents and rocky formations are all named - Beloungery Spire, Beloungery Split Rock, Crater Bluff, Bluff Mountain,

The Breadknife and Mount Exmouth. Pyroclastic rock is found in this area. The Breadknife, a straight wall of jagged rock nearly 100m high, is particularly rare. There is an extensive network of nine walking tracks across the central peaks.

Towards the southeast a broad belt of basalt outcrops extends towards the Liverpool Range. Near Chalk Mountain are outcrops of diatomite. Outer stretches of the volcano are made up of hawaiite and mugearite.

Khaleel

## **EXPRESSION of INTEREST** **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> to FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY** **TOOWOOMBA to ALLORA** **ACCOMMODATED TRIP**

**Leader:** Russ Nelson Ph 0427 743 534  
**Distance:** 77km  
**Cost:** \$90 for transport plus accommodation for 4 nights  
**Grade:** M22  
**Location:** Toowoomba and then south to Allora on quiet country roads or pathways  
**Web:** <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=11/-27.8124/152.0570>

This is an opportunity to enjoy the southern Darling Downs which, as a Club, we have not visited before. Each night we will be staying in country hotels with an opportunity to enjoy country hospitality in late autumn.

The schedule is –

Day One – Drive to Toowoomba and then walk from St Patrick's Cathedral to southern end of Kearney Street – 7.5km plus visit to Japanese Gardens, at Uni of Southern Qld. In addition, there is an optional visit to the Cobb & Co Museum.

Day Two – Southern end of Kearney Street to Cambooya – 19.6km

Day Three – Cambooya to Greenmount – 13.4km plus a visit to Preston by car.

Day Four – Greenmount to Clifton – 18.4km

Day Five – Clifton to Allora – 18.1km and then drive to Brisbane

Note – Numbers on this trip will be limited by available accommodation.

The route of this walk is just west of the Great Dividing Range and we walk through the fertile soils of the southern Darling Downs known for its grain production as well as cattle grazing. We will have an

Balance 27/11/2023	\$2524.09
Plus Receipts	\$1533.97
Sub Total	\$4058.06



Less Payments \$1455.51  
 Balance 31/12/2023 \$2602.55  
 Term Deposit \$5000.00

Congratulations to Sofia Ramsay and Michele Johns who won first and second prize respectively in our raffle drawn at our very successful Christmas Party.

Being the start of a new year, it is time to renew your membership. Sadly and unfortunately, the membership fees have increased mainly because of ongoing inflation and the fact that we are no longer able to use our printer who really looked after us especially price-wise.

The new fees are:- Ordinary members \$35 for an e-copy and \$80 for a printed copy, Associate members \$30 for an e-copy and \$75 for a printed copy of our monthly magazine.

Also, sadly, Life and Honorary Members will now have to pay \$45 if they wish to receive a printed copy of our monthly magazine.

To renew your membership, you must complete, sign and return the enclosed renewal form with your payment.

If paying by direct deposit, you must reference your name and send your completed renewal form to the club.

I look forward to catching up with you and your donations.

at our Vinnies' fund raiser night at the Gaythorne RSL on the 25<sup>th</sup> January. Terry.

## OUTINGS SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Past Walks – Quick Overview For December 2023 & Early January 2024

DECEMBER '23					N°	
2	Sat	Tamborine Mountains	DW	Greg	8	Fine
6	Wed	Broadwater Loop	DW	Phil	3	Fine
26	Tue	Mt Mitchell twilight walk	DW	Russ	13	Fine – storms in the area
30	Sat	New Farm to Southbank	DW	Phil	-	Cancelled – forecast rain
JANUARY '24						
4	Thu	Blue Pool	DW <sup>T</sup>	Phil	3	cloudy
6	Sat	Coomera Falls	DW	needed	-	no nominations - rain

In the months of December & January there were the following:

- **3 walks in December** - 2 daywalks & 1 twilight/night walk
- there was 1 **walk cancelled** in December – the Bridges of Brisbane was cancelled the night before walk as a severe storm was forecast –cancelled in view of the severe Christmas night storms and the warning was again for severe storms that did come by midday as forecast but only hit from Redcliffe and north of there.
- In **January** so far -- 1 walk went out with 3 people Blue Pool (the nominations were down due to recent floods and high water) – 2 people cancelled the day before the trip.
- There is no walk on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> January.
- One walk cancelled – Coomera Falls (on the 6<sup>th</sup>) as no nominations received, there was rain forecast and the presumption that the creek crossings would be dodgy due to recent flooding.
- The **weather** for walks that went out was surprising good. – mainly fine. The Boxing Day outing was very lucky as they dodged all the storms in the area – in Daisy Hill that afternoon and evening there was a storm and heavy rain for hours.
- **Average number on walks** - the average of 8 for December and a YTD average of 9.1 per walk.
- Initial stats for the 2023 year
 

