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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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J I L L A NClub Address

P.O. Box 151, Brisbane, North Quay, 4000

Monthly General meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St., entrance). The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th November at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

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Where a party is overdue the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9p.m. at the earliest.

Club Calendar

BEAU BRUMMELL	15th November	Daywalk
GENERAL MEETING	16th November	Slide Competition
BEACH PICNIC	22nd November	Noosa Heads
COOLOOLA	27/29th November	Throughwalk/Basecamp
MT. EDWARDS	6th December	Daywalk
CHRISTMAS PARTY	12th December	Gumdale Country Club

J I L L A NClub Calendar (Cont)

GENERAL MEETING	21st December	
GUANABA GORGE	10th January	Daywalk
SOCIAL	23rd January	
GIBRALTAR RANGE	29th Jan/1st Feb.	Basecamp/Throughwalk
CLUB RETREAT	12th/14th Feb.	Ave Maria
SAFETY & TRAINING	26/28th Feb.	Basecamp
BLUE KNOB	5/7th March	Basecamp/Throughwalk
PAGES PINNACLE	21st March	Daywalk
MT. GLENNIE -MT.TANA	26/28th March	Throughwalk
FRASER ISLAND	8th/12th April (Easter)	Throughwalk

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mike Laherty on the Emergency Officer System.

I am not at all satisfied with the workings of the "Emergency Officer System" as at present constituted.

In any "situations" which have arisen to date I have gone in to bat with worried parents as best I can, sometimes in ignorance of the true state of affairs but working from past experience successfully.

Would it be too much to ask that leaders be instructed to contact me when the group arrives back in Brisbane? There have been a few occasions when I have been rung around 11p.m. on a Sunday night with "where's my Johnny?" type calls. It seems that there are Johnnies and Flossies who shoot off to Folk Centres etc. without telling their ever loving parents that they have returned safely from the jungles.

When things have gone wrong with trips I think that the system has worked as planned. The only breakdown was minor when the P.M.G. asked me whether I would accept a Reverse-Charges call from a Mr. Tully at Tumbulgun. I had no idea who Mr. Tully was and as I had not been asked for by name I assumed that 97-6303 was not really the number the man wanted (But it didn't take long to establish that the bus wasn't back at the depot).

Therefore it would be vastly better if the trip-leaders name were to be given as requesting reverse charges. /3

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Letters to the Editor (Cont)

Finally, I take this Emergency Officer stuff seriously. Is it too much to ask that I be notified that a trip is off? Then I can go over to Flossie's straight after tea instead of waiting till 9.p.m.

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Terry Panton

A great deal is being said these days about the lack of spirit within the Club. Most of the talk indicates that the general state of apathy is the direct result of a lack of interest in bushwalking. If we look at the statistics for the past decade and note the average attendance on trips, we find this year to be behind the boom years though still not the slackest on record. However, the most important thing cannot be measured : personal enjoyment resulting from bushwalking.

Most of the criticism you might note, comes from older or even past members of the club. But I don't believe for one moment that the younger ones among us (and I'm included) are not capable of having a sense of responsibility for our fellows, especially on weekends. I'd like to bring forward the fact that the older walkers have the great advantage of experience in bushcraft.

For my own sake I consider bushwalking a fabulous sport. It affords me great self expression. The crucial word here is SPORT. This means it requires skill and knowledge. I once thought it was simply a matter of picking up your gear and heading for the mulga. No, it's much more than this. I view the sport as a challenge of being away from the "inner Spring", stove, hot water bottle and secure shelter but at the same time being comfortable.

By comfort I mean doing your thing in the bush and not ending up with blisters, heat exhaustion and aching feet.

So you think you're comfortable then someone asks to share your tent for the night. This is where the challenge comes in. Now the "dispute with oneself" is to remain comfortable and also help your fellow by going out of your way to see that he/she is comfortable.

Experience is man's greatest tutor. But how do we get it? This concerns the new member and the solution is to listen to the wise old owls at the "New Members Nights" which will be run shortly before S.& T. weekends at three monthly intervals.

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President's Foreword (Cont)

When we finally get some of this experience and knowledge we will have obtained a love of this challenge and along with this comes friendship and great personal enjoyment. For crying out loud ! don't only think about what I've said,

GET UP AND DO SOME WALKING SOON !

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL

"The area visited is not as important as the people who attend the outing...."

This is why YOU should be with us on

BEAU BRUMMELL

DAYWALK

<u>DATE</u>	15th November
<u>FARE</u>	\$2.50
<u>LEADER</u>	Terry Panton
<u>TRANSPORT</u>	From North Quay (behind Trittons) at 9.a.m.
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	Close Friday 13th November.
<u>EMERGENCY OFFICER</u>	Michael Laherty (97-6303)

For those who haven't climbed this double peaked mountain before, it promises to be an excellent daywalk. Set in the "Little Liverpool Range", it affords uninterrupted views of the beautiful Lockyer Valley, south of Laidley, and on the other side the grazing plains across to Mt. Flinders.

pp If sufficient attendance can be obtained the fare will be reduced, so invite all your friends.

Be sure to bring FULL WATER BOTTLES of about 2 pint size and a hat.

GENERAL MEETING

The November Meeting is set aside for the Annual Photographic Competition. There will be three sections Open, Land/Seascape and Characters. First prize of \$2.00 will be awarded for each section to be judged by Gerry De Wit. Gerry will also give comments on various aspects of the slides entered so if you would like to know more about how to take a good slide this will be a good opportunity.

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As you all know November the 22nd is the date of Club's Annual Beach Picnic, and it promises to be quite a day.

The bus will leave North Quay at 8 a.m. 'sharp' - and will be taking us all on a fun trip to Noosa beach, and its famed attraction, the Noosa Headland National Park.

Bring a picnic lunch with you, and for those who want, there is a general store at Noosa where drinks, food etc. can be bought.

I would like you fellas and gals who are coming to bring some beach-game gear if you possibly could e.g. baseball bats, balls etc.

NOW THE NITTY GRITTY -

<u>DATE</u>	22nd November
<u>TIME</u>	8a.m. sharp
<u>COST</u>	\$3.
<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>	A picnic lunch
<u>PLACE</u>	Bus at North Quay

Beach
Picnic!
Yeah
Man
Make the
Scene!



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I hope as many people can attend as possible. Nominations close definitely at the November General Meeting.

I, myself am dying to go - because you see, my Mummy and Daddy gave me a bucket and spade for my last birthday, and I haven't had a chance to try them out yet.

Anyway, see you there.

Chris Sweeney

COOLOOLA

<u>DATE</u>	27/29th November
<u>LEADERS</u>	Brian McMahon Throughwalk - Kath Vingoe Basecamp
<u>FARE</u>	\$4.50
<u>TRANSPORT</u>	from North Quay (behind Trittons) at 6.30p.m.
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	Close November General Meeting
<u>EMERGENCY OFFICER</u>	Michael Laherty (97-6303)

Cooloola is a roughly triangular-shaped area of about 77,000 acres stretching from Wide Bay to Noosa Heads. Previous Club trips to the area have been in the southern part approaching from Kin Kin and swimming the Noosa River en route to the Cooloola Sandpatch. This coming trip takes in about 20 square miles of the very northern end of Cooloola.

Little of this area is actually open sandhills : with the exception of some bare patches near Eight Mile Rocks and Double Island Point the sandhills support various forms of vegetation, ranging from open scrubland to thick rainforest. On the Saturday both throughwalking and basecamping parties will set off from the basecamp at Rainbow Beach and make their way around Wide Bay. Whether or not both parties make it to Double Island Point is a matter of conjecture but for those who do, the basalt cliffs and sweeping views of the coast are well worth the effort. En route to the Point the coloured sandcliffs stretch for about four miles and fresh water springs from the base of the sandhills, running down to the surf.

After lunch and a swim at Double Island Point, the throughwalkers will continue down the coast for about six miles to the "bubblers", a patch of quicksand formed by the flow of freshwater up through the sand and down to the sea. Saturday night will find the party behind the cliffline at the mouth of freshwater creek. An early start on Sunday should see the throughwalkers at Freshwater Lake by 9a.m. and at Poona Lake in time for lunch. Poona Lake is approximately a quarter of a mile long and two hundred yards wide, bounded by steep cliffs on all sides but for the south east corner. After lunch a quick march to the north west will bring the party onto the road and then it's only a short walk to the basecamp.