○ Total walks for 2023 was	62	last year	55
○ Average number on walks was	9.1	last year	8.2
○ Total members on walks	70	last year	63
○ Total visitors on walks	50 #	last year	42
○ Number of throughwalks for year	2	last year	2

# but the number of visitors in the last 6 months is down significantly.

### Issues Of Note

- Just a heads up: I am not seeking reappointment for the role of Outings Secretary for the Club in 2024, So please think about taking on this role. In summary, I need a break as I have some other plans for the year, plus the drive up to Brisbane for the quarterly meetings was becoming “a bit too much like a yucky chore.” I will continue to lead trips for the Club.
- Vacancy – Outings Secretary for 2024 needed. Apply at next AGM.
- Recently the Club increased the “**fee**” for **private walkers** on trips from \$2 to \$5. I was not in favour of this decision to make this increase and voted against it but equally I didn’t fight tooth and tail against it. But I do suspect it will have a negative impact on the number of members on walks. Also, participants on socials and Strolls aren’t charged a similar fee which seems inequitable, especially as a bushwalking club we should be supporting bushwalking and not imposing an impost on those who do it.
- Please feel free to **nominate to lead a trip in 2024**. You can see I am leading about 8 trips in the first 2 months.
- Please **nominate for walks early**, 2 recent trips were nearly cancelled as there were no nominations two days before the walk. As an alternative, make a tentative nomination a week before the walk/
- **GPS – variations in distance** - I did the Blue Pool walk recently – the GPS I used, Wikiloc, recorded a distance of 15.75km; not the advertised distance of 13.9km per the Guidebook and the NPWS signs. A question I have for other members is whether they have noticed significant variations in recorded distance per their GPS device compared to advertised distance on walks.
- **Mt Warning** - a push to re-open Mt Warning – a protest group is having a protest meeting on Friday 26th January 2024 in Uki NSW to request re-opening of Mt Warning. In simple terms, there are mixed messages about the aboriginal view whether it is actually a sacred spot and therefore people shouldn’t go there. But according to many other reports, the local aborigines are very happy for people to go to the summit. But there are competing and conflicting views.

### Advance Notice-

- please consider joining me on the **Victorian Alps** trip in early November (a “walk-in basecamp” at Macalister’s Springs) and the **Kosciuszko** throughwalk in early December. More details next month about these 2 walks.
- **Coffs Harbour Walk** – the January edition of the Toowoomba Bushwalkers magazine has a trip going to do the Coffs Harbour walk (also called the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk). I plan to do the walk in 2025 probably around September or October but I need to check the tides. The Walk is a 63km multi-day walk running along the coastline. It begins at Red Rock and ends in Sawtell just south of Coffs Harbour. They are staying at Moonee Beach Holiday Park for the week - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. They are doing it over 5 days; not the usual 4.

Day 1. Red Rock to Mulloway Beach – 13km

Day 2. Mulloway Beach to Sandy Beach – 13.3km

Day 3. Sandy Beach to Moonee Beach – 9.3km – Finishing at camp

Day 4. Moonee Beach to Park Beach (Coffs H.) – 15km – Starting from camp

Day 5. Park Beach (Coffs H.) to Sawtell – 12.4km

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/solitary-islands-coastal-walk>

<https://www.coffscost.com.au/our-great-outdoors/coastal-walks/solitary-islands-coastal-walk/>

### Walks Changes /Leaders Appointed

1 <sup>st</sup>	Feb	Thu	Coomera Creek Circuit	DW	Phil
10 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Sat	Redcliffe to Sandgate	DW	Phil
25 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Sun	Straddie - Amity to Point Lookout	DW	Phil
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Sat	Mt Wagawn	DW	Khaleel

### Walks & Leaders Needed For Early 2024

In March, there are several dates that need leaders.

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Sat	Mt Coolum, Mt Ninderry Mt Peregian	DW	leader needed
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Thu	Love Creek Circuit Mt Glorious	DW	leader needed
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar	Sat	Noosa to Burges Creek	DW	leader needed
4 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Thu	Cedar Creek Falls (Mt Glorious)	DW	leader needed
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	May	WE	Bunya Mountains basecamp	BC	leader needed

### Walks Delisted

26-28 Jan	Fri	Australia Day long weekend basecamp as no suggestions received.
16-17 Mar	Sat/Sun	Club Hut Feast –this year as we were having trouble getting a leader and the daywalk on 17 <sup>th</sup> March should be sufficient this year, plus there are 2 overnight trips there later in the year.

### Coming Walks

#### JANUARY

4	Thu	Blue Pool	DW <sup>T</sup>	Phil	\$25
6	Sat	Coomera Falls	DW	Phil	\$25
13-21	9 days	Tassie Trip	AT	Phil	tba
27	Sat	Balancing Rock & Lukes Bluff	DW	Phil	\$25

#### FEBRUARY

1	Thu	Coomera Creek Circuit	DW <sup>T</sup>	Phil	\$25
3	Sat	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Lilo	Phil	\$25
10	Sat	Redcliffe to Sandgate	DW	Phil	Fares
17	Sat	Warrie Circuit	DW	Phil	\$25
25	Sun	Straddie - Amity to Point Lookout	DW	Phil	tba
29	Thu	Cornubia Forest "Leap Day Walk"	DW	Sue W	\$2

#### MARCH

2	Sat	Mt Coolum Ninderry & Peregian	DW	Needed	\$25
7	Thu	Love Creek Circuit Mt Glorious	DW <sup>T</sup>	Needed	\$15
9	Sat	Mt Wagawn	DW	Khaleel	\$25
17	Sun	Club Hut	DW	Terry Silk	\$25
23	Sat	Noosa River to Burgess Creek	DW	Needed	\$25
27-01	Wed-Mon	Easter Basecamp – Warrumbungles	BC	Khaleel	tba

#### APRIL

1	Mon	Pat's Easter Monday walk	DW	Pat	tba
4	Thu	Cedar Creek Falls (Mt Glorious)	DW <sup>T</sup>	Needed	\$10
6	Sat	Ravensbourne Pole Farm	DW	Matt	\$25
20	Sat	Upper Enoggera Creek ##	DW	Jan	\$10
25-28	Thu-Sun	Border Ranges (NSW)	BC	Khaleel	tba
27	Sat	Lake Manchester	DW	Paulette	\$15

#### MAY

1	Wed	Mt May (on May Day)	DW	Phil	
4-06	WE	May Long W/E Bunya Mountains	BC	Needed	
5	Sun	Gheerula Circuit (a Sunday trip)	DW	Sue W	
11	Sat	Miketee, Mt Elimbah & Mt Beerburum	DW	Michele J	
18	Sat	Mt Tabletop	DW	Michele J	
27-31	Mon-Fri	Toowoomba to Allora	AT	Russ	

### Quote Of The Month

*I like the rhythm of walking. I like the way it produces Walking thoughts, wisps of ideas that meander freely, spilling effortlessly into one another. Nietzsche famously said 'only thoughts which come from walking have any value'#. Obviously this isn't true: ...as some brilliant ideas do come from people who were not walking at the time. But for me walking allows new thoughts and new ideas to swim to the surface, to take precedence over the detritus that preoccupies me for much of my time (light bulbs that need replacing, broken toasters, unwashed clothes etc etc). Walking allows thoughts to connect more laterally with other reflections and impressions.*

Annabel Street (nee Abbs)

Page 36 *Windswept: walking in the footsteps of remarkable women*.

The Nietzsche quote comes from

# Friedrich Nietzsche *Twilight of the Idols*, trans. Duncan Large, Oxford Classics . 2009

### Notes about Annabel Abbs-Streets

I had never heard of her before I found her book *Windswept* in the library last month. I couldn't put the book down once I started reading it, According to wiki, she was born in 1964 and is an English writer and novelist. The daughter of poet and academic, Professor Peter Abbs and gardening writer, Barbara Abbs, Annabel Abbs lives in London and East Sussex. She is the eldest of three children and was born in Bristol. She grew up in Bristol, Dorset, Wales, and Lewes in East Sussex She has a BA in English Literature from the University of East Anglia, and an MA from Kingston University.[]

Published works :- *The Joyce Girl*, 2018, *Frieda*, *Two Roads*, 2018, *The Age-Well Project*, 2019, *Windswept*, 2021, *The Language of Food*, 2021, *52 Ways to Walk*, 2022

Her first novel, *The Joyce Girl*, was published in 2016 and tells a fictionalised story of Lucia Joyce, daughter of James Joyce. It won the Impress Prize for New Writers, the Spotlight First Novel Award. The *Joyce Girl* was a Reader Pick in The Guardian 2016 and was one of ten books selected for presentation at the 2017 Berlin Film Festival, where it was given Five Stars by the Hollywood Reporter.

Abbs' second novel, *Frieda*, tells the fictionalised story of the elopement of Frieda Weekley, wife of Ernest Weekley, with writer D.H. Lawrence in 1912. Previously Frieda von Richthofen, sister of Else von Richthofen, Frieda was a German aristocrat who later became the inspiration for many of Lawrence's female characters including *Ursula* in *Women in Love* and *Connie* in *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. Frieda was a 2018 Times Book of the year and described in The Observer as 'exuberant' and 'compelling' In 2019 Abbs delivered the annual DH Lawrence Birthday lecture alongside Dr Annalise Grice.

Phil Murray, BCBC Outings Secretary; 10/01/2024

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Your 2024 membership subscription became due on 1<sup>st</sup> January. These fees cover the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The membership renewal form is attached to this Jilalan email.