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Cooloola (Cont)

The basecampers will also be seeing Poona Lake on the Sunday but will approach it from the north. After following the disused telegraph line for about two miles they will head south for the lake (keep your fingers crossed). The basecampers should arrive there at about lunchtime so with any luck both parties will meet and return to camp together.

After a short period of recovery at Rainbow Beach we will leave for Gympie where we should make it for 5.30p.m. Mass.

MT. EDWARDS

DAYWALK

DATE Sunday 6th December, 1970.
FARE xxx\$2.50xxx
TRANSPORT from North Quay (behind Trittons) at 9.00a.m. sharp
LEADER Denise Thompson
NOMINATIONS Close on Monday 30th November, 1970.
EMERGENCY OFFICER Michael Laherty (97-6303)

Mt. Edwards was originally called "Mt. Bannister" in 1824 by John Oxley, who named it after Saxe Bannister (1790-1877), Attorney-General of New South Wales from 1824 to 1826.

However, this name lasted only a few years, as in 1828 along came Alan Cunningham. He called the peak Mt. Edwards, probably after Lieutenant George Edwards of the 57th Regiment (who is now best-known for the report on Logan's death that he wrote at Brisbane Town in 1830).

Mt. Bannister is no longer with us, but Mt. Edwards is still there, and we are going to climb it on Sunday 6th December.

Between Mt. Edwards (2074 ft) and Little Mt. Edwards (1200ft), Reynolds Creek flows through an interesting gorge of sloping rock slabs which run to the water's edge on the eastern side and which extend for half a mile along Reynolds Creek. At the southern (upstream) end of this gorge is Moogerah Dam.

The eastern side of Mt. Edwards is cliff face, and the main access is up the northern or southern ridges.

Once on top we will be rewarded by extensive views of the Fassifern Valley, Main Range and Moogerah Dam. There is no water on top, so unless you're a camel carry at least a pint (preferably 2 pints) of cool, clear water.



CHRISTMAS

PARTY



Christmas - a time of joy, a time of happiness - a time of giving. So, just to keep in the swing of things, the Social Committee (IMPLORES - BEGS - HOES - WANTS - BESEECHES - ASKS - WOULD LIKE) everybody to come to this year's - Stupendous Christmas Party.

Man it's going to be some swinging event, and it's going to take place on the 12th of December at the Gumdale Country Club.

Bring your togs because this Country Club has a heated, floodlit swimming pool which will be absolutely fabulous to jump into after you've been overheated dancing to the music of the incredible group - Arab's Armpit.

Food and drinks will be laid on and Santa's going to be there to give out presents. Incidentally like past years, everybody is expected to bring a wrapped present to the value of about a \$1.00 and in turn will receive another present from Santa which will be given in by fellow guests - I think this is a beaut idea, and is in keeping with the real spirit of Christmas so please be sensible.

Everybody is invited to this party so bring your friends and encourage others to come.

NOW THE NITTY GRITTY -

<u>DATE</u>	12th December, 1970
<u>TIME</u>	8.00p.m.
<u>PLACE</u>	Gumdale Country Club
<u>COST</u>	\$1.50
<u>BASIC REQUIREMENT</u>	A happy disposition

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J I L A L A NCOMING TRIPS IN BRIEF

Guanaba Gorge - 10th January, 1971 - Daywalk

Guanaba Gorge is on the eastern side of Tamborine, and is quite spectacular with its towering rhyolitic cliffs and rain-forested top. More details in December's Jilalan.

Gibraltar Range - 30th January/1st February, 1971 - Long Weekend.

For our first long weekend in 1971 we are going a little further afield, as the Gibraltar Range lies astride the Gwydir Highway, about halfway between Grafton and Glen Innes. As there are few good tracks to lookouts etc, this Park does not offer much - to tourists. This gives the bushwalker an advantage, as with a little extra effort he can see spectacular scenery, unmarred by beer cans or broken glass.

It is hoped to have a full-length article on the Gibraltar Range area in December's Jilalan, and further details will appear in January's issue.