Annual fees are \$35 for ordinary members and \$30 for associate members.

There is an additional \$45 cost for those members, including Life Members, who elect to receive a printed *Jilalan* each month. This amount reflects the increase in printing and mailing costs for the newsletters and Annual Report.

ANNUAL FEES 2024	Email newsletter	Printed newsletter
Ordinary member	\$35	\$80
Associate member	\$30	\$75

## 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](mailto:fmrqld@gmail.com)

### Training and Experience Events:

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



## ABOUT PEOPLE

It is with sadness that I let you know that Ken McCarron's mother passed away peacefully on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Her funeral service will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30pm at Mt Gravatt Crematorium Chapel, 620 Mains Road, Nathan.

Please keep Ken, Monica and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Michael Brophy, Janet Galos, Khaleel Petrus, Ray Rowe, Peggy Rutter, Paulette Schmidt, Jarod Sefton and Stafford Shepherd are celebrating their birthdays in January.

Majella & Mark Deegan had their daughter, Isabelle, as a first-time visitor on Russ' Mt. Mitchell walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

Michele & Greg spent Christmas in Perth catching up with their son. Cath & Mike recently returned from their extended Aus. travels. Iain Renton recently had a Canberra trip to visit family.

## PAST EVENTS

### **FRI 8<sup>th</sup> to SUN 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER M<sup>t</sup> BALLOW BASECAMP**

On the Friday two groups of us headed in 4WD's up the Waterfall creek Rd to Cleared Ridge and on to the Bartopia Nature Reserve. Here we were greeted by the owner Ben and we settled in to our cabin before retiring to a leisurely evening around the camp fire.

After our breakfast we tackled the first ascent, being Benny's Hill (apparently not named after a long dead British comedian), followed by our first off track excursion to the Mowburra Peak saddle. Our biggest climb of the day was from here to the top of Mowburra along an open eucalypt ridge. Unlike some other ridges I have done in the last few years the fires here have not left it completely overgrown and impassable. Just before the top we entered the rainforest and we were soon greeted with a majestic Antarctic Beech Forest. We had come at exactly the right time as there were some rare orchards in flower right through the Beech Forest. This is where Phil left us to take a casual stroll back to camp to ensure it was still there.

From Mowburra there are two rocky outcrops sitting above the rainforest that has views of the Barney Massif in one direction and the other looks out across the Main Range and Wilson's Peak. Plunging back into the forest we soon summited Durrumlee which has no views and continued on to Double Peak. In this area the side of the ridge plunges into the Burnett Creek Valley which is where the 2019 fires came from. Fortunately, there is only minimal damage that we could see to what is the most pristine Antarctic Beech forest in QLD and we only saw one deceased tree from the fires.

Getting to Double Peak was slow going as we had to weave around tree falls and raspberry thickets. On top of Double Peak, we were again afforded incredible views which also included looking on to Mt Ballow and Nothafagus. Finding the route down off Double Peak between the cliff lines was much more difficult than I remember when I last did it, but by the time I had scouted it out and returned to the group, we decided to retrace our footsteps so that we wouldn't need to walk with torches later on.

Another night was spent around the campsite and a good time was had by all. Sunday, we did some individual small strolls but our main focus was to thank Ben for his hospitality by doing some odd jobs and cutting firewood and whatever was possible to help.

We were extremely privileged to be able to stay in such a beautiful and environmentally significant place with the national park out the back door.

Thanks to all those who joined me for the walk.

Matt Palmer

### **FRI 29<sup>th</sup> SEPT to WED 4<sup>th</sup> OCT GREEN GULLY THROUGHWALK**

A full day's drive from Brisbane had us as a late afternoon arrival at the Cedar Creek Cottage before our set out along the forestry trail the next morning.

The trail followed the main ridge line on well-maintained undulating forestry roads with filtered views across the ranges in different places. The end of our first day's walk finished at the Birds Nest Hut with a steep descent into the hut.

Day 2 started off track at first as we climbed a ridge where we rejoined a forestry trail before leaving it again. We had a few nice rocky outcrops with lovely views into the Green Gully. The afternoon got really hot as the full western sun pounded down on us as we ventured to Green Gully Hut. The one shower on the track was extremely welcomed that night.

Day 3 was the easiest of all the days as we followed Green Gully Creek through the Green Gully Canyon, we saw the most gorgeous Diamond Python escaping the heat in the middle of the creek. The water depth was fairly low and I don't think we got water too far above our knees. We got to Colwell Hut around 2pm as the skies rumbled with thunder. Over the next four hours a very small cloud hovered around the mountain tops firing the occasional lightning bolt but barely any rain reaching the ground (virga). It was a very unusual experience.

Our final day's walking started with a steep climb back on a forestry trail where we reconnected to the route from day one and had one final road bash before the welcome luxury of Cedar Creek Lodge.

Over the four days we experienced a fair bit of unseasonable warm weather which in an open forest and through packs makes for energy sapping walking.

Matt Palmer

### **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER M<sup>t</sup> MITCHELL SUNSET WALK**

Preparation was the key to the success of this trip. In the days beforehand there had been wild storms at sunset or early evening. In response to this, a detailed study of weather maps was undertaken. Jan spent the morning and early afternoon of the trip studying the forecasts. Jointly we decided the trip was safe to go ahead as the bad weather would be well east of the walk area and would have passed by the drive home. There were four cars involved in the trip and some managed to arrive at the foot of the mountain without being wet by rain.

Walking up the mountain, we had good views of the east including Moogerah Dam and, as the track wound around to the western side of the mountain, we saw the southern Darling Downs. In addition, we observed the movement of clouds which covered peaks and then blew away to reveal them.

Our party arrived at the top of Mt Mitchell about 20 minutes before sunset and had dramatic views. With the sun in the west, the Great Diving Range cast a shadow over the eastern plains. Then in a few minutes we were engulfed in clouds and our visibility shrank. Then the winds blew and our visibility was restored. What we experienced was the forces of nature at play with cloud being blown about. It was then crowned with the setting sun shining through the cloud creating many special effects. In the far east we could see strong weather activity.

The walkers left the peak soon after sunset so that we could descend steps near the peak in the remaining light. This was achieved and we reached the cars safely. Our journey home was on empty roads which resulted in a fast trip. Next day we discovered that Brisbane been subject to a storm and received 80mm of rain.

Overall, the walkers were able to see nature put on a spectacular show in safety – a rare event. The walkers were Majella, Mark and Isabelle Deegan, Louise & Rusty Jones, Cath Morahan, Jon Peake, Terry Silk, Eva Broadbent, Joe Tottenham, Paddy Taylor, Jan & Russ Nelson.

Russ Nelson



### **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY BBQ GAP CREEK RESERVE SOCIAL**

In lieu of a Coffee Night in January, a BBQ at Gap Creek Reserve was held. Despite the terrible weather in the preceding week with heavy rain and storms, we awoke to blue skies and a promising weather forecast.

Sixteen people gathered at the Gap Creek Reserve for the BBQ in the late afternoon. It was a great opportunity to catch up with friends to hear of their latest travels or events and to welcome the new year. The last of the bike riders left the area as the day drew to a close and we had the whole area to ourselves. Various dishes of nibbles were added to the table which we enjoyed before cooking on the BBQ began. Lots of sweet treats were then shared and enjoyed by all.

It was a very enjoyable event and well worth repeating in the future. Those who came along were: Maria K, Paddy T, Sue T, Liz L, Prasada V, Michele & Greg E, Cath & Mike W, Annette M<sup>c</sup>, Khaleel P, Janet G, Paulette & Al S and Jan & Russ N. Jan





### THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY BLUE POOL DAYWALK

**Attendance:** 3  
**Weather:** Warm and cloudy  
**Distance:** 15km  
**Height gain:** 700m

A lovely walk up at O'Reilly's. Only 3 on the walk as 2 others pulled out the day before. I checked the NPWS website for *Park Alerts* to see if the track was closed but it was open. We were concerned that there may be lots of damage to the track after the storm and tornado on Christmas night and the deluge on New Year's night. But no real problems, there were 3 tree falls on the way down (near Darraboola Falls) and they were a bit of an effort to scramble over but nothing too difficult, only added a few minutes each time. And there was a huge "ball of vines" that had fallen over the track and we had to shimmy under it. But again, no major problems.

We were concerned that the water level may be up. It was up, but nothing too serious. We couldn't get across the creek without getting our boots wet but it was no major problem. You could rock-hop over the crossing stones but they were a bit slippery and we just waded through the deeper water where it was about 30 to 40cm deep and much safer. I think there were 9 creek crossings in all and we walked through the water on 6 of them. We started at 9.35am and finished the walk at 4.07pm. My GPS recorded the distance at 15.75km not the 13.9km as advertised in the book or in the NPWS signs.

The weather on the day was cloudy and threatening but we got no rain at all. The creek crossings were wonderful as they really cooled your feet down - my boots have recovered. Khaleel had to leave early so he headed back up Bull Ant Spur, (which he did very carefully) and Anthony and I were faced with a minor dilemma, do we go back up via Darraboola Falls or do the trip as advertised by following



the creek with some possible dodgy crossings. While we mulled over the question, 2 other groups started going up the creek. So, we were heartened by this and so we decided to do the trip as planned and we set up the creek to Elabana Falls. It all went well but it took much longer than expected.

We left Blue Pool at 12 noon and got back to O'Reilly's at 4ish. I thought it would only take 3 hours at the max. The only explanation I can proffer is that I think we were walking a bit slower just to be careful with our foot placings on the track as it was a bit wet and slippery in places, and we took a while at each of the creek crossings as we mulled over what was the best way through. Anyhow we didn't want to have any falls.