Everyone should have at least one love-affair with a mountain or a gorge - so make it a date to see Guanaba Gorge and Gibraltar Range ! (You never know what they might reveal).

MEMBERS' PAGE

Brian Hanvin

"Hi John, how are you?"

"Not bad. Have a good weekend?"

"Yeah, I went bushwalking with the club. There's some beautiful country in the main range."

Here it is, Monday morning and another wonderful weekend past and with it another unique experience, of which, I will treasure memories for the rest of my life.

Fridays are never ordinary days, at the best of times, but the Friday, before a weekend walk, is filled with anxious thoughts such as, "What shall I wear - what can I leave out to save weight - have I enough food," and an almost overwhelming desire to get the big adventure underway.

The knock-off bell rings at last and for once I am first out of the mess room and heading the stampede down the steps, "If only I catch the traffic right," I think, "I'll make the early train and that will give me ten minutes start - wonder if I have the correct fare for the bus to-night - sure hope Frank brings his guitar."

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My head is filled with these and similar thoughts, while dominating them all is a growing sense of expectation as I try to picture the diverse and pleasant surprises which the weekend will have in store for me.

At long last the adventure begins and riding with me in the bus, as it bumps and lurches over the rough roads, are people who will share this experience with me and help to give it the unique character that is the very basis for my insatiable craving for expeditions into the little known and beautiful tracts of country that our mountainous hinterland affords in such abundance and variety.

When we can travel no further by bus, we shoulder our packs, and, amid much groaning and good natured bantering, we turn our footsteps towards the proposed campsite - picking our way across the virgin countryside with the aid of torch light and cheered on by the rollicking songs of some of our more boisterous members.

Dawn finds us astir - the lazier ones are complaining about the ring of the axes as we fell firewood or more generally about the half-cups of cold water which have been sprinkled over their tents and preferably onto their faces.

It is in the half-light of early day when we are gathered around the campfire that I fully realize the feeling of being totally divorced from the maddening melee of the world outside and experience an inner bouyancy at the thought of participating in something different which no one who is not there with me can ever recreate or enjoy.

About seven o'clock we commence our trek up the mountain. We travel in pairs - in groups of three or more or simply alone, spread out at irregular intervals - laughing and talking or occupied with our own thoughts as we traverse the bushland, sparkling beneath its mantle of dew.

So the walk proceeds throughout the day with its myriad little incidents, some serious, mostly humorous, which my eye observes and my brain stores up to form part of that wonderful memory that this weekend will become.

All too soon it is night again and we have once again set up camp. Often it will be in some shaded grassy hollow with the moon reflected in majestic splendour upon the surface of a nearby placid pond fed by a sliver of water that cascades down the rocky watercourse.

Here in the hollow, after the tents have been erected, we build a fire and cook our supper. The billy boils, and eager faces watch while pannikins are held in readiness. Presently Frank will play his guitar and we will all recline around the campfire and sing our favourite songs.

J I L L A NMembers' Page (Cont)

These evenings spent in singing and carefree conversation are, to me, the highlight of every weekend.

Sunday morning finds us up early, as usual, perhaps a little weary after the revelry of the preceding evening, but none the less eager to face the challenges of the new day.

The second day unfolds in the same startling variety of adventures in miniature as the day before and by evening my mind is overflowing with joyful remembrances.

As the sun sets behind the hills, so too does my heart sink a little as I realize that the happy adventure is reaching its climax and, that within a few hours, I will be back in Brisbane, going my own way - carrying within me a warm glow of happiness and contentment and a yearning for the next occasion when I will share in another of these unique experiences that I find give me pleasure.

CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

The following amendments to the Constitution were made at the October General Meeting -

9(iv) The words "except such moneys provided for under Section 9(v)" appearing in the 2nd sentence were deleted.

9(v) Repealed.

Federation

A Conservation Sub-Committee had been formed. Club delegates advised that Federation wanted to spread trips away from more popular mountains. The Federation Pilgrimage in future would visit Mt. Barney once in five years and other mountains other years. Clubs had been requested to limit trips to Mt. Barney to one a year, as Mt. Barney was being worn out and Rum Jungle and creek were fouling. Clubs were also requested to climb Mt. Barney by other routes than South Ridge whenever possible.