A highlight of the day was the number of Christmas Orchids we saw. They were dazzling pure white flowers amongst the many shades of green. They were spectacular.

A big thank you to those who joined me. Those on the walk - Khaleel Petrus, Anthony Dolan and Phil Murray.

Phil



**The Blue Pool**





## Anthony Wading Across At The 7<sup>th</sup> Creek Crossing

**SAT 13<sup>th</sup> to SUN 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**  
**THE TASSIE TRIP**  
**ACCOMMODATED TRIP**

The trip so far.







## SPAM E-MAILS

There have been a few e-mails coming into our In-Boxes saying they are from *Phil Murray*, but they have suspicious *Subject Lines* – such as *Sad News*, *Unfortunately*, or the Subject Line starts with *RE* or *FW*.

Once you open these e-mails, take a look at the *Sender's E-Mail Address* – it will be something strange; not *Phil Murray* [philmurray16@gmail.com](mailto:philmurray16@gmail.com) Also, the content of the e-mail will be meaningless to you, or not what you expect Phil to send.

Do NOT click on anything in the e-mail, especially links. Delete it straight away, and even delete it from your Junk Box.

If it looks strange, it IS strange. Phil may not be the only address you get Spam e-mails from – be careful with any “strange” e-mail.

Greg E.

## WANT A PACK?

A friend of mine has two packs to give away.

One is a through walk pack

and the other is a Translink daypack.

Photos attached. (Ruler not included).

If either or both interest you, please contact me at [lizlittle2017@gmail.com](mailto:lizlittle2017@gmail.com). Liz





## AROUND THE RIDGES

### History of Venues for Monthly Meetings

The Club is moving to a new venue for our regular General Meetings next month. Below is a quick history of the meeting venues of the Club since the issue of the first *Jilalan* in April 1971.

Venue		From	Until	Duration
Brisbane	Canberra Hotel #	April 1971**	Jan 1974	over 5 years
Brisbane	P.O.A. Building, 453 Ann St	Feb 1974	Feb 1977	3 years
Brisbane	Catholic Centre, Edward St	Mar 1977	Jan 1997	20 years
Buranda	Little Kings at Buranda	Feb 1997	Jun 1998	18 months
Red Hill	St Brigid's Hall, Red Hil	July 1998	Oct 2007	9 years
Newmarket	Newmarket Hall	Oct 2007	Jan 2008	4 months
Ashgrove -	St Michael's, Banks St	Feb 2008	Dec 2021	13 years
Buranda	Little Kings at Buranda	Jan 2022	Dec 2023	2 years
Paddington	Rosalie Parish School Hall ##	Feb 2024	until ???	

# Canberra Hotel Temperance Hall (Corner Edward & Ann St CBD)

\*\* I believe that the venue prior to 1971 was at the Canberra Hotel for many years - I didn't go back further than 1971 to check the date. I have heard whispers that the Club started the meetings at the Canberra Hotel back in the early 1960's but I didn't have time to confirm these anecdotal reports.

## Fr Denis Power Building 347 Given Terrace Paddington (part of the former Sacred Heart School Rosalie).

**The Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club** is having their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. In the latest magazine they noted the following major events for 1974 including the establishment of their Club.

#### 50 years ago - Big Events for 1974

- The **Australia Day floods** - Cyclone Wanda makes landfall near Double Island Point Record rainfall in Brisbane precipitated by a monsoonal trough in a La Nina year (before we even knew what El Nino and La Nina were). On the 26<sup>th</sup> January, Brisbane recorded 314mm of rain and the ensuing flood was the highest since 1893. it precipitated the eventual building of Wivenhoe Dam, principally for flood mitigation.
- French President Pompidou reaffirms that France would continue to **hold nuclear tests in the South Pacific**. This draws an angry response from Australian unionists and the New Zealand Government.