Various members spoke for and against the proposal to limit the number of trips to Barney and whether pollution could be prevented by ensuring that no rubbish was left and by moving to a new camp site. As Barney is the best walking area in South-East Queensland, it seemed unfair to prevent people from visiting the area. However, if trips were limited in the next couple of years, the saddle could have time to recover from the present pollution and the area would be conserved for the future. /12

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CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

October General Meeting (Cont.)

There was some discussion on whether bags should be provided to carry rubbish e.g. tins, silver paper (articles that will not burn) out from camp sites. It was pointed out that it was up to the individual himself or herself to carry out his/her own tins etc. If tins were taken on trips they could be burnt and bashed and then hygienically carried out by each person the same way they are carried in. It was pointed out that tins are entirely unnecessary on trips as a much better meal could be prepared with a little more imagination.

ADVERTISEMENTS

NEW YEAR TRIP

Come on; reach for the sky, climb into a dreamworld in the clouds near the highest mountain in South-East Queensland. Over the New Year break I will be leading a 3 day trip to The Head, a high plateau area between Mt. Wilson and Mt. Superbus. This green stretch of country, at a remarkably high (cool in the summer) altitude, looks like one of those isolated valleys between the high mountains in Europe.

This is an open private trip departing 8a.m. on New Year's Day. The area, 80 miles south-west of Brisbane, has great potential for both a throughwalk (The Lincoln Wreck) and a basecamp. All walking abilities catered for and everyone is welcome to come and join the group up the head. Returning following Sunday.

Contact Peter Gleeson

BAT CERTIFICATES

The battle to save Mt. Etna Caves from becoming ingredients in Cement continues owing to the money hungry C.Q. Cement Company having Government support to ruin them.

Help save the Mt. Etna Caves by buying a Certificate of Guardianship of one of Mt. Etna's Bats. Cost? 40cents.

Mike Laherty supplies your "personalized" Certificate.

Contact me urgently.

Mike Laherty

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SAFETY & TRAINING

Would any person interested in having their names added to the S. & R. list please contact me by 1st December, 1970.

Information required:-

Name, address, telephone numbers (home and work) and type of vehicle if any.

Unless I am told otherwise those people already in the S. & R. group will be left on the list.

Please write to J. Graham,
45 Waterworks Rd.,
Red Hill, 4059

John Graham

BUSHWALKERS' CASEBOOK

Margaret Halliday and Rosalie Hennessy were pleased to cool off in a shower cum hailstorm descending Mt. Flinders on the club trip there.

On the strength of a report from John Ward that the pre-sermon parish notices were being read out, the Goomburra Valley basecampers entered the church at Kalbar for Mass. Of course, in our churches now the notices are usually read at the end of Mass. So after the shortest Mass stop on record, they left to go elsewhere. Mass was finally attended in Ipswich.

The "Phantom" bombardier from Amberley, John Cross, is practising his bushwalk bombing runs with a highly assorted arsenal. Watch out for him on future trips.

Pleased to hear Therese and Jan had a good trip to Adelaide via the Snowy. Therese said she had no trouble with her mini other than a smoking tail and a loose nut.

Jan and Therese's new address is Flat 14/7 Wakefield Street, Kent Town, S.A.5067.

Welcome home to Paul Wijngaarden who returns to Brisbane this month.

Congratulations to Thea Sanders who is celebrating her 21st Birthday this month.

Congratulations to Margaret Donovan who is also celebrating her 21st this month.

SEPTEMBER, 1970

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB MONTHLY CIRCULAR

NOMINATION FORM (Trips or Social)

To: Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club, P.O. Box 151, Brisbane
North Quay, 4000.

I hereby nominate for
to be held on

I nominateas a visitor on the above
outing/social.

I/we enclose postal order/money order/cheque for \$.....
this being the specified nomination fee.

I/we undertake to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of
the Club. The Club or its agents does not accept any liability
for injury, loss or damage suffered or caused by any Member,
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Member's Signature	Visitors Signature
Phone - home	(if under 21)
work	Signature of Parent or Guardian
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