- The **Whitlam Government** narrowly won a double dissolution election in May and Joh won a December election in which the Queensland Labor Party only won 11 out of 80 seats in the parliament.
- The Premier of Queensland was Joh Bjelke Petersen
- Long running pop music show **Countdown** debuted in November, with other Australian TV shows that commenced in 1974 including 'The Box', 'Blind Date', 'Class of 74' and 'Rush'. Australian films included 'Alvin Purple Rides Again' and 'Barry Mackenzie Holds His Own.'
- Sport
  - In the **Australian Open** tennis –
    - Mens - Jimmy Connors defeated Phil Dent in the final, It was his first major title. John Newcombe was the defending champion but lost in the quarterfinals to Ross Case. Björn Borg competed in the Australian Open for the first and only time in his career.
    - Womens - Evonne Goolagong defeated Chris Evert in the final. It was her first Australian Open title and third major title overall, following three consecutive runner-up finishes at the tournament. Margaret Court was the reigning champion but did not compete that year.
  - Think Big won the **Melbourne Cup**
  - Cricket - 1974–75 Ashes series . The Australians beat the touring England team 4–1 with Lillee & Thompson. But the Aussies were labelled the Ugly Australians for their hard-nosed cricket - the overs were 8 balls not the usual 6.
  - Soccer - The Australian team made its first World Cup appearance when it competed in the 1974 FIFA World Cup in Germany
  - Richmond won the VFL Premiership and Easts won the NRL.
  - In the local rugby league (QRL) Valleys 9 defeated Past Christian Brothers 2 on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Lang Park with a crowd of 38,000.
  - In the Rugby Union, Australia lost to the All Blacks as usual – 2 losses and 1 draw.
- Bookending the year was **Cyclone Tracey** which all but wiped-out Darwin over Christmas and killed 71 people. It destroyed 80% of houses requiring the evacuation of 30,000 people more than half the population at the time.

## Banff Film Festival

The annual Banff Mountain Film Festival is the most prestigious international film competition of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. It was launched in 1976 as The Banff Festival of Mountain Films by The Banff Centre and is held every October in Banff, Canada. From over 300 films, the best are selected for a world tour. The tour comes to Brisbane in late May each year.

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm – 10:00pm
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7:00pm – 10:00pm</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	7:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	7:00pm – 10:00pm

I would like to suggest the Thursday night as the best night for going to this event.

## MAGAZINES FROM OTHER CLUBS

BOSQ *Footnotes*,  
 Logan And Beaudesert BWC  
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<https://outdoorsqueensland.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=735b90b4568125ed6c3f678819b6e058.102&s=b559ae68894e3650eb573a1f69c557dd>

## M<sup>t</sup> WARNING

**Protest Meeting To Have Mt Warning Re-Opened.**

## PUBLIC MEETING

Australia Day 26 JAN at 1:30pm NSW time – 12.30pm Qld time

REOPEN Wulambiny Momoli/MT WARNING

AT: GERALD PARKER PARK, Kyogle Road, Uki

You are invited by the Ngarakwal people (direct descendants of “knowledge keeper/custodian” Mrs Millie Boyd) of Northern NSW to join in and support the reopening of Mt Warning.

History & Ngarakwal have always said this mountain is sacred & that it is a woman’s and men’s place. As custodian, Marlene Boyd once said “how can the public experience the spiritual significance of this land if they do not climb to the summit and witness creation?”

<https://righttoclimb.blogspot.com/2021/01/mount-warning-aboriginal-claims-about.html>

Bundjalung Land Councils & the Wollumbin Consultative Group (WCG) spent 23 years in a pursuit of this landmark. Two years ago, contrary to tribal lore, they said it’s a men’s only site & closed it to the public. Bundjalung have totally neglected the mountain and the climbing track. The Ngarakwal want management rights, and for the mountain to be repaired & reopened for climbing.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Sturt Davis (Boyd) Ngarakwal Spokesperson,
- Marc Hendrickx- Geologist & Author of “A Guide to Climbing Mt Warning”
- Craig Evans- Save our Summits
- Andrew Flanagan- Mtn Biker & Adventurer

Afterwards there will be a book signing by Marc Hendrickx

<https://www.echo.net.au/2021/02/geologist-says-mt-warning-is-safe-to-climb/>

The right to climb group has posted this statement on their website.

<https://righttoclimb.blogspot.com/>

*“Our mountains belong to all of us. The Right to Climb them and bask in their views that inspire awe and wonder, is as old as the human genome. This long-established cultural tradition is under threat by a small group of bureaucrats determined to impose their way on the rest of the world. It is right to Climb because we have the Right to climb. If you don’t exercise your rights, you lose them. Don’t let state bureaucrats take them away.*

The track is currently indefinitely closed.

See links for comments about the track being closed.

Alltrails :- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/new-south-wales/wollumbin-mount-warning-summit-track>

New South Wales National Parks website link

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/wollumbin-mount-warning-summit-track/local-alerts>

and

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/wollumbin-national-park>

A comment is made that the decision will be made as follows:

*“Decisions about the future of the summit track will be made by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in accordance with the wishes of Aboriginal custodians.”*

Of note is that there is no mention of taking into consideration what the wishes of the broader community are.

There have been **illegal walks to the summit** to protest the closure – see the media link

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11678283/Australia-Day-Hikers-defy-Indigenous-ban-climbing-Mount-Warning-making-early-morning-ascent.html>

Phil

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February, May, August & November, at 7:30pm. The location is Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School, 347 Given Terrace, Paddington. (Rosalie), -actually 339 Given Tce.

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Parking: Either in Given Tce, OR down behind the Centre in the school's old playground off Central Ave – enter Central Ave from Ewart St.

**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.

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Associate Members are those not of the Catholic faith.

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Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer.

Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

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

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## **Vale WILLIE HAYES**

### **A TRIBUTE TO OUR CLUB CO-FOUNDER**

By Pat Lawton

When Fr William Hayes was assigned to the Parish of Yeronga from the mountain-studded Parish of Beaudesert, he took with him the deeply-rooted love of the outdoors that had first been ingrained in him by the lush, green fields of his native Ireland. Happily, he discovered an equal enthusiast in his new Parish; that person was Raoul Mellish. One day, they were discussing the striking appeal of a high mountain peak named Mt. Barney. This mountain was situated in the Rathdowney area and the two of them decided that, whenever parish duties would allow, they would endeavour to visit some of these places, and this began the association of Fr Hayes and Raoul Mellish, the actual Founders of Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.

Raoul was already an experienced bushwalker, with a special attachment to the Glasshouse Mountains. Early in September 1957, the two organised a visit to the Glasshouse district and ascended Mt. Beerwah. After the climb, they considered with satisfaction the achievements of the day. They thought how relatively few people were aware of the satisfaction to be obtained from bushwalking and they thought of the many more who had never been given the opportunity of participating in organised trips.

Inspiration came soon after. Why not form a club, a Catholic Club to cater for both the spiritual and material needs of bushwalkers? Bushwalking clubs already existed but a Catholic Club would tap a reservoir of young people interested in both the spiritual and social-physical benefits of bushwalking.

Fr Hayes wrote to Fr Coughlin, Chaplain of the Sydney Catholic Bushwalkers, and obtained a copy of that Club's constitution. Armed with this document and their own infectious enthusiasm, Fr Hayes and Raoul Mellish called on Archbishop Duhig and, after explaining the proposal to him, received permission from His Grace to go ahead and organise the Club.

A short notice appeared in *The Catholic Leader* inviting people interested in a bushwalking trip to Mt Tibrogargan to contact Fr Hayes. The trip was in late 1957. I believe Raoul was disappointed that the majority who responded were girls; he was expecting males!

Fr Hayes became the first President/Chaplain, with Raoul Mellish being Outings Secretary. Fr Hayes held that position until 1960, when he decided to return to his native Ireland and so was replaced by Fr Kevin Aspinall. The farewell dinner held for Fr Hayes was well attended and enjoyed by all, although we were sad to see him go.

In Ireland, he worked in Tipperary, researching and restoring old rundown cathedrals and churches. He took an historical interest in this work and achieved remarkable success. He lived in a house which had a river/stream running past. He loved fishing in this river; and he regularly had other priests staying with him, as it was such a beautiful place.

Willie was beginning to feel that God was calling him to another vocation rather than the priesthood. He decided to make the difficult decision to leave the priesthood. Two years after having done so, he met Mairin (an ex nun). They married and later had a son, Brendan. As this was an anxious time for Willie (knowing the situation in Ireland at that time), he felt it best that they leave Ireland and come to Australia.

I joined the Club in 1961 and had not met Willie but had heard so much about him from early members. They spoke highly of him and their love for him. When in 1983 the Anniversary of the Club was coming up, I decided to call on Willie and Mairin and introduce myself. As I had only heard Willie referred to as 'Father', I kept referring to him as Father myself. I apologised and he laughed and said not to be embarrassed. I invited him to come to the Anniversary, but at that time he felt maybe it was not appropriate to attend.

And so began a friendship that lasted until he returned to Ireland. Willie also remained a close friend with Rosemary O'Brian (now Clark), the Club's first Secretary.

As he needed a job, Willie applied for a teaching position with Catholic Education and was deeply disappointed when he was refused. He approached the State Government, where he was accepted

to attend Teachers Training College. As he was an adult student, this was not easy. On completion of his training, he got a job at Rosewood School and moved to Ipswich to be close to the school.

Willie and Mairín resided in Ipswich until they decided to return to Ireland. There, they bought a house in Roscrea and did extensive renovations to the place. This became Willie's home until his death. He had a lovely garden and really enjoyed working in it. Visiting Club members, like Greg and Michele Endicott, reported that Willie and Mairín's garden was delightful - well worth a visit.

Club members were thrilled when Willie and Mairín accepted BCBC's invitation to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2008. They both came from Ireland, bearing gifts for the Club – a traditional Pilgrim's Walking Staff, to represent our bushwalking, and a historic school-bell, to represent our Club organisation. These are and will continue to be cherished gifts, now Club Symbols.

Willie was a gentle and intelligent man, much loved and admired, who achieved a great deal in his long life. God called him to his reward in December 2023 at the age of 94. He leaves behind his wife Mairín, son Brendan, daughter-in-law Kristy and grandchildren Cillian and Iarla.

The Club will be forever grateful to Willie. Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club exists today because of him – may we never forget this. *Vale*, Willie. Good-bye to a wonderful person and may God grant him Eternal Rest.